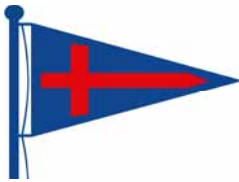


NOW HEAR THIS!



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ROCK HALL YACHT CLUB

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2008

It's Here!



Finally! Our long-awaited, much-needed deck furniture has arrived! The 10 powder-coated cast aluminum tables and 60 chairs in a bronze finish are anticipated to outlast all of us, and are said to be impervious to broiling sunshine and acid rain.



They are also heavy enough not to be blown about by high winds. If you would like to donate funds toward this purchase, we will attach a small commemorative plate to the furniture in your name. The (8) 60-in. round tables are \$400 apiece, and the (2) 72-in. rectangular tables are \$420 ea. The (60) dining armchairs are \$99 ea. As this furniture represents a *considerable* investment for RHYC, we would be deeply grateful for all donations.



Annual Spring Clean-Up Day!



Saturday, April 26th

9 a.m. on...

FREE LUNCH!



Hard to believe, but the ravages of winter are finished, and now it's time to get ready for the lazy hazy days of summer. There is much to do this year, *not the least of which is assembling all of the above-mentioned furniture.*

Please — WE NEED YOU!

There is a job for each person, and squadrons of people are needed this year. Please bring your own power tools, hand tools, garden implements, pick-up trucks, ropes, block-and-tackle, paint brushes, buckets, scrub brushes, ladders. It's usually a great day — with lots of good cheer and camaraderie — and a free lunch, to boot.





The Future Is Here!
*On-Line Regatta
 Registration
 Comes to RHYC*

We are ready to rock and roll, Folks! On-Line Regatta Registration is only a click away. Please note:

ALL REGATTA PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUESTED TO REGISTER IN ADVANCE!

RHYC has made the decision to join with other clubs in on-line regatta registration. This system makes the regatta process easier and more cost-effective for all clubs and sailors. This is how you do it:

1. Go to:
<http://rhycsailingschool.org/onlinereg.htm>

2. Find the regatta you'd like to register for & click "Register Online" for that regatta

3. Review the regatta info, fill out the registration form, enter your payment method, and checkout.

You can see who else has registered by using the "List" link under the Registrants column.

MAIL- IN REGISTRATION

As an alternative, you may download the forms, fill them out, and mail with your payment to RHYC, PO Box 317, Rock Hall, MD 21661. All mail-in registration and payment must be received at the club seven days prior to the regatta.

In the event that you decide to cancel, there will be no refunds within the seven days prior to the regatta.

Please be aware that there are mandatory deadlines. If you choose to register as a "walk-in," you will be required to pay a surcharge.

Thank you for helping RHYC to move forward with technology, adhere to a budget, and purchase the food and supplies to make our regatta events a success.

Manager's E-Mail Address
 The correct e-mail address for RHYC Club Manager, Bill Nagle,
 is:

manager.rhyc@baybroadband.net

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

FOR WOMEN ONLY

Sailing Class

Sat., May 24th

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

\$60 per person

Sorry! Class is filled, and a 'Wait List' is now being put together. If you are still interested, you may participate in the Men's Class on Sunday, the 25th. See below.

Please contact Denise Tontarski

410-778-8466

FOR MEN ONLY!

*If there is enough interest, the school has Sunday, May 25th, set aside for a FOR MEN ONLY Sailing Class!
 Call Chuck - 410-778-4560.*



*What To Do With
 The Kids This Summer?*

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

~ or ~ contact Chuck Parry at

410-778-4560 or gardy3@verizon.net



Local Knowledge *Approaching RHYC*

Late in the season last year, we lost our long-time green ball marking the entrance to the RHYC harbor. Taking advantage of the opportunity, RHYC solicited a few donations to purchase taller and much more visible buoys so that the channel can be spotted more easily by day and night. (The buoys are marked with red and green reflective tape, respectively, so they can be seen quite easily with a spotlight at night.) Our thanks to contributors Bob Emling, Dyer Harris, George and Tory Jones, Chip Lieber, and Scott and Connie Ranney who helped to fund the purchase of the new green buoy — and to Jonathan Jones at Haven Harbor Marina who came up with a red nun that is a close match. Also, thanks to Chuck Parry and Ron Mansfield for their installation expertise. Now, when you are approaching RHYC by water, remember there is generally 6 feet of water between these two buoys. To stay in deep water, keep your boat aligned in the middle of the two buoys, and aim straight for the end of the club pier. As you approach the pier, you can hang a left into the mooring field, which has a depth of approximately 6 feet at mean low water.

CLASSIFIEDS

Members' Chandlery Corner

Have a boat or a boat-related item you want to sell? You may advertise here for \$10 for three lines per monthly edition. If you wish to include a photograph, the price is \$20.

Postings for crew are FREE.

All advertising subject to the approval and discretion of the editor and the Board of Directors.

This service is for RHYC Members Only!

Call Linda Parry at 410-778-4560 or e-mail her at gagirl7@verizon.net



Commodore's Corner

Boating Opportunities

No matter what your interest is -- racing, cruising, curious about sailing, motor boating, fishing, just enjoying the marine scene -- there is something there for you. It's our yacht club mission.

If you are a dinghy racer you know what to do.

If you want get into racing, you can usually connect with someone who needs a crew for the day, especially in our Club Racing events. There are five this season. We are planning to create a "crew available" list to help you find a slot.

If you just want to try sailing, come out Sundays. Not everyone races, and people with boats usually love to take someone for a sail. Just ask. A great option is taking lessons. Contact Chuck Parry at our Sailing School.

A critical part of the club's racing activity is running the races. An entity called the Race Committee does this, and functionally it requires several people and several motor boats. Participating does not require knowing what to do -- the person in charge will tell you. A number of club members have completed the USSailing Race Management course.

Being a part of the Committee gets you really close to the racing action. You can enjoy being on the water, providing a helping hand as required, and otherwise having a grandstand seat. If you are interested, but were not sure what saying so would get you into, call and tell us, now that you know all are welcome. The learning curve is not steep.

I mentioned fishing? How can that relate? Well, a good racing day from the Race Committee's point of view is one where there is not much for the mark boats to do (no wind shifts to adjust the course for, no capsizes to assist with, etc.). Last year some of our mark boat crews were observed fishing during slow moments. Beau Santa Maria once caught a fine rockfish near the jibe mark. Another time John Macieleg and his merry crew ran crab traps along the Nichols Point bar while waiting for wind to pick up. The Racing Rules of Sailing 2004-2008 say nothing about this, so there were no protests.

The schedule for our club racing and sailing events is on our website, and also the bulletin board in the Lounge. Check it out.

Dyer Harris

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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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MAY 2008 Events (Circle the dates)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Kentucky Derby
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Regatta RHYC Opening Day
11 Mother's Day	12	13	14 Board of Directors	15	16	17 Regatta Albacore North American
18 Regatta Albacore North American	19	20	21	22	23	24 FOR WOMEN ONLY Tea Party in Chestertown
25 FOR MEN ONLY	26 Club Racing & Family BBQ Memorial Day	27	28	29	30 CLUB RENTAL	31

Welcome Aboard
New Members!

Christine and Herman Hill
from Rock Hall.

Mary Frances Schubert and Michael Patterson and children
from West Chester, PA.

And Welcome Back to **Gail and Dorsey Owings.**