



GBSA Bow Line

Newsletter of the Greenwich Bay Sailing Association

October 2008

Upcoming Events

EGYC Frostbite Series
Saturdays at 11 a.m.

November Onne van der Wal Gallery Night at Crestar
November 13

December Board meeting
December 11

End-of-year tax-deductible donations:
by December 31

Pasta Night or Pot Luck TBA
Volunteers, cooks, and organizers needed

As the temperature drops, the days get shorter, and the colors turn from lush green to brilliant orange and red, I've been reflecting on this past GBSA season as well as the many seasons that I've been a part of - as a young sailor and as a parent and president of GBSA.

It's been a long time. Sailing and the water mean more to me than just racing awards. Next year will be my 40th anniversary of being a part of junior sailing at EGYC. I started classes in 1969. I still remember all my friends from back then and am grateful for the new ones I have made along the way. Back then, we learned to sail with Dyer Dows, International 420s, and a 17' Boston Whaler. The elements required for a great summer were simply wind, water, waves, and a kid and his boat.

Memories. I love the smell of a 2-stroke outboard when it first starts on a calm day and the oil is mixed a little too rich. I love the salt how it crusts under my eyes on a really wet sailing day. I miss those mornings when we met at 7a.m. to get on a big boat to go racing. The dew on the deck and on the sail cover as we motored out. Adults would take me even though I knew so little about sailing. Other favorite memories of sailing...the sunset while sailing back from Newport, early mornings going out to Cuttyhunk, and sleeping on boats at Block Island Race week (because that's what you did).

Wednesday nights at EGYC. Yacht club racing was more important then. It was held in higher esteem than going away to any regatta unless it was a national event. Wednesday night racing was the highlight of the summer. Everyone was involved and excited about it. You could watch the racing from the docks, and every week the deck was crowded with big boat and dinghy crews telling their post-race fish stories. It would be great to get the juniors back out on Wednesday nights.

Why we do this. I guess for us old sailors and non-sailors alike, the reason we get involved in GBSA is to give our kids the opportunity to develop a love for the sport, build all the skills that you get from learning how to sail (discipline, perseverance, and sportsmanship to name a few) and to create their own lasting friendships and memories.

Thank you. It is a pleasure and a privilege to be a part of GBSA. I salute everyone who shares the commitment to the program and to these kids. A lot got done this year thanks to the board and everyone who stepped up to lend a hand. The success of today's GBSA stands on the shoulders of the many dedicated volunteers who have worked since the sixties to get us to this point. And, the future of the program is bright because of what you are all doing now. "Thank you" seems inadequate to express the depth of my gratitude to you and to East Greenwich Yacht Club for your shared commitment to this program and our kids. No yacht club on the bay is as dedicated as EGYC.

See you soon. I miss summer, but I hear that another one is coming soon. Let's not wait until then to stay in touch. There is a lot going on during the off-season. Board meetings, events, get-togethers, frostbiting, and e-mail will keep us going until we can get out on the water again. Happy holidays to all and a prosperous New Year to GBSA.

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The 2008 GBSA Season has officially come to a close, but the season never really ends. Great memories of the summer gone by and the anticipation of more great sailing to come carry most people through the colder months. For some, the sailing continues through the fall, winter, and spring by way of various frostbiting programs around the bay and school sailing programs.

The 2008 Awards Night welcomed more than 300 sailors, families, friends, and alumni in a celebration for the entire GBSA community. Here are some photo highlights from the season and Awards Night results. Find more season results from around the bay at www.nbya.org.



Left: 420 Team McCann McClatchy coming in for a strong finish at the 2008 Mary Rose Marshall Regatta held at GBSA. **Right:** Nory Mongeon, Mia Cooper, Becky Swaszek, and Oksana Goretaya out in front at the 2008 NBYA Team Racing Championships. Not pictured: Ryan Whelan and Michaela Reynolds completed the victorious GBSA team.



Most improved Beginner

Porter, Bradley
Harrington,
Alex Roberti, Isabelle
Ballsoma, David
Hesthaven

Most Improved Intermediate

Hadley Ruhling, Chris
Pearson, Ross Smith,
Marisa Light, Jackie
Roberti, Kyle Riggs

Swamp Rat Awards

Ethan Mattos, Lauren
Swanson, Chris Audretsch,
Angelica Iannone, Aleksus
Jagminas, Chace Coutu,
Ben Manning, Brendan
Lotta

Turtle

Ivan Goretaya, Jackie
Wagner

Motor Mouth

Julia Stevens, Will Porter,
Emily Swanson, Daniel
Locke,
Mitch Reynolds, Mary
August Olson

Smile Award

Mike Walsh, Hannah
Leach, Gwen Luvara, Will
Downy,
Sophia Mongeon, Julia
Elson, Mia Cooper

McGuire Award

Mykahla Reynolds

Seamanship Award

Geoff Grumbach, Pheobe
Burton, Dylan Rosser,
Lauren Smith, Erin Mullins,
Nory Mongeon

No Knot

Andre Boisvert

Broken Boat

Grace Adam

Sportsman of the Week

Caroline Grace, Ryan
Whelan, Sarah Pearson,
Katie MacDonald, AJ
Argemma, Daniel Medici,
Connor D'Albora, Chris
Pearson

GBSA awards and pics continued...

