



# RAM ISLAND YACHT CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

20 February 2017

### Commodore's Message – Matt Curtiss

Greetings from the heart of winter! Despite the snow and sleet and uncomfortable weather, the Trustees are hard at work on planning a successful season. We are still searching for a new Steward and staffing our junior sailing team. Our long-range planning crew is working with our committee heads on future planning. The "slow season" is winding down and we're looking forward ramping up our activities!

### Report from the Entertainment Committee – Amy Leger

The Entertainment Committee would like to report that the Mid-Winter Brunch was another success with 61 people in attendance with a profit just over \$300! Our next events include Friday, March 10 Frugal and Saturday, April 8 will be the Commissioning Party to start off the season!

If you have not already done so, please look in your email for the "Sign Up Gene" email and sign up to help at your favorite entertainment event this season! Without members like you supporting our "working club" we won't continue to prosper! If it is easier, please email Amy Leger at [amyanoank@comcast.net](mailto:amyanoank@comcast.net) and to get signed up!

Thursday Night Committee (Tina McLoughlin): The Summer 2017 Thursday Night Picnics calendar has been set and we are pleased to announce that the picnics will be extended through mid-September (9/14). As usual, picnics will start in mid-June (6/15) allowing us to host 14 Thursday Night Picnics this summer. Due to the popularity of the pizza food truck last summer, our plan is to provide food trucks on four Thursday nights. We are looking for volunteers for all 14 picnics to help with set up and clean up responsibilities. If you are interested in helping out for one or more picnics this summer and/or if you have suggestions about food trucks, please email me at [kristinamcloughlin@yahoo.com](mailto:kristinamcloughlin@yahoo.com).

### Report from the Junior Program – Peter Bergendahl

Three of our instructors are returning, and we have an offer out to a head instructor. Due to the larger number of advanced students in 420s, Optis, and Open Bics we have been trying hard to find an experienced, skilled coach who can help the kids progress. As the students move up, things like team racing, tactics, and kinetics become more important so we are trying to cater to that need.

The 2017 ECSA Junior Meeting was held so all the schedules are being worked out among the clubs. We do plan to host the Austin LaFrance Opti Regatta and Salle Evelyn Regatta again, and this year we are working on a way to incorporate the Open Bics into one or more regattas.

This year we will be using an online signup system, just like all the soccer and Little League teams. This will greatly streamline the registration process and enable us to be sure applications are complete, as well give people the flexibility to pay by credit card.

We are also reviewing the pricing on the program. Since running a junior sailing program is a capital-intensive process, we are likely going to slightly increase the cost for non-members since it currently does not fully reflect the added costs of the program being carried by members since many students are now non-

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### Upcoming Events –

March 10<sup>th</sup> – Frugal  
March 14<sup>th</sup> – Trustees Meeting  
April 1<sup>st</sup> – Launch Floats  
April 8<sup>th</sup> – Commissioning Party

### Rentals Coordinator - Chuck Chorlton

June 24<sup>th</sup> (pending)

members. For example, we have bought 3 motors in the past 3 years (two were scheduled for replacement, one was not).

We also are going to reinstate the “boat fee” for all but first year sailors who do not have their own boat since it has become quite expensive to maintain and upgrade the fleet.

Our feeling is that the program should be its own cost center, so we are trying to align the revenues and expenses to better reflect the composition of our underlying student population while meeting their needs.

Junior sailing is a very hands on job. There are a lot of moving parts behind the scenes, so we are asking again if anyone has interest in helping; all we heard were crickets on our last plea! Adopt a coach boat for spring prep? Help with a regatta? We know everyone is busy (so are we), but many hands make light work!

Please reach out with comments or concerns. Peter & Meg Bergendahl (pmtb@mac.com) Moise Solomon (moise.solomon@gmail.com)

### Report from the Race Committee

Race Afloat (Robin Hall): No Report

Race Ashore (Rhoda Root): Refuse disposal, the ice delivery, and the delivery of liquor have all been confirmed for the annual Race ashore event on Sunday, August 27. Committee members will be contacted upon my return from Florida, mid-March.

We look forward to a happy summer, and another fine Race Ashore.

### Report from the House Committee – Mac Turner

The House Committee reports that the new window has been installed in the lady’s room and the interior trim has been painted. 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.

### Report from the Waterfront Committee – Stan White

A complete inspection of the floats was made. Materials have been purchased for the annual float repairs. When the weather breaks, the float repair crew will be hard at work!

Note that on July 18<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) the Shelter Island Yacht Club will be visiting RIYC for the night. SIYC will require full use of the fixed pier so we are asking that RIYC members not plan of leaving their boats tied up overnight.

### Treasurer’s Message – Mary Giblin

No Report

### Resignations

Peter and Joan Ross

### Cruise News – Stan White

Spring Cruise Planning: June 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>

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

Fall Cruise Planning: September 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>

Shelter Island YC (09/08) with dinner available at the Shelter Island Yacht Club  
Three Mile Harbor (09/09) Cocktails on LARK 17:00 – 19:00