



From the Quarterdeck

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August is often thought of as bringing the Summer doldrums, but there is little let up in our schedule this year, with a Women's Regatta to be sailed on August 1, a Junior Regatta on August 5 and a fun-filled Cruise with Kids rounding out the first 8 days. In mid-month we have the 65th Annual One Design Regatta, followed a week later by the 45th Mobjack Nationals, along with the J-24 Southern Bay Match race Championships, and a week later the Smith Point race for off shore boats and, believe it or not, the first Fall Series races for One Design boats. And not to be left out, the Cruising Division is scheduled to sail to Horn Harbor while the Mobjack Nationals are underway.

Your Board got off to an early start this past month with the second Thursday coming on July 8. A proposal for use of our new property was approved and posted at the club two days later, with a request for inputs from the membership. Predictably, we have been asked to take our time with any developments because of the obvious lack of money for any major improvements. Additionally, we want to reach a consensus on the location of a larger Fishing Bay dock to avoid any duplication of effort in the future.

The one project that we felt ought to proceed immediately, a new grassed ramp to provide access to our new beach, is on hold waiting for a hearing on a wetlands permit. This is a

big disappointment since we were assured earlier by Middlesex County that because we were an organization whose mission included teaching sailing, our request would be promptly approved.

More information on the new land development is included in this Log for members who may not have seen the e-mail message. However, while we are waiting for the ramp permit and for Dominion Power to move the overhead power cable underground, our Juniors are making good use of the new area with their lacrosse sticks and the inevitable flying saucers, usually referred to as Frisbees.

Pride of place for July goes to Judy Buis and her team who raised over \$150,000 for the Leukemia Society. Each year the team outdoes themselves, and their results are exceptional given the relatively small community they represent.

Bravo Judy, and your team.

Finally, we are nearing the time of year when we start choosing our leadership for 2005. Dick Cole will chair the Nominating Committee and he, Strother, Mike Karn and myself will be happy to hear from members who are willing to serve on the Board of Governors. Please let us hear from you, preferably before the end of August.