

## Salem Willows Yacht Club

P.O. Box 143  
Salem Willows Park, Salem, Massachusetts



### Jib Sheet

May 2016

---

## From the Desk of the Commodore

---



Greetings fellow mariners,

We had such a mild winter that, in hindsight, we should have left the launch and floats in and continued to enjoy our favorite pastime.

But we're almost ready for this season. Work parties have already taken the plywood off the house and painting has begun. Soon we'll be meeting again with a cup of world- renowned chowder prepared by the Gauthier and Plecinoga families. That kicks off Opening Day on Saturday, May 28. We'll follow up with our Memorial Day observance and breakfast on Monday morning.

Pam and I were happy to see you at the Commodore's Ball. Dinner was delicious and the band, DANDREW, rocked the house. John LeClerc is their bass player. Seems like there is nothing that he can't do.

Watch the calendar for other fun stuff to come over the summer. We're looking forward to our Fourth of July and Heritage Days cookouts which include the prestigious Firecracker 500 sail-boat races. In between we'll host the South Shore Yacht Club for the annual invasion (think Parrot heads). Also, we'll invite the Salem veterans down again for a day on the water, and we might have a couple of international dinners.

We're so fortunate to have such a great facility for yachting and to have all these social events to choose from.

Until then, take the covers off and get the bottom painted. You can do the rest later.

*Jim Garfield, Commodore*

### Hobbs Family Award

The Hobbs Family Award is presented annually to honor those among us who give the most of themselves for the betterment of Salem Willows Yacht Club. At the Commodore's Ball this March, the 2016 Hobbs Family Award was awarded to Bob Chadwick.

Bob is so much more than our past commodore, Bob modestly tackles any job— big or small— with our without notice— and with a smile.



## Open BOG Meeting

The annual Open Meeting of the Salem Willows Yacht Club Board of Governors will take place on Saturday evening, *May 21*. We will get together for a Meet and Greet at *5:30pm*, followed by a light dinner at *6:00pm*, a brief BOG Meeting at about *6:45pm*, and finally, a presentation by our special guest, Raymond Bates, local lobsterman and author..

Ray's first book was published in 2000, *Shipwrecks North of Boston, Vol. 1, Salem Bay*. His second book *Shipwrecks North of Boston Vol. II: Cape Ann* was published in 2015. For those of you who'd like a sneak preview of Ray's work, check out these YouTube videos: [Shipwrecks of Boston's North Shore chart](#) and [Shipwrecks North of Boston, Vol. Two](#).

*Jim Garfield, Commodore*

---

## At the Club House

---

### Spring Cleaning at SWYC

Ladies and gentlemen, the snow has THAWED! That means it's time to brush off your work gloves, tools, and contribute some elbow grease to the Salem Willows Yacht Club! All of our facilities, services, and safety rely on our membership pitching in and contributing time and effort, be sure to fill out the SWYC's annual [WORK PARTY SURVEY](#) to let all of us know your talents, skills, and where you're willing to pitch in. Best of luck prepping your boats for the season, looking forward to seeing you at a work party soon!

If you're a user of Facebook, you can also request access to the [SWYC's Facebook Page](#).

*Mike Cucchi*

### House Work

We are off to a very good start preparing the House for the season. Thanks to everyone for all your hard work! There is still a lot of work that needs to be done. So if you would like to put in some hours please contact me at: [michaeljmadison@comcast.net] or (603) 540 - 6687. If you would like to put in some hours during the week - during the day or after work - I will be happy to meet you at the Club and get you started on a project. Weekends - of course - are good too.

*Mike Madison, Vice Commodore*

### New Weather Station

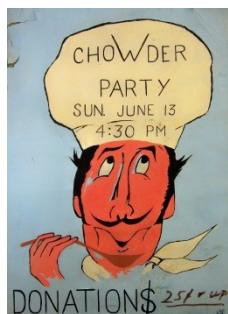
This year the Club will install a new fully integrated wireless weather station/anemometer. Before heading out, you can check out the display panel in the Club that will give you wind speed and direction, temperature, humidity, barometric pressure, dew point, 12 hour forecast, and lots more.

