

CAYSP Capital Campaign- "Set Sail with CAYSP"

By now all members should have received the appeal letter requesting donations for a new fleet of 6 Mercury's to enhance our sail program. Your interest and financial support is essential to make sure boats are "on the water" in early June. Visit the bog site <http://caysp.blogspot.com> to see the FAQ's that will inform you of just why this effort is so important. You can post questions of your own and see those of others- truly interactive! Both the Boards of Directors, CYC and CAYSP, have given unqualified enthusiasm to seeing this happen. Adult sailing, weekend parent/child races, the Codger Cup, and, of course, CAYSP, will benefit tremendously next summer and beyond.

Join Us, won't you?

UPDATE!!...as of this writing, 10 days in to the campaign, we have raised almost \$30,000! Tremendous Thanks to those who made this happen. While 2/3 still remains, what a great start; I hope this is inspiration to others to help CAYSP reach its goal.

*Randy Whitney
Rear Commodore
President, CAYSP*

**Elaine Booker
Office**

Many yacht clubs offer reciprocity to other yacht club members. If you are traveling in 2010, and expect that you may want this privilege extended to you, please feel free to stop at the office and pick up a CYC membership card or call 236-7033 and I will mail your cards to you.

The Camden Yacht Club is a member of the *Register of American Yacht Clubs*. The *Register of American Yacht Clubs* lists yacht clubs registered with the Yachting Club of America and provides both a reciprocity guide and reference source for yachtsmen and yacht clubs.

I'd like to wish all of you joy and happiness for this upcoming holiday season and thank you wholeheartedly on behalf of the staff for your generous Christmas fund donations.

KING OF SPAIN

In an effort to encourage a more diverse club participation, I have been speaking with several club members and researching other clubs on their best events. The **pursuit races** around the country and other Maine Yacht clubs have been consistently their most popular events. I would like to change the King of Spain race to a “**pursuit style**” race format-where boats are rated in groups to start at different times. Slow boats first etc. This allows all boats to approach the finish simultaneously and should create lots of excitement and potential for additional award categories. As one who knows what it is like to roll in at the back of the fleet and miss out on all the food and the beer --I think this will be well received.

CLUB CRUISE

Aaron Henderson has again offered to help organize the cruise. The cruise is scheduled for August 6, 7 & 8th. If you have ideas for this event or have a few hours to help, please contact sailredwings@myfairpoint.net

Other items include variations of the Codger Cup; with the anticipation of the new Mercury boats, there is consideration of an adult and a family weekly race series. We really hope to see all the members involved and taking advantage of the new Mercury boats throughout the summer. It should be a lot of fun!

Micki Colquhoun Treasurer

Your club is in good financial condition. Although the number of deaths and resignations was something of a surprise this past spring, our membership rolls are at full strength thanks to the efforts of Jim Lewis and his membership committee. And despite some capital expenditures that came in higher than budgeted, our cash position is more than adequate for the club's needs going forward. The budget for 2010 anticipates a slight dues increase of \$25 which will enable us to provide slight salary increases and to have a cushion against surprises. CAYSP is also in fine shape, with cash balances adequate to the organization's needs and a conservative budget for the coming year. Many thanks, as always, to Elaine Booker for her help in providing data and answering questions and to my fellow officers for their patience and persistence with the budgeting process.

CYC Member Jim Murray brought to our attention an article from the BoatUS Seaworthy magazine entitled *A Preventable Dockside Tragedy* by Kevin Ritz. It chronicles the risks associated with the workings of AC currents in freshwater environments. Faulty shore power installations at marinas or in vessels moored at marinas can lead to fatalities to individuals who enter the water in close proximity to such currents. The article can be found at <http://www.boatus.com/seaworthy/magazine/SeaOct09.pdf> and is worthy of a read through. Thanks, Jim, for pointing out this important safety tip.

By Peter Van Alstine

CYC well represented at Caribbean 1500-A week of strong northeast winds propelled 54 sailboats in the 20th Anniversary Caribbean 1500 fleet from Hampton, VA to Tortola, BVI. In as few as six days starting November 2, the boats hugged the rhumb line and sailed on a single port tack for the entire passage.

CYC was represented by Rick and Julie Palm on their Saga 48, ALTAIR, and also by immediate Past Commodore Peter Van Alstine who crewed on his son, Peter Jr's, J44, STOLEN HOUR. ALTAIR finished fourth in Class 2 and ninth overall with an elapsed time of 169 hours, 41 minutes and corrected time of 151 hours, 25 minutes. STOLEN HOUR finished second in Class 1 and eleventh overall with an elapsed time of 171 hours, 56 minutes and corrected time of 157 hours, 26 minutes. The winning boat was BOJANGLES IV, a Gulfstar 50 Ketch, from Toronto, Canada with elapsed time of 180 hours, 10 minutes and corrected time of 136 hours, 28 minutes. This is the 5th Caribbean 1500 for the Palm's who also serve as Safety Officers for the Cruising Rally Association the sponsor and manager of the Caribbean 1500. It was Past Commodore Van Alstine's 3rd Caribbean 1500 .

