



SEPTEMBER 2012

FROM THE COMMODORE

VIC SIMON

If you are up for some serious sailing, from now until the end of the year, you need to get in the water. The Fall season is coming upon us and the winds can really take off during this time. There are still 4 races left so get out there and fulfill your requirements. We also have 2 instructionals left-8/25 and 9/15, both 1 PM. Contact Greg Raybon with any questions or suggestions. We lead into the Labor Day weekend with a theme party Friday August 31 @ 8pm. Saturday night, there is a fleet meeting @ 8pm. Sunday is our Labor Day Dinner & Band Party with Psycho Daisy beginning at 6pm. Any suggestions or questions please contact Mark Brady. Monday is our annual Women's race, Youth race, Bud Light race and Hull Flying Contest beginning at 12pm. Please check the calendar for future events.

The ballot is open for anyone interested in an officer's position or Board of Directors position. Please contact myself or any of the 2nd year Board of Directors if you are interested. Everyone should understand that there are rules that need to be adhered to. Those are posted at the beach and anyone with any questions about this can contact me with any concerns.

We have had a very good year with members and participation. This will help with our transition into next year. We will be earmarking our projects of the grill area and the floor in the cat house for the early spring, so please if you can help be ready to assist. As always I want to thank all of our members and fellow officers for a great year. Keeping this short and sweet, Here's to much wind and great weather. Vic Simon

Upcoming Events At a Glance

Officers Meeting

Wednesday, August 29
8 pm at the beach

Fleet Meeting

Saturday, September 1
8 pm at the beach

Theme Party
Friday, August 31
8 pm at the beach

Labor Day Band Party
Sunday, September 2
6 pm at the beach

Women's Race, Youth Race,
Bud Light Race, and
Hull Flying Contest
Monday, September 3
12 PM skippers Mtg.

Learn to Sail #5
Saturday, September 15

Fleet Race #10
Sunday, September 16

Another month goes by as we enjoy a successful season with a healthy club and membership growth. I spent some time watching the 420 youth and their mentors at work and play this past Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at our beach. The folks mentoring were serious about their commitment to the youth and sport. I have been playing with the notion of having our own mentoring program wrapped around our boats. Are you a mentor of our love affair with the water, wind and all things catamarans? I know the catamaran racing community is concerned about the future stream of youth sailors as participants continues to decline. I know that many of us mentor our own youth and George, Nick, Greg and Scott jump right to mind. We want to share our love affair with those that will listen to us. My own son has sailed and tends to think that there is something more interesting with a gamer controller fused to his fingers. It is something we argue about fairly regularly. For many reasons as a sport we are not growing but hanging on hoping someone will supply a long term easy fix that ensures the health and flow of new boat technology for our sport. That quick fix just isn't going to happen. Stealing from other sailing youth programs is an option but certainly not the correct solution.

We as a club need to heed this real dilemma. We are after all unique but to ourselves, yet we share this common bond with these fiberglass dual hull inventions. Myself for one offering endless teasing of which manufacturer is the best sees the need to focus on our own community in the future. I even have gotten to enjoy changing the names of the boat parts to the wrong description just to get a rise out of folks. Many of you are paying attention ha-ha. Somehow I know I will get you Hobie owners to see or walk into the light or darkness of another brand, ha-ha. Our club is an assembly of many different backgrounds. We come from many different walks of life yet share this common thread of cats that draws us together as a family and social community.

Soooooo, why should we grow or attempt to grow if we are that fat, comfortable middle of the road kind of group of comfy folks? Well we have enjoyed a plentiful supply of "parts" boats to thankfully keep our investments sustainably low to this time. Well folks that supply of H16's are going away at a healthy pace. Our own fleet of neglected derelicts, (not our officers mind you) has gotten smaller the past few years and some of our members have been "picking" boats for parts from other locations. Not only will we not pay for motor boat fuel but we do not consume new cats or new parts either. Many of us such as me find a newer boat recently off the race circuit or a demo boat that has a year or two on it. The Hobie dealer south of us sold one new Wave this year. I find that kind of frightening as that is often the entry boat to this sailing world community. Our average

club age is weighted heavily to us older folks, (yes I am an antique) for many reasons. Like I mentioned a little bit ago computer games show our apathy as a culture for anything to do with exercise or physical energy consumption. Our children live in an age of relative abundance and many feel they are owed this life style. Computer games have been actually responsible for deaths in some extreme cases. It is an addiction that can draw you in that deep locked away indoors. Carpal tunnel syndrome didn't exist before the age of computers and handheld games. Yes hold the press we won't do anything to sustain life if we are addicted to a game. Yes, say I am crazy and that may be remotely true and completely arguable for that matter. I might even agree with you. But we are a sailing community balanced for growth and yes also decline if we don't become responsible for our future and that of our youth.

What do we do you say? It is the question we have to look inside ourselves for the beginning of an answer. Are you mentoring a youth? Do really even care? I know that Ned cares and that the club officers care. Are you part of the thought process it's someone else's responsibility? Your excuse, I don't have the time to bother?

