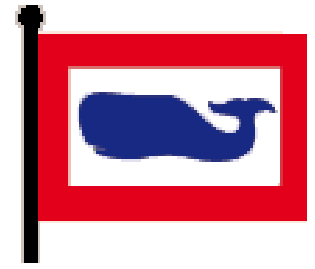




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# QYC*ies*



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## From the Commodore

Welcome to Quissett Yacht Club's 104<sup>th</sup> year. To give you a sense of what lies in store for you this summer, consider the following: there are seventy eight days from the Early Bird race to the Round the Bay race. During this time, Cornelia Carey's anchor will be lowered (and raised) thirty two times, and her crew will conduct sixty one starting sequences. Our Junior Sailing Program will conduct 280 classes over forty days. On most Fridays, instructors will be on hand to teach beginners to sail (Waterlilies), and more advanced sailors how to sail faster (Racing 101). The QMart team will be setting up their tables with the latest fashions to keep you looking well turned out, and protected from the sun. The Watersports will take place on August 6<sup>th</sup>: as always, this is the *one and only day* on which people are allowed (and even encouraged) to swim from somewhere in the harbor to the Harbor House Dock. And two weeks later, please join us at our annual Ball, being held this year at Highfield Hall. Many thanks to all the people who are volunteering their time to make this summer loads of fun.

On a more serious note, voting is underway by members of the H Class Association on whether to allow Cape Cod Shipbuilding's version of the H 12 to be part of the Association and to compete in its annual Championship Regatta. The voting will continue until the end of April. If you own a Doughdish or a wooden 12 and haven't done so, join the Association and vote. Questions? Please contact Mike Fenlon at [mikefenlon@aol.com](mailto:mikefenlon@aol.com).

The main racing event of the summer will occur when H 12 sailors from Buzzards Bay and Vineyard Sound join our sailors in Quissett to compete in the H Class Championship Regatta. We still need volunteers to help out so please contact Carol Reinisch at [creinisch@mbledu](mailto:creinisch@mbledu).

Finally, when sailing class begins on Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup> look for a brand new coaching boat that is now part of our motor fleet. Made by Ribcraft, in Marblehead, this

boat represents the state of the art in coaching boats for sailing programs. See it at <http://www.ribcraftusa.com/rib48coach.html>.

Some of us are lucky enough to never be very far from Quissett. For those of you who have been waiting all year to get back for a couple of precious weeks, take heart in the words of one of our old salts, George Clowes. When asked why he didn't just move his boat, *Aquila*, to Lake Erie, since he was living in Cleveland at the time, he replied: "I would rather have only two weeks of sailing out of Quissett than all summer anywhere else." That says it all.

Alan Haigh

## Transiting Woods Hole Passage 101

This class, offered to people of all ages, is designed to help beginners become familiar with this challenging passage. We will start with a brief on-shore discussion of the channels, currents, and typical trouble spots. Then we will move to a motor boat and head out. We hope to meet at the beginning of the season—the date to be announced—and if there is enough demand, at the beginning of August as well. Contact Alan Haigh: [alan@cabinetmakers.com](mailto:alan@cabinetmakers.com)

## By-Laws change

Article III Section 4 of our By-Laws makes reference to "SMYRA". This has been updated to "SMSA", Southern Massachusetts Sailing Association.

Alan Haigh

## Quissett H Class Fleet

The QYC H Class fleet will meet at 11:00 on Friday July 1 on the sailing class deck. We will discuss issues of importance to the H Class.

Mike Garfield, H Class Fleet Captain

## H Class Owners: An update on the CCSB question

If you own either a wooden H 12 or a Doughdish, you probably already know that the question of whether to admit CCSB boats to the H Class is now being decided by a vote of H Class Association members. All QYC members who own either a wooden Herreshoff 12½ or

a Doughdish are eligible to join the HCA and vote on this question. To date, about half of you have done so, but many others have been stymied when they went to the HCA web site, followed the directions given there, but then were unable to log-in and pay their 2016 dues (\$25) on-line.

