

Welcome  
to  
**The Catboat Association's**  
**64<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

Friday Evening, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026  
*through*  
Sunday Morning, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
*at the*

**Newport Harbor Island Resort**  
1 Goat Island Road, Newport, RI 02840



*Feature Presentation*

***Whirlwind II:***

**The story from inception to racing this  
re-creation of the Gilbert Smith Great South Bay  
Catboat**

# Ticket Request Form for the CBA's 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

The ticket price of **\$100 per adult** for this extraordinary meeting includes:

- Welcoming reception at Newport Harbor Island Resort (Friday eve) with goodies & Cash Bar
- Access to all Seminars, Workshops & Sideshows
- Admission to the All-Catboat Vendor Boat & Resources Show
- CBA Bookstore, CBA Gift Shop
- Guaranteed seating for Feature Presentation
- A gourmet, three-course lunch (before the Feature Presentation)

(Children 15 years old and younger are only \$15 each)

**Ticket Requests must be received no later than January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

(Requests made after that will cost \$125)

The CBA cannot guarantee availability due to limited seating)

To secure a ticket, either **register online at [catboats.org](http://catboats.org)** or fill in the form below, clip it out and send it with your check to:

**Catboat Association  
c/o Tim Lund  
262 Forest Street  
Needham, MA 02492**

Make your check payable to: **Catboat Association, Inc;** No telephone reservations.



<b>Your Name:</b>	_____
<b>Street Address:</b>	_____
<b>City, State and Zip:</b>	_____
<b>Phone:</b>	(    )
<b>Number of Tickets</b>	(    ) @ \$100 each= _____
<b>Children (15 &amp; Under)</b>	(    ) @ \$15 each = _____
<b>Dietary restrictions:</b>	_____

# CBA 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Agenda

## Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>

- 3:30pm to 5:00pm     **IYRS Tour**  
International Yacht Restoration School's Dean of Students and Lead Instructor, Bill Kenyon, will conduct a behind-the-scenes tour that showcases the school's traditional boatbuilding techniques in the school's Newport waterfront setting. CBA members may get a sneak peek at the recently discovered, one of a kind and soon to be restored GANNET, a 1930's catboat built in the F.L. Tripp boatyard in Westport, MA
- 6:00pm to 8:00pm     **Welcoming Reception & Members' Slide Show;** Nibbles and Cash Bar
- 8:00pm to whenever     Explore local restaurants (the hotel can provide a list of local spots)

## Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>

- 8:00am     **Registration (for new arrivals and Will-Call)**
- 8:00am to 5:00pm     **All Catboat Vendor and Member Boat & Resource Show – LEWIS HALL**  
Come enjoy a terrific Boat & Resource Show and encourage all members to exhibit. All exhibitors must register directly with Ben Delong, Exhibit Coordinator. If you have questions or wish to have a form mailed to you, please contact him directly at [ben.delong@catboats.org](mailto:ben.delong@catboats.org) or 774-310-5757.
- 7:45am to 8:45am     **Yoga for All Levels - HAMILTON**  
Please join us for this gentle yoga practice focusing on the joy of breath, movement and meditation. Please bring your own mat and wear loose-fitting clothes for this yoga journey.
- 8:45am to 10:00am     **Catboating for Beginners – ROSE ISLAND A**  
Seasoned catboat experts will demonstrate the basic elements of sailing a catboat. This workshop is geared to those who are *truly* new to catboating and wish to learn the ropes.
- 8:45am to 10:00am     **Scary Stories: Lessons from the sea ROSE ISLAND B**  
Join this panel led by John Conway in a Q&A session covering harrowing tales on the water, and the lessons we can all learn from them. Bring your questions and learn from others to make sure you have the best time on the water.
- 10:15am to 11:30am     **Alternative Marine Propulsion ROSE ISLAND A**  
Learn from Bob Luckraft on the option of electric propulsion for your catboat. Covering the advantages and opportunities for converting your boat to electric propulsion. Bob will cover motor options, battery possibilities and how to charge things up.
- 10:15am to 11:30am     **Building a Community with Catboats ROSE ISLAND B**  
Join Susanne Leahy as she shares her success of building Pleasant Bay Community Boating, through various programs including Women on Water (WoW) Kids in Cats, Racing and Cruising on the bay and so much more.

Noon	<b>Annual Meeting Lunch and Business Session</b>
1:30pm to 2:30pm	<b>Feature Presentation</b> <b><i>Whirlwind II</i> – BEACON BALL ROOM</b> Join Yarrow Thorne as he takes us through the story of the re-creation of Whirlwind II a Gilbert Smith Catboat from the inception of the project through the build and to racing the Great South Bay Catboat.
3:15pm to 4:30	<b>Your Sail, the Engine – ROSE ISLAND A</b> Hear from the experts at Quantum Thruston from Bristol Rhode Island on all aspects of your sail. Expect to cover basic maintenance, setting and trimming and proper storage of your sail.
3:15pm to 4:30	<b>A history of Catboats through Photographs. – ROSE ISLAND B</b> Join Tim Fallon as he shares his collection of historic photographs he collected during the process of researching for the build of his own historic re-creation of a CC Hanley Design.
3:00pm to 5:00	<b>Newport Walk (Meet in Lobby) – weather permitting</b> Join fellow catboaters for a self-guided walk along the Newport Cliff Walk. Be sure to dress appropriately.
5:00pm to 7:00pm	<b>Sociability Event, (Cash Bar &amp; Light fare) Meet up to recount your day, share sea stories and make plans to dine out on the town.</b>

## **Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am to 10:00am	<b>IYRS Presentation – ROSE ISLAND A</b> IYRS Senior Instructor Warren Barker will guide guests through an engaging overview of the school's history, mission and programs. Warren will highlight the meticulous craftsmanship behind the school's Beetlecat and current Herreshoff boat restoration projects. He will also share the story behind the exciting surprise discovery of GANNET, a unique, 1930s catboat built at the F.L. Tripp boatyard in Westport, MA, now slated for restoration. The GANNET catboat restoration project underscores the school's gratitude for the CBA's long-time financial support.
10:30am to 1:00pm	<b>CBA Steering Committee Meeting – HAMILTON</b>

## **Lodging**

**Many catboaters arrive Friday afternoon and stay until Sunday noon**

**Join us and take full advantage of the weekend's activities.**

***The Newport Harbor Island Resort*** guarantees us a block of rooms at the INCREDIBLY LOW, GROUP RATE OF \$149/ROOM/NIGHT. The Newport Harbor Island Resort is a beautiful facility with regular room rates around \$350/night. Please take advantage of this great value and spend a night or two. Great shopping and dining are just a complementary van ride downtown. Hotel reservations at this discounted rate **MUST** be made before 4:00pm on Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026: Call (401) 849-2600 Ext 1 and identify yourself as a participant in the Catboat Association's Annual Meeting to qualify for the discounted rate. Or, book online to get the CBA rate