On the Edge
Caroline Decesare

Green Fleet MIP
Jake Ruhling

The "Click" Award
Chris Shakespeare

Best Crew Award
Julie Goretaya

Most Improved Sailors of the Year
Haley Mullins, Becky Swaszek

Sailor of the Year
Brad Adam

Instructors Award
Matt Coughlin

Hagglund Award
Dan Medici

CJ Buckley Courage Award
Ryan Whelan

Instructor of the Year
Olga Goretoy

Coach of the Year
Scott Johnson



Coach Tyler Baeder presents flowers to Lucy Buckley.



Congratulations to Sailor of the Year Bradley Adam.



GBSA is a lot of fun. See all the smiles!

www.gbsa.info

for your GBSA News and Information

GBSA's Web site provides great news and information to the GBSA community – thanks to GBSA supporters Chris and Tracey Pearson and the dedicated staff at ABC Leads.

Visit often to find what's new and important posted on the Web site. Make sure that you are registered with a current e-mail address for e-blast announcements and reminders when necessary.

There's also a **discussion board** for questions and conversations bringing to the community together to support the program and our young sailors.

Right now you can see how GBSA sailors performed around Narragansett Bay at www.nbya.org/junior_sailing/2008JrArchive.htm

Onne van der Wal Gallery Event

November 13, 2008 at 5 p.m.

Onne van der Wal has been a generous supporter of GBSA for several years by donating prints to our **May Breakfasts** and our **Kids Should Be Sailing Auction**.

The GBSA Board of Directors would like to ask you all to show your appreciation by attending his **Gallery Show on November 13**.

Location:

Crestar Manufacturing
51 Liberty Street
East Greenwich, RI
(behind Centerville Bank off Main Street)
For information call 885-0300

Partial proceeds will benefit
Big Sisters of Rhode Island
Please donate your gently worn items and/or household items.

Get your holiday cards and gifts now!

gbsa.fototime.com

Got to gbsa.fototime.com. You'll be asked for an e-mail address.

Type in **bporter@teamshadowfax.com**. At this site you may browse photos of GBSA sailors and GBSA events in the 2008 season. Order photos and other gift items.

All photos are copyrighted but their use is donated to GBSA for the purpose of raising funds for GBSA. If you would like to use an electronic copy of an image, please contact B.J. Porter at bporter@teamshadowfax.com.

All proceeds of photo sales will benefit of the Greenwich Bay Sailing Association.



Message from the Director

2008 was a fantastic summer here at GBSA. Our students were able to get two months of great sailing on Greenwich Bay. Even when the weather didn't cooperate, we were still able to have lots of fun and learn more about the sport we love.

On the race course, the GBSA racing teams left their mark. Our three teams (Opti, Laser and 420) were very strong, placing high if not winning several NBYA events. To close the year GBSA dominated Bay team racing winning both NBYA team racing events (420s and Optis).

This being my first year at GBSA, I was extremely happy with what we were able to provide for all our students. Our staff of instructors and coaches did an excellent job, providing a safe environment which our sailors were able to learn and thrive in.

I want to thank everyone who made this summer at GBSA a success. Parents, family, friends, volunteers - you all were an incredible help. GBSA could not be the program it is with out all our supporters and volunteers.

I hope everyone had a great season, and I wish you the best on this school year and we look forward to seeing everyone back next summer.

Best,
Joey Mello
 GBSA Program Director



Sharing Success Stories

There are so many amazing stories about GBSA sailors around the bay, the country, and even the world! We would like to include them both on the GBSA web site and in the Bow Line newsletters.

If you know of a great success story in the areas of race results, sportsmanship, fun times, or other area of interest, please let GBSA know!

If you want to submit a story, just sent the information including dates, places, results, and photos to info@gsa.info.

We'll share it with the community via the web site and/or Bow Line.

