



## Chebeague Island Yacht Club

Dear Yacht Club Members:

April 2012

As winter weather melts away, our thoughts turn to summer on the waters of Chebeague and renewing your memberships to the Yacht Club. The Yacht Club has some wonderful activities planned for this summer:

- The Commodore's Reception will launch the season on **Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 1800 hours**, on the deck at the Boatyard.
- Blessing of the Fleet – Barrie Shepard (TBD: an August afternoon at the Boatyard)
- Sailboat racing season starts on July 7<sup>th</sup> and ends on August 25<sup>th</sup>.
- The Sailing School will again have three sessions (see website for information)
- Maine's official sailing vessel, the arctic schooner *Bowdoin* (1921), will pay a special two day visit to the Island the weekend of July 14<sup>th</sup>&15<sup>th</sup>. Sailing School students will be able to sail on her and perhaps some adult Yacht Club members as well. We are hoping to arrange 'tours' of this 90 ft. historic, nautical jewel. Thank you Manny!
- "Power Outings"; Dinner on July 10<sup>th</sup>, lunch on August 14<sup>th</sup>
- The 2012 season will end with the Annual Meeting/Commodore's Reception held on **August 25<sup>th</sup> at 1800 hours** at the Zaugg Swafford Cottage (alternate spot if raining)

The sailing school has their terrific instructors ready for the three sessions this summer; beginning, advanced sailing and racing. Please go to the <http://www.chebeague.org> website and look for 'CIYC/CICSS' to link to the complete information and forms.

Enclosed are the membership renewal form and the 2012 YC Event Schedule. Please determine the dues appropriate for your family and return to Bob Halpin. Note that we now offer a 'Family' membership @ \$65 for one or two adults and all their children.

You can order CIYC burgees (our cost plus mailing) for \$30. We will have new race charts and the By-Laws available at the Commodore's Reception. The Events 2012 schedule, 2011 Minutes, 2011 Treasurer's Report, and By-Laws are posted on <http://www.chebeague.org>, look for 'CIYC/CICSS' to link. Let us know if you would prefer any information mailed to you.

Please consider including a tax-deductible donation to support the Sailing School with your membership renewal. Your support is vital to its success and the money we raise for the school is used to acquire and refurbish equipment, keep tuition increases to a minimum and provide scholarships. Your support is greatly appreciated!

There are several Officer and Executive positions open. We would LOVE to have some members step forward and help in the organization and orchestration of the Yacht Club. Please consider lending a hand and let us know if you are interested.

Please reach out to potential new members, especially younger families, and extend an invitation to join. Feel free to invite prospective members to the Commodore's Reception on July 7<sup>th</sup> and/or attend a Yacht Club event. Membership applications can be obtained at the reception or by contacting Abby Julian, membership chair at [abbyjulien@comcast.net](mailto:abbyjulien@comcast.net).

We look forward to seeing you all on the island this summer.

Alexandra Zaugg Swafford & Liz Hubbell Riggs Co-Commodores