If this has happened to you, please know that it is possible for you to complete your enrollment, pay your dues and then vote, ALL WITHOUT EVER LOGGING-IN. But to use this alternate method you must act promptly. Here's how:

**Step 1:** Print a copy of the H Class Association 2016 enrollment form (one page), fill it in, and mail it with your \$25 check to the PO Box address given on the form. Do this, even if you already have provided all of this same info on-line, and be sure to include your e-mail address when filling-in the form. To display and print the HCA enrollment form, go to: [http://www.herreshoff12.org/images/H12\\_membership\\_form.pdf](http://www.herreshoff12.org/images/H12_membership_form.pdf). Providing a hull number is likely to present a problem. It is not necessary. Memberships sail through without one.

H Class racing began at QYC about 100 years ago, and it continues to this day as one of our cherished traditions. But the future of this racing may be profoundly affected by the outcome of this vote, and so the question is important to every QYC member. And it is important for racers and non-racers alike. So please do cast your vote. Time is an issue as voting ends on April 30th.

**Step 2:** About one week after you have mailed the form, you will receive an e-mail confirmation of your successful enrollment from the HCA secretary. And then (within a day or two thereafter) you will receive a second e-mail which will be your personal electronic ballot. To cast your vote, simply open this second e-mail, check "yes" or "no", and then press "Send". Shortly thereafter, you will receive an e-mail reply indicating that your vote has been recorded.

To find out more about this question, go to the QYC web site ([www.quissettyachtclub.org](http://www.quissettyachtclub.org)), click on "News" and then click on "H Class News", to read the following:

Letter to H 12 owners at QYC

An analysis of the CCSB Question

Go to the QYC Blog to read different QYC members' points of view on the topic. (Note: This third source, the blog, is password protected and open only to QYC members, so please follow the instructions to gain access.)

If you have questions or difficulties with any of this, contact either our HCA delegate Mike Fenlon at [mike-fenlon@aol.com](mailto:mike-fenlon@aol.com) or your Fleet Captain, Mike Garfield at [mike@investmentsearchllc.com](mailto:mike@investmentsearchllc.com). They can help you navigate through the mechanics of voting, as well as think through the issues.

**Mike Fenlon, H Class Representative**

### **H Class Championship**

On July 29th, 30th, and 31st, QYC will host the 2016 H Class Championship "Nationals". Many thanks to all of you who are already working on race committee, planning lunches dinner, registration, and even special T shirts for the event. We still need lots of help for this weekend to be a success. For details, please go to the QYC website to see where we are in the planning process.

**Carol Suitor, Regatta Chair**

### **S Class**

The boats and sailors of the Quissett S Class fleet are gearing up for the 2016 season of racing on Buzzards Bay. In addition to continuing the close competition we've come to expect from the fleet, this coming summer should see the addition of another boat, Aeolus, and more S Class races on the calendar.

Aeolus, restored locally in 2000, was last seen in our waters in 2008 and has returned from Larchmont, NY where she sailed for four seasons. She won many races and a few regattas at that venue in the able hands of her owner Jeff Whittle. We expect her to be racing at Quissett this summer where she should do well while reacquainting herself with the Buzzards Bay chop.

Saturday S boat racing will see the addition of double-headers, like the H12s have been doing for years, but on alternate weekends from the H12s. This will allow for shorter, more competitive races and more starts to keep skippers sharp. The expectation is that these will raise the skippers' and crews' skills and improve their chances competing against S boats from other fleets.

In order to provide a break from the intensity of series racing and allow for adventures in other locales, a new trophy race will be inserted on a midseason Saturday. The new permanent trophy will celebrate the history of the S boat at Quissett and honor the memory of Franklin King, the main organizer of the original S boat fleet in 1928.

**Douglas Cooper, S Class Fleet Captain**

### **Junior Sailing Program**

This winter has been spent transitioning the junior sailing program from Eric and Kristan to Katy and Sarah. We have been busy hiring instructors for all the classes including new Opti and 420 race team coaches. We're

excited to mix some new faces with familiar instructors from past years. We feel confident that the new race coaches will help provide the teams with top level support to take each racer's skills to the desired level. At the same time, we're looking forward to a summer of fun and learning the Quissett way in the learn to sail and adventure sailing programs that we know and love. We are confident with George Walters as the Head Instructor we will be able to maintain the best Quissett traditions as well as expand opportunities for our eager racers. We look forward to seeing everyone soon for another great summer on the water!

