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From the Bridge: *A message from the President*

In 2008, our second season of operation, we greatly expanded our operation. We taught 48 beginners, 29 returning intermediates, 7 adults and offered open sailing to our members. We expanded our fleet to include 16 Opti's, 5 Capri 14's, a Hobie 17, 2 inflatables and a 17' Carolina Skiff as coach boats. We also added a new two part, 20'x30' float. Belly Biology was offered to both beginners and intermediate students, and we added shellfishing instruction to the beginners program. We sent 4 of our graduating intermediates to the Buzzards Sailing School's racing program on 2 week scholarships.

All in all, I think year two exceeded year one, and in year one we were given the award as the Outstanding New Community Sailing Program in the nation. We hope



year three will continue this progression. This summer we will offer the same programs as last summer and will add a new class, **Adventures in Sailing**, for returning 3rd year students. This program will further hone their skills and knowledge, and expose them

to a variety of boat types and sailing experiences. We also plan on implementing the beginnings of our handicapped sailing program. We also will host a couple of marine related seminars this winter which will be informative and keep interest up during the cold winter months.

Our success is the result of the generous contributions of our donors, the hard work of many volunteers, David O'Hara's hard work on fleet upgrade, Jen Kano's brilliant leadership as Executive Director, and the outstanding staff of instructors: Maddie Smith, Dan Montt, and Chris Montt. Hats off to the whole "Community" for supporting Bourne Community Boating. I look forward to working with you all - new and old - this next year!

Ken Legg, President

From the Crow's Nest: *BCB's 2009 Sailing Program*

The BCB is preparing for next year's boating program. Although still in the planning stage, this is what we are working toward:

- The beginner and intermediate programs will remain the same with minor adjustments.
- **Adventures in Sailing** for qualified graduates of the intermediate program.
- Add a coastal geology and ecology class to the level II Belly Biology.
- Continue with the adult learn to sail program.
- Promote the open sailing sessions.
- Further develop the **Bourne to Sail** program for sailors with disabilities.



Beginner Opti program is for year-round Bourne residents entering 4th, 5th and 6th grades. They will learn to row, sail, tie knots, apply the rules of the road, and do some basic chart reading. Belly Biology program will be offered one day per week. Session length: 4 weeks, 5 mornings per week. 2 sessions. Class size: 24. Boats: 15 Optimist Prams. This program will remain tuition free for Bourne year-round residents.

Intermediate Opti program is for qualified graduates of the beginner program and for those that can demonstrate an equivalent level of sailing skill. This class will build on the beginner foundation skills in all areas: rowing and boat handling, sailing skills, navigation and rules of the road. It also will introduce basic racing, and provide some experience in other types of sailboats. Belly Biology level II will be offered one day per week. Session length: 4 weeks, 5 afternoons per week. 2 sessions. Class size: 15. Boats: 15 Optimist Prams.

Adventures in Sailing This program is for students returning for a third year and others with strong basic sailing skills. Students will learn sloop sailing skills in Capris, have the opportunity to try sailing a wide variety of small boats, have more exposure to racing, and learn seamanship skills. Big boat sailing will be part of the program and will include an overnight cruise.. Session length: 4 weeks, 3 afternoons per week. 2 sessions. Class size: 15.

Belly Biology We are pleased to be able to continue our partnership with the Briarwood Marine Science Center. Level I, for beginners, offer children the opportunity to set up and populate a saltwater aquarium and touch tank. Samples are collected and plankton studied under a microscope, Students will dissect a shark. Bourne DNR will teach shellfishing. Level II will be offered to the intermediate program and will include field experimentation and snorkeling as a means to observe and gather samples. In addition, students will participate in a one class seminar on coastal geology and ecology.



Adult Learn to Sail program is for adults and teens. This program will offer sailing instruction in Capris, a four-person boat with main and jib. Weekly instruction will consist of one evening shore-side class and Saturday morning instruction on the water. *"I never thought I would like sailing, but I love sailing now and I made a lot of great friends," Samantha Para.* Session length: 4 weeks. 2 sessions. Class size: 9, Boats: 4. *This program is open to all Bourne residents, year-round and seasonal.*



BCB OPEN SAILING--- THE BEST DEAL IN TOWN. This year we instituted an open sailing program for our members. Open sailing was held on Thursday evenings from 5:00-8:00 and Saturday afternoons from 1:00-5:00.

Open Sailing is just what it says - qualified members can take a boat out sailing on their own during the times open sailing is offered.

