



Cuttyhunk Yacht Club Newsletter

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Letter from the Commodore

Dear *CYC* Members,

We are all looking forward to the many pleasures of a Cuttyhunk summer. As we approach the new season of *CYC* activity, though, I invite you to spread your gaze across the next two years because, as many of you are aware, 2006 marks the 50th anniversary of our Club. Your *Governors* and *Officers* aim to make this a biennial of both remembrance and renewal. In pursuit of the former, we will be working closely with the Cuttyhunk Historical Society to celebrate the history of the *CYC* as part of their 2006 exhibit. I encourage everyone to loan or contribute items of interest. Starting immediately we are also embarking on a program of upgrades to the *CYC* building and facilities. Work is already underway to re-shingle the building and there will be an additional work weekend to tackle the inside: upstairs and down. More details of these initiatives are to be found below.

As we all work behind the scenes, our team of instructors, led by Quentin Hart (Head Instructor), Sarah Monast (Second

Instructor), and Thirds Mo Garfield, Jessie Kimball and Scott Zolkos are already planning for the new season and their energy and enthusiasm are palpable. Among the new ideas for '05 is an orientation on Monday and Tuesday mornings for new member parents which should be good way to welcome them into the family.

For those of you who are so inclined, you will for the first time find all our news (and pre-registration forms!) online at:

www.cuttyhunkyachtclub.org.
Your "webmaster" Hal Granger is waiting to hear from you....

The next two years promise to be an exciting time as we look back and remember our past while we continue the work of planning for the future. None of this, though, will take our focus off the number one mission which is to make sure our children have a great time learning to sail.

See You This Summer,
Doug Billman
Commodore

CYC 2005

Officers

Doug Billman,
Commodore
Angus Garfield
Vice Commodore
Alison Granger
Rear Commodore

Instructors

Quentin Hart
Head instructor
Sarah Monast
Second Instructor
Third Instructors:
Jessie Kimball
Scott Zolkos
William Garfield

CHS to CELEBRATE CYC 50th

The Cuttyhunk Historical Society has agreed to make the CYC's 50th anniversary a centerpiece of their summer exhibit next year. The theme of the 2006 exhibit will be kids on the water off the Elizabeth Islands, and the story of the fifty years of CYC programs will occupy center stage. The exhibit planning committee is asking for photographs and objects to be loaned for the exhibit only, or gifted to the museum to enhance the collection

Any members or friends with ideas or items that they think would enhance the exhibit please contact Sandy Earle at (marsalex@aol.com) or Shelly Merriam at (sjmerr@rcn.com) and bring the items to the museum THIS summer, as CHS planning and program development work will take

place over the following winter

In addition, if anyone knows of any published material on the history of the Club or is interested in working to create a longer version of the Capsule History written by Carolyn Powers, please contact Weezie Garfield Bachler at (weezrock52@yahoo.com).

The CHS is also planning another "Island Memories" evening on Thursday, August 11th, 2005. This will focus on the CYC and serve as a way to get people talking and sharing stories, photos, etc. in anticipation of the 50th anniversary celebration. We hope everyone will put this on their calendars.

More Work!

Get an early start to your summer, spend quality time with your Cuttyhunk friends, and contribute your energy to scrub the club and float the fleet! This year CYC will host **two** work weekends: June 11-12 and June 18-19. During the first weekend we'll focus on a much-needed cleaning of the living quarters and downstairs of the clubhouse. During the second weekend we'll ready the fleet as usual for the summer season.

If you plan to attend the first weekend, contact Angus Garfield (angus@aiapromozone.com) who will organize the "downstairs crew" or Alison Granger (grangerhal@aol.com) who will manage the "upstairs crew". All those who can make the second weekend, please contact Doug Billman (dbillman@rcn.com). Sumptuous food and beverage and our heartfelt thanks will be your reward!!

Cultural Council

We sponsor many summer events like the Musicale, the art show, watercolor workshops, a school field trip for the students and teacher, musical entertainment, and Ally Thurston's nature walks. This Spring we are planning Tai Chi and taxidermist workshops. Also a geologist walk will be offered this summer. **We need new people to join our group, The Cultural Council!** We have a few meetings to plan events and share responsibilities, in order to bring all of these programs to Cuttyhunk. Please contact Tammy Zimbone via e-mail at coral395@aol.com if interested in joining and for more information. Thank You!

Member News

Martha Sanford is slowly recovering from her breast and reconstructive surgery - weekly PT and gradual increase in the length of daily walks. Win's been playing "Mr. Mom" to Martha and trying to stay ahead of the snow storms. Davis is in his last semester at Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia. There is no "senior slide" for him. Heather is engaged with a late September wedding in the works.

