# SALEM WILLOWS YACHT CLUB 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



1933 - 2008





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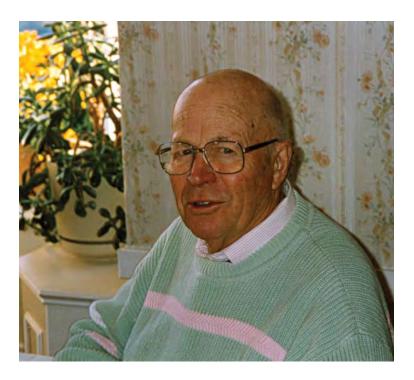
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# SWYC 75TH ANNIVERSARY YEARBOOK DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF EVERETT "BUDDY" HOBBS





If there is one name that is synonymous with Salem Willows and its surrounding waters it has to be Everett W. Hobbs. "Buddy," as he was called amongst his many closest friends, was always well loved by anyone he ever met. One place that he held especially close to his heart was the Salem Willows Yacht Club. He was not just a member at the Yacht Club; he was more of a family member.

Since his father, Ralph E. Hobbs Sr., was one of the forefathers of the

Yacht Club back in 1933, it is no surprise the amount of time that was spent at SWYC. He, like many generations after him, accumulated much of his adolescent memories here. Once introduced to the Yacht Club at the age of 13 there was not much Buddy could do to stay away.

His love for the water, sailboats and the Yacht Club developed even more as an adult. Countless number of sailboats occupied his mooring summer after summer. Most were named after the Salem Willows Park itself, as well as family members. However, the Yacht Club to Buddy was not just a place to harbor his boats. It was a second home. One that supplied an ample amount of close friends, which whom he considered most his family. It was a place where he would socialize while his wife played cards with her friends on the deck. It was a place where he would enjoy the summer sunsets, views of the open water and watch the passing of numerous vessels.

For everything that the Yacht Club gave to Buddy he gave back. For many years he would allow the Yacht Club to use his families business as a free storage facility for equipment in his basement. Even during the off season he would allow his business as a meeting place for the annual Salem Willows Yacht Club Christmas caroling.

Buddy will forever be seen making his way through the park from his business and over the hill towards the Yacht Club. For anyone that has ever known him, loved him, and spent time with him we dedicate this to you Buddy a man that will forever inspire us as a true sailor, especially here at the Salem Willows Yacht Club.

From The Editor,

With deep felt gratitude I will use this space to first thank all of our advertisers and sponsors who very generously purchased ads in our seventy fifth anniversary year book. Achieving the seventy fifth milestone year of a truly family oriented organization is worthy of recognition as is evident with your response. The staff that went out to do the hard-sell also was very diligent with their efforts to connect with you, our advertisers.

I would ask all our members whenever possible to avail themselves of the services provided by our advertisers

There is another group of people that contributed an inordinate amount of time, who took on an almost insurmountable task of compiling and reducing to a meaningful publication all the yacht club notes and data acquired from seventy five years of existence. Approximately ninety percent of the data was taken from ancient (by my standards) ledgers that were hand written by people with not the best of penmanship.

I thank the talented photographers and photographic designer, the people that authored some very interesting thoughts and reflections, who unselfishly, contributed their efforts and proudly produced a publication to be enjoyed by everyone.

Without the generosity of our advertisers and the talents of our staff and volunteers, this publication would not have been possible. A credit to the volunteers and staff is elsewhere in this publication.

It took a lot of patience and nail biting and a longer period of time than anticipated to finally bring this project to an end. But I am pleased to say the crew on board accomplished their tasks professionally and with a high spirit of co-operation.

There is no mistaking that we are presently living in the electronic age. Is that good or bad? Our grandchildren and their progeny will judge. The hand written ledger to which I earlier referred to as ancient had one major positive aspect. The notes of sixty odd years were contained in but a few cumbersome volumes. However, the more recent data did not seem to have a particular home or archive where one could go to and extract information.

So it is here that the year book committee unanimously wishes to address the present administration of the SWYC to initiate a plan to implement a system to archive all the electronic data that our club generates. Although few on this committee will be here to celebrate the centennial of the SWYC, those that come after us hopefully will be grateful for our efforts. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to edit this publication. It was a lot of fun!

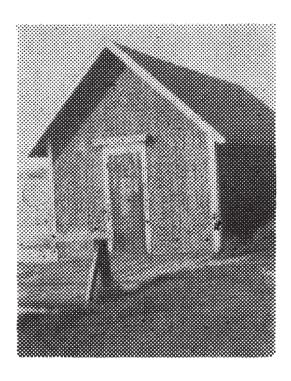
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Past Commodore 1981

Editor

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#### HISTORY OF THE SALEM WILLOWS YACHT CLUB



This is how it began

The following post card was mailed October 18, 1932 to about fourteen persons who had been mooring boats at Salem Willows:

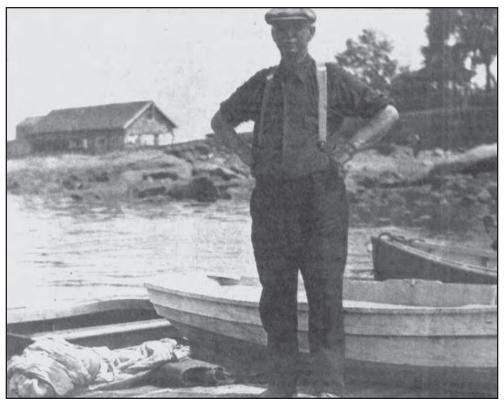
Meeting Thursday evening, October 20th, at 8:00 P. M. at Hotel Hawthorne, Salem, to discuss the formation of a Yacht Club at Salem Willows, as some action is necessary at once if we are to keep our boats there. If you cannot attend please call me at Salem 130 and let me know.

H. M. LOVETT.

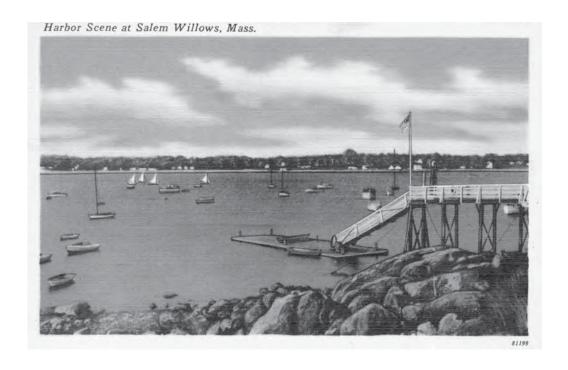
The meeting was held in Room 214 and was called to order at 8:15 P. M. Hillard M. Lovett acted as temporary president and outlined the purpose of the meeting, after which Mr. John Wiley explained the present condition of affairs regarding the boat house and landing float formerly the property of William Remon.

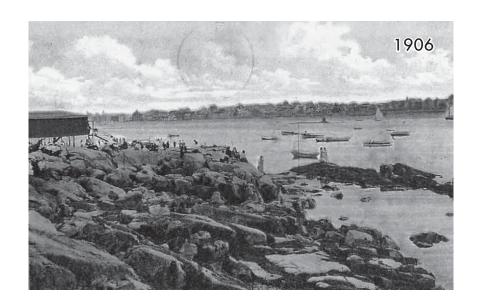
He stated that Mr. Remon's widow wanted those who had been supporting and enjoying the boat house to continue to have it and for that reason she had given the property to Mr. Wiley. He further stated that he (Mr. Wiley) did not want the property personally and did not desire to profit from it.

#### BY THE SEA



T. Frank Remon is pictured here in 1915 at Remon's boat landing, which is now the location of the Salem Willows Yacht Club.









## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Be it Known That whereas Louis A. Kotarski, A. Waldo Martin,
Hillard M. Lovett, Ralph E. Hobbs, John L. Pineault,
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have associated themselves with the intention of forming a corporation under the name of

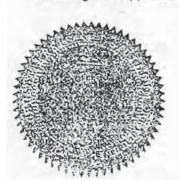
The Salem Willows Yacht Club, Inc.,

for the purpose of the following:— To encourage the sport of vachting, to promote the science of seamanship and navigation, and to provide and maintain a suitable boat house and anchorage for the recreation and use of its members;

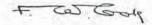
and have complied with the provisions of the Statutes of this Commonwealth in such case made and provided, as appears from the Articles of Organization of said corporation, duly approved by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation and recorded in this office:

Dow, therefore, I, FREDERIC W. COOK, Secretary of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Do Hereby Certify that said

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## City of Salem, Massachusetts Office of City Clerk

April 12, 1935.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the following documents were filed in the City Clerk's Office, with the records of personal property instruments, on April 12, 1935:

Bill of Sale- Helen K. Remon to John N. Wiley - building, pier and float on Restaurant Row at Salem Willows - dated Nov. 10, 1932 - Recorded Vol. 57, Page 120.

Bill of Sale- John N. Wiley to The Salem Willows Yacht Club Inc. - building, pier and float conveyed to John N. Wiley by Helen K. Remon on Nov.10, 1932 - Dated April 26, 1933 - Recorded Vol. 57, Page 121.

Note - This bill of sale contains the following provision: "that in the event the said Salem Willows Yacht Club, Incorporated, shall have no further use for said building, pier or float at any time, or that the said Club shall cease to exist, then all the property herein convened shall revert to the said John N. Wiley, Party of the First Part, his heirs or assigns."

Attest:

City Clerk



From left to right: Vice Commodore - Bob Olenio, Fleet Captain - Phil Dole, Treasurer - Joe Collins, Commodore - Mike Beecy, Rear Commodore - Dave Lewis, Secretary - Tom McLaughlin.

It has been privilege and an honor to serve as your Commodore for our 75th anniversary and to carry on the traditions of the Salem Willows Yacht Club.

Since 1933 the Board of Governors and club members' dedication, enthusiasm and hard work, have made this the fine club we are blessed to enjoy today.

As documented in the club's anniversary yearbooks Salem Willows Yacht Club has a very rich history. I feel privileged to be here to see our part of it.

We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful club.

Mike Beecy Commodore



The Commodore and Board of Governors
of the
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#### SOUTH SHORE YACHT CLUB, INC.

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February 24, 2008

Commodore Michael Beecy Salem Willows Yacht Club Salem Willows Park P.O. Box 143 Salem, MA. 01970

Dear Commodore Beecy:

On behalf of the South Shore Yacht Club Flag Officers, Board of Directors and members, I would like to congratulate the Salem Willows Yacht Club on the occasion of your seventy-fifth anniversary. The members of our club have always cherished the relationship we have with our sister club, Salem Willows. Many life time friendships have been formed between members of both clubs. Starting with your first invasion to SSYC in 1994, the annual invasions between our clubs are one of the highlights of our summer season. We were particularly happy when you shared our fiftieth anniversary with us in 2005 and hope to share many more special occasions with your members.

Again, congratulations to SWYC on their seventy-fifth anniversary! We look forward to our invasion this summer to help you celebrate this milestone.

Sincerely,

George Mutch

George Mutch Commodore SSYC

# Congratulations on your first 75 years and all our best for the next 75

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Standing left to right
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#### **OUR CLUB BURGEE**

(Flag to you landlubbers)



In tracing down all possible leads to the origin of our club burgee, it now appears that the Remon brothers owned a boat yard on Turner Street opposite the House of Seven Gables in the eighteen seventies or eighties. They also operated a boat landing on the site of the present club. They had a private flag similar to the present club Burgee. Instead of a star it had the letter "R" with a possible slight variation in the white stripe. This was flown on various occasions and celebrations.

In 1904, James N. Wyman who as a member of our club, with three other men, Alvan Price, Frank Price and Arthur Henderson, who had a yacht named "Creon". Searching all registers of Yacht Club Burgees, James Wyman and the others had a burgee made at Philante's Sail Loft on Foster's Wharf Beverly. This was used by them on their trips down the coast of Maine, even as far as Pemaquid Point. Gradually other boat owners who moored their boats at Remon's landing used the burgee so that they would be recognized as coming from Salem Willows. It was finally adopted by the Salem Willows Yacht Club as the official Burgee and registered with Lloyd's of London.

#### 2008 SALEM WILLOWS YACHT CLUB OFFICERS AND BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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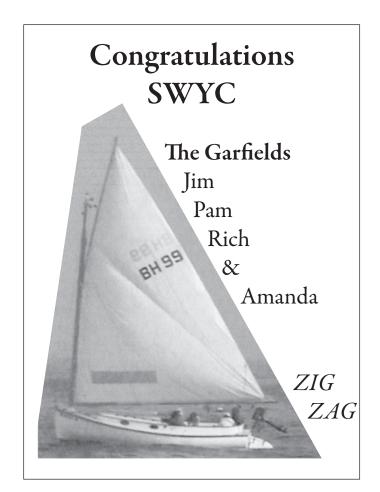
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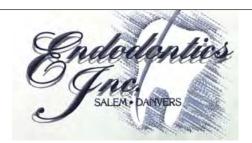
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#### HISTORY OF SALEM WILLOWS WINTER ISLAND AND HARBOR

The Salem Willows Park where our yacht club is located and Winter Island have had a long and varied history. When Salem was first settled, part of the Willows and Winter Island was used by fishermen to dry their catches and nets, and other parts were used to graze cattle upon. The Willows was first called "The Neck"

Around 1630 a fee for rental of a part of this land was approved. The fee was to be charged to fishermen on Winter Island for their catches.

In the year 1636 an appointed official was made inspector of canoes. This inspector on certain dates inspected all canoes which had to be approved by him. If any were found later that had not been inspected, a fine was imposed upon those guilty parties.

In 1637 one John Holgrave was asked to establish the first public house(tavern) on Winter Island. Beer was served at one cent per glass

A ferry was operated from Butts' Point (located approximately where the power station is presently located) to a point west of Naugus Head in Marblehead, to a street that is still used today.

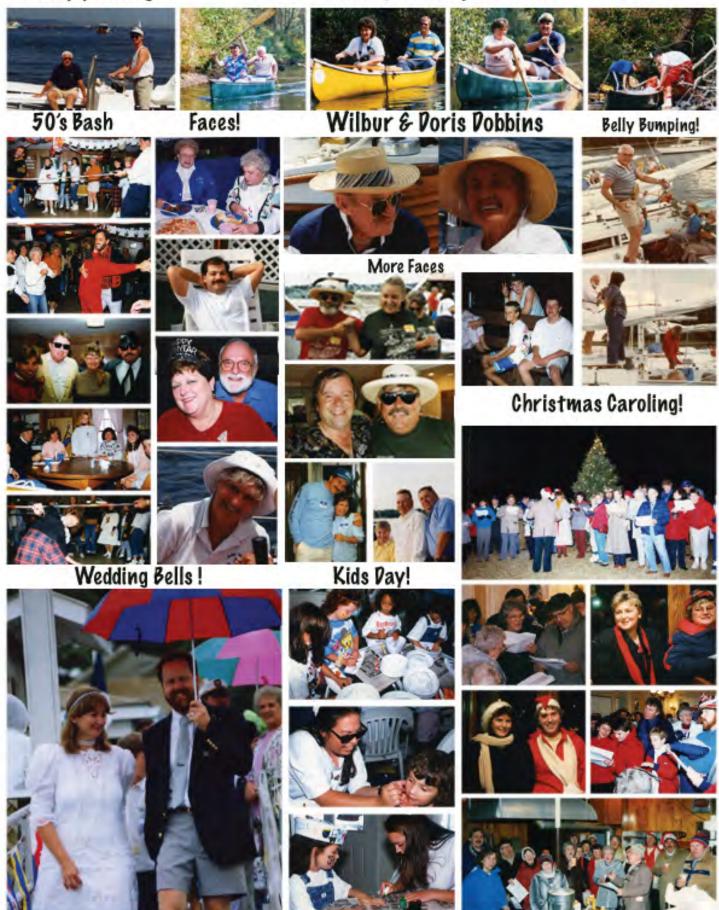
- 1645 Town laid out a way to Winter Island
- 1650 Governor Winthrop landed at Juniper Point
- 1652 A sailing ship captain was fined for sailing his ship on the Sabbath
- Winter Island land was appropriated for the use of a fort to be called Fort William
- 1660 The Islands of Baker's Island and the Misery's were granted to Salem by the legislature
- 1667 Captain Cirwen leased the Misery Islands from the selectmen for a period of one thousand years at three pounds per year. The Misery Islands were connected until 1880 by a sand bar.
- 1684 Ten persons were given permission to erect wharves on Winter Island
- Naval office was opened in Salem for this area
- 1698 Salem was judged a lawful port
- 1723 An extremely high tide. A phenomenal event which went several miles inland forcing people to take refuge in trees
- 1742 The General Court granted the erection of breast works and platforms for 16 guns, and approved by the town, Fort Lee was built
- 1744 A bridge across the North River was built at North Street. It had a length of 860 feet
- 1746 Licensing was decreed for all sail-makers and riggers. This was a decree designed as a safety measure.

- On approximately this date one hundred willow trees were planted on the land. The point of land has been designated variously, "Watch House Point", then "Hospital Point", then later as the willow trees grew, the "Willows". At one time a contagious hospital was operated on the point, thus the designation. Graves can now be found near the location of the hospital.
- A murderer was hanged at the Willows. Approximately twelve thousand people came from far and near to witness the event, bringing lunches, etc. and made a days outing of the event. Public hangings were continued until the last recorded in 1821. A boy of seventeen was hanged on Winter Island for burning a barn at Newburyport. Salem was the site of these hangings due to the fact that the courts and the jail for Essex county were located in Salem.
- A Beverly Privateer was run aground, having been chased into the harbor by the British man of war "Nautilus". People of Salem and Beverly cannonaded the British boat and drove it back to sea.
- Barracks and Breastworks were prepared at Juniper Point and called Juniper Fort. Several privateers were chased into Salem Harbor during the years 1776 1780. During the Revolution Salem sent out 158 privateers manned by several thousand sailors, using more than 2000 mounted guns. They captured 445 prizes.
- 1785 The Grand Turk made the first voyage to China and India from a New England Port.
- 1788 Beverly Bridge was opened as a toll bridge. Tolls ceased on this bridge in 1868.
- 1790 Name changed from Fort William to Fort Pickering by order of the Secretary of War.
- A brig was launched side-ways at Derby Wharf. This event proves that the socalled new way of launching ships during World War II was really not new at all.
- A powder house was built on Winter Island for the storage of powder to be used by sailing ships as well as by the armed forces.
- 1796 The Salem ship "America" arrived in New York with the first elephant to be brought to the new world. It came fromBengal and was sold for \$10,000
- 1798 Two Lighthouses erected on Baker's Island.
- 1802 The ship "Minerva" returned to Salem after circling the globe.
- 1812 Salem sent out forty privateers against the British.
- 1816 The double lighthouse on Baker's Island was change to a single light.
- July 4<sup>th</sup>, the ship "Massachusetts" the first steamboat to be seen in Salem Harbor arrived in port much to the curiosity of all.
- 1820 A new lighthouse was erected on Baker's Island.
- 1823 The first experiment of hauling out a vessel on a marine railway was accomplished in South Salem.
- 1855 A fog bell erected on Baker's Island.
- 1856 The vessel "Mahlon Betts" first iron sailing vessel visited Salem.
- 1865 Garrisons withdrawn from the various forts after the Civil War.

- 1869 The first steam collier "Rattlesnake" arrived in Salem with a cargo of coal.
- 1870 The Plummer Farm School opened on Winter Island. It was a gift to the City of Salem.
- 1871 New Lighthouses on Derby Wharf and Winter Island were lighted for the first time
- Outings and parties began to use the Willows regularly. About 1873, a colored cook by the name of Francois was one of the first to sell refreshments and cooked fish at the Willows. This was the start of the famous fish dinners to be served at the Willows.
- 1877 The Naumkeag Street Railroad ran its first horse drawn car to the Willows.
- 1880 1884 A Club by the name of the Salem Bay Yacht Club was located near Juniper Point. Henry Whittier was the first commodore. Dues at \$5.00 per year. Entrance fee at \$5.00. Yachts were measured by appointment and placed in various classes. Any change in yacht structure no matter how small had to be reported at once to the secretary. A fee for the inspection was as follows;1<sup>st</sup> and 2cnd class \$2.00; 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> classes \$1.00. Other boat clubs in operation at this time were the Salem Boat Club; Salem Yacht Club Association; Enterprise Boat Club; Lafayette Boat Club; Forest River Boat Club; and the North End Boat Club
- 1883 The Essex Agricultural society held an exhibition of cattle, swine, livestock, together with a judging of cakes, pies, etc., Sept 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. A plowing contest together with several horse strength tests were also held.
- 1889 The worlds largest schooner, the five-masted "Governor Ames", visited Salem.
- 1890 The first steamboat to Boston was operated.
- August 3<sup>rd</sup>, the runway at Remon's boat landing capsized and about thirty people fell into the water. No serious injuries reported as the tide was in at the time. Boat racing was held off the landing and an exceptionally large crowd had forced its way into the area, hence the accident. The Remons were found not responsible for the accident.
- 1896 1898 Pro. Ballans Bonnett made ascensions and parachute drops at the Willows each of these years.
- July 5<sup>th</sup>, The "Surf City", a boat used as a ferry to transport passengers to and from Beverly, Salem Willows and Baker's Island was caught in a sudden cyclonic wind just after it left the Willows for Beverly at about six o'clock. It was driven on to the bar opposite the Yacht Club and sank in about seven feet of water. Approximately fifty persons of all ages were aboard. Eight of the passengers were drowned. The balance were rescued by a boat from the Jubilee Yacht Club together with boats from the various boat landings at the Willows

#### Many years ago

### Canoeing on the Ipswich River





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Mike Neumann III, Crew
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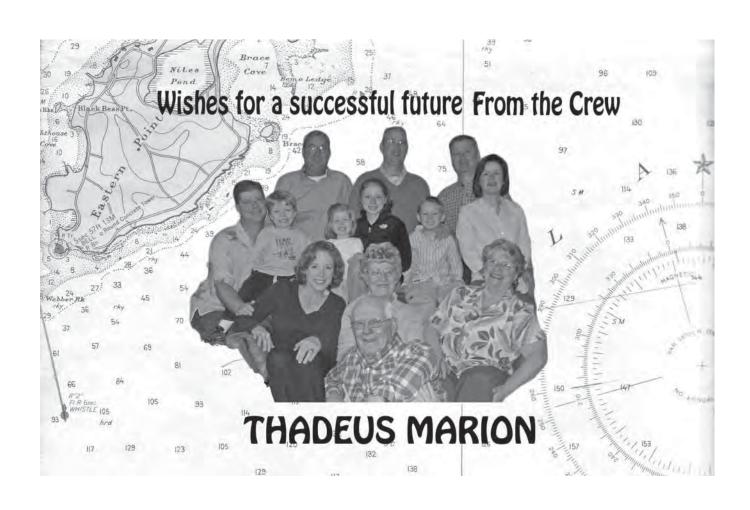


#### **MV Summer Slopes**

Jim Neumann , Captain Karen Smith, 1st Mate Jessica Neumann, Crew Stephanie Neumann, Crew

#### Congratulations

Salem Willows Yacht Club
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#### **MEMORIES**

My recollections of two brothers who you might say were colorful members of the Salem Willows Yacht Club. I am referring to the Orzechowski brothers, Zygmont and Alphonse, better known as Zyggy and Chopsy. They both loved to fish.

Zyggy loved to fish for stripers in Salem Harbor and also at Plum Island. He caught a huge striper one year and I believe he won the tournament at the North End Boat Club. I don't remember how big it was, but it was big. I seem to remember about fifty-six inches and about sixty- five pounds.

Chopsy, I think mostly liked flounder fishing. He was also quite a clown. By that I mean he loved to joke and tease kids and make them laugh.

I remember one time he found a broken fishing rod in a barrel near the club and there were several children fishing on the Willows pier. He went over and got in amongst them and was acting as if he was going to fish. He went to cast out and as he did he let go of the rod he found. He kind of made a big deal of it around the kids and got them all riled up. He came over to the club and was having a pretty good laugh about it as he told us what he did.

There also was another man who was kind of a fixture at SWYC. I am referring to Howard Phelan, the long time steward at SWYC. He was there about twenty plus years. When it was quiet in the day he would play cribbage with a gentleman named Gil Turner. Zyggy would also play. They really enjoyed each others company.

Howard was no fool. I can remember a person who would come in about once a week and he would buy about two dollars worth of gas and give Howard a one hundred dollar bill. After doing this a couple of times he came in, bought his two dollars worth of gas and gave Howard a hundred dollar bill. Howard gave him his change in one dollar bills. He never did it again but you should have heard Howard laugh as he told us about it.

These people I mentioned here are all gone now. God Bless Them.

Dan Muise

Editors note:

The gentlemen mentioned above were indeed colorful characters they were loved and respected by all

There is a plaque in our club commemorating the pier at SWYC in memory of Howard Phelan

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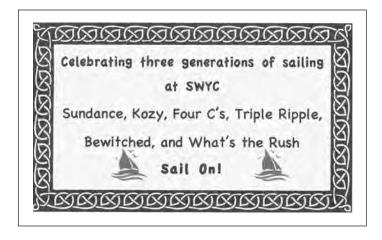
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Frank Pooler	1941	Moe Morneau
H. Walker Cahill	1942-1943	Jack Vess
Frederick W. Craig	1944	John Cronin
V. John Rikkola	1945	Doug Mcleod
Conrad Mizzi	1946	Chet Kobierski
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William Maguire	1948	Michael Lowe
Lloyd Moss	1949	David Sullivan
Stanley Karbowniczak	1950	Russ Austin
John Anketell	1951	David Carnavale
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Wilbur Roberts	1954	Marlene Jaworski
Wesley H. Rowe	1955	Donald Bates
John H. Harrison	1956	Patrick O'Connor
Albert Wentworth	1957	Paul Hendry
Wilbur Dobbins	1958	Tom McLaughlin
William Byers	1959	Joseph Collins
Francis McMahon	1960	Lou Schoenthal
John Mullen	1961	Gregory Gordon
Albert Sirois	1962	Paul Luzinski
Ralph Ferguson	1963	Kevin Neumann
Chester McKean	1964	Michael Beecy
John Buckley	1965	•
Francis Gray	1966	
Robert Perron	1967	
Michael Neumann	1968	
Elliott Rowand	1969	
Louis Roumeliotis	1970	
Barry Berkal	1971	
Dan Muise	1972	
George Fisette	1973	
Jim Bimbo	1974	
Don Johnson	1975	
Robert Genier	1976	
Spike Michaud	1977	
Jim Canatselos	1978	
John Hayes	1979	
Bill Reinecke	1980	
Edward Plecinoga	1981	

#### TOUCH OF NOSTALGIA

Sixty years ago, on a Sunday afternoon, my dad packed up the old car with mom, grandpa, my sister and I and we headed over to Salem Willows. My favorite was the train; a miniature replica of a steam locomotive, the engineer wore a real uniform with the striped hat and straddled the locomotive like he was riding a horse. The "Tilt a Whirl" was next on the list of things to ride and I usually got dizzy and sister would not go on this ride, I always called her "sissy", and of course she was smarter because I would always get dizzy and almost sick, she would laugh. Next we would head over to the line and walk down to Hobbs for pop corn and a candy apple, then over to the band stand where music filled the air as if we were all at the circus. This is where I noticed for the first time a little building with a fence around it and walked over to explore it with my grandpa, a little sign on the fence read "Private", I asked grandpa what that meant and he said "That is where rich people go", I crinkled my nose and we walked back to the band stand.

Thirty five years later that little building with the "Private" sign became the summer home for my family to this day.

The first time I walked through the gate of the Salem Willows Yacht Club I felt at home, like it was an extension of my home. I felt warm and welcomed, so did my family. The club did need some work; you could see that the salt air and time made her tired. On the deck, tables ,that the members sat around were old large cable spools(unpainted I may add) and the chairs were old seats from the Michaud Bus Line. The clubhouse was used to store winter spars, tools, rope, chain, and anything else that the membership could fit into it. Oh yes, there were also "Armchair Admirals"

A group of members got together and a decision was made to "dress the old girl up" and in one weeks time the exterior of the house was power washed, stained, painted, worn shingles replaced and exterior lighting added. The work to keep the "old girl" shinning continues to this day by a membership, who, I believe have the same feeling that I had that day thirty five years ago.

The camaraderie here at the Willows is special, probably because of the size of the club and the work which is needed to make things happen. Once you experience lying under the main float to scrape it on a Sunday morning (most with hangover) you know that you are accepted into the club. From the sit around chats on the deck after a full days work at the club, to the social activities at the Isle of Shoals (lightning storm), Dobbins Raft Up, Cranes Beach, Kennebunkport, Casco Bay, Jewel Island, Scituate, Plymouth, Cuttyhunk, Newport, The Vineyard, Provincetown, Looking for Jimmy Hoffa, Virgin Islands, Batchelor Weekends, The Fashion Show on the Deck, "Passing Wind", Mike and Joan's wedding at the club, Friday night card games, Valentines Day Party and St.Patty's Day corned beef dinner at the club in the middle of winter (no heat, and the pee bucket over the rail).these are just a few memories.

I could go on and tell stories that would fill this anniversary book about the wonderful times my family has experienced here at the Willows Club, but, I would be afraid that I would leave someone or something out. My best friends and memories are here at the Salem Willows Yacht Club. My children were brought up here at the Salem Willows Yacht Club. Some friends I have made here at SWYC have moved to other yacht clubs, moved away from the area for various reasons, and some have passed away. I think of them often as if they were indeed part of my family.

I will end my little note to the "Old Girl" by saying "THANK YOU", for the precious memories and friendships which I will carry with me always.

Oh by the way, I found out early on once I walked through that gate at the Salem Willows Yacht Club, it is where "the rich people go", not of money but love, it is where you and I go to spend precious time with our family and friends. Sincerely

Patrick M. O'Connor and Family Past Commodore 1991 and 2000



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#### **Yacht Club Recollections of the Dennis Family**

When Whitey Plecinoga came to visit on a recent fall Sunday afternoon to ask me to recollect memories of the Yacht Club over the years in preparation for it's upcoming anniversary, I must confess I came up with little but recent memories of many kindnesses bestowed upon our family during the Christmas season when the Carolers would come, initially by Salem Trolley, announcing their arrival with a clatter of the trolley bell, and in more recent years by a caravan of cars to serenade my husband Mike in particular, but his care givers and family were also the happy beneficiaries. This always served to usher in the Christmas season for us – a festive occasion indeed, and one that we all looked forward to each year, making our Christmases post-accident special. Through 20 years of caroling we've seen Roland's violin- playing prowess improve, witnessed wonderful arrays of caroling costumes from old fashioned to sequins and everything in between, Santa caps, jingle bells, Barbershop Quartets and fine merriment.

Since then, I've had a chance to reflect and talk it over with my daughters....

When I married Mike in 1953, I had no previous first-hand relationship with the Yacht Club. Certainly I was aware of its existence, but you might say I married into the family and it was a shotgun wedding as Mike was Commodore that year.

We kept our Town Class sailboat at the yacht club for the first year or so of our marriage, but then I'm afraid I was the culprit in convincing Mike to moor it in Juniper Cove for easier access from our family's summer cottage and so we became less frequent Yacht Club visitors. Through the years, we would often visit to get gas for the motorboat or tie up and walk over to Hobbs' for an ice cream cone....

Mike defined the SWYC acronym alternatively as "Swim While You Can"...

For many years he was the Financial Secretary. It was a family project to get the bills out every year, with the addressing (long before there were PCs and printed out mailing labels!), separating of stamps, licking of stamps and envelopes (no such thing as self-stick then), proof checking lists, etc. After they were mailed, the Orzechowski brothers, Ziggy and Chopsy, would show up the following day in person to pay their dues immediately so that they could be the owners of membership cards #1 and #2...The children can remember helping Mike update the membership board each year. The board consisted of many tiny tacks into which a tiny slip of card stock bearing the member's name had to be inserted. Mike would use an eraser on the end of a pencil to push the name into position after figuring out their alphabetical positions.

Speaking of Chopsy and Ziggy, they were great fishermen. They would almost always have a striped bass in the trunk the width of their car. We would also look to spot them at anchor out flounder fishing, and the children were anxious that Mike anchor our boat nearby knowing that they were undoubtedly over a major flounder hole, and hoping that a few would mosey on over and take our bait, -that was 40+ years ago, when flounders were readily available in Salem Sound....

The girls and I remember Island party cookouts-one in particular where SWYC families engulfed Little Misery's grasslands on its Northeasterly side (hesitant to explore further due to the visibility of shiny red leaves indicating a healthy poison ivy population) It was the first time we ever had kielbasa on top of hamburgers in a bun-and we were instant fans of the combination!

Mike and I served as the "Race Committee" from the club tender for the turnabout races in the early 60's.Racers included Pam Box on the All Pau, Bobby Wiley and Jean Dennis in the Sassy Lass, Tommy Condon-name of boat escapes me, Jay Wallis-name of boat escapes me, and Jeff Fellows?- perhaps others.

As youngsters, our children remember being a bit scared to leave the safety of the club porch to go down the ramp to the float as they perceived a big gap in the railing from the porch to the ramp and they feared they might fall through. They also were thrilled as children to look down through the planks of the club porch and be able to see the rocks and water sloshing below.

Mike's Uncle Waldo, a charter member of the SWYC, spent many an enjoyable afternoon in his retirement years walking from his home on Lowell Street over to the Club to spend afternoons in the rocking chairs on the porch in front of the club house to catch up with others on local or Yacht Club gossip, discuss world events and watch the activity in the harbor. He would often meet up with Red Hobbs.

In recent years, daughter Anne, trailered her cat boat down from Maine and parked it on a guest mooring at the yacht club(after stepping the mast from the club porch!)...We're sure her visits have been memorable to more than just us.(Cheer up-she also used a tree at Winter Island for this process-it was quite memorable for the Winter Island attendants too!)









#### FOND MEMORIES

When our oldest son, John, turned twelve years old, we decided we needed an activity to keep or family together. We lived in the country on a pond where our children fished, swam and skated. Our girls had horses – our boys had trail bikes – so we knew we had to come up with something that would be exciting, challenging and interesting. We decided on ocean sailing. We knew NOTHING about any kind of sailing so that winter we joined boating safety classes and read every book and magazine we could get our hand on.

Come June,1968, we were blessed by three major events: the arrival of our sixth child, daughter Caroline; we became care-takers of the 1937 Friendship Sloop "Tannis"; and we became members of the Salem Willows Yacht Club. WOW! That was a busy summer. But we survived!! After the "Tannis" was hauled in October, we had time to catch our breath and reminisce. What great memories!

Salem Willows Yacht Club was perfect for us. When we were not sailing, the children could enjoy Salem Willows Park and its activities, including the arcades and the amusement park. The SWYC members were friendly and helpful. Thank God because we needed a LOT of help that first year. The members knew where to find anything we needed, be it recharging batteries, a defective engine part or pumps (and "Tannis" required pumps that first year – and still does). At family get-togethers, the conversation generally includes a story about SWYC and the fun times, sailboat racing, cook-outs, holiday celebrations, fireworks or parades.

I recall being safely tied to our mooring when we heard warning of heavy thunderstorm activity coming our way from the Coast Guard. Shortly thereafter, the sky darkened, the wind started to howl and we were deluged by torrents of rain. The golf ball sized hail rattled on the cabin roof and filled up our cockpit. "Tannis" sailed around the mooring several times. The lightening was sharp and the thunder deafening. One bolt of lightening struck and slivered our top mast and followed down the mast, destroying all of our electronics (the few we had). Our cabin filled up with smoke and the smell of burning wires. When the storm finally passed by, we could hear a motor running. We searched for the source and found that the storm had activated my electric toothbrush!

One year in Boothbay, Maine, we were racing very close to an island and the captain questioned whether or not we should bear off a bit. The tactician, our son, Bill, said "We're fine, I know where we are, trust me Dad". Aloud thump and we sailed up the side of a huge boulder, paused a moment on top, and with the next wave slid off and continued sailing. When we arrived back in Salem that summer, there on the Salem Willows Yacht Club porch was a sign, "TRUST ME DAD".

In 1987 "Tannis" was fifty years young and we decided on a birthday party. Since "Tannis" draws six feet her party had to be planned on an extreme high tide so we could tie her alongside the Salem Willows Yacht Club float. We had snacks and drinks and Open House aboard and friends and members signed our Guest Book. Much to our surprise, a belly-dancer with her music and bangles arrived to perform and she performed splendidly, compliments of the Salem Willows members. Soon "Tannis" was bumping on the bottom and we had to retire to our mooring – but that party was a great memory for us!

No family is complete without a dog and "Tannis" had two. "Puppy" was a small black mongrel who took a particular dislike to Roger Durese, a charming character from SWYC, who was a fantastic story –teller and a fabulous sailor. "Puppy" would sit next to Roger and bare her teeth and growl (Roger would growl back) until he left our boat. She gave Roger no mercy. "Scuppers was a shepherd sized mongrel who loved the water and kept the seagulls away. One time when we were ashore at the Yacht club barbecue, the SWYC members noticed a seal in the harbor. When the tender operator went out to investigate, it was "Scuppers" swimming ashore to join the festivities.

Each of our children seemed to develop an aptitude for some phase of sailing. John preferred helming and is now the proud owner of "Finesse" and a member of SWYC. Shelley adapted well to trimming sails from the end of the bowsprit. Cindy had an affinity for straightening out all the lines for the main topsail as it went to the topmast, over to the end of the gaff and down to the boom. Tom could smell shallows and rocks a half mile away. Bill, owner of the beautiful catboat "Felinity" and the Friendship Sloop, "White Eagle", also a SWYC member, enjoyed navigation and most phases of sailing. Caroline took care of the dogs we had on board, loved rowing, and is now the owner of the catboat "Willow Belle" and busy teaching her three sons to enjoy sailing. Jeff is the owner of the pretty Hereschoff, "Allotar", also a member of SWYC, and enjoys being captain of the "Tannis" when she races now. Wayne, owner of the Friendship Sloop "Rights o' Man" lives in Thomaston< Maine and is enjoying the great sailing in his area.

