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► Annual Meeting February 20, 2008 ►

The Annual Meeting was called to order by Commodore **Bradley** at 8:25PM Wednesday February 20, 2008. The first order of business was the reading of the members who died this year followed by a moment of silence. They included **Charles W. Adams, Charles R. Cranford, John F. Driscoll, Foster M. McCafferty, John Murphy Jr. John B. Nugent, Robert L. Sheppard, Jr., James A. Simms, and John D. Sullivan, Jr.**

Secretary **Economides** reported on the general condition of the membership. Currently there are 432 members with roll numbers in the various categories. Of members with roll numbers, 41% have boats totaling 207 boats, 63% of the membership lives in Winthrop, 30% in the rest of Massachusetts, and 7% out of state. There are 123 who participate in bowling, 10 pool players, 20 dart players, 12 book club members, and 30 adult sailors. The average age of members is 54.

The Audit Committee, **Dave Aloise**, chairman reported that they did two audits this year with no major discrepancies. The Finance Committee announced important initiatives for the up coming year. An integrated financial accounting system will be put into place allowing improved use of credit cards and recordkeeping. Treasurer **Don Kearney** announced that all paper chits will be gone by May 1, and will no longer be accepted. Instead members will have a club debit card to use that will be tied into the cash registers. **Don**



New Officers
L to R.: Larry Floyd, Lou Todisco, and Ellen Reilly

then reviewed the financial statement. Capital Improvements outlined their projects for 2008. The first project will be to finish the Pilothouse kitchen. The entrance lobby is to be rehabilitated next. Over the summer the driveway and parking lot will be temporarily seal coated with the handicapped parking area paved until a complete grading and paving can be accomplished.



L. to R. Tom Stundza, Secretary; Don Kearney, Treasurer; Larry Floyd, Rear Commodore; Commodore Lou Todisco, Vice Commodore, Ellen Reilly; BOD, Chuck Newman and Bob Baum (missing from picture.)

If possible the outside function bar will be addressed.

The Marina Committee has no major issues to address in the marina this year providing the winter is kind to the Marina. They do plan to address the "laser" floats.

By Laws

1. The motion to waive the Initiation Fee until 2009 was passed.
2. The following was added to Article III, Section 3, C: After October 1st for the remainder of the dues year, the annual assessment will be prorated from the first of the month joining to the number of months remaining in the dues year, plus one hundred percent of all voted special assessments and applicable user fees. The date of membership is considered to be the date a member is voted upon by the Board of Directors. After discussion and clarification this by-law passed.
3. The following represented a change to Article VI, Sec. 1: New members joining after September 1 will purchase \$50 worth of chits. Passed.
4. The members voted to change Article VI, Sec 1 to: There shall be an Annual Meeting on the fourth Wednesday of February of each year...
5. After considerable discussion the members voted to change to Article IV, Sec 1 as follows: There shall be a Board of Directors composed of the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Treasurer, Secretary and five other members.... The Nominating Committee was thanked for their efforts and their proposed slate of officers, directors and Audit committee were elected: Commodore **Lou Todisco**; Vice Commodore **Ellen Reilly**, Rear Commodore **Larry** (Continued Next Page)

Annual Meeting Continued

Floyd; Secretary Tom Stundza; Treasurer Don Kearney; Board of Directors, Bob Baum and Chuck Newman; Audit Committee; Dave Aloise, Bob Smith, and Dave Winkler.

The officers awards were announced and will be presented at the Commodore's Ball in June.



Rear Commodore's award **Denise** and **John Economides**.



Vice Commodore's award **Mary Ruder**.

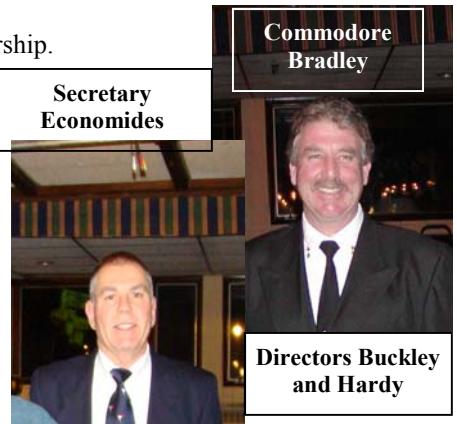


Commodores award **Dave Aloise**

Richard Honan was elected to Life Membership.



Secretary
Economides



Commodore Todisco thanked the outgoing officers and Board of Directors members and presented them with framed flags; Commodore Bradley, Secretary Economides, Directors Hardy and Buckley.

Newly elected Commodore Todisco outlined his goals for the next year. (See below)

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM.

