

BAY SHORE YACHT CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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Sheryl Hecht, Editor

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Spring has arrived and I am sure we are all looking forward to launching our boats and the 2011 Bay Shore Yacht Club season. As all of you know, this has been an exceptionally challenging winter. Believe it or not, there is still a patch of snow in our yard in Connecticut, and the local parking lots still have mounds of dirty snow. For years, Gretchen and Mark Stang have ensured that the BSYC parking lot is plowed, providing us with access to the club house and to our boats stored behind the Club. Special thanks to them for their efforts and service! It's now time to put the cold behind us and concentrate on the warm fun, days ahead!

Our new Entertainment Chairs, Gretchen Douglas and Regina Swanson, have a full schedule of social gatherings planned. Gail and I will host our annual Basin Cocktail Party this July. It is fun event for us to host and a great way to get to know the BSYC family even better. Can you host a TGIF or perhaps one of the themed parties on the calendar? Do you have an idea for a new party? Contact Gretchen or Regina to volunteer.

Our Boat Maintenance committee is responsible for the BSYC sailing fleet and our power boats. We are currently in need of a chairperson to look after the BSYC sailing fleet. This person is responsible for organizing and managing the preparation of the fleet for the season--cleaning the boats, waxing hulls, stepping the masts on 420's and Mercuries--and ensuring that the fleet remains in good operating condition throughout the season. At the end of the season, you stow the boats for winter storage. Our Club boats are used for sailing instruction and regattas and are available to our membership. Bill Linden has offered to stay on and manage the power boat fleet as well as represent Boat Maintenance at the monthly Board of Governors meetings. *I am still actively seeking a volunteer to oversee the sailing fleet, or two members to work as a team and co-chair this very important committee. Thank you, in advance, for your consideration.*

I am very excited that BSYC will serve as the host club for the 2011 GSBYRA Race Week to be held July 29th, 30th & 31st. I look forward to welcoming the sailing community to our wonderful Club for this annual tradition and know I can rely on your support to help Bay Shore Yacht Club shine during this event. Come participate on the water as a racer or a supporter! Details of Race Week will be shared as we get closer to the event.

This year, our Sailing Instruction program is headed by Gretchen Stang. Gretchen brings a strong racing background to the program and will encourage our sailors to participate in the weekend regattas. These regattas afford all our sailing students – young and adult – an opportunity to practice the skills learned during the week's lessons... and they are great fun! I have set a goal for the Bay Shore Yacht Club this year: to win the Presidents Trophy and the Team Race Bowl. These trophies reflect participation and racing achievement at an inter-club level and it has been a while since Bay Shore has won either trophy. With Race Week being held at our Club this year, we have a big opportunity to get out there, compete and win these prizes! I will be racing Tioga during Race Week. As GSBYRA President Mark Stang says: "Come out and play!"

I look forward to my second and final year as your Commodore. I have a fine Board of Governors, comprised of dedicated members, who work on your behalf to better the Club that they love. Please approach any of us with your ideas to make the Bay Shore Yacht Club even better. Go one step further--volunteer and work with us! We welcome you!

Gail and I look forward to seeing and socializing with all of you this year!

Kevin P. Donohue

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Are you thinking of sponsoring a new member to the BSYC? Applications are accepted and processed throughout the calendar year. Membership documents are available on our Website, www.bsyc.com, in the MEMBERS ONLY section:

Login Name: **bsyc**
 Password (case sensitive): **Tioga**

Print the following:

1. Membership Q&A
2. Sponsor-Second Form
3. Membership Application

When the sponsor has both completed forms and both letters of recommendation, the documents can then be dropped off to the Membership Chairs for processing. Remember, it takes 2-3 MONTHS for entire procedure. Plan ahead if thinking of a candidate who might want to participate in the sailing program!

Contact Barbara & Charlie Becker, Membership Committee chairpersons, to answer any of your, or a perspective member's, questions: 666-0194 - bcbecker12@verizon.net

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT!

The 2011 Entertainment Committee has been in full swing since taking the helm. We began the TGIF schedule with a festive February event and your new chairpersons, **Gretchen Douglas** and **Regina Swanson**, were happy to act as your hosts.

The Welcome Spring TGIF was "bloomin" with fun! We would like to thank Ellen & Steve Flotteron and Bridget & Tom McCall for hosting this lovely evening. A special presentation added to the good time at that TGIF -- we formally thanked our 'official sail makers,' Larry Becker, Bill Linden, Matt Rainis, Dave DeRuvo, Dave O'Donnell and Mrs. Ellen Bente.

And while the winter of 2011 just doesn't want to leave us, you'd never have known that on April 2nd! Rebecka & Dom Russo took the chill out of the air and hosted a night of tropical fun, food and drinks at the annual Caribbean Party! Be sure to check out the photos in this issue of the BSYC Newsletter!