Thomas Hulley received a trophy for winning the Massachusetts Saltwater Fishing Derby for 2004, junior's division, for his 40 pound striped bass. He caught it while trolling with Charlie Tilton near Sow and Pigs reef. The fish weighed nearly the same as the fisherman! Vanessa Hulley is in her freshman year at St. Mary's College. She enjoys the liberal arts education she is receiving, and is studying hard. Genevieve Hulley is in her junior year of high school, and is rowing on the crew team. She also volunteers at the homeless shelter soup kitchen, serving meals.

Carolyn Powers writes: Molly was down in Charleston SC during the blizzard of 2005 preparing for her temp job as steward aboard the *Spirit of Massachusetts*. For those interested in maritime history, the ship is 125 feet long and is modeled after the fishing schooner Fredonia designed by Edward Burgess in 1889. Spirit was built in 1984 in the Charlestown Navy Yard! She is used by the Ocean Classroom Foundation for sail training (see oceanclassroom.org). Molly is cruising the Caribbean until the beginning of May when she returns home before she leaves for FIJI where she will spend the next two years as a Peace Corps volunteer. Environmental education will be her focus. Sam and I spent a great week in Williamsburg VA with sister Nancy and husband Tom Longin. We continue to learn about and enjoy Falmouth and its history. Digging out of three feet of snow provided plenty of exercise. Our road did not get plowed until several days after the storm so I walked to work...shades of Cuttyhunk! We encourage anyone interested in expanding an interest in Falmouth and the Elizabeth Islands to visit Falmouth's Museums on the Green. We offer tea in our lovely Colonial garden every Thursday afternoon in the summer, weather permitting. Taking on this job was a good decision, but I miss connecting with everyone a whole lot. My morning swim in the other end of Buzzards Bay is just not the same. Love to all.

Flo Fairchild is looking forward to her move to Belmont, MA and being closer to Christine. She weathered some bad falls this year.

Patty Frothingham is singing in an a cappella group, and keeps busy volunteering and golfing. David is about to finish his interim headmaster gig in Tampa, and is looking forward to a break! They will return to Savannah in October.

It's official: the Goodwins have bought the Lazear house and are looking forward to a new view and perspective! Thanks for all the kind notes of encouragement.

Member News (cont.)

Peter Smith will be moving into a condo in Jamaica Plain in May. He is enjoying the proximity to Sarah and Lisa . He did lighting and staging work for both the Bush and Kerry campaigns, and an exhibit for Christie's in Florida.

John Ward entered a skilled nursing facility in Chapel Hill on Dec. 21 for rehab following surgery. He and Carmen have greatly appreciated the prayers and cards and e-mails from their Cuttyhunk friends.

The DiMares have been sailing in the Bahamas and BVIs this winter. Tyler will be working with Duane on the Island. Sarah is still at Children's Hospital but finds time to frost bite sail J 24s in Boston Harbor.

Elizabeth Prevost is teaching 3 history courses this semester at Grinnell College in Iowa and Mike is doing research for his dissertation; Marnie is finishing her MA in Museum Education and working at The Cathedral of St. John the Divine in NYC; Bev & Ned just got back from a great week with her in NYC while Ned attended a conference.

Kitsy Garfield writes: "We are very happy in our new digs in Mystic, CT. Wye volunteers at the Seaport, and I am keeping busy."

Sam Goodrich has joined Caldwell Banker Real Estate, and can help with a referral to any locale.

The family of Christine "Boots" Dodge mourns her passing on Sunday, February 6, 2005. She died peacefully while sitting at her picture window savoring the morning sunshine. We can all remember seeing her out on the deck basking in the sun and enjoying the view. A memorial service on Cuttyhunk this summer is being planned.

Dave Jenkins died February 25 in Florida after a long bout with cancer.

Bob Smith's mother, Marge Smith, died peacefully on January 16 at home. Bob was able to be with her.

Olga Ashley, Joy Spanos' mother, died on Christmas Day, 2004, at the age of 99. She was also grandmother (or great grandmother) to the Ardingers, the Dunfeys, the Jacksons, and the Vogts.

Mary Olga Moore died on April 2, after a battle with cancer.

Visit us on the web!

Be in the mood for warmer days by viewing the Club's on-line photo album. Firm up your summer plans now by consulting the Club's on-line schedule. Visit us at :

www.cuttyhunkyachtclub.org.

