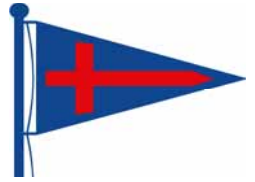


NOW HEAR THIS!



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ROCK HALL YACHT CLUB

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2008

Small Boat Water Festival & Family Water Games Sat. – Aug. 2nd at 1 p.m.



What's a Wench Race?
What's a funnelator?
How fast can you row—or paddle?
Join us to find out!

Water Games and Surprises and
Prizes Galore

Please come — bring the family,
And be ready for an afternoon of
good, clean, hilarious fun!

Everyone should wear a lifejacket —
and prepare to GET WET!

We'll start at 1 o'clock at
the waterfront and go
until the games end.



"Now Hear This!" the RHYC Newsletter and Calendar of Events, are posted monthly on the official Rock Hall Yacht Club website at www.rockhallyachtclub.org Please use the on-line version of the Newsletter and Calendar to quick-check menus for dinner, dates for an upcoming event, and/or to remind you of what's current at our club.



Club Sailboat Racing Sunday, Aug. 3 1 p.m. Start

Followed by a Family Barbecue

Have some fun racing at RHYC. No experience necessary. All levels of sailing ability welcome. This is not "serious" racing, but it's racing, nevertheless, with a starting gun, a race course, marks, chase boats, etc. And lots of laughs! We finish up with a great Family Barbecue at the Pavilion. **Please make reservations for the barbecue** — \$12 for adults, \$6 for kids thru age 11 and \$8 for Tweens from 12—16 . Call the club to make your reservation—410-639-2182. Note: **NO SMALL PLATE SERVICE!**

RHYC Goes À la Carte!

(See Page 3 for details)

Has Your Boat Had Puppies?

ATTENTION ALL SMALL BOAT OWNERS !

If you have a kayak, canoe, or a boat less than 16 feet in length stored at the club, please be aware that you are not entitled to free storage. There are currently 15 kayaks and canoes and a total of 34 boats under 16 feet in length on the grounds. Out of this number, only 5 kayaks & canoes have paid, and of the small boats, only 17 are paid to date.

If your boat storage has not been paid, please do so ASAP, or the club will be forced to take action. Please call Ron Mansfield (410-271-1577) to settle your account. If your boat storage fees are not paid, you will not be considered a member in good standing.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

The Waterfront Committee

Thank You!

The Down River Race on June 20 was a grand success, with favorable winds and weather and a great turnout of sailors.

Many, many thanks go to the volunteers who made the racing come off like clockwork -

Principal Race Officer: Chip Lieber

Race Committee: Mike Macielag

Registration: Maryann Ruehrmund and friend Deb Lauser and her niece, Hailey, and her girlfriend Alyssa.

Chase/Safety Boats: Lee Urbani and his friend, Tom Rich, and RHYC chef George Davidson, who is a licensed boat captain.

Pre-race documents: Connie Ranney, Lee Urbani and Chip Lieber

We also sent thanks to the Chester River Yacht & Country Club for use of their facilities Thursday evening, for use of their pier and waterfront to start the race on Friday morning, and for permitting various sailors to hang out at their waterfront overnight.

Full race results can be found on our website: www.RockHallYachtClub.org

Summer One-Design Kudos

RHYC's Annual One-Design Regatta kicked off on the morning of June 21st, the very next day after the Down River Race. With 74 Boats registered, this event is the cornerstone for summer racing activity at RHYC. Help from many people is required to put on a two-day event such as this one, and our thanks go out to **John Macielag, Lainey White, visitor Tom Rich, Donna Murphey-Donovan, Max and Maryann Ruehrmund, Tom Noble, Jim and Bernie Nealis, Lee and Dawn Urbani, Peter Urbani, Connie Ranney, Carla Martin-Gerber, Chip Lieber, Tom Tontarski, Diana Dunbar, Seth and Will Powell and Carol Niemand.** Our thanks, also, to **Linda Parry and Sally Powell,** for their on-land help, when the dinner reservations soared from 145 to 205 in the space of 20 minutes on Saturday morning! And hats off to chef **George Davidson and our bar and wait staff** for their flexibility and creativity when faced with monumental increases in the number of bodies to be fed. Complete race results are on our website:

www.RockHallYachtClub.org

Junior One-Design A Super Event!