Jack and I now have down-sized to a 32' lobster-style boat, "Effie M", which has been completely over-hauled. Boating is a lot of hard work and maintaining our fleet requires a phenomenal amount of stripping, sanding, painting, varnishing, and many hours of our spring, fall, and winter week-ends.

It is particularly gratifying when our boats are hidden in a little cove somewhere watching a colorful sunset, and the teen-ager on board, heading for a bunk below, states "Don't forget to wake me for the sunrise". I guess we have done something right! And we thank Salem Willows Yacht Club for the years of lasting friendships and pleasing experiences....and wish for many more!

Mary Cronin



### PAST TREASURERS

A. Waldo Martin	1932-1937
Ralph E. Hobbs Sr.	1937-1960
Everett "Bud" Hobbs	1961-1975
Roland Gauthier	1976-1977
Linda Wiley	1978-1982
Edward Plecinoga	1983-2003
Joseph Collins	2004-2008

### FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

S. Stowe Sayward	1957
Edwin Dennis	1958-1973
Stanley Karbowniczak	1974-1975
Dan Muise	1976-1987
Jay Butler	1988-1991
George Garland	1992- 2008

### **SECRETARIES**

Hillard M. Lovett	1932-1937
Augustus Poole	1938-1940
Emil A. Duval	1941-1944
Robert Cohane	1945-1947
V. John Rikkola	1948-1963
John Ferguson	1964-
Kenneth Burke	1965-1967
Robert Perron	1968-1978
Linda Wiley	1979-
Tom Odom	1980-1981
Gene Davenport	1982-1983
Jay Butler	1984-1988
Mary Cronin	1989-1999
Joe Collins	2000
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#### Salem Willows Yacht Club Annual Golf Tournaments

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the venerable Salem Willows Yacht Club. There have been so many wonderful happenings and events at the little Club that sits on the shore ledges of Salem Harbor. Who can imagine how many times great peals of laughter from the surrounding decks skimmed off the ocean waves in the Harbor? As is commonplace at SWYC it was on one of those festive occasions in 2002 that two members had an idea and created the Salem Willows Yacht Club Annual Golf Tournament.

The turnout for the six years of its existence has been wonderful There are usually between thirty and forty players. Overall it is estimated that over seventy participants have walked, trudged, rode and after a particularly inspirational golf shot floated over the fairways and hills at Olde Salem Greens Golf Course.

Initiated and organized each year by SWYC members Gerry DuPont, a golfer of dubious talent and Chris Carter, the head golf professional at Hillview Golf Club in North Reading, every participant has been recognized and strode to the fore at the tournament ceremony and awarded a prize. Some golfers performed with remarkably good ability and aptitude while others are just happy to participate and enjoy the camaraderie of friends, both new and old. Bob Fraser, a Club member and local artist contributed a tournament plaque and embellished it with the Club burgee logo. This plaque makes its annual appearance at the awards presentation.

While a vast majority of players have been SWYC members including spouses and children the tournament also allows friends to enjoy the rewards of the tournament play. And particularly noteworthy, thanks to a little lobbying from Russ Austin, has been the annual participation of members from the Palmer Cove Yacht Club. The tourney format uses a "scramble" or more appropriately for our Yacht Club, a "captain and crew" format. It is open to anyone who wishes to participate, regardless of golfing ability. Players who do not enter with a foursome are assigned to play with others.

Following the golf the players and friends meet at the Club for "pot luck" food, which to many whose earlier golf play was awful, is the best part of the event. The prize ceremony, also referred to by some as the "excuses" ceremony, allows for all to recount the day's golf shots and usually sounds very similar to the fishing "big one that got away".

The 6th Annual SWYC tourney in 2007 was, perhaps, one of the more memorable. Even though heavy rain met the players as they rose from their beds in the morning, such a fiercely competitive group would not be deterred from their quest for golfing immortality, at least as related to SWYC. Donning rain jackets, they sloshed over the golf course, umbrellas in hand, and upon finishing play, found several teams tied for the final places. Returning to the SWYC Clubhouse for the post golf festivities they were met with the dreaded phrase - "tie breakers will now determine the final outcome". A

putting contest! A hush emanated from the crowd of SWYC members, families, guests and friends as each player aligned and attempted their putts that would travel over the tile floor, between potted plants and to the water glass that awaited a successful end. All putts were followed by loud groans after a miss and even louder cheers and whoops of joy with each putt made. Perhaps a small tourney to some but the noise level during those moments rivaled those heard during the U.S. Golf Open Championship. And at the conclusion a team from the Palmer Cove Yacht Club became the champion for the first time since the tournament began in 2002.

The Annual Salem Willows Golf Tournament is just one of the many contributing events that has made our Club the very special place it has been for each of its 75 years.

Gerry DuPont



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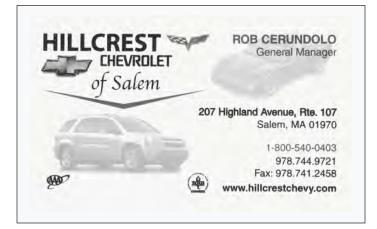
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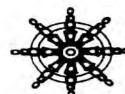
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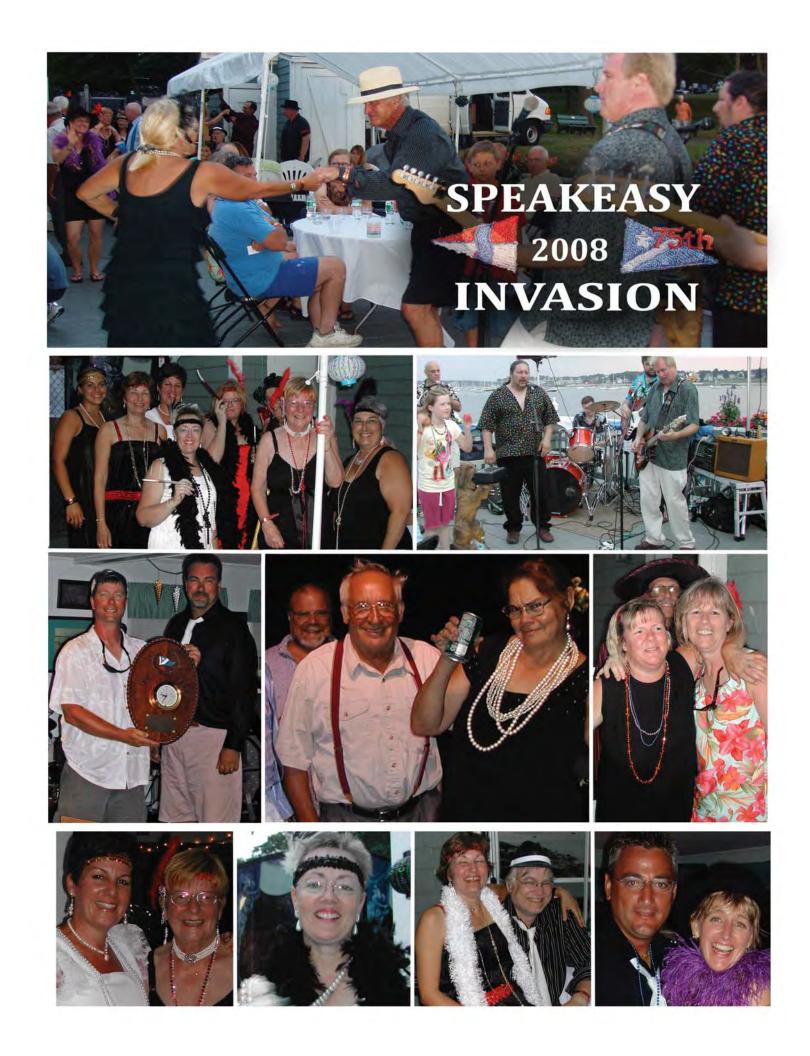




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Hillard M Lovett	1933	Howard Lee	1949
Frank P Cook	1933	Ronald Carson	1949
Ralph Hobbs Sr	1933	Wilbur Roberts	1950
JohnJ Welch	1933	Charles Ferguson	1950
John Wiley	1933	John Markey	1950
John Pineault	1933	Wesley Rowe	1950
Joseph E Fellows	1933	Albert Sirois	1952
Ralph S Hood	1933	Albert Wentworth	1952
Ralph E Hobbs Jr	1933	Wallace Henshaw	1952
Frank W Balcomb	1935	Francis Bresnahan	1952
Frederick W Craig	1935	John Marsh	1952
Frank Pooler	1935	Wilbur Dobbins	1952
Walker Cahill	1935	Elliott Rowand	1953
Stanley J Karbowniczak	1940	Reginald Clark	1953
Conrad Mizzi	1940	Ralph Ferguson	1954
V John Rikkola	1940	Walter Hawes	1954
John Cotter	1940	William F Byers	1955
John Debski	1940	Dr Douglas Newhall	1955
John Doherty	1940	Francis McMahon	1956
Roy Townsend	1940	Frank Small	1956
William Healey	1940	John Mullen	1956
Phil Conway	1940	Daniel Daly	1956
John Smith	1940	Robert Sawyer	1956
Dr J L O'Hare	1940	James A Burns	1958
Curtis Plant	1940	Frank R Rogers	1958
George Plant	1940	James Newton	1959
Robert Cohane	1942	John Buckley	1959
George Mann	1944	Roy Putnam	1959
Herbert Lee	1944	John Russell	1960
William Maguire	1945	Francis Gray	1960
Grafton Kingsley	1945	John Merrick	1961
Edmund Sullivan	1945	Frank Whalen	1961
W Ray Hemeon	1945	Joseph Francis	1961
Lou Ganet	1945	Chester McKeen	1962
Thomas Jones	1945	Leo Jalbert	1962
Lloyd Moss	1947	James Geran	1963
William Twombly	1947	Michael Neumann	1963
John Anketell	1947	Harlan Bruce	1963
Frank Mizzi	1948	David Sullivan	1964
Stowe Sayward	1949	Kenneth Burk	1964
John Harrison	1949	Robert Roffey	1965
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### SHOWING FIRST YEAR OF OFFICE

Robert Perron	1966	Peter Whelton	1979
Ralph Woods	1966	Don Rycroft	1980
Dan Muise	1966	Jay Butler	1980
Louis Roumeliotis	1966	Ed Fortier	1980
Barry Berkal	1966	Norman Michaud	1981
Edward Plecinoga	1966	John Hayes	1981
Jim Bimbo	1967	Jack Vess	1982
Don Johnson	1968	Wayne Hanson	1983
Douglas Lawson	1968	Pat O'Connor	1984
Carl Torossian	1968	Ed Morneau	1984
George Fissette	1968	John Cronin	1984
Bob Winer	1968	Ted Tourigny	1985
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George Garland	1970	Doug McLeod	1986
John Hearn	1971	Steve Kahn	1987
Albert Adams	1971	Warren Schmitner	1987
Ziggy Orzechowski	1971	Sylvan Menezes	1987
James Canatselos	1971	Manny Rezendez	1988
Anthony Canatselos	1972	Paul Hendry	1988
Virgil Toneatti	1972	Mary Cronin	1988
Spike Michaud	1972	Dave Sullivan	1988
Daniel Shea	1972	Tom Ratacik	1988
Norman Michaud	1974	Dave Carnevale	1988
John Hayes	1974	Mike Lowe	1988
Armand Turcotte	1974	Steve Jackson	1989
George Martel	1975	Fred Foerst	1990
Dick Kohut	1975	Vern Lennon	1990
Robert Sinclair	1976	Bob Mazazarino	1990
Bill Reinecke	1976	Norm Walczak	1990
Frank Nicgorski	1976	Bob Turner	1991
Roland Gauthier	1976	Bill Cronin	1991
Rocco Fralliciardi	1977	Gary Jaworski	1991
Mark Gauthier	1977	Marlene Jaworski	1992
Paul Pelletier	1977	Micky Tsouvalas	1992
Richard Cullinan	1977	Maureen Driscoll	1993
Bob Brinkman	1977	Scott Kline	1994
Tom Odom	1978	Don Bates	1994
John Wallace	1978	Jim Coughlin	1995
Linda Wiley	1978	Joe Collins	1995
John Friedel	1979	Tom McLaughlin	1996
Jack Veloukas	1979	Andy Devitt	1997

### BOARD OF GOVERNORS

### SHOWING FIRST YEAR OF OFFICE

Lou Schoenthal	1998	Mike Beecy	2003
Leo Callinan	1998	Phil Dole	2003
Dr Pat Curtin	1998	Dave Lewis	2004
Paul Luzinski	1999	Garett Wohl	2006
Jim Garfield	2000	Chip Cobb	2007
Dr Greg Gordon	2000	Mike Waters	2007
Bob Olenio	2001	Ann Olenio	2008
Jerry Killion	2002	Jean Cobb	2008
Kevin Neumann	2003	Mike Cucchi	2008

### Cruising Down East from the Salem Willows in the '70's

We began family cruising Down East in July 1976 in our Pearson 26, Hester P. We reached Boothbay, ME on our first trip. Kathy (age 9) and Sheryl (7) soon became proficient at listening for buoy sounds or powerboat sounds as we sailed through Maine fog. On our way east on this first trip to Maine, we anchored one night in lovely Quahog Bay (in Casco Bay) and at sundown were beset by clouds of giant, aggressive mosquitoes. Fortunately we had brought the mosquito netting the girls used during their two-week summer camp in Maine. We quickly threw nets over the companionway and forward hatch and were saved from either sweltering or being eaten alive. We have since learned that bug repellant works poorly against Maine mosquitoes, but that a crucifix helps.

On our return we took advantage of a brisk norwester and reached from Linekin Bay (immediately east of Boothbay) to the Isles of Shoals in one 72-mile hitch (in a boat with a 24-foot waterline.) This was a truly memorable ride! We knew that Gosport Harbor was wide open to the northwest and chose to anchor that night on the east or Atlantic Ocean side of the breakwater. Only a single boat joined us there. This proved a sound decision. We spent a calm night but were awakened after midnight at high tide. The continuing strong norwester brought us the sounds of shouting voices and revving engines. We went on deck to observe wildly gyrating anchor lights to the west over the breakwater in Gosport Harbor. Aided by a the high tide the northwesterly seas had caused several boats to drag anchor, collide and become entwined, or go aground.

At this time our navigation instruments were a compass, an analog fathometer, and a taff rail log (regularly fouled with floating eelgrass). Other cruisers, similarly equipped, were enjoying Maine. At the time it was easy to find a secluded and private anchorage. Radar, Loran, and then GPS have since resulted in a dramatic increase in boat traffic on this best of all American cruising grounds.

Summer family vacations continued to be cruises as long as the girls were home. Highlights included sailing the dingy around seals cavorting in Quahog Bay; spying, while crossing Bigelow Bight, the large flopping fin of an apparently drunken shark (which turned out to be a large, very strange-looking Ocean Sunfish); having dolphins play in our bow wave for an hour as we approached Penobscot Bay; sailing within a few yards of, and parallel to, a pod of whales over Jeffrey's Ledge; and picking wild blueberries to add to the morning pancakes

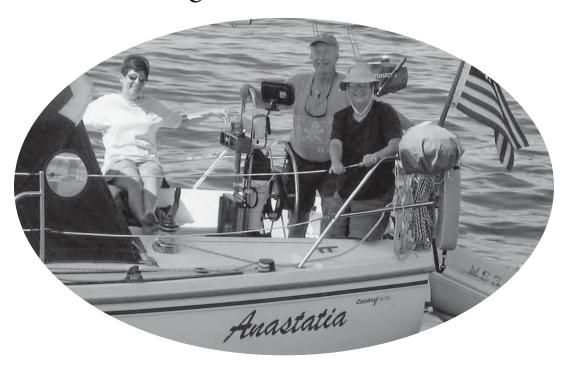
We subsequently acquired a Pearson 30 and then a Sabre 34 and routinely sailed directly from the Willows to Maine, getting as far East as Machiasport in about 40 hours. In those earlier days Down East the local kids would approach us to inquire how long it took us to sail to Maine and would ask to have their photographs taken.

Following her graduation from Beverly High School, Sheryl became a launch operator at SWYC and spent the next three summers conveying members and guests to and from their boats. She had many tales to tell, some amusing (being given a can of beer or a freshly caught fish as a tip), and some challenging (recovering a large man who fell overboard). She thoroughly enjoyed and has fond memories of those summer jobs and of the good people at the club.

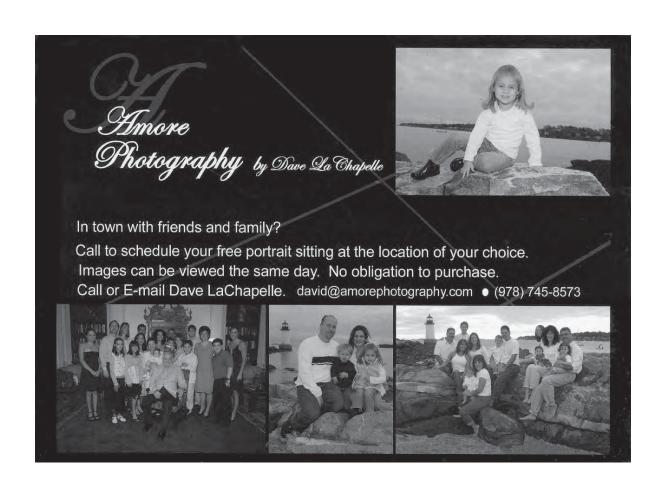
We are retired now and cruise more leisurely. Instead of rushing home to return to work we now await favorable winds or take an extra lay day. Maine is still our favorite cruising ground.

Sandy Reinecke Gloucester 23 May 08

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#### THE HOBBS FAMILY AWARD

The Hobbs family award is presented each year to a member who has given over and above what is necessary to keep the tradition of what makes the Salem Willows Yacht Club the special place that it is.

Ralph Hobbs Sr. was one of the original founders of the club and served as treasurer from 1937 - 1960.

Ralphs son, Ralph Jr. (Red) served on the Board of Governors for thirty years and as Commodore in 1940.

Mr. Hobbs youngest son Everett (Bud) Hobbs served as treasure from 1961 - 1975. Also, Bud could always be counted on to supply food for functions and also allowed the club to store boats and materials at the family owned store in the park.

Presently, there is Charles Hobbs, son of Everett, who served as a launch operator for three years, and still helps the club on special occasions. Bud and Charles are still members of the club today.

#### HOBBS AWARD RECIPIENTS

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### A Brief History of the Sandy Point Youth Sailing Program.

There is evidence that Sandy Point Sailing was established at the Jubilee Yacht Club around 1938 and was re-established after WWII and again in 1953 when Norm Cressy was Commodore of Jubilee Yacht Club. Apparently the program was difficult to keep running and utilized club member's boats. In the 1940s and 1950s the popular program boats were 110s, North Shore One Designs and Turnabouts. John Maxnor, Bill Hamor, Ted and Rich Desmond were heavily involved in the program at this time.

Around 1960, the Sandy Point Sailing Club was formed by the Junior Sailing Committee of the Jubilee Yacht Club. Copies of its original rules exist and state that the club's objectives were "to provide an environment that will instill and refine the skills, qualities and attitudes, so that participating youngsters will have the opportunity and incentive to become the responsible competent and complete yachtsmen and yachtswomen expected of Jubilee Yacht Club." Membership was open to the children or grandchildren ages 8 to 17 of regular members of JYC. The 1960 membership list totaled 64 students. The program ran Wednesday and Thursday from 11:00 to 2:30 with boats, sails, and related equipment still being provided by individual members of the JYC. The room under the bar at JYC was designated at the "Sandy Point Room" for the use of the program. (Sandy Point is the stretch of land to the Northeast of the JYC building.)

From the 1960s until the late 1980s, the program had more ups and downs and children of SWYC members were invited to participate in the program. In the early to mid-1980s, Kevin Leslie was the instructor. Then in the late 1980's the officers of both JYC and SWYC got together to find a way to formalize, fund and expand the program which up until now had been more of a day camp with some sailing. In 1989, Sylvan Menezes (then from SWYC) and Jim McNeil from JYC were appointed coordinators. There was just a single instructor, Heidi Walsh from JYC. She hadn't completed a US Sailing course and was a student of the program who advanced to instructor.

In 1990 Cheryl Reinecke from SWYC was hired as instructor. She seemed well trained and the program got off to great start. Then about the fourth week of the season, Cheryl had an appendix attack and the program was forced to cease operation for the season.

The next year Sylvan was ready to give up but was assured that both clubs were willing to take the sailing program seriously. The clubs committed money to help the program survive. Bill Hamor became the coordinator from the Jubilee. Sue Lavoie from the Willows became involved. She and John Allen got certified by US Sailing as instructors so the program could purchase insurance. The program began to be more formalized with specific classes and levels of sailors. It was no longer a day camp with some sailing.

In the early 90's, youth programs all over the country were being sued for various reasons and were forced to close. The board members at JYC were concerned about the club's liability having a sailing program. If the sailing program were incorporated as a

free-standing entity, it could then obtain its own insurance coverage and limit the potential liability for both yacht clubs. Thus in April 1997, the Sandy Point Sailing Association, Inc. was incorporated as a 301(b) non-profit corporation allowing it to obtain it's own insurance, set up its own finances and accept take tax deductible donations. And donations proved to be a major boon to the program.

Up until the time of incorporation, the program boats had always been whatever could be scrounged or purchased for short money from the program's limited resources. Wigeons, then the most common youth training boat of its day, were bought, swapped and sold. Several decent 420s were purchased or donated. A 13 foot Whaler with an old unreliable engine was purchased as a chase boat. Space for storage of equipment was donated by a JYC member at his warehouse in Beverly.

At the time of incorporation, the Wigeons were barely usable and the program floats had one more year of usable life. The sale of donated boats ranging from a 42 foot sailboat (a real fixer-upper, and still on the hard after three years) to a RIB have made it possible to sell off or scrap all the Widgeons and replace them with new Optimus and Pixel Dinghys. Also purchased were two old but serviceable 17 foot Whalers to replace the way-too-small 13 footer. Donations also allowed, with labor provided as part of an Eagle Scout project, the building of a movable storage shed for equipment storage in the upper JYC parking lot. This got all the equipment in one place and secured.

As 2007 winds down, the 2007 program is just a memory and 2008 is in the planning stages. The program now runs with two certified and four junior instructors for 6 weeks every summer. Also offered is an adult learn-to-sail program in the evening and an evening youth racing program. There is an annual regatta in mid-August with a cookout and awards celebration. The 420s are getting old and will need to be replaced. One of the Whalers just required a new motor.

The current SPSA board has two members from SWYC, Lou Schoenthal (treasurer) and Kevin Neumann (scribe). Jim Leonardi (JYC, formerly from SWYC) is president, Ed Bruenjes (JYC formerly from SWYC) chairs the boats, Linda Bruenjes (JYC formerly SWYC, do we see a pattern here) is secretary. Also involved are Eliot Rowand (JYC, formerly SWYC commodore in 1970), Bill Leslie, Debbi Lewis and Scott Skinner (JYC-never members of SWYC, needed to break the pattern).

So if you are at the club any weekday in the summer and hear a whistle blowing in the vicinity of a group of small boats, smile and wave, this is the future of sailing in Salem and Beverly.

Lou Schoenthal



### Pictured

1953 L/R Andrew Devitt - Steward, Frank Small, Frank Pooler P/C 1941 These fine heavy benches went missing during one of the many hurricanes our club survived.



The Devitt Family wishes all our friends at SWYC a wonderful summer and smooth sailing in 2008.

### We Would like to wish our parents a happy 50th wedding anniversary.

Members since 1955, John & Helen will be celebrating a 50th wedding anniversary this fall. Best wishes, we appreciate all that you've done for us.

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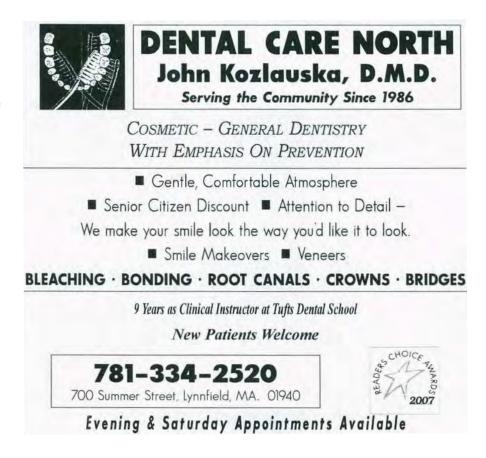
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The yacht club crews have fought to keep the craft on the course that was chartered by the ten men who built this sturdy craft. Year after year through narrows buffeted by storms and into protected harbors where seas are calm the course has been kept, new hands have grasped the wheel to keep a steady course. The ship has gone forward with a few changes in her structure to become a bigger and better craft than the fondest dreams of the master craftsmen who built her.

Today the club has a compliment of twenty-five crew members with two hundred fifty passengers aboard.

So, to all our passengers aboard our good craft, we of the crew sincerely hope that your stay aboard will be a pleasant and happy one.

Read the ship's papers, study the rules and regulation for passengers, enjoy and be happy and benefit in cruising with us who are your ship-mates.

Over the period of seventy- five years, our yacht club has lent valuable assistance to several boats and their occupants in distress. We have always tried to be in every way a club dedicated to the betterment of Safe and Sane Boating, giving encouragement in the safe-guards and proper seaman-ship of its members which is needed so much today upon coastal waters.

Our hope for the future is that our club continues to thrive and maintain its delicate relationship with our mother ocean. That its future commodores maintain a traditional and steady course so that our children and their descendants will perpetually enjoy the pleasure of "The Salem Willows Yacht Club", the best kept secret in New England.

### Fifteen Years of Athletic Excellence

Now that our beloved Red Sox have won the World Series two out of the last four years it seems a good time to remember our "Boys, Girls, and Children of Summer". I speak of course of the Salem Willows YC All-star softball team.

What started in 1990 as a "pick up game" between a few friends from SWYC and PCYC soon evolved into a yearly classic? To the victor went bragging rights for a year and a trophy that always seem to disappear sometime during the year, if you can't win it, steal it!

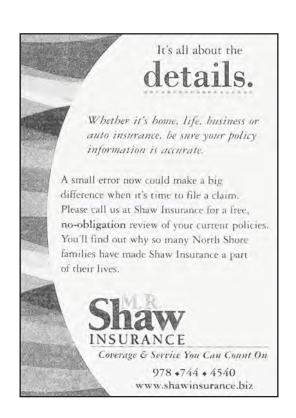
Each year the Commodore in office would get to pitch for our team and get to stay till they got hurt or booed off the field, which ever came first. To date no Commodore has moved on to a Major League career.

Although there have been a few injuries to over zealous arthritic former athletes, the tone of the game has always been fun with family participation. Woman and children, many times lead the way to victory, its embarrassing when your wife and sons are better players than you, isn't Commodore Newman? A spectacular play or hit was as likely to be made by someone waiting for admittance to an old age home as it was by a young future super star. Remember Leo Leblanc's, seventy years young, "O MY GOD" Catch? Off the ear, to the shoulder, down the arm, and into the glove!

Although the beer bust / barbeque at the end of the game held at alternating club locations was not that important, because it was of course a "family game", it was where many heated discussions on game strategies and disputed umpiring decisions usually ended in Salem Police intervention.

Although some, if not all the scores may be in dispute, it looks like to date fifteen games have been played and the Willows has won ten, but who's counting!

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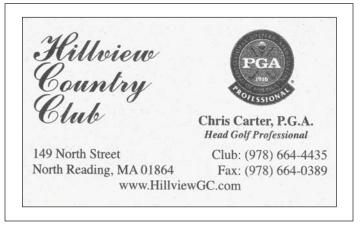
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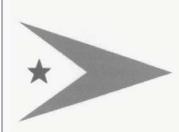
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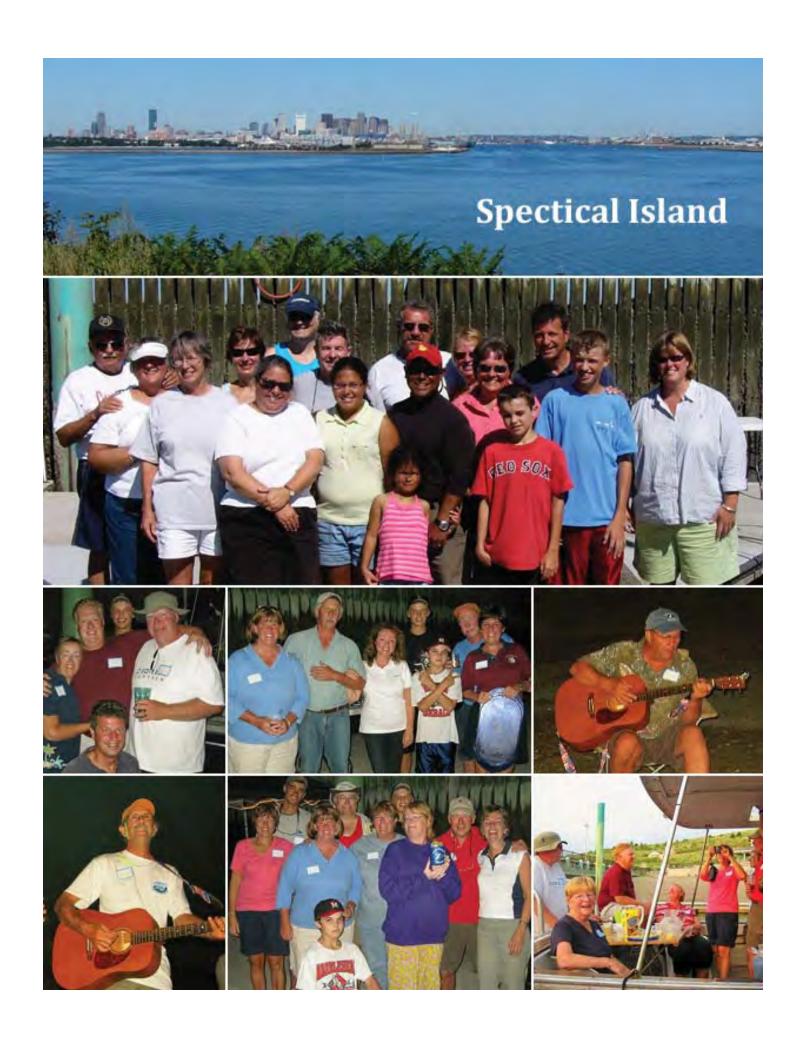
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Porter	Shannon M	Matthew Krisko
Puglisi	Robert J	Susan Brown
Putnam	Christopher	Susan
Pydynkowski	David L	Linda M
Pydynkowski	Michael D	
Quinn	John T	Wilma
Regan	John M	Michelle
Reinecke	William G	Sandy
Repetto	Michael T	Doreen
Rezendes	Manuel J	Sissy
Roccio	Richard T	Leslie Kubic
Rosenberry	Scott D	Tracey B
Ross	William M	Abigail B
Rourke	James G	Carol
Rowe	Wesley B	Annette
Royer	William R	
Russell	Donna L	
Russell	Ellen M	
Russell	Julie A	
Rycroft	Donald J	
Saccone	Donald E	
Sachs	Alexander	
Schier	Walter A	Tracy
Schmittner	Warren P	Dianne
Schoenthal	Louis M	Elvira
Scholz	Wolfgang	Gisela
Sharp	Gerry M	
Shea	Sharon	Douglas Denhol
Shields	Joan K	
Silva	Donald S	
Silva	Lori A	Anthony
Silva	Sheryl R	Jeffrey
Silverman	Stuart	Heidi
Smecker Sr	Frank J	
Smith	Donald N	Laura
Solomon	Dennis M	Janette
Spector	Arthur G	Ione Bissonnette
Stankiewicz	Kevin J	Rosemary
Stone	Dale K	Meela
StPierre	Roland N	Mary
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Sullivan	Richard J	Karen R
Swain	Douglas M	Rhonda F
Swiniarski	Joseph K	Louise
Swiniarski	Michael J	Lisa
Thomas	Richard P	Amanda S
Valentine	Stephens E	

Vandermeer Albert G Mary Walczak Norman A Mary Ward Francis H Judith Waters Michael F White Richard P Judith Cynthia A Whitten Randy Witkowski Jan P Diane Wohl Garet E Robert Welch Woods Fred D Nancy W Zoll Barry Y Susan Zoll Nathan Jacqueline

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Gough John (Jack)

Horowitz Beverly

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McCarthy Donald

McDonough Jim

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& Rachel Pohl

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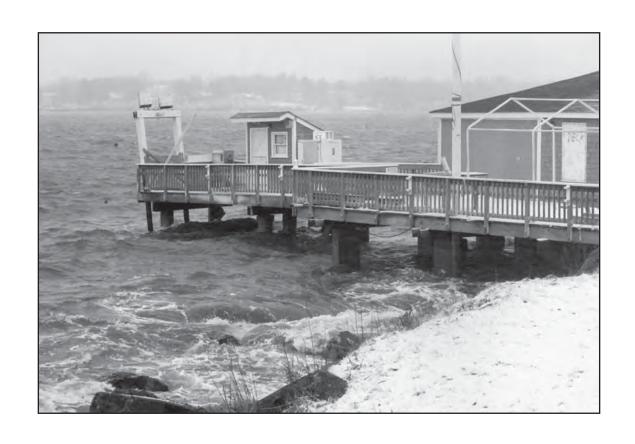
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#### HISTORY OF THE SALEM WILLOWS YACHT CLUB

#### This is how it began...

The following post card was mailed October 18, 1932 to about fourteen persons who had been mooring boats at Salem Willows:

Meeting Thursday evening, October 20<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 P. M. at Hotel Hawthorne, Salem, to discuss the formation of a Yacht Club at Salem Willows, as some action is necessary at once if we are to keep our boats there. If you cannot attend please call me at Salem 130 and let me know.

H. M. LOVETT

The meeting was held in Room 214 and was called to order at 8:15 P. M. Hillard M. Lovett acted as temporary president and outlined the purpose of the meeting, after which Mr. John Wiley explained the present condition of affairs regarding the boat house and landing float, formerly the property of William Remon.

He stated that Mr. Remon's widow wanted those who had been supporting and enjoying the boat house to continue to have it and for that reason she had given the property to Mr. Wiley. He further stated that he (Mr. Wiley) did not want profit from it. All he wanted was that the boat owners should continue to use and enjoy the property, pay the expenses and maintenance of the property as if it were their own.

Answering a question of Mr. Lovett's, Mr. Wiley stated that he did not want any money paid to him at any time, and that any surplus at the close of a season should be kept in the club treasury or disposed of as voted by a Board of Governors. Mr. Wiley also stated that he would secure the permit from the Park Commission of the City of Salem in his name and that any liability for accidents or damages would therefore be his liability and not that of the membership as the title of the property would remain in his name.

#### Birth of the Club October 20, 1932

After considerable discussion the following motion was made by Mr. Ralph E. Hobbs, Sr., seconded by Mr. A. Waldo Martin:

"That a Yacht Club to be known as the Salem Willows Yacht Club be organized." Carried unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Wiley, seconded by Mr. Welch, Dr. Louis A. Kotarski was elected the first Commodore.

On motion of Mr. Hood, seconded by Mr. Hobbs, Mr. A. Waldo Martin was elected Vice-Commodore and Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. Welch, seconded by Dr. Kotarski, Mr. Hillard M. Lovett was elected Secretary.

The following were elected to the Board of Governors: Frank P. Cook, Ralph E. Hobbs, Jr., John L. Pineault, Ralph S. Hood, A. Waldo Martin, Dr. Louis A. Kotarski, Joseph E. Fellows, John J. Welch, John N. Wiley and Hillard M. Lovett.

The following were elected a committee on By-Laws: Ralph Hood, A. Waldo Martin and Hillard M. Lovett.

Committee on Membership: John N. Wiley and John L. Pineault.

Publicity Committee: John L. Pineault and Hillard M. Lovett.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the next meeting be held Thursday evening, November 17<sup>th</sup>, at which time the By-Laws would be presented for adoption. Meeting to be held a some place designated by the Commodore and notice to be sent by the Secretary.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 P. M.

H. M. Lovett Secretary

**November 17, 1932** The regular meeting of the Board of Governors was held on this date at a room in the Knights of Columbus building at 8:00 o'clock. There were eight present. The meeting was opened by the Commodore, who called for the reports of the committees.

The Committee on By-Laws presented a complete Constitution and By-Laws, and each article was read repeatedly by the Secretary and voted upon. The complete Constitution and By-Laws as voted was then declared adopted for the government of the Yacht Club.

The report of the Treasurer was then read and approved.

There was considerable discussion concerning the Boat House and the reconstruction of the runway and platform which were entirely destroyed in the recent storm. Mr. Wiley stated that he was to confer with the members of the Park Commission soon concerning the permit and would report the outcome in order to proceed with the incorporation of the Club. In answer to a question of Mr. Lovett, relative to legal liability of members, Mr. Wiley stated that he would be willing to execute a lease for a term of years to the Club if so desired.

It was voted that the Secretary send a letter of thanks to the Knights of Columbus for their kindness in allowing the use of the room for a meeting.

On motion of Mr. Pineault, seconded by Mr. Welch, it was unanimously voted that the Salem Willows Yacht Club be incorporated.

On Motion of Mr. Pineault, seconded by Mr. Welch, Mr. Lovett was elected a member of the Membership Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 P. M.

<u>December 5, 1932</u> The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Salem granted a hearing to the Club at 4:00 P. M. on Monday at City Hall. The Club was represented by Commodore Kotarski, John Wiley and Ralph Hobbs. After our representatives explained the situation to the commission, the commissioners asked for a written petition that they could give to the City Solicitor and Attorney General for review.

