



17 May 2011

Dear CYC Members:

Jean and I spent the first week of May in Castine. The town was incredibly quiet and peaceful. The trees were just budding; the lawns were green; and the few remaining MMA students were moving out of town for the summer. The *T/V State of Maine* left town early Tuesday morning at low tide assisted by two tugs that spun her around in the harbor and pointed her bow out toward Penobscot Bay. When she returns on June 26th, all the empty moorings in the photographs below will be filled and summer will be well underway.



Tuesday, May 2, 2011 *T/V State of Maine* Departure from Castine

We are always amazed when we first arrive in Castine with the natural beauty that surrounds us, the strength of the tide as it moves in and out, and all the friendly faces who remember us from season to season as if we never left. Castine is a very special place and a treasure! Spending time during the summer in Castine is a delightful privilege.

CYC's Flag Officers and Activity Chairs have been working hard organizing another outstanding season of yachting, sailing, and kayaking activities. I hope you all find exciting and enjoyable times at CYC this summer. Our activities at CYC this summer will include:

Castine Classic Yacht Race & Symposium: This season's Classic Yacht Race will include a celebration of the glorious early-20th-century designs of Nathanael G. Herreshoff. On Wednesday, August 3, a remarkable rendezvous of classic yachts built by the Herreshoff Manufacturing Company, Bristol, Rhode Island, will be on exhibition at the Castine Town Dock. Included will be two 44' NY-30s *Alera* and *Cara Mia* (designed in 1904 and built in 1905); 59' NY-40 *Rugosa* (designed in 1915 and built in 1926); and 72' NY-50 *Spartan* (designed in 1912 and built in 1913). The Castine regatta is believed to mark the first time in over seventy-five years in which yachts representing all three of these famed New York Yacht Club classes have competed.



SPARTAN



ALERA



RUGOSA

Other Herreshoff yachts on exhibition will include the 47' *Nellie* (built in 1902); the 49' Bar Harbor 31 *Desperate Lark* (built in 1903); and the 58' P-Class *Joyant* (built in 1911).

These yachts will be honored at a symposium on August 3 at 4PM in Delano Auditorium at the Maine Maritime Academy. The symposium will illuminate the finer details of the restorations of *Spartan*, *Nellie* and other Herreshoff yachts, all of which relied heavily on the drawings, photographs and files of the Herreshoff archives housed in the Hart Nautical Collections of the MIT Museum in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Kurt Hasselbalch, Hart Nautical curator, will chair the discussion among a panel of restorers, owners and sailors of Herreshoff yachts.

The twelfth annual Castine Classic Yacht Race will take on place Thursday, August 4th.

Speaker's Program: Rear Commodore Elaine Cinciva has lined up a number of great speakers for this summer's Tuesday evening speakers series. Topics will include The History of Castine Yacht Club, Castine Waterfront Development, Yacht Photography, and more. Please check CYC's bulletin boards and website for dates and topics.

Sailing Program: The mission of CYC's sailing program is:

The Castine Yacht Club Sailing Program offers sailing and racing instruction for the entire Castine community. Our goal is to provide a safe and fun on-water opportunity to learn or improve skills in traditional seamanship, boating safety, racing and cruising. We promote competitive sailing as an important educational tool and are committed to fairness, good sportsmanship, and the pure joy of sailing.

Jamie Bicks, our Vice Commodore of Instruction, has assembled a great team to oversee and run CYC's junior sailing program. I am delighted to announce that Betsy Lieser will Chair the Junior Sailing Program and Sarah Kitterman will Chair the Junior Racing Program.

We are very excited to be starting an Optimist fleet this summer. Optimists are excellent teaching boats, and provide the best opportunity for young sailors to get tiller time. We plan to use them alongside the Turnabouts to teach our beginner and intermediate sailors.

We will also be working with MMA to get our older students into the Colgates and plan to use these boats as part of our Skipper class. We all greatly appreciate Tim Leach's generous cooperation and support in making this possible. Thank you, Tim!

I am also delighted to announce that Martin Fitch will return this summer as CYC's Sailing Master. He will be assisted by Emily Bicks, Will Buchanan, Maggie Hynes, Mary Clara Musgrove, Rachel Pedersen, and Zack Vickers. Zack, a rising MMA senior and member of the MMA sailing team, is new as a CYC instructor. He will be joining us shortly after the *T/V State of Maine* returns to Castine.



2008 420 DEJSA Championships

The junior program day sails, which are open to Seaman and above, will take place on Wednesdays. Adults (parents too!) are encouraged to come along and, if possible, bring a boat.