A **huge** thank you to all of you who helped make our RHYC Junior Regatta on June 27 a complete success!

Registration: Beth Ostrander, Denise Tontarski, Carol Ingersoll, Lainey White, Jack Lennon, Louise & Dave Shearer, Connie Ranney, and more...

Race Committee:

John Macielag & Patty & Noah Macielag, Donna Donovan, Ron Mansfield, Chip Lieber, Jack Lennon, Carol Ingersoll, Chuck Parry, Connie Ranney, Beth & John Ostrander, Lainey White, Bob Emling, Lee Urbani, and more...

Post-Race Committee:

Melissa McGlynn, RHYC staff, "Chef Tony" & Gina Bosworth, Jim & Kate Stickley, and more....

We had 49 boats, 52 sailors, ran 18 total races under partly sunny skies with variable winds. Competitors came from RHYC, Tred Avon, Miles River, Severn Sailing, Baltimore County, GSA, and other clubs around the bay. Results are posted at

www.RockHallYachtClub.org

We couldn't have done it without you - and the kids had a great time - which is the biggest reward to us all. (And we were very, very proud of all of our RHYC sailors!)

THANKS AGAIN!

Connie Ranney
RHYCSS Vice President

AND THEN THERE WAS....



The Great Cookie Caper!

A "P.S." to the final events of the Jr. One-Design Regatta.....Our food purveyor sent us cookie dough (duh!) instead of the cookies we'd ordered, so Bartender Melissa McGlynn and member Carol Ingersoll got busy in the kitchen, cranking out pan after pan of warm-from-the-oven home-baked cookies for all the hungry competitors. How's that for a special treat for our Junior sailors? (And grown-up sailors, don't get any ideas!)

Very special thanks to Melissa and Carol.

RHYC's new official website address is:

www.rockhallyachtclub.org

À la Carte On RHYC's Menu

We've decided the time has come — and it's been working pretty well on an experimental basis. We've gone À la Carte in the RHYC dining room!

You will notice that except for special events, such as regattas or theme dinners, we will no longer be publishing weekly menus. We're now featuring monthly À la Carte menus. (See the menu page for what's coming.)

Here's how it works: Call the club for reservations for Sat. night by noon on Friday. You should indicate the time you'll be there, between 5 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Then when you get to the club, you can pick and choose from the menu. You'll have a waiter or waitress who will take your order at tableside.

When the time comes for settling up, please take your bill to the cashier at the bar ... And please remember your server when leaving. His/her tip can be left at the table — and a **BIG** thank you for appreciating their hard work.

Welcome Aboard New Members!

Heidi and Gibson Anthony, and sons **Wade, 6**, and **Benjamin, 4**, live in Chestertown.

Tom Bliss and Lei Zhou and sons **Philip, 11** and **Kevin, 10**, live in Rock Hall.

Lisa and Jack Butler, and **Alexandra, 2**, live in Royersford, PA and have a house in Rock Hall.

Roberta and George Mangos come from West Chester, PA.

Lisa and Rob Morgan, and sons **Robbie** and **Brynn** come from West Chester, PA.

Beth and Tony Rayner, and children **Paul, 6**, and **Chloe, 4**, live in Middletown, NJ, and have a house in Rock Hall.

Nora and John Carey, RHYC neighbors on McKinleyville Road.



Commodore's Corner This Old House

KEEPING THE HOUSE UP

Last month I described the club as a small business with the financial challenges that entails. At the same time the club is like a big family, crowded into a small house. Continuous maintenance is required. Our clubhouse has a unique history and heritage, which adds to the challenges. Here are some technical things about the facility that are perhaps of interest.