*Mike Madison, Vice Commodore*

---

## SWYC Events!

---



### Opening Chowder Party

Come join us at *noon on May 28th* when the Gauthier and Plecinoga families will be cooking up a big batch of their famous fish chowder. There will be a nominal charge of \$5; however there will be no need to reserve in advance, there's always plenty of chowder!

BYOB. See you all there!!

*Roland Gauthier, Chowder Master*

### Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast

Please join us for the Memorial Day Breakfast, *Monday, May 30th at 9:00 am*, featuring pancakes and sausage, fresh fruit, pastries, coffee. The cost is \$8 per person and reservations are required. Breakfast will be followed by laying a wreath in the mooring area honoring those club members, family members and friends that have passed. Following the laying of the wreath, the Commodore has arranged for the blessing of the fleet.

We are looking for volunteers to help clean up. Remember, hours spent volunteering at club events go toward your work assessment. Please sign-up in advance at the Club. Any questions about this event or to volunteer call Sandy Luzinski (978-745-6769).

*Sandy Luzinski, Entertainment Chair*

### Daytrip Dreaming

On *Sunday, June 5th at 6pm*, we're having a BYOE (bring your own everything) event to discuss our favorite local spots for daytripping. Please come and share your knowledge about great one-day getaways.

*Tony Brooks, Fleet Captain*

### Arts Night

On *Friday June 10 at 6pm*, we will hold our Third Annual Arts Night, featuring member artists and craftsmen, along with some of our musically talented members. Last year's event was well attended and enjoyed by all. If you would like to exhibit some art work, please contact member Betty Hearne at [bhearne1@verizon.net](mailto:bhearne1@verizon.net). Betty can provide details as to space requirements and set up needs.

This year we'd like to feature musicians performing folk, blues, perhaps a bit of jazz, too. We'd probably give each musician 20 minutes or so to perform a short set. Less, if that's what you'd like. Please contact Bob Chadwick if you think you'd like to perform.

Please bring a bottle of wine or other beverage and some snacks/appetizers to share. We have some very talented members. Thinking of starting or expanding your art collection? Please come on down and check them out!

*Betty Hearne, Artist*

## Fun Race Weekend

Our friends at South Shore Yacht Club have invited members of SWYC to participate in their Scituate to Provincetown Race on Friday, June 17. This is actually more of a "group cruise" than a race although there is a starting line, a starting gun about 0830 and finish line somewhere near Provincetown. Over the years the Willows boats have done quite well, with one or more finishing in the money

We sail down to Scituate on Thursday, get moorings for the night, enjoy a dinner and then get ready for the race on Friday. Some of us get slips in Provincetown but moorings are much cheaper and both are readily available by reservation to the Provincetown Marina. You can contact Lou Schoenthal or Tom McLaughlin for more information.

*Lou Schoenthal*

## South Shore Yacht Club Invasion



This year, SSSYC will invade SWYC on the weekend of July 16th and 17th. For our new members, this event has been a long-standing tradition where SSSYC will cruise by boat (or car) to SWYC. Next year SWYC invades SSSYC in Weymouth!

The party begins with their arrival at our dock around noon on Saturday with lunch. The evening's festivities typically will begin with cocktails around 6:00pm and dinner at 7:00pm. Music and dancing will follow. We'll have breakfast on Sunday morning before they cruise back to SSSYC. The price is an unbeatable \$35pp! The Invasion theme is Margaretville.

Look for the sign-up sheet at the club in June. Please sign up early as there are a lot of details to tend to and we need an accurate count. Get your party ready!

Stay tuned for more information.

*Jim Garfield, Commodore*

## Veterans' Boating Day



On *Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>*, we'll be hosting our second annual Veterans' Boating Day. This is a great opportunity to honor our veterans by taking them out on your boat and then enjoying a barbecue. Please contact [FleetCaptain@swyc.com](mailto:FleetCaptain@swyc.com) if you can help out.

*Tony Brooks, Fleet Captain*

## Labor Day Weekend Getaway!



By unanimous consensus from everyone who participated in our 2015 Labor Day Weekend Getaway, we are again planning to go to the [Charlestown Marina](#), which is located on the HarborWalk in Charlestown next to the Navy Yard.

