



Now Hear This!



Commodore's Corner

Happy New Year? It may seem strange as a question, but it is important to consider how you view it. Some people will be worried because the cycles of the Mayan calendar end in 2012 and this may be the end of the world as we know it (or other similar issues). I choose to anticipate the start of a new year based on the many exciting possibilities for moving forward.

This is how RHYC is approaching the new year. The Board is holding a planning session in early January, separate from their regular monthly meeting, to explore programs and directions that the club could pursue. If you have any suggestions, please contact a Board member or send me an email so that we can include your input.

The Board has already made one decision that was approved at the stockholders meeting to cover the operating deficits of recent years. This decision will affect all of us in the form of a dues increase. The details will be included in the notices to be mailed to you in the near future. This change will help us manage our budget while allowing us to maintain reserve funds (rather than using reserves to absorb losses).

Our Board will also discuss the apparent gap that exists between members and stockholders because many members have elected not to purchase stock in the club. Stock is available and buying a share allows you to participate as an owner as well as a member of your club. We are also working to encourage stockholders who are not currently members to rejoin so that RHYC can move forward as a cohesive unit.

The Board will report to the membership on the state of the club and on any initiatives that have come from our planning session at a meeting in the spring.

An active schedule of events is in the planning stages for the year, including the celebration of RHYC's 75th anniversary. We are seeking volunteers to assist. Please consider getting involved in any way that you can with these events.

Wishing a healthy and prosperous New Year to each and every one of you!

Joe

Membership Directory

The Membership Committee is working on a 75th Anniversary 2012 Member Directory. All members are asked to please confirm whether your contact information is correct by January 31, 2012.

Members who have businesses are encouraged to advertise in the 2012 Directory. Ads are reasonably priced at \$35 for a business card size or \$100 for a full page. All ads will be black & white. Ad reservations, materials, and payments are due to Cindy Genter by 1/31/2012 at: cindy@rockhallproperties.com

Please call Cindy with any questions: [443-480-1953](tel:443-480-1953). Advertising income will offset Directory printing costs.

Friday
Oyster Nights are Back!

Jan 13, 20, and 27

Call ahead for Reservations!

(410) 639-2182





RHYC SAILING SCHOOL 2011 RECAP

The Sailing School had a banner year in 2011! More than 107 kids enrolled in our programs, which include Pee-Wee, Learn-to-Sail, Advanced, Private and Racing Team. We partnered with the non-profit Horizons to bring a group of local 5th graders to RHYCSS for a two-day introductory sailing skills program. Another first - we awarded scholarships to four local children to learn to sail. RHYC can be proud of these contributions to our community and the sport of sailing. Our awesome staff of six: Max, Kris, Charlotte, Kate, Julia, and Lauren, combined with on-going volunteer support from Tom Lippincott, John Carey, and Scott Ranney made it all happen.

Congratulations to our Junior Sailing award winners for 2011:

Stephen Cropper was awarded the **Mr. Chuck "Pull the tiller to you!" Award**, new this year and to be presented annually to the RHYC Sailing School Junior Sailor who shows the greatest potential or improvement in sailing for the summer. This very special brass bullhorn was handcrafted by Mitch Grieb, RHYCSS Board Member since our inception in 2002.

Eamon McCoy earned the **T. Allan Stradley Award**, presented annually to the junior

advanced sailor that exhibits the greatest spirit and love of sailing.

Nate Ostrander was awarded the **James S. Troutman Award**, presented annually to the sailor with the most competitive spirit representing RHYC in Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association (CBYRA) regattas.



A very special thank you award was presented to the founders of RHYCSS, the main people involved with the incorporation of the Sailing School. We are lucky that these five people, and those who helped, had the vision in the early 2000's to establish the Sailing School: Chuck Parry, Maryann Ruehrmund, John Sirna, Lee Cowperthwait, and Mitch Grieb. Next time you are at the RHYC, take a look in the award case to see this special tribute. For 2012, we're now working on curriculum updates and staff. Boat donations and other (cash) donations really help our organization. Please let me know if you have suggestions or would like to volunteer. Looking forward to seeing you all at the 4th Annual Sailing School Spaghetti dinner on March 31 at RHYC!
- Connie rhycss@comcast.net

U.S. SAILING ONE-DAY RACE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR



OK Volunteers – here we go! We have yet to see the first signs of ice on the bay, but we are already thinking ahead to

next spring and the start of the 2012 regatta season. This one day seminar is designed for people who have some race committee experience, but newcomers are also welcome.