This summer, members could use Opti's, Capris, and the Hobie 17. Members can qualify by attending a course (Intermediate Sailing, Adult Sailing, etc.) or by passing a test that includes rigging, sailing skills, and a swim check. As our fleet expands, so will the offerings for

open sailing. This means that for an individual the \$50 membership fee or \$75 for a family membership provides 8 weeks of sailing- a huge bargain!! *Membership is open to both full-time and seasonal residents of Bourne.*

So, please plan on taking advantage of this program during the summer of 2009.

BCB will introduce the **Bourne to Sail** program for those with disabilities. While we have accepted challenged sailors in our first two years, this year we plan to offer clinics to introduce those with disabilities to the program. Types of clinics offered will depend on available facilities, suitable boats and the availability of experienced care givers. Clinics/experiences being considered include: sailing, rowing, kayaking, big boat sailing, and belly biology. Please volunteer your skills.

Fleet expansion In support of our growing programs, we will be seeking to acquire several Lasers, Sunfish, and 1-2 Sonars for the **Bourne to Sail** program.

All programs are subject to change as we tailor our resources to the Bourne community's needs and interests. Complete program descriptions and a schedule of fees and scholarships will be posted on the web site as developed.

Paul Bushueff, Vice President

From the Purser: *Financial Update*

I find it hard to believe that Bourne Community Boating is entering its third year next season. It feels like last week that we were all planning and hoping that the idea of establishing a community boating program would work in Bourne. You the community proved to us that an idea which began as a conversation between a few local old sailors was just what you were looking for. Bourne now has over 100 new sailors.

All of this was made possible by the generosity of our community residents and local businesses. Many of our contributors are sailors themselves or have friends and relatives who are sailors and know what sailing has brought into their lives. Team work, self confidence, and the pride of accomplishment are just a few of the life changing and life molding experiences our students have gained. We have been told by parents that after just a few weeks of sailing lessons they have seen changes in their children, an excitement never before expressed, enthusiasm not only for sailing but for school, friends and family.

Bourne Community Boating is totally dependent upon private and corporate contributions. 100% of your contributions go directly to the operations of BCB and are fully tax deductible, as we are a 501(C)(3) public charity.

The tax deduction is one small benefit of donating to BCB. The larger benefit is in how your donation makes

it possible for BCB to continue expanding its programs targeting the needs of the community. Adult sailing lessons and open community sailing were new programs added this past summer. This was made possible by adding 14' Capri's to our fleet of original Opti prams along with a beautiful new 17' Hobie Cat, donated by one local family with a long history of boating along our shores.

Donations come in many forms, if you have equipment which is in good working order and you think BCB would benefit from it please contact us. We are always interested in discussing in-kind and professional services.

Many of you work for corporations always on the lookout for community programs worthy of their support. Please talk to them about Bourne Community Boating. I am always available to visit with potential corporate supporters, explain our programs, our mission in the community and the benefits of being a part of Bourne Community Boating.

The directors, advisors and staff of BCB are planning for the future, for these plans to become a reality we need your financial support. Please contact me and discuss how you would like to help support Bourne Community Boating.

Dave Foynes, Director (781-307-2466)
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Taffrail Log: BCB Summer 2008 Program

As BCB's executive director, I have a lot to think about when I ponder the summer of '08. But, surprisingly, what pops into my head most often when I start to think about BCB is the Capsize Song! Lately I've wondered why that is, when there are so many more 'important' things to consider, and I've realized that it's because there is nothing quite so joyful as a group of kids spontaneously singing their own song as a result of doing something they love to do. And that's what BCB is all about... the joy of being on the water in small boats.

But let me pause for a moment. Except for the A Session Beginners, many of you probably don't know about the Capsize Song, and don't get why a song about capsizing would be a happy song. So here's the story. The Capsize Song was entirely invented (composed, written??) by the A Session Beginners. I actually don't know the full story behind it because the instructors and I had



nothing to do with it. All I know is that it started to be heard wafting out of the prams sometime during the middle of the A session and by the end of the 4 weeks, it

had blossomed into a full-blown song. On the last day of class during the demonstration for the parents, while a pair of kids were showing how to do a capsizing recovery, the rest of the class suddenly burst into the Capsize Song from the float. It was completely unplanned—the kids did it entirely on their own. I still get all tickled inside when I think about it!

See, the thing is, capsizing practice is by far the number one favorite activity of all the kids. I've never asked them why they all love it so much, but I think it's a combination of getting to swim and the exhilaration of proving to themselves that they have the power to turn their boats into mere floats and then back into fully functional sailboats again.

