



# RAM ISLAND YACHT CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

17 September 2017

### Commodore's Message – Matt Curtiss

T-Minus 2 weeks on the current administration but plenty of goings on at the club with the tropics heating up. Thanks to all in advance for keeping an eye on the skies and weather websites.

Please make sure to attend our annual meeting on September 30 at 6:15PM. Party starts promptly following the election of our new officers.

And with this my final newsletter as Commodore, I want to extend a large thank you to the Trustees, volunteers, and the membership as whole for being a part of the running our club. I am humbled and honored to have served as Commodore these past two years, and I look forward to Commodore-Elects Gary Annino's continuance of stewardship.

### Report from the Entertainment Committee – Amy Leger

The Entertainment Committee would like to report that the Dress Ship and Clam Bar parties were both excellent events and with great attendance all expenses were covered. Upcoming events include the Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 30 and then the Decommissioning on Saturday, October 14.

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

No Report this month

### Report from the Race Committee

Very successful day of racing!

### 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 \$100,379.00

Ames Fund: \$ 7,777.50

#### August Major Expenses Paid:

Payroll: \$11,000.00

Flood Insurance: \$ 4,419.00 – Down from the renewal price of \$6,899.00

#### Upcoming Expenses for September will include:

Final Month of Payroll Taxes

Maintenance of Coach Boats

**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

Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> – Annual Meeting

Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> – Decommissioning Party

Oct. 21 – Haul Floats

### Rentals Coordinator - Chuck Chorlton

October 20<sup>th</sup>



**From US Sailing: Quick Access Safety Resources**

- Learn more about [US Sailing's Safety at Sea Courses](#).
- The [Burgee Insurance Program by Gowrie Group](#) offers a comprehensive group of safety materials and resources including an Emergency Action Planning Template, Junior Sailing Safety Guide, and a Yacht Club Safety Manual. [Access these resources](#)
- [Understanding Electric Shock Drowning](#): The Gowrie Safety Report
- Are electrical hazards at your sailing facility endangering your sailors? [Find out how to address these hazards with your local authorities](#).
- Check out this detailed [Emergency Action Plan from Mentor Harbor Yacht Club](#) who drafted this for their USA Junior Olympic Sailing Festival.
- Case Study: An [Emergency Action Plan Report from OCSC](#) by Rich Jepsen and Steve Saul
- [Implementing an Offshore Safety and Preparedness](#) Plan by Chuck Hawley and Sally Lindsay Honey
- Learn more about [preparing your safety boat](#).
- Head injuries: Information and customizable templates about concussions can be found on the [CDC website](#). Your [state](#) may have additional requirements that you will need to follow.
- [Crew Overboard Prevention](#): How to Remain Aboard
- [Weather Forecasting](#): Thunderstorms and Squalls by Stan Honey and Ken Campbell
- Independent Incident Report: [Severn Sailing Association – 420 tragedy](#) (Annapolis, 2011)
- [WATCH](#) this video on Club 420 safety.
- [Advantages of US Powerboating's Safe Powerboat Handling Courses](#) by Rob Crafa and Lynn Lynch

**Resignations**  
**Last Voyage**  
**New Members**  
**Cruise News – Stan White**

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## Shelter Island Yacht Club

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August 24, 2017

Commodore Matthew J. Curtiss  
Ram Island Yacht Club  
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Dear Commodore Curtiss,

On behalf of the Shelter Island Yacht Club, I would like to thank the Ram Island Yacht Club's officers and members for the kind hospitality afforded to us on July 18, 2017 during our club cruise. We enjoyed your BBQ buffet dinner on the porch that night and your dock/mooring facilities.

Your Fleet Captain, Stan White, and Dockmaster, Danny Spear were especially helpful in assisting us with all the planning and arrangements. We greatly appreciated their efforts and the warm welcome given by you and the other members. It was also great to have local guidance and input from one of your members, Jeff Bresnahan. As you know, Jeff is the Sailing Director at the Shelter Island Yacht Club.

As a small token of our appreciation, I have enclosed a modest plaque that commemorates our visit. Please accept it as an indication of our friendship and appreciation.

Again, thank you for a great evening. We look forward to seeing you and your members at the Shelter Island Yacht Club.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Enright".

William P. Enright  
Chairman, SIYC Cruise Committee

Enclosure