

# THE BOURNE SAILOR

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## BOURNE COMMUNITY BOATING 2006: A BRIEF HISTORY.

*Is boating "nice?" Mole asks in the first chapter of Kenneth Grahame's book, The Wind in the Willows. "Nice?" the Water Rat replies. "It's the ONLY thing," he says. "Believe me, my friend, there is NOTHING—absolutely nothing—half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats."*

*There are some people in Bourne who feel the same way, saying they've spent some of the happiest hours of their lives "messing around in boats.", Diana Barth, Bourne Enterprise, Friday, March 23, 2007.*

In the fall of 2006, Dave Foyne and I were discussing the fact that Bourne with one of the longest coastlines in the state did not have a youth saltwater sailing Program for the local youth of Bourne. Would it be possible to start one, and if so, how?

A couple of weeks later, while out fishing, I came across Ken Legg. I asked him if he knew anything about youth sailing programs. He said yes, a lot! I told him what Dave and I were thinking and he said, "Let's do it"

(Cont.)

## HONOR ROLL

Dave Arnold  
Talbot Baker JR  
Ballentine's Boat Shop  
Paul Bushueff  
Francis Cichowski  
Peter Clay  
Elaine Cody  
Durant Family  
Leonard Hills  
Susan Jackson  
Skip Kingsbury  
Julia Doyle-Kingsbury  
Ken Legg  
Kent Nicholas  
Red Brook Harbor Yacht Club  
Bob Ripley Fund  
John J. Sacco and Edith L. Sacco  
Charitable Foundation  
John Scavotto  
Ware Family  
Reg Warren  
Ronald Way  
Phillip Way  
Lighthouse Cape Cod  
Scallop Bay Marina  
Swift Marine  
Town of Bourne  
Bourne DNR

(Cont.) In the past, he had served as Commodore of the Buzzards Yacht Club, and his son, Josh, had been a head sailing instructor. They were both experienced sailors and racers. He also has a good friend, Jen Kano, who practically wrote the cookbook of youth sailing, including staff skills, lesson plans, games, and having fun on the water safely while learning to sail! So in the fall and winter, we put our heads together, Our first organized meeting was on December 3, 2006. With snow flying outside we had lots to do. Meeting around the wood-burning stove at Parkers Boat Yard. Key participants were: Dave, Ken, and I, Bruce and Patty Parker, Tina Canterbury, Mark Mahoney Jen Kano, and Dave O'Hara, (our newly appointed executive directors.)

Gene Curry had filed Articles of Organization with the State. Joe Murphy, who would be our accountant, was working on obtaining 501C 3 status for BCB. Toby Baker had donated a rib.

During the following meetings, it was decided that we needed 8 Opti Prams to start the program. Amazingly, within a month we had donations to purchase the prams. The following people stepped up to the plate: The Legg, Bushueff, Foynes, Hough & Picard family, Mark Mahoney, Stephen Cucchiaro, Joseph Morin, Scott Zein/ Kingman Yacht Center, .

We set the tuition as a \$50.00 BCB membership to Bourne year-round residents. Enrollment for 48 students in 4 four-week sessions, morning and afternoon. We were able to raise \$50,000 to cover first-year expenses, and we needed every bit of it. BCB leased the beachfront from the Mashnee Village Corporation next to the "grill" on the Island.

BCB established a program of sailing 4 days a week plus Belly Biology" 1 day a week. Marine biology instruction was provided by Jason Cassista from Briarwood. Eric Bevins of the "grill" let us set up a biology lab under the deck where each class had their own aquarium of saltwater critters. We started with 12 kids and 3 instructors per session. Tina Canterbury brought the teachers for evening sails.

This was to be a community program. Parents and friends handled check-ins, served as beach parents, ran the cookouts, Volunteered to paint the donated benches, and made a BCB flag pole out of a cedar post. Much was donated. Volume One of the "Bourne Sailor" newsletter highlights the support BCB received from the Bourne Community (www.BourneCommunityBoating.org/mission. )

Ken said to me, contributing to the community in this way, "will be one of the most rewarding experiences of your Life." Bourne Community Boating is looking for volunteers for this year to continue this popular Bourne family program..