STOLEN HOUR received the event's Tempest Award, emblematic of the “Spirit of the Caribbean 1500.” Skipper Peter Jr. sailed in the first (1990) Caribbean 1500 under the tutelage of his father as skipper of MB THREE. This year, the two Van Alstines returned to complete the rally with roles reversed.

The Cruising Rally Association offshore sailing rallies retain some of the competitive elements of traditional sailboat races, but offers social, educational and technological enhancements that broaden the appeal of the event to couples and families, as well as racers-both experienced and first-timers. The Cruising Rally Association, founded by veteran solo racer and sailing event organizer, Steve Black, is widely supported by a number of leading companies. These include Davenport & Company, Nanny Cay Resort and Marina, LLC, West Marine, Blue Water Sailing magazine, Switlik, OCENS, ICOM and World Cruising Club. For further information visit: www.carib1500.com.

ahead for your arrival. BYOL. With beautiful weather and harbor views, what better place to enjoy dinner! Please let me know of your interest in this new addition to our food service by e-mailing: jrwhit1@verizon.net.

Sunset Seminars are back for next year. Already committed are...**Steve Kress**, Director of the Audubon Seabird Restoration Project on the Coast of Maine (7/28). This is commonly referred to as The Puffin Project, for those of you who might have visited their office-display in Rockland. **Mark Van Baalen**, one of our members and an Associate in Earth and Planetary Sciences at Harvard University, will speak about the geology of the Maine Coast (8/11). Other speakers of equal interest are in the process of being contacted to round out the schedule.

Thanks to All. Enjoy your Holidays!

2010 TENTATIVE CALENDAR EVENTS:

May 19	The Floats go in! (Tentative date)
May 29	Floats-Are-In ~ Annual Chicken BQ
June 26	Welcome to Summer and New Members
June 21	Snack Bar Opens
June 28	CAYSP/Sailing program
begins	
July 02	Friday night BQ and dance with "The Elmore Twist Band"
July 03	Traditional 4 th Dinner
July 10	1 st King of Spain Race ~ Open Grill following
July 15	Island Party with Steel Band
July 17	PenBay Regatta and Dinner (CYC, Rockland YC and Rockport BC)
July 21	Sunset Grille and Seminar
July 22	Dinner at CYC (new!)
July 24	Lobster Bake at CYC
July 28	Sunset Grill and Seminar
July 29	Wooden Boat Race Dinner (Race Participants only)
July 30	Wooden Boat Race start off Camden
July 31- Aug 1	Camden Castine Race
Aug 04	Sunset Grille and Seminar
Aug 05	Dinner at CYC (new!)
Aug. 6, 7, 8	CYC Club Cruise ~ Details will follow
Aug 08	Commodore's Brunch
Aug 11	The Final ~ Sunset Grille and Seminar
Aug 12	Dinner at CYC (new!)
Aug 20	CAYSP/Sailing Program (Last Day)
Aug 21	CAYSP Awards Night (Sat. Night)
Aug 28	2 nd King of Spain Race and Farewell to Summer Dinner/ Dance
Aug 28	Annual CYC Meeting
Sept 04	Snack Bar Closes for the Season
Oct 02	Ham and Bean Haul Out Dinner

Marc Lorraine Fleet Captain

Hello to all. As we look forward to a beautiful and fun winter, but hopefully not too long, remember the Camden Yacht Club never sleeps.

This being my first year involved with the inner workings of the yacht club, I first must say how impressed and humbled by the dedication and hard work displayed by all who are involved in the simple goal of just trying to make this club a fun place to be. I am honored to be working with this group.

There is constant decision-making, the daily phone calls, and the relentless meeting schedule, not to mention the constant stream of e-mails. The one thought that comes to my mind is 'Why didn't they tell me before I accepted the job?' Anyway, here is the update.

CASYP

Randy Whitney is remaining to preside over CAYSP to get them through this transitional period. I have been spending time with the incredibly competent Sue Conover and Elaine Booker who have been helping me understand the wants and needs of the sailing program. Apart from being totally excited about the new boats [6 Mercury's], we feel there is only a need for minor upkeep on the standing fleet, so they should be good to go this spring.

We will be building new 420 cradles to replace the old rotten ones.

We have also added another apprentice instructor in anticipation of the turnout this year. We expect we may see an increase in requests for scholarships this coming season.