Among the many things going on in Boston over Labor Day Weekend are the [Sixth Annual Mass Brewers Fest](#), [Grand Prix of Boston](#), [Tours of Boston Light](#) (which is celebrating its 300th anniversary), and [Jazz on the Porch \(at Spectacle Island\)](#). Last year, we toured [George's Island](#), had a group dinner at [Warren Tavern](#), group lunch at the [Black Rose](#), barbecued at the marina and held a very competitive corn hole contest - some people participated in everything, while others just relaxed. More details for this year's getaway will be provided soon.

*Tony Brooks, Fleet Captain*

---

## Boats, Floats, Moorings and Harbormaster News

---

### “My Mooring Is Over That Way...”

Please do not bring your boat into the SWYC mooring area unless you know your mooring is serviced and ready, and you have personally checked it and can find it. Just because your mooring company found it or it was there last fall, (even worse, two years ago) doesn't mean it is still there or that you can find it. Guest moorings are to be used by members for true emergencies and guests. Your inattention to your mooring does not constitute an emergency! We have only two guest moorings. If six members ask to use them, guess what?

The launch operator will be happy to take you out to check your mooring on weekdays or non-peak times on a weekend. Consider using your hand-held GPS to mark the mooring coordinates so you can find it from the launch and your own boat. Please, please, please don't make problems for yourself and the club.

The contact information of the mooring companies that regularly do business in our area are listed on the web site.

The mooring committee has the coordinates of every mooring that was in the area as in August 2015. If you would like your coordinates, or want more information about moorings, call chairman Lou Schoenthal at 978-745-9746 or [moorings@swyc.com](mailto:moorings@swyc.com)

*Lou Schoenthal, Mooring Chairman*

### Salem Harbormaster

- ◆ The Harbormaster will not renew a mooring permit unless the mooring has been serviced within 12 months. A copy of your service receipt from your mooring company should be included with your annual renewal application and check. Save your receipt from this year's service so you can send it next year.
- ◆ If you decide to not service and (by default) not to renew your permit because you are not using your boat, don't be surprised if the Harbormaster makes you pay all back fees or go on a waiting list for a permit when you decide to use your boat. Legally, the HM can pull any gear not registered by June 1.
- ◆ Getting a bigger boat? Don't assume you will be issued a permit for a bigger boat. The HM is concerned about boats being too close. Talk to the HM first and work with him.

All comments and questions about the reminders above should be addressed to the Harbor-master's office, 978-741-0098.

### Other Reminders

- ◆ Be sure you have adequate chafe gear on your mooring pennants. On average, we lose one boat per year to inadequate chafe gear.
- ◆ To keep pennants from wrapping around the mooring chain, use pool "noodles" or pipe insulation ty-wrapped to the pennants next to the mooring buoy.

*Lou Schoenthal, Mooring Chairman*

### "If Found" Stickers

If you have a dinghy without a motor, chances are that it's not registered with the State. The US Coast Guard Auxiliary has donated "If Found" stickers to be placed on your unregistered dinghy, canoe or kayak. If your watercraft should break free, this sticker will help identify it so it can be returned to the rightful owner. More importantly, the Coast Guard could know quickly if the boat has just drifted off the dock or beach, or if there is someone in the water awaiting rescue. Without these stickers, a floating watercraft means a Search and Rescue mission must be launched. These missions cost an average of \$84,000 each time the Coast Guard goes out, and most times there is no one in danger.



The stickers are waterproof and reflective, and there is a place for your name (using a waterproof marker) and TWO phone numbers - a cell number and a secondary number of someone who could be contacted in case of an emergency. They should be placed in a highly visible location inside the vessel's cockpit or near the operator's station.

If you have an unidentifiable watercraft on the dinghy rack or rings, you are required to place one of these stickers inside so your vessel can be easily identified. Even if you have a registered dinghy, you are welcome to use these stickers to make it easier to contact you in case there is a problem. The stickers will be available at the launch shack or from your local harbor-master. Contact Steve Daly at [ssdaly@verizon.net](mailto:ssdaly@verizon.net) for more information.

