



# RAM ISLAND YACHT CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

15 October 2017

### Commodore's Message – Gary Annino

The 2017-2018 Board of Trustees met for the first time this week. Exciting times when 2/3 of the Trustees are new in role but the excitement is fueled by enthusiasm and fresh perspectives. Listed below are the current Board of Trustees and their current roles in the organization.

<u>2017-2018 Trustees</u>	<u>Role</u>
Matt Curtiss	Race Ashore
Tina McLaughlin	Thursday Nights
Sandy Turner	Entertainment
Lorna Conahan	Facilities Improvement
Rob Warn	Junior Activities
Rod Denman	Entertainment
Ann Bergandahl	Junior Sailing
John Watson	House
John McCrea	Waterfront
Stan White	Waterfront
Matt Lettrich	House
Moise Solomon	Race Afloat

A significant amount of time at the meeting was spent identifying club maintenance/improvement projects to be completed in this fiscal year. Some items discussed were repaving the parking lot, replacing the cedar siding on the south & west of the house (see attached photos), replacing the shower in the instructor's apartment, repairing the floor where the old ice machine was located, among a long list of other items requiring attention. We are planning to communicate the program once it is fully developed & endorsed by the Board.

One last item I'd like to highlight is that ***we are in need of a "Frugal Cocktail Party Zar"***. This role is a non-trustee volunteer (***no Board meetings required!***).

The "Frugal Zar" works with the Entertainment Committee Chairs to:

- Set Frugal Cocktail Party dates for the upcoming year
- Identify a host and committee to run each event
- Operate within the established budget (approximately)

If you would like to help in this manner, please contact Amy Leger or Myself.

### Report from the Entertainment Committee – Sandy Turner

Entertainment would like to thank the Annual Meeting party crew for putting on a great spread. The party was well attended by the members

**Commodore:** Gareth C Annino  
**Vice Commodore:** T. Blake Powell  
**Rear Commodore:** Amy Leger  
**Secretary:** Kathy Parker  
**Treasurer:** Mary Giblin  
**Trustees:**

Ann Bergendahl  
 Matthew J. Curtiss  
 Rodney Denman  
 Matt Lettrich  
 Lorna H. Conahan  
 John McCrea  
 Tina McLoughlin  
 Moise Solomon  
 Sandy Turner  
 Rob Warn  
 John Watson  
 Stan White

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

### Upcoming Events

Oct. 21 – Haul Floats  
 Nov. 03 - Frugal Friday  
 Dec. 02 – Children's Christmas Party  
 Dec. 09 – Holiday Party

### Rentals Coordinator - Chuck Chorlton

October 20<sup>th</sup>  
 October 27<sup>th</sup>  
 October 28<sup>th</sup>



and we ended up with 111 for evite responses! As well as the great food that was presented, the other perk was there was no door fee for the members, which was our way of saying "Thanks" for all of the work our club members do to make RIYC what it is!

Also, please keep an eye out for the November Frugal and December parties.

#### **Report from the Junior Program – Ann Bergendahl**

We are excited for the upcoming year and have started our plans for the 2018 junior summer sailing program at RIYC. The baton has been passed from Peb, Meg and Moise and we are planning on continuing a lot of the changes/improvements that they put into motion, (improving safety, automating our processes, streamlining/improving coach boat maintenance program, to name a few). Thank you for all your hard work.

#### **Report from the Race Committee – Moise Solomon**

*Race Ashore – Matt Curtiss:* T-minus 10 months until the 73rd Annual Invitational Regatta! If you would like to volunteer for the Race Ashore Committee, please drop me a line. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

*Vanessa Allison Reed, 72nd Annual Ram Island Regatta Principal Race Officer:*

We were lucky in many ways this year to have a great race. While the wind prediction was light for many days before and the race committee worried we might have a bit of a crawl, in the end, skippers and crew had a great time. It could not have been done without a lot of hard work behind the scenes over many months of planning.

As my first official race as PRO, I want to thank both Chuck Chorlton and Greg Gilmartin for their consistent support and coaching. I have learned so much from both of you over the years, and appreciate all the inspiration and encouragement. Also to Matt Curtiss for investing in the development of me to be PRO.

On the water, a big thank you goes to Tod Schaefer for the use of SeaDog as our Race Committee boat, and to Howard and Becky Hopps for their beautiful boat as the pin. Robin Lockwood Hall helped communicate information from the south side of Fisher's Island, and was instrumental in planning the day with us.

The Race Committee crew each year consists of regulars, like Wendy Schnur, Susan O'Donnell and Jackie Stoltz, who bring their A-game to make sure all the boats are accounted for and our starts are solid.

And a big shout out goes to Joan Sienkiewicz and her team on land for the race party preparations.

There are countless others that offered a hand on that day and in the planning process. To everyone involved, you are sincerely appreciated.



### Report from the House Committee

Working though Noank Electric this summer the club house was completely updated to LED lighting and the switches were clearly marked (a BIG improvement!). Thank you to Gerry Leger for making this happen.

### Report from the Waterfront Committee – Stan White

The floats were inspected in the water on October 12th and hauled in the rain on the 14th. I want to thank the inspection team and the many volunteers that came out in the rain on Saturday morning.

The current plan is to replace one full dock, possibly replace another dock, replace hardware on two docks, and replace deck plants where necessary. This is a normal winter action plan. Please reach out to the Waterfront Committee if you would like to be on the float repair team.

Special Note for RIYC Mooring Renters: Starting next spring, anyone who rents one of the three RIYC moorings for the season will be responsible for removing the winter stake in the spring and installing the winter stake in the fall. The Club will provide a mooring ball and a winter stake.

### Treasurer's Message – Mary Giblin

#### Current Account Balances:

Checking Account	\$ 97,272.00
Ames Fund:	\$ 7,777.50

#### September Major Expenses Paid:

1. Payroll: \$3,900.00
2. Maintenance of Coach Boats: \$1,600.00

#### September Income:

1. Membership Dues: \$1,700.00



**Name tags:** A winter order for new name tags will be placed in December. Please send an email with your name and clasp type (p or M) to [swhite151@gmail.com](mailto:swhite151@gmail.com). At the same time, mail a check in the amount of \$7.00 to RIYC.

### Mystic Seaport – Rhoda Hopkins Root Tribute

A couple of Rhoda Hopkins friends have come forward with a generous gift to establish a memorial to Rhoda at Mystic Seaport.

The plan is to install a granite bench in the memorial garden with a sentiment engraved in the top.

As you know, I was a close colleague of Rhoda's and have agreed to assist in raising the balance required to install the bench.

We are seeking to raise \$5,000 for this worthy purpose and I do hope you will consider joining us.

If you are so inclined, you may send a check payable to Mystic Seaport with Rhoda Memorial in the memo line.

I would be pleased to speak with you in person about our plans if you wish.

Thank you for your consideration.

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