Many thanks to the kitchen crew for the delicious meat loaf dinner.

COMMODORE TODISCO'S PLEDGE

Fellow Cottage Park Yacht Club members, it is an honor and privilege to be selected by you as your fifty-fourth Commodore of a Club, rich in nautical history and community accomplishments. During the Club's 105 years, we have been selected on several occasions as Yacht Club of the Year, with that honor most recently bestowed to us in 2005. In those years there have been many World Class Regattas held at the Club, showcasing all sailing designs and classes with many individual members rewarded for their sailing knowledge and expertise with trophies, plaques and citations and are proudly displayed throughout the Club.

I'm looking forward to working with the new Board of Directors, the Committees and especially you the members for without your commitment to the well being of the Club we would not have been as successful over the years as we have been. I'm committed in continuing with the fine work established by the BOD, and past Commodore Larry Bradley. In the coming year, I plan to work with the new BOD and membership in addressing the following issues that I believe are important to the continued success of the Club: MEMBERSHIP LEVELS, DREDGING CONCERNS, COMMUNICATION, and FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY.

First and foremost, as you may or may not know, the Club has not been in full membership status for several years. This past year, a Membership Drive Committee was established to look at ways of increasing membership. This committee ran a very successful Open House in April showcasing all aspects of the Club to potential new members.

They are planning to have another event in March and challenge all members to bring at least one new potential member to the event. The BOD has again approved the Member Referral Program that rewards members who refer and have approved a new member.

Secondly, a topic of concern to many boaters is the issue of low water and the inability to maneuver and dock, in and around the marina. In the past years, the dredging task has been discussed and several members have been involved in addressing the problem. I plan to formulate the steps necessary to ensure the people and resources are available to us, so that a course of action can be successfully undertaken and dredging comes to fruition.

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Commodore's Pledge Continued

Thirdly, communication is an area all organizations continually try to improve upon. I plan to have scheduled meetings with all committee chairs as one group to ensure they are all aware of what the other committees are doing so that resources, skills and manpower can be maximized to achieve each committee's goals. The Club will also look at exploring all media forms for dissemination of information to improve and increase the timeliness to the membership.

Finally, we need to continually look at ways in improving fiscal responsibility. If you go back in Club history, you will see the same financial issues affecting us now were also affecting our Founding Fathers. Working with the Finance Committee, the Club Manager, appropriate Committees, and the Board of Directors, I will look at areas to reduce costs without sacrificing the integrity, comforts and ambience of the Club and its members.

As you can see, it will be a very busy year for the Club. I look forward to the challenges and with the help of you, the membership, all things are possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Commodore Lou Todisco

Meet the New Members

Welcome to new members **Garrick (Gary)** and **Sheilah Gauch**, and their two children **Abigail** and **Ian**. They live in Melrose and have a the 27' sailboat "Blue Heaven". Both **Gary** and **Sheilah** were nationally ranked competitive swimmers.

Peter Jacob-Dolan and his wife **Eliza** live in Arlington with their 4 children, **Josephine, Catherine, Jerrmiah, and Xavier**. Peter is a teacher who enjoys sailing his 45' sailboat "Ohana".



Bowling Leagues Make Contributions

Thanks to the Men's Bowling League, spearheaded by **Dan Sheppard, Dave O'Brien and Joe Grasso** the Pilot House is sporting beautiful bar stools. ▲ Sitting at the bar is now comfortable. One can no longer blame the stools if one feels a bit wobbly.

Ladies bowling also needs to be acknowledged and thanked for its generous contribution to the new pin-setters.

January 27th North Easter At Minot's Light

This picture was taken during the January 27th Northeaster of Minot's Light by Quincy Patriot Ledger photographer **Greg Dorr** and has been circulated on the internet. It is a remarkable shot and must have been quite a wave keeping in mind that the light house stands 114' tall.





St. Pats Day Party

**With the
McTaggert's**

**Saturday, March 8th
Traditional Irish Boiled Dinner
or CPYC Haddock
\$25.00 per person
RSVP by March 3 with payment**



Super Bowl Party Patriots verses Giants



The Super Bowl Party Committee developed a terrific game plan for the event. Food from a full array of appetizers, through a tender prime rib beef dinner, to down home pies fed all who attended to the bursting point. The game was projected onto a large screen so watchers could eat while watching.

**Larry
Bradley's**
name was
drawn win-
ning the big
screen TV.

It was a great
party. How-
ever we just
can not talk
about the
outcome of
the game.



