



May 8, 2006

Dear Chautauqua Yacht Club Members:

Spring is here, and our first starting gun will be fired sooner than we think, with the practice races being held the weekend of June 17 & 18.

Enclosed, you will find two membership application forms for 2006 – one for you and another for your primary crew or a potential new member. If you are not sailing any longer, please consider a social membership and remain active in the club.

We continue to encourage the “Commodore” membership level for those members who are able to help add reserves to the club’s treasury, to be able to absorb the unexpected expenses.

Please keep an eye on the WEB page www.chautauquayc.org. It is our hope that we can post information on this site and keep mailings to a minimum. As was the case last year, we will have our official documents in electronic format for downloading. It is also our intention to post club information on this page through the summer.

As has been the practice in prior years, there is a section for pre-registering for the **Old First Night Race**, which will be held on Saturday, August 5th this year. All you need to do to participate is make a donation (minimum of \$10.00) **payable by SEPARATE CHECK to Chautauqua Institution.**

We have an **APPEAL** to make this year, and it is a request to those members who have won and currently have any of the club’s perpetual trophies. In order to be able to continue the remembrance of the donor and maintain some of the threads that tie our club together, and, most of all, to be able to award them again for the 2006 racing series, we are reminding the current holders to arrange to return the trophies to Dave DeLancey during the summer.

The 2006 racing schedule is included here as well as a current list of officers, directors and staff.

You will notice that the club is re-introducing practice races during the week, on Wednesday afternoons at 4:30pm. Your board of directors is prepared to support these races, but would

like to have an indication of your interest in participating. There is a check box on this year's membership application for you to complete regarding participation in these races.

The Board of Directors has approved a modification to our racing rules, subject to a final approval by the Board of revised sailing instructions, and a vote of the active membership, to adopt the practice of a gate, rather than a single mark, at the rounding end of downwind legs. The modified sailing instructions are expected to be presented, and approved, at the June 24th meeting of the Board, and then will be an agenda item at the general membership meeting which follows on Saturday, June 24th at 11:00am. Following an approval, we will send all members new instructions regarding the operation of gates on the race course, with the intention of introducing the change for the August series.

Chautauqua Institution is planning to hold a ceremony on Saturday, July 8th to dedicate the new Sailing Center at the south end of the Institution Grounds. They expect to schedule the ceremony to follow the completion of our races that day, and they have invited our membership to attend.

For the C-Scow Fleet, I have included a copy of a letter from the National C-Scow Sailing Association (NCSSA) that they sent out this spring. It is being included here for your information as they requested.

In addition the C-Scow sailors should not forget that a spring regatta, the Hog Wild, is being held in June, at Clear Lake in Indiana. This is the regatta that alternates with our Eastern Regatta each year.

It is with great sadness that we learned of the deaths of two long time sailors, Amy O'Dell and Bill Laird, and a long time friend of the club, Bob Neville, during this past winter. They will surely be missed on the water and at our CYC functions.

Enjoy the rest of spring and plan to attend the ***General Membership and Fleet meeting on June 24th at 11:00am at the Girls' Club.***

Sincerely,

Bob Park
Secretary/Treasurer

Attachments

CHAUTAUQUA YACHT CLUB
OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND STAFF - 2006

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|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Commodore | Paul Burkhart |
| Vice-Commodore | Stuart Strother |
| Sec.-Treasurer | Robert Park |
| Rear Commodores of Power | Rich Viehe |
| Rear Commodore of Sail | Steven Viehe |
| Board of Directors – Members at Large | |
| Class of 2006 | David Beeson Chris Martin |
| Class of 2008 | Bob Fletcher Tadd Newell |
| Board of Directors (Past Commodore) | Dave DeLancey |
| Social Chairperson | Nancy Schrader |
| C Scow Fleet Captain | Tadd Newell |
| Flying Scot Fleet Captain | Bill Cornell |
| Laser Fleet Captain | Laura Damon |
| Starters | Paul Minor |

2006 CYC MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Name _____

Address - (for summer mailings)

Phone # _____ Fax # _____ Email _____

Address - (for winter mailings) I can accept digital mailings: ___ (please check)_

Phone # _____ Fax # _____ Email _____

Boat(s) Class _____

Boat # _____

Please list additional boats racing.

Class _____, _____

Boat # _____, _____

Expect to participate in Wednesday races: July ___yes ___no
August ___yes ___no

Type of Membership Fees**

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| Commodore *(includes fee for one boat) | \$250.00 | _____ |
| Family *(includes fee for one boat) | \$170.00 | _____ |
| Primary crew member | \$35.00 | _____ |
| Social | \$30.00 | _____ |
| Junior (up to age 18) | \$20.00 | _____ |

Enclosed is my check **payable to the Chautauqua Yacht Club** in the amount of \$_____ covering the membership fees checked above.

Notes: *If family members are sailing more than one boat, please include additional primary crew members or junior fees as appropriate.
**All fees include New York State Sales Tax

I would also like to register for the **Old First Night Race**. Enclosed is my tax deductible donation, **payable to the Chautauqua Institution** in the amount of \$_____.

Please return the form and your check(s) to: Chautauqua Yacht Club
PO Box 1122
Chautauqua, NY 14722