J24 Fleet

Pete Conover reports that he expects several more racing participants this coming season. We will have Rick Caroselli back as a hired race committee, as it went so well last year. If anyone would like to volunteer to learn how to run a committee boat, please get in touch with Pete Conover at peteconover@roadrunner.com or me at marclorraine@gmail.com. Training others to run the committee boat would allow us to run races without being totally dependent on Rick's schedule.

Just a reminder, the Thursday J24 series would like to include a PHRF race as well since we have the racing committee boat out there---A great way to practice skills for other club races---Let's Do This!!!

Camden/Castine Race

After last year's success, CYC will again sponsor this unique GMORA event. We will be looking for help with this exciting race. **Please** contact Pete Conover at peteconover@roadrunner.com or myself at marclorraine@gmail.com soon!

Anyone desiring to become more involved at CYC should let myself, or any other Officer, know and we will attempt to find a place for you on one of the committees.

In closing, I want to thank our Officers, Directors and all of you, the members, for your support, guidance and counsel during the opening months of my service as Commodore. I look forward to working in that capacity through the next two seasons at CYC. I wish you all A Merry Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Rob Eddy Vice Commodore

1. Thanks to Cullen and Barb
2. Projects list: Goals and Accomplishments
3. On-going goals and spring work
4. Dinghy Bailing
5. Launch Usage
6. CPR/First Aid Courses
7. Defibrillator and First Aid stations update and request

1. Since changing officer positions, I think it is fair to say we are all focusing on new and different tasks. Learning curves for us all. Both Barb and Cullen will be returning. Since September, I have been working with Cullen and Barb to identify goals and to plan ahead for the upcoming year, part of the annual budgeting process. I want to thank Barb and Cullen for providing us all with their great service! They work very hard for our membership to make this a fun and functioning place for all to enjoy. The Club has been put to bed for the winter with one coat of new paint in advance of final coverage in the spring.

2. Over the past few years, our Club has put a lot of financial resources into improvements and maintenance. We were hit with expenses for replacing the engine in Ambassador while completing two years of work on our kitchen floors and purchasing equipment to make our kitchen a desirable space to work in. The kitchen ceiling will be painted which will please food code inspectors. We will also be rebuilding the dumpster area this coming summer.

3. In April, Barb and Cullen will begin with preparation for the floats to go in and the sailing program to begin another great season. Our float connectors will be replaced to make it easier to dismantle and put back together. Due to general wear and tear, these fittings need to be replaced, so we will accomplish what we can in the given time frame and budget. We will be adding some new signage and making a small member handbook with club phone numbers, emergency numbers, contact information, parking and dock and dinghy information.

4. Dinghy bailing by our launch staff is under review. It was never included as a past service but with all the rain we experienced last summer it had an impact on launch service operations. The Club is not responsible for member's dinghies and we are going to review a plan by which staff would pump based on a payment and waiver signing.

5. The Ambassador remains our primary launch with the Chauncy B as the back-up launch. We are reviewing our launch service demands and want to optimize staff and launch driver schedules that affect operating expenses and boat usage. Under consideration is a plan to work with Wayfarer's Dockmaster to share or assist one another with launch services in times of high demand, sickness or mechanical malfunction.

6. I have explored CPR and First Aid courses with Justin Hills at the Camden First Aid Association and they are willing to teach the two courses at the club in June. We will send out more detailed information as to what is involved in putting on an American Heart Association (AHA) Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) class and an AHA First Aid class based on membership interest in January. Cost for this will be \$45-\$35 first time and repeat students. If you are interested in either level of instruction or both, please contact Elaine at 236-7033.

7. Cullen will be installing new First Aid boxes in both the main clubhouse and the boathouse. One of our 2010 goals is to install a defibrillator. If anyone is interested in donating this life saving piece of equipment, please e-mail me at reddy@yachtmodels.com

Happy Holidays to one and all! Cheers!

Randy Whitney Rear Commodore

Snack Bar Update
Summer Calendar
Social Events

Sunset Seminars
Dinner at CYC (**new!**)

The baton (boathook?) has been passed from Rob Eddy to me for Rear Commodore duties. As my first order of business, "Thanks "go to Rob and his Social Committee, Patty Eddy and Penny Abbott. It is always much easier to step in to new responsibilities when the previous administration has left things upgraded, neat and tidy. Already pressed in to service at the Haul Out Party, Leslie Aitken and Susan Dilworth have demonstrated a seamless transition as the new Social Committee Chairs. Welcome Aboard!

I am delighted to say that **SALT** will return to the CYC Snack Bar with a menu peppered with a-mace-ing new items, gingerly prepared and served on thyme. Cumin get it! Mike and Katherine and their efforts last summer make us all wish for a quick winter!

