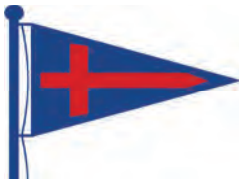




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ROCK HALL YACHT CLUB

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2010



## Commodore's Corner

Sailing season is upon us, and here at RHYC it is exploding! As many of you know we have been asked to provide the venue and Race Committee for many very serious national events and it is no different this year. But I wanted to talk a little about our own club sailing events for a moment.

Some of my fondest memories as a kid growing up in NJ, and spending time at the "family house" in Guilford Park, was learning to sail and race sailboats. Those little club regattas seemed to me, a 10 year-old, as if the world was watching. I have a great Dad, but he thought it was a silly pursuit and a rich kid's sport, a game for the well-to-do, as it were. I may not have been able to articulate it but I knew differently. Club sailing was an eye-opener. I remember feeling as if I had walked through the looking-glass. What a window on the world - a self confidence builder and above all, it was great fun.

With that in mind I want you all to know, Club sailing is open to every member of this YC, and it is still a fun thing to do. Sure there are some of us (and we all know who we are) that treat any day sailing as if it were the America's Cup. We also all know that there is plenty of space in our part of the river for a couple of one-designers (or three or four) to go after one another. But that is not what Club Sailing Regattas are all about.

Club sailing is all about fun, learning, tweaking your boat, and yourself to become a better, safer sailor. It is just a good old fashioned great time being out on the water with friends, sailing a boat and enjoying the sun and water; isn't it? Learning the rules of the road and the Racing Rules of Sailing in a low-risk, no-lose situation can be a very rewarding experience. You will gain some knowledge you may carry forever; not a bad deal, right? Learning what you and a boat can and cannot do may save the day when the weather pipes up or you just want to get back to the dock quicker. Makes sense, doesn't it?

Where else can you get all of this for the price of your Club membership and have a little Corinthian experience, too? In my way of thinking, it is not always about the winning, but it is always about the experience. So, come on out, get your bottom wet and do some club regatta sailing. You may be surprised at how much fun it will be and how good that first beer tastes when you get back after a day on the water.

We were reviewing the performance of the food service at the YC and we find it is performing OK, but not great. The issue is the lack of advance notice of attendance at events or special dinners at the Club. Dan has scrambled to make sure everyone who shows up is seated and served. That, as you may imagine, has caused us to over-buy food and some of that food goes bad before it can be served. This is a very costly problem. Of course, everyone is welcome to come to any and all events, but please let Dan know that you will be there so we can plan the food purchases better, keeping the per-meal cost reasonable and the quality high. See you at the club.

*Lee Urbani*

**1st Club Race ~ Sunday ~ May 30th!**

## Down River Race June 11th

Come one, Come all! On Friday June 11<sup>th</sup>, Rock Hall Yacht Club is sponsoring the running of the **73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Down River Race**. The race starts off at the waterfront of the Chester River Yacht & Country Club (thank you once again to the kind folks at CRY&CC) and follows the Chester River down for the finish at the mouth of Langford Bay near the entrance to Rock Hall Yacht Club. Any sailor with a boat or any vessel with a form of hull and a sail big or small can participate. For some this event has been a grueling rivalry with a serious effort to out-sail and outsmart the competition. For others, it is a wonderful day cruising one of the most scenic rivers on the Chesapeake Bay. No racing experience is needed, just a desire to spend the day on the water. After the finish, all are invited to join at the Log Canoe Lounge for a drink and some sea stories.

For information please check out the RHYC website and the Notice of Race at this link: <http://www.rockhallyachtclub.org/files/2010DownRiverNOR.pdf>

Online registration can be done by clicking this link: [https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_registration\\_form.php?regatta\\_id=2897](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=2897) or you can register before the race on shore at the start.

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## Down River Race

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For those who would like to spend the day on the water but don't want to get all hung up in strings and knots, we are also looking for folks in power boats to follow the fleet as safety boats. Again, no regatta experience is necessary. We just want to make sure there are a good number of power boats mixed in with the fleet to assist any vessel that may come into any sort of trouble. If you can offer your boat and/ or your time for the day, we would be happy for your help. Please contact Chip Lieber at [chip@pineygrovecellars.com](mailto:chip@pineygrovecellars.com) or by phone at 410 708-5408.

## Annual One-Design Invitational Regatta!

June 12 ~13

Check our website for details  
[www.rockhallyachtclub.org](http://www.rockhallyachtclub.org)

2nd Club Race ~ Sunday ~  
June 20th!

## Calling all Sailors and Boaters!

(Young and not so young)

The Grounds & Shoreline Committee needs your help at the **Junior Olympics**. (July 9-11). Don't miss this weekend of fun activities. RHYC is expecting as many as 300 competitors on the water from all over the region and we are looking for folks (young and old) who can help to keep competitors moving at the shoreline. If you can help out for one day or even more during this event please contact Richard Sheldon at [richard.sheldon@aya.yale.edu](mailto:richard.sheldon@aya.yale.edu) This is going to be a fantastic event, but we do need your help.

**Volunteers!**



## Welcome Aboard New Members!

**Eloise Hudson and daughter Diana** Reside in Severna Park, MD. Interested in sailing, motor boating, canoeing, crabbing, fishing & social activities. Committee interests include: Race Committee, Membership, PR and Fundraising events.

**Buzz & Betsy Wilson** – Reside in Abington, PA and have a home in Rock Hall. Have 34' power workboat. Committee interests include: waterfront/pool and dining room/lounge for both. They were previous members back in the late 90's.

