

HYANNIS YACHT CLUB



**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY BALL
SHERATON HYANNIS
AUGUST 20, 1988**



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HYANNIS • MASSACHUSETTS

August 20, 1988

Dear Fellow Members:

On this, a very special occasion for the members of the Hyannis Yacht Club, it is my pleasure, as Commodore, to offer to all of you my greeting and congratulations, as you celebrate our 50th anniversary! It has been a very memorable year for me, and one that those of you who have been here for a while will look back upon with pride.

For any organization to be celebrating a Golden Anniversary is very exciting, but especially for this Yacht Club, I think, after being exposed to the way that it was founded and the heritage that has been passed down over that long period of time. It is a Yacht Club that is and was dedicated to sailing and the exposure of that sport to new members and to the very young. In this our fiftieth year, I am very proud of our position in the sailing community in southeastern Massachusetts, and I know that you are too!

Many members of our club represent us well at the national level in USYRU, the regional level of SMYRA, and the local level of competitive sailing around the Cape and Islands. Our youth swimming and sailing programs are second to none, and you have built a facility here on Lewis Bay that cannot be duplicated in our area. For all of this, you should be proud; for all of this, those who founded this yacht club 50 years ago must be proud.

My thanks go out to the members of the Golden Anniversary Committee for their excellent effort in planning the many events that were part of this special year. It should be the wish of all of us that the Hyannis Yacht Club, and all of its members will enjoy 50 more golden and successful years of sailing, as well as, friendship here on Cape Cod!

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Hoffman
Commodore

HYANNIS YACHT CLUB OFFICERS 1988

COMMODORE

Joseph M. Hoffman

VICE COMMODORE

Edward J. Cusick

REAR COMMODORE

J. David Crawford

SECRETARY

Bruce P. Gilmore

TREASURER

Marshall P. Farley

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Charles H. Downey, Sr.

Richard B. Egan

Hugh C. Findlay

Morris I. Johnson

Stanley W. Moore

Roger C. Newson

SOME HISTORY TIDBITS OF THE HYANNIS YACHT CLUB

Since time and space limits what we can say in this program about The Hyannis Yacht Club, probably the best thing to do is to recount some short tidbits of our history during the early years of the club's formation.

The Club was organized in the Fall of 1938 by a distinguished group of citizens and sailors most of whom this writer was privileged to know. L. Robert MacIvor was the First Commodore and was assisted by Vice Commodore Dr. Paul Henson along with A. Harold Castonguay who was the Secretary/Treasurer. We haven't yet discovered who was on the first, four man, board of trustees but other founders were Harold G. Andrews, who only recently left us, William P. Bangs, Roswell F. Bassett, and Ireton C. Bradshaw. Also included in the list of founders are Albert J. Brunelle, Albert E. Dauphinee, Frederick F. Scudder, James Woodward, Robert M. Kelley, Edward I. Kellogg, and Henry L. Murphy. Our last surviving founder and Honorary Chairman of this 50th Anniversary Ball is Adolphe O. Richards.

In the early 1940's the dues were \$15.00 plus \$1.65 tax and the initiation fee was \$10.00 The membership application was a little card the size of a postcard and it didn't appear too hard to join.

The Club was accepted as a member of S.M.Y.R.A. on April 14, 1939. There is much correspondence in the file about this and about having the design of the "Baby Knockabout" or Cape Cod Knockabout approved so that it could be sailed in competition.

The first regatta was held on Tuesday, July 25, 1939. It was held in conjunction with the tercentenary celebration of the Town of Barnstable. The classes raced were: Wianno Seniors, Wianno Juniors, Cotuit Sailing Skiffs, Smyra (Cape Cod Knockabouts), Beetle Cats, and Stars. A racing fee of \$1.00 was paid with the certificate of conformity.

In the mid-40's a Wianno Senior Regatta was planned offshore but at the last minute they discovered that the army was going to use the area for target practice. The Hyannis Yacht Club stepped in and extended an invitation to use our waters and clubhouse for the regatta and all was saved with much thanks to The Hyannis Yacht Club for their hospitality to yachting and racing.

There is much discussion in the correspondence about the purchase and surveying of the land on which our clubhouse sits. One letter from Harold Castonguay to the owner's attorney mentions that our surveyor, Bassett, had set one of the lines at 125 feet instead of 100 feet because he knew that the

owner wanted to square his property. He hoped that that was all right. The Club paid Alice F. Howland and her husband \$500.00 for the land.