- 1933 -

<u>Winter 1933</u> No sooner was the Club formed, when, in the winter of 1933, a severe storm and ice flow removed the pier and piazza, leaving only the Club House in a shaky position. The ten members of the Board of Governors had to dip into their own pockets to finance the rebuilding. The dues for the fist year were \$6.00 for a full member, and \$2.00 for an associations member, with no initiation fee.

In the thirties there were many people out of work, and as John Pineault had the know how and was an excellent organizer, the work parties were well attended.

<u>January 3, 1933</u> The suggestions of the Chairman of the Park Commission concerning a runway, float, lockers, piazza, etc., were accepted and approved unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Pineault, seconded by Mr. Welch, the following amendment to the Constitution was unanimously adopted:

ARTICLE XIV: The members of the Park Commission shall be honorary members of this Yacht Club, and shall have all the rights and privileges of all other members.

Also on this date Associate Membership was established with a fee of \$2.00 per year.

At this meeting the Secretary was instructed to write to Congressman A. Pratt Andrew in regard to securing a lighted mooring buoy to protect the mooring area of the Club.

March 2, 1933 The Board of Governors was increased by two members to a total of twelve members, i.e., Arthur Hale and Ralph Hobbs, Jr. The annual meeting was designated to be held in the month of October of each year. Constitution was changed to allow Steward to be elected by the Board of Governors.

June 22, 1933 John Pineault elected Steward.

Massachusetts Bay Yacht Club Association The Club found, by joining Mass Bay, that they were most helpful in the organization of their Club.

Fall Meeting The Board of Governors was increased to 12. The additions were Ralph E. Hobbs, Jr. And Arthur Hale.
- 1934 -

October 25, 1934 Revision of By-Laws and Constitution was agreed upon and passed. The position of Rear Commodore was established.

- 1935 -

March 21, 1935 First delegates to Massachusetts Bay Association elected.

May 8, 1935 Mayor Bates received membership in the Yacht Club.

August 29, 1935 Motion of thanks sent to Fred J. Dion for his donation and erection of the flag pole at the Yacht Club.

<u>November 7, 1935</u> A Governor's Council was created, composed of twelve or more members. These councilors met with the Board of Governors, made suggestions and were appointed to committees but without the right to vote as Governors.

- 1936 -

<u>March 1936</u> Motion passed that the House Committee be authorized to complete the interior of the Club House at a cost not to exceed \$100.

June 25, 1936 Motion made and passed that the Club carry public liability insurance.

- 1937 -

April 29, 1937 Motion that the Woburn Sea Scouts be authorized to keep their boat here this season at a fee of \$8.00.

- 1938 -

April 7, 1938 - Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. became a member of the Salem Willows Yacht Club.

<u>July 12, 1938</u> Decided that the Regatta Committee would proceed to form racing classes of different boats in the Club and notify members that suitable prizes would be awarded at the end of the season.

- 1939 -

July 19, 1939 A starting gun was purchased.

December 4, 1939 Frederick Craig was elected Fleet Captain. Established Junior Memberships.

- 1940 -

<u>July 1, 1940</u> Fred Craig started action for an approved mooring area to be approved by the Secretary of War. This approval was granted May 22, 1941. Started tender service at the Club.

August 29, 1940 Voted to drop the Governor's Council and enlarge the Board of Governor's to twenty-four and the Secretary, twelve members and the Secretary to constitute a self-perpetuating Board and twelve members to be elected for two, four and six year terms and at the conclusion of each term, the elected members to be elected for six year terms. This legislation was adopted on December 2, 1940.

October 31, 1940 Received a communication from the British Ambulance Corps relative to a donation for a speed boat to rescue Air Men shot down in the English Channel.

<u>December 2, 1940</u> Ninety-three full and sixty-eight associate members together with twelve honorary members. Treasury balance \$906.34. First general meeting held at Juniper School. Mayor Coffee of Salem spoke on the Club and it members as well as local government.

<u>April 7, 1941</u> Any member in good standing who enters the armed service of the United States to receive a paid up membership card until his discharge from the service.

- 1941 -

<u>May 5, 1941</u> Committee elected to set up a new set of House Rules. These were accepted and adopted a the June 2, 1941 meeting.

<u>December 8, 1941</u> Received a letter from U.S. Immigration Service wanting to know how many boats in the Club, especially those employing one or more men that are apt to go out beyond the three mile limit. These boats must notify Immigration before hauling anchor.

- 1942 -

**April 6, 1942** Voted that all members of the Board of Governors serving in the armed forces be marked present at all meetings.

<u>May 4, 1942</u> Report from Mass Bay Yacht Club Association meeting that Coast Guard identification cards that were being issued would be a permit that would allow navigation in those areas outlined on the card.

August 3, 1942 Voted that members will own and maintain their own moorings from now on.

- 1943 -

August 26, 1943 Our famous toilet installation was approved.

**November 1943** Voted to place a \$5.00 Registration Fee on all new members. Also an official vote that the float could not be used for commercial purposes.

March 13, 1944 Voted that servicemen hold their status for the duration of the war and 6 months after.

**November 17, 1944** Military substitutes appointed for Governors in the service.

- 1945 -

<u>March 13, 1945</u> The opening meeting of the Salem Willows Yacht Club was held Tuesday night, March 13, 1945 at the Juniper School with a large gathering present. The main attraction was a moving picture, "The Battle of New Britain", put on by the U.S. Navy.

- 1946 -

January 3, 1946 Full membership dues voted at \$10.00 per year and Associate Membership dues at \$3.00.

<u>March 14, 1946</u> Voted to sponsor a boat of George P. Mann in the coming year to take part in the race for the Lipton Cup. This boat is one of the new class being built to compete. Also voted to have a barrel on the float so that outboard motors can be washed out.

**August 29, 1946** Received offer of free transportation for members and families to Misery Island for annual outing from Pier Transit excursion boat. Thanks sent to Dan Sweeney of Pier Transit.

- 1947 -

March 11, 1947 Joseph Herman elected Club Steward.

May 15, 1947 John Rikkola elected Secretary of the Yacht Club.

August 28, 1947 Voted to seek to get Juniper Cove labeled as Harbor of Refuge.

December 4, 1947 Birth of newsletter called Jib Sheet

- 1948 -

May 27, 1948 Six rocking chairs purchased for the piazza.

- 1949 -

April 6, 1949 Voiced opposition to Bill H463 relative to registration of motor boats. This bill was defeated.

<u>June 30, 1949</u> Fee of \$2.00 to be paid for rental of sail lockers and outboard motor lockers.

- 1950 -

April 27, 1950 Voted to purchase a television set.

<u>July 27, 1950</u> Received permission and voted to replace the 500 gallon gasoline tank with one of 1,000 gallon capacity. This now was necessary due to the increase in the use of power boats. One hundred sixty-seven members.

<u>September 1950</u> An oil heater to heat the Club House was donated to the Club by William Hemeon from the Chase House Restaurant.

September 13, 1950 A Special Meeting was called to see and vote to repair storm damage to Club earlier in the month.

Voted to repair damage; also to get as many members to do the work in order to keep the cost down.

- 1951 -

March 1, 1951 Received offer of a float from the Smith Pool by the Park Commission which was gratefully accepted by vote of Club.

**April 26, 1951** Mooring Committee presents and gets approval for relay-out of mooring area to allow 95 feet between moorings so as to be able to handle 48 large boats, 95 small boats or tenders, and 10 small sailboats. Large chart is presented showing moorings by compass course.

May 31, 1951 Defined duties of Club Steward and voted to pay him \$300 per year.

June 28, 1951 Revision of Constitution and By-Laws voted. Wilbur Dobbins joins Club.

<u>September 27, 1951</u> "George Pooler Night" held to honor a fellow Governor but curtailed at the request of Governor Pooler so as not to set a precedent.

- 1952 -

April 24, 1952 A demonstration and lessons given in latest method of artificial respiration by Captain Harrington of the Salem Fire Department, and also a Red Cross instructor.

For the Race Committee, Chairman Rowand reported that he is calling a meeting of all Turnabout skippers to make plans for the year.

<u>July 31, 1952</u> Flood light placed upon flag pole to illuminate outboard and piazza area of Club. This step to prevent pilfering and damage to the Club during late evening and early morning hours. A donation of a movie screen by Frank Small accepted and greatly appreciated. Permission given to use Club float as start for "William A. Center Day" mile swim.

<u>August 31, 1952</u> Joseph Herman, Club Steward, gave a party at the Club House for all members of the Club in appreciation of having reached the age of seventy-five years young. All expenses were paid by him. He was presented with a scroll by the Club. The scroll was drawn by Albert Wentworth and framed by Lloyd Moss.

September 1952 Ocean race was held. The race started at approximately 9:30 A.M. and ended about twelve hours later when the last boat limped into port. Five boats started, the correct number finishing is still a mystery due to various versions relative to what happened and just who was capable of rendering a comprehensive report. Amen.

- 1953 -

**February 26, 1953** It has been observed that since Stanley Karboniczak became a member of the Board of Governors in 1931, he has established a record unsurpassed by any known person, living or dead, in the seconding of motions.

April 30, 1953 The width of the porch was increased two feet to the west to make room for the outboard lockers.

<u>July 30, 1953</u> The Club voted to send to the Mayor and President of the City Council a request that the city purchase a Police Boat for Salem Harbor. New outboard motor lockers ordered for immediate delivery. Voted to purchase two new club tenders.

August 27, 1953 The Club voted to have 'Club Pins' available for sale to members at \$1.50 each.

Windows for the east side of the piazza were approved. These to be hinged so they can be raised when not needed.

Membership for the year is one hundred sixty-eight.

Governor Wentworth submitted an outline of procedure to be followed to obtain dredging of the mooring area. Voted to repair end of pier.

- 1954 -

April 29, 1954 Al Wentworth presented a gavel set for the use of the Commodore in conducting the meetings of the Board, said set being inlaid with the Club emblem.

<u>August 31, 1954</u> Our greatest disaster was Hurricane Carol. Our landing float was disintegrated and the pier badly damaged. Insurance covered only part of the damage, so the Board of Governors voted to assess each full member an extra year's dues. All came forward with the money, labor and assistance. A new float was built by Mr. Story in the famous Essex Ship Yard; to be towed to Salem in time for the club opening in 1955.

<u>September 23, 1954</u> At this meeting is was reported that the Club float was entirely wrecked and much other damage done to the Club. A committee was formed to see what arrangements could be made about purchasing another float. It was voted to ask all members to pay an assessment equal to their Club dues to help finance this project.

October 8, 1954 At a special meeting of the Club, Harbor Master John N. Wiley estimated that the damage to Club property of the two recent hurricanes to be in the vicinity of \$3,500.00.

It was voted to have a new float built at Story's Boat Yard in Essex, said float to be ready May 1, 1955.

- 1956 -

<u>June 28, 1956</u> Donations to the Club received with grateful appreciation were a clock from Ronald Carson and a refrigerator from Mr. Casey.

<u>July 26, 1956</u> The final vote to create the Office of Financial Secretary was passed unanimously. Regulation adopted that unsupervised water sports in the mooring area be prohibited.

<u>September 27, 1956</u> Voted to amend Constitution changing the term of Member of Board of Governors from six to two years.

October 25, 1956 Stowe Sayward elected Financial Secretary.

<u>February 27, 1957</u> Committee for "Celebration of Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Yacht Club" was formed. It was voted that the Club burgee be made available to members for purchase.

- 1957 -

March 27, 1957 John Harrison and Everett Hobbs elected permanent Governors of the Club.

<u>April 25, 1957</u> Voted to loan mooring float to Philip Cahill. Vice Captain Jones of the Coast Guard Auxiliary explained the new regulations relative to lighting on boats. He also answered question on other inspection requirements.

<u>June 7, 1957</u> Voted that a membership limit be set at two hundred fifty which total would include Full, Associate and Junior memberships. Also voted to increase the salary of the Steward to one hundred dollars annually.

<u>June 27, 1957</u> Voted that the Chairman of the House Committee be exempt from payment of dues. Also voted that one member of the Board of Governors be at the Club each week day until 10 P. M.

August 29, 1957 The Membership Committee reported two hundred thirty-nine paid memberships. The Lobster Party

was held in spite of the rainy weather and was a huge success. Two hundred members were served.

<u>September 26, 1957</u> The Anniversary Committee added three hundred sixty-six dollars to its funds as the result of its activities.

The Membership Committee reported two hundred forty-eight paid up memberships.

November 14, 1957 Voted that a committee be formed to study the possibilities of a Junior Division for the Club.

- 1958 -

1958 It has been - for the second time - observed that since Stanley Karbowniczak became a member of the Board of Governors in 1931, he has established a record unsurpassed by any known person, living or dead, in the seconding of motions.

<u>February 27, 1958</u> The Park Board gave the Club permission to erect a chain link fence not to exceed six feet in height to better protect the property. On the resignation of Stowe Sayward as Financial Secretary, Governor Dennis was elected to that position.

It was voted to change the date of payment of dues from July 15 to April 15 of each year.

It was also voted that any member after receiving a second notice for the non-payment of dues on or about May 15, who has not paid said dues by June 1<sup>st</sup>, will be dropped from membership.

March 27, 1958 The chain link fence has been installed and inspected and an adapter ordered to keep the gate closed and also to allow the gate to swing either way. Plans call for a new floor in the kitchen. A First Aid Kit will be complete for the new season, reported by Safety Committee Chairman John Mullen. The Initiation Fee raised from \$5.00 to \$10.00. The Anniversary Committee expanded to include the chairmen of all standing committees.

<u>May 29, 1958</u> A letter from the Board of Park Commissioners stated that the requirements for fireworks and open air theater had been granted.

<u>June 26, 1958</u> The Anniversary Committee reported that the booklets will soon be ready. Arrangements have been made with the Salem News to take pictures and give us publicity.

<u>August 7, 1958</u> On the motion of Gov. Rowe, seconded by Gov. Wentworth, voted to invite Commodore and Mrs. Bray of the Massachusetts Bay Yacht Club Association to the banquet on August 7 and a letter is to be sent by our secretary.

<u>August 28, 1958</u> Voted to sell all existing winter spars and require individual members furnish and maintain their own spar.

- 1959 -

<u>May 28, 1959</u> Discussion centered around the replacement of the work boat with one of Sweeney's scows for the sum of \$10.00. Opening work parties being so difficult to organize, it was suggested that the House Committee investigate and report the sum needed to have the Club opened without depending upon volunteer help.

<u>June 25, 1959</u> Voted to look into the possibility of joining with other yacht clubs and using Misery Island as an attractive picnic area for club members.

Gov. Rogers reported that for the sum of \$200.00 John Buckley will supply the labor for opening and closing the Club. This will include all usual duties with the exception of moving the float.

<u>July 30, 1959</u> On motion of Gov. Balcomb, seconded by Gov. Rowe, voted to make Capt. A. B. Hathaway an Honorary Member.

For the **House Committee**, Chr. Rogers reported that:

- a. One tender needed welding;
- b. The work boat is in bad shape;
- c. Temporary repairs have been made on the ramp which will need further work at the end of the season;
- d. Steward Andy Devitt is in the hospital and that the two Devitt boys are doing his work.

On motion of Gov. Hobbs, Jr., seconded by Gov. Daly, voted a sum not to exceed \$50.00 for the demolition of Arey's Rock as proposed by one of the Club members. The work will be done at the end of the season.

<u>September 24, 1959</u> For the **House Committee**, Chr. Rogers reported that Frank Gray is preparing estimate for the proposed changes to the Club.

On motion of Gov. Karbowniczak, seconded by Gov. Newton, voted to appoint as Steward, John Flynn, who was proposed for the position by Gov. Rogers of the House Committee.

October 29, 1959 For the House Committee, Chr. Rogers reported that the removal of Arey's Rock did not materialize, that estimates for changes in the Club House had not been received, and that the Club had been closed satisfactorily.

For the **Massachusetts Bay Yacht Club Association Committee**, Chr. Wentworth reported that the state boating bills have been laid over until 1960. Congress has extended the registration enforcement date from January 1, 1960 to April 1,1960, which should allow time for the state boating bill to become law.

- 1960 -

<u>February 25, 1960</u> Mr. Arthur LeBlanc, member of the Park Board, has asked how he can be of service to the Club. He stated that the state will blow up Arey's Rock.

For the **Building Committee**, Gov. Hobbs, Jr. reported that in as much as there is talk about dredging the mooring area in the near future, plans for making extensive changes to the Club have been shelved. However, work being planned includes shoring up of the building and some painting.

April 28, 1960 House Committee Chairman Gov. Hobbs, Jr. reported on work to be done during the spring. Included are: paint the log floats; secure 16 new float barrels; repair planks, end posts and rails; secure gas pump; erect the flagpole; paint tenders. The float will be placed into position on May 21 and 22. Stewards for the season will be Howard Phelan and Frank Connors.

<u>June 30, 1960</u> Agreement to purchase 5 ½ hp outboard motor. Strong interest of young people in small boat handling classes to be held at Club.

<u>September 29, 1960</u> For the **House Committee**, Chr. Hobbs, Jr. reported that the runway had been repaired by Messers. Buckley, Swiniarski, and other members. Had an aluminum runway been in operation during the storm it would have been a total loss. Since lumber, bolts and nuts had been donated by Mr. Swiniarski, it was felt that a wooden ramp be built instead of purchasing one made of aluminum. Some of the chain holding the float will need to be replaced. With the help of volunteers the Club will be closed on October 9.

#### October 27, 1960

It was voted to send flowers to Mr. Swiniarski, who was convalescing at Salem Hospital, in appreciation of his generosity in supplying materials for the runway.

- 1961 -

February 23, 1961 Information card system for boat owners in the Club established.

April 27, 1961 For the House Committee Chr. Hobbs, Jr. reported as follows: Mr. Buckley is building a new ramp; a work party is to be held on May 6; mooring chains for the floats have been purchased.

May 25, 1961 There are several outstanding bills, including \$170.00 for building the ramp.

For the **House Committee**, Chr. Hobbs, Jr. reported that the ramp had been built, club tenders painted and chain secured for the float. Weather permitting, the float will be secured on Saturday, May 27.

<u>June 29, 1961</u> Motion passed to allow boaters 10 minutes to rinse their boats on Sunday. On motion of Gov. Harrison, recorded by Gov. Everett Hobbs, voted to have Sumner Raymond explore the possibility of securing land at the Girl Scout Camp for site for the Club.

<u>August 8, 1961</u> City Councilor Mike Harrington and Assistant Harbor Master Alex Michaud addressed board on proposed new harbor regulations.

- 1962 -

April 26, 1962 A new tender with outboard motor purchased for emergencies and for use of Race Committee.

<u>July 26, 1962</u> The **House Committee** reported that a new gas pump had been installed, a halyard to the flagpole had been attached and that it would be well to provide a heavier service cable to the Club House. This last item being tabled for the time being.

October 25, 1962 Phil Cahill donated a float to the Club. Motion made to look into renting a portable toilet for the Club.

**House Committee** Chairman Hobbs, Jr. reported that the Club had weathered two storms without undue damage. One eye bolt, which held the chain to a rock, had snapped. During the storms the new boat had proven invaluable. It appears that Belleau was not interested in making a new rig for the flagpole and that after further thought on the matter a simple plan of modification is feasible. Mr. Burns had helped in closing the Club by offering the use of his boat trailer.

**- 1963** ·

April 25, 1963 Agreements made to look into requirements for running a Club launch.

<u>June 6, 1963</u> The **House Committee** will be augmented by James Geras and John Menich. The following were voted:

- 1. To provide launch service on Saturdays, Sundays, holidays for July, August, Labor Day weekend.
- 2. To poll the members about their willingness to pay \$3.00 for the season for the launch service.
- 3. To authorize the House Committee to select an operation for the launch.
- 4. To have the House Committee inspect the wiring of the Club.

Voted to start Club launch service on holidays and weekends at a cost of \$3.00 per member.

July 25, 1963 New toilet installation in process; new water bubbler installed.

November 7, 1963 A motion was made and seconded that the dues for the 1964 year will be \$10.00 for full members and \$5.00 for associate members with a capital improvements assessment of \$5.00 to be levied against full and associate members.

- 1964 -

<u>April 30, 1964</u> House Committee Chairman Hobbs reported to the Club the work still to be done and expected to have the float ready and in place on May 15 or 16.

Chairman Dennis reported for the **Race Committee** and expected to have races starting the 1<sup>st</sup> of July and through Labor Day; possibly 3 each week. He asked all interested to try and get more boats (turnabouts) and more young skippers.

It was motioned and seconded that John Rikkola be made an Honorary Member in appreciation for his long association with the Club and so voted.

May 28, 1964 House Committee Chairman Hobbs, Jr. reported on condition of Club House and float. Three new lights

have been installed to better light our mooring area. There is still some work to be done concerning placing of tenders when not in service. Aluminum tenders to be taken to the shop for repairs. He was to consider and see what could be done in reference to painting the Club House and report at later meeting.

<u>June 30, 1964</u> Chairman Hobbs, Jr. reported on condition of the Club House; painting completed at a cost of \$190.00 and some small reapirs still to be made.

Chairman Neumann of Entertainment Committee reported, and after much discussion it was voted to hold a Lobster Party instead of chicken on August 16, 1964. The previous Hot Dog Party was a great success.

<u>July 30, 1964</u> Voted to send a check for \$100 as a token of good fellowship to the Jubilee Yacht Club to help them with their new club house.

<u>August 27, 1964</u> Chairman Neumann reporting for the Entertainment Committee told of the success of the Lobster Party. A Chowder Party was planned for September 20.

<u>September 25, 1964</u> Chairman Hobbs, Jr. reported on condition of Club House and advised that the electric motor for the toilets had been delivered, to be installed in the spring.

October 29, 1964 Chairman Hobbs, Jr. reported on the Club House with most of the work being done. Entertainment Committee reports a good season and plans for a Winter Party.

- 1965 -

<u>June 24, 1965</u> It was moved and voted that the Treasurer be authorized to hire an accountant to attend to the various tax statements and filings.

<u>July 29, 1965</u> A number of motors have been stolen from the mooring area. The problem of illumination apparently cannot be solved at reasonable cost.

October 28, 1965 House Committee In Chet McKeans' absence Bud Hobbs reported on the winterizing of the plumbing, the hauling of the launch and the beaching of the float. A gratifyingly large work party did a good job.

- 1966 -

<u>May 26, 1966</u> Entertainment Committee Four collapsible tables were requested by the Ladies Aux. Agreed to obtain the tables.

<u>June 30, 1966</u> It was agreed to accept the bid of Anketell Roofing Co. for re-shingling the Club room with the proviso the shingles be laid 4", not 5", to the weather.

<u>July 28, 1966</u> Mooring Committee A rash of cut moorings prompted Elliott to recommend mooring specifications be changed to require chain all the way up to the float. While agreeing this was a good idea the costs of suitable floats was felt to be too expensive for our Club members.

August 25, 1966 Following a general discussion it was decided that Stewart should limit his gas pumping duties to carrying the hose to the boat.

<u>August 25, 1966</u> Nominations - it was moved and carried that Barry Berkal and Edward Plecinoga be appointed to the Board of Governors.

The question of requiring mooring chains to the surface was once again raised. The possibility of Elliott Rowand maintaining these moorings was brought out for the first time. The need for standard numbering was pointed out. It was directed the Chairman of the Mooring Committee re-study the problem and present a resolution to the Sept. meeting.

<u>September 29, 1966</u> Moorings The question of more adequate moorings was again raised. After a discussion of some length, it was agreed the Secretary would draft a new set of mooring rules incorporating the points decided upon. A vote was taken and passed to amend the By Laws in this respect. It was moved and carried that Elliott Rowand would be retained to maintain the moorings for 1967 at a cost of \$5 per mooring.

October 27, 1966 New Business John Harrison reported the conclusions of the Special Committee on dues. After some discussion it was voted dues for 1967 would be:

Jr. Members - \$5 (unchanged) Assoc. Members - \$10 (unchanged) Regular Members - \$20 Application Fee \$10 (unchanged)

The Secretary was directed to point out to the members in a letter:

- 1. Increased costs in general, particularly labor
- 2. The cost of launch service which was operated at a loss in 1966
- 3. Launch service will become a regular Club service available to all
- 4. The decline in our cash position

- 1967 -

**April 29 1967 House Committee** Bob Roffey commented on the progress made toward re-decking the float and set Sat. May 20<sup>th</sup> as opening date for the Club.

<u>May 25, 1967</u> The May meeting was called to order in the midst of a violent Nor'easter. Comdr. Perrons' **Puffin** had come down on the float and carried away the runway. Mr. Cobbs boat is a total loss.

<u>August 31, 1967</u> House Committee After a discussion of wooden and aluminum tenders, it was agreed Bob Roffey would view those in use at United Shoe Yacht Club. It was agreed we would acquire 2 new tenders probably in lighter construction wood for the next season.

September 28, 1967 Mass Bay Whitey Plecinoga led a delegation, but there was nothing of substance to report.

- 1968 -

<u>May 23, 1968</u> Race Committee Elliott reported that after careful study it had been determined that at least 2 boats were required for a race. This condition not having been fulfilled there has been no race. Governor Dennis suggested any one boat so desiring could have its time recorded for successive laps around some course thus in essence "racing itself."

<u>June 27, 1968</u> House Committee Reported that several pilings which supported the piazza needed repairs and plans for a work party were made to alleviate this situation. The painting at the Club continues, but is hampered by rainy conditions.

<u>July 6, 1968</u> Entertainment Committee Reported plans for a cookout at the Club on Saturday, July 6 for members and guests of the Mass. Bay Fleet. Also a teenage dance was planned the same night to be held in the pavillion.

<u>August 29, 1968</u> Mooring Committee Rowand reported that since he has sold his vessel, he will be unable to move moorings. It was suggested that future movements be made by the **Can Do** through Quirk by arrangement via Rowand. Rowand will continue to service winter spars.

- 1969 -

<u>May 25, 1969</u> Mass Bay Committee Louis Roumeliotis reported. He stated that the Coast Guard will not unnecessarily tow vessels or respond to useless calls.

<u>June 26, 1969</u> Motioned made to commend L. Roumeliotis for the excellent work he has led in remodeling the Club House.

<u>July 31, 1969</u> Commodore requested volunteers to assist in writing **Jib Sheet** - Barry Berkal and Dan Muise will write next sheet

- 1970 -

<u>May 28, 1970</u> Mooring Committee E. Rowand reporting that 120 moorings set out; a number of spars pulled away by breaking chain. Approximately 10 moorings were lost and a skin diver will try to recover them. E. Rowand states that he will resign from job as of July 1.

Motion was made by E. Plecinoga that commencing July 1, all members maintain their own moorings. Plecenoga has assumed chairmanship of Mooring Committee and E. Rowand has agreed to continue as consultant. Motion passed unanimously. A 14 foot vessel (used) dory will be purchased for mooring purposes.

<u>June 25, 1970</u> Two aluminum tenders were purchased, a launch operator was hired and the Steward was hired. \$1100 was allowed for the launch operator and \$1200 for the Steward. Launch operator is Sue Perron. The club now has 5 tenders out - one fiberglass, two new aluminum and two wooden (used) tenders. The Club locks will be changed June 27th - all members will require new keys.

- 1971 -

May 27, 1971 Commodore Berkal announced that Salem would have a boat parade on August 15th.

<u>September 30, 1971</u> Old Business Motion made at last meeting to repeal consumption of intoxicating beverages at a Club function required a 2/3 vote at 2 meetings. A vote (2<sup>nd</sup>) was taken - 16 in favor and 5 opposed. The change carried.

- 1972 -

August 31, 1972 A closing dance party is planned to be held on closing day at the Jubilee Yacht Club.

<u>September 28, 1972</u> House Committee Virgil Toneatti reported that the city has given the Club approval to lay a sewer pipe. The Club now has to take on the responsibility of laying the pipe with a contractor. A good size work party will be required as soon as possible to do the work.

October 26, 1972 Blasting out rock at NE corner of present float (Arey's Rock).

- 1973 -

**February 22, 1973 Mass. Bay** Dan Muise reported that any vessel of 16 ft. will require jackets - buoyant cushions are not acceptable.

<u>May 31, 1973</u> The launch operator is believed to have passed the USCG exam. Timmy Lutts must wait until he is 18, June 21, to commence.

August 30, 1973 The ejector pump, tank and two toilets have been installed. Cost \$3400.

October 25, 1973 Mike Dennis - Financial Secretary - after 10 years service requested that his resignation be accepted due to much other pressure.

Dan Shay raised the issue of work parties. The problem being that the work parties are insufficient to properly maintain the Club and the tenders.

Barry Berkal stated that what is required most is good communication thru the **Jib Sheet**. In the past this has generated good work parties and a good *esprit de corps*.

-1974-

May 30, 1974 Mooring Committee Chairman Canatselos says a study will be made to determine the cost for constructing a mooring float and tripod for use of the Club. A report on the cost will be made at the next meeting. Progress is being made in continued organization of the mooring area. A motion was made and passed to authorize expenditure up to \$200 for a mooring rig.

A motion was made to establish a work party or fee assessment on membership to assist with the Club work.

June 27, 1974 John Hayes and Armand Turcotte were elected to the Board of Governors.

<u>September 26, 1974</u> A report was given on a new launch. Original intent was to find an inboard but with further study of the hauling and storing problems and the recent purchase of an outboard motor it was decided by the members to concentrate on a fiberglass outboard motor boat, estimated to be in the \$1,900 area.

The work party proposals of July 17 were accepted and will be in effect for 1 year. This consists of a \$20 work assessment which can be worked off at the rate of \$4 per hour.

- 1975 -

<u>July 31, 1975</u> Entertainment Dan Shay reported there was a large turn out on July 4<sup>th</sup> party. The August 2<sup>nd</sup> Island Party is coming up.

A motion was made by Robert Grenier, seconded and unanimously approved that the work party or assessment for work as specified on July 17, 1974, will become effective in the spring.

September 25, 1975 .

Commodore Johnson opened with a moment of silence for our recently deceased long time member, Governor and Financial Secretary, Stanley Karbowniczak.

**Old Business** Hauling of float. A price of \$700 was received from a house mover to haul and launch floats. After much discussion, it was decided to haul floats ourselves on the 18th.

October 30, 1975 Treasurer's Report In the absence of Bud Hobbs, who was injured while hauling the float, Ralph Hobbs read the report which contained a list of expenses.

- 1976 -

February 26, 1976 Old Business The security of the local harbors was discussed by Harbor Master Red Hobbs. Beverly is considering the addition of an Assistant Harbor Master who will act as a special police officer. Marblehead has been discussing the problem of security and are discussing means of minimizing thefts. Volunteers are being considered for the problem. Harbor Master Red Hobbs suggested that the only approval for achieving security at the SWYC is for the membership to do it themselves on a volunteer basis.

A motion was made by Spike Michaud to thank our Treasurer Bud Hobbs, who is resigning, and to accept his resignation with thanks. The motion carried and a standing thanks was given "Buddy."

April 24, 1976 Nominating Committee Don Johnson nominated Roland Gauthier as Treasurer and the motion carrier unanimously.

**House Committee** John Hayes reported that there have been three work parties to date. The response (130) to accept the work party program has been very good. On this date considerable work was done on conditioning and rebuilding the float.

June 24, 1976 Old Business A letter of resignation dated 22 June was read from Mike Dennis.

A motion was made by John Hayes that permanent Governors should be gradually eliminated by attrition. The motion was seconded by R. Perron. This motion will amend Article V. The motion was passed with a vote of 13 Governors out of 18 present.

**New Business** The Commodore raised the issue of a float for the boat parade of Heritage Days. This went off like a lead balloon.

**February 24, 1977 Entertainment** The new chairman, Jim Canetselos stated that the Commodore's Ball is scheduled for March 12.

**Old Business** The secretary read a letter from Reed Manning who is leaving for Brussels for two years. He is also donating his 250 lb. mushroom to the Club, mooring number 155.

**New Business** John Hayes was directed by the Commodore to retain an accountant to complete forms for achieving a non-profit corp. status.

**April 19, 1977** A special meeting of the S.W.Y.C. was held this evening at the Michaud Bus offices. Commodore Michaud presented a new prospect to manage the Club. Mark Delande presented his credentials relative to boating, etc., which included 7 years with Marblehead Transportation.

May 26, 1977 Entertainment James Canatselos stated that a Chowder Party is planned for Sunday the 29th.

**New Business** There was considerable discussion about reconstructing the main float which needs much work to replace rotted wood. Some governors felt that the large float should be replaced by two separate attached floats. Considerable planning will be required for the float project.

June 30, 1977 Entertainment The Commodore reported that plans for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Party are well underway. The Island Party will be in August, Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup>, rain or shine.

New Business A letter of resignation by Elliott Rowand was read, and his resignation was accepted.

<u>August 25, 1977</u> Mooring Committee Mark Gauthier has located a number of discarded moorings and has helped a number of people with various problems.

October 27, 1977 Mooring Committee Roland Gauthier reported that there were a few moorings still left to be moved. A question was raised by Bill Reinecke concerning lobster floats in the area. The Harbor Master stated that in spite of his efforts it has been very difficult to police the mooring area.

**House Committee** The floats were hauled out on schedule by a Mr. Bouchard who did a good job. Cost \$300 which was nominal.

Mass Bay Dan Muise stated that Boston Gas has a slide presentation of the Tall Ships in Boston.

New Business Bud Hobbs was voted in as Honorary Commodore.

- 1978 -

February 23, 1978 Entertainment Commodore Canatselos reported that the Commodore's Ball will be held on March 11 at the Italian Club in Peabody. Dick Moore's band has been engaged for the event.

**Mooring Committee** George Martel reported that a location plan of the mooring area is being established. The availability of guest moorings was discussed. Liability for and or during use of the mooring tripod was also discussed. Chairman Martel will prepare appropriate liability release forms for members who would use the tripod. The Chairman of the Moorings will prepare a set of procedures and operational notes for use and operation of the mooring Tripod.

**Safety Committee** Chairman Jim Bimbo has stated that the Club has suffered damage and is presently unsafe. Vandals have broken in again and broken a picture window.

**House Committee** John Hayes stated that the pier was damaged by the vessel **Philip T. Clark**, in November when it broke loose and that an estimate for repairs given by North Shore Dredging is \$3769. The insurance company has been notified and a claim submitted.

The gas pump was removed from the end of the pier because it did not appear secure.

Pilings were lost below the Club due to the storm of 6 - 7 February. The septic tank was also lost due to the ocean surge.

A topic for much discussion centered about means and approaches for financing and obtaining funds for repairing the dockage area.

Old Business Motion was made by Perron that the Federal Flood Rider be added to the insurance policy.

The secretary read a note from the Mello Family thanking us for out thoughts regarding the late Frank Mello.

**New Business** Perron motioned that the Club take out a membership in the Misery Island Reservation. The motion was accepted and passed unanimously.

March 30, 1978 Meeting at Michaud Bus offices this evening. Purpose of this special meeting was to discuss the repairing and financing of loans and permits etc. for repairing damages sustained by the Club on the blizzard of 6 February. Considerable discussion followed concerning various approaches for financing repairs, i.e., federal loans, S.B.A., etc. and suing the owner of the vessel **Philip T. Clark** for damages sustained to our wharf area, pilings etc. when the vessel broke loose and drifted down onto Club property in the fall of 1977.

Bob LeDoux also stated that we pursue a suit against the **Philip T. Clark**. Also submitted for the record were reports of the Salem Harbor Master who investigated the damages caused by the **M.V. Philip T. Clark**.

It was also stated that the SWYC's insurance company will not pay the Club for any damages because we were not insured for that type of casualty, nor will it pursue the owner of the M.V. Philip T. Clark.

April 29, 1978 House Committee Chairman Dick Cullinan stated that a succession of work parties have been held to repair damages sustained by the Club. Jim Michaud said the Sea Scouts would like to assist the work parties. Cullinan stated that work parties will have to be held on both Saturdays and Sundays until the Club opens.

**Entertainment** Tony stated that the Commodore's Ball came out \$150 ahead this year. The Commodore thanked Tony for his excellent work at the Commodore's Ball.

**Mooring Committee** George Martel reporting. George recommended that the Club purchase a 1 Ton chain hoist for the tripod.

New Business John Hayes motioned that the Club appropriate \$50 for the 'Can Do Widow Fund'; the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Zoll to present a Memorial Membership for the **Can Do**.

<u>June 1, 1978</u> House Committee Red Cullinan. Much more work to be accomplished. We are providing 81 hrs/wk of launch service.

Mooring Committee George Martel. Late start, may have lost spars. Would like to purchase a chain in fall for \$92.

Dan Muise asked if the Willows pier will be repaired this year. If not he felt we should permit Sweeney to carry on his boat livery service from our Club. It was agreed that we permit Sweeney to moor his boat; launch service would also be provided.

<u>June 29, 1978</u> Discussion ensued about damage caused by the **Philip T. Clark**. Bud Hobbs was to speak to Joe Fellows for opinion of the \$215 settlement for damages. If it is decided to go for more, then we will automatically go to Louis Panakio.

The Club members repaired the damage done by the **Philip T. Clark** and the Club opened on schedule.

<u>July 27, 1978</u> Mooring Committee George Martel requested the Vice Commodore to present his report. The committee authorized the launch operators to work for pay on members moorings, but on their own time. Reclaimed moorings will be sold to new or old members or to owners who abandoned them. It was determined that two launch

operators had spent a total of 16 hrs to reclaim moorings.

**House Committee** Cullinan reported that the prime launch motor was being repaired at Salem Marine Basin. The finger float was repaired.

The Vice Commodore stated that the insurance payment of \$215 by the insurance company for damage caused by the **Philip T. Clark** will be contested because it is insufficient for damages sustained.