-Paul Bushueff, Grey Gables

SOME PHOTOS FROM OUR EARLY BCB YEARS:



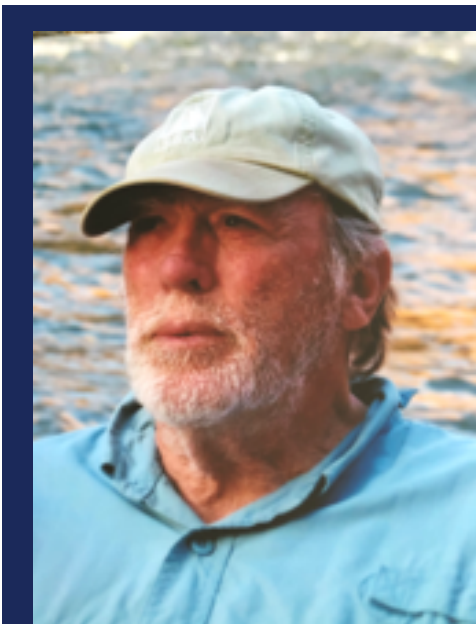
## FROM THE PURSER: FINANCIAL UPDATE

Our programs are funded by tuition, fundraising, and donations. Over the years the tuitions have increased very little despite rising costs of the world around us as we try to provide equal opportunity access to the water. BCB also provides many scholarships, both full and part tuition, on an as-needed basis. Last year we relied heavily on the support of the community and from private donations.

In order to support our program, we need to increase fundraising this year. One important initiative this next year will be to bring back Phinney's Harbor Day, which has been BCB's largest fundraising event. Stay tuned for more information and consider volunteering to help us organize this fun event. If you agree with us that this program improves our community, please think seriously about sending in a donation or signing up to be a volunteer. We are a small non-profit organization and appreciate all donations and those who donate.

You can make checks payable to Bourne Community Boating, PO Box 3157 Bourne MA 02532. Donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law, and your gift in any amount does make a difference. We use these donations to run day-to-day operations and fund scholarships so that everyone has an equal opportunity to get on the water.

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



While it is often with sadness that we announce changes in our board, today we share this news with joy and gratitude: **Ken Legg** is transitioning from his role on the BCB Board of Directors as President and stepping down from this leadership role to be a board member. In this new capacity, Ken will continue to make substantial contributions, focusing on mentoring upcoming board members and ensuring the seamless operation of the BCB summer school. His involvement will be crucial in imparting his vast knowledge and expertise to the future leaders of BCB.

Ken, a co-founder of BCB in 2006, has been instrumental in shaping our organization. His vision of bringing the joy of sailing to the wider Bourne community has been a cornerstone of BCB's philosophy. Before BCB, Ken's impressive academic and professional journey took him across the United States, from the East to the West Coast, where his passion for sailing flourished. Merging his interests in science, teaching, and sailing, Ken has accomplished several transatlantic and pacific voyages with the Sea Education Association (SEA) in Woods Hole, and he has also contributed as a scientist on the R/V Laurence M. Gould's Antarctic expedition. These experiences were pivotal in influencing Ken to find a way to share his love for science and sailing to others. (Cont...)

## A NOTE FROM KEN LEGG:

"I'm excited for the new leadership of BCB. Lesley, Carina, Ghislaine, and Matt Swift are more than capable of taking over for Paul, David, Kent, and myself. Their new programs for the coming summer along with other fresh ideas are a welcome addition to BCB. Paul, David, and I will remain as board members, but the new team will really be driving the bus. I'd also like to recognize the outstanding group of instructors we had this past summer: Leah Cody, Thomas Sullivan, Ethan Lucas, Willow Lajoie, and Finn Ware. The students loved them and we are looking forward to all of them returning. Finally, I'd like to thank all of our donors, volunteers, and parents for their support. You really put the Community into BCB."

