



Twenty Hundred Club members,

One down, three to go. Our Block Island race is less than two weeks away. Time flies when you're having fun.

For Cuttyhunk 2010 we had 10 boats compete, 5 in each class, spinnaker and cruising. The wind was much better this year but we still had to deal with the fog. Yes again once we passed the Sakonnet River the curtain fell and it was instrument sailing to the MG buoy where the curtain was lifted for the finish.

Now about the Shore Party. Putting on these shore parties at Cutty and Block are pretty big deals. One area where we really need help from the membership is letting us know how many people will attend. We spend **your money** to put these parties on. If we have 20 boats sign up for a race, we use that number to plan the party. If only ten boat crews come to the party, though, we'll end up with way too much "stuff" and either have to toss it out or haul it back. Neither is very desirable. So we'll be asking, "Are you going to race?", and if so, "**How many** people will you bring to the shore party?" Just as an example for the Cuttyhunk shore party we bought 36 cans of soda for the party and guess how many we brought back. That's right 36. And we supplied enough chowder for about 35 people but we only had 15 at the party. That was a lot of chowder that got tossed. The 15 people that did attend had a great time but overall it was disappointing that so many crews did not attend.

The executive board has discussed at length the options for the BI race but hopefully we'll have some sunshine and a breeze to get us out to BI without an issue.

The party planning for BI is one of our biggest tasks to complete. Between getting the supplies out, setting up and commandeering the little picnic area it is no small task. Any volunteer helpers will be well received, grill help, set-up, clean up and of course transportation of the stuff are all needed. Please contact either myself or any one of the executive board if you can pitch in.

For BI, the "per plate" fee for the party will continue as it certainly helps with the organization and accounting. Great deal, \$5.00 (per plate) gets you all the hamburgers and hotdogs you can eat and of course the blue jugs will be filled with the usual concoctions. Soda, water and beer will also be there. As with Cuttyhunk we encourage people to bring hors d'oeuvres and/or side dishes to go along with the Club's fare, and, yes, there is a contest with valuable prizes to be awarded.

The late registration fee is in effect so if you're thinking about the race get the forms in early. Last minute changes to the scratch sheets have historically been a problem, so we will continue this practice of imposing a \$30 penalty for registrations received less than seven days prior to a race with a cut off of three days prior to a race.

Also for the serious racers, the outbound leg of the Twenty Hundred Club BI race counts towards the BOTY competition sponsored by NBYA and GMT Composites. Check out the website for more info and good luck. <http://www.nbya.org/BOTY/index.htm>

I want to wish everyone a safe and successful boating season. See you on the water.

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