Dinner and the
game on the
big screen in
the ballroom.
The cooks also
got to eat.
►

Kitchen crew readies the beef ▲

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Pilot House Kitchen Progress



Foam insulation has been sprayed in kitchen exterior walls. Here the foam walls have been smoothed. Next step is the wall board.



**Children's
Easter Egg Hunt**

Saturday

March 22, 2008

10am -12 noon

\$3.00 per person

**One person
free with baked goods**

**Toddler Patch for under
2 years**

RSVP by Monday March 17th



◀Foam was also sprayed n
the basement ceiling
beneath the kitchen. Here
the foam has not been
smoothed.
The new kitchen drains in
the basement and the
foamed ceiling are pictured
above.

Training for the Snow Row with R. Honan

February 9—Training Day. Headed out with Rugs for a little on water training in preparation for the Hull Snow Row Race coming up on March 1st. When we started out the weather was sunny, light Southeasterly breezes and temperatures in the lower thirties. We had to scoop out a little bit of snow out of the boat, that had accumulated in the "William & Anthony" over the past couple of days. ▼ We shoved off a little after noon and headed easterly towards the Winthrop Yacht Club. We generally hug the shore in case trouble arises so that we don't have to swim far. We toured all the way to the town landing and Coughlin Park returning to CPYC to start some speed trials along Johnson Ave to the foot of Loring Road. One mile, seventeen minutes! That was slow. The winning boat in the Snow Row will cover

the race in thirty three minutes, for an average of less than nine minutes a mile. We covered the mile back to the CPYC in a faster clip at fifteen minutes against an East wind, but with an outgoing tide pushing us along. We had rowed almost five miles throughout the afternoon and had not come across another person in a boat. Training will continue as weather permits. R. Honan



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Calling All CPYC Members

Join us for a

Membership Drive Open House

Sunday March 30, 2007
2:00-4:00 PM

Help us introduce the club to
Prospective Members

Members needed to showcase

Youth & Adult Sailing Programs

Social Activities Book Club

Friday Night Family Dinners

Fishing Darts Pool

Ladies & Men's Bowling Leagues

Regatta Committee

Frostbite Sailing Club

Marine Facilities Committee



Members of CPYC Family Honored

January 25th was the Winthrop Chamber of Commerce Awards Night during which five members of the CPYC family received community awards in several categories. Congratulations to all of the recipients on their achievement.

This kind of well deserved recognition from the chamber certainly reflects well on our membership and demonstrates their commitment to community, leadership and volunteerism. The award winners were:

Youth Leadership
Casey Holden
Sarah Ford

Town Service
Dick Dimes

Excellence in the Arts
Pam Racicot

Patriot Award
Richard Honan





Youth Sailing Holds Valentine Dance

Article by Mary Rudser Pictures by Ellen Reilly and Mary Rudser



Youth Sailing held a very successful Valentine Dance on Sat Feb 9th. Energetically spinning the tunes and tossing out stuffed animals, flip-flops, and goodie bags from 7-10pm were DJ's **Casey Holden** and **Bobby Dolan**. ▼



The ballroom was rocking all night long! The crowd of almost 100 young dancers was fueled by the Sweets Table donated by YS parents. ▲



◀ Adding to the excitement was a special guest appearance by **MoJo** who graciously signed numerous autographs before returning to his gig in the Pilot House! The young dancers were excited about **MoJo**'s guest appearance and treated him like a rock star. ▼



The **Ford** family generously donated an I-Tunes card that was raffled off along with a few other prizes provided by the YS Program. Use of the sound system for the event was graciously donated by **John Wadkins**. Thank you to all the parents and friends of Youth Sailing for chaperoning and spending some quality time together.



Stay tuned for our next event!



Italian Night Highlights



On Saturday Feb 16th, CPYC was transferred into an welcoming Italian Bistro. Ceramic chefs ushered party goers in to find their table. It helped to know a bit of Italian as the table numbers were all in Italian. The smells emanating from the kitchen wetted the appetite which was not to be disappointed.



Chairman **Joe Grasso** had enough energy left from all the food preparation to dance with his wife **Sophie**. Of course **Joe** had tremendous help from his kitchen crew and waiters.

The D.J. got everyone up dancing and waving their white napkins to traditional Italian songs, as well as old favorites. All who attended seemed to have a wonderful time.