Well, well, well, sorry I don't have the answer either. My reason for this diatribe was to encourage active dialogue of just how do we pass on this gift of water, wind, and catamarans to the next generation? I say it is a personal charge as older sailors to pass the wet hot stick and sheets. I mean don't give up because your first attempt didn't produce a winning class or maybe marginal sailor. What I am saying is be dedicated and persistently responsible to pass the torch. (now how Olympic was that?) Saying I am too old or my time has passed is hogwash and nonsense. This is after all my humble opinion and not worth the time it took to write this piece. I for one have begun to explore other ways we can attract, teach and retain new cat sailors to the sport I love. I watch with pride as Emily Rathburn, Luke Puk, Tom Butler, Mike Evans and now Kelsey Butler begin evolving into the next generation of top notch cat folks at SHBCC. We as a club need to nurture this and develop new programs that will pave the way for the non-sailing family member whom might want to join our ranks. I recently had the chance to invite a young man from the 420 race to sail on my cat as crew and his parents thought it was next logical step in his sailing development. It cost nothing just extending the offer and sharing your enthusiasm of this passion we call a catamaran for a Thursday night sail on the bay. The choice to do something or not is always yours. Choose wisely my dragon flies.

See you on the beach,
Jenna

We will host our annual Youth, Women's and Bud Lite race on Monday, Sept. 3rd. Come on out all youths, ladies and cross dressing bud lite sailors. For those who don't remember, the Bud Lite race is based on an old commercial where guys dressed up as girls so they could get free drinks on ladies night. Since this is a Youth and Women's race, we will give those guys another chance to race but they must come properly attired. Trophies will be awarded for all 3 categories and the Bud Lite racers will be scored separately of course. We will introduce a new perpetual trophy for the top youth sailor.

The Hobie Wave, Hobie 14 and Women's Hobie 16 North Americans is being held in Rehoboth Delaware in October. This is a short drive from our club and a chance to sail at one of the more fun venues on the East Coast. Registration is online and you can find information at www.hcana.hobieclass.com.

Fleet Racing: We still have 4 more fleet races to go. Remember that in order to qualify for the fleet championship series and end of year giveaways you must work on Race Committee at least once. We still have some openings so please contact myself or Bill Raska for your race.

NEW ENGLAND 100

EMILY RATHBURN

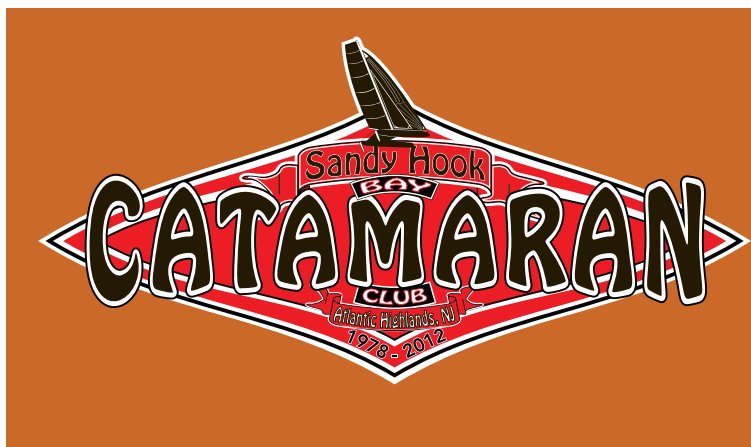
The New England 100, despite a tumultuous start proved to be a great regatta and a rewarding experience. Friday, when the boats began to arrive, sailors were greeted by heavy winds and torrential rain: sub-standard weather for raising the masts. After tying the boats down to concrete picnic tables, still on the trailers, we assumed they would be safe, until we were informed that despite our efforts, one side of the trailer still blew several feet off the ground. Thankfully, some of the other sailors, including Rick Bliss and Sandra Tartaglino took it upon themselves to tie the other side of the boat down.

The first day of racing brought heavy wind and portentous clouds that fortunately held off for the racing. Our spinnaker, on the other hand wasn't as coop-

erative, mostly due to rushed rigging that morning and thus, we could only raise it for the first downwind run. The second day was much better for us and with the help of the spinnaker, we did a much nicer job of staying with the pack and were satisfied with our performance, even though we ended up straying off course.

Overall, we learned much from other experienced sailors that are all kind and willing to offer advice and demonstrate individual rigging improvements. The teams and the support were all phenomenal and I would highly recommend the regatta to anyone who's a fan of distance racing, especially in the F18 fleet.

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ANNUAL LABOR DAY BAND PARTY FEATURING PSYCHO DAISY

THE PARTY STARTS AT 6 PM
\$15/PERSON

ITALIAN BUFFET FROM DEMARCOS, ABERDEEN NJ

- TOSSED SALAD, VEGETABLE TRAY, FRESH FRUIT TRAY
- MIXED STEAMED VEGETABLES
- SAUSAGE, PEPPERS, AND ONIONS
- CHICKEN PARMAGIANA
- BAKED ZITI
- SEAFOOD STUFFED SHELLS
- ROLLS
- COOKIE TRAY