The point here is, that sailing is a purely recreational activity. It's supposed to be FUN! Our first priority is always to make our activities safe, but after that we are all about having fun. And we all did, beginners, intermediates, adult sailors, and instructors alike. Of course, the best part from an instructors point of view, is that the kids were learning to sail at the same time. Our beginners went from having no sailing skills to being able to competently sail a pram single-handed; and our intermediates refined and added to their basic skills, became able to handle stronger winds, and learned the fundamentals of sailboat racing.

The secret of our success is this... students that are enjoying themselves are easy to teach. They can't wait to find out what we have in store for them each day, and they are open and receptive to what ever we ask them to do. With students like that, teaching is easy.

One of the parents told me she asked her intermediate if he would like to switch over to the other sailing program in our area next summer because they are bigger and have more boats and learning opportunities. His response was, "Are you crazy??!!!"

What more can I say? We all had a blast. Kids learned to sail. And and once again, I remember the joyful refrain, "Everybody was cap, capsizing..."

Congratulations to Our Award Winners

Each year we give out two awards to students from each class. One goes to the most improved student—the student that got the most out of being in the class. The other is a sportsmanship award for the student that is most consistently considerate and encouraging to his/her fellow students and helpful to the instructors. This year's awards went to the following:

- Most Improved: A Beginner – Gavin Keif,
A Intermediate – E.J. Baracchini,
B Beginner – Brendan McPherson,
B Intermediate – Delton Toney.
- Sportsmanship:
A Beginner – James Corsano,

A Intermediate – Logan Bergeron,
B Beginner – Cameron Patton,
B Intermediate – Elizabeth Fulp.

This year we also awarded 2-week scholarships to the Buzzards Sailing School Optimist Racing Class to seven intermediates that we felt had very strong basic skills and would both enjoy and get a lot out of a racing class. Four of the students used their scholarships in August, and from all reports, they both enjoyed the experience and favorably impressed the folks at the Buzzards. The other three students will be using their scholarships next July.

Our scholarship recipients were: Stelliana Benson, Logan Bergeron, Brian Andersen, Elizabeth Fulp, Jacquelyn Hall, Patrick Holmes, and Owen Sullivan.

Jen Kano, Executive Director

From the Ship's Carpenter: Fleet status

“‘This has been a wonderful day!’ said the Mole, as the Rat shoved off and took to the sculls again. ‘Do you know, I’ve never been in a boat before in all my life.’

‘What?’ cried the Rat, open-mouthed: ‘Never been in a -- you never -- well I -- what have you been doing, then?’

‘Is it so nice as all that?’ asked the Mole shyly, though he was quite prepared to believe it as he leant back in his seat and surveyed the cushions, the oars, the rowlocks, and all the fascinating fittings, and felt the boat sway lightly under him.

‘Nice? It’s the only thing,’ said the Water Rat solemnly, as he leant forward for his stroke. ‘Believe me, my young friend, there is nothing -- absolute nothing -- half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats. Simply messing,’ he went on dreamily: ‘messing -- about -- in -- boats; messing -- -- ’”

I couldn't agree more with Rat from Kenneth Grahame's *Wind in the Willows*. If your kids haven't read this book yet then I strongly recommend that you find them a copy! I also highly recommend any of Arthur Ransome's books like *Swallows and Amazons* to get them pumped up for summer adventures. Books always make a great Christmas present and **you** can read them as soon as your offspring have finished reading them! (Check out the book list on our web site.)

Although I love to spend time reading I also spend a lot of time working on boats which, I suppose, is akin to simply messing about with, if not in, boats. It has been a pleasure to keep the BCB fleet running this past season and look forward to some hours this winter in the shop keeping them in good condition. This past season we doubled the number of prams we used thanks to the generosity of Nantucket Community Sailing who donated them along with another 8 Optis in various states of disrepair. The 8 prams went through my shop and were refinished including new hardware, fiberglass work

(including custom molded mast partners) and generally cleaned up. All of the rigs for these had to be refurbished as well.

We also acquired 6 Capris last winter. We purchased two from Nantucket Community Sailing which were in pretty good shape, 3 from the Cataumet Club and one, generously donated by Carl Georgeson (who also became an active participant!). The Cataumet boats were re-rigged to accommodate hank on jibs, the bottoms stripped and epoxy coated and cleaned up. Carl's boat was in great shape and was used 'right out of the box.' Again, we hope that more of you will utilize the Open Sailing program to make more use of these excellent family sailboats. They can easily accommodate three adults or two adults and two children.

