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Dear PBCB Member:

Welcome to the 2010 season of Pleasant Bay Community Boating. We anticipate another great year of sailing and development. We are implementing a series of improvements and innovations to our programs for the coming season. Here is a brief summary of these improvements.

We are thrilled to announce our new Sailing School Director, Greg Kelly. Greg is a founding Board member of PBCB who has worked tirelessly over the years to help build and support our program, most recently as the chair of the Curriculum Committee. He has long taught at Chatham High School and he started and has led the CHS Sailing Team for over 15 years. He has been a leader in the Cape sailing community for many years, and is a former president of the Southern Massachusetts Sailing Association and a former Commodore of Orleans Yacht Club. Greg is uniquely positioned to lead our program through the next phase of its development. We are very fortunate to have him on staff.

As part of this next phase we will be implementing this year the Intermediate Sailing program we planned last year. Students who have developed basic sailing skills will have the opportunity to expand their knowledge in classes designed to develop higher-level skills and competence, including racing and spinnakers. We are also introducing an Adventure Sailing class (evolving from last year's Navigators class, offered jointly with Chatham Yacht Club) for teenage sailors who want to explore a broader range of sailing opportunities. We think these new classes will enhance the PBCB program for our returning and experienced sailors.

We are also excited about a new online registration system. This system will be more user-friendly for our members and will assist us in better organizing and managing our classes. Mike Page has spent many hours both refining our operations and adopting this new system – many thanks to him! Space is limited – so **renew your membership** and **sign up for lessons** at www.pccb.cc today!

This summer marks the 25th Anniversary of the Friends of Pleasant Bay, with whom we have a close and mutually supportive relationship. The weekend of August 19-21 will be a major celebration of FOPB and Pleasant Bay. On Friday afternoon (August 20), we plan to host our Annual Friends of Pleasant Bay Regatta in conjunction with the Arey's Pond Cat Boat Gathering. We will provide more details about this event later this spring. Also, we will again be hosting the Southern Massachusetts Junior Championship Cumming Cup on June 26-28, featuring some of the best young sailors in the region. Come watch!

Our Special Olympics program will continue on Wednesday afternoons, and for the first time this summer we will participate in the state Special Olympics Sailing event in Boston on July 31. We will also be continuing our Monomoy Community Services outreach program on Monday afternoons, designed to make sailing available to a broader range of our community.

We are also excited to announce the merger of our rowing program with Orleans Sweeps and Sculls – the program run on Town Cove by our long-time coach Al Flanders. This program teaches sculling in single shells and a quad and sweep rowing in fours, for all experience levels. To register, contact OSS directly at ossrowing@hotmail.com or call Al at 617-803-2345.

We will again be offering Recreational Sailing on Sunday afternoons, starting with a bay cruise on July 11, and this may expand to some Saturdays as well. We will also offer two Tall Ship sails on the schooner Tyrone, currently scheduled for Tuesday, August 3 and Monday, August 16, each from 4-7 PM. Sign up at www.pccb.cc to reserve your spot for Recreational and Tall Ship sailing.

This will also be an eventful summer for two of our program partners. Cape Challenge will compete in their biennial international competition this year in Midland, Ontario. And the Chatham Marconi Maritime Center has secured a lease on the Operations Building of the former RCA Station where a *new museum will open this summer!* Visit CMMC at www.chathammarconi.org.

As you can see, it's going to be a busy summer for PBCB. We hope you are as excited as we are. Please consider joining the PBCB Booster Club (send an email to booster@pccb.cc) to help us make these programs successful!

See you on the Bay!

John Dickson
President, Pleasant Bay Community Boating