Please take note of the tentative calendar at the end of this report. Of note...**January Winter Dinner** (Jan 23) is planned to take place at *Brevetto*. Watch for more information. **July 4th Weekend** will feature the Elmore Twist Band (2nd) and the Formal Dinner (3rd). A **Lobster Bake** is planned for July 24. The **Commodore's Brunch** will be August 8th. **The End of Summer Events** will include a King of Spain Race and a **Dinner Dance on August 28th**.

Several members have asked about the possibility of **Dinner at the Club**. The calendar has three such nights reserved...**SALT** will post a menu, you can choose and order

CYC-NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE CAMDEN YACHT CLUB

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Sandy Welte
Commodore

Commodore's Comments

The 2009 season will be recalled as one that started out wet and ugly but ended up dry and beautiful. Despite the unpleasant start, a splendid time was had by all who took advantage of the many opportunities that the Club provides to engage in yachting activities, be they social, instructional, or competitive.

Kudos go out once again to Rear Commodore, Rob Eddy, and his Social Chairpersons, Penny Abbott and Patty Eddy! They put together a solid string of events that saw good attendance and were enjoyed by many. Accolades are still being heard about the improvement in the quality of the food, served both at lunch and for the social events. The new team of Katherine Morong and Mike Fisher, a/k/a SALT, really had everyone coming back for more. You can expect the same significant improvements with respect to the appearance and upkeep of our facility now that Robby, a Vice Commodore, is in charge of buildings and grounds. A fresh base coat of paint already adorns the Clubhouse, with a final coat to go on in the Spring. Stonewall repairs have also been made. These are examples of the direction things are heading in and will be evident next season as Robby plans to keep Cullen Teel quite busy.

The list of events for 2010, the Club's 104th year of operation, has most of the old favorites but we are also going to mix things up a bit and try some new ideas. While the *Elmore Twist Band* will return on July 2, 2010 for some après-picnic dancing, there will be several "Thursday night dinners" with no particular theme other than a chance for SALT to continue to delight your taste buds while you dine with your friends and fellow club members. The Commodore's Brunch is back to its usual slot, on August 8, 2010 as is Farewell to Summer which is slated to go off August 28th. A further preview of next season's events and an introduction to our new social chairs, Susan Dilworth and Leslie Aitken appears in Rear Commodore Randy Whitney's article below.

Fleet Captain Marc Lorraine, our newest officer, is off to a great start and is getting help from several members, including Peter Conover and Aaron Henderson. Continuing with past efforts to put greater emphasis on sailing activities for all members, we intend to add a PHRF class to the Thursday night J24 Races so that anyone who wants to race more

frequently can do so. The King of Spain races are tentatively scheduled for July 10 and August 28 with social events to follow in the evening. Also, The Camden-Castine Race (aka GMORA Race Weekend) will be held the weekend of July 31-August 1. Any and all suggestions, comments, etc. are welcome.

If things go as planned, a brand new fleet of Cape Cod Mercury's will be plying the waters of the outer harbor and bay this season. This natural evolution of events following the transfer of the Junior Sailing Program (JSP) to The Camden Area Youth Seamanship Program (CAYSP) is on track thanks to the herculean efforts of Rear Commodore and CAYSP President, Randy Whitney and his Capital Campaign Committee of Jim Bowditch and Nils Obel. Others working hard to make this a reality are Woody Emanuel, Sue Conover, Micki Colquhoun, Marc Lorraine and Didi Manns. With their efforts and your generosity, a goal that has been talked about since the mid '50's can finally be met. Let us hope that Sue Conover will have six beautiful new boats to use in the Program when she returns for the 2010 season.

At the December 5, Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting, the 2010 Budget was approved. Your Club remains in good financial shape with a cash balance in excess of \$50,000 as designated by the BOD. Treasurer Micki Colquhoun, deserves huge appreciation for her timeless efforts in composing a budget that breaks even operationally. There will be a dues increase of \$25 to \$900 per year with no initiation fee increase this year. For 2010, Vice Commodore, Robby Eddy, has budgeted capital expenditures that guarantee to result in some notable improvements to the look and feel of our club.

A special thank you to all the officers and Elaine, Cullen, Sue and Barb for their efforts in putting together the 2009 Budget.

"Membership Committee" Chair, and Georgia Lawson Award-Winner, Jim Lewis has decided to step aside as Chairman of that committee. Under Jim's leadership the committee's policies and procedures were completely revamped and amendments to the Club's By-Laws impacting membership were passed at the Annual meeting. These and Jim's other efforts were responsible for an incursion of initiation and membership fees that helped us weather a significant drop in membership and the recent economic hard times. Thank you, Jim! Jim will be replaced by Neale Sweet and Betsy Perry who have agreed to act as co-chairs of the Membership Committee.