

**Bellport Bay Yacht Club**  
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Commodores Report 2023

Dear Members,

It's been a long road to get there. These last 12 months have been a whirlwind at the Club. We've continued to improve our membership experience and offerings.

This year, we have rebranded our website and added a Member Portal that actually works this time by contracting with Clubspot. We are now managing all membership activities from one simple web based program and it will lead to a much better overall integrated experience. Please make sure you can login to the website as there will be more member only information behind the wall.

One major goal for 2022 was to get more adult participation in sailing based activities. We were looking at a way to reengage young adults and keep them sailing. We accomplished that goal, Last August Zim Boatworks donated us a fleet of 15 High Performance Dinghies for us to sail with young adults. The club's goal is getting the "Lost Generation" out there sailing, those ages 30-50, this fleet will give our former junior sailors a program to jump into.

We made some significant improvements to our bylaws last August. We want to help encourage Young Active Membership and clarify the New Membership Process.

We added a Young Adult Membership. We don't want our junior members to wait until they are 30-40 with small kids to join the club and become active, we need young people getting involved early to help make programs like the Zim 15 and others racing programs work. Our youth sailors coming from BBSF have great sailing experience and now thanks to the Zim 15 Fleet we have a perfect segway experience to keep them involved with the sport of sailing.

The new membership process is now much simpler. We want everyone to apply for club membership now, at any point during the year. Candidates will not be considered for membership until the following year. They are allowed to attend as a guest of their sponsors during the year they apply. Now new members will be admitted as a class. This will mean no lapse in communications, updating lists mid year, keeping track of who are new members for special meetings, etc. It will lead to a much better experience for new members and an easier administrative burden for club leadership.

Lastly, we are set to run many different regattas and events throughout the year. We need volunteers for Happy Hours, and Coffee Hours. Please pay attention to your emails and volunteer. We have no employees; we are 100% volunteer-based organization. This is a community based organization, we get what our members put into it!

This year we are hosting the USODA Atlantic Coast Championships. We have a few Bay Championships we are hosting, it's a great way to learn before doing the ACCs. Tom Conlin has done tremendous work with RC over the years but we need to get ready to pass the torch at some point. This is a great opportunity to volunteer to help run some races.

Regards

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