

Duxbury Boosters

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The early spring and mild weather have been a gift to all of the teams who recently started their spring season. The days are longer and the mornings are brighter, allowing more time for extra-curricular activities to take place. The Boosters wishes much success to all of the teams who will be representing Duxbury this season. We would like to extend a special thank you to all of the senior athletes who will soon be graduating, and moving on to exciting new challenges and pursuits. We also appreciate all of the help from our Boosters representatives and parents who consistently give back in so many ways. Your continued support is vital to the continued growth of the Boosters. Be sure to check out our website when you have a moment to learn more about the Duxbury Boosters at www.duxburyboosters.org.

Membership

It is never too late to help support Boosters by making your annual family [membership](#) contribution!

Antique Show



The Duxbury Boosters 31st annual Spring Antique Show was an overwhelming success and continues to be a traditional part of spring in Duxbury. Over \$20,000.00 was raised by the hard working antique show committee. The fifty plus vendors say this is one of their favorite shows because it is so well organized. The Sunday morning Duxbury Antiques Road Show was once again a huge success, along with the famous bake table. Many thanks to the families who helped pull it all together, especially to Joanne Williams, for heading up the event with her tireless spirit and energy. Well done!

Boosters Grant Feature: Sailing Equipment

The Duxbury High School sailing team started off the 2012 season with style. It is hard to miss the menacing dragon staring out to sea emblazoned on the sails of the team's sailboats as they race around Duxbury Bay. The new sails not only look great, but they have been a huge contributor to the team's morale and spirit. The kids like to say "the eye of the dragon' is looking down at them as they compete in their races.

Sailing Coach Chris Lash says the new sails have made the team more efficient. Practices run smoother with fewer breakdowns, and everyone can be on the water at the same time because the team now has twelve boats with exactly the same sails on each boat. In past years a lot of time was wasted on taping sails and making other repairs to the tired, worn out sails. With the previous sails, some were deeper, and some were considered better. Now it is an even, consistent platform where all sails are trimmed the same and sailors are not vying for certain



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sails to gain an edge in races.

The sailing team is part of NESSA, or New England Scholastic Sailing Association. Last year they approached the Duxbury Boosters requesting a grant to fund new sails. The Boosters recognized the importance of this grant and donated \$5,700.00 to fund six new sails. The Duxbury Bay Maritime School was also very generous when they stepped in and met the grant. Now all twelve sailing boats (known as 420's) are equipped with state-of-the-art sails. Coach Lash says having



Photo by Jim Tarbox

matching sails opens up the team to many more opportunities. Says Lash, "At the end of the season we will be hosting the Mass Bay League, and having all the boats the same makes the rotation easy." Previously the team could not host a regatta because the junior varsity sails were in such poor condition.

The Duxbury High School sailing team was formed in 1999 and since then many Duxbury High School sailors have gone on to sail in college, and even if they don't, they have learned a skill they can take with them and enjoy throughout life. The Duxbury Boosters is proud to support the Duxbury High School sailing team, and funding new sails is just one of the many ways the Boosters gives back to the Duxbury High School athletic programs.

Boosters DHS Coach Feature – Sailing Team Coach Chris Lash



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Coach Chris' Favorites:

Favorite Food: Lobster – don't get to have it often enough

Last book read: *Screw Business as Usual* by Richard Branson

Favorite Movie: "Dumb and Dumber"

Pet Peeve: Too many to list.

Favorite Sport: Tough one... skiing or sailing. Luckily they are different seasons, so I don't have to pick.

Favorite Professional Sports Team: Pats – No brainer

Person I would most like to meet: Stephen Colbert

Favorite thing about Duxbury: The Harbor

Made in Duxbury

Island Creek Oysters Giving Program has generously offered to co-brand a t-shirt combining the Duxbury Boosters and Island Creek Oysters logos. Beginning in August the "Made in Duxbury" t-shirts will be sold at local merchants and wherever the Boosters sees fit. The Duxbury Boosters will receive five dollars from every t-shirt sold. This is a great opportunity for the Boosters to raise funds in support of the Duxbury High School athletic programs. The Boosters is very grateful to Island Creek Oysters for creating this campaign and it is our goal to make every effort to be sure it is an overwhelming success.

