



**PALMER'S COVE  
YACHT CLUB**

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## Palmer's Cove Yacht Club is the MBSA Yacht Club of the Year!

At the Massachusetts Bay Sailing Association Awards Dinner at Cottage Park Yacht Club, on Saturday, November 22, 2008, Palmer's Cove Yacht Club received the honor of being designated as "Yacht Club of the Year." The Club received the Leonard B. Fowle trophy based upon the quality of the Bowditch Race, as well as the single-handed race, lady skippers' race, and Capri racing program. Regatta Committee Principal Race Officer John Devine accepted the award on behalf of PCYC, along with Commodore Dan Tsoutsouris, Vice Commodore Rich Morneau, and Rear Commodore Larry Robertie. Several members of the Regatta Committee also attended the ceremony. The mission of the MBSA is to promote the sport of sailing through the efforts of volunteers and member organizations at all levels of the sport in Massachusetts Bay. Congratulations to the PCYC Regatta Committee on this prestigious accomplishment.



## Yacht club garners prestigious honor

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For the first time ever, Palmer's Cove Yacht Club has been named the Yacht Club of the Year by the Massachusetts Bay Sailing Association.

The prestigious honor came as a big surprise to members, who found out shortly before the awards dinner at Cottage Park Yacht Club two weeks ago. The club, which has been in existence since 1934, received the Leonard B. Fowle plaque in recognition of their hard work.

Cynthia Smiszek, Palmer's Cove secretary, said the award was based on the quality of the club's annual Bowditch Race, Lucy Houde Memorial Lady's Skippers Race, Capri Racing program and regatta parties.

Regatta committee principal race officer John Devine accepted the award along with commodore Dan Tsoutsouris, vice commodore Rich Morneau and rear commodore Larry Robertie with other committee members in attendance.

"All events at the club are managed by volunteers," said Tom Tetrault, one of the owners of Bernard Jewelers in Salem, who is regatta committee co-chairman along with Bill Kuszmar. "We are proud of our roots as a working person's club, and we do all the duties from construction to cooking.

"Thanks to the dedication of our principal race officer John Devine, the Bowditch Regatta (named for Salem's Nathaniel Bowditch and held in August) has become an important event in the offshore handicap racing schedule of Mass Bay — after only four years' existence."

Tetrault pointed to other handicap events, including the single-handed and ladies skipper race, along with the club's recent addition of an evening one-design racing program, as reasons for the honor being bestowed.

"These sailing activities are the result of a very enthusiastic committee of volunteers," Tetrault said. "We have been in the shadow of the more historical yacht clubs for so long, so it's very special to have earned their (Mass Bay's) respect."

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