It is not clear just how old the core structure is. Certainly older than the 71 years that it has been the RHYC headquarters. If one goes upstairs past the manager's office and into the attic spaces you will see old timbers, milled full size and other evidences of another time. The core structure is that part under the peaked roof, essentially the foyer, kitchen and bar area, and the small rooms just above on the second floor. At some point a porch was enclosed to form the current dining room (oops, no insulation in the ceiling above). The lounge area and interior rest rooms were added later, as well as kitchen modernization. Most recently the new exterior shower, restroom facilities, and deck extension were built as part of the pool project.

At each step commensurate utilities were added electrical, heating, air conditioning, and plumbing, each in accordance with the applicable codes and standards at the time of construction. This means that maintenance of these facilities is interesting. The evening last month of the Lobster Dinner, one of the duplex receptacles (=wall plug) in the dining room began to smoke, yet nothing was plugged into it. The Fire Department came, made sure it was just the receptacle and not wood structure overheating, all adding to the evening's entertainment. Replacing the receptacle solved the problem. Putting on my hat as a Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator, that really does not solve it. In CF EI lingo the Point of Origin was identified, but the Cause was not. I believe I know, but have not proved it yet. The lesson here is, our old house is fragile. Don't push its systems to the limit.

The clubhouse is air conditioned, thank goodness, but just barely. It has two large and noisy through-the-wall units in the lounge and dining room. The kitchen and bar areas, recently extended to the office and children's room upstairs, are cooled by a five ton split system unit, whose coil and fan are hidden in an attic crawl space. It would appear that the roof was removed to install it, then re-roofed, probably at the time the kitchen was upgraded. The gods be with us when the evil day comes to replace it. Another roof job will be required. The ductwork upstairs also seems to extend to the restrooms. However, it only appears to do so. For some reason that ducting was not completed and now cannot be without removing the roof to get at it. You can help by keeping the sliding doors to the deck closed as much as possible in the summertime.

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This Old House (Continued from Page 3)

Our water comes from a deep well. It is filtered thoroughly before use in the kitchen and bar. However, the new showers, the taps at the pier, and the swimming pool make-up also draw from the same well. Occasions of high use, or as has happened, a water line breakdown on the pier, draws the well down temporarily so that the bar has no water, nor do the showers, nor the commodes. One more system that is near its limits.

So our honey-do list is long, all the time. Who are the honeys? That is easy to answer: they are us, the members. The better question is, Where are the honeys? We have a big and diverse membership with lots of skills. If you can contribute hands or advice to help with any of the situations mentioned above, talk to me.

Dyer Harris

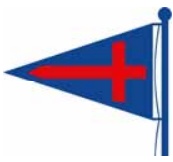
September 2008 Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Club Racing & Family BBQ LABOR DAY	2	3	4	5	6 Davis Creek at RHYC
7	8	9 Board of Directors 7 p.m.	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 1st Day of Fall	23	24	25	26	27 Hobie Cat District Regatta & Hard Rock Laser Masters
28 Hobie Cat District Regatta	29	30	31			



Rock Hall Yacht Club Flag Officers 2008

Commodore	Dyer Harris
Vice Commodore	Lee Urbani
Rear Commodore	Seth Powell
Secretary	Julie Anderson
Treasurer	Fred Welsh



August 2008



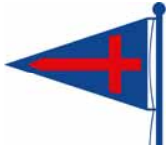
Call the club to make dinner reservations for Sat. nights and Family BBQ by noon the day before:

