BOURNE SAILOR

December 2014 Volume 8

THE LOG OF BOURNE COMMUNITY BOATING, INC.

Bourne Community Boating, PO Box 3157, Bourne, MA 02532

A 501(c)(3) Public Charity

From the Bridge: *Message from the President*

Can you do a flying jibe standing on the gunnel of an opti, sail on a windy day with just a trash bag for a sail, or conduct a coordinated dance routine on the bows of a daisy of opti's ? Check out Bourne Community Boating!!

Each season starts with great promise and renewed energy. Lead by Amy Wright and Sarah Bouchie, BCB got off to a great start.

In the Spring, Dave O'Hara coached a joint high school sailing program with a combination of BCB and Sturgis High School sailors. Dave Fallon led power boat instruction which continued to draw youth and adult students with several mother-daughter, father-son combinations participating. This two day classroom and on-the-water course, developed by US Sailing, is the best program available. Students leaving with confidence and enthusiasm, having mastered basic power boating skills. Dave Fallon also conducted a US Sailing Level 1 certification class.

Our Mummichog program, lead by Melissa Meara, is fast becoming one of our most popular programs. Just take a 6 or 7 year old graduate for a walk on the beach. You will be amazed by what these young students will teach you as they turn over rocks to identify the marine life underneath.

A grant from the 11th Hour Racing Foundation helped fund our highly successful Belly Biology program led by Cheryl Milliken. BCB strives to educate our students on the importance of being good stewards of our marine environment.

Thank you Monice and all the participants who made Phinney's Harbor Day, once again, a huge success. Because of this success, our scholarship funds for Bourne year round residents is assured for 2015.

Generosity of our BCB family continues to support our programs. Assisted by a *matching fund challenge grant* from an anonymous donor, we are \$20,000 away from our matching goal or \$100,000. These funds will be used in part to start a permanent endowment for BCB. This challenge grant ends December 22. *So please consider donating to BCB*.

I would like to thank our all volunteer Board, Advisors, volunteers, instructors, Fleet Captain, the DNR, Highway department, fire and police, and of course, the parents for trusting your children to BCB's staff.

To see the confidence and self esteem demonstrated by our young sailors is what it is all about. To see our kids on the honor role lists, excelling in other extra curricular activities, and now off to college, makes me proud of them. To have the opportunity to write recommendations for our former students/instructors is an honor.

I think this program is the community program we had all wished for and we will continue to strive to make improvements.

P.S. A special thanks to Sarah Bouchie for her many years with the program, She will be missed by all. BCB wishes you the very best in what ever direction the wind takes you.

May your boots be dry and the wind at your back!

- Paul Bushueff, Chairman & President



2014 Fundraising Match Challenge

A generous anonymous benefactor of Bourne Community Boating has issued a " Matching Challenge Grant" to BCB to help promote financial support from the community we serve. The challenge goes out to the families, extended families, and friends of BCB. As of December 4th we are 80% of the way toward reaching our goal of \$100,000 .. This is a unique opportunity to help establish a permanent endowment for the program. This challenge ends on December 22nd, 2014. If you have a child, relative, instructor, or friend who has benefited from any of Bourne Community Boating's programs, please take this wonderful opportunity to make a tax deductible donation that will be matched. Your donation could help us achieve our goal. Thank You!

