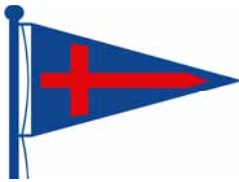


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ROCK HALL YACHT CLUB

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2008



Club Sailboat Racing Monday, Sept. 1st LABOR DAY! 1 p.m. Start

Followed by a Family Barbecue*

Salute the end of the summer season with 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!**

*** RESERVATIONS REQUIRED IN ADVANCE BY NOON ON AUG. 31st!!!**



(Photo courtesy of Denise Tontarski)

Read about the Family Water Games
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WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS!

Sharon and John Fee, from Newtown, PA,
have a house on Tolchester Rd, Rock Hall.

Sandra and Frank Garlinski,
from Thorndale, PA.

RHYC Regattas! Hobie Cat Districts Sept. 27th & 28th



AND

**Please come
and lend us
a hand!**



Hard Rock Hall Laser Masters Sept. 27th

ATTENTION SMALL BOAT OWNERS!

Thank you to the few people who have called to settle your storage accounts. For the rest....all small boats that we cannot identify will be moved to the center of the parking lot for disposal. If you no longer want the boat, call me to identify it. If it is use-able, make your boat a tax-deductible donation to the sailing school for member use on club sailing days. Please cooperate with us. Paying members should not be asked to subsidize non-paying members.

The Waterfront Committee

Ron Mansfield
(410-271-1577)

Lightning ACCs A Great Success

A year in the works, our first-time hosting of the Lightning Atlantic Coast Championships came off without a hitch, with 37 boats from the eastern U.S. and Colorado.

Major kudos to regatta chairman, Chuck Parry, and Race Committee Chairman, Lee Urbani, who put together a hard-working team of volunteers.

Behind the scenes, Sally Powell and the kitchen crew pulled off a miracle. Our chef had a family emergency in Wisconsin on Friday night, so Sally mustered the troops - and our delightful bartender, Jenn Cipala, (who is a daytime catering director at Washington College), put all the pieces together and produced delicious food to accompany Jimmy Smith's Shore Pit Beef for 178 people. Our heartfelt thanks to Sally and to Jenn - and to Dave Van Veen (our Small Plates cook), his son, Ralph, and member Diana Georgeson, (who also put out the breakfasts for the sailors at 7 o'clock each morning), for their tireless work in the kitchen - and thanks to our wait staff, who made the serving process absolutely seamless.

Sunday morning, Commodore Dyer Harris and member Linda Parry were seen working shoulder-to-shoulder, cleaning bathrooms, hosing and scrubbing the pavilion floor, straightening furniture, and emptying trash barrels.

Race Committee volunteers rendered yeoman's service, giving the Lightning sailors a memorable weekend on the water. At the Registration Desk were Maryann and Max Ruehrmund, Denise Tontarski, Jack Lennon, Dave Shearer, Dawn Urbani, Connie Ranney, and Carrie Anderson of Gratitude Yachting.

The Weather Boat was manned by Skipper Tom Tontarski and his crew, Lance Williams. The Gate Boat was skippered on Saturday by Joe Manley and his sons, Eric and David. Sunday's Gate Boat was skippered by Seth Powell along with crew Tom Fulton. The Pin Boat was skippered by Chip Lieber, with son Emory and Will Powell as crew. The Finish Boat was skippered by Connie Ranney and crew Scott Ranney and Devon Wrapp. Carol Niemand joined the crew on Sunday. Connie Ranney served as head scorekeeper for the weekend.

The Race Committee Boat was skippered by Jim Nealis with his crew, Bernie Nealis, Don L'Tainen and Denise Tontarski.

And many thanks to our PRO, (Principal Race Officer), Bobby Frey, and Chief Judge, Jack Lynch, of the Annapolis YC.

Members Annette May and Don L'Tainen graciously hosted visiting sailors in their guest rooms.

Vice Commodore Lee Urbani commented afterward, "Not counting our paid staff, we had 29 jobs that needed to get done. That is a huge effort for the Rock Hall Yacht Club to take on, and I cannot thank everyone enough. There was no way this could have been done without everyone who helped."

Results and fabulous pictures can be found at our website: www.rockhallyachtclub.org

STOCKHOLDER ALERT

Ahoy, members and stockholders!