Thanks to the generosity of Joseph and Teresa Sacco, we also have a brand new Hobie catamaran. Unfortunately because none of the staff had experience



sailing Hobies, it didn't get as much use as we had hoped. Now, after practicing with it a bit this past season, it can be incorporated into the program on a more regular basis. It certainly is fast! For those of you who

haven't taken advantage of your family membership in BCB (the world's greatest boating bargain) come on over to the sailing center during the Open Sailing hours and take it for a sail!

At the end of our second season most of the boats are in pretty good shape but some will go through the shop for a little TLC. We also hope to add to our fleet to make a wider variety of boats available. On our list are a couple of Sunfish, a couple of Lasers and perhaps one or two 420s. One thing that needs to be done this winter is re-varnishing the oars and blades (rudders, tillers and daggerboards) for our 2-year old boats. If there is anyone out there willing to spend some time with sandpaper and varnish please let one of us know. We'd be grateful for your assistance.

I want to thank everyone who volunteered to be on our Hurricane List. Luckily we didn't need to use you this season but we might not be as lucky next year; so when you sign up for this summer's program be sure to indicate if you can help us in the case of a major storm. Also many thanks to all of you who generously donated your time and muscle to putting away the boats at the end of the season. It certainly is true that many hands make light work!!

I wish you a warm winter filled with happy memories of a grand summer.

"Sometimes, in the course of long summer evenings, the friends would take a stroll together in the Wild Wood, now successfully tamed so far as they were concerned; and it was pleasing to see how respectfully they were greeted by the inhabitants, and how the mother-weasels would bring their young ones to the mouths of their holes, and say, pointing, 'Look, baby! There goes the great Mr. Toad! And that's the gallant Water Rat, a terrible fighter, walking along o' him! And yonder comes the famous Mr. Mole, of whom you so often have heard your father tell!' But when their infants were fractious and quite beyond control, they would quiet them by telling how, if they didn't hush them and not fret them, the terrible grey Badger would up and get them. This was a base libel on Badger, who, though he cared little about Society, was rather fond of children; but it never failed to have its full effect."

Yours for a fair wind, David O'Hara, Fleet Director

BCB Honor Role

The following people and organizations have foresight and generosity, and played an important part in the pivotal second year of the Bourne Community Boating program.

This second edition of the *Bourne Sailor* is again devoted to those individuals and organizations.

Mashnee Island Site

The BCB would like to extend its sincerest thanks to **Constance McClellan, President, The Mashnee Village Inc.** for providing the site and such a wonderful opportunity for the children of Bourne.

BCB organization

Our Directors and Officers:

Kenneth Legg, Director, President
Paul Bushueff, Director, Vice President & Clerk
David Foynes, Director
Michele Ford, Treasurer

Gene Curry for Legal Services- A special thanks to Gene for his extra efforts this year.

Joe Murphy for Accounting Services- A Special thanks to Joe for continued critical services.

Advisors: Toby Baker, Susan Baracchini, Erik Bevans, Paul Callahan, Jason Cassista, Tina Canterbury, David Crane, Wendy Fair, Josh Legg, Mark T. Mahoney, Stephen Mealy, David O'Hara, Patty and Bruce Parker, Stephanie White.

Executive Director: **Jennifer Kano** who managed the day to day sailing program, Fleet director, **Dave O'Hara**, and **Gloria Bzdula** for becoming part of our on-site volunteer team and helping out in so many ways.

As most of you know, this past spring marked the beginning of the **Bourne High School Sailing Club**. That came about as a result of the combined efforts of BCB, which loaned a float and chase boat, donated ½ of the coach's salary; Buzzards Sailing School, which loaned the 420's; and Kingman Yacht Center, which provided the site. The coach, Dave Fallon, did a superb job of bringing the program along and they had a few events sailing against other area high schools. The Club has been accepted into the Cape and Islands League for this year; and at the New England Scholastic Sailing Association meeting in November, I put together a 20 event schedule anticipating that the School Committee will again vote to continue the club. . As was the case last year, however, this school activity will not receive any funding from the school department. We would welcome your support for this year's club. --David O'Hara

Jason Cassista and the team from **Briarwood Marine Science Center** for providing the Belly Biology program. **Daniel Warncke** and **John Thompson** of the DNR for shellfish instruction. The **Scholarship Committee** for reviewing scholarship applications.

