



Ahoy Courageous Members,

Spring is finally here, and so is your welcome letter for the season! For me, the fact that it never felt as if winter really came to Boston has made the wait for sailing season seem that much longer. Thankfully, Opening Day is only a few short weeks away.

Following a 35th anniversary year that was one of our best and busiest, we have been working hard through the off-season to improve the user-friendliness of our resources and to plan a great calendar of courses and member events for 2023. Please [check out our calendar](#) and start signing up for events (sign-up links can be found in the event descriptions).

We're so excited to see you all in person and get everyone back out on the water. Below is a preview of what to expect this year and notice of changes from how we operated last year.

What's staying the same...

- I'll be continuing to direct the Adult Program this season, as well as organizing Courageous events. Please feel free to reach out to me personally with any suggestions, questions, or concerns.
- Pier 4 construction is still underway and last year's dock setup will be staying put on Pier 3 and Pier 4. Like last year, Rhodes and J80s will sail out of Pier 3, and the Cruising Boats will sail out of Pier 4.
- Our favorite resources from last year are back! The [Member Portal](#) and [Virtual Whiteboard](#) will continue to be updated regularly.

What's new...

- BBQ's are back! Join us on Tuesday and Thursday nights for racing and after-race burgers by the one and only grill master Nate.
- Will's clinics and Spectacle Island sails were a hit last year so we've added more! Leading all things "member engagement," Will will be running weekend sails, docking clinics, Engines 101, and more!
- Mid-fleet member check-outs; We are excited to host our Mid-fleet cruising members for exclusive clinics and check-outs at the beginning of this season to cover outboard engines, docking, reefing, and everything in between. [Please sign up asap!](#) Attendance at a clinic will be required for all Mid-fleet members this year, and engine use on the J80s will be restricted until you've joined us for a clinic. We look forward to seeing you there!

Let's work together!

Every year, we work hard to hold our boats to a high maintenance standard, and this season is no exception. As we continue to raise the bar, we can only live up to these higher standards with your help and commitment.

Where you can help:

- See damage? Report it on our [damage log](#).
- Did you cause damage to a boat? Report it on our damage log.
- Did damage occur as the result of an incident? Please fill out BOTH the [incident report](#) AND the damage log.

Waiver:

We are making some routine changes to our waiver, so keep your eye out for an email update and be sure to sign yours before heading down to the pier.

[Member Packet](#): Things to Note

- We have made some important updates to the Member Packet, including updated guidelines around boat capacities (page 5), reservations (page 6), costs and liability around boat damage (pages 7-9), and groundings (page 12). PLEASE review it before heading out sailing this season.
- Please be aware that the purchase and use of a Courageous membership constitutes acknowledgement of and agreement with the rules laid out in the membership packet. These rules are subject to change, and the most up-to-date version is always available in the Member Portal and by request.

Upcoming Events:

- Courageous Community Meeting: Meet us on Zoom on Thursday, April 13 at 6:00pm! More details and the zoom link can be found in the [calendar details](#).
- Open House: We are seeking volunteers to help take people out for 20-minute sails on April 22-23. [Please sign up here!](#)
- Opening Day: Monday, May 1 at 12pm!
- The best way to reach the Front Desk is via email: frontdesk@courageoussailing.org
- **More events added throughout the season:** www.courageoussailing.org/calendar

Before heading down for your first sail of the season, please:

1. Read our [Member Packet](#)
2. Add the Front Desk phone number to your contacts: 857-452-1769
3. [Make a reservation](#)

We are excited to celebrate our 36th season with you! Thank you for helping create our amazing and supportive community.

We can't wait to see you out on the water very soon!
Caitlyn