Your GBSA

In the early 1960s, a sailing school was organized by the East Greenwich Yacht Club and it has been an integral part of the Yacht Club's activities ever since. More than 20 years ago, five members of the Yacht Club decided to move the Jr Sailing Program into a new direction, one that would mean better equipment and better opportunities to teach our youth the joys of sailing.

The Greenwich Bay Sailing Association (GBSA) became a tax exempt educational corporation so as to obtain donated sailing equipment to reduce the fees necessary of running the school. The program started off with two crash boats, three Blue Jays, two Howmars, ten Dyer Dows, and "miscellaneous spare parts and tools."

Since then the program has experienced tremendous growth. This past summer, more than 155 children participated in GBSA at the *Carter J Buckley Sailing Center*. Many of those students learned the basics of seamanship in our brand new Hunter 140s. Each coach was with their students day-in and day-out in reliable and safe crash boats. Our staff is by far the best on Narragansett Bay. Even our website, www.gbsa.info, is top-notch. Every new boat we purchased this year, we were able to do so – debt free – from the proceeds of our **Kids Should Be Sailing Auction**. The community came together in a time when we needed you to and we are very grateful.

GBSA works because of the parents, volunteers, staff, and supporters who find the time in their very demanding schedules and many other responsibilities to contribute their talents and passion to make great things happen.

This is your GBSA. Everyone with an interest and desire to contribute is welcome to participate. Come to a board meeting and share your ideas, help out at a regatta, take some GBSA kids sailing on your boat, look around your basement for any equipment you just don't use anymore. If you take a look at the smiles on the faces of our students here, you will immediately know your time spent giving to GBSA will come back tenfold.

I am a product of the East Greenwich Yacht Club's Junior Sailing Program – as are my children. There truly is no better youth sailing program in Rhode Island, and I could not be any more proud to have been involved in this program. From every board member to employee to supporter, it has been a privilege to meet and work with you on helping our young sailors. Whether you have children in the program or not, please consider donating some time for these kids. They are the future.

Tracey Boyajian
Vice President





The Courageous Award: C.J. Buckley Spirit of Sailing

is presented each year to the GBSA sailor who best exemplifies the vibrant spirit of C.J. Buckley, an enthusiastic, dedicated sailor whose love of sailing and positive attitude inspired everyone around him. C.J. passed away in 2002 at 17 after battling brain cancer for more than a year. His memory lives on as his courage and determination continue to inspire those who knew him and everyone who learns about his amazing life.

This year's winner Ryan Whelan is pictured with C.J.'s parents Lucy and Carter Buckley (right) and Moses Brown sailing coach Leo Constantino (left). Past winners are: Josh Blasbalg (2004), Tricia Sellon (2005), Paige McClatchy (2006), and Mia Cooper (2007).

FROSTBITING RETURNS IN 2009!

The East Greenwich Yacht Club is proud to announce the return of sailboat racing to the chilly months in the West Bay. *GONE* are the days where you have to drive over the bridges to get decent cold weather competition...we will have it here! Racing will be open to the Laser (any rig), Opti, and the Sunfish classes.

Racing will take place on Saturdays starting **October 25 at 11a --- SHARP!**

The *Frozen Bowl Regatta* will take place on January 1, 2009.

Entry forms and waivers are available online at www.egyc.com. Registration for the season is \$40 and \$10 per race day if you want to pay as you go. Storage for the season is \$20.

For more information, e-mail vm354@cox.net.



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GBSA Board

The new GBSA board will take office in January.

President

B.J. Porter

Vice President

Kevin Coughlin

Secretary

Debbie McClatchy

Treasurer

Dave MacMillan

Registrar

Maggie Elson

Directors:

Dave Wehr
Delyse Shakespeare
Bill Mullins
Patti Whelan

Calendar

This is a partial listing.

Check www.gsba.info for the most complete information and dates.

October, November, December, January 1

EGYC Frostbite series Saturdays at 11a

November

13

Onne van der Wal Gallery night at Crestar

Call 885-0300 for information

December

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Board Meeting

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Last day for year-end tax-deductible donations

January

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"Frozen Bowl" Frostbite Regatta

February 2009

Summer registration begins

End of the Year Donations

GBSA always needs your support.

Financial donations of any size are needed. In-kind contributions of boats, engines, and equipment are also extremely valuable.

GBSA is a 501c.3 nonprofit organization. Your end of the year donation of any size is fully tax-deductible.

Mail checks to GBSA at P.O. Box 267, East Greenwich, RI 02818.

If you have equipment or other in-kind donations, or you'd like to volunteer, e-mail info@gsba.info or Tom D'Albora at tom@teamcoconut.us.

WANTED: Bow Line Editor

GBSA is looking for a new Bow Line editor in 2009. If you are interested please e-mail info@gsba.info.