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ROCK HALL YACHT CLUB

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2008

2008  
Dues Are  
Duel!



## Busy Month Ahead!

We don't know if March is going to come roaring in like a lion, but we do know the calendar is packed! Believe it or not, Daylight Saving begins on March 9th, Palm Sunday is only a week later, followed the very next day by St. Paddy's Day. The Spring Equinox comes on March 20th, three days before Easter. Jeepers, creepers! Do give the club calendar a look, and keep an eye out for the weekly e-mail for what's happening. Don't want you to miss anything!



## St. Paddy's Day Dinner

Saturday, March 15th

Faith and Begorrah!

Dig out your green duds, and come be Irish for an evening!

We'll have lovely Irish Stew made with Guinness Stout, and traditional Irish accompaniments.

The favor o'reservations is requested.



Easter Sunday  
Brunch

&

Easter Egg Hunt  
Sunday, March 23rd

10:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Come after church and bring the whole family for a delightful get-together.

Weather permitting, we'll have an Easter Egg hunt outdoors between noon and 1 p.m. (Easter is so early this year, the kids may have to wear snowsuits, so come prepared!) See Menu Sheet for details.

### Are YOU on the list?

We are relying more and more on RHYC's subscriber e-mail list to get our messages out. Stay up-to-date weekly with what's happening at RHYC. It's very simple. Go to our website at [www.RockHallyC.org](http://www.RockHallyC.org) and click on the 'Contact' flag. Follow the directions for subscribing. Our notices are sent out by Blind Copy, so your e-mail address will be kept confidential. We never, ever use our list for anything except staying in touch with you!



**First Aid Course  
at  
RHYC**

**Sat., April 12th ~ 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**DON'T MISS OUT!**

The course will cover First Aid,  
CPR, and AED

(AED teaches how to use our defibrillator.)

Only 15 slots available.

\$21 per person.

RHYC members ONLY.

Reserve your place now by calling  
Chuck Parry at 410-778-4560 — or e-mail  
him at [gardy3@verizon.net](mailto:gardy3@verizon.net)

**FOR WOMEN ONLY Sailing Class**

**Sat., May 24th ~ 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**\$60 per person**

**Please contact Denise Tontarski  
410-778-8466**

**Requiescat In Pacem**

Newer members won't recognize the name, but those who have been around for awhile will. Ivar Jensen, 92, passed away on Saturday, January 19th, in his assisted-living home in Bethesda. Ivar, father of Rondi (Howell), Laura and Sandy, was a passionate sailor and former member of RHYC. A Norwegian emigré from Oslo who earned his Ed.D from Columbia University, Ivar was for many years a professor of Education at what used to be known as Glassboro State College (now Rowan University) in NJ. He lived on Liberty St. in Rock Hall and used to ride his bicycle back and forth to the various marinas where he kept his boat, a Dickerson ketch. He was a sailing instructor at Tabor Academy in Marion, MA, in his younger years, and in later years loved taking "landlubbers" out on his boat to teach them the rudiments of sailing. His family has graciously named the Rock Hall Yacht Club Sailing School as the beneficiary of memorial contributions in his name, because Ivar loved the Rock Hall Yacht Club so much. We are deeply indebted to the Jensen family, and send our heartfelt sympathy to them all.



**Congratulations to the Gerbers!**

Our heartiest congratulations to our beloved Carla Martin, (our Computer Wizard for race results), and Frank Gerber, who became Mr. and Mrs. on December 21st. We all send our best wishes for a long and happy life together.

**Manager's E-Mail Address**

The correct e-mail address for RHYC  
Club Manager, Bill Nagle,

is:

[manager.rhyc@baybroadband.net](mailto:manager.rhyc@baybroadband.net)

Please use this e-mail address for all  
electronic reservations and communica-  
tion with the club and club manager.

**2nd Hoist To Be Installed**

A second hoist will soon be installed at the bulkhead to augment what is scheduled to be a vigorous regatta season at RHYC, not only for this year, but also in the future. Member Chuck Parry has generously stepped forward to lend the money to RHYC to finance this project, estimated to cost around \$8,000. Anyone wishing to contribute to the off-set of this loan is asked to contact Chuck at 410-778-4560 or [gardy3@verizon.net](mailto:gardy3@verizon.net)

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**Don't forget to turn your  
clocks ahead before  
bedtime on  
Saturday, March 8th!**

## A Word About Food ...



We have managed to hold the line for several years now on our dinner prices, despite major increases for fuel charges and food costs. RHYC has

been absorbing a 10% gratuity

for the wait staff and sales tax. Unfortunately, we can no longer afford to do this. The price for your dinner will remain the same, but we will begin collecting the sales tax. Since we are no longer providing a gratuity adjustment, please provide cash tips for wait staff *at the tables* so they are not mixed with the bar tips. You may tip the bartenders as you have been, either on your credit card or in cash.