CLASSIFIED

For Rent, Summer '05: 4 bedroom, 3 bath house on the path behind the church. Well-equipped and well-maintained. Decks and views. 2 week minimum. Call Don Hurwitz, 617.965.8536 or write drhurwitz@rcn.com

Cuttyhunk Propane is asking that customers let them know before summer about their propane needs. Sorry for any inconvenience this might cause. The cost of propane will be \$90 per tank.

Housekeeping Help Wanted at Pete's Place Rentals. Contact Leslei @508-693-5378 or lesleimonast@msn.com.

For Rent: The Leeson's will rent their house on Broadway (across from Island Market) for all or part of September. Sleeps six. Call 781-449-3255 or write to dleeson@hbs.edu for details.

Babysitter Wanted: the Days need someone to watch their grandchildren during the last weeks of August for about four hours/day. This includes taking children to the beach and some at home sitting with the younger children. Tess can be reached at tesday@verizon.net.

Piano Player Wanted: to accompany small choir at Sunday evening service (\$25/hr) and Monday morning for rehearsal. Especially needed Aug. 8-17. Overnight accommodations provided. Call Judith Archer at 607-522-3073 .

Instruction wanted: Frisky Thurston would like to hear from anyone with a computer on the Island who would be interested in helping her learn computer. Please contact her at 202-234-8778.

The Church fairs are apparently set for Weds. July 13 and Weds., August 10. Please save the dates, both to help and to buy! People are encouraged to send checks made out to Cuttyhunk Union Methodist Church and sent to the church via Jim Lovell, in order to support the purchase of toys for the children's table which Rachel Garfield has so ably supplied for many years. Rachel would love to hand over the chairmanship of the Children's/Toy table. Maybe one person in July and another in August? She would happily guide you and still be a resource. We also need teen volunteers for the Teen Basket, to collect money, buy food, and then man the table the day of. Remember to bring items for the Fair: working, gently-used items for Elegant Junque; handmade and new gifts for the Gift table (remember those gifts that YOU might not have loved but someone else will!) And of course the always popular bake sale needs your contributions!

Tally Garfield writes: Many of you are familiar with my Marshall Catboat tee shirts, sweatshirts, hats, tote bags, prints & cards, which I sell through WWW.BUZZBAY.COM. The website will soon be updated to show the new Open-Bottom Sweatshirts, both crew neck and hooded, in 80/20 cotton/poly. Limited Edition Prints of a Marshall 18' Sanderling are still available, signed & numbered by the artist. For easy ordering, call or email your request. I'll enclose an invoice with your package. Or just print the order form off the website and mail with your check -be sure to include your contact information. Whether or not you place an order, I wanted to introduce you to BUZZBAY .

Rental: July-September. Four bedroom on Westport River, two full baths, western views of the river, dock, tennis court, a few miles from Horseneck Beach. Call 978-449-9698 or email goodrich@groton.org.

Other Important Dates:

Church Fairs: July 13, August 10

Musicale: August 17

Historical Society Party July 2, 5-7
rain date July 3

“Island Memories” at CHS Aug 11

The Gosnold School Committee has a website and hopes everyone will visit it. It will be an on-line bulletin board for post season photographs, children’s artwork, etc. Look for it at :

www.errinc.com/Gosnold/CuttyhunkSchool.htm

CYC 2005 SCHEDULE

June 11-12 Club Building Repair

June 18-19 Work Weekend

June 27 Classes Begin

July 30 July Bang and Go Back + July Party

August 26 August Bang and Go Back

August 27 August Party

August 28 Annual Meeting

Attention Parents: Mondays and Tuesdays

We are now offering morning orientations for students’ first summer classes. These will start promptly at 8:45am (B on Monday, C on Tuesday). Parents are invited to meet the instructors, ask questions, and support their children in the younger groups for a required swim test. We look forward to meeting you all face to face!

Quentin Hart and Sarah Monast

Thoughts from the Head Instructor

Sailors,

I hope you’re all looking forward to another summer of sailing and on the water fun. While I am in school eight hours away from the ocean, we have already started our sailing season here on the nearby lake even though it’s the middle of the winter!

This summer we will bring back Cuttyhunk’s traditional sailing fun in Turnabouts, Lasers, and of course, our fleet of new 420s. While you might only be thinking about snowmen and skiing right now, remember that the sailing season is not too far away, so in between working hard in school and having fun in the snow, think about sailing - the knot relays, sponge tag, and regattas against other yacht clubs. Sarah and I look forward to seeing you veteran sailors return to the program, as well as meeting the new faces. We hope this summer you all will grow to love sailing and the seas as much as we do.

Your Instructor,
Quentin Hart



One must destruct... The Fish Dock, Winter 2005