

BCB Winter Party Report

Our annual winter get-together held on December 29th was aimed at keeping families thinking about sailing, as well as to get feedback about the past summer's program. Parents and young sailors that were present had some great feedback and suggestions.

Ken Legg reported that our lease at the Mashnee property will be honored for another two years, And the purchaser will "negotiate in good faith". We hope that whoever purchases the property will continue to support our program. Ken also emphasized the Open Sail program that was not used much last summer but is available to members on Saturday afternoons. More advertising will help to push that opportunity, because one big goal of BCB is to get families sailing together.

Jen Kano, the Executive Director and lead of instruction, set forth the new guidelines for the instructional program, which includes multiple years in beginner and intermediate levels, at the discretion of the instructors. There will be an advanced beginner session concurrent with the beginner's session in the mornings. This strategy is to maximize the quality of instruction for the sailors by meeting their needs at their levels. Jen will mail all students later this month to let them know which class they should register for.

The last big news is that we will have an auction fundraiser in the end of March, coordinated by Sydney McCabe, to fund our 2010 program. Last fall we had been trying to organize a fundraiser, but plans were difficult with the uncertainty of the Mashnee property. Now, however, we have support from the state DEP to continue as we have in the past, so our future is much more secure. We will be asking for donations for the auction (items for gift baskets, special services, or handmade items, for example), so if you have anything that you or anyone you know could offer, that would be appreciated.

That about does it! We are in the process of writing a newsletter, so you should receive that shortly. We look forward to another great year of sailing! - Cheryl Milliken