



# RAM ISLAND YACHT CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

19 November 2017

### Commodore's Message – Gary Annino

Here is an update from this month's Board meeting:

- The Board of Trustees endorsed moving forward with replacing the house cedar shake siding facing the parking lot and possibly the side along Front Street if our budget can support the work.
- We also agreed to begin planning the parking lot resurfacing effort by reviewing the logistics with the Dock Master (Dan Spear) & Yard Master (Mark Entwistle).
  - Logistics will be a challenge and may require some work-around for the parking and/or floating removal and storage as well as the Quad Party.
  - For this reason, we'd like to remind the membership that the Board maintains the ability to cancel member sponsored events for due cause (weather, construction logistics, etc.). The Board will provide as much notice of cancellation as we possibly can.
- Mark Entwistle has graciously agreed to continue clearing the parking lot of snow unless some other member has a burning desire to take this duty off his hands
- We are still looking for a "frugal cocktail party czar" for this season. You don't have to run every party - just put a grip on someone to do each event. *Note: In the absence of filling this key role, we may consider eliminating the Frugal Friday Party from the event calendar.*

### Report from the Entertainment Committee – Sandy Turner

We ended the last report with the annual meeting. We have had two more events since. The Decommissioning Party hosted by Janice and Tulsa Scott. The décor was great, and the food was excellent and very creative. There was 76 members in attendance. On November 3<sup>rd</sup> we jump started the frugal parties. It was a fun night with great attendance. Thanks to Bill Loweth and his team and to Bob Leeney for manning the door. An even 100 showed up.

Please watch out for the sign-up genie for next year's parties. Do not forget about the **Christmas party!**

The entertainment chairs would like to wish all the members a Happy and safe Thanksgiving!

### Report from the Junior Program – Ann Bergendahl

We are very excited for the sailing season of 2018! Tina McLoughlin (Thursday Night Picnics/Jr. Activities), Rob Warn, and I are hoping to continue the great work done in past years...with some new twists! So, stay tuned. We are focusing our efforts this fall/winter on filling the

**Commodore:** Gareth C Annino  
**Vice Commodore:** T. Blake Powell  
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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

Dec. 02 – Children's Christmas Party  
Dec. 09 – Holiday Party

### Rentals Coordinator - Chuck Chorlton

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instructor's positions, so spread the word. If you have a little sailor and need to purchase a boat, now is a great time to do so. On that note, perhaps consider an Open Bic for next year. They are a wonderful starter boat OR a transition boat between an Opti and a 420. The class seems to be growing quite fast. If you are interested or would like to learn more, please contact Moise Solomon. If multiple people are interested, Moise may be able to coordinate a group rate.

Tina McLoughlin met with the Junior Sailing committee to discuss additional opportunities for integration and collaboration between the two committees. We will continue to encourage junior sailing families to attend the Thursday night picnics and junior sailors to participate in the fun races prior the picnics. Select junior sailing activities will occur on Thursday nights and a variety of food trucks will be arranged throughout the summer.

#### **Report from the Race Committee – Matt Curtiss**

Race Ashore will be meeting with both the Regatta PRO (Vanessa Allison Reed) and the chair of Race Afloat (Moise Solomon) in the coming weeks to coordinate efforts for the 2018 regatta. Lots of new ideas in the mix, so watch this space.

#### **Report from the House Committee – Matt Lettrich**

2017-2018 Winter & 2018 Season House Committee improvements/intentions are listed below. The membership is welcome to send House Committee related ideas and suggestions.

##### Winter 2017-18

- Sail Loft: Consolidate gear adrift & generally put materials in order, hang pole rack on south wall, create central lost & found bin.
- Paint Locker: discard questionable (or worse) materials.
- Create "Emergency Draining Guide" for house plumbing in event of potential freeze. Label associated valves and put locations of same in guide.
- Create "House Manual" on general workings of RIYC building.
- Investigate potential plumbing leaks:
  - Above chair locker into lady's room
  - Above apartment's sink
- Launch "Folding Directors Chairs Canvas Replacement Project." Sponsor's will be able to pick boat name for replacement gold canvas backing.
- Buy 1 or 2 dock carts.
- Put ice cube catcher mat under ice machine to try and keep wood floor dry.

##### Summer 2018

- Touch-up white column paint on deck
- Re-finish front door.

##### Potentials:

- Repair bar flooring
- Install surveillance equipment
- Pursue rug cleaning

- Purchase a wireless low temperature sensor that will automatically contact key Board members if there is a heating problem in the Club House.

At the present time, the low temperature warning system consists of a red light in the window at the front door. If ANYONE sees the light flashing contact Matt Lettrich IMMEDIATELY.

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

The Waterfront Committee took a survey of the floating and fixed docks condition prior to the floats being hauled out. New timber has been ordered and the rebuild of two floats has already started. If you are interested in joining the float crew this winter, please reach out to John McCrae or Stan White.

**Treasurer’s Message – Mary Giblin**

Current Account Balances:

Checking Account	\$56,995
Capital Assessment Account:	\$39,677 **
Ames Fund:	\$ 7,779

\*\*As advised by our accountant, the funds collected for our Capital Assessment have been separated from the working checking account and now have an account designated solely for those funds.

October Major Expenses Paid:

1. Decommission Expenses: \$ 750
2. Shrink-wrap of Coach Boats: \$1,018
3. Utilities: \$1,167 (Installation of low energy consumption lights and switches)

September Income:

1. Opti Regatta Income \$3,170
2. Sale of Blue Jay \$ 250
3. Clubhouse Rental \$ 700

**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.

**Resignations**

**Last Voyage**

**New Members**

**Cruise News – Stan White**

*Safety for Cruising Couples (Including “Suddenly Alone”)* a Cruising Club of America one-day training to be held at RIYC on July 7, 2018. Watch for more details in January.  
Happy Winter!