(cont.) His impact through BCB in nurturing a love for the sea and its sciences in countless individuals is immeasurable. Ken's various roles, including a long period as president, have been pivotal to our growth, and his ongoing involvement as a director is a testament to his commitment.

As we celebrate Ken Legg's remarkable life journey within and outside of BCB, we also look forward with excitement to the next chapter in our story, confident in the new leadership and inspired by Ken's enduring legacy.

It is with mixed emotions that we announce that **Kent Nicholas** has stepped down from the BCB Board of Directors. Kent, who most recently served as our Treasurer, made invaluable contributions in this role. His commitment and financial acumen have been instrumental in our success. A true testament to Kent's altruistic spirit was evident in his response to our offer of gratitude. He simply said, "I received all the thanks I need or deserve from seeing the faces of the students enjoying sailing." This statement reflects the essence of his dedication and the joy he derived from the positive impact of our program on young sailors.

As we bid farewell to Kent in his official capacity, his legacy within BCB and the joy he has brought to our students will remain a guiding inspiration. The board lauds Ken and Kent's dedication and leadership, noting the significant strides BCB made during their tenure. Bourne Community Boating remains a pillar in the Bourne maritime community, offering programs and opportunities for both seasoned sailors and beginners. The emphasis on community engagement and education has made BCB a beloved institution, thanks to Ken and Kent and all of the dedicated volunteers.

These board changes are meant to sustain BCB's mission and momentum for generations to come. We look forward to having Ken, and David O'Hara continue to guide us from their new positions on the board.

## FROM THE SHIP'S CARPENTER

"According to Sir Ernest Shackleton, 'the qualities...necessary to the explorer are... first, optimism; second, patience; third, physical endurance.' These were the qualities Mrs. Chippy possessed in abundance. While his shipmates fretted anxiously about their safe return to their homes, Mrs. Chippy greeted each new dawn with complacent optimism, often sleeping patiently through the winter days."

*Excerpted from Mrs Chippy's Last Expedition by Caroline Alexander*

What may not be obvious is that Mrs. Chippy is the ship's cat aboard the famous (and recently discovered) vessel, Endurance. If you don't know the story of Ernest Shackleton's polar expedition that got trapped in the ice leaving the crew to endure nearly 500 days trapped in Antarctica before being rescued in an incredibly dramatic fashion, I strongly urge you to read about it. At Bourne Community Boating we strive to instill in our sailors those same qualities, optimism, patience, endurance as well as self-reliance. Bourne Community Boating is growing and renewing thanks to the efforts of volunteers, board members, and instructors but especially because of our Executive Director, Carina Way. Thanks to all who lent a hand in making 2023 a resounding success.

I have stepped back from many of the tasks I did in years past but much of the slack has been taken up by new faces. Launching and hauling, mooring maintenance, and storage of boats has been ably taken up by Swift Marine Services, Thanks to Matt, Jesse, and the crew who spend many hours keeping things afloat for us. They are a joy to work with and flexible when things don't go according to schedule! (Cont.)

(Cont.) Ballentine's Boat Shop has just finished repairing toe rails and putting new coamings on one of our Bullseyes and their work is a picture of perfection! This is the second Bullseye they have refurbished for us. Amy Ballentine-Stevens helps us with all kinds of things from shrink wrapping, procuring trailers, repairing boats, and lending us her sage advice. Thank you, Amy and the crew at the boat shop!

Because BCB doesn't own any land we reach out for storage space and Scallop Bay Marine continues the tradition of Barlow's Boatyard by giving us space to store about 20 small boats. Hats off to Matty who is always there when we need something with a smile on his face.

There are lots of opportunities to volunteer so lend us a hand, please. This winter there are some small fiberglass repairs that need to be done so if you have some experience or are willing to learn, let Carina know. When the weather gets a bit warmer in the spring there will be bottoms to paint, boats to clean, trailers to move, etcetera so step up and join and enjoy our community. Just send Carina a message that you are willing to help make 2024 even better than 2023.

Lastly, we are looking to expand our fleet of Bullseyes (aka Buzzards Bay Boys Boats) so if you know of one that's available, let Carina know. Thanks.