**Food Choices** — We will be offering one main entrée in the future, not two as in the past. We will, however, have a “stand-by” dish of general appeal for late reservations or those who prefer something other than the main dish. Anyone who makes a reservation by the deadline will be served the entrée published in the newsletter and in the weekly e-mail. We ask that if you miss the deadline, or do not have a reservation, that you please partake of the “stand-by” dish (or wait until all those with reservations have been served.) We trust you understand, and we thank you for your cooperation.

### Basic Race Management Seminars

#### To Be Held Off-Site This Year

If you'd like to know more about how to be an effective member of the Race Committee, a Basic Race Management Seminar is the place to learn. Basic Race Management Seminars will **NOT** be held at RHYC this year, but will be available at the following locations:

**Saturday, March 1 - Gibson Island Yacht Club**

**Saturday, March 29 - Miles River Yacht Club  
in St. Michaels**

To register, got to [www.USSailing.org](http://www.USSailing.org). To find the list of seminars, go to **Racing**; then go to **Becoming A Race Officer**; then go to **Race Management Seminars** and follow the directions in the pdf.



## Sailing Seminar at RHYC Saturday March 15th 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

It's too cold to work on boats just yet—but it's nice and warm inside the RHYC clubhouse—and it's a perfect time to learn more about sailboats and racing tactics and what's new in the industry. Please come for an afternoon Sailing Seminar, featuring **Jon Wright**, former crew member with Dennis Conner aboard the America's Cup racing boat, *Stars and Stripes*; **Chuck Parry** conducting some challenging exercises from Dave Perry's book, *100 Best Racing Rules Quizzes*; **Rob Pennington**, Manager of North Sails Chesapeake; **Dick Crater**, Friday Night Race chairman. This event is being sponsored in part by RHYC, Gratitude Yachting Center and the Friday Night Race Series, and will be attended by many of our summertime Friday Night Racing friends from Rock Hall. All are welcome — and the more, the merrier.

A \$10 per person donation for the seminar, which includes coffee, soda, and light refreshments is requested.

The cash bar at RHYC will open at 5 p.m., followed by a

**St. Paddy's Day Dinner at 7 p.m.  
(\$19 per person + tax and gratuity.)**

**Seminar Reservation** - Call RHYC at 410-639-2182, by **noon on Thursday, March 13th**, and please indicate at that time if you'll be staying for dinner.

## Beware The Ides of March !!!

Attention boat owners! If you had a mooring in 2007, you have first crack at a mooring for 2008. Your mooring **must be paid-for prior to March 15, 2008**, or you will lose it.

Period.

**Remember — Your 2008 dues are due!**

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Mission: To promote and develop sailing and other boating activities for member families, guests, and the larger Chesapeake Bay Community.

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Welcome Aboard  
New Members!

Please extend your warmest greetings  
to **Paul Bowman** of Chestertown.

**Wave of the Future...**

RHYC will soon be offering electronic pre-registration for regattas. Regatta participants will be required to register and pay on-line in advance of regattas. (Many clubs all over the Bay are now using electronic pay-in-advance registration.) This method now gives all clubs greater manageability for regattas and attendant social events.

Please watch our newsletter and weekly e-mails for further details.



*RHYC Sailing School*

Sailing classes and the Racing Team are already beginning to fill up, so don't delay in registering your children and/or grandchildren! All necessary information, registration forms, and the summer 2008 schedule can be found at:

[www.RHYCSailingSchool.org](http://www.RHYCSailingSchool.org)

~ or ~ contact Chuck Parry at

410-778-4560 or [gardy3@verizon.net](mailto:gardy3@verizon.net)



*P.S. If there is enough interest, the school has Sunday, May 25th, set aside for a **FOR MEN ONLY Sailing Class!** Call Chuck.*

**Remember to pay your 2008 Dues!**