There is a good deal of correspondence between The War Department (Corp. of Engineers), Coast Guard and The Club about Fiddlehead Buoy. It seems that the first ones to mark Fiddlehead was The Hyannis Yacht Club and we kept getting inquiries from them to make sure the buoy was in and that we realized we had permission. It cost us about \$2.50 to build and set the buoy.

On May 6, 1941, our plans for a new clubhouse were approved by the state. We apparently obtained a \$5,000 mortgage from the Bass River Savings Bank, although The Hyannis Trust Company was also involved, somehow. Seth Nickerson seemed to have been awarded the contract for the heavy construction because he had a lien on the property. Seth went into the Navy in Washington during the war and there were a lot of telegrams and letters back and forth to get the lien released and the proper mortgage recorded.

On May 9, 1944, the State approved our request for our first timber pier and the plans are in the file. We haven't yet found who built the pier but there is an invoice in the file with items such as driving poles, 5 men for 8 hours at \$1.50 per hour. There is further information about the timber bulkhead (which we have just rebuilt). It is apparently true that the men drove the first timbers but that it was wiped out in the hurricane of 1944 when so much damage was done to The Club. The Club then applied to the state and town for assistance in controlling erosion and the old bulkhead was built.

We are grateful to A. Harold Castonguay and Donald Henderson for saving all these papers that we might research them. Much more can and will be written so that present day members can enjoy some of the heritage of our great club.

From *The Hyannis Patriot* dated February 6, 1941 — headline "New Clubhouse to Spur Interest in Cape Yachting."

"Construction of a very attractive and appropriate building for The Hyannis Yacht Club will be started at an early date on a site on the shore of Lewis Bay, next to the Town Park and near Dunbar's Point, it was announced this week."

"Boost for the Cape — Those with vision see The Hyannis Yacht Club as taking the lead in a movement that will not only increase the summer lure of the Cape, but may increase property valuations and serve to stimulate the real estate business of the peninsula considerably."

Let us continue to be leaders in the Town and on the Cape.

Compiled by Hugh Findlay

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 25, 1988

Hyannis Yacht Club
c/o James F. McGillen, Chairman
50th Anniversary Committee
Hyannis Yacht Club
Hyannis, Massachusetts 02601

Dear Fellow Sailors:

Congratulations on Hyannis Yacht Club's 50th anniversary celebration!

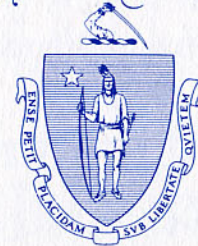
In the spirit of good sportsmanship, and with a shared love of the sea and a full sail, I wish you a wonderful half-century anniversary.

Sincerely,



Edward M. Kennedy

— The —
Commonwealth of Massachusetts



Michael S. Dukakis

— Governor —

to

HYANNIS YACHT CLUB

on the occasion of your Fiftieth Anniversary

which is deserving of recognition by all the citizens of Massachusetts.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, this twentieth day of August in the year 1988

Witness the Great Seal of the Commonwealth



Richard Joseph Conolly
Secretary of the Commonwealth

Michael S. Dukakis
Governor

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The House of Representatives

Citation

Be it hereby known to all that:
The Massachusetts House of Representatives
hereby offers its sincerest congratulations to:

THE HYANNIS YACHT CLUB

in recognition of

The "50th" Anniversary
Of Its Founding and Its Sterling Reputation
As An East Coast Sailing Club

The entire membership extends its very best wishes
and expresses the hope for future good fortune
and continued success in all endeavors.

Given this 20th day of August 1988
at the State House, Boston, Massachusetts

by: George Reverian

George Reverian
Speaker of The House

Offered by: Peter B. Morin
State Representative
PETER B. MORIN



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

State Senate

Official Citation

Be it Known, that the Massachusetts Senate
Hereby extends its Congratulations to:

THE HYANNIS YACHT CLUB

In Recognition of:

THE CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY ; and

Be it further known that the Massachusetts
Senate extends best wishes for continued success;
that this Citation be duly signed by the
President of the Senate and attested to and a copy
thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the Senate.



