



RAM ISLAND YACHT CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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Commodore's Message – Matt Curtiss

Hope everyone had a happy holiday season. The Trustees are back at work getting ready for a fantastic 2017 season. Lots of things in the hopper including new Junior sailing coaches, work on the existing floats, continuous improvements to our facility, and numerous other little things that keep RIYC beautiful.

As we are now looking for our first new Steward in three years, we're hoping that members (especially those with college age kids) can keep their ears open for suitable candidates. Much rather get a great person via word of mouth than via a want ad.

Hope to see you at the Midwinters Brunch and the next Frugal!

Report from the Entertainment Committee – Sandy Turner

The 2016 year ended with a great turn out for the Holiday Party. 120 members came and Entertainment made \$595.30 profit. The January 6th Frugal was fun. 52 members came and Entertainment made \$31 Profit.

Remember, the more we have in attendance keeps the door costs to remain at \$5! The 2017 party schedule is looking great. We have made a couple of party changes which we think will liven up the party schedule.

Entertainment has sent out the sign-up genie for all members to review and choose the party in which they want to help out. Also, watch out for the Mid-Winter's Brunch invite – Always a great time!

Report from the Junior Program – Peter Bergendahl

After a brief respite, the Junior Sailing Program is making strides towards the 2017 season!

Most importantly, we are currently in the process of hiring instructors. We have three returning from last year, but still have a couple of holes to fill. We are really trying to find an accomplished dinghy race coach to help our older 420 and Opti kids get to the next level.

Due to the cost and effort involved with maintaining club owned boats, we plan on reviewing and reinstating the "boat use" charge next summer. The fee will be minimal, but will help defray the costs associated with keeping the fleet in safe working order while providing boat access for those who do not want to invest in a boat.

We also plan on using an online registration system to help streamline that cumbersome process. This will include entry forms, liability waivers, and payment processing. We have spoken with a few vendors and are leaning towards AdminSports. We have used them for other sports leagues and they seem to work fine, but if anyone has experience with that or any other programs please let us know. We want this to be as user friendly as possible.

Commodore: Matthew J. Curtiss
Vice Commodore: Gareth C Annino
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Sandy Turner
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Kathy Parker
Rhoda Hopkins Root
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Stan White

Dockmaster: Danny Spear
Yardmaster: Mark Entwistle
Fleet Captain: Stan White
Merchandise: Janice Scott

Upcoming Events – Chuck Chorlton (Rentals Coordinator)

February 11th
June 24th (pending)



The ECSA Junior meeting is in February and we plan on holding the Austin LaFrance Opti regatta and Salle Evelyn regatta again. We also hope to work the Open Bics into the regatta schedule this season.

As everyone knows, Ram Island is a club that exists due largely to the efforts of many volunteers. Junior Sailing is an enormous undertaking, so we are reaching to see if anyone would be willing to pitch in? You don't need to be a coach, racer, or even sailor! We have boat maintenance, registration, hauling & launching, regattas, parties, activities, and much more to deal with so would really appreciate a few extra helping hands. Please reach out to one of us if you have interest or questions!

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Report from the Race Committee

Race Afloat (Robin Hall): Race Afloat Chairperson, Robin Hall will be attending ECSA's February 4th, Off Shore Scheduling Meeting in Essex. Ram Island's NOR has already been sent to ECSA. The race is scheduled for August 20th.

Race Ashore (Rhoda Root): No Report

Report from the House Committee – Mac Turner and Matt Lettrich

The House Committee reports that a new window has been installed in the ladies room and the interior trim will be painted soon. There are no other projects scheduled for the winter. A carpet cleaner has been selected and the work will be done in time for the coming season.

If you are in possession of a RIYC related electronic file (survey, plan, scan, drawing, chart, manual, etc), please forward same to matt@lettrich.net with RIYC in the subject line. We are assembling a RIYC House Committee electronic library.

Report from the Waterfront Committee – Stan White

A float inspection was made prior to haul out last October. The float repair crew is gearing up, ordering materials, and will be looking for a few good days this winter to perform the necessary repairs.

During the week of Thanksgiving, Gwenmar Marine replaced three pier piles identified by the underwater survey as being in poor condition. One pile was so bad that it broke, leaving a section of pile under the mudline. One float pile identified as in poor condition was found to be in satisfactory condition and was re-installed. Is very important that we continue with our inspection/replacement program moving forward.

Treasurer's Message – Mary Giblin

No Report

Resignations

None reported

Cruise News – Stan White

Spring Cruise Planning: June 23rd – 25th

Jamestown, RI with day trip to either Newport (ferry) or Bristol (sail to Herreshoff Marine Museum) on the 24th. Moorings at Dutch Harbor Boat Yard (\$50/night <45'; \$60/night larger).

Fall Cruise Planning: Mid-September (TBD)

Three Mile Harbor and Shelter Island YC



Pile Pulled from Pier. Broken stub left under the mudline.

