

Twenty Hundred Club Sailors and those who still haven't made up their minds:

Here it is and only a matter of a couple of weeks before the annual race to Cuttyhunk. The race is Saturday, June 28. It's the same starting line off Rose Island with the first gun set for 10:30 a.m. We picked the Saturday before July 4 as we have found the Saturday closest to the Fourth can make it difficult for some to race.

So, it's a bit sooner than years past.

For the dawdlers, don't delay. You need to register to race and we need to know that to get you on the scratch sheet. Also, if you delay too much it's going to cost you a few extra dollars.

Anyway, I think you get the picture. Your club officers need to get the information so we can plan not only what boats will sail in what classes but what's needed in the way of libation for the island party. We will be gathering at 5:30 p.m. at our usual hangout on the town dock. As the custom we will have our hors d'oeuvres contest with prizes being awarded to the most patriotic, tastiest and the sailors' choice. Be inventive and we'll come up with yet another category. Also, for a first time courtesy of the club, we will be serving chowder.

A few items in the way of club news and updates: We have a new class for racing this season – the family class – designed to get young people sailing. Details are on the Web site. And a special thank you to Jack Mann who has volunteered to run the race committee boat. He can use some assistance so if you know of someone who might enjoy keeping time, hoisting flags, shooting guns and being out of the water, call Jack. He can be reached at 965-8142. Also, a word about Richard Bioty who volunteered to be the race committee in his new trawler. By now he will have undergone heart surgery and is on the rebound. We send him our best wishes and look for him and Becky to be out there this fall.

One final note: Whether you're a Twenty Hundred Club veteran or a newbie, share the news about the fun of club racing with someone. Recruit them as crew. Recruit them as members and even as competition. We would love to bring back the days when more than 50 boats showed up for a race. And God knows with the price of gasoline it's likely to happen again.

Sail safe and fast.

John