By: William D. Bulger
President of the Senate

Attest: Edward B. O'Neill
Clerk of the Senate

Offered by: Paul P. Danahy
State Senator

Date: July 26, 1988



Town of Barnstable
Selectmen's Office

367 Main Street, Hyannis, Mass. 02601

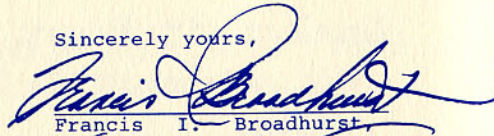
August 3, 1988

Joseph M. Hoffman, Commodore
Hyannis Yacht Club
Box 9
Hyannis, MA 02601

Dear Commodore Hoffman and Members,

On behalf of all of the citizens of the Town of Barnstable, the Board of Selectmen congratulates the Hyannis Yacht Club on the 50th anniversary of its founding. Your club has provided hundreds of Barnstable families with an opportunity to maintain our special relationship with the sea around us. May your next 50 years be as successful as your first half century. The seamanship, sportsmanship and the comradeship that have been the hallmark of the Hyannis Yacht Club gives all of the citizens of Barnstable a sense of pride in your grand institution. The Town of Barnstable looks back on your history with pride and towards your future with optimism knowing that you will continue to be an outstanding institution of people and tradition.

Sincerely yours,



Francis I. Broadhurst
Chairman



William T. Friel



Martin J. Flynn

Board of Selectmen
Town of Barnstable

PROGRAM

Invocation

Salute to the Flag

Dinner

Introduction of Commodore

Introduction of Flag Officers

Introduction of Distinguished Guests

Commodore's Message

Recognition of Past Commodores

Dancing to John Salerno's Orchestra



Founded 1909
Member S. M. Y. R. A.

Hyannis Port Yacht Club

P.O. BOX 128
HYANNIS PORT, MASSACHUSETTS 02647-0128

August 2, 1988

Mr. Joseph Hoffman, Commodore
Hyannis Yacht Club
Box 9
Hyannis, MA 02601

Dear Joe:

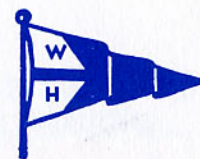
On behalf of the Hyannisport Yacht Club I would like to congratulate the Hyannis Yacht Club on their 50th anniversary. We at Hyannisport have enjoyed our special relationship with the Hyannis Yacht Club, a rivalry with a spirit of friendly cooperation. We look forward to continuing this relationship for another 50 years.

Congratulations to you and all the members of the Hyannis Yacht Club!

Happy Sailing,

Peter L. O'Keefe, Commodore
Hyannisport Yacht Club

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WILD HARBOR YACHT CLUB

SILVER BEACH, MASS. 02565

28 July 1988

Commodore Joseph M. Hoffman
Hyannis Yacht Club
P.O. Box 9
Hyannis, MA. 02601

Dear Commodore:

On behalf of the Officers, Board of Directors, and the entire membership of the Wild Harbor Yacht Club, I wish to extend our organization's best wishes and most sincere congratulations to the Hyannis Yacht Club on the occasion of your fiftieth anniversary.

As we enter our thirty-fifth year of activities, our past and present members recollect fondly the many days spent in the friendly atmosphere of your Club during your annual regatta. From the quality of your on-shore facilities and operations, including the courteous and professional conduct of your staff and membership, to the very formidable talents of your sailors in all racing cruising classes, the Hyannis Yacht Club has consistently exemplified all that is good in the sport of yachting.

Wishing your entire membership "smooth sailing" as you celebrate this milestone event in your proud history, and looking forward to the continued positive relationship between our Clubs, we remain,

Respectfully yours,
WILD HARBOR YACHT CLUB

Kevin T. Hines
Commodore



NANTUCKET YACHT CLUB
NANTUCKET ISLAND, MASS.

July 25, 1988

Joseph M. Hoffman,
Commodore
Hyannis Yacht Club
P.O. Box 9
Hyannis, MA 02601

Dear Commodore Hoffman:

Heartiest congratulations and good wishes from your friends at Nantucket Yacht Club as you celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Hyannis Yacht Club. You have a great tradition.

Sincerely,

Carl M. Mueller
Commodore



EDGARTOWN YACHT CLUB
P.O. BOX 1309
EDGARTOWN, MASS. 02539

August 1, 1988

Commodore Joseph M. Hoffman
Hyannis Yacht Club
Post Office Box 9
Hyannis, Massachusetts 02601

Dear Commodore,

The Officers, Trustees and Members of the Edgartown Yacht Club send you and your membership a twenty-one gun salute and raise their glasses high in recognition of your Golden Anniversary.

From all of us to all of you, may the next fifty years be as full of fair winds and clear skies as the first fifty.

With all best wishes,

R. Brandon Harrison, Jr.
Commodore



West Dennis Yacht Club, Inc.

P.O. BOX 422

WEST DENNIS, MASS. 02670

INCORPORATED 1939

Ralph T. Soucie
Commodore, WDYC
19 July 1988

Joseph M. Hoffman
Commodore, Hyannis Yacht Club
Ocean Street
Hyannis, Ma 02601

Commodore Hoffman:

It is with the greatest of pleasure that I extend to you and your members our heartiest congratulations on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Hyannis Yacht Club. Please be assured of our continued rivalry and friendship during your next fifty as well as the fond memories of our past association. Our very best to all of you.