<u>August 31, 1978</u> House Committee Vice Commodore Hayes stated that Cullinan will report on the outboard vs. inboard controversy when he returns from the meeting.

It was also stated that a favorable court ruling has been received concerning the **M.V**. **Philip T. Clark**, and that we should receive payment for damage. Hayes reviewed with the insurance broker our needs for insurance. Broker has been invited to talk to us.

**Mooring Committee** George Martel reported that some moorings have been sold, \$100 worth, and 6 or 7 moorings remain. The cost to retrieve all of the moorings was 16 launch man hours or \$64. Wilbur Dobbins motioned that one of the above moorings should be set out as a guest mooring.

**Old Business** Dan Muise raised the issue concerning our tax exemption and filing of papers. Perron will follow through to obtain a tax exemption number.

<u>September 28, 1978</u> House Committee John Hayes stated that the next work party will be on October 14<sup>th</sup> to close up the Club. On 21 October the float will be jacked up.

A motion was made to construct a wooden ramp. The motion carried.

Entertainment Committee The Commodore's Dinner Dance will be at the K of C in Salem on 24 March.

Safety Committee Jim Bimbo stated that it has been impossible to police the oars, i.e., have them put away.

**New Business** Bill Reinecke called our attention to the Blyman Bridge schedule which will open only once per hour. Reinecke will place details in **Jib Sheet**.

October 26, 1978 House Committee Remaining work to be done - the gas shut-off is still to be implemented. Float still has to be jacked. A contract has been prepared by Salem Marine Basin for a new motor with a new yearly replacement. The contract has not been received or signed yet.

**Entertainment Committee** Tom Odom reported to the chairman that the entertainment costs were at a deficit of \$234.91 for the season. It should be noted: overall expenditures were about 2/3 those of 1977.

**New Business** R. Perron submitted his resignation as Secretary and N. Michaud motioned that R. Perron be made an Honorary Member of the Board of Governors. The motion was unanimous.

Nominated was Mrs. Lynn Wiley for Treasurer. The vote was unanimous.

Lynn Wiley is the first woman to serve on the Board of Governors. Bob Brinkman moved that the new Governor Lynn Wiley undertake the Treasurer and Secretary duties for the year. The motion carried unanimously.

Bud Hobbs was nominated and voted in as a co-signer to the Treasurer.

A motion was then made that all dues be increased by \$5 for all members. Full members are now \$70 and junior members are \$20. N. Michaud moved that increased dues monies be placed in a special account to be spent only for special expenses. Vote unanimous.

Salem Willows Yacht Club Emergency Meeting RE: January 1979 Storm

FEB. 1, 1979 MICHAUD BUS CO. 8:00 P. M.

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Hayes and 17 governors were present.

#### **STORM SUMMARY**

JAN. 1979: Salem Willows City Pier was under construction due to damage sustained in the Feb. 1978 storm. Construction was done by Pelletier of Salem. Construction was halted in Oct. - Nov. 1978 and Pelletier left untied a number of large pilings, etc. which broke loose and severely damaged the S.W.Y.C. during a storm in Jan. 1979. After consulting legal advice, it was proposed the S.W.Y.C. might file suit against the City of Salem for damages. It was the City which ordered Pelletier to temporarily stop the pier construction.

#### LEGAL ADVICE

- 1. Sue the City: Attorney Bob Ledoux was present to explain various alternatives for collecting damages sustained to S.W.Y.C. in the Jan. 1979 storm. Atty. Ledoux suspects the Club will have a strong case against the City of Salem. Since the Club only has a license (no ownership of building) to operate issued by the terms of the City of Salem, it is feared we might win the suit, but be told by the City to vacate the Club.
- 2. SBA Loan: This may be a source of money to repair, but since the club has no collateral the governors jointly must assume responsibility for the loan. (This is not a popular choice by all the governors.) If this is chosen \$5000.00 might be obtained in a short period of time.
- 3. **Phillip T. Clark** accident (see minutes of the Feb. 1978 meeting): Some monies may be realized on this claim, but it could take time and we are not to count on it as a source of available funds for repairs.

We are to notify Atty. Ledoux of what plan we will use to get the necessary money to repair and restore the club.

Commodore Hayes brought the meeting back to the governors.

<u>FUNDS TO REBUILD:</u> A motion was made by Roland Gauthier to assess members of the club for storm damage as follows:

Full Member: \$79.00 regular dues; \$20.00 work assess., \$50.00 storm assess. TOTAL 1979 DUES: \$140.00

Associate: \$20.00 regular dues; \$20.00 storm assessment. TOTAL 1979 DUES: \$40.00

Junior: \$10.00 regular dues; \$10.00 storm assessment. TOTAL 1979 DUES: \$20.00

The motion was passed and Dan Muise will bill as soon as possible at the new rate.

 $\underline{\text{A motion}}$  was made by Bud Hobbs not to charge new members for the storm assessment. The motion was passed.

A motion was made and carried by Dan Muise that non paying dues members be charged the storm assessment of \$50.00.

Commodore Hayes estimated replacement cost of the club at \$20,000.00 and operational (only of the 1979 season) cost at \$8,000.00.

Methods of reconstruction: 1. Contractor, 2. Club help, 3. Contractor/club

Various estimates will be obtained and much further discussion will be made concerning reconstruction of the club.

<u>A motion</u> was made, however, by Tom Odom that the Club use cement pilings in reconstruction. The motion passed.

No loans will be obtained and reconstruction will be completed as money allows for the season.

<u>Treasurer</u>: Outgoing Tres. R. Gauthier reports approx. \$1,700.00 in cash available.

<u>Nominating Committee</u>: Jim Bimbo was appointed to the nominating committee. Red Cullinan submitted his resignation as governor and it was accepted.

Motion was made to adjourn.

Respectfully, Linda Wiley Secretary/Treasurer

#### **Board of Park Commissioners Salem, Massachusetts**

February 26, 1979

Mr. John L. Hayes, Commodore Salem Willows Yacht Club 16 Nursery Street Salem, Massachusetts 01970

Dear Mr. Hayes:

Your letter with reference to the rebuilding of the Salem Willows Yacht Club was read at a meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held on February 22, 1979.

The members of the Board hold in high esteem the Salem Willows Yacht Club which has conducted its business on Park land in an orderly and businesslike manner for many years, and they extend to the Club their very best wishes for success in their efforts to raise funds to rebuild the Club property.

Sincerely yours,

John D. Ahern Chairman, Park Board

#### Damaged pier latest Willows setback

#### 'Workingman's yacht club' won't quit

#### By JO STEWART News Staff

SALEM - They call themselves the "poor man's yacht club" and now thy are doing all they can to keep their club "above water."

The Salem Willows Yacht Club, plagued with misfortune for the past two years, has so far been able to survive a lot of hard times. But is now struggling to raise enough money to put its pier back together after it was severely damaged in the Jan. 25 storm.

Commodore John Hayes of 16 Nursery St. said the club traditionally opens Memorial Day Weekend and "one way or another, we'll do it."

The series of misfortunes that befell the club began back in 1977, when a 50-foot yacht anchored off the Willows Pier, bloke loose from its mooring and crashed into the pier, damaging a good chunk of it. The club is still in litigation to get repaid for that damage, Hayes said.

Following the yacht incident came the blizzard of '78, and after that came the most recent crisis-two "40-foot timbers left unsecured on the Willows Pier blew southwest to our pier and wiped out the front porch of the club and half of the function room and part of the pier," Hayes said.

"We have stood up through every kind of storm before and it took just two unsecured timbers to demolish what was left.

"We weren't able to secure any grants to fix the damage because we don't have a long term lease. The land we are on is owned by the Park Department."

The 250 member non-profit club, incorporated in 1933 by a number of Salem families, is faced with hoping to raise an immediate \$10,000 to fix the pier for use this summer

To raise it, members are being assessed storm damages

and Hayes is planning a huge fund raiser dinner-dance, March 24 at the Knights of Columbus in Salem. He is determined not to let the club sink, and has the support of the members and the 25-member Board of Governors.

Hayes said he is also hoping to enlist some support from the Massachusetts Bay Yacht Assoc., to which all yacht clubs in Massachusetts belong.

"We're going to look for some sympathy from the clubs in there that we've helped before," he explained.

Besides the \$50 storm assessment the members will be hit with, they also pay a yearly "work assessment," which Hayes said, they get back if they put in four hours of work, depending on what they'd rather do.

But Hayes said the club dues and fees are kept fairly reasonable and that they don't want to put their club out of reach of the average person. He said there would be some members who couldn't afford the storm assessment, and for them, something would be worked out.

Hayes is hoping that the club's fund raiser will be the social event of the season.

"Quite a few of the merchants have donated things for door prizes and we always have a great time at this dance," he said.

"It is usually called the Commodore's Dinner Dance, but this year we're billing it as a fund raiser."

Hayes said they usually get 150 or more people at the dance, but said he is hoping to get at least 300 this year.

The Salem Willows native isn't going to take no for an answer, and somehow, he says, he is going to get that pier back together for all the families who look forward to that first time out in May.

Ticket or membership information is available by calling John Hayes or any other yacht club member.

#### Notes from Rear Commodore John Hayes

On November 8, 1977 the 50' motor boat **Philip T. Clark** broke loose from its mooring and came to rest against the building, deck and pier of the Salem Willows Yacht Club.

February 7-8, 1978, a north east blizzard hit the New England area and rendered the following damage to the Salem Willows Yacht Club: Destruction of the main pier, ripped out holding tank installed in 1977, damaged the gas pump and gas piping, electrical and water lines damaged. Damage to the Club House and roof, two pilings under the Club House carried away, and the outboard lockers destroyed. Estimated cost of damages at \$4,100.

All the reapirs were made by Club members and the Club opened on schedule on Memorial Day.

The 'Blizzard of 1978' also caused the oil tanker **Global Hope**, anchored in Salem, to drag the ship ending on the rocks at Coney Island. The Coast Guard boat that was stationed in Gloucester, with its crew, went to sea to try to help. The crew lost its way in the storm but finally made it safely to Beverly Harbor. The **Can-Do** pilot boat with Frank Quirk and a crew of four left out of Gloucester, setting to turbulent seas, to help the Coast Guard and the **Global Hope** crews. Sadly, all onboard the **Can-Do** were lost at sea. Frank Quirk was a friend of every boater on the North Shore.

The winter and spring were a very active time for the officers and members of the SWYC. Our insurance did not cover any of our losses. Because we didn't own the land, Rep. Nick Mavroules explained to me when I met with him, there wasn't any way we could get federal help. The City of Salem wasn't going to help either. We were lucky to be in Salem Willows Park.

Plans had to be drawn up. One of our members worked for Structures Engineering and got started on the plans. SWYC had to go before the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, DEP of Massachusetts, Salem Building Inspector, Fire Department, and the Plumbing, Electrical and Gas Inspectors. The Chairman of the Park Board, John Ahern, wrote the SWYC a good guy letter that helped a lot.

The fund raiser dinner-dance was held on March 24, 1979 at the Salem Knights of Columbus. It was attended by 360 members and friends from area yacht clubs. A great time was had by all, with Spike Michaud as emcee.

#### Spring 1979 - Rebuilding the Club House and Pier

Members got to work after the designs were submitted and approved and permits issued. Half of the pier was saved and would be repaired and the new section would be tied into it.

The porch and half of the Club function room was destroyed. The rest of the Club had major damage to the piers under the building.

Work was started in early spring with footings formed up and concrete placed/poured. Work was scheduled in accordance with the tide. New piers were formed and poured. Two 40' beams, salvaged from the Willows, were used for the main carrying beams on top of the new pilings.

Now the easy part of rebuilding got underway. Out goal was to open the club by Memorial Day. With beams in place the repairs under the existing club made, work was started on joist, headers, rails, the pier and utilities. Very little work was required on the floats and ramps as they were not damaged on Dead Horse Beach.

On Memorial Day the SWYC opened with the largest deck party ever seen at the club. Some estimated that 300 people attended and celebrated that day. It would be hard for me to name any one person responsible for our being able to achieve this monumental project. All of the Board of Governors and members pitched in and made it happen.

Over the summer the club's main room was built along with doors, windows and roof made weather tight for the winter. 1980 saw the finish work inside the club house.

<u>January 31, 1980</u> House John Hayes announced that a shower had been donated by the Zumpfe's. In addition he again stated that the ramp will be cut up for firewood and that a new ramp will be designed and built by Virgil Toneatti and John Cronin. It was felt that the interior and exterior of the Club will be ready by Memorial Day if we can get some help early, especially by craftsmen.

<u>February 28, 1980</u> House John Hayes spoke about the suit on the **Philip T. Clark**. The suit is on the court docket and is a matter of time (unknown length) until it comes up. John would like to continue to follow it through.

<u>March 27, 1980</u> House The first work party will be held the first Saturday after Easter - April 12, 1980. This year the Club will be fully operational including shower, heater, electricity etc. Building, Electrical, & Plumbing permits must be renewed and all work must be to the latest codes. The Club will be done in a nice decor if possible.

The lawyer will get in touch with John Hayes as soon as the **Philip T. Clark** case comes up on the court docket. He has been paid for all other items. He will get his percentage of the settlement.

Virgil Toneatti spoke briefly about the design of the ramp. He stated the he, John Cronin, John Hayes, and Tony Draggonis will build the ramp. The above people are sufficient to build. The most expense in the ramp will be the 2 - 6"x8"x40' runners.

April 26, 1980 House The old ramp was cut up and the interceptor hooked up. The ramp materials have been obtained. Virgil Toneatti will build the new ramp with Bob Hiltonen. The float will require a lot of work.

**New Business** Exterior finishing of the Club was discussed. The consensus was that the Club shingles be left the natural white cedar and not paint them green unless the Park Commissioner forces us to.

A new member, David Howard, talked briefly on the Traditional Small Craft Assoc. of the Peabody Museum. It was founded this past February and has 75 members so far. Whitey Plecinoga will put some details in the next **Jib Sheet** with details for anyone interested in joining.

John Wallace wrote to Club Specialties, Plainfield N.J. to discuss making up club jackets for members. They can make our design if we wish. John will post an order form at the Club and will send in an order. The jacket will be approx. \$14-\$16.

<u>June 5, 1980</u> Treasurer Linda reported that the Club has filed for non-profit status for the first time in 35 years with the Attorney General's office. Next year we will file for a non-profit tax form.

**House** Will continue to handle the **Philip T. Clark** case. The Club was offered on out of court settlement of \$1000 and John turned it down. The trial date is June 30.

The Park Commissioner has agreed to let us leave the shingles on the Club natural. We can replace the green ones when we get the money.

**Entertainment** The July 4 party will cost \$3 for adults and \$1 for children in an attempt to be self supporting. Volunteers will be needed for games and cooking. A motion was made and seconded to continue beer at our social functions. The vote was all in favor with the exception of Ralph Hobbs.

<u>June 26, 1980</u> Club Manager Stephen Ahmed was hired as steward to fill in for Howard this year. He will work weekends and holidays. Howard will try to get to the Club to visit if he can while he recuperates from a slight heart attack. His birthday is August 26 and Peter Whelton will try to plan something for it.

**House** Rear Commodore Tom Odom reported on a proposal to dissolve the House Committee and replace it with three new committees. John Wallace made a motion after discussing the proposal, to "form three new committees: Building (incl. deck); Floats and Ramp; and Boats (incl. launch); each with a governor at its head. In addition the present position

of House Chairman would be dissolved. All members who want to work will be assigned to one of the committees." Motion was seconded. Vote in favor was unanimous with 15 governors present. Because this is a change in the By-Laws it will require a vote at the next meeting.

**New Business** John Wallace mentioned the idea of the jackets with the Club burgee on them. Something will be put in the **Jib Sheet** to see if there is any interest.

**Entertainment** A covered dish supper will be held in honor of Howard on his birthday. The date will be announced in the **Jib Sheet**. A gift will be purchased for him and it was suggested that it be a jacket with the Club burgee on it.

<u>August 28, 1980</u> Entertainment Covered dish supper was a success. The remaining event will be the Chowder Party on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00.

**Old Business** The **Philip T. Clark** case - The court found in favor of Mr. Driscoll, owner of the boat. The judge did not feel that we had shown negligence on Mr. Driscoll's part.

#### HAYES, LEDOUX, WHIPPLE & KING

ATTORNEYS AT LAW 49 FEDERAL STREET SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS 01970

July 11th, 1980

Mr. John Hayes 16 Nursery Street Salem, MA 01970

Dear John:

Enclosed herewith please find the decision of Judge Caffrey from the United States District Court with reference to the "Philip T. Clark". As you will see, judgment was rendered on behalf of the Defendant. The relevant part of the decision is the last paragraph on page 1 and the beginning of page 2 which indicates that the evidence of warnings given to Mr. Driscoll was insufficient to show negligence on his behalf.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to

call.

Very truly yours,

Robert A. Ledoux

<u>September 25, 1980</u> Boats The Jib Sheet asks for volunteers to take home a row boat to repair and paint over the winter.

February 26, 1981 Building The interior trim still needs to be done and the ceiling needs to be put up.

**New Business** John Hayes reported on the plans for rebuilding the rest of the pier. John noted that our permit is due to expire but that he has asked for a renewal on it. The commission has agreed in principle with what we wish to do but wants to see sketches etc. The estimated cost would be about \$2700 for the concrete work and \$1400 for the woodwork for a total of \$4100.

<u>March 26, 1981</u> Mass Bay The Club was commended on its donation to the Legislative Committee and on being first to pay our dues.

<u>May 28, 1981</u> Entertainment The Memorial Day tribute to Howard was a success. The next function will be a covered dish supper, Friday June 19 at 7:00.

**Old Buinesss** John Hayes reported that it is his intention that the columns for the pier be poured shortly and that the remainder of the work be left to the fall. The columns should be done by July.

<u>June 25, 1981</u> Club Manager Dan Muise reported that two launch operators have been hired: Chris Segalla and Tom Booth.

Ramps & Floats Electricity is now working on the float.

**Safety** Jim Bimbo is in the hospital.

<u>July 30, 1981</u> Building John Friedel reported that with the help of Harry Olsen the ceiling is finished. The trim work will be started in the coming month.

**Boats** The boat John Cronin takes care of is on its last legs. Don Rycroft requested that he be allowed to ask John to draw up plans and give the board an estimate. Don was directed to proceed. The boat will not be retired until absolutely necessary.

**Entertainment** Paul Pelletier will get with Jack Veloukas and organize the Island Party and will post date and time as well as give Jay Butler the info for the **Jib Sheet**.

**Old Business** Committee report on new billing date was given by Lynn Wiley who read a letter that she felt should be sent to the membership to explain the benefits to the Club and members of the new plan.

<u>August 27, 1981</u> Entertainment Commodore Plecinoga thanked Paul Pelletier for the Island Party effort. It was attended by 129 people. Total cost was about \$45. Whitey thanked Roland Gauthier for his efforts on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Party. Whitey also thanked Buddy for his efforts.

**Old Business** Billing date change – Whitey read that portion of the July minutes relating to the change. Motion made and seconded the same as last month to change the date.

September 24, 1981 Club Manager Dan reported that we have a new steward, Ben Greaves.

**Building** We will close the Club 17 October. Commodore Plecinoga thanked John Friedel for his work especially on the interior of the Club.

Ramps & Floats The finger float on the right side of the main float (next to it) needs a lot of repair as it is buckled. Mark said that we should support it on the ends for the winter to see if it will settle out.

Entertainment A Chowder Party will be held on 10 October. Comments this year talked of different types of food for

the 4th of July Party and Island parties next year.

Mooring Motion and second to reimburse Virgil his dues and elect him chairman next year. Motion passed.

**Old Business** Whitey read the part of the August minutes pertaining to the billing date change and discussed why the billing date had changed back to Sept. 15 effective this year with three payments due on Oct. 15, Nov. 15, Dec. 15 this year and one payment due Oct. 15 next year. Motion made and seconded for the second consecutive meeting to delay proposal one year. Vote was 15 for, 6 opposed, By-Laws were changed to change implementation of billing date change to Sept. 15, 1982. Motion to change billing back to original date of January 2. Vote - 3 yes, 17 no, 1 abstain. Motion dead. A letter explaining the By-Laws change on billing will go out with the bills in January 1982.

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October 28, 1982 Club Manager Dan Muise reported that we will need to start advertising for new launch operators for the '83 season.

**Mooring** Tom Odom reported on the reaction of the Salem City Council to the letter which was written to them on the unfair mooring practices. Tom reported that the Harbor Master stated that the SWYC. was not co-operative and had an organized committee who refused to pay mooring fees.

Virgil Toneatti reported no more room in the mooring area. The new mooring puller will be in the water next spring.

Boats All boats have been stored and a new motor was bought for \$1375 with trade in.

**New Business** Jim Bimbo reported that there is a need to rebuild the finger float.

<u>December 2, 1982</u> Entertainment Committee John Wallace reported on the results of a committee meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup>. The 50<sup>th</sup> party will be held on Saturday, April 23, 1983, at the Danversport Yacht Club for a cost of \$18 per person. The band, which will cost \$360, will be paid from a raffle.

**Yearbook Committe** Jay Butler reported on a committee meeting held on November 18, 1982. Jay reported that at this time the proposed yearbook will look much like the 1982 Mass. Bay Yacht Club Association yearbook in size, shape, layout and number of advertisements.

**Liquor License** Red Hobbs agreed to look into the possibility of getting a one day liquor license at the Club's next summer concert with our 50<sup>th</sup> celebration.

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<u>January 27, 1983</u> Entertainment Commodore's Dinner Dance to be on April 23, 1983. July 22-24 is the best weekend for the Club 'Open House.' There will be a Mass. Bay Rendezvous also on this weekend.

<u>May 27, 1983</u> Treasurer The Fiftieth Dinner Dance lost about \$972 (does not include \$472 which was due to the Hall and Band).

<u>June 18, 1983</u> The Fort Pickering Light at Winter Island was restored and re-lit. The light had been out of service since 1971. Thanks to the Winter Island Commission, the Fort Pickering Light Association, N. E. Power, Bay Builders, Lynn Sand and Stone and area yacht clubs.

June 30, 1983 There will be a party at the Club on July 23 with fireworks which Commodore Wallace will direct.

<u>August 25, 1983</u> New Business Voted to send Mass. Bay yacht Club Assoc. \$100.

#### October 4, 1983 Derby Light was re-lit

The **Jib Sheet** During the later part of Whitey Plecinoga's vacation he had to motor from Nantucket to Hyannisport due to the lack of wind. When he made it to Hyannisport naturally he had to fuel up. Just as he finished securing the boat to the gas dock a small outboard bumped into Whitey's boat. To his and his crews surprise it was - believe it or not - our very own senior Senator Ted Kennedy.

October 8, 1983 Whitey Plecinoga reported on the yearbook - - anniversary (50th). Books will be sent to 1) advertisers 2) contributors 3) each member of the Club.

Old Business We received a thank you note from the Friends of Salem Maritime for the Derby Wharf Light restoration. The light was re-lit with the help of local boaters from the area, including SWYC and New England Power Co. and the Coast Guard on October 4, 1983.

October 27, 1983 Matthew Plecinoga commended for effort on **Jib Sheet** - presently leaving for service. Unanimously applauded by entire board.

Other half of the float has not been rebuilt; hope to do it next spring. Commodore praised Matthew and asked him to come to the front and presented him with a gift of appreciation.

Letter from National Park Service in thanks for the \$50 donation for the light. Singled out Bill Dobbins as the 25<sup>th</sup> year celebration Commodore as being very helpful.

Danny Muise was asked to come to the front to be recognized for his many contributions and was presented with a Past Commodore's flag.

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<u>February 23, 1984</u> A proposed \$700 expense for VHF radios for club base station and launch look reasonable. The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary yearbook operations were mostly a break-even situation.

**Entertainment** Dinner dance will be April 14 at Hamilton Hall in Salem with Ken Mizioch caterer of a roast beef dinner and band Encore - \$35 a couple.

**House Committee** John Hayes reported that the proposed float rebuilding was no problem. Once rebuilt it should last 20 years.

**New Business** John Wallace reported that the Commodore's Club of America will have a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party at Danversport Yacht Club on August 1 - \$50 per couple with open bar.

March 1984 'The Jib Sheet'

Congratulations are in order to Doc Wallace on his being indoctrinated into the Commodores Club of America. Congratulations Doc!!!

The Annual Commodore's Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, April 14, 1984 at the Hamilton Hall, 9 Chestnut Street, Salem. There will be a catered roast beef dinner with all the trimmings, dancing to the music of "ENCORE", and a cash bar. Cocktails 6:30 - 7:30, Dinner 7:30 - 8:30.

**April 5, 1984** Marc proceeded to give a detailed presentation on the proposed interior modifications to the Club. The modifications include gutting the entire half of the Club that now contains the Stewards lockers and then finishing off the area with a new ceiling with a trap door, new shower area, and opening with counter in the wall between the main room at the Club and the kitchen for serving food at functions. The final result would be a reconfigured kitchen, larger, more attractive shower area, larger, more accessible storage area in the attic and better use of available space.

**House Committee** A new Steward was hired - Les Wiley. Les is the son of the Founder of the Salem Willows Yacht Club and the father-in-law of Secretary Lynn Wiley.

New Business Past Commodore Fred Craig recently passed away and all present stood for a moment of silence.

April 28, 1984 Entertainment Marc Gauthier reported that the recent dinner dance was a success with about 100 people.

New Business Jim Bimbo reported on his efforts to get quotes on some new porch chairs for the Club.

#### May 1984 Jib Sheet

#### SALEM WILLOWS YACHT CLUB 1984 SOCIAL ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Club Opening Chowder Party - May 27 Covered Dish Supper - June 22 Covered Dish Party, Fireworks - July 3 Cookout - July 4 Weekend Club Cruise to World's End - July 14 Weekend Club Cruise to Gloucester - August 11 Steak & Lobster Cookout - September 2 Ham & Bean Supper - September 15 Club Closing Chowder Party - October 13

#### Let's have a great summer!!!

<u>May 31, 1984</u> Linda Wiley announced at the Governor's Meeting her decision to resign from her position as Treasurer and from the Board of Governors. The Governor's gave her a standing ovation after regretfully accepting her resignation.

**Nominating Committee** Roland Gauthier made the motion to accept John Cronin as a Governor which was voted unanimously. Roland also made a similar motion for George Garland which was voted.

Entertainment Ed Plecinoga reported a very successful Club opening Chowder Party.

**Old Business** Jim Bimbo reported on his search for new porch chairs. He found some nice sturdy steel chairs at Caldor's for \$16.99 each (on sale at the time for \$11.99). Dan Muise made the motion to buy 20 chairs at a price to be negotiated by Jim - it passed unanimously.

**New Business** Linda Wiley pointed out that Sally Hayes' mother died recently and that a "Fleming Scholarship Fund" has been set up in her memory. Linda made a motion which was voted unanimously to contribute \$50.

June 28, 1984 Marc Gauthier introduced and welcomed our two new Governors, George Garland and John Cronin.

**Nominating Committee** John Wallace had no report but indicated he and his committee would have nominations for the 2 open slots at next month's meeting. John Hayes made a motion which was voted unanimously that Doc Wallace get off his duff and make the nominations.

**Moorings** Don Rycroft resigned his position as Mooring Chairman. After a brief discussion during which John Hayes made a motion to give our thanks to Don Rycroft which was voted unanimously with applause.

**Entertainment** Jay and Cathy Butler ran one of the most successful of the Covered Dish Suppers.

Mass Bay Yacht Club Dan Muise reported that two bills are currently in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. One making mooring fees legal in cities and towns. The second is the establishment of a  $2 \frac{1}{2}$ % excise tax on full value of boats, retroactive to Jan. 1. MBYC is fighting both bills.

<u>July 26, 1984</u> Entertainment Marc reported a successful Club cruise to World's End in Hull with 6 boats and 20 persons participating.

After much discussion Ed Plecinoga has agreed to run the Club cruise to Gloucester which is now scheduled for the August 18 weekend. Ed will make a poster for the Club.

After much discussion the planned steak and lobster cookout at the Club on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend was cancelled with the scheduling of an informal setup whereby the Steward will merely make the grills at the Club available from 1-8 P.M., on the Sunday and Monday of Labor Day weekend.

Red Hobbs reported that the Salem Chamber of Commerce has asked as many boats as possible to turn out at the entrance of Salem Harbor on Tuesday, August 14 to welcome the Spirit of Massachusetts to Salem. A notice will be put in the **Jib Sheet**.

**Old Business** Ed Plecinoga reported on the proposed test of our gas tank. Since the tank was over 30 years old, Norm Michaud agreed to look into the costs associated with putting in a new 1000 gallon tank and putting the cost in next year's budget.

**New Business** Ed Plecinoga reported that while the new **Spirit of Massachusetts** was docked in Gloucester Harbor last month he had an opportunity to donate a Club burgee so it could be flown from her yardarm.

<u>September 27, 1984</u> Old Business Norm Michaud offered a proposal for a new 1000 gallon gas tank, either fiberglass or steel, installed, graded, hauling away the old one, all permits etc. for \$3660 (fiberglass) or \$2860 (steel).

October 25, 1984 New Business Norm Michaud reported a small problem with our new gas tank installation - there is 400 gallons of fuel left in the tank that must be removed. After several alternatives were discussed it was finally agreed that Jim Bimbo will ask several of the local area lobster men if they would like to come by this Saturday morning and buy the gas for \$1 (or even 75 cents) a gallon.

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<u>February 28, 1985</u> Ed Plecinoga reported that he had been approached by Dick Cullinan, a former SWYC board member, concerning SWYC getting involved with sailboat racing against Jubilee and Palmer Cove. Most seemed in agreement so it was suggested this be publicized in the **Jib Sheet**. A Salem Willows Yacht Club Sail Race Committee

was also formed with Ed as Fleet Captain and Jay Butler, Marc Gauthier, Don Rycroft, John Cronin and Ed Morneau as members.

**Mass Bay Yacht Club Assoc.** Dan Muise reported on some new Coast Guard Regulations. You now must carry one PFD for every bunk on board your vessel regardless of how many people are on board.

<u>April 11, 1985</u> Floats Buddy Hobbs finally made a motion which was seconded and voted unanimously, that we rebuild the existing float, put it in the same place on the harbor side of the main float; make it the same length as the old one but wider so as to match the other two existing finger floats. Ed Morneau felt he could salvage the flotation from the existing float. Red Hobbs agreed to look into getting Arey's Rock removed by dynamiting and report at next meeting.

Jack Vass mentioned that three juniors helped out the Float Committee in a big way this past weekend by doing a lot of "dirty work" on the floats. He asked and Jay Butler was subsequently directed by the Commodore to write them letters of thanks. They are Marty Pleconiga, Charlie Hobbs and Michael Vass.

House Rule 10 now reads: Cleaning of fish on Club premises is prohibited except in designated area.

April 27, 1985 Fleet Captain Ed Plecinoga spoke about the racing activities of the Palmer Cove Yacht Club and the Jubilee Yacht Club to which we've been invited on Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons.

May 30, 1985 Entertainment Ed Plecinoga reported last weekend's Chowder Party a success with 130 people served.

House Norm reported the gas tank was now in and the filler pipe recessed in the ground.

**New Business** Red Hobbs reported he had contacted Burnham about the possibility of blowing up Arey's Rock. Norm Michaud and Buddy Hobbs reported that Burnham had looked at the job, found 3 rocks and a pinnacle, and felt they could do it if we acted quickly as they had some open time. It was approved to proceed on the approximate \$3200 job.

Ed Plecinoga reported he had received a letter form the Wiley's reporting the death of Les Wiley, one of our Club founders. A donation was sent in his memory to the Peabody Museum.

June 27, 1985 House Ten holes drilled in Arey's Rock; all permits issued. Firm bonded.

Old Business Red Hobbs reported that 20 spaces were requested near Chase House.

<u>August 29, 1985</u> Sally Hayes presented the Club an American flag in memory of Les Wiley, who was one of our founders. All shared a round of applause of thanks.

**Entertainment** Ed Plecinoga praised Wayne Hanson for his organization and running of the recent sail boat race and second annual World's End rendezvous cruise. All applauded some great times.

**New Business** Dan Muise pointed out that Bass Haven Yacht Club will have dredging done this winter and needs to pull all their moorings. He asked if they could borrow our mooring puller. Paul Schmittner made a motion that we sell it to them for \$100 with the understanding that we would like it kept in good condition so we might buy it back from them next spring.

<u>September 30, 1985</u> House Committee Norm Michaud reported that two work parties were held due to Hurricane Gloria. The finger floats were disconnected and moved to Horseshoe Beach at the first while the second was held to disconnect the ramp from the pier and close the Club.

October 31, 1985 "Arey's Rock has been blown up!" It is believed that Arey's Rock was named for Rueben Arey.

Mr. Arey was the first boater to come to rest on the rock. Rueben lived on Brach Avenue in the Willows and was the

grandfather of Robert Wiley. Bob was a long time member along with Lynn, past Secretary/Treasurer of SWYC. Bob's other grandfather was Club founder John Wiley. Since Arey's rock has been destroyed, boaters coming to SWYC after this month will miss it. Hence the short history provided for you.

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**February 27, 1986** No minutes were kept at the last special meeting in November where a decision was made to purchase a new launch for \$4775 and assess all full members \$20.

**Legislative Committee** Buddy Hobbs reported that two sites in the Willows are being considered for our parking lot. We may get an answer to our request to lease one of these at the March 3 Park Board Meeting. No money has been discussed.

**Launch** Ted Tourigny reported the new launch can be delivered anytime. We paid \$4775 plus \$239 sales tax. We are looking into increasing passenger capability from 6 to 9 people.

<u>March 27, 1986</u> Mass. Bay Yacht Assoc. Several legislative bills are pending at this time and the Winter Hill Yacht Club has a petition circulating that they wish us to sign. It opposes three bills:

No. 1413 - Involves taxation of boats including methods and how much

No. 1534 - Involves requirements for marina and yacht club reports to Harbor Masters

No. 1909 - Involves motorboat licensing including a \$25 fee with tests only to be given by Registry

Nominating Committee Norm Michaud nominated Russell Austin to the Board of Governors. The vote was unanimous.

<u>April 24, 1986</u> Safety Red Hobbs talked about inspection of the new launch by the Coast Guard Auxiliary and an update of the launch operators' license for a 1,000 yard area and 12 passenger limit.

**Entertainment** Wayne Hanson stated that the FIGOWI "War Bonnet" Classic slated for September 6 has been changed to September 13.

<u>May 29, 1986</u> Entertainment Wayne Hanson announced that Doug and Pat McLeod will host the Covered Dish Supper on Friday, June 20.

New Business Bud Hobbs made a motion to donate \$100 to Heritage Days. The vote was unanimous.

<u>June 26, 1986</u> Legislative Committee Red Hobbs reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee is waiting on a city solicitor's opinion concerning our parking lot request.

Launch The launch is running. Dan Muise reported that he sold the old launch to Rudy Conant for \$800.

**Entertainment** Wayne mentioned the upcoming Jubilee Yacht Club cruise in which 20 boats will be participating - - with 7 from the Willows.

Wayne also talked about the upcoming race at the Club on July 4 – **Firecracker 1000** (1000 lobster pots). He expects about 30 boats to enter. The cookout following will feature Ed Morneau's liver pate and Doc Wallace's sausages.

# Jib Sheet

#### S.W.Y.C. & Jubilee

Present '86

"Sweetheart Cruise" Cape Cod & the Islands July 12 thru 20

Please contact Wayne Hanson for more info as soon as possible

We Are Trying To Get A Handle On How Many Boats Are Going!

Everyone is Welcome Cruise Meeting at Jubilee Y.C. Friday, June 20

Plymouth - Onset - Oak Bluffs - Cuttyhunk

Onset - Plymouth - Salem

<u>July 31, 1986</u> Legislative Committee Red Hobbs reported that our efforts to get a parking lot at the Willows are at a stand still. Red made a motion that was seconded and voted unanimously that Jay Butler send a letter to the Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Committee, Katherine O'Leary, asking when Ed Morneau and others might appear before the board to inquire about our petition.

**Entertainment** Wayne Hanson reported the **Firecracker 1000** sail boat race a huge success with 40 boats entered. Ed Morneau's cookout that day was also a huge success.

<u>August 28, 1986</u> Legislative Committee Red Hobbs asked whether the letter had been sent to Katherine O'Leary regarding our parking lot petition. Ed Momeau asked that Doug ask for Salem resident member support in the **Jib** Sheet.

**Entertainment** Wayne Hanson reported that at the Lobster Party at the Jubilee Yacht Club we out-ate, out-drank and out-danced the Jubilee people at their own function. Thirty boats raced in the President's Cup Regatta with **Relentless**, a 27' Catalina, winning overall.

Wayne and Ed Plecinoga reported that Pelletier Shade and Awning came to our Club to give us a quote on an awning to cover the porch. We got a verbal quote of \$8000 for a deluxe job. We are awaiting the formal quote. Ed will solicit other companies as well.

<u>September 25, 1986</u> Old Business Ed Plecinoga reported on his awning search. After a brief discussion Jack Vess made a motion to appoint a study committee to get more information including cost of renting vs. buying.

Ed Plecinoga read a letter from Mayor Salvo thanking the Club for their gift of flowers following his recent bicycle accident. October 30, 1986 Old Business The parking lot has been approved by the City Parks and Recreation Committee. The lot will hold 35 cars and will be located next to the water and park benches. The City will curb the lot with granite with us paying for the labor. This project must still be approved by the City Council and State.

**New Business** Jack Vess stood up and explained that wherever Ed Morneau went this past year to represent our Club nobody knew who we were. Doc Wallace made a lengthy presentation at this point whereupon he gave Ed an Admiral's cap and Commodore's jacket, both of which were highly decorated.

