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JYC Courier

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Message from the Commodore

Hello boaters! We are entering a very special season for JYC, our silver anniversary. Yes, JYC has now been in existence for 25 years and it's time to celebrate. Many of our social events will be extra special this year to commemorate this milestone.

The mid-winter freeze has set into the area, but the planning for 2003 sailing season has begun. The first board meeting took place Tuesday Jan 14th. The club's calendar was created and is included in this newsletter. Please tear this out and post in a conspicuous spot in your house. As you will see, there is a lot planned (7 JYC Social Events), but ultimately your attendance is what makes each a success.

The calendar on our web page will contain any updates or changes. Details such as time and place will be in subsequent newsletters and on the web page.

During the board meeting it came to our surprise when Andrew announced we have over 100 junior members. The club has done a good job of setting

up events for our junior members, but with this large number we thought giving them a voice in planning junior activities was a good idea. Cate Brennan has accepted the board's nomination to be the JYC Junior Commodore. She will be a liaison between the board and our junior members. So please ask your kids to come up with ideas and bring them to the potluck dinner. Cate will collect them and we will work to make them happen.

Anne Lane will now head up the House Committee. She will maintain our JYC "store". Our goal is to limit inventory to one of each item. We will place orders a few times each year. She is a fantastic sales person, so ensure you wear your JYC items to all our functions or you might find yourself with a whole new wardrobe. I will be sporting one of the really cool looking, but warm JYC wind shirts this season. Only \$40, what a bargain! The order form can now be downloaded from our web site.

Our Winter Lecture series continued in January with weather a universal topic

to all boaters. We had a great speaker, R.J. Heim, meteorologist at NewsChannel 10. He set the bar for future speakers. He was both educational and entertaining. We had a great crowd at the library, with about 45 people attending. It was great to see so many people turn out in the middle of winter. The final lecture will be on the tides and currents of Narragansett Bay. See the article later in this newsletter.

You should have received your membership renewal form in the mail recently. Please send it in ASAP so we can get you signed up for a year of fun.

I have to go now and sweep the snow off my boat. Spring, just over a month way...

Fair Wind and Following Seas,



Potluck Dinner and Junior Sailing Lottery

On Friday March 21 the annual JYC potluck dinner will be held at the Portuguese American Club on Narragansett Avenue in Jamestown. It will start at 6pm, but set up will be going a little earlier so feel free to arrive before that and lend a hand.

This will be our first family social of the year, so please plan on attending and seeing all your JYC friends in a friendly, low

key environment. The food is diverse and outstanding.

This is a great event to bring the kids. We will have entertainment for them and plenty of open space to run around.

The second big part of the evening is the Junior Sailing Lottery Program. If you would like to get your child into this program, please go to our web site, www.jyc.org and click on downloads.

Please fill out the form and send it in as soon as possible. The form must be submitted prior to March 14, 2003. So do not delay!!

The most important question is what to bring. The answer is: something good to eat. See that was easy.

Since 1989, JYC has donated over \$4500 to local organizations



JYC Donations Appreciated

Each year JYC sponsors the famous Fools Rules Regatta. The regatta has no entry fee and the only profits come from the sale of T-shirts.

Last year sales of T-shirts generated over \$700. All of this money was donated to various organizations.

Since 1989 proceeds totaling more than \$4500 from the Fools Rules regatta has been given out to various community organizations.

This year I had the pleasure to read the Thank You notes sent to the club. The Fire Department, Library,

Friends of Jamestown Skaters, Lions Club, Visiting Nurses of Newport County, Jamestown Ambulance and Conanicut Island Land Trust, all appreciated the donations.

The many people who volunteer their time to make this event a success deserve special thanks!

JYC Store Renovations Complete

Anne Lane has been busy setting up the store for 2003. She has new items, pricing, and a new process. You can view the items on our web page, complete with description, pricing, and sizing guide.

The new items are fantastic and you will want to be wearing them for this upcoming sailing season. Don't be left out!!!

The process has been simplified. Just download the order form off the web page, write or type in your order, and mail it the club with your check. Within a couple of weeks you will be styling in your new JYC attire.

We will no longer be stocking any items, except burgees and lapel burgee pins. We are now able to offer a wider selection while keeping our costs down.

Visit the JYC Store at www.jyc.org and get your order in now, so you can be the first sporting the new fashions.

Enough thanks can't be said to our webmaster Roy Guay. His work and talent makes all this possible.