There are still openings in this year's Jr. Sailing Program. Please let your friends and neighbors know that the program is open to non-members as well. Detailed information about the 2016 Junior Sailing Program is available on the QYC website: <http://quissettyachtclub.org/junior-sailing/>. If you have any questions about the program, feel free to email Program Co-chairs Katy Burt at [katywadlowburt@gmail.com](mailto:katywadlowburt@gmail.com) or Sarah Grayson at [sarah.grayson@yahoo.com](mailto:sarah.grayson@yahoo.com). Class assignments are made on a first-come, first-served basis, so we encourage you to register as soon as possible. If you have any questions about registration, please email [kristan.first@gmail.com](mailto:kristan.first@gmail.com).

**Katy Burt & Sarah Grayson, Junior Sailing Co-Chairs**

### **Waterlilies**

Once again, this popular program which helps women learn to sail in a relaxed environment is on our calendar for this coming summer. Classes are scheduled for Friday mornings from 9:45 to noon, on the following days: July 8th, 15th, 22nd, August 5th, and 12th. We will meet on the Harbor House deck, as usual.

We request a donation from each participating Waterlily: \$150 for QYC members; \$200 for non-members, payable to the Quissett Yacht Club, PO Box 681, Falmouth, MA 02541. Please note "Waterlilies" in the footnote of your check. You may also bring your checkbook the first day of class. When you sign up, let us know if you have a boat that may be used, and where it is moored. Also, let us know your shirt size.

Safety Information: bring a Coast Guard approved life jacket, sun protective clothing, cell phone, sun screen, water and a hat. We recommend that life jackets be worn by all participants when on the water. Thank you to all our experienced volunteer instructors who share their time, boats, and love of sailing with us; without you this program could not happen. Also, sign up if you can ferry students to their sailboats, and act as chase boats.

We welcome "lifers" and new members alike to join in the fun. Interested students please email Sarah at:

[spmeigs@comcast.net](mailto:spmeigs@comcast.net) or call her at 508-254-4841 to reserve your spot.

**Sarah Meigs, Waterlilies Chair**

### **Membership**

We are delighted to welcome five new and two reinstated families as QYC members!

Chris and Andrea Anderson moved year round to Falmouth in 2010 via Martha's Vineyard and Rochester, NY, and are active with the Quissett Harbor Preservation Trust, the Quissett Association and the Falmouth Garden Club. They sail *Nirvana*, their Allied Seabreeze 35, out of Quissett.

Todd Bourell and Brooke Bailey and their children Will, Lily and James, who live in Westwood and summer in Woods Hole, are now members, with Will and Lily enjoying the Junior Sailing program and James hardly able to wait until he is old enough (!) to join them.

Cynthia and Michael George and their children Michael, Hannah and Sarah have joined and bring with them *Sarah Elizabeth*, their new Doughdish, and a Boston Whaler. They reside in Milton and summer in Falmouth. The children have been participating in the Junior Sailing program and Cynthia in Waterlilies. Michael, who has sailed for decades, looks forward to racing with the QYC fleet with his family.

Hilary and Langley Steinert, who live in Concord and summer in Woods Hole, bring with them Nicholas, Max, Lexie and *Tigger*, a new Doughdish. The children have all participated in Junior Sailing and are looking forward to racing their new boat at Quissett with their father, who as a youngster ran the racing program at the Manchester Yacht Club.

Sam Ward and Geralyn Thompson, who have long histories with families in this area, live in Boston. They enjoy spending weekends and summers on Quissett Avenue and are members of the Quissett Harbor House Land Trust, the Quissett Harbor Preservation Trust and the Quamquissett Beach Club.

Eric Hallstein, who now lives in Oakland, CA, is reinstating and bringing with him his wife Suzanne Lippert and children Cole and James. Eric expects to be rejoining his father Bill aboard *Benjamin Franklin*, the family's 40' sloop.

Jeff Whittle and his wife Peg Cotter, who live in Ohio and will be back summers in Falmouth, are reinstating and will be bringing *Aeolus* back to the S-boat fleet.

Welcome to you all !