Yours for a fair wind,

David O'Hara  
Ship's Carpenter (semi-retired)



Some pre and post-season volunteering from Matt Swift and his amazing crew!



## HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS



*We have collaborated with Susannah Sullivan at **P.S. I love you** to bring you some amazing BCB bracelets! They fit children and adults alike and can withstand an entire season of summer fun! Seriously these things last our instructors sported these all summer long! Send us an email ([info@bournecommunityboating.org](mailto:info@bournecommunityboating.org)) or DM on Facebook or Instagram @bournecommunityboating.*



*We have partnered with **Light House Cape Cod** to bring back BCB Merchandise! We will have hats, sweatshirts, T-shirts, and so much more all with the Bourne Community Boating Logo! Any one of these clothing items would make the perfect gift for any occasion and with the Holiday's quickly approaching, now is your time to snag one! The store will be open from November 22 through December 1st. The link can be found on our Facebook and Instagram as well as typing the following into your web browser:  
<https://bcb2023.itemorder.com/shop/>*

# TAFFRAIL LOG: BCB SUMMER 2023 PROGRAMS

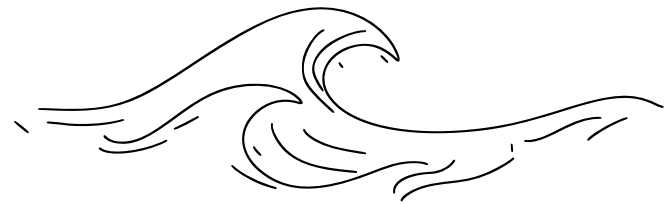
We had an absolutely fantastic summer full of fun and learning! Don't take our word for it here are some things parents had to say when asked "What did your child/children enjoy most about BCB?"

*"My son loved the instructors and the opportunity to be social by the water. He points to the drop off spot whenever we drive by the beach and says "I miss Bourne Community Boating."*

*"Literally everything!!! Not one complaint. The staff was amazing, and so much was taught and learned. More than expected and looking forward to coming back next year!"*

*"The counselors' comradeship and overall spirit of adventure and fun."*

We also make sure to get plenty of photos to show off their skills and day to day activities! Take a peek to see what we were up to this summer...



*Here is one of our Senior Instructors (Leah Cody) giving directions to a few of our Advanced Beginner students right before their sailing adventure.*



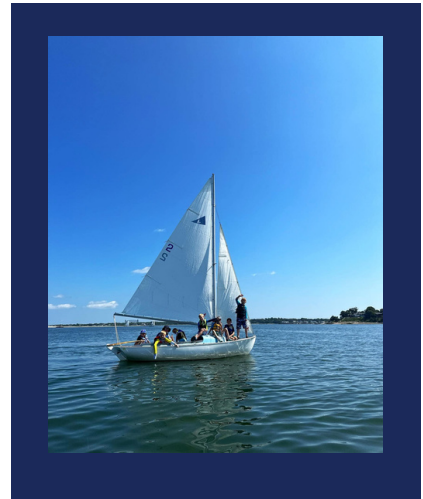
(LEFT) *Our mummichogs class getting ready with their instructor (Finn Ware) to go for a Hobie sail.*



(RIGHT) *Some of our more experienced sailors taking out the Bullseye and learning how to fly a spinnaker.*



(LEFT) *Some of our sailors use teamwork to rig our prams that are primarily used in our beginner and advanced beginner courses.*



(RIGHT)  
Some students enjoying a Bullseye Sail with their instructor Thomas Sullivan