JYC Celebrates its 25th Anniversary in 2003

Late in 1977 our club was formed. By December 31, 1977, 65 people joined JYC becoming charter members. 1978 represented JYC first season, so in honor of the club's Silver anniversary season we will be celebrating this all year long.

The first thing you will notice is the surprise you receive with your 2003 membership card. So fill out the membership form and mail it back ASAP. Your membership cards will be mailed out sometime in April.

That will be only the beginning of the things celebrating our special anniversary. For all you racers, the awards this year will be silver to honor our "silver" season. Also at the Awards and Installation Banquet, our cruisers will receive a special item commemorating their participation on the Block

Island and/or week long cruise.

The best way to participate in this celebrate is to participate. We hope you will make an extra effort to attend the club's events. The board is busy planning our season events and adding special touches to make them even more memorable.

Another thing you can do is spread the word about JYC and encourage your boating friends to join.

A little JYC history.....

As you have just finished shoveling out from the recent snow storm, memories of 1978 abound. This is no different as our first members were digging out from the storm of the century and their sailing season had to seem further off than ours.

The charter dues were only \$25. If our charter members instead decided to put that \$25 into a stock

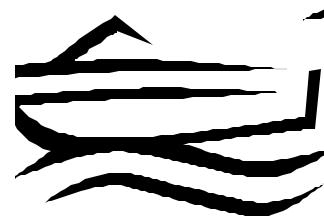
such as Intel, that investment would be worth about \$9000 today. Clearly they made a better investment in the club as its value now is "priceless".

A charter member was a person who signed up prior to midnight December 31, 1977. Today we have 7 Charter members who are still active members.

This season's commissioning on Saturday May 3rd will be our main event to celebrate the club's 25th anniversary, so mark your calendars now! More details will be published in later newsletters and on the web page.

Here is a great site all about knots. Animation shows you how each knot is tied.

http://www.tollesburysc.co.uk/Knots/Knots_gallery.htm



About JYC

The purpose of the Club is to enhance the freedom its members seek through boating. We promote boating, encourage the exchange of ideas and information among boaters, and seek to provide an atmosphere for camaraderie among people who believe that time upon the water is an essential part of a free life. To that end, it shall be the intent of the Club to use the waters and shores wisely

America's Cup 2003

By the time you read this the 2003 America's Cup will be taking place in New Zealand. All the US boats have been eliminated, but you can still watch it from the safety and comfort of your living room. The finals are between Alinghi, Challenger, and Team New Zealand, Defender.

The racing will be broadcasted live on ESPN2 at 7 pm Eastern Time.

The weather may cause a delay or two, but the racing is scheduled for Feb 15 – March 3rd. As of the printing of this newsletter Alinghi is up 3-0.



The America's Cup

Jamestown Yacht
Club

UPCOMING

WINTER LECTURE

WED MARCH 19TH
7-9 PM

POTLUCK DINNER

FRI MARCH 21ST
PAC 6 PM

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.jyc.org

Winter Lecture Series

Forty Five (45) hearty souls traveled out on this mid-winter night to hear the dynamic and entertaining R.J. Heim of Newschannel 10 Providence.

RJ did a great job explaining weather and how to interpret it. At the end of his presentation he answered all the questions the attendees could present to him.

All had a great time and RJ set the standard for future speakers.

Our third and final winter lecture of the season will take place on Wednesday

March 19th. The location is in the Jamestown Library Meeting room and starting at 7pm.

Our lecturer is Matt Ward. Matt is currently (pun intended) working on a real time program detailing the currents of Narragansett Bay.

Knowledge of currents is vital to your success as a racing skipper. Even the cruising skipper will come away with an improved knowledge of tides and currents.

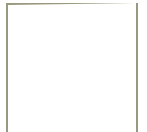
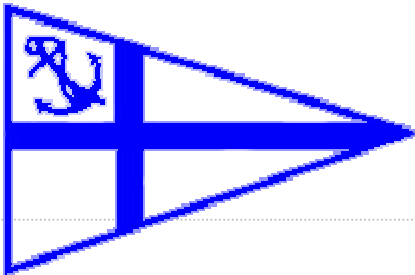
See you there!!

Gulf Stream Lecture

Jennifer Clark will be giving a lecture about the gulf stream. The target audience is for those participating in the Bermuda 1 – 2, but anyone who sail through the “stream” would find it interesting.

The lecture will be held at the Newport Yacht Club on Saturday, March 22 at 1330 and is open to JYC members.

Contact the NYC for more details: 846-9410



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