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March 15, 1987

Honorable Mayor and Mrs Anthony Salvo c/o Salem City Hall 93 Washington Street Salem, MA 01970

Dear Mayor and Mrs. Salvo,

You are cordially invited to attend the Salem Willows Yacht Club Commodore's Dinner/Dance on Saturday, March 28, 1987 at the Knights of Columbus on Salem Common, Salem, MA..

R.S.V.P. by March 24, 1987 (REGRETS ONLY) to Jack or Jo-Ann Vess - 532-5137.

Respectfully requested,

Jack Vess Commodore Salem Willows Yacht Club

<u>March 26, 1987</u> Mass. Bay Yacht Assoc. Art McSwinney, Vice-Commodore of the Mass. Bay Yacht Club Assoc., spoke to the Governors regarding the DEQE pending legislation regarding public access to the waterfront.

**House Committee** Buddy Hobbs reported that Mr. Foley of the Park Department offered his help on our new parking lot. If we dig the trenches for the granite curb stones, he will have his men install them. We need to have a gate and a sign made for the area. We also need to address lighting.

Ted Tourigny mentioned he was upset about the vote at the last meeting not to give Wilbur Dobbins free dues. He made a motion, seconded by Roland Gauthier, to give Wilbur free dues, forevermore, because of his individual contributions to the Club - - 25 years as Membership Chairman. Much discussion ensued. Most felt last month's 'NO' vote was the result of the wording of the motion - - it was for the Membership Chairman position, not the individual, Wilbur.

Ed Morneau made a motion that the Club appropriate approximately \$97 to go along with the \$200 we made on the raffling of the dinghy last summer to buy a starting cannon.

April 24, 1987 Wayne presented the entertainment schedule for the year. At this point Jack Vess presented the new starting cannon, common to Wayne, for our sail boat races.

**New Business** Ed Plecinoga read a thank-you from the Plummer Home for Boys with regard to a donation we made in honor of John Hayes' mother.

# Jib Sheet

Calling all SWYC fishermen! The Jubilee Yacht Club has challenged the SWYC to an OLYMPIC FISHING TOURNAMENT on Saturday, June 13th. Captains Meeting is at the Jubilee at 8:30 A.M. that morning. Contest is from 9 AM to 3 PM. This will be a real good time with awards, t-shirts, chowder and beer (cost to enter is approx. \$6.00). All information will be made available at the 8:30 A.M. Captains Meeting. SWYC Fishermen take great pride in the use and skill of a rod and reel. Although this tournament will be fun for all who enter, lest not forget that the prestige to our club is also at stake. So I hope all of our SWYC fishermen can really try to attend this event.

June 25, 1987 Wayne Hanson mentioned a sad note that Ziggy died about a week ago.

**House Committee** Paul Schmittner reported the weather station has been installed. He is also hooking up a P. A. system in the shack.

<u>July 30, 1987</u> **New Business** Ed Morneau reported on a meeting last Tuesday night hosted by members Jim Leonardi and Sylvan Menezes on a proposed junior sailing program. Six or seven families were represented. What they are up to at the moment is discussing what types of boats they should consider and how to finance the program.

August 27, 1987 Legislative Buddy Hobbs brought up the issue on Misery Island. Four acres are available for purchase and the Misery Island Trustees are trying to raise enough money to buy this acreage before a developer purchases the area. It was voted that SWYC donate \$100.00 to the Trustees toward the purchase.

**Entertainment** Wayne Hanson reported the President's Cup Race was a lot of fun and a big success and featured a figure 8 demolition course; the cook-out was a spectacular success - - no hang-ups - - nice day all around.

#### **New Business**

Doc Wallace passed away. Bill Dobbins mentioned that at the Wallace services a flag had been presented and Mrs. Wallace had mentioned donating it to the SWYC. We, the SWYC, would be pleased to fly his flag at

<u>September 24, 1987</u> Entertainment Wayne reported a good year-to-date with only World's End and the Misery Island overnighters rained out. The FIGOWI "Warbonnet Classic" had 25 boats racing and was a tremendous success. Sailors of the Year are Dave and Pat Sullivan of **Nautilus**.

**Legislative** Buddy reported the Trustees of Misery Island have all the money they need to purchase the parcel of land to prevent development on the island.

October 29, 1987 Floats Russ Austin reported on a problem with our floats, i.e., where to put them for the winter. It appears the sewerage district has reversed an earlier decision to allow us to put our floats on the beach at the Willows where we normally do.

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#### February 25, 1988

Commodore John Cronin asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Jim Bimbo and John Wallace.

March 31, 1988 House Committee Paul Schmittner asked if he could pursue prices for a sliding glass door for the front of the Club. Ed Morneau made a motion that was seconded and passed that Paul pursue this idea as well as functional shutters on the windows of the Club.

**Junior Sailing Program** Sylvan Menezes presented a status report on the program that he is trying to get going with Jim Leonardi. Jim envisions us getting 2 or 3 widgeons for use in a Saturday A.M., 6 week instructional program, as well as sail boat availability for interested members. The last poll taken showed 15 members interested.

Mass. Bay Yacht Club Assoc. Dan Muise reported a new legislative bill is being considered which would require a 4 year, \$25 license for motor boat operators. He also reported operators under 16 must have a safe boating certificate to operate motors over 25 hp - this law passed in October. If no certificate, they must be supervised by someone over 18.

**Legislative** Buddy reported a new law is imminent regarding the use of a tin-based bottom paint which prohibits use and enforces a \$2,000 fine.

**New Business** Jay Butler asked about a Grievance Committee. John Cronin announced the following - Steve Kahn, Chet Kobierski, and John Cronin.

Ed Plecinoga asked if we wished to contribute to the Trustees of Reservations who control Misery Island. Russ Austin suggested Ed ask whether or not we could contribute money and get SWYC members admitted on the island free.

April 23, 1988 Old Business A SWYC member asked from the floor if anything had been done about letting those 65 years and older avoid the payment of the work assessment. Clem Dunkley mentioned that in the new By-Laws provision has been made for such a change. Whitey read from the new By-Laws that "any full member reaching the age of 62 shall pay annual dues, but no work assessment."

**Entertainment** Wayne said "The Commodore's Dance was so successful that we made \$9.80! With all that money left over, next time we might consider an open bar!"

**Sailing Club** Program will be Saturday mornings and is not a baby-sitting service. Adults will also be able to attend. Classes will run 8 -10 weeks. Jubilee would provide (this is in discussion stages only) boats and tender; we would supply certified instructor. Cost would be \$5 per lesson and would teach basic safety, rules of the road, and sailing. Motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously.

Legislative Buddy mentioned that mooring fees would be going up slightly next year.

<u>May 26, 1988</u> House Committee Paul reported problems in opening Club - all pipes had frozen and burst over the winter. He reported on sliding door prices: 6' slider \$750 and 6' French Doors \$959.42. He then made a motion we purchase the French Doors and put them on the front of the Club. Paul's motion carried 11 Yes, 7 No.

New Business Dan Muise brought up a Bass Haven Yacht Club request that they borrow our tent for June 18. Ted

Tourigny motioned we give them free use of tent which passed unanimously.

It was recommended on the boats, evaluate their condition, and hopefully repair them in time for opening day.

# June 2, 1988

June 10, 1988

Mr. Ralph Hobbs 7 Larchmont Road Salem, MA 01970

Dear Red:

As secretary of the Salem Willows Yacht Club, I am happy to inform you that you have been unanimously elected Honorary Commodore for Life of the Salem Willows Yacht Club. Your many years of service to our yacht club can thus be properly recognized by the Salem Willows Board of Governors. We wish you much happiness and safe boating in the years to come.

Sincerely

Jay Butler Secretary, SWYC

<u>June 30, 1988</u> Club Boats Clem Dunkley reported we lost one work boat in the blow we had. Jack Cronin mentioned that he has repaired one old work boat and that it will be brought to the Yacht Club over the next weekend.

# September Jib Sheet

#### THE BRIDGE

This will be my last message from the bridge. In October I will be passing the reigns to Doug McLeod. It is appropriate at this time to thank you - the membership - for a great season. The membership from the SWYC are cruising more and more, from Maine to the Cape. Our burgee was seen at more ports of call than in any other year. Our races were all a great success. Our cookouts have been all sold out. So let me tip my Commodore's Cap to all of you, and once again thank you for making the 1988 boating season safe and most pleasurable.

Jack Cronin, Commodore

A storm came through the mooring area on Aug. 24 (Wednesday). Many thanks to Charlie Hobbs for a job well done running the launch. Many words of praise were given out about his performance during the rough weather. Hopefully, Charlie will be back next year. Thanks again!!

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Special thanks to Ed Morneau for running the club's boating movies every Wednesday night this past summer. It was a nice addition to our social events.

October 27, 1988 Ramps and Floats The main float suffered minor damage; 2 small floats are gone and the remaining needs major repair. The ramp was destroyed as well. Damage was by a sailboat that broke its mooring.

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<u>February 23, 1989</u> Treasurer Ed Morneau made motions, seconded by John Cronin and voted that SWYC Treasurer be instructed to match any funds raised by the Youth Sailing Program to the maximum of \$300.

**Work Boats** Manny Rezendes mentioned that only two boats survived the storm, would evaluate their condition, and hopefully repair them for opening day.

**House** Ed Plecinoga led a discussion on the storm damages and the lack of insurance received to date by the Club. Committee working on damages reported what has been done to date, hiring professional to check the offending mooring, documenting the condition, and hiring an attorney (Mr. Donaldson) to sue the boat owner. The committee further stated that John Hayes had secured all necessary licenses/fees/releases necessary to rebuild the Club and that John had been extremely helpful to the committee.

Ed Morneau questioned how SWYC would pay for the rebuilding of the Club. Motion made, seconded and voted that the Reconstruction Committee meet again.

March 30, 1989

With great sadness the Club opened with a moment of silence of the passing of A. Waldo Martin who was a charter member of our Club.

**Reconstruction** The contractor doing concrete work at a cost of \$20,000 to the Club, with a completion date of May 1 has been established. \$3,349 has been spent on the new finger floats and they were 95% completed, lacking only iron rails and bolts. Bob Connery has contacted a contractor from Georgetown to build a new aluminum ramp (builder of Palmer Cove ramp) at a cost of \$5,625 plus the cost of transportation to Dead Horse Beach of \$150. Ramp would be ready end of April. Ed Plecinoga mentioned this brought up to \$31,124 the amount of money spent or tentatively expended on repairs.

Pat O'Connor had two estimates on new moorings for the floats, one from Coastal Mooring for \$3,354 and the other from Barnegat for \$5,500.

May 25, 1989 Ramps and Floats Pat O'Connor reported some work left to be done, but will be finished before the Club opening.

House Committee Paul reported planning on getting wiring out on piers so that we can have lights in the mooring area.

New Business Pat O'Connor suggested appointing Club Historian to write history of the Club.

<u>June 29, 1989</u> Mass. Bay Yacht Club Assoc. Dan Muise and Don Rycroft reviewed the Chapter 90 proceedings which have become grave concerns for the MA Bay Yacht Clubs. The Association hopes to finance their legal proceedings with the sale of decals at \$1.00 each for use on cars, boats, etc.

<u>July 27, 1989</u> Treasurer Ed Plecinoga reported all work completed and paid up for last year's storm damage with a balance of \$242.09 left out of the \$43,342.00 original amount paid by insurance.

**Entertainment** Dave Sullivan reported a \$133.54 profit on the July 1<sup>st</sup> cookout and thanked Buddy Hobbs and Russ Austin for their help. He also asked if the Club could buy folding tables for \$40.00 each rather than renting them for \$60.00 each time.

<u>September 28, 1989</u> House Committee Paul Schmittner reported new gas stove installed. Plan on leaving most of the lights intact. Shutters will be put on some time after Closing Party and Club will be closed on 14<sup>th</sup> when floats are hauled. Ice machine will be moved to block double doors, if possible, inside.

**Old Business** Whitey Plecinoga reported on the security system. The installer is having problems completing the system due to the NYNEX strike.

**New Business** Ed Morneau suggested researching the title/ownership of the Club property. Motion made and seconded that the Club investigate it's background and come up with the current legal association the Club has with the City of Salem; price not to exceed \$300.

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<u>February 22, 1990</u> Treasurer Ed Morneau made a motion which was seconded and voted 'Yes', unanimously to allot up to \$300 for a matching program for Junior Sailing Program.

**Entertainment** Dave Sullivan reported that the opening Chowder Party will be May 26. Another event under consideration is a senior citizen cookout. Dave also mentioned he is planning on buying folding tables for the Club.

<u>April 26, 1990</u> Floats Tam Ratacik noted big concern that floats will not be in on May 5 as mentioned in the **Jib Sheet** because of unfavorable tides - more likely May 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>. Planking was vandalized over winter - - need 12 new planks.

**House Committee** Paul Schmittner reported cooler/fountain suffered major damage over winter and must be replaced. Pat O'Connor suggested steam cleaning the outside of the Club. Buddy Hobbs suggested calling the power plant and requesting they clean the Club.

**Legal Committee** Buddy Hobbs discussed new law which compels boat owners to attain a title for their boats when they buy/sell - - can apply for title May 1. \$50 fine if you don't turn in your registration when boat is sold.

<u>May 30, 1990</u> Floats Tom Ratacik discussed the problems getting the floats in and secured and some of the damages sustained over the winter.

**House Committee** Paul Schmittner reported everything done. Wind instrument sent out to be repaired; new water fountain installed. Jay Butler mentioned problem getting the FCC license renewed for the radio.

<u>June 28, 1990</u> Floats and Ramps Ed Morneau requested permission to build dinghy rack on extra float; charge tentatively set at \$30 per person to use float; only 8 to 10 members can be accommodated on float. On motion and seconded: That SWYC build a dinghy rack on the spare float.

<u>August 30, 1990</u> House Committee Paul Schmittner asked that the Secretary send letter to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Janvier in appreciation of their gift for the Club.

**Safety Committee** Jack Cronin reported problem with ramp - - it will have to be completely re-welded this winter and re-designed. Must be rebuilt and properly engineered. Approximate cost will be \$1,200.00. Company who built ramp is out of business. Discussion on no smoking resulted in "No Smoking Beyond This Point" sign being placed next to "Life Jacket" sign.

**Entertainment Committee** Dave Sullivan stated that working off assessments has been good for the cookouts.

**Launch** Mike Lowe discussed problem with radios. Two have been repaired and one still seems to be a problem. Hand-held radio was ruined when it was dropped overboard. Jay Butler and Dan Muise mentioned the heavy fines being imposed by FCC for illegal radio use.

Mass. Bay Yacht Club Assoc. Dan Muise said that on September 2<sup>nd</sup> the Queen Elizabeth II will be in Boston and flotilla is being organized as escort.

<u>September 27, 1990</u> Junior Sailing Program Sylvan Menezes and Jim Leonardi stated flatly that no future sailing program would be held in conjunction with Jubilee. SWYC would like to purchase own boats.

House Committee Dave Sullivan mentioned leaks in roof and general location; someone will do repairs.

**New Business** Letter read from Dee Foerst regarding donation to Grace Church for homeless and needy. On motion made, seconded, and voted that \$100 be donated to Grace Church for use in their Homeless Program.

Everett Hobbs has 50 pins at \$6.55 each which he would like to sell and donate the proceeds to the Sailing Program.

October 25, 1990 House Committee Clubhouse closed. 500 gallons of gas left in underground tank. Alarm has been turned on.

Launch Committee Mike Lowe stated that engine will be traded in for new one. Launch stored at Bass Haven.

Floats and Ramps Tom Ratacik explained that substantial amount would have to be expended next year for planking.

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<u>February 28, 1991</u> Floats Ed Morneau reported on the dinghy float poll. Twenty-nine people, or 18% of the Club responded. Twenty-five people offered time and money, 2 offered time to build it, and 2 say no float.

**House** Ed Morneau reported the Club should be open mid-April. A new lock box will be placed in the Club for signed work chits.

Ed Plecinoga reported he received a \$300 annual maintenance bill for the security system. He also indicated that the company did not pay for the false alarms we had. In fact, Ed appeared in court because of it.

**Launch** Mike Lowe indicated that Rich's Marine was fitting out the launch with a new motor. Ted Tourigny is looking into putting permanent gas tanks on the launch.

**Mass. Bay Yacht Club Assoc.** The FCC will use Ch. 9 VHF as a hailing channel in addition to Ch. 16 this summer. 'Op Sail '92' is being looked into for volunteers. A new law is now on the books regarding boat operation while intoxicated - \$100 fine if guilty.

**New Business** Jay Butler read a letter from Clement Dunkley who indicated he will spend one more summer at SWYC before retiring permanently to the south. It was suggested we dedicate the President's Cup Race to him for his support to the Club.

Ed Morneau asked if the Juniper Community Club and the Safe Action Club could use the Club for their meetings with no bother to members. This was voted 'Yes' unanimously.

<u>March 28, 1991</u> Floats and Ramps Steve Jackson and Dave Carnivale reported that they were negotiating to get up to 6 finger floats free. This will allow a new float arrangement which was presented to the board. Comments were solicited on the new arrangement. It was also noted that two old floats will be discarded and upon Bud Hobbs suggestion will be offered to the city for the Salem Willows pier.

**Launch** Mike Lowe reported that a new motor is now on the launch. A built-in 26 gallon gas tank will be installed mid-April. Launch operators will be Charlie Hobbs, Shaun Michaud and possibly Marty Plecinoga. Matthew Plecinoga will be the steward.

Massachusetts Bay Yacht Club Association Fred Foerst reported that an insurance broker was proposing a blanket policy for Massachusetts Bay Clubs and asked if SWYC was interested.

Mass. Bay continues to lobby against boat operator licensing, user tax and the Chapter 91 Laws.

**House Committee** Ed Marne has been looking at work that needs to be done to the Club House and has planned some shutter and beam replacements.

Jeep Mark Security has been contacted regarding the security system operation. Some changes will be made to the zones.

Ed also presented a proposal to expand the Club House so as to enclose the front porch. He felt with the current use the room was too small. Bob Hiltonen has agreed to spearhead the project which could start after Labor Day. Although the extension would have many windows and skylights, the porch would disappear. Several objected to the lack of a porch. Mike Lowe and others suggested Ed contact Stanley McDermot (SWYC member who is an architect) for ideas other than the one proposed. Ed said he would but expressed concern over doing anything that would require permits. Paul Schmittner made a motion that was voted 'yes' unanimously to give Ed a vote of confidence to continue formulating a plan.

<u>April 27, 1991</u> Safety Committee Jack Cronin mentioned ramp had been reinforced; area between top of ramp and walkway will be taken care of.

**Parking Lot** Norm Michaud reported that the fence had been replaced; had several quotes, but his was the cheapest, to re-use the pipes holding the fence to keep the cost down.

Launch Mike Lowe reported getting new gas tanks installed, along with new spotlight.

**Floats** David Carnivale outlined work done on floats. Also stated that his boss, Robert Gilligan, had donated steel and pipe for the floats and also sold them items for the repairs at greatly reduced figures. David requested that a letter of thanks be sent by the Secretary. It was further suggested that Gilligan be given two tickets to our lobster feed.

Regarding the dinghy rack - - room for 12 dinghies. After considerable discussion on, motion made, seconded and voted that notice be put in May **Jib Sheet** that anyone interested in the dinghy float submit check for \$100 to SWYC for 2 year's use. At Memorial Day Chowder Party, all names will be put in a hat and 12 drawn out. These 12 will have use of the dinghy rack for two years. All other checks will be returned.

David Carnivale discussed reconstruction and construction of new floats. On motion made, seconded and voted to have the trade school build the floats for us and supply the lumber.

**Entertainment Committee** David Sullivan discussed a Chowder Party for July 4<sup>th</sup>. The race on July 4<sup>th</sup> will start at 1:00. Will have lobster on that day. Requested that members of the Board help when and where needed.

Ed Plecinoga mentioned a letter received from Marblehead Yacht Club regarding reciprocal clubs. The Secretary will write a letter like that to send out to SWYC's reciprocal clubs. This also means that our launch operators will not charge reciprocal clubs for our quest mooring or other empty moorings.

**House Committee** Ed Marne reported that everything has been installed, connected and operational. The alarm system has been repaired. Weather station needs repairs; generator is broken down - - will cost \$250 to \$350 to repair and no money available. The original cost was \$500, but worth about \$800. Motion made, seconded and voted to have the generator and weather station fixed.

"Thank you for not smoking" signs will be installed in the Club. Need new flag for Memorial Day.

<u>May 30, 1991</u> Massachusetts Bay Yacht Clubs Dan Muise stated only 30 tickets were purchased by SWYC for their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and it would be at Pleasant Park Yacht Club. Mass. Bay has requested a burgee from each club.

**Legislation** Buddy Hobbs reported a reprieve given to small boats on the new taxation bill. Monies raised will not go to the Coast Guard budget. There is a bill now before the legislature to repeal the bill.

**Entertainment** Dave Sullivan discussed July 4<sup>th</sup> will be lobsters and clams and will be limited to 150, cost \$10.00. August will be our famous "chicken cook-out" at about \$7.50.

New Business Watertown Yacht Club is redecorating it's Club House and has requested a burgee from SWYC.

<u>June 27, 1991</u> Launch Mike Lowe reported that the launch is running rough. The gas gauge is not working and need 2 large chocks; will be repaired tomorrow.

<u>September 26, 1991</u> Moorings Russ Austin received a letter from the Harbor Master regarding charges required by SWYC on guest moorings. The Harbor Master also requested that he be notified if any boat stays more than one week on said guest moorings.

**Floats and Ramps** Dave Carnivale stated that floats/ramps will be removed October 19 at 7:00 A.M.; low tide is 3:00. He added that he would appreciate Board of Governors showing up so that there would be enough manpower. Ramp was pretty well banged up from Hurricane Bob; repairs needed.

**Safety Committee** Jack Cronin stated rickety main float is a problem – nothing left underneath to nail loose planks upon, and would like to see float torn apart this fall and repaired.

**Work Boats** Vern Lennon stated that we were down to 2 work boats; must give serious thought to replacing good one lost in Hurricane Bob.

**Legislation** Buddy Hobbs stated that boats without new government tax decals are being stopped. Jack Cronin mentioned US Boat is suing the Federal Government over decals.

**Hurricane/Storm Committee** Jack Cronin stated that the committee decided to use the weather bureau's advisory. When a "WATCH" is issued, get to your boat. When a "WARNING" is given, we will secure or move the floats, ramps, rowboats and launch.

<u>October 31, 1991</u> House Committee Paul Schmittner reported Club House closed up; sustained some damage from storms. Shingles gone on east side; heating system repaired; damage done underneath Club. Damages to be evaluated, submitted to Governors and turned over to insurance agent, Gerry McCarthy.

Massachusetts Bay Yacht Club Association Dan Muise reported that Sail 1992 Committee has outlined their plans.

**Legislation** Buddy Hobbs reported that the User Fee Tax must be paid in '92; will be in effect until 1995. If voted down, fees may be returned to boat owners.

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<u>February 26, 1992</u> Launch Committee Norm Michaud ordered a new engine from Gloucester; new hydraulic steering system will cost about \$795; old engine is worth \$2,000; seats on launch will be oiled down and repaired.

**Massachusetts Bay Yacht Club Association** Dan Muise reported on **Sail 1992** in Boston, July 11. He further stated that 30 countries were participating and that mooring/anchoring areas would be forthcoming.

**Moorings** Russ Austin reported that mushroom moorings were no longer allowed. Moorings must be inspected yearly, but the city will accept a personal letter from you stating that you have inspected your mooring.

Floats and Ramps Steve Jackson stated floats will be going in May 9. Billets must be put in place and plumbing for water must be done.

House Committee Pat O'Connor stated that there is still work to be done as the result of storms.

March 26, 1992 Floats and Ramps David Carnivale reported that styrofoam billets will cost \$52 each; work parties scheduled for the last two Saturdays in April.

Work Boat Committee Norman Walczak reported one week of work left.

**Moorings** Russ Austin reported a good relationship with the Harbor Master who has promised to enforce the channel speed limits this summer. During storms of 60 - 70 knots, all boats must be removed from the mooring area.

**Entertainment Committee** Dave Sullivan mentioned the price of lobster and suggested substituting steak on July 4<sup>th</sup>, possibly having lobster in September when prices might be lower. Bob Mazzarino mentioned the speaker at the Open Meeting is the curator from Essex where they are restoring the **Evelyn Goulard** and she will cover the history of the ship.

**Junior Sail Program and High Tide Club** Sylvan Menezes stated plans going along well. They are pleased to have as instructor Sue Lavoie of the Salem Willows Yacht Club who is a teacher, an excellent sailor and is eager to work with the program.

**April 4, 1992 Floats and Ramps** Steve Jackson reported that the new ramp is done and some assembly will be required. Work days will be April 18 and April 25 with a launch date of May 9.

**Work Boats and Tenders** Norman Walczak reported that the good rowboat had been lost in the storm and the committee intends to purchase another. Two work boats will be ready by May 1 and will be secured away from floats to protect them.

Launch Launch operators this year will be Matt Devitt, Marty Plecinoga and Jamie Pelletier. The Steward will be Scott Austin.

**Massachusetts Bay Yacht Club Association** Dan Muise reported that the Federal Excise sticker will be required this year. A warning will be given for the first violation; second violation will be \$5,000 fine. The Coast Guard has decided that Channel 9 will be designated the calling channel this year and Channel 16 will be for distress and communications. The Salem City Council is trying to increase mooring fees to \$2 per foot.

May 28, 1992 Floats and Ramps Steve Jackson stated that the floats are in and need some readjustment. A plan for a new configuration was passed out to the Governors. After a discussion, on motion made, seconded and voted: Move 4,000 lb blocks now in place at front of main float to back of float; purchase two 5,000 lb blocks and secure them at the front of the float.

Work Boats It was reported that boats are in the water. A new tender was purchased and is now being painted.

**Long Range Committee** David Carnivale stated that consideration is being given to a launch with a diesel engine; expansion of the deck; rollers for launch (price is being worked up).

Moorings Dave and Steve Jackson stated that storm damage was due to mushrooms or pennants breaking.

**Launch** Norm Michaud said the launch has been rewired, a new aerial and radio installed, the seats have been refurbished and the engine and steering installed.

# June Jib Sheet

# Thank You! By Bud Hobbs

A new VCR has been donated to the SWYC by the Ladies Card Club. "Deuces and Jacks, the man with the axe" has given the club many nice things year after year and this year is no exception. Thank you Anna, Barbara, Joyce, Pay and Virginia!

# Dear Mr. Commodore By Doug McLeod

# Dear Mr. Commodore:

During one of our famous SWYC cookouts I fed one of the local seagulls one of our famous hamburgers and he immediately laid on his feathered back, spread his wings and put his little webbed feet up in the air and died. I am really concerned about the quality of the food we serve to our members. What can we do?

# **Dear Birdbrain Member:**

Have the Board of Governors eat first.

<u>June 25, 1992</u> Race Committee Joe Lyons stated the July 4<sup>th</sup> race will start at 1:00 and each boat will make a 360 degree turn somewhere on the course. The race on August 15 will have an extended course.

Junior Sail Program Sylvan Menezes reported that 31 children have signed up; 14 from SWYC.

**Old Business** David Carnivale suggested dropping the July meeting this year as most Governors will be on vacation and a guorum is difficult to obtain. Motion made, seconded and voted: July meeting for 1992 to be suspended.

#### **New Business**

Motion made, seconded and voted that Mayor, Police Chief and Fire Chief to be considered Honorary Members and will receive the **Jib Sheet**.

# July Jib Sheet

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July 4	Fire Cracker Race at the Club followed by cookout
July 10	Arrival of Tall Ships - Boston Harbor
July 11	Parade of Tall Ships - Boston Harbor
July 12 - 15	Ship visitations - Boston Harbor
July 16	Departure of Tall Ships from Boston Harbor

<u>August 27, 1992</u> Massachusetts Bay Yacht Club Association Dan Muise reminded all Governors to write to congressmen relative to Excise Tax assessment.

**Entertainment** Ed Plecinoga mentioned knockwurst and sauerkraut at the SWYC with Jubilee Yacht Club on Saturday and Kid's Day at SWYC on Sunday at 4:00. Dave Sullivan mentioned that the **FIGOWI Race** on September 19<sup>th</sup> will feature a lobster dinner with hotdogs and hamburgs for the kids.

**Old Business** Jack Cronin mentioned placing rules for storm warnings and watches in **Jib Sheet**; signs will be placed in Club and on outside of the Club indicating what procedure SWYC will follow.

# **New Business**

Next Year is the Club's 60 Year Anniversary!

<u>September 24,1992</u> **Moorings** Russ Austin stated that winter spars must be painted white on top and have numbers visible on two sides.

Ramps and Floats Dave Carnivale reported that the floats will be moved to the beach on Saturday, October 17

House Committee Pat O'Connor stated the Club House will be closed on the 17th - power tools will be needed.

**Safety Committee** Jack Cronin reported having problems with the ramp - people slipping - plan to put some type of asphalt covering on ramp.

October 29, 1992 Moorings Russ Austin stated Club moorings have markers applied. Harbor Master requested that we have more uniformity with our winter spars and wants all spars to stand upright at all times. Spars cannot be placed before October1.

Launch Mike Lowe reported boat out of water and looking for a new engine for next year.

**Massachusetts Bay Yacht Club Association** Dan Muise reported boat sales down 75% over prior year. The user fee was repealed. He stated we should expect an increase in the gasoline tax and said there is a change in which Massachusetts assesses Excise Tax on boats.

Ramps and Floats Steve Jackson stated all on the beach and no repairs needed.

**New Business** From Dave Sullivan, the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party of the Club will be held on March 20, 1993 and the Peabody Marriott. Tickets are \$35 per person with a choice of chicken or steak.

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March 18, 1993 Special meeting called by John Cronin to re-discuss the budget. John Cronin explained the expense, income and general information which had been mailed by him to each Governor. Ed Plecinoga stated that some items on the budget could not be changed and Cronin agreed. Cronin further stated that he did not want to go to the members for another \$50 assessment or a dues increase for 1994 and by cutting now he felt this could be avoided. The bottom line of the meeting was that the Budget Committee agreed to reduce the budget by ten percent. Ed Plicinoga further stated that we would have a surplus at the end of the year if we stuck within the budget. Upon motion made, seconded and voted that the total budget for 1993 be revised and corrected.

# March 20, 1993

The Commodore

of the

Salem Willows Yacht Club

requests your presence at the

Peabody Marriott Hotel

Peabody, MA. 01960

on

Saturday, March 20, 1993 at 6:00 p.m.

For the

60th Anniversary Celebration

and

Installation of Officers

David Sullivan

# May Jib Sheet

David Sullivan reports that SWYC Board of Governor Bob Mazzarino suffered a stroke. In your prayers, please, remember Bob and Martha and their family.

<u>May 22, 1993</u> Entertainment Committee is having a problem getting a chairman. Will have a steak cookout on July 3. There should be a chairman for each major event.

**Work Boats** Norm Walczak reports they hope to hold raffle to sell new boat. Sweeney has boats for sale; \$250 for boat without ribs and \$350 for boat with ribs.

**Junior Sale Program** Sylvan Menezes, Jr. reports 12 have signed up for the program. Have all the Widgeons in good shape.

**New Business** Dave Sullivan discussed the Waterway problem which must be completed by October 4, 1993. We must prove that we have a right to be here; that we have been making tax payments to the City of Salem and we must provide bank statements showing our existence. One of the main problems will be whether we are on park land or City of Salem land. After considerable consideration, on motion made, seconded and voted to give Commodore Dave Sullivan the right to retain Attorney Mike McMahon, from Palmer Cove Yacht Club who specializes in waterways law, to go ahead and secure the necessary paperwork and licenses.

**Garden Club** We have decided to form a "Garden Club" at SWYC and are looking for anyone who would join to keep out plants watered, etc. Our planting will be after the May 1 weekend (remember the frost last year?). Give Dee Foerst

a call and say that you will join us.

Mass Bay Yacht Club Association Legislative Alert of House Bill 2714. This bill will, at least, double your excise tax and could result in an increase of up to 200%. Mass Bay will actively oppose this bill, but, they cannot do it alone. Your help is needed. Get off your duff and write a few letters to help Mass Bay and yourself.

#### **New Salem-Beverly Bridge**

PROPOSED ROUTE - 1A
FIXED BRIDGE
ACROSS
DANVERS RIVER
BEVERLY - SALEM
ESSEX COUNTY
MASSACHUSETTS
APPLICATION BY
MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAY
DEPARTMENT
JUNE 16, 1992

#### NOTES:

- 1. SOUNDINGS IN FEET BELOW MLW & ELEVATIONS IN FEET ABOVE MHW. MHW & MLW REFER 1929 MSL DATUM
- 2. CHANNEL BOTTOM TO BE RESTORED TO EL. -21.7' FOR APPROACH & VICINITY OF EXISTING BRIDGE.

# June Jib Sheet

It is reported that the Jib Sheet Editor would like to give a special thanks from everyone at the Club, to Jack, John, Jeff and Billy Cronin for the new flag pole at the Club. This flag pole replaces the pole donated and erected by Fred Dion in 1935.

<u>June 24, 1993</u> Entertainment Committee David Sullivan. Chowder party was success; The Covered Dish Supper was excellent. Have raft-up this weekend. Tickets for steak dinner (after race) must be purchased by Thursday.

**Parking Lot** Bob Turner. Best crop of weeds ever seen. Sprayed with "Round Up" and put more stone on lot. Dave White assisted with a power weed whacker.

**House** Pat O'Connor. Buddy Hobbs stated that the umbrellas were left out and blowing around. Flagpole is up, thanks to the Cronins for great job, also to Norm Michaud and Paul Schmittner who moved the pole.

**Old Business** Dave Sullivan stated that progress is being made on the Waterways Act, Chapter 91. Bob Turner said that it looks like SWYC is here by license, not lease. It can be terminated at any time. Trying to make it all legal so we can go for our permit. Park land covered under another set of rules. Looks like SWYC is on city-owned park land. Public access to water is readily available under Club. The lawyer liked our documentation. Lawyer trying to find out what City is doing with public pier. Another one at Winter Island. If we do get license, permit or whatever, let's make sure we photo copy everything and put it in safe place.

**Garden Club** Thanks to the green thumbs of Dee Foerst and Ann Michaud, the Garden Club is working full time cultivating the flower arrangements.

Mass Bay Report Dan Muise. To those members who took the time and effort to send a letter to Sen. Keating and Rep. Scaccia, congratulations of a job well done. Because of your efforts, the sponsors of HB2714 have decided to withdraw the bill.

<u>August 26, 1993</u> Jr. Sail Program Sylvan Menezes. Huge success this year and very well attended. Had end-of-season cook-out. Forty-eight kids participated. Fleet expanded from 4 to 9 Widgeons. Will have complete report of plans in Spring.

**Floats and Ramps** Russ Austin mentioned that season started with four good launch operators. Also that he is checking on USCG regulations which would cover our launch operators, whether they must be licensed and what type of license.

**House** David Carnevale. House all painted. Dave Sullivan mentioned that house had been re-shingled and re-painted under the guidance of Dave Carnevale and 6 people he recruited to work off their assessments.

Work Boats Norm Walczak. Boats in fair condition. Need major work next year, possibly new boats.

**Old Business** George Garland mentioned that Maureen Driscoll spent a great deal of time revamping our by-laws and distributed copy to each Governor. Put info into computer. Would like each Governor to look over our by-laws. Final draft will be in binder form so that you can add/delete as rules change. All pages will be numbered. Look over and bring back suggestions at next meeting.

Dave Sullivan read letter received from three members of Wollaston Yacht Club who visited SWYC in an Island Packet last July. They complimented the Club on the cleanliness of the house, the hospitality extended to them and the helpfulness of our personnel. It was suggested that the launch operators and steward be given a copy of the letter.

<u>September 30, 1993</u> Commodore David Sullivan opened the Regular Meeting and welcomed Dave White, our new Governor. Commodore Sullivan further stated that Governor Steve Kantaros had resigned.

**Entertainment Committee** Dave Sullivan expressed thanks to Whitey and Roland who did a good job putting on the knockwurst and sauerkraut party at Salem Willows with JYC.

Long Range Committee Dave Carnevale stated that rotted timbers under the club and problems around the piers must be addressed, also planks at entrance are all punky.

**Old Business** Dave Sullivan reported on Chapter 91, Waterways Act. Patrick Hayes, a registered engineer, will assist in establishing the exact location of the club and its property. Bob Turner has been active in this also. The big thing right now is the survey mark. David went to a meeting last week and discovered than many of the people there, who were working on their own private property, were disturbed over the fact that permits for their property were costing \$3,000 and \$4,000 apiece. Bill has been extended so that total compliance does not have be to until October 1995.

**October Jib Sheet** 

CARDBOARD BOAT RACE 1993 WINNER

**BUD HOBBS** 

# A surprise letter:

YACHT CARAMOR REGISTERED Falmouth, England Booth Bay, Maine 8 August 1993

To the Commodore & Members of the Salem Willows Yacht Club

Dear Members,

Having sailed many thousand miles after leaving Falmouth, England in May 1991 and having visited numerous places and clubs, we came into your club in July this year. We were met by a most wonderful and warm welcome.

Your ex-Commodore, Whitey Plecinoga, was in the club launch as we came ashore and immediately suggested we should join them all for the Bean Supper. What a friendly and enjoyable evening with introductions to your Flag Officers and many members, who showed much interest in our cruise.

We had been introduced to your club, by name, by Dee & Fred Foerst, who were anchored near us in Hadley Harbor, Elizabeth Islands after a windy night anchor watching!! It was they who put Salem Willows on the map for us and suggested we should call on your club.