*Steve Daly, USCG Aux*



### Coast Guard Auxiliary Vessel Inspections



As we are preparing our boats for the 2016 recreational boating season, now is a good time to check your USCG required equipment and replace any equipment which is outdated or worn out. The SWYC Annual USCGAUX Vessel Inspection day is scheduled for *Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup>, from 8am until finished*. There will be "Federal Equipment Requirements and Safety Booklets" available inside the Club well in advance of the June 25<sup>th</sup> date. A signup sheet will be posted on the Club Bulletin board on or about the first week of June. For any information or questions please contact Steve Daly at [ssdaly@verizon.net](mailto:ssdaly@verizon.net).

*Steve Daly, USCG Aux*

## Power Squadron Boating Safety Courses

The Beverly-Marblehead Sail and Power Squadron will offer **America's Boating Course** at two locations starting in May. Consisting of 6 class sessions plus an exam, the course is designed to provide essential safety and seamanship information to the boating public. It is suitable for the beginner and a good refresher for experienced boaters after a winter off the water. The course is accepted by all 50 states and also satisfies the criteria for the Massachusetts Youth Certification Program.

**Rockport** - Starts Mon May 2 @ 7pm Sandy Bay YC, 5 Town Wharf

Contact Jack Reed – [jackreed@comcast.net](mailto:jackreed@comcast.net)

**Marblehead** - Starts Wed May 11 @ 7pm VFW, 321 W Shore Drive

Contact Skip Whittaker – [whittakerc@comcast.net](mailto:whittakerc@comcast.net)

The cost is \$60 for the course and manual. Registration and further information is available on [beverly-usps.org](http://beverly-usps.org) or from the contacts listed above.

*Alex Pszenny, Beverly-Marblehead Sail & Power Squadron (BMSPS)*



### 2016 Launch Schedule

Sat. May 7: 9AM – 4PM The launch will be used to install the floats – limited availability for member services.

Sun. May 8: 9AM – 4PM

Mon. May 9 – Thurs. May 12: No Service

Fri. May 13: 4PM – 9PM

Sat. May 14 & Sun. May 15: 9AM - 4PM

Mon. May 16 – Wed. May 18: - No Service

Thurs. May 19 – Fri. June 17: 9AM – 9PM

Sat. June 18 – Mon. Sept 5: 8AM – 10PM

Tues. Sept 6– Sun. Sept 11: 9AM - 9PM

Mon. Sept 12-Close: 9AM - 7:30PM

#### Launch Guidelines:

- ◆ Our launch operators are required to take lunch and dinner breaks. Lunch is 1-1:30 and dinner is 7-7:30. Normally there will be no launch service during these break periods. The last launch will leave the float 10 minutes prior to the breaks and before closing. Please respect the operator's break time by not requesting service during these times.
- ◆ Per Coast Guard regulations governing the operation of our launches, we are limited to transporting only six passengers at any given time. During busy weekends, holidays and other times of high demand two launches will be in service. The BOG requests that only two crew members per boat be transported during peak times and that members pick up their remaining crew and guests at the floats. At these times the outboard side of the main float

will be reserved for loading and unloading passengers only. The BOG recognizes that during low tide some boats may not be able to use the float. If this is the case, the remaining crew and guests will be transported during subsequent launch trips two at a time.



### **Safety**

No fuel, gas, diesel or propane may be transported on the launch.

The launch operator is in total command of the launch.

In order for the launch operator to have unobstructed vision all passengers are to remain seated at all times while the launch is underway.

Passengers are to assist the launch operator only if requested.

The launch will cease operation for 30 minutes once thunder/lightning is observed and return to operation 30 minutes after the last thunder/lightning.

During inclement weather members are advised to call the club to ensure the launch is operating.

All members are encouraged to be extra vigilant while underway in the mooring area as inflatables, kayaks, paddleboards and other small craft frequently pass through and can suddenly emerge undetected from behind a larger moored vessel.

### **Tipping**

While tipping is not required, it is encouraged. Launch operators are paid minimum wage and depend on tips in order to make a decent wage. Tipping may be considered a “user fee system” whereby those who use the service pay for it.

\$1 per trip is adequate

\$2 per trip is appreciated

\$3 per trip the operators will love you

### **Problems with Operators**

Please do not address any problems or issues directly with the launch operators. Should an issue arise, please call me at (978) 741-1501 (h) or (978) 766-0864 (c), or address your concerns with any club officer.