2nd Annual Triathlon April 6th Calling all CPYC Members

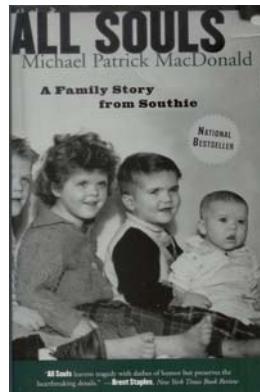
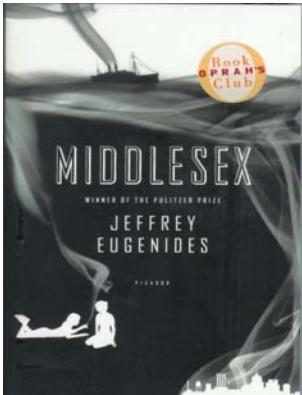
The Second Annual CPYC Indoor Triathlon is just around the corner. Scheduled to take place on Sunday April 6th 2008 we will start at 12:00PM sharp. Why not join in on the fun and try you hand at Bowling, Darts and Pool. No prior experience is necessary. You see, we choose teams at random in pairs of two. What we do is select teams at random and then place the teams on a playoff style bracket. Each team will have and chance to play other teams in the 3 sports. The playoff is a double elimination style meaning if you keep winning you could go all the way to the end. Lose once and your still in the hunt and could still win the tournament. Lose twice and you are eliminated for the competition. We will have food, prizes, a 50/50 raffle and lots of fun for everyone joining in. The cost is only \$5.00. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Pilot house. All entrants must pay in advance for planning purposes. If for some reason you are unable to play, the money will be refunded. Why not come down the club Sunday April 6th and try something different. I'm sure there will be lots of fun and laughs.

Thank you
Dave Winkler

Upcoming Book Club Selections

On March 29th, the book club will discuss "All Souls" by Michael Patrick MacDonald. A nonfiction family story, this books is a powerful memoir of Irish Catholic life in South Boston.

The selection for April 29th is "Middlesex" by Jeffrey Eugenides. This book tells the story of three generations of Greek-Americans, starting from a tiny village near Mt. Olympus and moving to Detroit during the Prohibition era. The book's background spans Detroit's golden days and 1967 race riots.



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THE EAR HEARS

Our sincere sympathy to the Gervasi and Baxter families on the January passing of their mother, **Janet Baxter**.

Our deepest condolences to family and friends of **Charlie Adams**. Charlie and his sense of humor will be remembered and missed.

We send sympathy to **Debbie Nichols** on the passing of her mother, **Carmella DiRienzo**.

Congratulations to **Jeff and Melinda** on the birth of their twin daughters **Sarah Mae** and **Erin Margaret**.

We send condolences to **Susie Van Pelt** on the passing of her mother **Helen Van Pelt**.

Congratulations to **Myrna and John MacRae** on the birth of their new daughter, **Scarlett**.

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Congratulations to **Bob and Libby Dowling** on their 40th anniversary.

Congratulations to **Jennifer and Rob Veno** on their recent marriage.

Condolences to **Frank Buckley** and his family on the passing of his mother, **Marie Buckley**.

We understand that **Tomas Hornos** spent his January break time honing his sailing skills at the Rolex Miami ORC with internationally known sailors who are training for the next Olympics. He even managed to win 2 light air races in the silver division.

Reminders From the BOD

The Membership Drive Initiative and Member Referral and Award Program are still in effect and will remain so into 2008. Details of the program are posted in the front hall of the club.



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Wooden Boat Building Seminar at CPYC

Many thanks to **Richard Honan** and his brother **Steven**, for the wooden boat building seminar that he presented at CPYC on Sunday February 24th. Over 35 attended this interesting and instructional program, many who have either built wooden boats, are building them currently, are planning on building them, or just love them. **Richard** has built nine wooden boats and has five more in the planning stage. An avid enthusiast of wooden boat building, he has led seminars at the Peabody Essex Museum. Wooden boat building is truly a family affair involving brothers, children, in-laws and grandchildren. **Richard** likes to build boats where "there is a beginning and an end." To him, "The journey of the process is in the building the boats, not in the using of them." **Richard** prefers to use newer construction techniques and materials.

The seminar covered types of methods for wooden boat building, tools needed, space needed, where to find materials and information, and shared experiences. **Lou Guarino** shared practical and humorous experiences building the kit boat he is currently about to complete.



▼Three of the Honan wooden boats were on display▼



Steve Honan is helping demonstrate one of the techniques for preparing planking for installation.

REMINDER

Charges for unscheduled bowling are now
\$15 per lane.

Children under 18 need to be accompanied
by an adequate number of adults.

Gave wind! 2008

Youth Sailing Fundraiser

The Cottage Park Youth Sailing program is looking for businesses, friends, and families to help with our "2008 Gave Wind!" T-shirt Fundraiser.

Please consider having your business logo or name printed on the shirts that will be worn by the sailors, instructors and generous friends of our program.

It's a great way to advertise and show your support of the program.

