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Boothbay Harbor One Design Association Spring 2024 Newsletter

Thank you all for your continued support of the Boothbay Harbor One Design Association. If you have not completed your renewed membership for 2024, now is the time to do so. We have a great lineup of Fun Sails, Luncheons, and Racing starting in June for Windjammer Days.

Your board has been busy over the fall and winter. Once again, we are kicking off Windjammer Days with the opening Fun Sail on the first Sunday of the event. I've spoken to the Windjammer Committee and they know we want to be featured in their publications. We'll also sail/tow a One Design in the Windjammer Days Boat Parade.

BHODA is again a major sponsor of the two-day Shipyard Cup. Hopefully we'll have a full complement of Boothbay Harbor One Design's, Christmas Cove One Designs, Hodgdon 21's and Great Lake 21's. We'd love to see the youth racing ANNA GRACE.

We've reached out to the leaders of Christmas Cove inviting them to join us for the Shipyard Cup and potentially a fun sail in Linekin Bay. They have now responded, and we are reviewing our calendars to see if we can get together both on the water, and, possibly for a "land" event. As we learn more, I'll let everyone know. It's my understanding that it's been many years since we've had an event together.

We are excited to let you know that Jack Herger has created a communications brochure that we intend to use to let our community know who we are. I've attached a copy of the flyer for you to see. We will be printing them and getting them out in the community, at Windjammer Day events, Shipyard Cup and around town. We're hoping to attract more people interested in sailing and, most importantly, sailing one designs. Jack did a fantastic job in creating the flyer and your board has spent a lot of time reviewing and approving it. We want to THANK JACK FOR ALL HIS FINE WORK.

We're planning several lunch events, fun sails, and, of course, the Boothbay Harbor One Design Regatta on August 3rd. If you only can race one event, race in our regatta. Even boats just out for a sail can participate.

We want to involve all our members in our activities on or off the water. I've attached a copy of our summer event schedule. It is still evolving, and I'll get a final one out to you as we get

closer to the summer. Please plan to attend as many events as possible. BHODA is your association, and we really need you as members and want you to join us at every event possible.

As you know our organization was founded to support sailing in Boothbay Harbor and to foster sailing in general and especially youth sailing. We are seeking ways to reach out in support of our mission. We sponsor ANNA GRACE in the Jr Program at BHYC and support the High School Sailing Team. Within our financial ability, we want to ensure that we are doing everything possible to bring more people into the joy of sailing a BHOD. We're exploring offering sailing opportunities in one designs on Tuesday afternoons. It would be open to anyone interested in experiencing sailing a one design with an experienced captain. We are still working on this project and hope to have this up and running this summer. If you have ideas on how to make this happen, please let me know. Also, if you have a one design and would be willing to take people out on a Tuesday, please let me know.

Our plans this summer are taking shape, but we need you. Please re-join if you have not. I've attached the current membership form. **WE NEED YOU!!!** We need your thoughts, suggestions, complaints, and to be present at our events. Without you we would no longer be an organization.

Our treasurer, Deanna Clarkson, is working on setting up a VENMO account to make it easier to make payments to BHODA. We know that many of you no longer write checks or carry cash. I'll let you know when it is available.

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