

The Horse Shoe Crab

June 19, 2013

Motto: Of Crabs, By Crabs, For Crabs

Dear Member:

The Sprite masts are in place, the floats are in the water, the Clubhouse floor has been refinished, and by the end of the week, it will look like winter never happened! Thank you to all of the staff and volunteers for their hard work, especially Greg Cassidy, Ben Patten, and Colleen Cassidy, who led the staff this week. Trude Goodman, our new Program Director, and Jane Frye, our new Head Instructor, will be joining them at the end of the week and we look forward to introducing you to the entire staff at the **Opening Meeting, which begins at 1530 this Sunday, June 23**. For biographies and photos of all the staff, please visit www.shyc.com.



This is the first of weekly newsletters that will be sent to members about what is going on at the Club and in Sailing School. Below are some important notes for parents and students.

Advanced 420 Clinic, June 20-21



This Thursday and Friday the Club will be hosting a special clinic with former US Olympic Team coach, Skip Whyte (shown above with Erin Maxwell and Isabelle Farrar, after they won the 470 World Championship in 2008). This clinic is open to students who have signed up for the Advanced 420 Race Team. The clinic will run from 0900 to 1730 each day. Sailors should bring a lunch and weather appropriate gear. Please join us in welcoming Skip to SHYC. This is a real honor to have him spend time with our sailors.

Upcoming Parent Meetings

Parents of 420, Opti, and Laser Race Team Members: Sunday, June 23 at 1100

Parents of students in Seaman Class: Monday, June 24 at 0930

Parents of students in Mates/Old Mates/Skippers Class: Tuesday, June 25 at 0930

Parents of students in Hermit Crabs 6: Wednesday, June 26 at 0930

Parents of students in Hermit Crabs 7: Wednesday, June 26 at 1030

Pick-up and Drop-off Protocol and Parent Involvement

To ensure the safety of our students as they arrive and leave sailing school, we have developed a protocol for pick-up and drop-off. It is important that parents are familiar with this protocol and volunteer to cover at least two shifts over the course of the summer. To view the protocol and sign up for a shift, please click [here](#). WE ESPECIALLY NEED PARENTS TO SIGN UP FOR THE FIRST COUPLE OF WEEKS AS WE GET THE WORD OUT TO NEW PARENTS.

New Student Swim Tests

A swim test is required for all new students ages 8 and above. New students should bring a towel to their first day of sailing school, as the test will take place at the end of their class.

Weather Appropriate Gear for Sailing School

The weather in Stage Harbor can change quickly and it is very important that students arrive to sailing school prepared for varied conditions. The following gear is required for all sailing school students. Please make sure everything is clearly labeled with your child's name and please make sure you do not leave gear at the Club:

- A Coast Guard approved and properly fitted lifejacket (PDF) with a whistle attached
- Close toed shoes. Flip-flops are not allowed in the boat.
- Appropriate sun protection: hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen
- Non-cotton, breathable outerwear

Please note that SHYC hats, shirts, and whistles will be sold at the Club's Merchandise Sales. Please check the calendar for dates and times. Additionally, here are a couple of sources we suggest for purchasing the required items:

[Team One Newport \(SHYC\)](#)

[Cape Fisherman's Supply \(For lifejackets and foul weather gear\)](#)

[Annapolis Performance Sailing](#)

Pre-Ordered Sailing School T-shirts

If you ordered a sailing school t-shirt before the May 31st registration deadline, you may pick up your child's shirt on his or her first day of sailing school. Your account will be billed.

SHYC Website

Please bookmark and check www.shyc.com frequently for announcements and updates about Sailing School and Yacht Club events. In addition to other helpful information, we currently have the following information posted on the website:

- The full SHYC Calendar (in a printable 1 page format)
- Links for volunteer sign ups
- Information about upcoming social events
- Information about the 19th Annual SHYC Opti Regatta on July 5 (sign up now!)
- A full calendar of sanctioned regattas and races

We look forward to a wonderful summer!

Richard D. Batchelder, Jr., Commodore
Elizabeth C. Patten, Vice Commodore
Matt Evans, Rear Commodore
Trude Goodman, Program Director