

Agamenticus Yacht Club

2013 Commodore's Report

From the Commodore



The big story this summer was the celebration of our 75th season as a Club - which is truly a milestone! A number of special events were held starting with a display of AYC artifacts in the York Library, sunset Husky cruises up the York River and a very special final

awards dinner at the YHRR. Our strength as a club is our ability to change and adapt as we move forward to our 100th anniversary. To this point, **Shappy LaPointe** will take over the helm from me as the Commodore for the 2014 season. She has been the Vice Commodore for many years and will bring energy, expertise and a steady hand to the tiller. Another transition is **Michael Harris**. After 7 years as our Program Director, Michael has decided to do more sailing in the summer than fixing boats and fighting fires. Please thank Michael (in his new Jeep) if you see him for his years of service to the Club. We are actively looking for a new Program Director for the Club, and if you have any suggestions for individuals, please contact Shappy directly at slapointe@eaqlebrook.org

Also in the spirit of renewal, **Henry Harding** and **Marshall Jarvis**, long time Board Members (20 years+) will be rolling off and **Cyndy Busa** and **Josh Gear** have joined the Board. **Joan Jarvis** will also be handing off her role as "Chief Membership Application Taker" for 2014. Please thank these members for their many years of contributions!

I appreciate all the support from the members of the Club during my reign as Commodore. I am proud of the fact that we have significantly improved the Junior Sailing and Racing programs, the facilities and fleet, and the financial strength of the Club over the last 4 years. Although I have lost some sleep worrying about the Club, I know that I personally have grown in the role and I will continue to support AYC actively as a member. It's time for more adventures in my sweet little Herreshoff sloop!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Douglas Fuller'.



Commodore 2010 - 2013

2013 Award Winners



Henry Harding (L) and McV LaPointe (R)
The Harding Trophy

Many new 'up and comers' in 2013 took the silver presenting challenges to some of our more seasoned sailors.

Robert G. Fuller Trophy - Beginners - Ellie Bailey
John Finley III Trophy - Beginners II - John Thomas O'Rourke
Moreene Trophy - Intermediate - Ben Northrop
Fergus Reid Trophy - Advance - Ben Duffy
Opti Regatta (Jul) - Sydney Bowers (G) & Grace Gear (B)
Opti Regatta (Aug) - Chase Bailey (G) & Grace Gear (B)
The Harding Trophy - McV LaPointe
Nomad Award for Racing - Elliott Gear
Caroline Marshall Sportsmanship Trophy - Peter O'Brien
Race to the Nubble - Canceled - Husky Problems
Michael Ciancetta Member's Award - Jennifer Gear

Behind the scenes

The success of the Club is made possible by the many members who volunteer their time behind the scenes to make AYC work. **Joan Jarvis** performs her art by receiving and reviewing the AYC applications in the spring, depositing the funds, and coordinating many of the expense issues. **Cyndy Busa** has taken us to new fashion heights with the AYC merchandise. **Holly Grimes** is our club bookkeeper and keeps a smile on her face in spite of the strange expenses we submit. **Michelle Bertolini** is our 'ace' photographer capturing the memories of the summer - many of

which are in this letter and on our website. **Bill Duffy** is our Dock Master and handles registration of the club boats, mooring permits, trailer registrations, annual docking agreements and the docking wait list. **Jay Chen** is always willing to haul the J22's with his red pickup truck in the early morning hours and help rig the fleet. **Meg Loeffler** took on the task to keep our clubhouse 'green' with the flower plantings in the window boxes and dock planters. We also have "Friends of AYC" such as **Randy Johnson** who provides boat storage, shrink wrapping, outboard engine storage and repair in the off season.

Sailing & Racing Staff

We had an outstanding staff this past summer with 9 staff, dock, and instructors-in-training. We are sad to say goodbye to **Michael Harris** as our Program Director who, with a smile and a broken foot, kept all the moving parts coordinated. The success of the sailing programs and our commitment to safety and customer service requires a well-trained team of young adults.