Our junior sailors will be competing in the same regattas that we participated in last year, plus CYC will be sending some of our youngest sailors to several more Optimist regattas. We need and would greatly appreciate the help and support of parents and other adults to make CYC's participation in the various junior regattas possible.

CYC's Fleet this summer will include eight fully operational Turnabouts, seven Optimists, the *Elizabeth B*, six 420s, access to the MMA Mercury, Colgate, and 420 fleets, two Whalers, and one inflatable. Jonathan Weinstein has taken the helm as Fleet Captain.

Colgate 26 Racing: CYC's and MMA's cooperative program for adult Colgate 26 racing will continue to run on Thursday afternoons starting June 30th. The Colgate Cup challenge race is scheduled for Thursday, August 18th. Please contact Bill Light, Jim Raber, or Tip McDonald for more information.

Mercury Racing: CYC's and MMA's cooperative program for adult Mercury racing will take place on **Tuesday** afternoons starting June 28th. Please contact Chair Par Kettis at 207-326-4548, cell 266-5755 or kettis@myfairpoint.net for more details.

Castine Class Racing: The first Castine Class race of the season is the Robinson Cup race on July 4th. Skipper's meeting is at 1:00 pm. The Eaton Cup race is scheduled for Saturday, August 13th and the Labor Day race is scheduled for Saturday, September 3th. Other weekly races are scheduled on most Saturdays during July. David Bicks has once again generously agreed to coordinate the Castine Class races.



Photo courtesy of Cynthia Boyer

The **Michael Jordan Race** is scheduled for Sunday, August 21st.

Club Cruise: A six day club cruise is scheduled to leave Castine on Monday, July 18th. The cruise is being organized and coordinated by Wallace and Alice Alston, David Bicks, and Kevin Coady. Ports of call include: High Island Harbor, Greenland Cove, Pemaquid Island, Robinhood Marine Center in Riggs Cove, Damariscove Island, Maple Juice Cove, Rockland, and Vinylhaven. Anyone interested in participating should promptly contact Wallace and Alice Alston for more details (207-326-8432 or wallyalston@myfairpoint.net). More detailed information is posted on CYC's website.

Kayak Program: Viktoria Gres is coordinating CYC's very popular kayak program. Harold Hatch will once again be the guide for these events. Kayak tours generally leave from the clubhouse at 10 am on Tuesdays during July and August.

Lord Nelson Model Boat Race & Cookout: One of my favorite events of the season is the model boat race followed by a club cookout. Please plan on joining us for this great race at 4:50 pm on Friday, July 22nd. The cookout will take place immediately after the race. CYC will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages.



Start of the 2010 Lord Nelson Model Boat Race

Eaton Lobster Stew: Please plan on joining us at CYC on the evening of Saturday, August 13th for the wonderful Eaton Lobster Stew Party. David Ziff and Alan Bell have once again graciously agreed to oversee this event. Please contact Jean Pedersen (jrpdsn@aol.com) for more information and to make reservations for the best lobster stew in Maine.

The **Castine Golf Club Yachting Theme Dinner** is scheduled for 6 pm on Sunday, July 17th at the yacht club.

The annual **Pond Island Rendezvous** is scheduled for Wednesday, August 17th. Please plan on arriving at Pond between 12:30 pm and 1:00 pm. Depending on weather conditions and the experience of our junior sailors, the destination of that weekly CYC junior day sail may also be Pond Island.

Clubhouse and Finances: I am happy to report that CYC ran with a balanced budget last season. During the 2010 season, CYC generated \$61,367 of operating revenues, incurred \$61,055 of operating expenses, and ended the year with a small operating surplus of \$312.

The Club's Facilities and Administration ("F&A") account provided CYC with approximately \$20,000 for capital spending in 2011. We used these funds to purchase five Optimists, to strengthen the clubhouse floor, to replace four columns supporting the outside deck, and to repair the leak in the roof above the clubhouse kitchen.

I hope you all have an enjoyable season in Castine this summer. We greatly appreciate all the contributions of the Commodores, Flag Officers, and Activity Chairs who preceded us. We salute each of you and thank you for all your contributions over the years which have made CYC a very special place for all of us.

I look forward to seeing you at our opening pot luck dinner meeting on Saturday, July 2rd. Have a great season, and please be careful out there.

Cheers!

Tom Pedersen
Commodore
Castine Yacht Club



CYC Clubhouse May 2, 2011