**Barbara Jones, Membership Chair**

## QYC Kidnics

Kidnics are scheduled at the beginning of each sailing class session. These friend-makers are especially for those families with children too young for the junior sailing program. Bring the family down to the harbor on Tuesday June 28th and again on Tuesday, July 26th. The Kidnics will start at 5:30 pm. We will provide a grill and fun games, too. Let's celebrate together the beginning of another great summer at Quissett!

Hilary Davis, Kids Picnic Chair

## Q-Mart

Opening Day: Sunday, June 26th, 4:30 PM, at Jr. Sailing Class Orientation, sailing class deck. Other dates will be announced. Back by popular demand, the practical and handsome Tervis Ice Bucket. Place your order now to take advantage of a preseason discount (Laura@EntVen.com). As always, we very much need volunteers for us to be properly staffed. Come join in the fun!

Laura Morse, Jeannine Jeffrey and the QMart Team

## Sun Protective Clothing

Our sun protective mission continues, as the yacht club bought 110 shirts last summer! Clearly the membership has embraced protection for our "Extreme Lives of Water Games". The clothing will be available at discount with any profit benefiting the QYC, on the following days and times: June 26th, Sailing Class Orientation 4PM; July 4th Membership Meeting 5PM; July 22nd. Sailing Class Awards and Orientation. 5PM; August 6th Watersports 9:30AM; August 19th Sailing Class Awards 5PM, and September 4th QYC Annual Meeting 4:30. Questions? Contact Brenda Scannell 508-548-1385.

Brenda Scannell

## Race Committee

As the weather starts to turn warmer and our minds begin to contemplate port-tack starts, the Race Committee has been making plans for another successful racing season. Doug Jones will be overseeing the Wednesday evening series, Ted Burt the Saturday series, Wendy Martyna the Sunday Junior series, and Henry Jones the trophy races. The Race Committee would welcome any interested volunteers who would like to help run the races and see the races from a different perspective; if you are interested please contact Sarah Meigs at: spmeigs@comcast.net or by phone: 508-254-4841. The S-class will be adding some more races to the season following the H Class model of having two races on alternate Saturdays. This will require some flexibility and understanding from both fleets as we work out the exact details of this operation. In addition, a Sunday morning S Class

race will be added on those mornings when we have a Junior Race scheduled. This should give an opportunity for H 12 sailors to join the S-class crews for a relaxed, less formal race.

If you have a motorboat and are inclined to watch any races and you would enjoy some company, please let other people know since it would be helpful to have more boats available as a spectator fleet. For Saturday races, Doug Jones hopes to be serving as a crash boat on the new yacht club RIB; if you are interested in joining him for any Saturday, please let him know by email: whcssjones@gmail.com

The QYC Race Committee remains committed to providing fair, safe, fun, and competitive races and we welcome any suggestions intended to enhance the experience for the yacht club.

Doug Jones and Sarah Meigs

## Racing 101

Anyone who wants to learn to skipper an H Class boat with some fun practice races, this is the venue. Skippers should recruit an experienced skipper to crew. The crew, in turn, will coach the new skippers through the race. We plan to hold 4 races on the following Fridays: July 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and August 5<sup>th</sup>. The warning signal will be at 5PM and we will plan to be back on land no later than 7PM. Races will start at mark "S" and we'll have a much longer starting line than found during the regular week day races.

If you are interested in skippering, please let us know. Or, if you are an experienced skipper and would like to teach someone how to race, let us know so we can make sure we can match people up. Contact Mike Garfield [mike@investsearchllc.com](mailto:mike@investsearchllc.com) or Mike Fenlon [mikefenlon@aol.com](mailto:mikefenlon@aol.com).

Mike Garfield and Mike Fenlon, Racing 101 Co-chairs

### The Yacht Club is selling three Optis.

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The boats are in good condition and fully equipped.

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### The following officers were elected at the 2015 Annual Meeting:

Commodore	Alan Haigh	Directors Through 2016
Vice Commodore	Mark Gordon	Randi Ferrero, Ted Grayson
Rear Commodore	Randy Evans	Through 2017
Secretary	Alison Smith	Katy Burt, Karen Smith
Treasurer	Bill Gindra	Through 2018
		Peter Jones, Wendy Martyna