



RAM ISLAND YACHT CLUB

NEWSLETTER

14 August 2017

Commodore's Message – Matt Curtiss

We are in the summer home stretch but still lots of stuff going on at the club!

The Race Afloat/Ashore crews have been working tirelessly to bring together our Annual Regatta. Let's hope for more wind that last year!

Please keep on the lookout for the Annual Meeting mailing which will be arriving via email.

Note that during evening events it is customary for the club to conduct a "colors ceremony" whereby the Ensign and Club Burgee are lowered at sunset.

A cannon is fired shortly after an announcement for colors, followed by the lowering of the flags. It is customary and requested that members observe in silence until signal is made that all may stand at ease. It would be appreciated that parents instruct children about this ceremony and encourage them to participate while observing these protocols.

RIYC Signal Cannon History

Ram Island Yacht Club has had several signal cannons over our many years and at present we have two. The oldest signal cannon was dedicated in 1980 in memory of Past Commodore David H. Dunn. David became a member in 1962. He served the club in many capacities and was our 32nd Commodore.

At one-time RIYC performed daily colors using a cannon. This practice was halted in 1966. As documented in Steve Lee's "A History of The Ram Island Yacht Club" "We started a ruckus in the neighborhood by firing the cannon daily and were forced to abandon the practice in order to keep peace with the adjacent property owners". Signal Cannons have since been stored off-site to lessen liabilities (safety, theft, etc.). For many years Past Commodore Paul van Dyke was our signal cannon custodian and upon his passing Past Commodore Danny Spear was assigned this duty.

In 2017, Past Commodore Joe Callaghan donated a replica Herreshoff Signal cannon to the club. As part of the gift, the Trustees named the cannon "Rhoda" in the memory of Rhoda Hopkins Root, a long-serving Trustee who passed away this summer.

Long Range Planning (RC Blake Powell)

The Long Range Planning committee is in the early stages of developing a Strategic Plan to reaffirm the mission and values of the Club, identify common priorities and goals of the membership and provide for the long-term sustainability and vibrancy of the Club. The Strategic Plan will be the result of member-driven input intended to define Club objectives concerning facilities, activities, membership and governance. The Plan will build on previous Long

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

Peter E. Bergendahl
Amy Leger
Matt Lettrich
Robin Lockwood Hall
John McCrea
Tina McLoughlin
Sandy Turner
John M. (Mac) Turner
Kathy Parker
Joan Sienkiewicz
Moise Solomon
Stan White

Dockmaster: Danny Spear
Yardmaster: Mark Entwistle
Fleet Captain: Stan White
Merchandise: Valerie Grimm

Upcoming Events

August 19th/20th – RIYC Invitational Race
Sept. 2nd -3rd - Viper 640 Long Island
Sept. 4th - RIYC Labor Day Picnic
Sept. 9th – Clam Bar Party
Sept. 15th – 16th – Fall Off Soundings
Sept. 30th – Annual Meeting

Rentals Coordinator - Chuck Chorlton

October 20th

Red Blue Jay for sale! Hull in good shape, Good Sails, rig, need cosmetics: \$250. will deliver to immediate area. **All proceeds to**

Jr. Sailing

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Range Plans and establish the priorities and objectives that will guide the Board of Trustees and provide continuity through changes in leadership. In addition, the Plan will ensure that the RIYC traditions and facilities that have developed over the past 75 years can be sustained well into the future while increasing the viability and health of the Club for all members. Participation by the entire Membership will be critical to developing a meaningful plan and the membership will hear more soon. If this is an area of interest for any member, please reach out to Blake Powell.

Report from the Entertainment Committee – Amy Leger

The Entertainment Committee would like report that the *Under the Sea – A Whale of a Party* was a huge success with 81 in attendance and our income covered our expenses.

The *Dress Ship Party* on Aug 12 was also a success with many boats on the dock showing off their flags. 65 members and guests attended and our income covered our expenses.

A remind to all members that last year we purchased a high output ice machine for club events and for the personal use of our members and when you use ice this ice, you must place a few dollars in the box each time you take ice. The machine was expensive and the electricity to keep it running has a cost; hopefully this friendly reminder will encourage everyone who uses the ice to place money in the box so we are not forced to put a lock on it and make it available to club sponsored events only. The bagged ice in the stand-up freezer is for Club Events only, Thank you for your cooperation.

Thursday Nights

Thursday night cookouts will continue through Thursday, September 14th. We have scheduled food trucks to come on the following dates:

- Thursday Aug 24th: Bridge Market Burger and Clam Fritter Truck
- Thursday Aug 31st: Rolling Tomato

Report from the Junior Program – Peter and Meg Bergendahl, Moise Solomon

The Junior sailing program has concluded the 2017 season. All of the kids made tremendous progress, with several moving up to the more advanced racing groups. We had a number of kids on the podium at regattas throughout the area. But more importantly everyone had a great time and learned a lot! Our coaching staff really excelled this Summer under Santiago's watchful eye- it is amazing to see the improvement even from the really young children.

The awards presented at the Thursday Night Cookout were as follows:

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| Most Improved Buddies: | Lucy Federici |
| Most Improved Solo/Green: | Alice Pray |
| Most Improved Afternoon Opti: | Brooke McLoughlin |
| Most Improved 420: | Samantha Karlson |
| Commodore's Trophy for Most Improved Overall: | Esme Pray |
| Most Helpful: | Jasper Mackenzie |
| Wheeler Spirit of RIYC Award: | Charlie Bergendahl |
| Best Participation: | Samantha Karlson |
| Seamanship Awards: | Finn Koehler and James Robinson |

The 8 weeks really flew by! Thank you so much for entrusting us with your



children. We hope they had a great Summer, made some new friends, and developed a lifelong love of sailing.

Report from the Race Committee

Race Afloat (Robin Hall): The RIYC Invitational Notice of Race has been issued and all planning for the race is complete!

Race Ashore (Joan Sienkiewicz): On track for a great event!

Report from the House Committee – Mac Turner

No issues or concerns to report this month.

Report from the Waterfront Committee – Stan White

No issues or concerns to report this month.

Treasurer’s Message – Mary Giblin

Current Account Balances:

Checking Account	\$ 119,913.00
Ames Fund:	\$ 9,277.50

June Major Expenses Paid:

1. Payroll: \$12,600.
2. Taxes: \$12,000

Upcoming Expenses for August will include:

- Flood Insurance: We continue to work with our agent to find identical coverage with a lower premium
- Final Month of Payroll

Resignations

Last Voyage

Marge Moore

New Members

Bob and Maggie Henderson
Bruce Oakes
Chris O'Donnell

Cruise News – Stan White

Fall Cruise Planning: September 8th – 10th

Shelter Island YC (09/08) with dinner available at the Shelter Island Yacht Club
[\(631\) 749 0888](tel:6317490888) or [\(631\) 749 1500](tel:6317491500)

Three Mile Harbor (09/09) Cocktails on *Carol K* 17:00 – 19:00.