410-639-2182 Or E-mail: manager.rhyc@baybroadband.net

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday – August 2nd – 1 p.m. Small-Boat Water Festival and Family Water Games! Old-Fashioned WET fun for all ages! See Newsletter for details.</p>						<p>1 Bar Opens at Noon Light Lunch until 2 p.m. Small Plate Service 5 - 9 p.m.</p>
<p>3 Bar Opens at Noon Club Racing 1 p.m. SHARP Followed by Family Barbecue at Pavilion <u>Reservations Required!</u></p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Bar Opens at Noon Light Lunch until 2 p.m. Grill Night 6 p.m.</p>	<p>7 Bar Opens at Noon Light Lunch until 2 p.m. Small Plate Service 5 - 9 p.m.</p>	<p>8 Bar Opens at Noon Light Lunch until 2 p.m. Final Sailing School BBQ Friday Night Racers 7 p.m. Small Plate Service 5 - 9 p.m.</p>	<p>9 Bar Opens at Noon Light Lunch until 2 p.m. Private Party 1 - 6:30 p.m. A la Carte Dinner 5 - 8:30 p.m.</p>
<p>10 Bar Opens at Noon Light Lunch until 2 p.m. Small Plate Service 5 - 8 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Bar Opens at Noon Light Lunch until 2 p.m. Grill Night 6 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting 7 p.m.</p>	<p>14 Bar Opens at Noon Light Lunch until 2 p.m. Small Plate Service 5 - 9 p.m.</p>	<p>15 Bar Opens at Noon Light Lunch until 2 p.m. Small Plate Service 5 - 9 p.m.</p>	<p>16 Bar Opens at Noon Light Lunch until 2 p.m. A la Carte Dinner 5 - 8:30 p.m.</p>
<p>17 Bar Opens at Noon Light Lunch until 2 p.m. Small Plate Service 5 - 8 p.m.</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 Aug. 22nd POT-LUCK At The Pavilion! Grills Available. Bring your own food to grill</p>	<p>20 Bar Opens at Noon Light Lunch until 2 p.m. Grill Night 6 p.m.</p>	<p>21 Bar Opens at Noon Light Lunch until 2 p.m. Small Plate Service 5 - 9 p.m.</p>	<p>22 Bar Opens at Noon Light Lunch until 2 p.m. NO SMALL PLATE Private Party Rental</p>	<p>23 Bar Opens at Noon Light Lunch until 2 p.m. A la Carte Dinner 5 - 8:30 p.m.</p>
<p>24 Bar Opens at Noon Light Lunch until 2 p.m. Small Plate Service 5 - 8 p.m.</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 and bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Reservations not necessary. 5:30–8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>27 Bar Opens at Noon Light Lunch until 2 p.m. Final 2008 Grill Night 6 p.m.</p>	<p>28 Bar Opens at Noon Light Lunch until 2 p.m. Small Plate Service 5 - 9 p.m.</p>	<p>29 Bar Opens at Noon Light Lunch until 2 p.m. Small Plate Service 5 - 9 p.m.</p>	<p>30 Bar Opens at Noon Light Lunch until 2 p.m. A la Carte Dinner 5 - 8:30 p.m.</p>
<p>31 Ditto</p>						

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August Menus



Make your reservations by noon the day before dinner and other food events with a call or e-mail to RHYC – 410-639-2182 or manager.rhyc@baybroadband.net

SATURDAY NIGHT DINNERS

Saturday, Aug. 2nd
Saturday, Aug. 9th
Saturday, Aug. 16th
Saturday, Aug. 23rd
Saturday, Aug. 30th
5 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Reservations Preferred by noon on the day before the dinner.

NEW RESERVATION POLICY

Please note that our policy has changed. If you arrive for a reservation-required special event dinner without a reservation, a \$5 surcharge, per dinner, will be added to your bill. Showing up without a reservation is not fair to those who DO make reservations, and is not manageable for our Food Services. We make every possible effort to notify you of reservation-required dinners through weekly e-mails and the monthly newsletter. The newsletter is also available on our website:

www.rockhallyachtclub.org

Please read all of the important information in the newsletter!

À la Carte Menu for August Saturday Nights

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we regret the À la Carte Menu was not ready at press time.

Please watch for your weekly “What’s Happening” e-mail, or check the newsletter at our website:

www.rockhallyachtclub.org

Remember — reservations are REQUIRED for all special events, such as Regatta Dinners and the Family Barbecue after Club Racing!

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

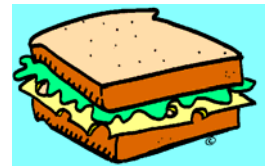
All dinners are served À la Carte, unless otherwise noted.

“Kids Meal” Available on the menu

Please order through your server. Please pay at the Bar for your dinner.

Bar & Lunches

Don’t forget!



The Bar is open daily

Wed.— Sun.

for the month of August.

Come take a dip and have a sandwich along with something cool to drink!

Bar hours

Noon to

9 p.m.

Closing at

8 p.m.

on Sundays