



MATTAPOISETT COMMUNITY SAILING ASSOCIATION

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MattSail Summer Gala – Saturday, August 14, 2010

On Saturday, August 14, 2010, the Mattapoissett Community Sailing Association (MattSail) is holding its 4th Annual Summer Gala. Special honorees this year are the late Karl M. Collyer, for his lifelong passion and dedication to the boating community, and Seth Mendell, Mattapoissett yachtsman and community leader.

The MattSail Summer Gala will be hosted by Drs. Bert and Laima Zarins at their beautiful home on Mattapoissett Harbor. The event will begin at 6 PM and will include cocktails (cash bar), buffet and live music by the McCarthy Richards Band. There will be live and silent auctions with unique items including:

- A travel package to NYC to attend a live taping of The Colbert Report (including airfare and three (3) nights at the Grand Hyatt);
- One week accommodation for up to six (6) at the beautiful West Wind II resort, Cable Island, Nassau, Bahamas;
- Four (4) Boston Bruins tickets vs. New Jersey Devils in the Hungry for Hockey section. “All You Can Eat” concession stand;
- Two (2) Red Sox tickets vs. Seattle Mariners in a Loge Box behind homeplate,
- Rare authenticated print of Mystic Seaport entitled “*Charles W. Morgan at Chubbs Wharf by Moonlight*” by renown marine artist John Stobart.

Proceeds from the 4th Annual MattSail Summer Gala benefit the William E. Mee Youth Sailing Program, the Old Rochester Regional High School Sailing Program and MattSail’s general operations. Tickets are \$100 per person and can be purchased online at <http://mattsail.org>.

Special Honorees

Born in Marblehead, Karl M. Collyer was raised in Mattapoissett before moving to Fairhaven in 1984. A graduate of Old Rochester Regional High School, class of 1974, Karl was well known for his involvement with the Mattapoissett boating community, offering advice and counsel to anyone who sought him out. He was employed by the Mattapoissett Boat Yard for 40 years and served as Mattapoissett Harbor Master from 1976 to 1980. His passion for the William E. Mee Youth Sailing Program remains one of the forces of its great success. Karl was the brother-in-law of the late Billy Mee. He was an honorary life member of the Mattapoissett Yacht Club.



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Seth Mendell is a native son of Mattapoissett whose sailing days started during the summer of 1947 when his father bought a 14' gaff rigged sailing skiff for him. After a 31-year career teaching history at the Avon Old Farms School in Avon, CT, Seth embarked on a "new career" running the launch for the Mattapoissett Boat Yard. In 1991 he joined the Board of Directors of the Mattapoissett Historical Society and in '96 he became President. He has been a docent at the New Bedford Whaling Museum for the past sixteen years where he is also head of the Speakers Bureau giving many talks to groups about whaling and the history of the South Coast area.

William E. Mee Regatta

On Saturday, August 14, 2009, the Mattapoissett Yacht Club is organizing the 2nd Annual William E. Mee Regatta to benefit the Mattapoissett Community Sailing Association and the William E. Mee Youth Sailing Program. The regatta will include PHRF, class racing and a new class for recreational sailors which will sail one long/easy course around Buzzards Bay.

About MattSail

Mattapoissett Community Sailing Association Inc. is a 501c3 nonprofit organization with a mission to provide instruction and access to recreational sailing for all, with an emphasis on youth, and to celebrate the Tri-town's maritime heritage. More information about the MattSail Summer Gala and any of their youth sailing education programs can be found at their website <http://mattsail.org> or by calling 774-377-3308

For more information including images

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