

# GIBSON ISLAND YACHT SQUADRON NEWS



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### FROM THE COMMODORE

As I write this it is the Winter Solstice. Each day is a little bit longer and a bit brighter now all the way until the Spring Equinox. The weather has been unseasonably mild and that's all right with me.

Apparently that's all right with the 210 fleet as they seem to be unwilling to put those things away for the winter until the winter actually gets here! As long as the weather remains comfortable, I would encourage everyone to stop by the Boathouse over the weekend to participate, cheer them on or simply hang out. It is after all, one of the most beautiful locations on the planet, in every season.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the Mid-Winter Cruise on February 25th, 2012. Will Passano and Clarke Murphy will present us with an interesting program on their Trans-Atlantic crossing upon *Leopard*. There will also be the presentation of the 2011 season cruising awards, always a somber event.

As I reflect on the past year and look forward to the next, I would simply like to extend my warmest wishes for a wonderful holiday season to all of our community.

See you at the Boathouse,

Smags

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7th, 12:30 p.m., 210 Luncheon in the Grill Room**

## Boathouse

The Boathouse is open year round and it is a great place to host a winter get-together. The Boathouse rental fee has been lowered to a mere \$85.00 per function. It's a wonderful space with a TV, fireplace and comfortable seating - perfect for the BIG game, a cocktail party or for gathering several families together for a movie night! If this appeals to you, please call the Harbormaster's Office at 410-255-7632 to reserve a date.

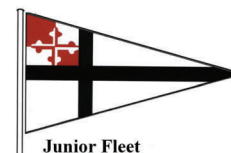
## Fleet Captain

Bob Urban

Winter seems to be slowly evolving. The water is relatively warm for this time of year and the ground is not yet frozen. Denver and T.J. have laid down the mooring field to sleep through a hopefully short winter.

There are more projects for winter including building new racks for our new fleet of Opti sailboats. You may have noticed the storage vans and new tent cover at Red House Cove. These will give the Squadron flexible storage and work space. We will continue plans to upgrade our fleet of work and pleasure boats. Over the winter, the old workboat will be painted and renewed to provide many more years of service. Your new Fleet Captain welcomes any ideas, comments, or suggestions at [burban@pccii.com](mailto:burban@pccii.com) or 410-864 4210.

## Junior Fleet



Junior Fleet

The Gibson Island Jr. Fleet wrapped up 2011 with a change in leadership and plans are underway for another great summer in 2012.

Kathy Strong is taking over the role of Jr. Fleet

Parent and will be providing guidance and behind the scenes support together with Rear Commodore Jim Ulmer. They succeed Kathy Palencar and Mitch Koppleman who have completed their terms. As Sailing Director, I cannot say enough about Kathy Palencar's and Mitch's contributions to the Jr. Fleet over the past two years. Their efforts and support have had a huge impact on the growing success of our Jr. Fleet program.

During the past month, we've been working with CBYRA to confirm summer regatta dates. Although they still need to be finalized at the CBYRA winter meeting, we are looking forward to hosting our annual Gibson Island Jr. Fleet Regatta on July 11th, 2012. This year we will be partnering our Regatta with the Baltimore County Sailing Club, who will be hosting their Regatta on July 12th, 2012. We are also looking at hosting a Laser clinic on July 10th, 2012. Combining these events will help those traveling to our Regattas and we are looking forward to an excellent turnout. Our Green Fleet Regatta is tentatively scheduled for July 25th, 2012.

Last summer, we ended the Jr. Fleet sailing program with a summer cruise (Bay Skills Week). Along with taking an overnight cruise, our students also received their Maryland boating license. We are looking forward to making this an annual tradition. The 2012 cruise will take place the week of August 1st. Even if your child has not participated in our regular Jr. Fleet program, this is a great opportunity to try sailing, cruising, and experience the thrill of exploring the Bay by boat.

### Optimist Sailboats For Sale

As many of you know, we recently purchased a number of Optimist sailboats. These boats are in great condition and we are making some of them available for sale to our members. If your child is at all serious about sailing, we strongly encourage you to consider purchasing a boat for your child. Along with extending the sailing season beyond the hours of Jr. Fleet, boat ownership builds enthusiasm for sailing and teaches responsibility. An important part of our sailing program is learning how to maintain and prepare boats for safe (and if you're racing, fast) sailing. During the summer, boat owners participating in the Jr. Fleet program will receive the support of the Jr. Fleet staff in maintaining and making any necessary repairs to the boats. If you are interested in purchasing an Optimist, please contact Jim Lodico [jlodico@gibsonisland.com](mailto:jlodico@gibsonisland.com), Kathy Strong [kathymomm@comcast.net](mailto:kathymomm@comcast.net) or Jim Ulmer [jim.ulmer@lasalle.com](mailto:jim.ulmer@lasalle.com).

Finally, registration for Jr. Fleet is just around the corner and we're looking forward to another great year.

Submitted by Jim Lodico

## Race Committee

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### Race Schedule for 2012

May 5	Race Around Baltimore Light	210 Fleet
May 19	GIYS – SCC Spring Regatta	CBYRA Highpoint
May 20	MRSA Spring Classic	CBYRA Highpoint
Spring Cruise	Lehninger Memorial Race	Spring Cruise Race
June 2	Team Race with Tred Avon Yacht Club	210 Fleet
July 7 – 8	78 <sup>th</sup> Annual J. Rulon-Miller Series	Star Fleet
July 11	GIYS Junior Regatta	CBYRA Jr. Highpoint
July 25	GIYS Green Fleet Regatta	CBYRA Junior Fleet
September 2	Cedar Point Race	CBYRA Highpoint
September 1-3	Annapolis Race Week	CBYRA Highpoint
September 15	61st Race for the Broom	210 Fleet Team Race
September 16	Classic Wooden Boat Race	NSHOF
Fall Cruise	Adele Johnson Race	Fall Cruise Race
October 13	Crossland Cup	210 Fleet
October 20 – 21	Last Chance Regatta	210 Fleet