The clock is ticking! In just a few weeks, we will be sending out proxies for the annual stockholders meeting on Nov. 16th! If you wish to purchase stock (single members may purchase one share; family members may purchase two), please take action immediately! Make your check payable to RHYC, and in the memo area, please indicate it is for a stock purchase. Then mail it to the Club (to the attention of Fred Welsh) along with the name(s) in which the stock should be titled and a mailing address to which the certificate should be sent!

The Club's By-Laws state that the Club has the first right of refusal to buy your stock back. It cannot be sold privately unless the Club cannot purchase it. If you no longer wish to own stock in the Club, please contact Maryann Ruehrmund, Stock Records Manager, by phone at (410) 639-7284 or by e-mail at

stocks@RockHallYachtClub.org

The Club will buy the stock back so that it is available for new members!

All members should have a say in what happens at the Club - but the only way for your voice to be counted is to own a share of stock!

Note: There are three stockholders for whom we do not have a valid address: **Jean G. Santa Maria; Mrs. Myrtle V./ Kendall and/or George L. Kendall; Rosealma and Dennis Roderick.** If we are unable to reach these people again this year, their shares will be turned over to the State of Maryland, unclaimed property division. So, if you know how to reach them, please contact Maryann immediately!

Lastly, if you have moved since last October 31, please contact me with your new mailing address so that your materials can be sent to you on time!

Maryann Ruehrmund
Stock Records Manager

Fun Was Had By All

Although lightly attended, the Small Boat and Family Water Games event on Aug. 2nd was a lot of fun for those who were there. There was GREAT interest in '72 Olympian Jack Brosius' racing kayaks and outrigger canoe, and many people tried unsuccessfully to have a try at the kayaks, virtually impossible to keep upright. The lightest one weighed 22 lbs. - kayak, that is, not person. Jack had a ball, particularly with the kids, and loves demonstrating and teaching everyone about the kayaks.



1972 Kayak Olympian, Jack Brosius, gave Lindsey Powell, 5, a kayaking lesson while big sister, Abby, 6, looked on. (Photo courtesy of Sally Powell)

Brothers Riley and Joseph Lieber, last to leave the beach and first to finish, won the kids' Treasure Hunt in Optis, shortened for lack of wind. (Frustrated, Abby Powell was threatening to get out and *walk!*)

The combined Wench Race and Treasure Hunt in 420s for the adults, featured Dave Teel as a fetching "wench," in basic black and pearls, and was won by Amy Manley with crew Chuck Parry ~ although the Grand Prize was awarded to a friend of the Manleys, Jessica ??, and crew Joe Manley. (Grudge match next year.) ☺ Chip and Jennifer Lieber did a dynamite job of putting the adult Treasure Hunt together. The worst line squall of the summer boiled up just as all the boats and equipment were stowed.

Many thanks to all who attended, and those who helped out ~ particularly Chuck Parry, who supervised all the rigging and de-rigging of the boats used for the afternoon.

More pictures at www.rockhallyachtclub.org

From Our New Manager, John Conley

Just a few weeks ago I got to experience something I haven't felt in many years. It was that "first day back-to-school" feeling you may remember from your youth. Except this time the school was a clubhouse, and the other kids were mostly grown up. I've noticed that they still like to have fun, though.

Since that first day, I've tried to meet as many of you as possible but I'm far from being on a first-name basis with all of you. Hopefully, that will change soon.

I am tremendously enthusiastic about the potential of the Rock Hall Yacht Club and have read as much history as I can put my hands on. I hope to get a survey out to you soon in order to gauge your current interests and concerns. Your responses will help our Board and me plan for our future.

I am very grateful to each of the officers and Board members who have worked so hard at transitioning and bringing me up-to-speed during this peak season. Our operations may seem straightforward but, as with any enterprise, the devil is in the details. Your leadership team is not only hard-working but also extremely capable, and we owe them all a debt of gratitude.

Thank you for making my first days such an enjoyable learning experience. I am very happy to be a part of the RHYC family.