We have a calendar full of fun and exciting events planned for 2011 and hope to see you all at an event in the near future!



SAVE THE DATE!

- **May 1 - Sailing Registration**
- **May 7 - Spring Spruce-Up / Planting**
(rain date: May 14)
- **May 13 - TGIF**
- **May 15 - Boat Wash & Sailing Orientation**
- **May 29 - FLAG RAISING**
- **July 29, 30 & 31 - 2011 GSBYRA**
Race Week at BSYC



Larry Becker, Ellen Bente, Matt Rainis, Bill Linden & Dave DeRuvo (missing: Dave O'Donnell)

FROM OUR CLUB HISTORIAN

JOHN GIANELLA

BSYC History - CHRIS 3 *...third in a series*

Despite the unprecedented prosperity and good times for most people of the U.S. in the “Roaring Twenties,” the handwriting was on the wall. But few could read it, let alone understand it, in Nebuchadnezzar’s Royal Court, as well. And so the boom riding on false knowledge, hopes and ideas became like the proverbial balloon, before the arrival of the needle of proof that punctured it. The years between the Wars became chaotic with the rise of despots, mercilessly killing a known 60 million souls by the end of WWII. Part of this was due to vengeance exacerbated by the Treaty of Versailles, and the disenfranchisement of Balkans, among others. The years of the Twenties were to end with wonderful toys, 16-cylinder Cadillacs and Marmons, 8-cylinder Cord, Duesenberg, Waco Stags and speedy Chris Craft boats. Neighbor Judge Fowler had a cruiser, but not the 50 MPH variety, and a sailboat in the Brightwaters Canal.

The decade of the Twenties brought prosperity to Chris Smith and Chris Craft. The step plane allowed the boat to sit out of the water. Chris still repaired Gar’s boats as needed. But Chris had launched into speed boats, cruisers, dinghies, sailboat kit boats with racing craft, a smaller part of the mix. This way, greater profits came to Chris throughout the Twenties. It was a good time for him to sock away that money, which he did, in plant and inventory. A controversy erupted over the claim of Philippine mahogany was being used in the construction. Now, all the manufacturers, including Chris, finally agreed to use the correct name for the wood, Okadogyl.

At this time, in the late 20s, some of the great automakers were in trouble due to declining sales, competition and higher costs before the Depression, such as Wills Sainte Claire and several others, as compared to Cadillac and Packard. In the Twenties, GM’s Alfred P. Sloan introduced the idea of having car fir into different price categories. In addition, less expensive cars, enjoyed by the masses, would support the more expensive ones in the manufacturer’s line. Thus Cadillac would have been as difficult as others, with Chevrolet, in the coming depression. Nearby, Wills Sainte Claire was one of those in trouble for not having that less expensive car for the masses. A fortuitous circumstance came to Chris for hiring Jack Crawford, former sales VP for Wills. Coincidentally, he was able to close some of the Wills automobile agencies and convert others into Chris Craft agencies. Chris had authorized a boat dealer in his own Algonac area, the first boat dealer to do so. Chris had hard times, but with new products and hard work, he survived. The Curtis OX-5 Aero was a good racing speedboat engine, being born from WWI. The WWI Liberty and Curtis aero engines were the victims of lack of parts from WWI surplus. While these engines would still be employed in the high speed boats such as rum runners, the expense could be great. I remember in the 50s and 60s, friends had me on the lookout for Chris and Liberty boat engines. If you have been to Claudio’s in Greenport, a trap door under the restaurant was the receiving point of booze.

In the meantime, in the late 20s, Chris had embarked on building his own V-8 engine, the Smith, which was costly but successful for a time. Finally, he switched to Chrysler engines, which cost less. It seems to be that they were more powerful than the car of the 20s.

Whatever you wanted in a boat, Chris-Craft was the answer, with agencies popping up all over the place. All the famous yachts and their owners, such as Ford, Sloan, Firestone and Vanderbilt, had various sized Chris-Craft tenders. Racing had become very expensive. The Depression had a very tight grip, even on the wealthy. Racing engines were now being made by Millard, Packard, Duesenberg and Rolls Royce.

Welcome Back, Barbara & Bill Haugland!

Welcome New Members, Katie & John Cochrane, Peg & Roger Daisley and Tameshwar Ammar!

SUMMER SAILING 2011

GRETCHEN STANG

Attention All Sailors!

Juniors! Adults! Apprentices!

Believe it or not, sailing is set to begin in under 100 days! I've been busy getting things ready for a great summer of sailing and I hope you are as eager as I am. To better prepare for the season, I'd ask anyone who may be interested in sailing this summer to take five (5) minutes to complete the Pre-Registration Form found on the next page of this newsletter. No payment is required at this time.