On this trip we cruised from England to America via Spain, Portugal (the Mediterranean for 10 weeks), Madeira, Canaries and across the Atlantic to Barbados in 19 days with winds from behind of 15 to 30 knots. Then through the Caribbean, Bahamas, Florida, up the Intra-Coastal Waterway to Norfolk, Virginia - New York - up theHudson through the Canals to Lake Ontario - Erie - Lake Huron and back to Erie Yacht Club for the winter of 92/3. We returned in April this year and came down the Lakes - St. Lawrence to Montreal - Lake Champlain and Long Island Sound and around to Massachusetts.

Now we are cruising the Maine coast prior to lifting out in Portsmouth, NH in September. The hospitality and friendship with your club has continued here as we have been meeting and communicating with the Bridget, Thadeus Marion and Navillus.

We understand we are the first English boat to visit your club and are proud to have received such hospitality from your very friendly club. We offer our sincere and grateful thanks and look forward to visiting again on our way South next May.

Best wishes to you all,

John and Cynthia Dowding

October 28, 1993 Entertainment Mike Lowe reported a chowder party this weekend with breakfast planned for Memorial Day. Will have ceremony around 9:30 on Memorial Day and place wreath in mooring area.

Ramps and Floats Dave Carnevale reported all still there. Gas hose is 15' longer than last year. Water hooked up. Have problem with one mooring. Pump is all set and we have 500 gallons in the tank.

**House** Marlene says she is still stunned by the fact that her budget is \$3,300 in the hole when she hasn't spent anything yet!

**Jr. Sail** Sylvan Menezes reported an excellent response – way ahead of last year. June 11 is work party to get Widgeons ready.

**Moorings** Norm Walczak stated getting rid of mushroom moorings. Sent letter to members who had old moorings, nothing threatening, but a letter that would "cover our butts".

Parking Lot Bob Turner reported two loads of stone placed on lot and we are still under budget.

**Safety** Jack Cronin stated no smoking in the club; no smoking on the porch and smokers must stay away from the gas pump and the ramp.

**Etertainment Committee** Dave Sullivan thanked Ed Plecinoga and Roland Gauthier for fine effort on chowder party, not only for cooking and serving but the singing and dancing afterwards.

Launch Norm Michaud said will have launch out of Buddy's yard next week.

Long Range Planning David Sullivan stated that slow and steady progress is being made by Patrick Hayes and Mike McMann on the Chapter 91 Waterways Act. Extension has been granted by the Commonwealth so we still have time. The Committee is still working on it. There is a 15' discrepancy on the low water mark and we must have this straightened out before we can proceed.

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<u>February 24, 1994</u> Floats and Ramps Steve Jackson reported that ramps/floats on beach; shooting for 4/23 to launch and use 5/01 as back-up date.

**Jr. Sailing** Sylvan Menezes reported same program as last year plus a racing course. Jr. Sailing will also have a regatta, as was done last year. Whole program was successful. Breakdown this year will consist of Beginners, Intermediate, Adult and Racing.

MA Bay Dan Muise stated that MA Bay is now known as MA Boating.

Work Boats John Cronin stated they will be "OK" - one in tough shape will be repaired.

**Old Business** Dave Sullivan, re: Chapter 91, stated that Atty. McMahon says to wait to apply until we know what is going on. He has checked some measurements at low tide.

<u>April 16, 1994</u> Entertainment Committee Dave Sullivan stated Installation of Officers dance drew 125-130 people – had a great time. He mentioned that opening day party will consist of Whitey's chowder and will be held May 28. He suggested that members work off their work assessment by helping out at major functions. Lots of fun!

**House** Marlene Jaworski says will be open 4/23; inside will be cleaned and ready to go. Roof may need repairs; general painting needed; deck repairs needed; window boxes. Have several volunteers but need more.

**Long Range Planning** Dave Carnevale stated that they are thinking of changing the launch to a diesel-operated inboard launch. Looking for input from members.

**MA Boating Association** Dan Muise reported that by way of explaining the importance of the organization, it was mentioned that they are the watch dog for the boating industry in federal and state matters. Each SWYC member pays \$2 per year (included in your dues bill) and SWYC has 100% membership in the organization. They publish a book which includes members of each yacht club and their boat's name. July 23 and 24 will be MA Boating Regatta to Jubilee YC.

Moorings Norm Walczak stated Sam Zacco would be checking chains on floats and guest moorings.

**Storm Committee** Jack Cronin stated you are responsible for your own boat. Our launch operators and steward are responsible for SWYC property.

May 26, 1994 Entertainment Mike Lowe reported a chowder party this weekend with breakfast planned for Memorial Day. Will have ceremony around 9:30 on Memorial Day and place wreath in mooring area.

Ramps and Floats Dave Carnevale reported all still there. Pump is all set and we have gas.

Jr. Sail Sylvan Menezes reported an excellent response.

**Moorings** Norm Walczak stated getting rid of mushroom moorings. Sent letter to members who had old moorings, nothing threatening, but a letter that would "cover our butts".

**Safety** Jack Cronin stated no smoking in the club; no smoking on the porch and smokers must stay away from the gas pump and the ramp.

<u>June 30, 1994</u> On motion made by George Garland, seconded and voted unanimously that Doris Dobbins become a Life-Time Associate Member. On motion made, seconded and voted unanimously that Mike Day and James Coughlin become Partner Members.

**Entertainment Committee** Slyvan mentioned that there would be a short race course on Saturday. Whitey discussed South Shore Rendevous at SWYC.

Parking Lot Bob Turner thanked Bud Hobbs for taking care of the weeds. City will paint curb at entrance of parking lot

**New Business** Sylvan mentioned 20 boats attended Eastern Point Regatta and had good time. Requested secretary send "Thank You" to the club.

#### June Jib Sheet

The SWYC is saddened to learn of the passing of our eldest Board of Governor, Wilbur Dobbins, on May 3. Wilbur joined the club in 1951, was elected to the Board of Governors in 1952, served as Commodore during the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in 1958, and remained on the Board for 44 years. His last duty was Chairman of the Membership Committee. Wilber was every member's first contact with the club and those first impressions will remain with all of us. He served with such devotion and dignity that we will be hard pressed to find someone to fit those shoes. On behalf of the SWYC, we will all miss Bill!!! Our deepest sympathy to his wife, Dot and their family.

# The following is a series of reflections on the life of our friend Wilbur "Bill" Dobbins:

How many members would realize that their days and years of enjoyment at the Salem Willows began with a call to Bill, Chairman of the Membership Committee? Bill has the first person you met and one you will always remember.

Bill always welcomed you to apply, even it if meant an application to a waiting list.

If you were a friend of Bill's, you can be assured that his appreciation of that friendship was known to his many other friends. Things that Bill would reiterate were about those close and long time friends. His friend Elliot Rowand helped him find and purchase **Whimsy**.

Bill very much appreciated the knowledge, assistance and very close friendships of Dan Muise, Matthew and Michael Plecinoga, all ever ready to assist in keeping **Whimsy** shipshape.

Each of you have memories of a special rapport with Bill and Dot. My wife and I have shared so many memories of friendship and socializing. There must be a high percentage of members with a special association of their own with Bill and Dot. We will treasure these moments.

During the 1950's the cockpit of **Whimsy** was very often a playpen for the Dobbins and Rowand children along with others on swimming trips to West Beach and Manchester to quite often rendevous with the Hobbs' and other members of SWYC. Many of us spend time working on or going out on our boats or going to the Yacht Club alone. Has anyone ever seen Bill doing these things without Dot? They are truly Mr. and Mrs. Salem Willows Yacht Club.

Bill was a great storyteller, particularly if he was describing his own follies. He was unsurpassed in that talent!

A few years ago, Ted Tourigny gave Bill a gift of a portable radio and it was his pride and possession. Every seasonable good s u m m e r weekday, in the afternoon between 12:30 and 2:00, Bill and Dot would arrive at the club. Before going out to his boat, Bill would call on the portable radio. Matt, Marty and Scott can attest, he would call "Gig, Gig, where are you today?" I would respond and we would arrange a rendezvous on the water.

<u>August 25, 1994</u> Entertainment Committee Roland Gauthier reported Moe Morneau deserves plaudits for South Shore outing here - handled well and thought out well. Good time had by all.

**House Committee** Marlene Jaworski reported house will close on 10/15. Person who wanted to do roofing work backed out, so will advertise in **Jib Sheet** for a member to work off work assessment.

**Jr. Sailing** Sylvan Menezes reported had final regatta in front of Wayne Hanson's house; had good season with racing program and kids had great time.

Launch Norm Michaud reported best year so far; had problem with sensor, sensor was repaired, controls changed, and launch running well and handles well.

Moorings Norm Walczak reported winter spars can be put in 10/01.

Parking Lot Buddy Hobbs tried to kill weeds.

Safety Committee Jack Cronin reported Marty came up with an ingenious device to tie pier to deck; it is working well.

**September 29, 1994** Floats and Ramps Everything all set. Dave White will contact Sam Zacco; Jackson is planning on Saturday, the 8th; tide is high at noontime so work party should start at 8:00 a.m.; finger floats will be readied to move.

Launch Norm Michaud reported running fine. Will take it out when it is not needed and strip off the engine.

Work Boats Bill Cronin will pick up and take them home day float is removed; can squeeze one more year out of them.

# Jib Sheet

# Fishing Report by Ed Rennicks

Because of the good success I've had over the years, I thought I would share some of my best fishing tips and secret spots. Read carefully and you might learn something. When going after the "big one" you must rely on your senses. Be aware of what is happening around you. To sharpen my senses I bring plenty of Budweiser. When you feel you're in that magic spot, the right equipment is essential. While sharpening your senses save the flip tops from each can. These are my secret lures. The light reflecting from these send fish into a feeding frenzy. Increasing the number of lures on one line guarantees a blood bath on board your boat. Another benefit, the more lures you use, the sharper your senses get. Not to mention the price is right.

After landing the big one, it is a good idea to have a cooler full of ice. You might assume this is the best place for that new trophy. Wrong. After a hard fight landing that monster, you need a cold beer. Make sure the cooler is big enough for all the brew on board.

I'm reluctant to share my secret spot with my fellow fishermen, but it would be selfish of me if I didn't. I stumbled upon it one gray day, after a slow morning trawling. My senses were sharpening with every beer I drank. I noticed seagulls swimming in the water just off my bow. Approaching them, a strange smell filled by nostrils. I knew I was on to something. As the seagulls scattered, the sea turned as gray as the sky. When the bow cut into a bubbling sear, I knew this was it. The Loran readings I refuse to make public, but lets just say I did not "haste" to cast my lines into this sea of riches!!!

#### **SWYC vs PCYC**

Softball Game

10:00 A.M.

Post game refreshments at PCYC

Salem Willows Park September 17

Everyone Welcome!! Everyone Plays!!

#### Misery Island In Salem Harbor

Misery Island - what a depressing name for such a beautiful spot in the sea. There are several versions as to how it got is melancholy name, but let us hook on this one. Captain Moulton was shipwrecked there, in the early years, with smallpox onboard his vessel. He suffered greatly, both physically and mentally before being rescued, and the island was dubbed "Moulton's Misery."

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<u>May 25, 1995</u> Floats and Ramps Dave White and Dick Card discussed moving several blocks to further secure the main float and ramp. Will do this during the week when traffic is light.

**House** Marlene stated that some furniture was replaced and Norm Michaud replaced the gas grill. Roof is problem. After discussion, it was decided that three quotes would be obtained on replacing the roof.

**MA Bay** Danny Muise reported that SWYC was presented with 100% plaque for 1994. They would like members to still write letters to their legislators relative to the taxation plan on boats. Still very much alive. Assessors upset because they cannot get this bill passed.

Work Boats Bill Cronin reported everything fine. Will stencil on seats that PFD's required. Also, a flashlight is required after dark.

<u>June 29, 1995</u> Norm Walczak mentioned a letter received from Boston Yacht Club requesting reciprocal agreement with SWYC. A letter will go to the secretary.

**House Committee** Marlene Jaworski reported had preliminary meeting about roof replacement. Need further input for a decision on a Fall or Spring replacement.

Grievance Buddy Hobbs reported "None!"

Jr. Sailing Program Sylvan Menezes reported program is in full swing. Half of the members are from SWYC.

MA Bay Dan Muise stated that Chapter 91 has been extended another year to October 1996.

Moorings Russ Austin reported all new members have moorings spotted.

<u>August 31, 1995</u> Ed Pelcinoga stated that Jubilee YC was celebrating an anniversary in 1996 and looking to us for an ad for their yearbook. SWYC will contribute \$100 for a full-page ad. Received a thank you letter from Heritage Days Committee. Plummer Home for Boys having Open House on 9/06 and 9/07. SWYC band will provide music and all SWYC members invited.

After a discussion on how impressed the City Councilors were with SWYC, on motion made, seconded and voted: that George Ahmad (Ward 1 Councilor) be accepted as an Associate Member and that we dispense with the initiation fee in this case.

**House Committee** Marlene Jaworski stated that she received bids on roof repairs ranging from \$4,600 to \$14,000. John and Pat Hayes volunteered to repair the roof, using SWYC members, and doing the job "at cost".

# **New England Power**

The Salem Willows Yacht Club Salem Willows Park Salem, Massachusetts

September 23, 1995

Ms. Malia Griffin New England Power Fort Avenue Salem. MA 01970

Dear Ms. Griffin:

The Board of Governors and the members of the Salem Willows Yacht Club wish to thank you for your generous contribution of soap-detergent for our use in cleaning our boats. It came in very handy!

Thank you again from all of us.

Very truly yours,

Mary C. Cronin Secretary

<u>September 29, 1995</u> Entertainment Committee Mickey Tsouvalas reminded everyone that Chowder Party will be 10/07. Softball game last week was a success.

Ramps and Floats Steve Jackson stated that small floats have been taken out - one needs substantial repairs. Main float will be moved weekend of 14th/15th.

**House Committee** In Marlene's absence it was reported that the roof was done - and done very well. Work done on support columns and house will be buttoned up weekend after chowder party.

October 26, 1995 Floats and Ramps Steve Jackson reported they are on the beach - some question as to the number of supports - they will be checked and made OK.

Jr. Sailing Sylvan Menezes reported a great year just passed - plans for next year look even better and bigger.

Moorings Russ Austin stated all done for the year. A complete review for next year is planned.

October 27, 1995 Floats and Ramps Steve Jackson stated that all went well moving everything to beach.

**Jr. Sailing Program** Sylvan Menezes stated that all boats have been put away and SWYC will be joining with Jubilee YC for another successful season next year.

**Launch Committee** Norm Michaud stated that launch is on trailer and ready to be stored. Russ Austin commented that the launch was "down" for only ½ day and that only one crank call had been received relative to the launch - very successful year.

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Kudos, from Norman Walczak, Vice Commodore. Many thanks to those who helped in work parties repairing the club's concrete columns and installing a new roof on the club! Patrick and John Hayes organized the work parties and John O'Brien donated his tools and expertise.

#### **Cardboard Boat Race**

Bud Hobbs takes an early lead rowing his designed and built double ended in the annual Cardboard Boat Race held in late August. Hobbs took first place in the Adult Class. The **U.S.S. Incorntinance** was sponsored by Sanipottie.

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February 29, 1996 Jr. Sailing Committee Sylvan Menezes stated that six 420's had been purchased by Jubilee Yacht Club. Will have full racing complement to go along with the program.

**Launch Committee** Bill Cronin stated that new floor, new flotation, new seats installed - launch will be in A-1 condition by end of March.

Work Boats Bill Cronin reports that boats are basically finished. Will build new oar to replace the oar stolen last year.

<u>April 6, 1996</u> Entertainment Committee David Sullivan requested assistance at the many activities scheduled for summer - work off your work assessment.

Ramps and Floats Steve Jackson reported floats etc. will be going in 4/27 weather and tide permitting; work party scheduled for 4/20 at 9:00 a.m.

**House Committee** Russ Austin filled in for Pat O'Connor and reported the house was torn apart - went through whole house; ceiling beefed up; new lighting installed. Everything will be completed by 5/02.

Work Boats Bill Cronin reported that Buddy Hobbs has an oar that he will give to us to replace the one stolen.

May 30, 1996 Floats and Ramps Steve Jackson reported everything seems well, some minor work needed.

House Committee Steve Jackson reported no current problems; generally all happy with current status.

Launch Scott Kline reported launch now in after some trouble. Trailer going to Bass Haven for storage.

Mass. Bay Dan Muise reported the Annual Rendezvous is July 13 and 14. Tickets are available. Will be at Lynn YC.

Moorings Russ Austin reported all 13 new members places. Winter spars must be out by 6/01.

**Publicity** Roland Gauthier reported the Board voted to buy a 1/4 page ad for the "100<sup>th</sup>" of the Columbia Yacht Club, South Boston.

Work Boats Marlene Jaworski reported they are in and are OK.

# May 1996 'The Jib Sheet'

# Friendship.

The construction of a 1797 East Indian Tall Ship, three masted vessel, 171 ft. long, to be docked at Pickering Wharf will begin soon. This ship, chosen because of its extensive and well catalogued history, will enable us, our children and our grandchildren, to experience the complete story of our nations early maritime history. Several terrific events will be held over the next year involving the sailing community to complete the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of fund raising.

<u>June 27, 1996</u> Entertainment Committee Maureen Driscoll stated the need of people to help on steak barbecue. Norm Michaud stated that only 47 tickets have been sold. Hamburgs/Hotdogs will be \$6.00.

House Steve Jackson reported new stairway/ladder has been installed. Nothing out of order.

Jr. Sailing Sylvan Menezes reported 14 adults and large number of kids - hopefully will have a great season.

**Parking Lot** Everett Hobbs reported a problem with gate will be fixed. Three kids totaled a white Bronco in the lot and were apprehended - first time we've had a problem there.

Race Committee Bill Cronin reported everything on schedule. Will need someone to run the race, fire a few cannon shells and record the times as they go around the course. Russ Austin volunteered to use his boat and Steve Jackson and Maureen Driscoll will assist.

August 29, 1996 Chapter 91 David Sullivan updated the Governors on the progress of Chapter 91 (Waterways) Bill. Dave explained that any party with structure jutting ut into the water must secure license for same. Deadline has been extended to October 1, 1996. Had to prove that SWYC was doing a great deal for the City of Salem. John Hayes has volunteered to help resolve this matter. John Hayes stated that SWYC owns only the building and the pier and that the City of Salem can at any time come in and claim the property. Hayes said he became involved in 1977 when the end of the pier was restructured.

John Hayes continued, "In 1978 the club was wiped out by a blizzard. At that time the Army Corps of Engineers, with the help of Red Hobbs, received a plan from us rebuilding the club and pier. The club and pier were rebuilt according to that plan. Over the years the dimensions of the club and pier have changed and the current dimensions do not conform to the plan submitted to the Army Corps of Engineers. What I am saying is that the changes that have been made do not fit the original 'footprint'. The changes made cannot be grand-fathered. We are talking about a brand new application and we must go through the process all over again. The new plans must be signed by a certified engineering firm."

**Entertainment Committee** Russ Austin wished to thank launch operators for being so helpful during South Shore Invasion.

September 26, 1996 Entertainment Dave Sullivan stated Chowder Party is on October 5.

Floats and Ramps Steve Jackson reported finger floats are on beach; main float coming out on 10/12.

Launch Scott Kline reported launch banged up a bit; will be cleaned up and put in Cronin's shed.

Work Boats Bill Cronin reported will be taken to their shop for life support.

**Old Business** Chapter 91 - Attorney has filed the plan without a Mylar map with the DEP on 9/25 so we are now on record with the DEP. Still waiting for the drawings which will be brought into Boston. Mike (attorney) secured signatures from everyone in City of Salem who must sign, except the Mayor. City Solicitor has a concern about the giving away of city property and must be reassured that no property is changing hands - this is only a filing procedure.

**New Business** All members have received an invitation to the event going on at the Peabody Museum and Pat O'Connor enlightened the Governors on the USS Constitution's plans to sail to Marblehead next year. Two replicas of the **Spray** are being built, the larger one to be completed in April and the smaller one to be completed by a group of youngsters and sailed back with the **Crystal Spray**. The **Friendship** is now in Albany. NY and will be brought up and finished here.

October 30, 1996 Floats and Ramps Steve Jackson stated that the floats have been blocked up off the beach about 3' and he feels, since nothing has been done under the floats for several years, this will be a good year to do good job on them.

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**February 27, 1997** Russ Austin discussed the dredging being done to Salem Harbor and stated that istwill not take in our area. Politicing being done by other yacht clubs and commercial interests. Russ suggested contacting state and federal congressional members. SWYC actually has no one looking out for them. He further stated he would see how other yacht clubs are responding to this and see if we could get something going for SWYC. Dredging will take place during January, February and March and all moorings would have to be moved.

March 26, 1997 Launch Scott Kline reported no major reapirs; antenna and bow sprit will be addressed.

**Moorings** Norm Walczak reported Sea Scout mooring will be moved; larger boats are being bought and placed in same mooring areas causing problems.

Ramps and Floats Danny Muise stated he will need help. Mickey and Maureen will start calling. Finger floats will be repaired and cleaned.

**House** Norm Michaud reported all windows being primed and painted, paneling repaired; interior of kitchen cabinets will be painted.

**April 12, 1997 Entertainment** Norm Walczak stated the opening chowder party is May 24<sup>th</sup>. The Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremonies and breakfast will be May 26<sup>th</sup>. On May 28<sup>th</sup> the bricks for the **Friendship** will be dedicated at 11:00 A.M. SWYC donated funds for a brick.

**Floats and Ramps** Dan Muise reported they will be ready for the water within two weeks. Float repairs look good and everyghing was done with great speed from the great work crew. A sealer will be put n the decks to preserve them and new chains will also be placed.

**Mooring** Russ Austin reported that with all the new, bigger boats the mooring area is getting crowded. There needs to be some rearranging.

Chapter 91 Everything is in place except a sight inspection. The affidavit to this will be signed by the city when all is done.

**Boats** Scott Kline reported the launch is in Gloucester for a new motor and will be towed to Salem. US Coast Guard mailed to Steve Jackson the inspection papers that were given to Scott.

**Friendship Sloop** Whitey Plecinoga reported the ship is to arrive in June at Pickering Wharf with the rigging to be done at a later date. It is felt it would be in the best interest of the Club if we participated and donated funds because even with all the contributions there is still considerable amount needed. Discussions were on how to accomplish this. Michael Lowe suggested we do it the same way as Mass Bay - fees - volunteer but put it on the bill for dues. Vote taken and passed to have it put on the bill but with the understanding it is a volunteer donation.

<u>May 29, 1997</u> Floats and Ramps Dan Muise reported all in and hooked up; one piece of chain where launch ties up needs to be replaced; flexible hose for standpipe needs to be hooked up; several other small things to do.

Moorings Russ Austin reports lots of requests to move in/move up; winter spars must be off by 6/01.

Launch Scott Kline reported looks pretty good; new antenna.

**Jr. Sailing** Sylvan Menezes reported having work party next two Saturdays; looking for sailing instructor; received more applications than ever; have become non-profit and can accept donations.

**Old Business** On Chapter 91 Ed Plecinoga mentioned that \$1,690 has been paid; everything filed; all public notices done; state has all formal prints on parchment; all state signatures have been received. Only local authorities have not signed.

June 26, 1997 Boats Scott Kline reported row boats are usable; new oars ordered.

**Entertainment** Race on July 4<sup>th</sup>, Captain's meeting at 10:30 a.m. and race starts at 12:00 noon.

<u>August 28, 1997</u> Floats and Ramps Dan Muise reported that one boat broke loose during recent storm and had problem with finger float but everything returned to normal.

**Launch Chairman** Scott Kline reported launch had minor problems this year, but it is still running. Buddy Hobbs mentioned that row boat is still at his place.

**House Chairman** Norm Michaud reported lengthy discussion regarding ongoing sewerage problem at SWYC. General opinion was that City of Salem partially to blame.

<u>September 25, 1997</u> Entertainment Committee reported great showing at softball game between SWYC and Palmer Cove YC. Last function of year will be Chowder Party.

Ramps and Floats Dan Muise called company doing our work and anything that is at the beach will be pulled out. Fingers will be towed down early and ramps and main float will be ready to haul on the 18<sup>th</sup>. High tide at 12:20 with 12' tide.

**Boats/Launch** Bill Cronin stated will be bringing boats to their shop on day floats are hauled. Launch will go to Gloucester and then out to Charlton for the winter.

October 6, 1997 Chapter 91 coming to close, couple of signatures required.

# Friendship Sloop

#### 1797 - FRIENDS OF FRIENDSHIP - 1997

Six Central Street, Salem, Massachusetts 01970

June 25, 1997

Commodore Norman Walczak Salem Willows Yacht Club 28 Baldwin Street Peabody, MA 01960

Dear Commodore Walczak:

Thank you so much for purchasing a *Friendship* Brick. The first installation took place on May 28 and was a huge success. Thanks to donations like yours, *Friendship* will soon be back in her home port of Salem for all residents and visitors.

As supporters of *Friendship*, we would like to offer our brick buyers a unique opportunity. The next 25 brick buyers who purchase a \$100 "First Mate's Friend Membership" to Friends of *Friendship* will also receive a special bonus - - a ride aboard an historic tall ship on Sunday, July 20 to greet *USS Constitution* as she arrives in Marblehead. This is a special promotion and only available to the next 25 people who return the enclosed form. Don't miss the chance to witness history. Send your form in today.

Thank you for supporting Friendship.

Sincerely,

Annie Harris
Executive Director

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<u>February 26, 1998</u> House: Pat O'Connor reported the storm blew off some roof shingles but repairs have been made by Pat Hayes. House had been vandalized by some kids at the Willows. Anchor used to break into door was thrown off porch.

**Jr. Sailing:** Sylvan Menezes reported they were able to purchase second-hand Boston Whaler which will be an asset to program.

**Floats and Ramps:** Ed Morneau stated that floats were badly damaged by company that hauled them in the fall and the company charged enough so that they should repair them. Dan Muise said most of the damage was done by storm before the floats were hauled and we should not expect the hauler to repair them. Another method of hauling the floats will be looked into.

April 25, 1998 House: Pat O'Connor reported house 90% ready. Vandalism which occurred in February has been relayed to insurance company.

Junior Sailing: Sylvan Menezes reported getting set for year and will have some openings.

**MA Bay** Dan Muise reported on the excise tax bill - the legislature is looking into a new book for valuations, but nothing will be done for another year. Harbor Master Bill (rebate on diesel fuel tax) - members should get form from state, fill it out and return within six months. Then you are subject to 5% sales tax.

**Work Boats** Bill Cronin reported have secured three sets of oars, two work boats are at the Willows and third needs 3-4 hours of work and will be brought up as soon as finished.

**New Business** Norm Walczak suggested that SWYC send representatives to Salem Harbor 2000 meetings to protect our rights. Red Hobbs volunteered along with Dan Muise and Marlene Jaworski.

<u>June 25, 1998</u> Chapter 91 (Waterways) Ed Plecinoga mentioned receiving a bill relative to Chapter 91 from the DEP for \$4,500 and gave us 30 days to pay so they could continue to process our application for a license. Once license is received, that is the end - no more fees, hopefully,

**Work Boats** Norm Michaud asked where the new skiff was located and Bill Cronin replied that two current work boats seemed sufficient. The new skiff needed repairs and is at shop in Charlton.

**Launch** Russ Austin suggested that launch should be supplied with flashlight, paddles and a flare kit. Update launch to Coast Guard specs.

**Entertainment** Report made on July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, South Shore Invasion, and Heritage Day Race and meal. Governors felt all entertainment should be self-sustaining - no going over budget allowance.

<u>August 27, 1998</u> Entertainment Saturday is OOM-PAH Day, rain or shine; Sunday is Kid's Day (ages 5 to 12) 1:15 to 2:15 will be games; 2:15 will be magician; hot dogs/hamburgers after that.

Floats and Ramps Dan Muise mentioned repairs made - everything in pretty good shape now.

**Storm Committee** Jack Cronin noted that signs were put up last weekend notifying members on how to take care of their property if/when storm strikes.

<u>September 25, 1998</u> Entertainment Kid's Day was discussed; thanked Buddy Hobbs for free ice cream for the kids - Buddy stated that he did not know it was free - when he spoke to Mike Lowe he thought he would be paid for the ice cream!

**House** Pat O'Connor outlined items to be completed to satisfy Fire Inspector - these will be done before Club opens in the Spring.

**Moorings** Russ Austin mentioned that new 5 MPH signs have been received - will be put in next season. Russ further mentioned that with pressure from Salem boaters, Beverly Harbor Master will probably do a better job patrolling the river area boaters, making SWYC mooring area very comfortable.

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<u>February 21, 1999</u> Floats and Ramps Jim Coughlin outlined what will be done with floats and ramps this year and the moorings that hold them in place. Jack Cronin suggested cross measurements be taken so that the moorings do not get lost.

Safety Committee Jack Cronin mentioned that smoking around the gas pumps was still a problem. No smoking from

the clubhouse down to and on the float.

Work Boats Bill Cronin reported will need another set of oars; one boat needs a new rail; will be ready when needed.

#### Jib Sheet

Installation Dinner Dance, scheduled for Saturday April 17, 1999. Attitude adjustment is from 6PM to 7PM. Come and see the installation of all your flag officers and enjoy a fabulous family style dinner served by Mizioch caterers. The band "In Red" will provide entertainment. The cost is only \$35.00 per person.

Ski Report: The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual SWYC ski trip was a great success. We had 18 SWYC members enjoy the skiing, skating, shopping and science sites of New Hampshire's Washington Valley. We all stayed at the Red Jacket Hotel on Rt. 16 in North Conway, which provided easy access to all kinds of outdoor and indoor activities.

March 21, 1999 SWYC takes first steps to going on the web. First step is choosing a domain name.

<u>June 24, 1999</u> Floats and Ramps Jim Coughlin passed out instructions on when, how and what will be done with the ramps and floats in case of a storm.

**Long Term Planning** Jim Coughlin and Paul Hendry reported that the main float needs some maintenance, but does not need to be replaced. Also mentioned that the electrical was not up to code, but Pat O'Connor mentioned that this would be done within the week.

<u>August 24, 1999</u> House Committee Pat O'Connor reported that requirements of the local fire department and the State Fire Marshall's office regarding the gas dock was finally settled. Gas lines must be identified as gas lines.

#### **September 30, 1999**

Jack and Mary Cronin submitted their resignations to the Board of Governors.

**House** Vice Commodore and Chairman Paul Hendry reported that the new deck is within a week or two of completion. Moe mentioned that the new deck will support 100 pounds per square foot, four times the requirement of a parking garage.

**Mass. Boating** Chairman Dan Muise mentioned that the Sail Boston Event, starting on July 11, will host over 130 vessels from 30 countries.

**Entertainment** Moe mentioned that the Firecracker Race and Cookout, on July 1, is a catered affair, \$20.00 per person, with a choice of lobster or steak.

**New Business** Norman W. reported that there will be a Coast Guard Courtesy Inspection on June 24, between 10 AM and noon.

October 28, 1999 Floats Jim Coughlin, Chairman, reported that the floats were secured for the winter.

House It was reported that work needed on east side around windows. Will be included in next years budget.

#### **Entertainment**

Salem Willows Yacht Club Salem Willows Park Salem, Masschusetts

August 26, 1999

Commodore George Gough P.O. Box 82 North Weymouth, MA 02191

Dear Commodore Gough:

The Commodore, Board of Governors and Members of Salem Willows Yacht Club wish to thank you and your members for the wonderful time we all had at the South Shore Invasion at your club.

The weather was perfect, the company was perfect and your members' cordiality and friendliness was perfect. We enjoyed breakfast the next day also!

Thank you again - and we look forward to entertaining your club next year.

Very truly yours,

Mary C. Cronin, Secretary Salem Willows Yacht Club

October 28, 1999 Floats Jim Coughlin, Chairman, reported that the floats were secured for the winter.

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<u>February 17, 2000</u> House Committee Chairman and Vice Commodore Paul Hendry presented the plans and estimates for the east side of the house repairs and improvements.

<u>April 15, 2000</u> House Chairman and Vice Commodore Paul Hendry briefly discussed the progress of the deck on the east side of the club house.

Safety and Storm Chairman Jim Coughlin reviewed the procedures of lowering the ramp for tropical storms and hurricane warnings.

Floats and Ramps Chairman Jim Coughlin mentioned that the main float will be launched on Saturday, May 6, around noon.

**Mass. Boating** Chairman Dan Muise mentioned that the **Sail 2000** opening and closing parades will be on July 11 and 16, respectively. He also mentioned that Boston Harbor will be closed after 8 AM on those dates and advised that anyone wishing to anchol and watch the parades, be in place prior to 8 AM.

**Moorings** Chairman Russ Austin reported that a former partnership member donated his mooring to the Club. After some discussion, it was determined that the proceeds of the sale of the mooring will go to the Junior Sail Program.

**New Business** Moe made a motion to donate \$200.00 to the Orient Heights Yacht Club Rebuilding Fund. The motion was seconded and passed with a unanimous vote.

<u>May 25, 2000</u> Launch Chairman Matt Devitt reported that the launch is ready for the season. He mentioned that there is some dry rot in the transom that would not affect its operations this summer. Bill Cronin suggested that it be addressed at the end of the season.

**House** Vice Commodore and Chairman Paul Hendry reported that the new deck is within a week or two of completion. Moe mentioned that the new deck will support 100 pounds per square foot, four times the requirement of a parking garage.

**Entertainment** Moe mentioned that the "Firecracker Race and Cookout" on July 1 is a catered affair, \$20 per person, with a choice of lobster or steak.

**New Business** Norman W. reported that there will be a Coast Guard Courtesy Inspection on June 24, between 10 AM and noon.

June 29, 2000 Junior Sailing Program Chairman Sylvan Menezes mentioned that a new class starts every two weeks.

**Launch** Chairman Matt Devitt reported that the key switch of the motor failed on June 28. He had it repaired by J&W Marine the same day, under warranty. Matt also mentioned that he changed the oil in the engine and that it should not have to be changed for the remainder of the season.

House Vice Commodore and Chairman Paul Hendry reported that the tent over the deck was destroyed by a storm.

There was some discussion concerning replacing the tent with one that could be more easily retracted in the event of a storm. Paul will explore the various designs of tents.

**Entertainment** Commodore and Chairman Pat O'Connor mentioned that the "Dobbins Misery Island Cookout and Family Day" will be on July 15, starting at 11 AM.

#### **New Business**

It was with great sadness that Russ Austin announced that Jim Burns, one of our long time members, had recently passed away.

<u>July 2000</u> Entertainment On July 15 the weather was warm and dry and over 50 members attended, making the "Dobbins Misery Island Cookout and Family Day" an undisputed success and good time for all. We all look forward to next year's volley ball game and extend our thanks to our Commodore, who reactivated this traditional event.

<u>August 31, 2000</u> Floats and Ramps Rear Commodore and Chairman Tom McLaughlin mentioned that he received an estimate from Linsky Construction to pull the floats onto the beach and re-floating them in the spring. The quotes were between \$1,500 and \$1,600 to pull the main and finger floats onto the beach and \$1,200 ro re-float them in the spring.

Work Boats Chairman Bill Cronin reported that one of the boats will be replaced over the winter.

**Moorings** Chairman Russ Austin reported that a member's boat, the Dandelion, was severely damaged by a passing boat. He also said that both the Beverly and Salem Harbor Masters have tracked down the operators of that boat and intend to bring criminal charges against them.

<u>September 28, 2000</u> Work Boats: Chairman Bill Cronin reported that the boats will be taken out of the water for the winter, when the club closes on October 14.

Floats and Ramp Rear Commodore and Chairman Tom McLaughlin reported that the floats will be taken out of the water on October 14 and 15.

**Junior Sailing Program** Chairman Sylvan Menezes reported that it was a good year for the program and three of the children were chosen to participate in the Harvard University Sailing Program.

**Entertainment** Moe mentioned that the Commodores Club of America is holding their Winter Cruise on the weekend of January 19 - 21, 2001. All are welcome, the cost is \$310.00 per couple and includes two nights lodging, OPEN BAR, Saturday morning breakfast, dinner, and Sunday morning brunch.

**Moorings** Chairman Russ Austin reported that he purchased a 5000 pound guest mooring for \$595.00 and had it placed by buoys 4 and 5. He mentioned that he will pay for the mooring by selling other moorings that were donated to the club. One of these moorings belonged to Jim Burns. Shortly after his death it was donated to the club.

House Chairman Paul Hendry reported that the clubhouse will close on Saturday, October 14 and Pixie Noyes will cook breakfast for the closing work party.

**New Business** Tom McLaughlin mentioned that he was given a burgee from the Santa Monica Wind Jammers Yacht Club, when he was in California. After a brief discussion it was determined by all present to send a Salem Willows burgee to Santa Monica.

<u>October 26, 2000</u> Floats and Ramps Vice Commodore and Past Chairman Tom McLaughlin thanked all who helped move the floats up onto the beach.

**House** Commodore and Past Chairman Paul Hendry reported that he received one bid for the repairs to the pillars under the clubhouse, for \$6,500.00 from North Shore Marine. He mentioned that the bid was lower than expected and was the only one received.

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<u>February 22, 2001</u> Floats Chairman Joe Collins noted that the parts for the floats have been ordered and he would have them by 3/7. He is scheduling an assembly party for 3/10 to start installing the hardware.

Mass. Boating Chairman Dan Muise reported that a letter writing campaign is underway to block placement of 200 commercial moorings in Boston Harbor at the islands. They want all member clubs to send a protest letter to our senators and congressmen. Lou will send.

**Moorings** Joe Collins reported that the Salem City Council is cracking down on abandoned and unpaid moorings and voted to require payment of mooring fees by April 15 or a late fee will be applied.

**Work Boats** Andy Devitt reported that the boats will be painted and ready to use on time.

<u>March 29, 2001</u> Entertainment Norm Walczak reported that this is Pat and Doug McCloud's last year doing the Covered Dish suppers. Invasion is officially July 21 and 22 at South Shore Yacht Club.