The seminar is sponsored by the US Sailing Race Management Committee and the Miles River Yacht Club. It will be held at Miles River Yacht Club in Saint Michaels from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm on Saturday, February 18, 2012.

Topics to be covered include: RC objectives, RC responsibilities, sailing instructions, RC jobs, RC equipment, setting the course, starting system, starting penalties, before the start, during the race,

finishing, and scoring. For more information, contact Marshall Patterson (of the Miles River Yacht Club) at marshall.patterson@gmail.com or 762-233-6337 or Scott Ranney 610-213-7396. For those interested in carpooling that day, contact Scott Ranney at sailranney@yahoo.com. Online registration is now available at: <http://www.ussailing.org/calendar/results.asp?categoryid=7>
- Scott Ranney, Vice Commodore



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jan 1 Club Closed for Holidays New Year's Day	2	3	4	5 5p Club Open	6 3p Club Open	7 9 Yoga 12p Club Open 5p Log Canoe Lounge
8 10:30 RC Laser Sail - I 12p Club Open	9	10	11	12 5p Club Open 7p Board of Directors M	13 OYSTER NIGHT 3p Club Open	14 9 Yoga 12p Club Open 5p Log Canoe Lounge
15 10:30 RC Laser Sail - I 12p Club Open	16 Martin Luther King, Jr	17	18	19 5p Club Open	20 OYSTER NIGHT 3p Club Open	21 9 Yoga 12p Club Open 5p Log Canoe Lounge
22 10:30 RC Laser Sail - I 12p Club Open	23	24	25	26 5p Club Open	27 OYSTER NIGHT 3p Club Open	28 RHYC/Mainstay Night 9 Yoga 12p Club Open
29 10:30 RC Laser Sail - I 12p Club Open	30	31	Feb 1	2 Groundhog Day 5p Club Open	3 3p Club Open	4 9 Yoga 12p Club Open 5p Log Canoe Lounge

Calendar Highlights

January 5 - RHYC re-opens

Jan 28 - RHYC-Mainstay Night - Reserve your tickets now! (see details pg. 4)

Jan 13, 20 & 28 - Friday Oyster Nights

Feb 5 - Super Bowl Party!

Feb 11 - Valentines Dinner at RHYC

March 31 - RHYC Sailing School Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser



YOGA @ RHYC

Saturdays 9:00- 10:30a.m.
Jan 7 - Feb 4
(5 week session)

- \$50.00 paid in advance
- \$15 per walk-in class

Instructor Wendy Morrison from Chesapeake Yoga and Wellness (Chestertown) will hold classes at RHYC.

Reservations and questions:

410.490.0033

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January 2012

MISSION:

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

SOCIAL NEWS: RHYC / MAINSTAY NIGHT - GET YOUR TICKETS!



Join us Saturday, January 28 for a great new tradition: **RHYC/ Mainstay Night!**


Enjoy a delicious Italian Dinner at the RHYC, then ride over to The Mainstay to hear **The Eastport Oyster Boys**. Tickets for the concert and dinner are just \$26.00. The dinner menu features Lasagna, Italian bread, Salad, and Dessert. The first 50 people to reserve tickets will get this special price. The RHYC bar opens at 5:00pm and dinner is at 6:00.

Reservations a must by Monday, January 23rd. Email social@rockhallyachtclub.org or call [410-639-2182](tel:410-639-2182). Please do not call The Mainstay.



Italian Dinner at RHYC & The Eastport Oyster Boys at The Mainstay on Saturday, Jan. 28.

SAVE THESE DATES

-  Feb. 5 - Super Bowl Party
-  Feb. 11 - Valentine Dinner

SPECIAL THANKS!!!

A huge THANK YOU to all of the people that contributed hats, gloves, mittens, and more for the needy, at the annual RHYC Holiday Party. We collected 90 items which were delivered to Rock Hall Methodist Charge to be distributed to Rock Hall residents.