I hope you all have a fun and safe boating season and enjoy all of what our club has to offer.

*John Regan, Launch Chairman*



---

## Everything Else You Need to Know







---

### SWYC Clothing

Attention SWYC shoppers, Lands End is now the official SWYC Clothing Supplier. Find our new store front at <http://business.landsend.com/store/swyc>. A limited supply of SWYC hats and sweatshirts will be available at the club; please see the launch drivers for assistance.

*Sue Lewis, Clothing Chairwoman*

### Club Etiquette

	Please secure all nine windows, three doors, and turn off all lights if you lock up.
	Please remove your dirty dishes from the deck and wash them, and cover the grills if they're cool. Clean dishes are OK to leave in the rack to air dry.
	Please don't leave any trash outside in the park. Seagulls (aka winged rats) will attack uncovered trash, leaving a pile of empty adult beverage bottles. Please put all your trash in the barrels provided inside the gate.
	Please don't try to help the launch driver by pushing off unless he/she asks you to do so. We had a member almost go in the drink while standing on the gunnel of the launch, holding onto the rail and pushing off with his foot. The driver will frequently ask for help, but he/she must know what you are doing.
	Don't forget the number rule of the sea, "One hand for yourself and one for your water bottle". Always keep one hand (or preferably both) free to hold the rail on the launch or a solid part of the boat. If you have a lot of gear, send one person across first and then pass the gear.
	Please do not bring your vehicle into the park unless you are on official club business prepping for a function/delivering lumber etc. SWYC membership has worked hard since the club's inception to create goodwill with the city, please don't do anything to make the city think we are bad partners. Use the many carts to bring your gear to the club.

---

## 2016 SWYC Officers and Major Chairs

---

Commodore	Jim Garfield	978-373-1301	Commodore@swyc.com
Vice Commodore	Mike Madison	603-540-6687	ViceCommodore@swyc.com
Rear Commodore	Mike Merriman	508 523 7724	RearCommodore@swyc.com
Treasurer	Joe Collins	978-922-4488	Treasurer@swyc.com
Secretary	Tom McLaughlin	978-531-0176	Secretary@swyc.com
Financial Secre-	Jean Cobb	508-404-4758	FinancialSecretary@swyc.com
Fleet Captain	Tony Brooks	978-273-5025	FleetCaptain@swyc.com
House	Jim Garfield	978-373-1301	House@swyc.com
Ramps & Floats	Mike Madison	603-540-6687	RampsFloats@swyc.com
Moorings	Lou Schoenthal	978-745-9746	Moorings@swyc.com
Membership	Kevin Neuman		Membership@swyc.com
Entertainment	Sandy Luzinski	978-745-6769	Entertainment@swyc.com
Clothes	Sue Lewis	781-856-1267	Clothes@swyc.com
Launch	John Regan	978-741-1501	Launch@swyc.com
Jib Sheet	Carol Vachon	781-630-0429	JibSheet@swyc.com
Website	Fred Beibesheimer		website@swyc.com

