



RAM ISLAND YACHT CLUB

NEWSLETTER

20 December 2017

Commodore's Message – Gary Annino

The Trustees are busy putting together the committees and events for the upcoming year. RIYC is a "working club" which means that each member is expected not only to support the club financially, but also to provide sweat equity.

Please contact one of the chairs listed below to join a committee. This year will be especially busy with RIYC hosting the Quad Club party on Aug. 4! *Those of you who do not volunteer may find yourselves assigned.*

Junior Sailing / Activities– Ann Bergendahl

Race Afloat – Moise Solomon

Race Ashore – Matt Curtiss

Quad Club Party – Amy Leger

Entertainment Committee – Sandy Turner

House – Matt Lettrich

Waterfront Committee – John McCrea

Thursday Nights – Tina McLoughlin

Secretary's Message – Kathy Parker

Merry Christmas & Happy Hanukkah from your new RIYC Secretary! I have taken over the Secretary position from Lorna Conahan, who followed in the very large footsteps of Chuck Chorlton. I trained as Assistant Secretary with Lorna for the past year, which will hopefully help with a seamless transition.

If you have received this Newsletter, it is because we have a valid email address for you. In early January, I will be sending out address confirmations via email to all members. The address confirmations list the information that appears as your contact information in the annual calendar, and the email shown is used for all club mailings, Newsletters, and entertainment invitations. *Please review the information carefully and advise of any changes!* Note that we allow for shared as well as individual email addresses and phone numbers. Please also note if you will be changing any locker / dinghy arrangements.

The Treasurer will use the email addresses that you provide to **email you your annual dues bill on February 1. Dues are due March 1.** After April 1, you must pay a \$50 late fee. Please make sure to check your email for your Dues Notice. *It should not go to spam as bills are mailed individually.*

Dues consist of the membership fee and associated tax, any locker and dinghy fees and associated tax, and capital assessment (for which no tax is due). In addition, you are asked to make a suggested \$10 contribution towards the **RIYC Race** in August. This is a voluntary contribution, but be forewarned that if you do not donate you will be expected to supply deviled eggs on race day! You will also be asked this year to make a \$10 contribution towards the **Quad Club** party. Let's make sure the RIYC Quad Club party is a big success.

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

January 12th – Frugal Friday
February 5th – Mid-Winter Brunch

Rentals Coordinator - Chuck Chorlton

There will also be a separate contribution page mailed to you for the **Ames Fund**. The fund encourages, promotes, and supports RIYC and community sailors in pursuit of the enhancement and enjoyment of amateur sailing competitions. Individuals can apply to the fund to cover costs associated with regattas. Based on increased costs faced by local sailors, the RIYC Trustees have **updated the policy** to increase the *maximum amount that can be dispersed per sailor per year* to \$1,500.

The Ames Fund was established in the name of the late William L. Ames, a long-time member, Trustee, twenty-two year Treasurer, Past Commodore, avid successful sailor, and a significant contributor to the success of Ram Island Yacht Club and amateur sailing - both racing and cruising - in the New England Region. The Ames Fund is supported solely by individual voluntary contributions from members of RIYC and people in the New England sailing community. While requests are solicited at dues time, please note that donations to the Ames Fund may be made at any time. **Checks are made payable to the AMES FUND** and mailed to:

RIYC Ames Fund
60 Front Steet
Noank, CT 06340

So perhaps consider a donation in honor of your favorite sailor as a gift this holiday season, or simply remember to send a separate donation along with your dues!

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions at RIYCsec@gmail.com. Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season!

Treasurer's Message – Mary Giblin

Current Account Balances:

Checking Account	\$57,209
Capital Assessment Account:	\$39,677
Ames Fund:	\$7,779

November Expenses Paid:

1. Utilities	\$585
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November Income:

1. Clubhouse Rental	\$1,125
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Upcoming Expense: January

2nd Installment Taxes Due	\$10,600
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Santa arrives at the Kid's
Christmas Party!

Resignations: Hugh & Debbie O'Brien, Minor & Eliza Myers