**Floats** Russ Austin recommended that we contact the contractors immediately to schedule the placement of the floats. Moe Morneau suggested that we get a firm price from the excavator since we do most of the work on the main float.

Mass. Boating Chairman Dan Muise reported over 30 bills are in legislature regarding boating.

Moorings Russ Austin reported he will police the mooring area for derelict moorings within 30 days.

The boats from the city were donated, however, they are not the boats that were originally discussed. Go figure!

**New Business** Lou Schoenthal motioned, seconded by Dan Muise, a \$50 donation to Jubilee Yacht Club to be given to their charity, The Travis Roy Foundation, as a thank you for letting us use their club for free during the winter, Paul Hendry raised the amount to \$100. Passed unanimously.

<u>April 26, 2001</u> Floats Chairman Joe Collins said the floats were ready to be launched and we would begin the launch procedure at 7:30 on Saturday, April 28.

House Lou Schoenthal reported that the club will begin to be opened on April 28 after the floats are ready to go and completely opened on May 5.

Work Boats Bill Cronin reported that the boats will be delivered to the beach at 8:00 on Saturday ready to go.

**Launch** Greg Gordon reported that the steering on the launch has been fixed and it is in the water at PCYC. He thanked the Plecinoga brothers and Matt Devitt for their efforts.

Long Range Planning Lou Schoenthal motioned for action on the house recommendations that we start the ball rolling to have a contractor repair the rotted sections of the building under the kitchen. Russ seconded the motion and mentioned that we should get prices not to have the work started as the club closes. Motioned passed unanimously.

May 19, 2001 Entertainment Pat O'Connor commented on Dobbins Day picnic on Misery Island, July 14. The event is named after Mr. Dobbins, long term member of the club, now deceased. He mentioned this is also the day the grand parade of ships escorts the **Friendship** from Gloucester to Salem. The organizers of the parade recommend that larger boats planning to be at the picnic stay over Friday night at the islands.

**Moorings** Russ Austin reported he is policing the information reported by the members on their mooring equipment for errors. If a member gets a letter from him, he or she should not be offended. He was directed by the BOG to get the information correct for all moorings.

**Safety** Paul Hendry mentioned that the committee is now Joe, Tom and Lou as they are the people that would have to close the house and move the floats in the event of a severe storm.

**New Business** Paul Hendry appointed a new committee, City Relations, consisting of new member Pat Curtin and Norm Theriault. They will address any issues with the city.

<u>August 30, 2001</u> Entertainment Norm Walczak reported on the fine turn outs at all the functions this summer. He suggested that the secretary send letters of thank you to SSYC, the PCYC Kitchen Crew and Doc Martinez and family for the wonderful jobs and hospitality this summer. He motioned \$100 to be given to the PCYC Kitchen Crew in gift certificates so they can at least go out and eat. Motion passed.

Closing Chowder Party to be October 6 with closing work parties October 13 and beyond.

**Moorings** Russ Austin reported on the trial of helical moorings at area A (Jubilee). They are permanently screwed into the mud, are guaranteed for 10 years and by using them we could set up a grid and get the boats closer to the club.

**Parking Lot** Chairman Leo Callinan reported that he borrowed a mower and mowed the weeds on the park side beyond the fence. The board thanked him.

**Work Boats** Bill Cronin reported that he would pick up the boats from the big float after it is pulled and bring them to his shop for repairs and storage for the winter.

**House** Lou and Tom passed out plans for the reconstruction of the building. These included material estimates to rebuild the kitchen and bathroom areas of the club, add a slider to the vew veranda, add a cathedral ceiling in the kitchen and build a shed extension.

<u>September 27, 2001</u> Floats Russ Austin suggested that since it seems like we will not be moving the big float up the beach due to lack of a contractor, a safer place would be in Cat Cove rather than Dead Horse Beach. He already got permission from the City to store it there if we choose to.

**Work Boats** Bill Cronin reported last month that he will pick up the boats on Dead Horse Beach after the floats are pulled. Andy reported that Bill is getting married this weekend and is probably at his bachelor party as we meet. Lou to write Bill an official letter congratulating him on his wedding.

**Launch** Doc reported that he will pull the launch for winter storage as soon as it is no longer needed for operations at the Club. He has arranged for storage and service.

October 25, 2001 Mass. Boating Dan Muise mentioned that Mass. Boating, Friends of the Harbor and other organizations were looking for donations to restore and rebuild **Nix's Mate**, one of the original ATONS in Boston Harbor. Russ Austin motioned a donation of \$100. Paul mentioned he had \$300 tip money from launch drivers and would like to take the \$100 out of that and donate the rest to the local North Shore Red Cross. Motion passed.

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<u>April 5, 2002</u> House Committee Joe Collins reported remodel of interior of House and exterior deck is going well. Rotted beam and deck have been replaced along with new stove, new lighting, heating and redone interior. Joe would like to thank the 15 plus members who have helped out.

**Floats** Lou Schoenthal reported finger floats are finished and ready for use. Large float will be put into position 4/27/02, Saturday, from noon to 5:00 p.m. Finger floats will be put in following week. Floats to be ready for use on May 5<sup>th</sup>, hopefully.

**Launch** Paul Hendry reported we purchased a new motor for \$6,800.00 and hopefully will have buyer for last years old motor which is at J&W Marine.

**Launch Operator and Stewards** Don Bates reported everything is looking good for this year with 3 full time launch operators, 3 part time operators and steward in place for opening of the Club.

**Entertainment** Norm Walczak reported that Bruce Bateman will speak at the May 18<sup>th</sup> BOG meeting and the topic will be "Shipwrecks and Submarine Wrecks of the North Shore."

<u>June 27, 2002</u> Entertainment Lou Schoenthal reported on Race Day, July 6<sup>th</sup>, all sailboat captains are to report at 11:00 a.m., race will start at 12:05 p.m. and Don Bates is the race official.

Floats Lou Schoenthal reported floats are in and that members were a great help.

Mooring Committee Russ Austin is looking for moorings for the South Shore Invasion.

**Long Range Planning** Motion was made after long discussion to make an assessment of \$50.00 this year and the remainder assessment the year after for purchase of new launch boat and motor not to exceed \$22,000 without approval of BOG. Motion was made, seconded and passed. This would also include associate members being assessed same percent as full members.

**Mass. Boating** Dan Muise explained the new federal regulations. He also stated that utility companies have a proposal to install windmills off Nantucket Sound.

August 29, 2002 Entertainment Andy Devitt reported Kid's Day was enjoyed by all.

Floats and Ramps Low Schoenthal reported on getting floats our of water in October.

**Launch Committee** Paul Hendry reported old motor still for sale at \$3,600.00. We are also looking for a trailer, old or new, for launch. Lou Schoenthal made a motion that we try to close deal on ordering new launch in September at a cost of \$14,245.00 without motor. A motion was passed by BOG for purchase on new launch with down payment of \$500.

House Joe Collins reported that Fire Department requested, after their inspection, we add one more fire extinguisher and a lock box.

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<u>February 13, 2003</u> Entertainment Paul Hendry and Pat O'Connor suggested a committee to be formed to see if SWYC (could contribute to welcoming the New York Yacht Club on their arrival this summer to commemorate the opening of the China Trade exhibit at the Peabody Museum.

**House** Lou Shoenthal reports that the new attic stairs are in. New windows are not yet finished due to bad weather over the past few weekends but will be in time for club opening.

**Junior Sailing** Lou Shoenthal has been elected to the board of directors of the Sandy Point Jr. Sailing Association. Congratulations to Lou.

**Launch** Expect to have a dedication ceremony for a new launch on Memorial Day Weekend. Old launch will be used to put floats in and kept as a spare when the new one is in service.

**Moorings** Due to bad weather, the pipeline company is about one month behind schedule and displaced moorings may not be replaced until June 1. Russ feels that they have been professional with us so far and is confident that they will have alternatives for those affected.

**New Business** Moe brought up concerns through Mass. Boating that many sister clubs are sitting on land owned by the MDC. Part of the state consolidations of assets culd include sale of these properties at prices that these clubs could not afford. Concerns could be expressed to legislators through letters or e-mail.

March 27, 2003 House Vice Commodore Lou Schoenthal reported that the new windows are in. There still is some plumbing work to be done.

**Legislative Committee** Moe Morneau and Paul Luzinski mentioned that a new parking lot is going to be installed at the park this summer and that the softball field will become a soccer field. This could have an effect on parking availability. Paul will back up Pat Curtin on Legislative Committee.

**Pipeline Project** Russ Austin reports 42 SWYC moorings displaced by project. 144 Jubilee moorings displaced. Expect approximately half to be replaced by opening, the rest out for the rest of the year. Russ is still waiting for member response of intentions of mooring use. Moorings not planned to be used this summer could possibly be used to relieve the situation. Alternate mooring sites are Winter Island and Hawthorne Cove.

**Launch** Paul Hendry reports that motor for old launch is in good shape for this year. Transom is not in good condition and will need some attention. Boat is probably adequate as a backup, but may not be in condition for service as a second launch.

April 2, 2003 Moorings Joe Collins stated that 42 of our 200 moorings would be relocated either within the mooring area or adjacent to it, out by "Sweeney's" pier. Jubilee YC will have 150 of their 250 moorings displaced.

April 24, 2003 Ramps and Floats Greg Gordon reports most repairs completed and floats will be going in on Saturday around 10:30PM high water, weather permitting. Greg expressed appreciation of the outstanding efforts of all who

helped, especially Paul Luzinski and Bob Olenio to bring the floats back to good condition in time for opening. Greg and Lou will be securing the floats to the moorings on Sunday at low water around 2:00 PM with about four helpers.

**Moorings** Russ reports that of the 46 displaced moorings about 3/4 have been relocated within our area east and southeast of the facility. Owners have been notified of their new locations. New members have also been located in these areas. Pipeline company is providing twenty additional moorings for emergency use by both SWYC and Jubilee. These will be turned over to the clubs when the project is completed.

**Pipeline Project** Joe, Tom, Russ and Don met with Duke Energy on Monday night and made their presentation, receiving a check for \$33,825. Joe thanked committee for time spent putting the figures together for a fair presentation. Motion was made by Greg Gordon to put pipeline funds into separate account for expenses related to second launch service and that expenditures from that account be approved by the board. Motion was voted and unanimously accepted.

June 26, 2003 House Lou Schoenthal reported broken window was replaced and floors will be waxed this week.

Launch Paul Hendry reported bottom painted on old launch and rail will be repaired on the new one.

**Park Liason** Pat Curtin reports construction going along for most of the summer. Trash collection is becoming a problem. No solution with city yet.

**Mass. Boating** Dan Muise brought up the subject of legislation on Article 87 being discussed at the State House. If it goes through, excise taxes on boats will be based on Blue Book value.

Long Range Planning Lou Schoenthal reported that kitchen and bath will need replacing withing the next 2 or 3 years. Issue of support beams may need another look next year. Also explore possibility of sun room and/or deck after assessment for launch is over.

**Work Boats** Cronins still have the second boat which was severely damaged in last October's storm. It may be beyond repair and should look into building or buying a replacement.

<u>August 28, 2003</u> Ramps and Floats Greg Gordon reported he is planning to disconnect and move the main float on Firday, Oct. 17 and haul it out on Saturday, Oct. 18.

**Launch** At season's end old launch will be taken to Maine for estimate for reconditioning. New launch will be shrink-wrapped for the winter. Motors on both boats should be good for another season.

City Liason The city did appreciate the donation toward trash collection expenses.

**Old Business** Don Bates mentioned that several members have obtained launch operator's licenses at their own expense amounting to about \$600 for training and fees. In order to offset some of that cost he made a motion to reimburse those who were licensed after July 2002 the amount of \$.50 per hour of launch duty, up to \$300. Motion voted and accepted.

Commodore Joe Collins read a letter to the Board from Ed Plecinoga:

Effective October, Whitey is stepping down from the position of Club Treasurer, after twenty years of service. He intends to remain on the Board of Governors.

<u>September 25, 2003</u> House Lou Schoenthal reported he is planning to close the house on Saturday, 10/18. Bud Hobbs' building can also be cleaned out that day and continued the next weekend if not completed that day.

**Moorings** Russ Austin reported that moorings will not be replaced by pipeline company until the pipe is pressurized, probably in late winter or early spring.

**Launch** Paul Hendry reported that the new launch is put away at Bass Haven Yacht Club. He requested that a letter be written to the commodore of BHYC to express thanks for accommodating our club by hauling and storing the launch at no charge.

**City Liason** Pat Curtin reported the city will finish the main parking lot by the Arcade by the end of the season. It is unclear if there will be a turn-around at the end by Hobbs' store.

Junior Sailing The 50/50 raffle raised \$125. Norm Walczak donated his winnings from the 50/50 raffle to the program.

Work Boats The Cronins will look at the boats and make 2 good ones out of the present 3.

Safety and Storm Russ Austin reported that the committee took appropriate action to prepare for the potential of Hurricane Isabel.

**Old Business** Launch operator Mark Hanson made a presentation to the Board appealing to reconsider the vote from last month concerning compensation for lost tip income. He felt that the Duke Energy project was more of a factor than bad weather. After discussion among board members as to whether or not the factors were Duke, the slow economy, or the weather, a motion was made to compensate the 3 operators \$1/hour for hours worked (approximately 1500 hours). Motion defeated with 7 in favor, 11 against and 1 abstention.

October 23, 2003 House Lou Schoenthal reported one more work parties scheduled for this coming Saturday to disconnect plumbing and to clean out Hobbs' basement.

**Moorings** Russ Austin reported that pipeline will start replacing moorings on October 1. No SWYC moorings have been replaced. Pipeline company will take responsibility for mooring replacements until August 15 of next year.

**Launch** Paul Hendry noted there is an area on the port side that seems to take extra chafing. He suggested putting oak strips in that spot.

**Parking Lot** Joe Collins reported that the city is removing the benches along the front and is requesting that we install a fence in that area and paint the chain ink fence along the back. The gate is in good shape and does not require any attention.

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**February 26, 2004 Launch** The new launch is at Bass Haven. Nicked up areas on port side to be cleaned. Motor is fine. The old launch is in Maine. The repair work is complete for the amount of \$4,160, well under the budget of \$7,000.

Mass. Boating It was voted and unanimously approved that the Club will donate \$200 to Mass. Boating's Legislative Fund. This covers the cost of members to attend political events at which the agenda items affecting boaters can be addressed and lobbied.

**Moorings** Russ Austin reported that all of the pipeline relocated moorings should be back in their original locations. The contract between the city and the pipeline company closes July 6<sup>th</sup>, so any issues should be raised before that date.

**Treasurer** A Christmas card was received from the Plummer Home for Boys. It was unanimously voted and approved to donate \$100, as has been historically done.

A letter was received from the Brookhouse Home thanking the club for the Christmas Caroling. The are looking forward to this years caroling.

April 29, 2004 House Extension to shed to store long tables is under construction. Sill at front wall is rotted and is being tempoarily repaired.

Launch New launch is ready to go - motor yet to be serviced and should be in the water by Memorial Day. Old launch

has been rewired, motor has been checked out and should be in the water by the 8th.

**Legislation/City** Letter received from Parks Department thanking the Club for the fence installation and for being the first to donate \$400 for the trash pick up program. Pat Curtin to get a copy of the trash pick up schedule.

**Long Range Planning** Shoaling of Monument Bar was recommended to be monitored over a 2 year period to see impact of mooring area per Gary Jaworski.

**Mass. Boating** The February meeting focused on Secret Service presentation of closing Boston Harbor areas between July 22 - 30 for the Democratic National Convention. The meeting also focused on mooring fee increased in Boston Harbor for non-residents (\$6/ft) and residents (\$2/ft).

Moorings Mooring area has been surveyed and all moorings appear to be in the right place.

**Parking Lot** Fence installed 2 weeks ago. Ten people worked 5 hours to complete. Gate to be relocated and wheel to be added to bottom of gate. Cost was \$700. The back fence against the harbor is to be painted. Moe Morneau to have a sign made that designates the area as SWYC parking.

**Floats and Ramps** Floats to be put into water May 8<sup>th</sup> at 8 am. Work parties will be needed both morning and afternoon. Much work has been done to reinforce the floats and should be completed this weekend.

<u>May 22, 2004</u> House Kitchen supplies have been updated; please use the kitchen and clean up after yourselves. Accolades given to all that have helped out.

**Launch** New launch to be launched this weekend. Old launch was rebuilt in Maine, rewired and motor reinstalled. Both launches, being uninspected vessels, are limited to 6 passengers by both the Coast Guard and the insurance policy.

**Long Range Planning** House plans are to redo the kitchen and bathrooms in the next few years. The plan is to separate the bathrooms so they are outside the kitchen.

**Moorings** Eight moorings to be relocated from last years new members who were displaced by the pipeline company. Remaining orange balls are to be relocated for reuse.

Floats and Ramps Floats are in the water. Finger floats to be located this weekend.

<u>June 24, 2004</u> <u>Junior Sailing Program</u> Program is running, floats are in, classes start next week, staffing is finalized. Thanks to SWYC for the \$1,000 contribution.

**Launch** New launch is running well. It was noted that it lists too much to one side and that the starboard side to have more lead ballast added. Old launch has a new motor on order for \$5,300 (after \$1,500 trade in). This was approved by the BOG via phone ballot due to immediate need.

**Moorings** Russ Austin reported there are 2 remaining orange balls from the original 5 provided by the pipeline company. Three had been used to replace moorings lost to the pipeline work. It was agreed that the Mooring Chairman may sell one and service the remaining one as a guest mooring and add new pennants.

Parking Lot It was noted that the mayor is happy with the work done by the club with the new fence installation.

**Floats and Ramps** There was some concern that the launch is riding up on the float. Lou added something to the float but it may be a trip hazzard. Norm suggested that it be painted yellow. It was agreed that this should be referred to the Safety Committee for recommendation.

August 26, 2004 Junior Sailing Program This year boasts the largest attendance with 97 kids.

**Launch** Both launches are running great. Cables have been replaced on both launches. The new launch is to be stored in Dennis Stebbins yard and both will be shrink wrapped.

**Moorings** Some moorings east of the pier are still to be moved in the fall.

Floats and Ramps The floats escaped a recent storm; the finger floats had been temporarily removed.

<u>September 30, 2004</u> <u>Legislation/City</u> Benches are being made available to the public as memoriam in consideration of a donation to the city. It was suggested that the club make a donation for a memorial bench.

**Mass. Boating** It was noted that the cost of membership in Mass. Boating should be reviewed. After much discussion it was agreed that the club benefits from membership.

**Floats and Ramps** Floats to be disconnected and moved on October 16 and brought up on to the beach on the 23<sup>rd</sup> - 2 pm low tide.

**New Business** The Board accepted the resignation of Moe Morneau and agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent to Moe for his years of help.

October 21, 2004 House Work party on Saturday, maybe Sunday if needed. Cronins are coming to take down the flag pole 9:30 on Sunday. They will bring it back to their shop.

Mass. Boating Meeting was held at Squantum YC and SWYC received a plaque for membership. They are trying to get information on status of land from all the clubs on MDC land.

**Moorings** Two or more moorings are expected to be donated to the club. Some moorings moved last year for the pipeline are still located in Beverly Channel and the far east end and will need to be moved.

Floats and Ramps Floats are on the beach. Help is needed from the membership.

**Work Boats** Five people are needed at 8 am Saturday to help John Cronin, who is taking the boats for repair. They have taken quite a beating; one of which needs replacement. We may need to build one next year. Russ suggested that Dan Sweeney may have plans for them.

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<u>March 31, 2005</u> Junior Sailing Program A new brochure will be at the club soon. Widgeon in good shape wanted. Also accepting donations of sailboats under 25 feet. Looking for at least one member to serve as a board member from SWYC.

**Launch** J&W will launch old launch. \$1200 is allotted for new trailer. Bottom needs to be painted and rail needs to be repaired. Will be ready early June.

**Mass. Boating** Increasing dues by \$100 a year and booster dues by \$1 a year for the next three years until it reaches \$5.

**Floats and Ramps** Main float is scraped and painting is underway. Finger floats have had several planks replaced. Floats to go in the water at low tide on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.

Work Boats The Cronins will deliver work boats to Phil Dole to be readied for use.

#### Jib Sheet

# Who's Cruising Where?

By Gary Jawarski

Pixie and George Noyes have to now rank as one of our Club's all time cruisers. Pat and I met up with them for a few days in Nassau in the Bahamas in January. We flew. They sailed **Silver Sea**, their 38 foot Island Packet, from their home in Florida. They had quite a trip crossing the Gulf Stream where they had to wait for an opening in the weather where opposing northeast winds can stir up quite a sea. They made their crossing just before Christmas and then island hopped their way to the Caribbean. A recent email from them tell us they are currently in Mayaguna, still in the Bahamas and are waiting out a weather window with about 8 other boats. They intend to head to Provo (Turks and Caicos), or Luperon (Dominican Republic). Again, the weather is the dictator down there! They report that they are having the "time of their lives" meeting new people and seeing many new things. George is learning to spear fish with a Hawaiian sling and then plans to teach Pixie.

April 28, 2005 House The water is on. A little painting left to be done outside. New 6 foot plastic tables are budgeted.

Junior Sailing Program Kevin Neumann has joined the Junior Sailing Board.

**Launch** The Pointer to be launched at 2:30 pm on April 29<sup>th</sup> by J&W and will be taken to Palmer Cove for a couple of weeks. Thanks to the Plecinoga boys for painting her.

Long Range Planning Committee recommends funds be raised via an assessment for two to three years, starting with the 2006 dues, to rebuild rear wall of the house, and to rebuild the kitchen and heads.

**Moorings** The Club still has three or four moorings for sale. Outside moorings to be moved in. Lou plans to make a large scale chart with GPS coordinates for every mooring.

Parking Lot Crushed stone to be ordered. Gate post to be repaired.

Ramps and Floats The floats are being delayed a week due to the movers. They will now go in the water on Saturday, May 14th and be moved and attached on Sunday, May 15th.

**Work Boats** The Cronins will deliver work boats the last weekend of April. The bottoms will be painted and they will be chained on top of main float.

# Comments for the Good of the Order

Salem historian Jim McAllister to speak at the Open Meeting May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Commodore's Club Meeting: Tuesday, May 10th at Palmer Cove Yacht Club; \$20.00 buffet; open bar 6:30-7:30.

Whitey's Barbershop Chorus Annual Show May 14th.

<u>May 14, 2005</u> Entertainment Opening Chowder Party, Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day Breakfast, Monday, Mat 31<sup>st</sup>, Covered Dish Supper, June 10<sup>th</sup>. SSYC Invasion was discussed.

Floats Almost complete. Thanks to everyone.

**House** The house is open. A few more things to be done. The rain isn't helping.

Launch The old launch is in the water. The new launch has a new motor and will be in the water in two weeks.

Launch Drivers Up and running. One launch driver needed.

**Moorings** Lou jokingly asked that he not be called about mooring problems.

Safety and Storm Fire extinguishers are inspected, first aid kits are in. All permits applied for. There will be CPR recertification for all launch drivers.

**Work Boats** Cone work boat is here. The Cronins have the other work boat and the top of the flag pole. A third work boat was purchased for \$50.00.

#### Comments for the Good of the Order

Moe shared anniversary books and photographs.

<u>June 30, 2005</u> Entertainment The July 4<sup>th</sup> Cookout has about 85 people signed up so 95 will be planned for. Turn out for the Coast Guard Inspection was low. There were nine boats, seven passed, two failed.

**Floats** The float is not lined up straight. The outer chains were adjusted.

**Insurance** The club is under insured. The Insurance Committee to meet at a special meeting on July 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss coverage, the fuel tank...liability, environmental issues, etc. It was agreed that coverage be increased pending inspection. It was suggested that everything belonging to the club be itemized and photographed.

**Jr. Sailing Program** There was a complete change of staff this year. A week before the program started the director broke his leg. The young lady hired to replace him is doing a fine job.

Launch The trailer for the General is registered. The stern light on the General is to be changed.

Launch Drivers We have four full time launch drivers and two new drivers as a result of the newspaper ad.

**Long Range Planning** At the August meeting a decision has to be made as to which is more pressing now, the house or the float. Also, an assessment needs to be agreed upon. It was suggested that one or two people without full time jobs be found to meet with contractors.

**Moorings** After giving Russ Austin a standing ovation, Lou requested that everyone have their moorings serviced regularly.

**Safety and Storm** We passed out fire inspection. Phil Dole's son Scott gave a re-certification class in CPR to the launch drivers. It was agreed that Scott receive an associate membership and a fleece vest.

Work Boats We now have two work boats in the water. The old work boat disintegrated.

Old Business Flag pole - Paul to call John Jr. for readiness and to request delivery so we have it for the Fourth of July.

#### Comments for the Good of the Order

The Commodore's Club Summer Cruise will be at Winthrop Yacht Club, August 6th and 7th at \$30 pp.

There was a request for Michelob Ultra in addition to the usual Budweiser for BOG meetings.

#### **July Jib Sheet**

#### From the Desk of the Commodore

The month of July has many events staring with the July 2<sup>nd</sup> Cookout, Dinner on the Deck, Martini Event Night, and the South Shore Yacht Club Invasion. We look forward to seeing as many of our members as possible at all our activities. Please make an effort to join us. We also are looking for as many volunteers as we can get to assist in making our events even greater. Please feel free to contact our Officers, Board of Governors or myself to assist in making this season more enjoyable.

Happy Boating, Dr. Greg Gordon, Commodore

# Who's Cruising Where?

By Gary Jaworski

Gib Metcalf reports that he and his family are cruising the Maine coast aboard **Trubador** the first two weeks in July. Dave and Cal Johnson were supposed to have left the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July aboard **Shearwater** heading for Bar Harbor then along the coast with stops in Boothbay and Casco Bay. I intend to sale **Shared Vision** along the Maine coast with various crew during the month of August.

And while it is not exactly a cruise, Garet Wohl is racing **Possibilities** from Marblehead to Halifax starting the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in July.

More locally, Mike Beecy and Rebecca are cruising south the week before the SSYC Invasion on **Julique** and plan to meet up with everyone at SSYC. After the Invasion, the crews of **Anastatia** (Tom McLaughlin, Statia, and Tracy), **Minerva** (Lou and Elvira Schoenthal), **Puffin** (Bob and Anne Olenio), and **Home Run** (Kevin, Caron, Chris and Brian Neumann) will continue for points unknown for another week or so.

### Wilbur Dobbins Martini Social

Wilbur was Commodore in 1958. He spent several years as Mooring Chairman and then over 30 years as Membership Chairman. Slight in nature with a distinguished handle-bar mustache, Wilbur was quite a presence at the club. He and his lovely wife Dot graced many functions.

Every year we try to honor them with a function that they would have enjoyed. Wilbur is known to have enjoyed a Martini or two in his day. So this year, we honored him with a Martini Social on Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. This issue of the **Jib Sheet** was going to press as the event is taking place.

August 25, 2005 Floats Floats to come out the week after Columbus Day.

**House** The ice truck backed into the carts and destroyed the new one. To date the ice company has not paid for the cart. Paul is to give them a call.

**Insurance** Current and proposed insurance were outlined. Alcohol continues to be a gray area. Pollution coverage with an amendment that the Board chooses from whom we buy it, tabled until next meeting. Dues will not be increased for next year.

**Long Range Planning** Changes to building proposed. A motion passed to keep funds for the house project separate from the funds for the float repair/rebuilding project. There will be a \$100 assessment, \$50 a year for two years. Work to begin as soon as the club closes in the fall.

Parking Lot There will be a work party on Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>, to spread the stone.

Safety and Storm A manual gas shut-off was added to the main float as required by the Fire Department.

#### **September 29, 2005**

**Entertainment** The Golf Tournament was a good time. The Texas Hold'em didn't happen, hopefully next year. The Chowder Party is coming up on Columbus Day weekend. The Fall Get-Away is coming in November. A brochure is on the bulletin board.

**Floats** Finger floats pulled due to storm. Work parties start on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm to move finger floats to Dead Horse Beach. The main float will be moved on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Sam and the moving company lined up. There was a problem with the bearings in the roller at the bottom of the ramp. A temporary repair was made.

**House** The house is in good shape. Closing to begin October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Insurance Committee** New insurance package from Smithwick with an umbrella policy approved. A flood insurance policy would be a separate policy, and an elevation survey is needed. There was much discussion concerning alcohol liability. BYOB was strongly suggested for club functions. It was suggested that exceptions be made for the SSYC Invasion and the July 4th Cookout. On those occasions the club would obtain a license to serve alcohol for the day and hire a police officer. No motion was mode on this matter.

Launch Drivers Launch service to end after Columbus Day.

Parking Lot The gate has been adjusted. The stone project is complete (mostly). Thanks to Bob Olenio's friend Neil for bringing his tractor.

**New Business** The gas pump could be fixed for approximately \$500. A new pump would cost \$3,500. The treasurer will form a committee to look into this matter.

# October 20, 2005

**Entertainment** Paul Hendry thanks all for their help. The Chowder Party was sell attended. Next year the softball game will be replaced by a rubber raft invasion.

**Floats** The main float got beat to hell at Dead Horse Beach while waiting to come out of the water. The ends of several beams are splintered. The finger floats are fine.

**House** Thank to Norm for doing his favorite job. A bigger pump will be needed next year. The house is buttoned up for the winter.

**Launch** The trailer for the General is legally owned by Lou. The trailer for the old launch is legally owned by Bob Olenio. This will save the club \$520.00 on insurance for each launch.

**Moorings** Some moorings will be moved when things calm down says Sam.

Work Boats The work boats will winter in Reading MA.

New Business A motion passed to purchase \$100,000.00 worth of flood insurance for \$1,526.00 a year.

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#### February 23, 2006

Salem High School looking for a contribution and advertisement in a newsletter/booklet. A donation of \$50 was approved.

Moorings 15 moorings for sale and SWYC received one mooring donation from Mickey Tsouvalas.

#### March 31, 2006

Received a rousing "Thank You" from the Salem High School Winter Color Guard and Percussion Ensemble for the \$50 donation received from SWYC.

Ramps and Floats Good turn out of members to work on the floats and a number of members who volunteered to stay through the compleiton of the work. Plan is to launch the floats May 6, and May 7 move them to SWYC.

**Entertainment** SSYC Invasion planned for the weekend of July 15-16.

**House** Work starting the first week of April. Gas pump in "sad" shape and cannot set for current prices (must multiply by 2). Opportunity might exist to acquire a replacement, "like new" pump in about a week or so. Supposedly an 8-% chance we might have a shot at it. A new pump is estimated at \$3,500 - \$4,500. Discussions about water removal in the tank, new fuel system, and new fuel additives that may cause gasoline to be useless after 14 days if there is water in the tank.

**Yellowbird** owners and members Anne and Bob Fraser did a great job on the flowers last year but it cot about \$300, a little more than expected because much had to be replaced. Approved \$200 for materials and flowers this year.

**Jib Sheet** Chris Cobb helping a lot and lots of changes on the website. About 75 members now downloading latest **Jib Sheet** after receiving email notification instead of snail mail copies.

Junior Sailing Work parties starting soon. Purchased three new boats.

**Launch** Pointer will be moved to Moe's mid-April. General (launch) will be worked on at Moe's April 8 and April 15 will be a work party on the Pointer. Rail repaired for the General thanks to Dennis Solomon and Shawsheen Tech. General will launch before the float move.

**Moorings** Sold 13 moorings to new members from old members, two of which had been donated from old members to SWYC.

Long Range Planning Kevin Neumann is organizing committees for the kitchen renovation.

**Mass Boating** Need 5 delegates and 5 alternates. Fuel issues discussed regarding the addition of ethanol to gasoline, that if it mixes with water, it turns to gel. Discussion about proposals to require boating licenses; at age 18 need to take an approved course and that by 2010 everyone has to have a license. In discussion.

**Old Business** Dues increase discussed and tabled until the next meeting. Discussion about alcohol and insurance premiums, the need for a police officer at functions, requiring a liability waiver from the city, etc. Nothing decided.

#### April 27, 2006

The treasurer motioned \$400 for annual trash pickup donation since he got a letter from the city requesting the donation. Motion passed. He received a income survey letter from the city and Commodore Luzinski will pass that on to Pat Curtin for action.

**Floats** Mike Beecy reported floats are ready except for dock edging and bearings on ramp. Contractors are ready to move the floats on May 6 and 7. Reported that help has been dwindling in recent weeks and asked that Gary Jaworski do en email blast asking for help.

House Committee Kevin Neumann reported house is ready to go after this weekend. A few issues with water, but fixed.

**Launch** Lou Schoenthal reported work all done. General will be launched afternoon of May 6 and kept at Quality Marine dock overnight. Pointer will get new motor about May 15 and be in by Memorial Day.

**House Rebuild Committee** Commodore Luzinski asked Bob Olenio, Kevin Neumann, Garett Wohl and himself to serve on the overseeing committee to address the rebuild of the rear wall of the club. Kevin stated he has a possible idea for rebuilding the foundation of the club that may not involve tearing up the kitchen.

New Business Motioned to bring work assessment age waiver change and dues increase back off table. Passed.

Kevin Neumann read the motion to raise the work assessment waqiver from age 62 to 65. Whitey Plecinoga commented that this was instituted in the 1980's as a reward for years of service to the club. Pat O'Connor amended the motion that anyone 62 years of age as of 2006 with 20 years service to the club, waiver age would remain at 62. Amendment passed 9/7.

Motion made that all current members between 62 and 65 would be grandfathered into the assessment waiver. Passed 12/2, 2 abstentions.

#### May 20, 2006

**Entertainment** Marie Gordon reported full schedule of events planned. Remember, BYOB unless otherwise posted. Liquor license approved for the SSYC Invasion.

**House** Kevin Neumann reported house is looking good but still some small projects to complete such as painting. Major projects saved for the fall (kitchen refurbishment).

Junior Sailing Lou Schoenthal reported will be buying three new boats (built in China).

**Launch** Lou Schoenthal gives special thanks to Moe Morneau for the use of his garage, property. The General (new launch) is in and the Pointer (old launch) is getting a new motor this week from J&W.

**Moorings** New members need to find their mooring before bringing their boat in. Someone on Kevin Neumann's mooring.

**Mass Boating** Dan Muise reported that it is rumored there are problems with the new gas/ethanol formulation. Our gas tank may need to be cleaned before it can be refilled with the new formulation.

Some discussion about power washing the boat bottoms which will soon be illegal without special equipment (filters). Can brush the bottom to remove debris without issue. More on this later.

**City and Legislative** Pat Curtin reported that the Mayor approved parking meters with all collected funds contributed back to maintenance of Salem Willows Park. Expect trash collection to be available for longer hours with more frequent pick-ups.

**Storm and Safety** Russ Austin reported storm procedure will be posted at Lunch Shack and in the **Jib Sheet**. Looking at the possibility of getting a new gas pump; might get a "deal" and will know soon. We need six different permits for

the gas tank!

**Work Boats** Phil Dole reported one boat ready, second boat almost done. It is at Moe's garage and needs to be turned over, scraped and painted.

**New Business** Slide presentation by Michael J. Tougias, author of the book "Ten Hours Until Dawn." This is the true story of the local boat **Can Do**, and the event that occurred to it during the Blizzard ot '78.

#### June 29, 2006

Ramps and Floats Mike Beecy reported "We're in." Some additional comments about the wood stored under Hobbs' building and that we need to be careful about what is stored there.

**Entertainment** Marie Gordon reported SSYC Invasion tickets raised to \$25 each. BYOB for lunch but liquor will be sold during and after dinner. We have a policeman hired during the time liquor will be sold per city guidelines.

**House** Kevin Neumann reported work party scheduled for the evening of June 30 to replace chewed up wood on the railing and fix the weather vane. Looking for a good opportunity to paint the deck.

**Storm and Safety** Russ Austin reported recent emergency issue with a gas leak was fixed (valves replaced), Lots of discussion about the gas tank and the fact that we cannot pump gas right now because of issues with the tank monitoring system. Decided to see if we can get the system repaired for under \$1K for now. Long term, we need to perform cost analysis to see it it makes sense to continue to sell gas. Beginning today we need to "stick the tank" twice per day until we get down to 7 inches, then stop selling gas.

#### August 31, 2006

The meeting opened with the sad news that past Board of Governor's member, Norm Theriault, passed away. The Board asked that the secretary send a fruit basket to Mrs. Theriault with our expressed sympathy.

Ramps and Floats Mike Beecy reported red paint on main float delineating gas fill-up area done. Needs stenciling. Water hose broken but temporary fix in place.

**Entertainment** Marie Gordon reported Chowder Party on Saturday of Columbus Day weekend. Thanks from Marie to everyone for helping throughout the year.

**Junior Sailing** Lou Schoenthal would like to encourage a JYC member to join the Junior Sailing BOG. "Fantastic program" with Lou Schoenthal and Kevin Neumann and the BOG. Had approximately 122 children in the program this year and the adult program was full too.

**Launch Operators and Stewards** Phil Dole reported loosing Nathan Milligan and John LeClerc as launch operators. Sixteen U. S. Coast Guard licensed operators of whom 11 are club members.

**Moorings** Lou Schoenthal reported lots of bumping boats and over budjet by \$150. Bought GPS to survey the mooring field. Will have all dead moorings out by the fall.

**Kitchen Rebuild Committee**Kevin Neumann reported kitchen renovations meeting in progress. Garet Wohl drew up plans. Work anticipated to begin middle of October.

**City and Legislative** Pat Curtin reported parking meters will be installed after Labor Day or by next spring in the amusement part area. All revenue goes to a special fund for park maintenance, lights, etc.

Work Boats Phil Dole reported everything we need for next year we have already. Do need more secure storage.