## 2016 Event Calendar

Date	Function	Sign-Up Required?	Place	Time	Event Chairperson
Sat	Open BOG Meeting, with light dinner, BYOB	Yes			Jim Garfield
21-May	Featured speaker is Raymond Bates	email to Jim Garfield	SWYC	6PM	
Sat	Opening Chowder Party	No	SWYC	12PM	Roland Gauthier
28-May		\$5pp			
Mon	Memorial Day Breakfast	Yes	SWYC	9AM	Sandy Luzinski
30-May		\$8pp			
Sat	Winthrop Yacht Club				Tony Brooks
4-Jun	Either 4-Jun or 30-Jul, awaiting confirmation from WYC				
Sun	Daytrip Dreaming			6:00 PM	Tony Brooks
5-Jun	BYOE				
Fri	Arts Night	No	SWYC	6PM	
10-Jun	Contact Betty Hearne at bhearne1@verizon.net if you'd like to exhibit your artwork				
Thurs-Sat	Provincetown Sailboat Race	Yes	Scituate		Lou Schoenthal/ Tom McLaughlin
16-18 Jun				9:30 AM	
Sat	Summer Solstice	Yes	SWYC		Wolfgang Scholz
18-Jun		\$10pp			
Sat	US Coast Guard Aux Boating Inspections	Yes	SWYC	8AM til finished	Steve Daly
25-Jun	Sign-up required				
Sun	North Shore Cancer Walk	Yes	Salem Willows Park	8 AM-1PM	Support NSCC- Walk on your own
26-Jun	<a href="http://nsmcgiving.partners.org/2016walkeventdetails">http://nsmcgiving.partners.org/2016walkeventdetails</a>				or with a friend
Tues	Willows Summer Concert	Yes	Shell	7-9 PM <i>wp</i>	
28-Jun					
Sat	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Celebration	Yes	SWYC		
2-Jul	Dinghy Race/ Relay Race			11:00 AM	
	Sailboat race			12 Noon	
	Cookout			4:00 PM	
Tues	Willows Summer Concert	No	Shell	7-9 PM <i>wp</i>	
5-Jul					
Sat	Fireworks	No	Salem Willows Park		
9-Jul				9:30PM	
Tues	Willows Summer Concert	No	Shell	7-9 PM <i>wp</i>	
12-Jul					
Sat-Sun	South Shore Yacht Club	Yes	SSYC		Jim Garfield
16-17 Jul	Invasion (Margaritaville theme)	\$35pp			
Sat	African American Picnic	No	Salem Willows Park		Park will be very crowded
TBD-Jul					

Notes: *wp*= weather permitting

Events highlighted in yellow are TBD

## 2016 Event Calendar (cont.)

Date	Function	Sign-Up Required?	Place	Time	Event Chairperson
Tues 19-Jul	Willows Summer Concert	No	Shell	7-9 PM <i>wp</i>	
Wed 20-Jul	Veterans Boating Day				Tony Brooks
Tues 26-Jul	Willows Summer Concert	No	Shell	7-9 PM, <i>wp</i>	
Sat 30-Jul	Winthrop yacht club- alternative date Either 4-Jun or 30-Jul, awaiting confirmation from WYC				Tony Brooks
Tues 2-Aug	Willows Summer Concert	No	Shell	7-9 PM <i>wp</i>	
Sun 7-Aug	Beverly Fireworks Covered Dish and Ice Cream <a href="http://www.beverlyhomecoming.org/">http://www.beverlyhomecoming.org/</a> <a href="#">Firecracker 500</a> Fireworks	No	SWYC	5:30 PM  12pm 9:00 PM	
Fri-Sun 8-Aug	Salem Heritage Days	No	Salem	TBA	
Wed 10-Aug	Dance Enthusiasm	No	Shell	6:00 PM	Dancers use SWYC clubhouse
Sat 13-Aug	Covered Dish Trivia Contest	Yes	SWYC	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Pam Garfield/ Elvira Schoenthal
Sat-Sun 13-14 Aug	MBYCA 2015 Summer Rendezvous! Reservation & Payments due by July 29th	Yes \$50pp	Nantasket Saltwater Beach Club	12 Noon- 10:00 AM	Away! Must make own reservation. Includes lunch, dinner, breakfast
Sat-Sun 20-21 Aug	Salem Jazz Festival <a href="http://www.salemjazzsoul.org">http://www.salemjazzsoul.org</a>	No	Shell	11am-7pm	Bands use SWYC clubhouse
Sat-Mon 3-5 Sep	Labor Day Get Away	Yes		Leave in AM	
Sat 10-Sep	International Covered Dish Karaoke	Yes	SWYC	6:00 PM	
Sat TBD-Sep	Golf Tournament & Pot Luck Sign-up required Sue to check with Chris Carter for update	Yes	Olde Salem Greens Golf Course	1 PM	Chris Carter
Sat 8-Oct	Closing Chowder Party	No \$5pp	SWYC	12:00 noon	Roland Gauthier
Fri-Sun 4-6 Nov	Weekend Getaway	Yes	Newport RI	More details to follow	

# 2016 Commodore's Ball



# 2016 Commodore's Ball



Our SWYC Water Ballet team is performing next



I told them that I wasn't performing water ballet in my tux!



# Spring Work Parties