Very sincerely,



BEVERLY YACHT CLUB

99 WATER STREET • P.O. BOX 181

MARION, MASSACHUSETTS 02738-0181

July 23, 1988

Commodore Joseph M. Hoffman
Hyannis Yacht Club
Hyannis, Massachusetts

Dear Commodore Hoffman,

As Commodore of the Beverly Yacht Club in Marion, I would like, on behalf of our membership, to take this opportunity to congratulate you and your members on your fiftieth season. May you continue your fine racing and sailing traditions for many more such anniversaries.

Very truly yours,

John W. Braitmayer
Commodore
Beverly Yacht Club



THE BUZZARDS YACHT CLUB, INC.

P.O. BOX 258
CATAUMET, MASSACHUSETTS 02534

August 1, 1988

Commodore Joseph M. Hoffman
Hyannis Yacht Club
Box 9
Hyannis, MA 02601

Dear Commodore and Members of the Hyannis Yacht Club:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that the Buzzards Yacht Club salutes you in this your Golden Anniversary. Sailing and boating is a great tonic for the soul and we share with you and many other Cape Cod yacht clubs the pleasure of helping bring to an increasing number of people the pleasure of sailing, boating and racing. Particularly important is the commitment to introduce our young people to the joys of this sport and to the self-discipline of good sportsmanship.

Congratulations and may you enjoy another fifty years of success.

Sincerely,

O. Stuart Chase

O. Stuart Chase
Commodore
Buzzards yacht Club

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LEWIS BAY YACHT CLUB

179 BERRY AVENUE
POST OFFICE BOX 651
WEST YARMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS 02673

August 8, 1988

Commodore Joseph M. Hoffman
Hyannis Yacht Club
P.O. Box 9
Hyannis, MA 02601

Dear Commodore Hoffman:

On behalf of the Lewis Bay Yacht Club, our Officers and membership wish to congratulate you and your Officers and Members upon the celebration of the 50th year of the founding of the Hyannis Yacht Club. Throughout the years, the presence of the Hyannis Yacht Club has placed its indelible seal of seamanship upon its youth down through the years. From the portals of your Club have emerged outstanding skippers and seamen who have demonstrated a great respect for the sea and the coastal waters of our beloved Cape Cod.

It is, for you, a significant achievement and honor to be the Commodore in this, your Club's 50th Anniversary. I congratulate you, personally, and all of your hard working Members who are planning the celebration of this significant milestone.

Your Yacht Club has assisted the Lewis Bay Yacht Club in many endeavors over the years and has aided our sailing program immeasurably by providing a basis for the inter-club series between the Hyannis Yacht Club, the Hyannis Port Yacht Club and our Club on Lewis Bay.

I am delighted to extend to you, on this memorable occasion, the warm greetings and heartfelt appreciation of the Officers, Members and their families of the Lewis Bay Yacht Club, with a fond wish that the next 50 years will be as fruitful as the first 50 years.

Very truly yours,

John W. Spillane
John W. Spillane, Commodore

cc: James F. McGillen, Chairman
Golden Anniversary Committee

PAST COMMODORES

*Robert L. MacIvor	1939-1942
*C. Marchant Wilde	1943-1945
*Frederic F. Scudder	1946
Robert L. Baxter	1946
*A. Harold Castonguay	1947
*Samuel D. Kesten	1948-1949
*John W. Thompson	1950-1951
*Henry L. Murphy	1952-1953
*Thayer F. Symes	1954
*G. Winthrop Moore	1954
*Robert L. MacIvor	1955-1958
Robert L. Baxter	1959
*Robert F. Scudder	1960
*Robert M. Murphy	1961
Winthrop V. Wilbur, Jr.	1962
*Ronald J. Hosie	1963
Richard B. Haskins	1964
Hudson H. Baxter	1965
Charles F. Lockhart	1966
Frank H. Fenner, Jr.	1967-1968
Frank B. Bearse	1969-1970
Alan McNaughton	1971-1972
S. Benjamin Thomas	1973-1974
Hugh C. Findlay	1975-1976
John C. Howland	1977-1978
*Thomas H. O'Neill	1979
Donald F. Henderson	1980
Myron Sears	1981
Frederic F. Scudder II	1982
Dennis S. Sullivan	1983
Stuart F. Myers	1984
William D. Lawson	1985
John L. Marchildon	1986
Morris I. Johnson	1987

*deceased