**John & Hope Kilgannon** Reside in Collingswood, NJ, and have a home in Rock Hall. 2 children Aidan & Elle. Have a 19' Daysailer. Interested in taking sailing lessons on their boat.

**Rodney & Durelle Lester** Reside in Washington, DC, with a residence in Rock Hall. They were former members of Cruising Yacht Club of Australia. Talents offered to share – financial.

**John & Jane Richman** Reside in Chestertown have a 19' Typhoon. They have 40+ years with boat ownership and sailing experience. Enjoy social activities with other boaters and Yuengling on tap. Committee interests include: Club racing, waterfront/pool, social committee, PR Communications. Other talents include woodworking skills, event planning and desktop publishing.






**David & Patty Lyon** Reside in Rock Hall. Have a 31' Pearson and 17' Boston Whaler. Committee interests include club racing/regattas and social committee.

**Roger & Catherine Strausbaugh** Reside in Green Hills, PA. Have 3 children. Boat - 16' Lund.

# ROCK HALL YACHT CLUB

# CALENDAR

# JUNE 2010

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue   | Wed  | Thu   | Fri  | Sat   |
|---|--|-------|--|---|--|---|
| 30<br>Club Racing 1 of 8<br>12p Bar Open and Lunch<br>                 | 31<br>Memorial Day                               | Jun 1 | 2  | 3<br>5p Bring an Appetizer to Share   | 4<br>5p Log Canoe Lounge Bar and Men                                       | 5<br>Belmont Stakes Party<br>5p Log Canoe Lounge - Full Menu a<br> |
| 6<br>12p Bar Open and Lunch   | 7  | 8     | 9<br>5p Bring an Appetizer to Share<br>7p Board of Directors Meeting           | 10  | 11<br>Down River Race<br>5p Log Canoe Lounge Bar and Men                   | 12<br>One-Design Invitational Regatta<br>One-Design Dinner  |
| 13<br>One-Design Invitational Regatta<br>12p Bar Open and Lunch   | 14<br>RHYCSS Learn-to-Sail Session 1<br>Flag Day | 15    | 16<br>5p Bring an Appetizer to Share   | 17<br>5p Log Canoe Lounge Bar and Men   | 18<br>Karaoke Night!<br>10 JO Meeting<br>5p Log Canoe Lounge - Full Menu a | 19  |
| 20<br>Club Racing 2 of 8<br>Father's Day<br>12p Bar Open and Lunch<br> | 21   | 22    | 23<br>JR One Design Regatta<br>5p Band Night<br>5p Bring an Appetizer to Share | 24<br>5p Log Canoe Lounge Bar and Men<br>5p RHYCSS BBQ<br> | 25<br>5p Log Canoe Lounge Bar and Men                                      | 26<br>Pig Roast<br>5p Log Canoe Lounge -                           |
| 27<br>12p Bar Open and Lunch  | 28<br>RHYCSS Learn-to-Sail Session 2             | 29    | 30<br>5p Bring an Appetizer to Share   | Jul 1<br>5p Log Canoe Lounge Bar and Men  | 2<br>5p Log Canoe Lounge - Full Menu a                                     | 3   |

## JULY 2010 LOOK-A-HEAD 2010

| Sun   | Mon                        | Tue                      | Wed                            | Thu  | Fri   | Sat  |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|--|
| 27<br>12p Bar Open and Lunch                    | 28<br>RHYCSS Learn-to-Sail | 29                       | 30<br>5p Bring an Appetizer to | Jul 1<br>5p Log Canoe Lounge B   | 2<br>5p Log Canoe Lounge -  | 3  |
| 4<br>Independence Day<br>12p Bar Open and Lunch | 5<br>Club Racing 3 of 8    | 6<br>9 RHYCSS Pee-Wee 1  | 7<br>9 RHYCSS Pee-Wee 1        | 8<br>9 RHYCSS Pee-Wee 1<br>5p Bring an Appetizer to<br>7p Board of Directors M | 9<br>Junior Olympic Sailing Festival - Chesapeake B<br>5p Log Canoe Lounge B<br>5p RHYCSS BBQ | 10   |
| 11<br>12p Bar Open and Lunch                    | 12<br>RHYCSS Learn-to-Sail | 13<br>9 RHYCSS Pee-Wee 2 | 14<br>9 RHYCSS Pee-Wee 2       | 15<br>9 RHYCSS Pee-Wee 2<br>5p Bring an Appetizer to                           | 16<br>5p Log Canoe Lounge B   | 17<br>Log Canoe Regatta<br>5p Log Canoe Lounge - |
| 18<br>12p Bar Open and Lunch                    | 19                         | 20<br>9 RHYCSS Pee-Wee 3 | 21<br>9 RHYCSS Pee-Wee 3       | 22<br>Opti Green Fleet Regat<br>9 RHYCSS Pee-Wee 3<br>5p Bring an Appetizer to | 23<br>5p Log Canoe Lounge B<br>5p RHYCSS BBQ  | 24<br>5p Log Canoe Lounge -                      |
| 25<br>12p Bar Open and Lunch                    | 26<br>RHYCSS Learn-to-Sail | 27                       | 28                             | 29<br>5p Bring an Appetizer to   | 30<br>5p Log Canoe Lounge B   | 31<br>5p Log Canoe Lounge -                      |

For the latest dates, times, and details of all RHYC Events, please visit the Rock Hall Yacht Club calendar online at:

<http://RockHallYachtClub.org/calendar.htm>

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