The sailing and racing staff for 2013

- Michael Harris - AYC Club Program Director
- John Reinhardt – Race Coach – 420's and Laser
- Eric Morrison – Opti Coach & Instructor
- Henry Young – Instructor
- McV LaPointe– Instructor.
- Mitchell Busa - Instructor
- Nicole Busa - Instructor
- Liam Boyle – Dockmaster
- Will Duffy - Instructor - In Training

AYC Race Team

This summer the AYC race team led by **John Reinhardt** as Head Race Coach and **Eric Morrison** as Opti Race Coach had another successful season representing the Club in many

competitive regattas. The team had an aggressive schedule traveling this summer:

July 3rd, MIRC at Portland YC
 July 10th MIRC at Prouts Neck YC
 July 10th Laser Clinic at UNH
 July 15th and 16th, Junior Olympics at Boothbay
 July 22nd-24th, Marblehead Junior Race Week
 August 1st and 2nd, Maine State Opti Championship - Boothbay
 August 5th and 6th, Downeast Junior Sailing Association 420 Championship Regatta – Castine, ME
 August 12th-14th, Narraganset Bay Junior Sailing Festival
 August 20th, Hugh's Shoes Regatta



The 2013 AYC Race Team

AYC Summer Events

Beyond the regular Junior Sailing classes, AYC sponsored a number of summer events including the Adult Sailing Clinics in the J-22's and destination races and picnics. The Wednesday Night Husky Sunset Cruises up the York River were a big hit. What we didn't fully appreciate were that these cruises brought out some outstanding stories of early days and dangerous youth adventures at the Club – most of which we cannot repeat!



Husky Sunset Cruises

Our July and August Opti Regatta series were filled to capacity.



August Opti Regatta



A fun day on AYC's J-22's

AYC Fleet

For the 2013 season we added one new 420 to the Race Team and continued to replace our aging JY-15's. We added a new laser rack on the lower Club float which makes it easier to launch the Lasers. We continue to rely on members in the spring and fall to help us open and close the club, haul boats and contribute to their maintenance. Not counting our kayaks, we have 34 AYC boats in our fleet!

Membership

This summer we had 116 members (flag and full) and very full Junior Sailing program with 102 sailors participating for the two sessions. We also had 17 sailors on the Race Team. We continue to see many adult members who want to take private sailing lessons and get back into sailing. The J-22's were very popular and booked regularly throughout the season.

I'm a confessed 'data junky' and thought that this analysis of the break-down of membership was interesting:

Membership Level:	No:	Total
Flag Member	30	
Members – No Sailors	55	
Members – With Sailors	31	116
Non-Member – With Sailor	26	

I was surprised to see that the number of members without junior sailors in the Junior Sailing program significantly exceeded the members with Junior Sailors. The challenge for the Club is to make sure that we balance the activities and boats offered between our Junior Sailors and the adults.

Membership Survey

Speaking of making sure that we stay in tune with the membership, **Shappy LaPointe** in her new role as Commodore Elect has led a membership survey which many of you participated in over the last month. We received a very high response rate and many insightful comments that will help the new Club Officers to make changes of what we offer in the 2014 season and beyond. Shappy will follow up with an analysis summary to the members and we will post this on our website for your review.

Financial Matters & Diamond Fund

Financially, AYC as a 501C non-profit remained strong in 2013 and the incoming proceeds from our Diamond Fund Campaign will help offset larger capital expenses. We launched our Diamond Capital Campaign for the benefit of generations to come and I am happy to report that over the last 3 years we have raised in excess of \$107,000 from 58 individual contributors. The funds will help with some of the more significant expenses in renewing the AYC fleet and facilities and increase the role of AYC in the York community. Thank you to all for your generous support.

Other Donations to AYC

Beyond the many members that have donated their time to AYC, we want to acknowledge **Chip Gaudette** who donated a very slick Race Team trailer for hauling all the Race Team gear. **Nickie Gaudette** designed the Racing Team logo seen on the trailer and they made and donated T-shirts for the Race Team. We are definitely in the 'big leagues' now!



(L to R) *Chip Gaudette, daughter Samantha, and Race Coach John Reinhardt*

The First 75 Years of AYC – Our Book!

We are dangerously close to completing a very comprehensive 75 year history of the Club. **Joey Donnelly** and I have been proofing and putting the finishing touches on the layout and we believe it should be ready by the holidays for purchase. The book is about 75 pages long in a larger 11" X 13" coffee table format with close to 300 photos – many that have not been seen in 50 years. We are using a 'publishing-on-demand' process that will allow members to log in and order a book directly from the publisher. We don't have a price per copy yet – but stay tuned!

2013 Officers & Board Members

Commodore – Doug Tuttle
Vice Commodore – Shappy LaPointe
Secretary - Henry Harding
Treasurer – Michael Whitman
Dockmaster - Bill Duffy
Chaplain - John Finley IV

Directors (in addition to the officers):

Michael Brassard, Dave Reynolds, Marshall Jarvis, and Chip Peter.

Want to see all the photos from 2013?

Check out our recently redesigned AYC Website – your 'go-to' source for applications, sailing guides and medical forms!

Go to: <http://www.aycsail.org/club-photos.html>



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