# MEET THE 2023-24 BCB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Lesley Jarvis MD, PhD- President

Amy Ballentine Stevens- Vice President

Ghislaine Lacerte- Treasurer

Boris Paul Bushueff Jr.- Clerk

Kenneth Legg- Director

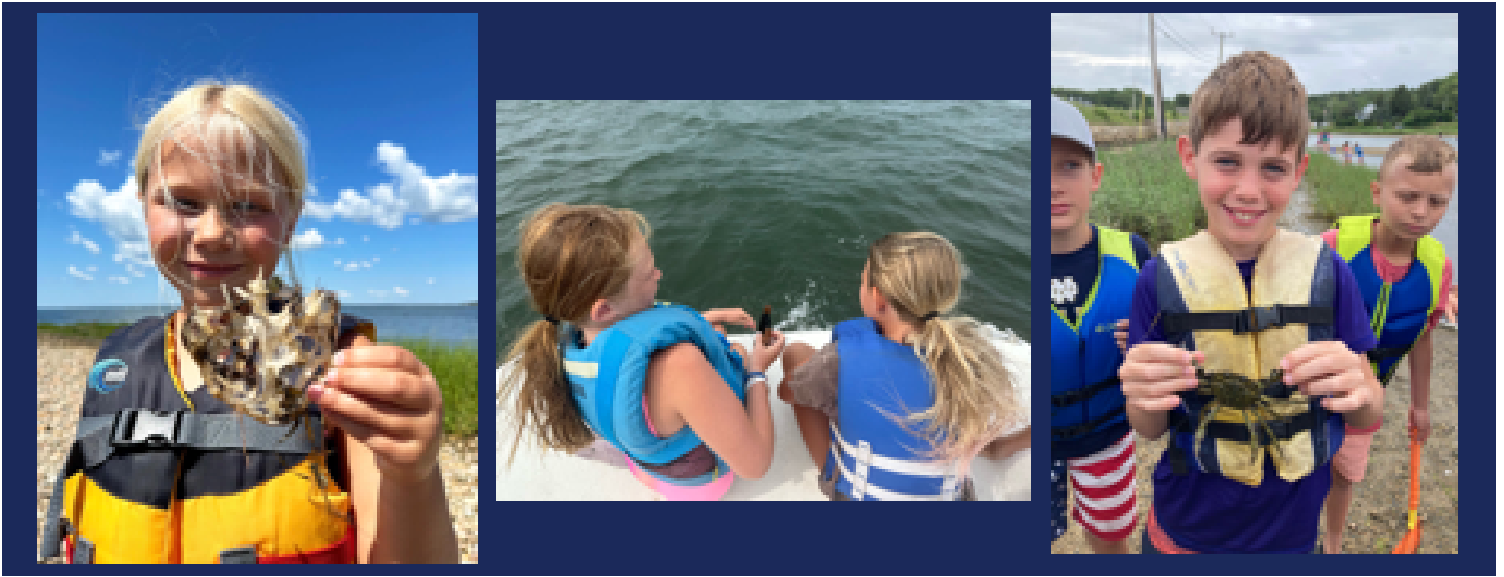
David O'Hara- Director

Susannah Sullivan- Director

Carina Way - Executive Director







**Theme Days!!** Every summer we do at least two theme days, this year we did pirate day where students used teamwork to find clues to make their way to “buried treasure”! Students were encouraged to dress up and they all had a blast!

And we can't forget about **Belly Biology!** The majority of our sessions (AM Sessions) were able to partake in Belly Bio at least once during their summer at BCB this past year. During Belly Bio this year we got to go fishing, critter collection, and adventuring on Tobey's Island! This upcoming summer we have secured a few field trip days on the Zephyr! The Zephyr is a research boat out of Woodshole where students will be able to partake in dredging, critter observation, and so much more!

This summer we operated on a two-week rotating schedule and offered our usual youth programs (Mummichogs, Beginners, Advanced Beginners, Intermediates, and Adventurers) in addition to having private and adult lessons run in the evening. We were able to have many new and returning faces this year and can't wait to see what next year will bring!

