

Sail Nantasket Newsletter

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2020 VISION

The next decade has begun!

10 years ago this past fall, **Sail Nantasket** was born with the mission to **encouraging the sport of sailing and increase public participation in sailing** throughout Hull and the nearby South Shore community.

At the time, the most significant hurdle for kids to sail was the cost and availability of seaworthy or competitive boats. But at the same time, our group had a vision to create a high school sailing program to allow older kids to continue to develop their sailing skills outside of junior programs.

Over that 10 year period, Sail Nantasket has acquired ten Optimist prams for use by Learn-To-Sail participants. These are largely non-club members from the south shore who are interested in a 2-week program to develop basic sailing and seamanship skills. With slots for 30 kids each summer for the last few years, we can say with certainty that well over 100 kids have been the direct beneficiaries of this program.



The 2016 Nantasket Nor'easters HS Sailing Team

In addition, Sail Nantasket formed the collaborative high school sailing program, **the Nantasket Nor'Easters** that has

Through our newest initiative, **2020 Vision**, we are looking for new volunteers to take leadership roles in Sail Nantasket to continue to fulfill the mission over the next decade. The Vision also entails building the volunteer Sail Nantasket "auxiliary".

We will look to raise \$10-15K per year through our annual fund raising events like the **Father's Day Pancake Breakfast** and our **Trivia Night** to help maintain the fleet of existing boats & programs, while conserving the resources needed to replace the 420 Fleet for the 2020 season.

If you are interested in helping fulfill 2020 Vision either in a leadership or auxiliary role, please contact Mike Hebert at info@sailnantasket.org to learn more.

just completed its 7th year of completion in the MassBayLeague. A joint venture of Hull HS, Cohasset HS and South Shore Charter school student-athletes, Sail Nantasket underwrites the cost of the boats, equipment and coaches, while Hull YC lends its docks, clubhouse facilities and Whaler coach boats to the program. **Sail Nantasket has been a leader in promoting the collaborative HS team structure in MassBayLeague and continues to challenge the status quo in the regional and national governance of HS sailing in order to provide more opportunities for kids to get on the water.**

Today, our kids sail in the best 420 fleet in the region thanks to the generosity of our donors in supporting our recent capital campaign which raised nearly \$20,000 toward the purchase of the new fleet!

But it's not just the Nor'easters who benefitted from the campaign. We were able to sell our old fleet to Notre Dame Academy to allow them to save their program and season when it appeared they would be boatless this spring. In addition, **many of our team's alumni have gone on to sail in college or have filled positions as sailing instructors and coaches in local sailing programs**, thus helping to fulfill the mission of Sail Nantasket here as well as beyond Hull bay.

All of this would not have been possible without the support of our donors and countless numbers of volunteers who have helped to pitch in over the last 10 years. But a particular debt of gratitude is owed to the original founders of Sail Nantasket, most of whom are still in their original leadership roles today including directors Susan Epstein, Steve Clancy and Mike Hebert, President Mike "Vax" Vassilopoulos, Treasurer Paul Carlson, Secretary Kate Colbert and former VP's Joe O'Neil and Peter Richardsson, and at large members Ed Zelewski, Lynn O'Brien, Vicki Dromey and Bob Foley.

Upcoming Events

TRIVIA NIGHT 2016

Our biggest and most boisterous fundraiser of the year is the annual trivia night organized by Joanne Pearson and hosted by emcee Mike Hebert.

This year the trivia night is scheduled for **Saturday, July 9th from 6 to 10PM**. Limited to 10 tables of 8 persons each (adults only), this event traditionally sells out in advance. Secure your table today by RSVP'ing to Joanne Pearson via email at jmocp@comcast.net.

A table for 8 is just \$175 and includes participation in group trivia, dessert and coffee. Cash bar. Prizes are awarded for top scoring table and the best table theme or decorations. So if you aren't strong in trivia, you can out-do others with an amazing spread on your table. We'll also have a table of raffle items you can try to win as well.

If you would like to donate items for the raffle, please email Joanne, as we are assembling baskets of items including premium wine & spirits, restaurant and shopping gift certificates & gift cards, housewares, beach gear, sporting goods, art and one-of-a-kind hand-crafted items, nautical accessories, etc. So even if you are not able to attend the event, you can still help us achieve our fund-raising goals.

SAIL ABOARD AMERICA

A Replica of the Schooner That Launched The America's Cup Tradition



All hands on deck! **Join Sail Nantasket for a once-in-a-lifetime sunset sail aboard the 139-foot yacht *America*** as she stops in Hull Bay as part of her North American voyage as the official ambassador of The America's Cup.

America is a replica of the vessel that started the America's Cup tradition in 1851 by defeating the best the British could offer to win the Royal Yacht Squadron's "100 Pound Cup."



Timed to coincide with the annual Hull Illumination on the evening of July 30th, take a launch from the Hull YC to the schooner which will be moored in the harbor. Then enjoy the sunset and illumination as *America* sails the harbor!

Sail Nantasket has been granted a limited number of slots so for just \$150 per person or \$275 per couple, you can don your Nantucket Reds, blazer and finest boat shoes and climb aboard for a truly once-in-a-lifetime experience, all while benefitting a great cause! Spots are reserved on a first come-first served basis, so email info@sailnantasket.org today or go to our Donations page here: <http://www.sailnantasket.org/donate.php> to pay through Paypal.

How can you help Sail Nantasket?

Please **volunteer your time or talents** in a leadership or auxiliary role with Sail Nantasket.

Attend one of our upcoming fund-raisers— **Trivia Night** on July 9th or the ***America* Sunset Cruise** on July 30th.

In addition, we could use **donations of sports tickets, sporting goods/household/marine items, crafts & handmade gifts, restaurant gift certificates, gift cards, fine wines & spirits** or any other items that can be assembled into themed raffle prizes for the Trivia Night fundraiser. The more items, the more winners, including the kids who benefit so much from your generosity.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SAIL NANTASKET!