



# RAM ISLAND YACHT CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

20 March 2017

### Commodore's Message – Matt Curtiss

While last year I thought March was going out like a Ram, it feels like its going out like a Musk Ox with all of this winter weather.

However, have no fear, warmer weather in on its way and with that comes the launching of the floats - our version of the blooming of the spring crocus.

We are still searching for a new Steward, so please send good candidates my way.

Happy Spring!

Reminder: (1) Order for New Member Badges will be made April 1st. Send order information to Stan White (swhite151@gmail.com) and check to RIYC. (2) The 2017 RIYC Tag Sale List will be published on April 15th. Get your listing of stuff to sell to Stan White.

### Report from the Entertainment Committee – Amy Leger

The Entertainment Committee would like to report that the March Frugal had 63 paid guests which were not quite enough to cover our expenses. Hopefully, we will have a strong turnout at the Commissioning Party on Sat, April 8 and our Fri, May 5 Frugal. We are all excited to start the 2017 Summer 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 event this season! Without members like you supporting our "working club" we will not continue to prosper! If it is easier, please email Amy Leger at amynoank@comcast.net, and we can get you signed up!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help out with Thursday Night Picnics this summer. If you are interested in joining our committee and/or if you have suggestions regarding food trucks, please contact Tina McLoughlin at kristinamcloughlin@yahoo.com

### Report from the Junior Program – Peter Bergendahl

The new online signup system will go 'live' in early April.

We are in the final stages of reviewing budgets, class offerings, and instructor schedules.

We are very excited about this Summer- we have hired a top-notch head instructor from Argentina. It is a break with tradition, but we think the kids will benefit from his knowledge. He has extensive experience, interviewed well, and has excellent references so we cannot wait to hit the water!

Thank you to everyone who reached out and offered to volunteer their time for some of the many important tasks that keep the program running smoothly.

Reminder: you do not have to be a member to be part of junior sailing, you only need a member to sponsor you. Grandkids, nieces, nephews, neighbors, friends

<b>Commodore:</b>	Matthew J. Curtiss
<b>Vice Commodore:</b>	Gareth C Annino
<b>Rear Commodore:</b>	T. Blake Powell
<b>Secretary:</b>	Lorna H. Conahan
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Mary Giblin
<b>Trustees:</b>	

Peter E. Bergendahl  
 Amy Leger  
 Robin Lockwood Hall  
 John McCrea  
 Tina McLoughlin  
 Sandy Turner  
 John M. (Mac) Turner  
 Kathy Parker  
 Rhoda Hopkins Root  
 Moise Solomon  
 Stan White

<b>Dockmaster:</b>	Danny Spear
<b>Yardmaster:</b>	Mark Entwistle
<b>Fleet Captain:</b>	Stan White
<b>Merchandise:</b>	Janice Scott

### Upcoming Events –

April 1<sup>st</sup> – Launch Floats  
 April 8<sup>th</sup> – Commissioning Party  
 April 11<sup>th</sup> – Trustees Meeting  
 May 5<sup>th</sup> – Frugal Friday  
 May 9<sup>th</sup> – Trustees Meeting  
 May 20<sup>th</sup> – Pot Luck Party  
 May 29<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day Picnic

### Rentals Coordinator - Chuck Chorlton

April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 June 13<sup>th</sup> (Pending)  
 June 24<sup>th</sup>  
 June 30<sup>th</sup>



are all welcome if you will vouch for them. We have a great program, and would love to get more enthusiastic kids on the water and introduce families to the club!

Reach out with to the Committee with questions.

### **Report from the Race Committee**

Race Afloat (Robin Hall): The Race Afloat Committee will be holding a meeting at the Club on Thursday, April 6th at 6:15. The Committee is getting organized for our August 20th Invitational Race.

Race Ashore (Rhoda Root): No Report

### **Report from the House Committee – Mac Turner**

The ladies' room work is complete. The House Committee will be tackling one additional project before the summer season: replacing the floor behind the bar.

### **Report from the Waterfront Committee – Stan White**

The float repair crew has completed their work, and the floats are ready to be launched on April 1<sup>st</sup>. All hands on deck for this activity starting around 8:00.

Four low-level solar lights have been installed on piles along the RIYC pier. The Board welcomes your comments, especially if you think that a few more should be added.

Reminder: July 18th (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**

The first few months as Treasurer have been a discovery period of responsibilities of the office and a learning experience of the bookkeeping system. I have been fortunate to have had help when needed to keep the accounting of RIYC accurate and clear to all members.

As membership dues continue to come in, the checkbook balance is \$115K.

To date the 2017 membership dues have collected:  
\$830 for the Ames Fund  
\$880 for Race Day Contribution.

It is my intent to keep the membership informed of our income and expenses and our account balances in a quarterly report.

### **Membership Committee Comments– Peter Bergendahl**

While we thankfully have a stable backlog of prospective members, we are always working to be sure we keep an extensive list of great candidates for membership in RIYC. The list of potential new members ensures the long-term viability of our club. If the list dries up, eventually so will the club!

Please introduce your friends to our extended RIYC family and to see if they might be a good fit. We have several social events throughout the season where guests are not only welcome but encouraged. Our club has a lot to offer at a very reasonable price, so let's get some new faces down on Front Street!

As a reminder, to be proposed for membership a candidate must have a sponsor and a second. They should attend a few club functions as your guest, and be

<p>introduced to as many members as possible. Letters of recommendation are not required but are strongly encouraged as they help the membership committee make better decisions on candidates.</p> <p>Please contact the Club Secretary or Commodore for more information.</p>	
<p><b>Resignations</b> Ann and Dave Devlin Craig and Amy Bush</p> <p><b>New Members</b> Peter Bacon and Evalyn Lee Clint and Kate Rand</p> <p><b>Cruise News – Stan White</b> <u>Spring Cruise Planning: June 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup></u> Jamestown, RI with a 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 &lt;45'; \$60/night larger). <u>Fall Cruise Planning: September 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup></u> Shelter Island YC (09/08) with dinner available at the Shelter Island Yacht Club Three Mile Harbor (09/09) Cocktails on <i>LARK</i> 17:00 – 19:00</p>	