Boats (*Boats donated to the fleet*)

"Donating our Capri to the Program was without a doubt one of our better decisions this past year. Being a member of BCB made us feel much more a part of the Mo Beach community, and we met a great group of new friends we might not otherwise have met. We also greatly enjoyed being part of the BCB contingent in the Fourth of July parade." **Carl Georgeson**

Donations received in memory of **Gloria Johnson** and from **Richard Nakasian**, were put toward the purchase five Capri 14's.

One of the boats is named "*Glory*," as was the name of Donald and Gloria's boat.

Another will be named "*Dark Eyes*," after Richard's Daughter. " I am proud of the fact that Bourne Community Boating has done so much to teach sailing to the children of Bourne."

On the hot sand next to the Mashnee Grill lies a 17' Hobie Cat. It did not leave this spot nearly enough this summer. PLEASE USE IT! The Hobie is a very easy boat to sail,

she also is able to carry an entire family of six comfortably. The staff at Bourne Community Boating are knowledgeable and will set you up by instructing you how to raise the sail and getting underway.

My name is JP Sacco, my wife Theresa and I donated the Hobie and encourage all members to take this boat out and enjoy. Theresa learned the basics of sailing in only one hour while sailing the Hobie on a beautiful July day.

We encourage all to support and join Bourne Community Boating. The experience of sailing, making new friends and accomplishment are memories you will share for a lifetime. - **J.P. & Theresa Sacco**

Bill Cook, for donating a rigid hull inflatable boat
Bob Richards for donating an inflatable

Other Materials and services donated

Barnstable County Sheriff's Department for building two new floats, reusing the pontoons from the floats donated last year by the Town of Falmouth.

Town of Bourne DNR and DPW for launching and hauling, and storing floats for the winter.

Phil Field for donating Opti supplies and coordinating our purchases from West Marine.

Town of Falmouth DNR for line and shackles- a special thanks to Bill Palm.

Patty and Bruce Parker and Parker's Boat Yard for continued support and hosting our Advisor meetings.

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Jen Kano for expanding our web site, including setting up a student database.

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David & Michael Crane for assisting in engine maintenance and fabricating a low profile mooring.

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Sandy Weld for providing an fascinating lecture on his sailing trip to Labrador.

David Arch for storing the big float for the winter.

Lea Benson, Penny Smith, Sue Mahoney, Ann Briand for the "Get Dressy Get Messy" Ball

Events benefitting the BCB

Bass Ackwards Race, **Ted Keating and Joseph Morin** Race for the Rock, **Peter Libish** Get Dressy, Get Messy Ball, **David Foynes**

Parents step up to make BCB a success

Again, many parents stepped forward to help to make sure we were successful.

Susan Baracchini: Parent coordinator, graduation certificates, BCB flyer, newsletter, yearbook.

Suzy Brooks: BCB photography, web picture gallery and creating the BCB Shutterfly site (a big effort!).

Carole May and Carolyn Hite photo contributors.

Belinda Rubinstein and Merrick who cared for our Belly Biology lab to make sure the fish and crabs survived.

Wendy Fair, Bourne Parade coordinator.

Stephanie White, Parent and merchandise coordinator.

The **Millikens** for helping move and store the fleet. Hurricane volunteers, beach, and sign-in parents.

Our corporate sponsors and benefactors

Mashnee Village Inc., Constance McClellan, for providing our site.

Mashnee Island Food Services, Erik Bevans, for parking, facilities for the Belly Biology Lab, classroom space, the tent for rainy days, power, water, and use of the volleyball court.

Barlows Boat Yard, Brenda, Rachel and Scott, for storing our fleet, working on the carolina skiff, trucking a mooring, and loaning haul out straps.

Trowbridge Tavern, Mary Ellen McCarthy, food and facilities for the winter meeting, and holiday party.

The Shed Place for storing our sheds.

Ocean Way Technology, Inc. for donating 12 small inflatable rafts.

Cataumet Boats for big discount on a new outboard.

West Marine for donating life jackets to all 1st year sailors and Opti rig supplies.

Falmouth Glass for building a touch tank for the Lab.

Mark T. Mahoney Inc., float design and materials and upgrading the electrical service for the Belly Biology Lab.

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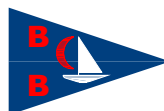
Heard in the Rigging:

Did you Know? “As the Crow Flies” - *when lost or unsure of their positions, ships would release a caged crow. The crow would fly toward the nearest point of land giving the ship a rough navigational fix. The tallest platform on a ship became known as “the “Crow flies” or the “crows nest”.*

“There are those who make things happen, those who watch things happening, and those who, with time on their hands, wonder what happened.”



Congratulations to our graduates!



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