**Old Business** No used gas pumps available. A company in Maine has reconditioned pumps for \$2,800. Still estimate our tank needs to be drained at \$1.75 per gallon and \$400 to clean, approximately 160 gallons.

#### September 28, 2006

Ramps and Floats Mike Beecy reported October 8 (Sunday) move finger Ifoats to the beach at 1530. All floats must be to the far right on the beach. October 13 move main float to the beach for haul-out October 14.

**House** Kevin Neumann reported in good shape but over budget. October 14 close the house. Gary Jaworski to do email blast to solicit help for the kitchen renovation.

Junior Sailing Lou Schoenthal reported the three Pixels (new boats beginning of season) all have factory warranty claims.

Launches Loe Schoenthal reported General out last week and at Moe's Bridge Street Auto Repair.

City and Legislative Pat Curtin reported that placement of floats on Dead Horse Beach must be to the right.

Storm and Safety Russ Austin reported "We had a good, safe season."

Old Business Adams and Fogg from Maine have reconditioned gas pumps for \$2,800.

**New Business** Two years will be our **75th Anniversary** and discussion continued about putting together a special committee. No formal resolution.

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#### February 22, 2007

Dan Muise asked for a moment of silence for Edwin Waldo "Mike" Dennis who passed away. Mike passed away at his home on February 16, 2007. He was a past Commodore, Financial Secretary, and served on the Board of Governors. Mike loved boating and the Club. He will be greatly missed by all.

Joe Collins requested a mailbox at the club because mail still comes to Paul Luzinski's house despite all his efforts. Tabled until next meeting.

<u>March 29, 2007</u> Entertainement Marie Gordon reported that Entertainment Committee meeting scheduled for April 14. Opening Chowder Party May 26.

**House** Mike Beecy reported one week from Saturday will be starting house clean up. Primer is being painted onto new kitchen cabinets.

**Web Site** Chip Cobb has finally been able to get ownership of the SWYC site. Gary is looking for a back up for Chip to maintain the website and help with email blasts.

**Launch Boats** Loe Schoenthal reported work parties squared away and beginning April 14. Pointer to Moe's on April 7. Burgees will be repainted on the Pointer. Need new Type 1 vests for both launches.

**Mass Boating** Dan Muise reported some discussion about pending state law regarding moorings and Harbor Master control of allocating them.

**Moorings** Lou Schoenthal reported will be moving 14 moorings. We have five moorings we don't pay for. They include the Commodore's mooring, 2 launch moorings and 2 guest moorings. The city may want to bill us for them.

Ramps and Floats Bob Olenio reported lots of bad timbers. Steel plate made for one of the scarf joints. Time to look into a new main float.

**Safety and Storm** Some discussion about Vessel Safety Inspection schedule for June 30. This should be part of the Safety and Storm Committee's responsibilities.

Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Mike Beecy sending email blast to Chip Cobb. Will be gearing up soon.

**New Business** Motion to put a plaque on the deck on the East side of the club to commemorate Paul Hendry. Motion passed.

New gas pump install to start about May 1.

**April 26, 2007 Entertainment** Marie Gordon reported summer events have been scheduled. Fish Fry, Dancing with the Studs, Spirit Ball Game, SSYC Invasion July 21-22, and other happenings.

**House** Mike Beecy reported new people helping with the kitchen renovation project. Good turnout including Mike's "diehards." Exterior kitchen wall near completion with new shingles. New Cabinets are installed and tiling is near done. Flooring contractor coming next Tuesday for kitchen. Looking like we will use less than half of the allocated funds.

Junior Sailing Lou Schoenthal reported new sails purchased.

**Launch Boats** Loe Schoenthal reported Pointer is ready to go. General will be launched next week. Motion to move \$1,000 from Pipeline funds.

**Launch Drivers and Stewards** Phil Dole reported John LeClerc will be available for some shifts this season. Total of 14 licensed launch operators available - 10 are club members.

Launch Drivers and Stewards Phil Dole reported gas tank stuck twice per day.

Assistant, and Scott Dyer, General Manager. They agreed to provide drawing suggestions of different configurations of floats for us to consider and will do a presentation at the June BOG meeting.

**Legislative/City Liason** Pat Curtin reported meters will be enforced from Memorial Day onward. All funds collected will be returned to the park. Expect to build neew bathrooms by the fall.

Moorings Loe Schoenthal reported moved 11 moorings and pulled several dead moorings. GPS is a "Godsend!"

**Ramps and Floats** Bob Olenio reported main float beams filled with worm holes. North Shore Marine built a new 20 x 50 ft foat for the power plant. May be a new float vendor?

**Safety and Storm** Russ Austin reported first aid kits and fire extinguishers briefly mentioned. First aid courses for launch operators coming up (June?).

**Work Boats** Mike Beecy reported one ready for next weekend. Second will be ready in a week or so. Lots of Bondo used. Need to consider replacements for Long Range Planning Committee.

**Seventy-Fifth Anniversary** Mike Beecy reported that Whitey Plecinoga will be yearbook chairman. Mike has volunteers for typing 25th and 50th yearbook entries. Need to sell ads, raise money. Need funds for down payment for musicians, function hall, etc. Motion to allocate \$3K from Pipeline passed.

New Business Issue about wayward kids around the club. Need to advise Salem Police.

Marblehead Power Squadron presenting separate courses on use of GPS, VHF, and Weather Forecasting if we are interested in hosting them. Contact Commodore for reservations.

<u>May 19, 2007</u> House Mike Beecy gave a thanks for all the help, especially those members that kept coming back. Still have a bunch to do including painting the deck, plywood removal, etc. Mike will arrange a weeknight committee for plywood removal.

Junior Sailing Lou Schoenthal reported up and running.

**Launch Boats** Lou Schoenthal reported General going to J&W May 30 for new motor. Will be launched shortly thereafter. Boat hook missing from the Pointer already.

**Launch Drivers and Stewards** Phil Dole reported 3 full time operators. Fully staffed through Labor Day. New launch manuals for opertors. Schedule posted on the website.

Long Range Planning Tom McLaughlin reported that he and Lou Schoenthal met with Custom Float in Portland. Quick tour of their facilities and met with Bub Fourniere, Sales

Ramps and Floats Bob Olenio reported just about done. Finger floats attached today. New, wet water tie-up for inflatables only.

Discussion about launch float and newly added vertical posts. They were added to prevent launch from riding up over the float during rough weather. Agreed to wait for more input from launch operators.

**Safety and Storm** Russ Austin reported missing brackets for fire extinguishers but might still be mixed in with other house paraphernalia as they were moved during the renovation. Need gas pump certification copies.

Work Boats Paul Luzinski reported one boat in the water. Second needs labor from volunteers to scrape off old paint, then paint.

**Seventy-Fifth Anniversary** Mike Beecy reported "Save the date: March 1, 2008 at the Peabody, Marriott." There will be a yearbook for contributions, things that have happened over the years to the club, etc.

**New Business** Marblehead Power Squadron presenting separate courses. Need 15 people to book the program, textbook \$35. Contact Commodore for reservations.

New fuel pump installed and on budget. Tank cleaning increased \$75 and will happen Monday.

<u>June 28, 2007</u> Entertainment Marie Gordon reported July 7 cook-out; volunteers calling. Dinner on the Deck, July 17, Fish Fry, July 27, Dobbins Day Aug. 11, Jazz Festival, Aug. 18, Golf, Sept. 15, and Sept. 22 is Dancing with the Studs.

**House** Mike Beecy reported wants to get second half of deck painted sometime. Veeder Root Programming (for gas tank) and is required by state fire marshal - will look at it (Chip Cobb, Gerry Killian, Tom McLaughlin). Getting new phones!

Per Phil Dole, cover on gas tank fill needs replacing, need lock for ice machine and new hasp. None of the new members received keys, although 20 each for parking lot and house were purchased. Replacement keys should be charged \$2 per key. Parking lot needs painting on the street in front of the gate. Warren Schmitter suggests adjusting chains to ramp as electric lines were repaired twice.

**Launch Boats** Lou Schoenthal reported General launched.

**Legislataive/City Liason** Pat Curtin reported sea wall along walk to the Club is being rebuilt. Rebuild of the main pier halted due to lack of funds. Parking meters working well and bringing in revenue for the Park.

Long Range Planning Tom McLaughlin reported discussion about main float replacement. Consider single piece replacement, cost of haul-out. Dan Muise wants to be added to the committee.

**Parking Lot** Jim Garfield reported issue about blocking in from gate - lines need to be repainted. Need to call Salem DPW and request painting. Cindy carrying weed killer to spray the lot when she walks her dog.

Ramps and Floats Bob Olenio reported cable clamps broken but will be fixed. Dinghy tied on float for 2 weeks - Rule 1, not privately.....

Safety and Storms Russ Austin reported all set. USCG Auxiliary Saftey Inspection this weekend.

Work Boats Paul Luzinski reported second boat in the water.

Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Mike Beecy reported that Whitey set November 1 for entries latest.

**New Business** Short discussion about increasing due/assessment for main float replacement. Postponed until the August meeting.

Discussion about establishing credit card committee. Motion: Ask Treasurer to form committee to investigate.

August 30, 2007 House Mike Beecy reported kitchen door fixed by one of the members.

Launch Boats Lou Schoenthal reported General coming out in two weeks. Pointer will stay in for the remainder of the season.

**Launch Drivers and Stewards** Phil Dole reported three operators dropped out - back to school. Looking for members to fill in.

**Long Range Planning** Tom McLaughlin reported spirited discussion about the need for and finally the voting for a replacement main float, 20' x 50' and single piece. He said the committee made an above board, honest assessment of the need for a new float, presented ideas for consideration to the BOG and was insulted by the insinuations of scare tactics and other less than honorable intentions by the committee in Mr. Plecinoga's document and oral presentation.

Motion to replace main float passed.

Funding \$150 per full menber, \$25 for associated member. This was amended to one year dues. Assessment of \$75 for full members, \$20 for associated members with the balance of funds to come from the rainy day fund. This motion was passed.

**Parking Lot** Jim Garfield reported seawall workers will restore our fence in the back (seaward) of the parking lot. Members leaving gate open.

**Safety and Storm** Russ Austin asked if the gas tank is okay for ethanol.

Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Mike Beecy reported from Whitey regarding the book - needs ads, at least two each.

New Business Brief discussion about using credit cards for gas sale. Need a dedicated telephone line.

September 27, 2007 Entertainment Marie Gordon thanked everyone for the year. Martini Night and Heritage Days were

cash losers - all other functions made money..Closing Chowder party coming up; Fall Getaway is cancelled.

**House** Mike Beecy reported button up October 13. Plumbing will be open until after October BOG meeting. Telephone landline intermittent - squirrels may be chewing cable.

Junior Sailing Lou Schoenthal reported program over - was a good year. Have a donated Cal 28 in good shape for sale.

Launch Boats Lou Schoenthal reported Pointer will stay in until closing October 13.

Launch Drivers and Stewards "Happy 42nd Anniversary to Phil and Barbara!"

Legislative/City Liason Pat Curtin reported an issue with trash payments and is looking into it.

Long Range Planning Tom McLaughlin reported he expects to have committee meeting mid-Octber to review new main float specifications and requirements. Then arrange a field trip to Custom Float. Some additional discussion about haulout and re-launch costs, such as "how much?", as that should be part of the committee's consideration. The committee has considered this requirement but does not have answers at the moment.

Parking Lot Jim Garfield offered a special thanks to Cynthia Whitten.

Ramps and Floats Bob Olenio reported work parties October 13, main float to Cat Cove. One mooring already moved to Cat Cove.

**Safety and Storm** Russ Austin reported answer to Paul Luzinski's question re is the gas tank okay for ethanol. Yes. Will stabilize remaining fuel - stick tank and add correct amount of stabilizer.

Work Boats Paul Luzinski reported will come out October 13 and stored at his place for the winter.

The Board of Governors recognized the passing of former Board of Governor member and officer Mickey Tsouvalas.

**Old Business** Gary Jaworski will follow-up obtaining a memorial plaque for Paul Hendry with dedication at Closing Chowder Party.

# September Jib Sheet

A great turn-out of SWYC members and their boats (9) ventured to the SSYC for the biannual Invasion. We met at Grape Island at 1300 and were welcomed shortly after with cannon fire. A number of 'land cruisers' met us at SSYC to bring the total to 46 from SWYC. Burgers, franks, frozen drinks and beer, swimming, and R&R in the afternoon were followed by a "TV Show" themed dinner and dance in the evening. Great weather contributed to a great time!!!

#### **October Jib Sheet**

#### **Closing Chowder Party**

A good crowd showed up for our closing party and the weather, chowder and camaraderie couldn't have been better. Per usual, Whitey and his SOHOHUM band entertained the membership and guests after the chowder. Our Commodore led a brief ceremony dedicating the East Deck in memory of Paul Hendry who was largely responsible for its construction while he was Vice Commodore in 2000. A plaque was mounted on the east wall of the clubhouse.

#### From the Desk of the Outgoing Commodore

Welcome to Fall. I think is was especially hard for all of us to take our boats our of the water with the tremendous warm weather we've had, coupled with a lack of storms that typically creep up on us like a ghoul at Halloween when we least expect it. We can count our blessings this year. The season was terrific, the camaraderie was terrific, and the boating was great.

Kevin Neumann, Outgoing Commodore

#### From the Desk of the Incoming Commodore

I'm looking forward to serving as Commodore for 2008, our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I'd like to thank Commodore Kevin Newmann for helping me along the way.

Here come's winter! I'm going to miss spending time at the club and miss all of the people that make the club such a great place. Hope to see you all soon!

Mike Beecy, Incoming Commodore

#### Who's Cruising Where?

This summer, following the SSYC Invasion, a number of boats from the club cruised on to ports that included Provincetown to the south and Kennebunkport to the north. Your editor cruised **Shared Vision** to Maine for 3 weeks in August., as did other members during the summer.

Dave and Cal Johnson are ending their summer cruise of the Mediterranean in Italy aboard **Shearwater.** They have been sailing the coasts of Portugal, Spain, France and Italy. Long time friends joined them in Spain and their daughter joined them in France.

George and Pixie Noyes are continuing their cruising of the Caribbean aboard **Silver Sea**, but this winter they plan to cruise the western side. **Silver Sea** spent the hurricane season on the hard in Trinidad, east of Venezuela while they returned home to Florida. They made a visit to New England this summer. This will be their 5<sup>th</sup> year living aboard and they say they love it and wouldn't want to change it for anything.

<u>February 28, 2008</u> Long Range Planning Tom McLaughlin: Main beams for the new float expected to ship the week ending March 12 from the manufacturer. The balance of material, wood, galvanized hardware and decking will ship once the main beams received.

March 27, 2008 Long Range Planning Tom McLaughlin: Construction underway for the new main float.

**Jib Sheet** Gary Jaworski: Mike Waters stated he can no longer print copies at his office; is now going to seek outside printing resources. Maybe Jean Cobb can do envelope labels (176 ea.). Wants to consider leaving copies at Club during the season instead of mailing each issue to reduce costs, and doing only a couple full mailings through the season.

**Safety and Storm** Russ Austin: First Aid Kit and fire extinguishers will be brought up to snuff. Fuel pump - requires operator training. Vedder Root system must be properly operating to be legal. Will run dedicated power circuit to it this spring.

Work Boats Paul Luzinski: "Miss Katy" needs new bow stem. Work parties in April.

**Old Business** Yearbook discussion regarding allocation of received revenue. Use some of it to cover Opening Chowder Party share instead of the usual \$5.00 per ticket, charge \$0.75.

April 24, 2008 Entertainment Bob Olenio mentioned that JYC is interested in scheduling an Oompah Band get together sometime this season. Whitey Plecinoga agreed to host it but would truly appreciate BOG suport and SWYC participation.

**Launch** Lou Schoenthal: Launches cleaned and prepped with PolyGlo. Membger Mike Conway volunteered to take Pointer to his shop, repair the scupper fiberglass, paint the seats and paint the floor. Should be completed by tomorrow.

**Launch Drivers and Steward** Phil Dole: Discussion about cutting back second launch operator during July and August. Will cut hours on Saturday and Sunday to 1300 to 1800. Launch service beginning May 10-11, 2008. BOG agreed to accept recommended changes.

Mass Boating Dan Muise: SWYC paid \$865 in membership dues to Mass Boating.

Work Boats Paul Luzinski: One boat will be ready May 3, the other May 10. Second boat will be named "Miss Hannah."

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#### From the Desk of the Commodore

Welcome to 2008 - Salem Willows Yacht Club 75 year Anniversary! I hope everybody had a good winter. For me, winter flew by thanks to daydreaming about sailing and barbecues and boats and camping......

It was great seeing everybody who attended the Commodore's Ball. A big welcome to our new members who came, and also to those who didn't attend. It was a treat to see the contingent from the SSYC who came to help us celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> and to make sure we were having enough fun. I'm pretty sure we did!

See you all soon. I hope your boats don't give you too much trouble getting ready for the big splash!

Mike Beecy, Commodore

# The Great American Sailing Journey Salem MA to the Caribbean via the ICW

By Garet Wohl

As a female single-handling my 36' sailboat down the ICW, primarily on weekends, I was a bit of an anomaly. But my goal was to have a memorable journey, not to fit a preconception. I didn't want to haul my boat for the winter and didn't want to wait until retirement for the experience. The time was right.

Goal #1 Sail in the Chesapeake and visit Annapolis - sailing capitol of the world. Mother Nature brought broad reaches with wind out of the NW. One Sunday, trying to make it to the next marina where I could get a plane and make it home for my husband Bob's birthday, I glanced at the electronics and noticed that the tail wind was gusting to 40 kts and **Possibility** was surfing at 13.4 kts with just the headsail. What a ride!

Goal #2 Oriental NC where they sail and fish all year. I celebrated pre-Christmas in a Tiki bar watching a boat parade of lights through the harbor. First sight of bottlenose dolphins. First used shore power for my little electric heater to overcome the morning chill. South of Beaufort NC the waterway had increasing challenges of shallow areas and swift currents.

Goal #3 Historic Charleston and Savannah. I celebrated New Years' with peel-n-eat shrimp drenched in Old Bay spice and got an intro to cherished southern hospitality.

Goal #4 Florida. I remember having a lump in my throat as I crossed St. Mary's River at the southern GA border, feeling a little bit of pride and luck in the accomplishment so far. I watched the Patriots/Jaguars game at a marina bar in Jacksonville, and there was mutual respect all around.

**Possibility** is now in the Bahamas, continuing south this weekend toward St. Thomas with the ultimate goal of Grenada, West Indies.

(Submitted to Jib Sheet mid-March)

<u>May 31, 2008</u> Entertainment Marie Gordon: Good turnout Memorial Day weekend. First Dinner on the Deck June 24. Invasion will have caterer for the evening meal. \$30 for 3 meals, lunch, dinner and breakfast, and Speak Easy theme.

Launch Lou Schoenthal: Pointer going for new motor this week.

**Launch Drivers and Steward** Phil Dole: The total number of launch operators is 18. Three are non-members and work full time during the summer. Thre are new "member operators" this season.

Scott Dole, associate member, Firefighter/Paramedic, has agreed to refresh all operators in basic first aid at no charge to the club. Date to be announced.

**Mass Boating** Dan Muise: House Bill 2550 regarding run-off water pending. LNG tanker discussion next meeting and discussion regarding inflatable vests.

Web Site Chip Cobb: Home page on website looks terrific! Special thanks to Chip from BOG.

Old Business Yearbook: Advertisements still coming in. Also, missing BOG meeting minutes from 1993 - 2000.

**New Business** Gas Sales: Veeder-Root system (tank monitoring system) is dead, roughly 40 gallons of water in the tank, no gas sales.

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# Night Sail to Provincetown 2007 - Where to in '08?

One night last summer, a plan was hatched on the deck of the SWYC for an overnight sail/race to Provincetown (rum may have been involved). Anyway, the next day the S.V. **Frivolous** issued a challenge for those who dare - a night sail to P-town. S.V.s **Possibility**, **Anastasia**, and **Minerva** responded to the challenge.

Come the day of the trip, the late afternoon sky filled with thunder, lightning and dark clouds. As darkness came the sky cleared so our intrepid little fleet sailed. And sail we did, the wind was perfect, the boats healed, stars twinkled above as we rushed into the darkness and the adventure awaiting one and all. Around 2 a.m., the sky turned a foreboding black, the wind rose, we got the sails down just as the rain came in sideways, and the waves began to build. All that could be done was point into the wind with motors running and wait for the storm to pass.

After a long hour and a half the storm subsided and we continued to P-town arriving in the pre-dawn hours. As day came, the wind again freshened so few came or went from P-town that day. Our brave crews spent the day eating, drinking and hanging out. Sunday arrived with light winds and calm seas so our return to SWYC was half sail and half motor.

So the question becomes: Another night sail to P-town, a sail to the Isle of Shoals, or overnight to Stage Island Harbor Maine? What's your pleasure?

Dave Lewis

<u>June 25, 2008</u> Junior Sailing Lou Schoenthal: Program running. Build a new float. JYC contributes \$4K and SWYC contributes \$1K to the program.

**Moorings** Lou Schoenthal: Had a few clunkers and just moved four. Guest moorings back and old float is gone thank to Moe Morneau.

Work Boats Paul Luzinski: Both work boats in the water and available.

**Old Business** Discussion on whether or not we could claim insurance reimbursement for the gas tank problems. Per Norm Walzcak email June 24, insurance for the gas systems would have to be specifically scheduled and a \$1,000 deductible would apply even if they wrote the coverage. Per Gary Jaworski the Veeder Root control unit had a bad mother board. Replaced and not monitoring the gas system. Tank pumped but suspect bad gas in the lines still which clogs the filter. Gas coming out is not clear after having filled 3, 5 gallon jugs.

Have the Secretary send a letter to Moe Morneau thanking him for locating someone to provide a home for the old main float.

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#### **SWYC's Mooring at Misery Island**

Most Club members know that the Club maintains a mooring at Misery Island, but for those who don't, here's some useful information. It is located just west of "Cocktail Cove" on the north side of the island. You won't find "Cocktail Cove" on any charts, but it is well known by those who frequent the anchorage. The coordinates of the mooring (according to your editors trusty GPS) are N42 33.149' and W70 47.981'. It is a blue styrofoam float much like most of the ones in our mooring area and is marked "SWYC" on top. There are no pennants on the mooring as they are frequently stolen, but there is a shackle on top that you can slip a docking line through to tie up. Enjoy!

#### A Letter from your Editor

My, how technology is changing our lives! This spring I prepared the Jib Sheet from Montana where Pat & I have wintered the past two years. This issue was prepared in the traditional setting of my dining room in NH. What makes this issue a little different though is that the final touches and its posting on our website was done at sea, where my colleagues Chip & Jean Cobb are on their annual summer cruise! From the boat, the Jib Sheet is submitted to Staples in Salem for copying. David Cobb will pick it up there and mail it to those of you who prefer the hard copy.

And speaking of improvement and advancements technologically, take a look at our website. Chip has made a number of changes to it & loaded a number of pictures. The most recent include out Independence Day Cookout and the SSYC Invasion this past month. Also, Chip has included a number of useful links there for our membership.

As always, a big thank you goes out again to the many members making submittals to your Jib Sheet.

#### Results of July 5 Group Sail Around the Sound

For those of you who joined us for our little group sail around the Sound before the July cookout, the first three boats to negotiate the course and provide their information were **Shared Vision** (GaryJaworski), **Minerva** (Lou Schoenthal), and **Fancy Free** (Scott Rosenberry). Other participants included **Tripple Ripple** (Chip Cobb, who actually negotiated the course first), **Solice** (Marc Gauthier)m **Anastasia** (Tom McLaughlin), **Sea Gypsy** (Chuck Kornely), **Broomstick** (Rick Haigis), **Offbeat** (Phil Lowe) and **Sea Wind** (Mike Cucchi). **Daria** (Mike Lowe) was around at the beginning of the sail, but apparently dritfed off in a different direction from the rest of the fleet, presumable die to a lack of water balloons.

#### **Entertainment News**

Thank you to all who helped make the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Invasion 2008 a HUGE success. Lunch and libations were served when SSYC arrived and the welcome continued for about 3 hours.

Dinner was elegantly set up and served by Ken Rothwell's Custom Catering. The band was awesome. J.T. & the Hounds brought everyone to the dance floor. Mother Nature provided fireworks in the form of a thunderstorm which brought everyone even closed together in the club house.

The next morning our guests were anxiously awaiting breakfast which was promptly served at 8:30 a.m. thanks to the early bird crew.

#### July 20, 2008

#### East Wind 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual S.S. Crocker Memorial Race

**East Wind** took first in Class A, first Crocker Boat and first Overall. She was skippered by Marc O'Brien and crewed by John "Hoppy" O'Brien, Harrison Koerner and owners Patrick and John Hayes.

**East Wind** was designed by Sam Crocker and built by Bud McIntosh and Sturgis Crocker at Dover, NH in 1940. She is Design No. 212 with Design Name "Greenwich Bay Cutter" and is 28 feet long.

August 28, 2008 Entertainment Marie Gordon: Fish Fry September 13 and Labor Day Getaway to Boston Harbor.

**House** Bob Olenio: New "industrial strength" pull-down ladder to the attic installed. Buying a lock for the attic closet and the tonic machine is being replaced.

**Junior Sailing** Lou Schoenthal: Most students ever (approx. 96) and will try to upgrade 420's this year and Whaler chase boat.

**Launch** Lou Schoenthal: Lost a couple of props. Moe Morneau going to associate membership. Will charge us \$200 for winter storage of one launch and \$200 for summer storage of launch trailers.

**New Business** Motion to replenish the 'rainy day fund' (Contingency Fund) by assessing Full members \$50 and Associate members \$12.50. Motion carried.

<u>September 25, 2008</u> Junior Sailing Lou Schoenthal: Program over. Had 91-100 students this year. Looking for a new Whaler, Montauk model.

**Launch** Lou Schoenthal: General has been hauled; it has steering problems. Running Pointer til end of year. Will go for another year on the motor but will budget for a new motor for next year as precaution.

**Launch Drivers and Steward** Don Bates: Thanks to member launch operators for their help filling the holes in the fall launch schedule. Full service ending this weekend (Sunday, September 28).

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### Thank You From the Entertainment Chairperson

Thank you to Anna Dustin and her helpers for a great spaghetti dinner. It was a big success and the Karaoke was so great, there was mention of making it a regular coevent.

Thank you to all who have assisted and to all who participated. I sincerely appreciate the assistance from those who are always there and the new faces that helped out this year. Hopefully there will be more next year.

Marie Gordon

# Heritage Days Celebration August 10, 2008

The day started out sunny, but as captains arrived for the skippers' meeting the sky started to turn ominous. Due to an expected storm, skippers were given a short course for the Heritage Days Pursuit. Seven boats entered the event: Dave Cobb in his new Tanzer 22 **What's the Rush**; Tom McLaughlin in **Anastasia**; Mick Cussi in **Seawind**; Art Spector in **Peregrine**; Miquel (Doc) Martinez in **Arco Iris**; Pasquale Minichillo in **Jessephine** and Jim Garfield in **Zig Zag**.

As the pursuit team rounded the first marker, the expected storm moved in quickly, bringing severe weather warnings over the radio. The course was shortened in hopes that the race could be finished, but eventually it had to be cancelled so everyone could make it back to the mooring field safely, before the storm. Most of the storm missed us and all made it bak to their moorings with no problems. Thanks goes out to launch operations for having two operators.

The rain and lightening lasted no more than an hour. Many more Club members and guests arrived, ready to enjoy a festive evening. After consuming many, many pizzas, everyone was treated to ice cream sundaes, courtesy of Hobbs'. The fireworks didn't disappoint and provided an incredible light show over the mooring field. A good time had by all!

Anne Olenio, Fleet Captain

October 23, 2008 Launch Lou Schoenthal: General ready to cover. Pointer at Moe's and to J&W November 1.

Mass Boating Dan Muise: Discussion about Northeast Gateway Deep Water Port and mariners not respecting boundaries.

**Work Boats** Paul Luzinski: One boat took severe damage due to a storm the day after the last BOG meeging and not being properly secured. It can be fixed and expected to be ship-shape by the spring.

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#### **Sandy Point Sailing Program**

The Sandy Point Sailing Program, co-sponsored by JYC and SWYC, completed a very busy 2008 sailing season. We ended the year on Saturday, August 23, with our Annual Regatta Day. The weather was dialed in perfectly with light, steady winds and blue skies. Young sailors Lindsay Holmes, Cameron Easton, Matt Handler, Kevin Barnum and Carl Harris received the 2008 season individual awards recognizing their skills and participation.

Some of our sailors attended Junior Race Week in July. Kyle Easton and Henry Gustafson sailed in the Opti class. Kyle took a 4 overall on the Froot Loops line while Henry pulled out a 7 in the Cheerio's line. We also had one 420 crew of Ethan Bresnahan and Jeff Perkins, both first time participants. They had an excellent introduction to large fleet racing. Congratulation guys.

The Sandy Point Committee would like to thank all of the members of the JYC and SWYC who support us and help keep us a thriving junior sailing program.

Kevin Neumann

#### **Closing Chowder Party**

Weather wise, October 4 was one of the finest days for the Closing Chowder Party. The sun was bright and seasonably warm with a moderate to brisk breeze blowing the entire day. One could not have asked for anything better.

We had a good crowd of participants that enjoyed helpings and helpings of chowder. The attendees were very complimentary to Chefs Whitey and Roland, especially asking why the chowder gets better at each party. Following lunch, traditional entertainment and sing-a-long was provided by the Salem Willows Yacht Club Band and Bowling Ball Refinishing Company. Everyone had a good time.

A big thank you to the Gauthier family (Roland, Marc and Claire) for the greatly appreciated assistance and performing their magic in the galley.

See you all next Memorial Day weekend for an even better bowl of chowder!

Chef Whitey

# The Great American Sailing Journey - Bahamas to Grenada via the Thorny Path By Garet Wohl

What I thought would be an 8 day trip from Nassau to Tortola turned out to take almost 2 months! **Possibility's** crew of two & I departed Nassau mid -day with a NW breeze, clear skies. When we approached Rum Cay the next day the forecasted low pressure systems to our E that was supposed to turn N shifted S instead - right into our path. 30 kt winds and 16 ft seas became the new forecast. Bad news for sailors intending to head SE, as we were. We parked **Possibility** at the dock in Rum Cay to let the weather settle.

Returning more than a week later we found the waves and winds still frisky but manageable and we set sail for Antigua. We averaged about 4 kts meandering through the Turks & Caicos, finally heading into harbor at Puerto Plata in the Dominican Republic for fuel.

Between the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico is a challenging stretch called the Mona Passage. While our ride was uphill and bumpy, the wind gods weren't entirely cruel, and we didn't experience winds over 27 kts nor seas bigger than 8 ft. Against stiff winds and sea, we clawed our way to San Jose harbor. **Possibility** had begun showing some signs of stress, and I returned a couple of weeks later to sail to Fajardo on the east coast of Puerto Rico for some much needed mast and rigging repair. All that uphill pounding of the Thorny Path had taken its toll on her ten year old rigging, and she begged for an overhaul. The good news was that the workmanship was superb and the price 2/3 of what it would have been in the US. The bad news was that it would cost me another month, and hurricane season was swiftly approaching.

From Fajardo to Antigua is roughly 200 nm, at the end of which is a very civilized Nelson's Dockyard in English Harbor. From there to the southern tip of Grenada is another 300 nm, and a truly memorable sailing experience: a beam reach of steady 20+ kt trade winds and averaging 7.5 kts the entire distance. This part of the trip made up for all of the thorns of the Thorny Path. What a delightful romp!

**Possibility** is now on the hard at Granada Marine in St. David's Bay just below the official hurricane belt. She's is ingood hands, but I miss her so. I miss the way moonlight reflects on her sails; the sound of waves on her hull. I like that she can clear 55 ft high bridges and can safely cross 6 ft shoals.

#### Who Else is Cruising Where?

Your editor received a steady stream of email from Dave & Cal Johnson over the summer who were cruising the Mediterranean. This spring they set out from Italy sailing along its coast towards the Greek islands and Croatia. They report of many side trips and cultural experiences, and also problems with bureaucrats. In their last email in mid-October, they were readying **Shearwater** to be hauled in Greece. They plan to cruise the Aegean Sea next summer.

George & Pixie Noyes are on an opposite schedule from the Johnson's aboard **Silver Sea** down in Venezuela. **Silver Sea** spent the summer and early fall there avoiding hurricanes, while Pixie & George traveled back to their home in Florida and a visit to New England. Now that hurricane season is ending, they are starting their winter cruise toward the west, hopefully getting to the coast of Mexico by next summer, or as Pixie says, where the winds take us! They are starting their fifth winter season living about and cruising **Silver Sea**.

Gary Jaworski

#### **Cronin Family Homored by Friendship Sloop Society**

The Friendship Sloop Society honored the Cronin family by dedicating their 2008 Yearbook to them. The Cronin's have been members of SWYC and the Friendship Sloop Society since 1968 when they first purchased **Tannis**, a 1937 wooden Friendship Sloop, and their children still sail her today. They have participated in the Friendship Sloop Society races and rendezvous in Maine every year since, as well as being active members in the Society. Congratulations to the Cronin family.

Gary Jaworski

#### A Note from the Outgoing Commodore

It was an honor and pleasure to serve as Commodore for SWYC's 75 year anniversary season. I'd like to say thank you to the Board of Governors and the membership for all their help along the way. May your winter be short and not too cold! See you in the spring.

Mike Beecy

# From the Desk of the Incoming Commodore

This year has been a very exciting one for SWYC, celebrating our 75 year anniversary. There were a lot of great club functions this year, and we met a long of new members. I am excited to begin our 76<sup>th</sup> year as your Commodore. Although we have a long winter ahead, there will be a lot of work going on to make sure next year is just as exciting. Don't forget to mark the date, Saturday, March 7, for the Commodore's Ball at the Peabody Marriott. I look forward to seeing you all in the spring. Have a safe winter.

**Bob Olenio** 

#### A few final words

First I would like to thank John Hayes for asking me to participate in the compilation of the Salem Willows Yacht Clubs' 75 Year Anniversary yearbook. Initially John and I worked together, brainstorming via email. Now, anyone that knows John knows he is in his element when it comes to engineering/construction. Creativity is not what he does best, along with hurry up. It was during one of our email forays that I sent this:

John - I never told you how to drive a nail so don't tell me how to format. Sid

It wasn't that he was out of his element, he knew what he wanted for the end result but didn't know exactly how to get there. He sent this email to me:

Got it. Let me know what you can give me and when. John

He had given me a lot of material to go through and I kept my promise to do the best I could. Anything I gave him he read and then we put our heads together for the fine tuning. This has taken many months to compile, format, check and recheck. The end product is my bringing into focus that which John visualized.

John's objective in writing the history of the Salem Willows Yacht Club was to remain as true as possible to what initially was a hand written account of the Club's goings on. Believe me, not everyone was a student of the Palmer Method. There was deciphering and second guessing, however, we feel we have kept the integrity of that was originally recorded. Throughout the years many members took the responsibility of recording the minutes, activities and ceremonies as they occurred. Therefore, throughout this yearbook you will notice the individual styles of the members as they took their notes and compiled the month-to-month, year-to-year history of their Club. We humbly apologize for any incorrect spelling of names, places, et al. Sometime we just had to rely in good faith of the record keeper.

The last request John made was to ask if I would interview a member of the club. I told him as much as I would like to do this final step to complete the yearbook, it would not be possible as I would be out of the area for quite a long time. I asked him to give me some background on the club member; something I could work with and I would do the best I could to meet his request. John faxed me what he had and now I would like to tell you about the last permanent member of the Salem Willows Yacht Club's Board of Governors.

A lot of you know Dan Muise and some of you may not. Dan joined the club in June 1965. A few months later the club came to Dan to ask if he could do a little diving job for them. He agreed to do the job, however, he refused to charge the club a fee for his work. Shortly thereafter the Board of Governors elected him as a member of the board. Dan was a very active member at the club. He helped Elliott Rowand with the floats in the spring and fall and was always available to help with other jobs at the club.

In 1969 he became a delegate to the Massachusetts Bay Yacht Club Association representing SWYC at the monthly meetings. Dan still attends these meetings and is ever vigilant to new rules, regulations and pending bills that may have a direct effect on the club or its members. Over the years a dozen or so members have attended these meetings with him.

He was elected Rear Commodore in 1970 and has moved up through the chairs. In the mid-1970's Dan was elected Financial Secretary and he served as such for several years. Dan also served as House Committee Chairman and was responsible for hiring and supervising the Launch Operators as well organizing work parties and the day-to-day operation of the club. In 1979 Dan worked with John Hayes in many aspects to rebuild the club which was destroyed by a winter storm.

Dan is still active at the club, but more importantly he is the last permanent member of the Board of Governors.

#### Finally, a note of thanks...

The Yearbook Team would like to throw out a great big thank you to all members of the Salem Willows Yacht Club, past and present, that contributed the information and documents to enable this endeavor to come to fruition. Perhaps the greatest thanks should go to the men who had a vision and took the necessary and careful steps to create the Salem Willows Yacht Club. It is because of their perseverance and excellent record keeping that we are able to present this history of our club.

We would also like to give thanks to all of our member, friend and company sponsors. It is because of you that we were able to go the extra mile in making this 75 Year Anniversary Yearbook so special. Although we are bringing this to you later than we intended, we feel the extra time was time well invested.

Again, many wonderful thanks to everyone that made this yearbook possible.

Sincerely,

Your Salem Willows 75 Year Anniversary Yearbook Team

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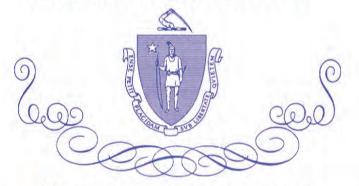
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