



**SALTAIRE YACHT CLUB, INC.**

April 16, 2010

Dear Club Members,

After such a long and difficult winter, I am sure that everyone is looking forward to starting the summer in Saltaire.

As I mentioned in my September 9, 2009 letter, the Saltaire Yacht Club has had many challenges over these past few years. However, I truly believe working together we can turn these challenges into opportunities.

The club's physical plant and other capital property have badly deteriorated. With the input of volunteers, Steve Hennessey and Brian Kerr and of Board member Bernard McElhone, the Board contracted Architect, Nicholas Petschek for a professional assessment.

After many years of neglect and a "band-aid" approach to repairs, we must undergo a major multi-year renovation and reposting. Enclosed please find Nicholas Petschek's report and recommendations.

In order to facilitate this plan, I must call upon the membership for a moderate 2 year Capital Assessment, payable \$200 each year per family. The Capital Assessment will be specifically earmarked for building improvements and, in conjunction with a mortgage, will permit us to undertake the needed renovations. In addition, we need to slightly increase dues and tennis fees as outlined in the Treasurer's letter.

In addition to our physical plant renovations, our sailing fleet is in great need of updating, refitting and improvement. Fleet Captain, Geoff Meluso has presented his full list of needed repairs and fleet upgrades. We are acting to fund those needs as quickly as possible. Geoff also promises a great season with terrific instructors.

Come down to the bay and our board member, Ralph Perlberger is always willing to give you tips on windsurfing. Caribbean Night is the sailing program's major fundraiser, and the sandbar picnics are always a lot of fun. Please attend.

On another positive note, Tennis Captain Carole Sirovich informs us that our tennis program will remain in the capable hands of tennis professional Bill Gerdts and his staff. Please refer to the calendar or our website for this year's tournament schedule, tennis camp and information on all other events.

The Board has also contracted a new restaurant and bar concessionaire, Liam Beardslee and his finance Joanie McGuire. They come to us with an understanding of Fire Island and many years of restaurant experience. We believe they will do an extraordinary job with a fresh approach, creative menu and enthusiastic staff. We will celebrate 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Labor Day weekend with two major dinner dances on Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup> respectively.

The Club will maintain our successful calendar of tournaments and events including, Hugh O'Brien's Classic Movie Night, Children's Movie Night, Fishing, Golf, Texas hold-em and Backgammon Tournaments, additional events include; Karaoke Night, Bridge Night, Bridge Camp, Body-Cardio Sculpt Classes along with Yoga... the list goes on and on. There are events for all members and all ages.

Board member, Aaron Harnick will continue to bring major theatrical talent to the Club. This year he has arranged for a Broadway Night and a Comedy Night. Don't miss it!

The season kicks off on Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm with our Memorial Day Opening Cocktail Party with hors d'oeuvres, complimentary beer, wine and sea breezes. The first Friday night barbeque will be held on Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.

The board has worked very hard over the winter and has wrestled with many difficult decisions in order to improve the Club for the short term but -- more importantly -- for the long term. Please utilize our wonderful Club and enjoy its array of events.

Have a great season!

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