



# RAM ISLAND YACHT CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

16 April 2017

### Commodore's Message – Matt Curtiss

Another April and the club is the 2017 season is here! A big thanks to the float crew for braving the cold and coming out after a spring storm delayed our launching for a week. Another thanks to the Commissioning Party crew for a great event.

Please notice (and treat gently) our freshly cleaned carpet. Special thanks to member Michael Paine for seeing to it that the carpet was professionally cleaned. His ProCleanCT team got the turkey gravy spot out, and I know of at least one beer stain that is no longer there. Nice work!

If you know the winter door code, you know the new summer door code. The code will be distributed as in previous years.

Chris Annino has been awarded an Ames Fund grant to assist with the cost of attending many regattas this summer representing RIYC. Please see Chris' "Thank You" letter attached to this month's newsletter.

RIYC has been asked if anyone is interested in chartering a 12 Meter during a fundraiser for NESS on June 2nd. The details are attached to this newsletter.

### Report from the Entertainment Committee – Sandy Turner

The Commissioning Party was a success. Thank you, Pat and Mac Turner for hosting and all of the help from their crew. There was a turnout of 106 members.

Things to look forward to: Frugal Friday on 05/05/15 (Cinco De Mayo!!) and The Pot Luck Dinner!

The Entertainment Trustees also want to remind the members to sign-up for the summer parties through the Genie. Also, when it comes to the party evites, we encourage all of the members to respond, so the party planners have better numbers to work with. This helps with party budgets and keeping waste down.

### Report from the Junior Program – Peter Bergendahl

Planning for the Junior Sailing Summer Program is well underway, and registration is open. This year we will have a 3 day a week option, 4 days a week, and 5 days a week option. The 4 and 5 days a week options are for the sailor that goes to regattas. Instruction will be in Optimists, 420s, and there will also be an O'Pen Bic class on Thursday afternoons. **Early registration ends on May 7<sup>th</sup>**, and this will be a mandatory parent meeting at RIYC on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.

Registration is at the following link:

<https://ramislandyachtclub.sportngin.com/register/form/668208255>

### Report from the Race Committee

Race Afloat (Robin Hall): Thank you for those committee members who attended our Race Afloat meeting. For those of you who could not make it, we will be

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**Vice Commodore:** Gareth C Annino  
**Rear Commodore:** T. Blake Powell  
**Secretary:** Lorna H. Conahan  
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John McCrea  
Tina McLoughlin  
Sandy Turner  
John M. (Mac) Turner  
Kathy Parker  
Rhoda Hopkins Root  
Moise Solomon  
Stan White

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

### Upcoming Events –

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>  
May 19<sup>th</sup>  
June 13<sup>th</sup> (Pending)  
June 24<sup>th</sup>  
June 30<sup>th</sup>  
August 3<sup>rd</sup>



meeting again. Our August 20<sup>th</sup> Invitational Race planning is well underway. All hands are on deck and prepared for a successful day of racing! We will be using Yacht Score, and there will be a Saturday (08/19) late afternoon get together at the club for skippers to pick up their scratch sheet, have a hot dog & beverage.

Race Ashore (Rhoda Root): It is good to be North again and catching up on all the good things the board has done, is doing and will be doing.

The events leading up to our Race Ashore, August 20<sup>th</sup>, are well under way with all of the vendors (bartenders, liquor order, the arrival of ice, and garbage disposal) on deck. Contact with the committee is underway.

We are all on schedule.

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

As a way to reduce overhead at the Club, the House Committee is currently investigating LED lighting to save clubhouse energy costs.

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

The floats were successfully launched and the flagpole set on April 8<sup>th</sup>. A BIG thank you goes out to everyone who launched the floats in almost record time!

Danny Spear has posted the dinghy dock and locker assignments. RIYC has three moorings for smaller boats on the east side of the Stonington Mooring Field, two of which are already taken (see attached Google aerial, RIYC 1 is open). If you are interested in the third, please contact the Waterfront Committee.

We are looking for a rug to be installed on Float 1, at the seaward end of the Opti racks. If you have an old rug (8x16) you would like to donate, let the Waterfront Committee know.

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 to leave their boats tied up overnight.

#### **Treasurer’s Message – Mary Giblin**

As the last of the membership dues continue to trickle in this is a look at our current accounts:

1. The Checking Account balance is currently 137K
2. Payments that reflect Members’ Dues collected to date is \$60,000.
3. Payments that reflect Capitol Assessment to date is \$20,000.
4. Payments that reflect donations to RIYC Race Day is \$1250.

The Ames Fund has a current balance of \$10,450.

#### **Membership Committee Comments**

If anyone has sponsored a new member that is on the waiting list, it is **VERY** important to collect supporting letters, as many as you can, to be placed in the file. There are several proposed new members that have no supporting letters, and it makes it more difficult for the Committee to review an application and recommend membership to the Board.

#### **Resignations**

Stephen Allen

#### **New Members**

Neal “OJ” O’Connell

Dana and Carol Oviatt

**Cruise News – Stan White**

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

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 <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

Dear RIYC Board of Trustees:

I'm writing to thank you for your generous Ames fund support for the 420 regattas I plan to attend in 2017.

I am a fairly new 420 sailor and have focused on local competition so far. I am really looking forward to traveling to compete in remote events this summer. It will be a fun and I hope to improve my sailing skills in larger events.

Your financial support allows me to focus my efforts on sailing skills and boat preparation, instead of worrying about funding for travel and logistics.

Gratefully,

Chris Annino

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Hi Matt,

Good to talk Saturday night. As I mentioned, we have a unique opportunity for fellow Fisher Island Sound sailors. We have access to four 12 meters that would be available for an afternoon sail on Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3:00PM to 6:00PM out of Stonington.

The boats are classic America's Cup contenders/winners:

- Weatherly
- Intrepid
- American Eagle
- Nefertiti

Each boat can accommodate up to 12 guests.

We have a lot of flexibility with using one or all the boats for an afternoon sail/race. Our interest also is that this would be a great fundraiser for NESS, plus a lot of fun. Our initial thinking is each boat could be chartered for \$5,000 or \$420 per person (if you have a full crew total of 12). Part of this would be a contribution to NESS. We're also thinking of adding a shore event (e.g. cocktails on the dock) after sailing if that is of interest. Perhaps RIYC members would like to join forces for a full or partial boat?

Let me know if you're interested. Many thanks!

Cindy

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