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GREEN POND YACHT CLUB, INC.  
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Ahoy!

After the long winter, we have all been looking forward to the coming of the vernal equinox and the warmer weather – well, believe it or not, it seems that they may have actually arrived.

The ice has receded from the banks of the shores, revealing the crystal clear glacial waters of Green Pond. The mallards and mergansers, along with the cormorants and the occasional loon have been spotted all over the lake, while residents with cabin fever have been busy uncovering their boats and swabbing the decks. Everything is coming alive....Spring is here!

With that said, I will try and update you to the happenings of your club. First, I want to let you know that the Board has been very hard at work all winter long maintaining and planning for the upcoming summer season. We have put together a solid financial plan that, while dealing with yearly increases in heating, electricity, taxes and various other operating expenses will enable us to continue making noticeable improvements to the grounds, building and amenities. Secondly, I am happy to say that we will do this *without* raising dues!

As a club founded on sailing, we will continue dedicating resources to our charter/mission - *encourage the sport of sailing and promote the science of seamanship* - Flag Officer Ralph Grossmann, along with Fleet Captains Eric Darling & Bill Engels, will be running our sailing activities, and overseeing the Junior Sailing Program. We will once again continue the practice of offering this program as a free service to all children of members of Green Pond and Lake End corporations. Since our club relies heavily on the generosity of its members, we really appreciate those that think twice about discarding a used rudder, boom or even a whole boat and donating it for the club to restore and reuse. Please come out and join us on the water, and feel free to contact myself or any of our sailing officers with questions or concerns.

The grill & restaurant returns with Christine Zuidema overseeing our new caterer. The first tasting featuring Monica will be our Mother's Day brunch and then followed up by her regular weekend appearance's beginning with our official opening of the restaurant Friday May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Our new Social Director, Nan Mandes, GP's beloved Scandals promoter, has picked up right where she left off. She has already hosted our very popular Christmas party and put together what turned out to be a terrific New Year's Eve celebration and has begun to lay the ground work for the many summer events to come. While planning all these events she has been very cognizant of the current economic situation we all find ourselves dealing with and has a few words she would like to personally add to this message:

*Greetings GPYC!*

*We're still in the planning stages with our social events, and we're mindful of the recession. We're looking to create events that have the same excitement as always, but are responsibly priced. To that end, we'll still be offering our classic Beefsteaks, along with more homegrown events, such as covered dish gatherings, where the kids are welcome. And we'll be looking to "mix it up" when possible - such as enlisting outside caterers for themed parties.*

*And - YOU can help to make this season even more enticing! Here's how:*

- \* *Let us know if you have connections that can keep our costs low - performers, local bands, caterers*
- \* *Let us know if you can help with posters, postcards, mailings - or have resources to help us save*

*As you all know, our GPYC is a special place - and we're hoping for even more summer magic this year, and sharing memories that last a lifetime. We're hoping, as always, for record attendance at all of our events, and we know times are tough. So let's celebrate together all that we've got in our wonderful village, and with friends and neighbors we call "family"!*

*Thank you for any information you can provide, and here's to a summer of unique celebrations!*

*~Nan*

Our communications czar Karen Wallman has posted a complete list of all upcoming social activities, along with sailing schedules, forms and documents, rental agreements, fun pictures, etc, on our website at [www.greenpondyachtclub.com](http://www.greenpondyachtclub.com). Please check out the site and give us your feedback, and if you haven't already, please sign-up for the email blasts to keep you up to date with the latest news.

I hope that everyone is as excited about this upcoming year as I am, and in closing simply wanted to say thank you to all the members of this Board that work extremely hard to make this club the place that we've all come to love and enjoy year after year. Without them, and the many much needed volunteers, this special place doesn't exist! Thank you to all those great people I work with and to those that help us.

See you on the water (or the deck).

Sincerely,

**Rob**

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