John Conley

Sparkling Water ~~~~~

We've been having a devil of a time keeping the pool water clear this summer, and the primary problem is sunscreen! Please read the directions on your bottle, can or tube of sunscreen, which states that the sunscreen should be applied 30 minutes prior to sun exposure. If you wait to slather yourself just before you take a dip in the pool, the cream, lotion or spray just slides off your skin into the pool water. Once the pool is vacated, there is a visible slick of sunscreen on top of the water. This is wreaking havoc with the filtration system - and the filters cost \$350 a pop. Our water meets all sanitation codes and standards, but we'd appreciate your help and cooperation with proper sunscreen application to keep our water sparkling. The pool will be open through the month of September.

Pat O'Connell

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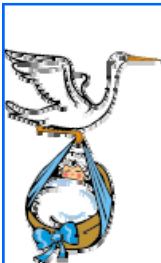
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Requiescat In Pacem

Our sympathies go out to the family and friends of member Ferdinand LaMotte, IV who died on August 4th. Donations in his memory may be made to Helping Hands, 21332 E. Sharp St., Rock Hall, MD 21661

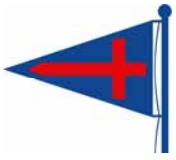
RHYC's official website address is:
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NEW LIFE
 Denise and Tom Tontarski welcomed another grandson into the world in the wee hours of August 10th. Weighing in at 9 lbs., 7 ozs., Zachary Joseph Tontarski is the first child for the Tontarskis' son, Jeff, and his wife, Colleen. Congratulations all!

October 2008 Events Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 CLUB RACING INTERGALACTIC FINALE	7	8 Board of Directors 7 p.m.	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	BOATS ON MOORINGS If you have a boat on a mooring at RHYC, please remember the deadline for having your boat off its waterfowl seasons begin on Oct. 11th this year. Forewarned is forearmed!				25	26
27					28	29



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Or E-mail: manager.rhyc@baybroadband.net

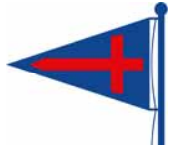
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day Club Racing 1 p.m. & Family Barbecue Afterward	2	3	4 Small Plate and Bar Service 5—9 p.m.	5 Small Plate and Bar Service 5—9 p.m.	6 Davis Creek at RHYC Small Plate and Bar Service 5—9 p.m.
7 Small Plate and Bar Service 5—8 p.m.	8	9 <i>Board of Directors</i> 7 p.m.	10	11 Small Plate and Bar Service 5—9 p.m.	12 Small Plate and Bar Service 5—9 p.m.	13 Small Plate and Bar Service 5—9 p.m.
14 Small Plate and Bar Service 5—8 p.m.	15	16	17	18 Small Plate and Bar Service 5—9 p.m.	19 Small Plate and Bar Service 5—9 p.m.	20 Small Plate and Bar Service 5—9 p.m.
21 Small Plate and Bar Service 5—8 p.m.	22 First Day of Fall 	23	24	25 Small Plate and Bar Service 5—9 p.m.	26 Small Plate and Bar Service 5—9 p.m.	27 Hobie Cat District Regatta & Hard Rock Laser Masters Regatta Dinner 6:30 p.m.
28 Hobie Cat District Regatta Small Plate and Bar Service 5—8 p.m.	29	30				

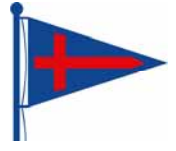
← Reservations required for BBQ!!

Please make dinner reservations!

Rock Hall Fall Fest
10 a.m.—5 p.m.



September Menus*



NOTICE

Until further notice, RHYC will provide ONLY Small-Plate service on Thursday thru Sunday evenings. We are in the process of trying to hire a *dependable* chef, and we appreciate your understanding.

(And we send HUGE thanks to John Keller for filling in when he can!)

No reservations required — and food service will be provided from 5 to 9 p.m., except for Sundays, when we close at 8 p.m.

Please ask at the bar for the Small-Plate Menu* and inquire about our weekly Specials.

Keep watching your weekly E-mail for news of a new chef.

There will be a regatta dinner on Sept. 27th, for which reservations will be necessary. Make your reservations by noon the day before dinner with a call or e-mail to RHYC – 410-639-2182 or manager.rhyc@baybroadband.net

***Menus**

**Subject To Change Without Notice,
depending on market availability of food items.**