



A LETTER TO OUR MEMBERS

March 2020

Hello Classic Yacht Owners,

I'd like to bring everyone up to speed on what the Classic Yacht Owners Association (CYOA) has been doing since our Annual Meeting and Classic Yachts Challenge Series (CYCS) Awards presentation last fall. We have been busy indeed!

First, pursuant to the directives of the fall meeting, we tackled the election of a new CYOA governing group for 2020. Within that order, we needed to appoint a Board of Directors that is entirely comprised of the Regatta Organizers of the CYCS, and we were successful in doing so.

The new Board of Directors is as follows:

Steve White - Chairman and President – Eggemoggin Reach Regatta
Bill Lynn - Vice Chairman - Herreshoff Classic Yacht Regatta
Timothy Dittrich – Secretary - Corinthian Classic Yacht Regatta
Diana Brown – Treasurer - Nantucket Regatta & Opera House Cup

Drew Lyman - Camden Classics Cup
Thom Ashton - Castine Classic Yacht Regatta
Dennis Gunderson – Camden-Brooklin Wooden Boat Race
Jens Lange - Newport Classic Yacht Regatta
Joel Labuzetta - Indian Harbor Classic Yacht Regatta
Michael Emmert - Heritage Cup

All previous Board Members have been added to our Board of Advisors. We thank them all very much for their hard work and much of the organization that has brought CYOA to life.

The immediate focus of the new board is to promote and support CYOA and the annual Classic Yachts Challenge Series (CYCS). To help do this we have continued to rely on our very strong and very hard-working Technical Committee, led by Simon Davidson. I am a member of this group, and I can tell you that they are dedicated, hard working and committed to fair racing for everybody.

They have already donated thousands of hours of their time to creating and refining the CRF rating rule.

This will be a yearly effort, and in the future, every yacht rating certificate will bear the CRF and current year date to identify the validity of the rating. Also, every certificate will include a Division assignment (Vintage, Classic, Modern Classic or Spirit of Tradition) to help RO's with class assignments. This year, new rating adjustments have been instituted for rigging material construction, beam at aft waterline location, canoe stern configuration and ballast to displacement ratios, as well as adjusting the multipliers to make our rating system as fair as possible.

The second major project we took on was to develop, expand, and schedule the 2020 Classic Yachts Challenge Series. We're very excited about the "Series" below and hope to see you at many of these events:

- NYYC Annual Regatta, Newport RI - June 12-14
- Camden Classics Cup, Camden ME - July 24-25
- Castine Classic Yacht Race, Castine ME - July 30
- Camden-Brooklin Wooden Boat Race, Camden ME - July 31
- Eggemoggin Reach Regatta, Brooklin ME - August 1
- Corinthian Classic Yacht Regatta, Marblehead MA - August 8-9
- Nantucket Regatta, Nantucket MA - August 14-15
- Opera House Cup, Nantucket MA - August 16
- Herreshoff Classic Yacht Regatta, Bristol RI - August 29-30
- Newport Classic Yacht Regatta, Newport RI - September 5-6
- Indian Harbor Classic Yacht Regatta, Greenwich CT - September 12
- Heritage Cup, Sea Cliff NY - September 20

This is an impressive line-up of 12 regattas and promises a lot of exciting racing (20 or more individual races!) for the 2020 sailing season.

Regarding CYOA finances, I want to stress that we are a volunteer-driven, not-for-profit organization. The vast majority of the work is donated by our members and directors, with payment going only to rating certificate production, website management, member communications and the awards party.

To this end, we want and need everyone to become a member of CYOA, as well as to hold a CRF certificate. Your membership dues are vital to help us pay for these necessary expenses and provide you with a fair rating and provide the Regatta Organizers with the support and advice they need and require. Please join or renew today. Visit www.classicyachts.org to sign up.

Finally, we plan to continue to send out e-newsletters to keep everyone current with CYOA, but we encourage you to visit our website often as we will publish the results of the individual regattas as well as the scores of the Series events as they unfold over the summer. www.classicyachts.org

See you on the water!

Sincerely,
Steve White, Chairman CYOA