## FROM THE CROW'S NEST: CLASS SCHEDULE FOR 2024

*We are excited to announce our class schedule for 2024. We are introducing new options and bringing back some old favorites.*

June 24-28	July 1-5	July 8-12	July 15-19	July 22-26	July 29-Aug 2	Aug 5-9	Aug 12-16
<b>Chogs</b>	<b>Chogs</b>	<b>Chogs</b>	<b>Chogs</b>	<b>Chogs</b>	<b>Chogs</b>	<b>Chogs</b>	<b>Chogs</b>
<b>Beginner</b>				<b>Beginner</b>			
<b>Adv Beginner</b>				<b>Adv Beginner</b>			
<b>Bullseyes</b>	<b>Bullseyes</b>	<b>Bullseyes</b>	<b>Bullseyes</b>	<b>Bullseyes</b>	<b>Bullseyes</b>	<b>Bullseyes</b>	<b>Bullseyes</b>
<b>LUNCH</b>				<b>LUNCH</b>			
<b>Sailapalooza</b>	<b>Sailapalooza</b>	<b>Sailapalooza</b>	<b>Sailapalooza</b>	<b>Sailapalooza</b>	<b>Sailapalooza</b>	<b>Sailapalooza</b>	<b>Sailapalooza</b>
<b>Intermediate</b>				<b>Intermediate</b>			
<b>Learn to Race &amp; Adventurers</b>				<b>Learn to Race &amp; Adventurers</b>			

*Noteworthy changes include-*

*Four-week classes- BCB classes were traditionally 4 weeks long, which is ideal for improving sailing skills, confidence, and progression through the program. Now that we have fully ramped up our schedule and staffing after the COVID years, we are delighted to offer the 4-week program again for our beginner, advanced beginner, and intermediate classes. This is the best choice for youngsters aiming to become self-reliant sailors and for those aspiring to eventually enter into the junior instructor and instructor programs.*

*One-week classes- Recognizing that not every child wants to commit to a four-week program and some may want to know if sailing is for them before committing to a longer class, we have incorporated 1-week classes into the 2024 plans.*

*Bullseye class: In the morning, we will have up to 4 students with 1 instructor in a bullseye sailboat. Depending on skill levels when entering, by the end of the week, kids should feel comfortable in a sailboat, enjoy some nice sailing trips around Phinneys Harbor, and even get comfortable at the helm.*

*(Contd.)*

Sailapalooza: In the afternoon, we will bring back this fun-centric, less structured course. This class will emphasize experience with different boats and exploring sailing trips in the area. This was a popular class, first introduced in 2012 and we look forward to bringing it back for 2024.

Mummichogs (chogs): Tailored for our youngest sailors, we will continue to offer the very popular 1-week mummichog class throughout the summer. As always, marine biology remains at its core, underscored by our unique belly biology curriculum.

Full-day option- Catering to families seeking an all-day program or for children who can't get enough sailing, we are introducing a flexible full-day option. It is simply a matter of signing up for both a morning and an afternoon class. For instance, the beginner or advanced beginner morning students can elect to add Sailapalooza in the afternoon. And vice versa for afternoon students who elect to take the morning bullseyes class. This will be new and it will be the first time that students will be at BCB through the lunch hour. We foresee a laid-back, supervised beach lunch and possibly the birth of new BCB traditions during the lunch hour (pizza Friday anyone?).

Combined learn to race and adventurers- While racing has not been BCB's focal point, there are invariably students who are keen on learning to race. Our instructors note that racing offers an engaging means for the students to sharpen their sailing acumen. Previously, our most experienced sailors, had to choose between the racing and the adventurer's class. Next year, we will combine these 2 classes into one four week class. Depending on the daily preferences and prevailing weather, the class will pivot between racing skills and sailing escapades.



# PLANS FOR 2024

We have many new plans to come in 2024 including a new 4-week schedule and an all-day option for students as well as continuing to provide equal opportunity and access to sailing for all ages. We are looking forward to starting a new schedule and incorporating more “belly bio” into our curriculum as the last few years it had phased out. We already have some field trips lined up and can’t wait to share them with you!

Here are some important points for the end of 2023 to the beginning of 2024:

- Summer Sailing School Registration to open in January 2024
- Don't forget to buy your BCB merchandise before the holidays:  
<https://bcb2023.itemorder.com/shop/>
- Consider supporting BCB by either a monetary donation or volunteering your time
- If you have any questions or to contact us, email:  
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