Pre-registration will help give me a better sense of the number of our junior, adult and apprentices planning to attend the 2011 program. This way I can put together the best possible program for all!

Any questions? You can reach me at gretchens190@aol.com. I look forward to meeting all of you at registration in May!



The sailing season is rapidly approaching and here are a few of the new things that I am putting together for this summer.

- One-day classes for parents, members and Jr. Sailors:
 - Racing For Dummies.....instructor: Regatta Chair Glenn Schmidt
 - Weather Courseinstructor: Past Commodore Gary Skubik
 - Knots Course.....instructor: TBD
 - CPR Courseinstructor: TBD
- A US power boat certification course will be held at the club May 6, 7, 8 2011 at 1800 hrs. The course will be taught by Sailing Instruction Chair Gretchen Stang.
- Sailing Registration: You can register by email, or in person on May 1st.
- Sailing Orientation will be held on May 15th at 1700 hrs.
- We will be hosting the first annual Member-Guest Regatta in July! Invite your friends and get your crews ready! Details to follow!

A full calendar of sailing events will be published in the yearbook and will also be available for distribution at orientation on May 15th.



PRE-REGISTER FOR SAILING INSTRUCTION AT BSYC

SUMMER 2011

NAME OF STUDENT	NO. YRS of LESSONS	OWN BOAT?	CONTACT INFO
Junior sailor / age	up to last year	yes/no & type	email / phone

ADULT

Name	Previous experience	Own boat?	Contact Info
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APPRENTICE

Name	Previous experience	Own boat?	Contact Info
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Please print and mail the completed form **as soon as possible** to:

Gretchen Stang P.O. Box 501 639 Ocean Breeze Walk Ocean Beach, NY 11770-0501

Any questions??? Email Gretchen Stang at gretchens190@aol.com

GSBYRA The nineteen member clubs work together to coordinate services for you, the sailor. The organization consists of the elected officers and an Executive Committee serving on the many committees. Meetings are an open-forum with participation by all in attendance.

INTER-CLUB RIVALRY

- The GSBYRA coordinates scoring and season statistics.
- It awards its President's Trophy to the sailing organization accumulating the greatest number of points during the season by sailors participating in the Bay Invitation Regattas and Race Week.
- Its Team Race Bowl is awarded to the club whose student teams accumulate the best Junior Regatta record.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

- Rewards our college-bound sailors for their efforts to advance the principles of the GSBYRA -- to foster sailboat racing service and participation.
- Grants are determined upon contribution to the sport, not financial need.
- The Fund is independently supported by donations, advertising and fund raising.
- The Fund has presented over \$33,975 in grants since 1988.

US SAILING US SAILING's mission is to encourage participation and promote excellence in sailing in the United States.

- It is the national governing body for the sport of sailing including the Olympic Sailing Team, US Sailing AlphaGraphics.
- It is a member-based organization that accomplishes its mission through volunteers and member organizations, supported by an administrative staff.
- It affirms the principles of good sportsmanship, safety, fair play, equal opportunity and fun in sailing for people of all ages and abilities.

TRAINING COMMITTEE

- Prepares and disseminates training literature and video programs.
- Conducts regional instructor training clinics,
- Conducts instructor training clinics for club instructors.

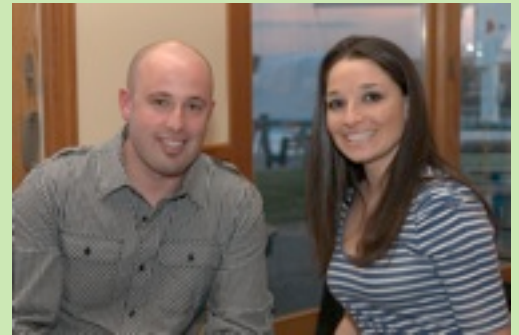
The Instructor Training course trains the professional teachers/sailing instructors in the method and theories of the US SAILING Instructor Training Program. The course provides Instructor Trainers with the tools, information and confidence to successfully conduct an Instructor course. Instructor Training candidates are expected to be highly qualified sailing experts with several years teaching experience, and hold current US SAILING instructor certification.

Small Boat Sailing Level 1 Instructor: This is a 4-day course designed for sailing instructors who will be teaching beginners how to sail on dinghies, catamarans or small, day-sailing keel boats. This course covers sports psychology, lesson planning, risk management and legal issues, classroom and on-the-water teaching techniques and rainy day activities.

Small Boat Racing Level 2 Coach: This course is designed for coaches who will be teaching beginning racing and performance boat handling. It is a 3-day course focusing on developing boat handling and racing skills through specific drills. Coach candidates will learn how to break racing down into individual elements such as sail trim, rounding marks, starting and tactics and mark rounding.

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