Our sailors are always proud to wear their "Wind" shirts to area regattas as well as daily lessons.

These shirts will be seen on land and sea!

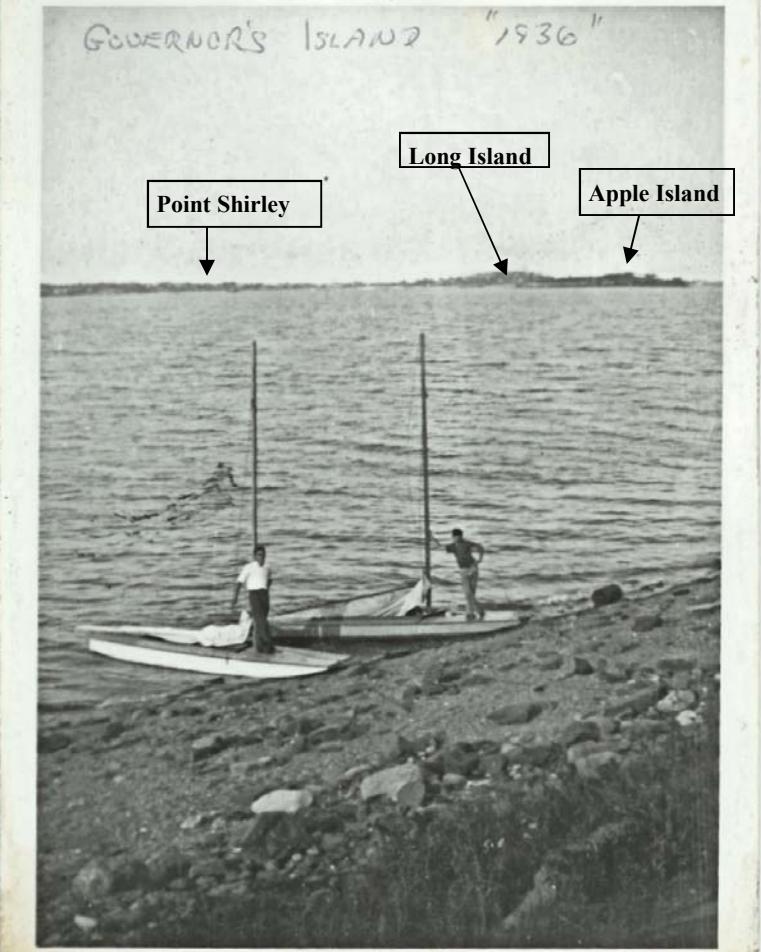
They will become the envy of hundreds, thousands, maybe millions of fashion crazed fans!

Do not "miss the boat" on this fundraiser!

Our deadline is May 15, 2008 so that we may have the shirts printed and ready to wear for the 2008 sailing season.

SUPPORT LEVELS

N-10 Level	\$25	One line of no more than 36 characters, including spaces and punctuation
420 Level	\$50	Business logo 1.5" x 2"
Rhodes Level	\$100	Business logo 2.5" x 4"
Star Level	\$200	Business Logo 3.5" x 6"



A Bit of History Thanks to Norm Siefert

This picture was taken in 1936 from Governors' Island which is now a part of Logan Airport. **Norm Siefert**, at 16 yrs old, and **Bob Rizzo** were standing on their 15 foot scows designed by **Norm's** father. Being a light boat with no jib, but a lot of main sail area, these scows were very fast in light air but difficult to handle in heavy air.

The picture looks toward Apple Island which is also now a part of Logan Airport. One can only imagine what it must have been boating from CPYC in the 30's.

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IN THE WIND

MARCH	
Mar 8	St. Pat's Party
Mar 2	Youth Sailing Registration
Mar 30 Membership Drive Open House	
Mar 22	Easter Egg Hunt
Mar 28	Friday Night Dinner
Mar 25	Book Club
Mar 30	Membership Drive Open House
APRIL	
Apr 6	Indoor Triathlon
Apr 12	Trivia Night / Pilot House
Apr 19 & 20	Spring Marina Weekend
Apr 26	Spring Sock Hop
Apr 29	Book Club
Apr 30	Ladies' Roll-Off
MAY	
May 3	Men's Bowling Banquet
May 7	Ladies' Bowling Banquet
May 11	Mother's Day Breakfast
JUNE	
June 7	Commodore's Ball
June 23	Youth Sailing Opening Day
June 28	Blessing of the Fleet
JULY	
July 11-13	Rhodes 19 Regatta
AUG	
Aug 2 & 3	Make A Wish Regatta
Aug 23 & 24	Star Masters Regatta

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