

WBYC BLOOPER July-Aug 2018

Commodore's Message

It was a weird summer, weather-wise, with long bouts of hot weather and little rain to high winds and heavy thunderstorms at times. Now that it's well into September, even a day with mid-60's seems quite cool. Fortunately, September and October can be the best time for sailing, with good wind and clear and bright days. Racing and cruising are still going strong, the kitchen is still cookin', and some events coming up. So check out the calendar and plan on meeting members and friends, new and old.

For many, the high point of the summer is the racing program. Thanks to those who are doing so much to run the racing as well as the great meal afterwards at the Armory. You are what makes the club great!

Don't forget the Annual Meeting on October 19th at 7 PM (doors open at 6:30) at the Armory. Your attendance is needed to make a quorum so we can elect a new board as well as approve the budget for 2019. Your input and vote helps decide how the club will be run and where we will spend our money in order to provide services to the members.

-Scott Tagen, Commodore

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to new members Scott and Peter Allstrom. They are strong competitors in the racing program and won the non-spinnaker division this year.

WBYC Annual Meeting

Thanks to Sandy and Jo-Ann Grima, Dean Travis, Dale Broadbent, and Peirce Brawner for being the nominating committee for 2018. They have put together a proposed slate of officers for 2019:

Commodore: Paul Finstein

Vice Commodore: Jenn Brandon

Rear Commodore: Grant Brandon

Secretary: Raleigh Jenkins

Treasurer: Jim Thorsen

Parliamentarian: Jeff Griglack

Members at Large: Ray Perrotta, Paul Tracy, and Dave Kiernan

Your attendance is requested at the annual meeting on Friday, Oct 19, at the Varnum Armory. The meeting will start at 7 PM. Members are free to propose alternate candidates for any or all positions.

We have stabilized the club and grown in some respects, but some areas still need attention and growth, and that comes from all members and not just the elected officers and other board members. You will hear about what's needed at the meeting. A budget will be presented and voted on as well. Please make every effort to attend and help in keeping the club moving forward.

-Scott Tagen, Commodore

Meeting Minutes

Grant Brandon, Secretary

WBYC Board of Governor's meeting notes for July 18, 2018

Attendees: *Scott Tagen (Commodore), Paul Finstein (Vice-Commodore), Jennifer Brandon (Rear Commodore), Grant Brandon (Secretary), Jim Thorsen (Treasurer), Jo-Ann Grima (Activities), Ray Perrotta (Member-at-Large), Michele Lilly (Member-at Large), Bill Lilly (Parliamentarian), Raleigh Jenkins (Member-at-Large) and Dean Travis (Membership).*

Board of Governor's meeting was brought to order at 7:09PM @ the Varnum Armory by Scott Tagen:

- **Secretary's Minutes were read approved & accepted as presented – Grant B.**
- **Treasurer's Report – Jim T.**
 1. Liability Insurance discussed
 2. Terrorist coverage APPROVED
 3. EG Summers End Committee seeking contributions – rejected by the Board
 4. Transaction Ledger in balance - similar to last year's
 5. Still working on Expense & Allocations by Committee
- **Vice-Commodore's Report – Paul F.**
 1. All activities are doing well.
 2. No conversations so far with members regarding next year's Cruising Chair position
 3. Nothing to report beyond this
- **Commodore's remarks -- Scott T.**
 1. Asking Cruising Captains to write a Facebook & a Blooper write-up (on any related subject).
- **Member-at-Large Report – Michele L.**
 1. No Report
- **Member-at-Large Report – Raleigh J.**
 1. No Report
- **Commodore's remarks -- Scott T.**

1. Re-send the July 2nd email to all Members-at-Large requesting each MAL to follow-up with the membership for participation in activities.
2. Dean to provide membership lists to all Members-at-Large.
- **Activities Report – Jo-Ann G.**
 1. Monday night dinners are going well averaging over 30+ dinners served each week.
 2. Jen B. and Cathy F. are doing a wonderful job and their efforts are greatly appreciated.
- **Rear Commodores Report – Jen B.**
 1. All Blooper articles need to be in by the end of the August for publication after Labor Day
 2. Summer Blooper issue to cover July and August months.
- **Membership – Dean T.**
 1. Total membership breakdown to date are as follows: [4] Lifetime, [51] Regular & [2] Admiral
 2. Discussion regarding mining Facebook followers for membership
 3. Discussion regarding prior members re-joining for benefits offered vs volunteering for activities
- **Race Committee – Grant B.**
 1. Summer Series on a role. Total participation: (5) Spin Class and (12) Non-Spin Class
 2. BI Whalers Race is on (weather dependent). Back-up race will be an Around-the-Island Race event.
 3. Varnum Fundraiser is scheduled for Aug. 18th and requires a good marketing effort.
- **Old & New Business – Scott T.**
 1. By-Laws need to be reviewed and updated. Bill L. and Paul F. – action item
 2. Bill Lilly resigned as Parliamentarian
 3. July 3rd raft-up was a good time with 5 to 6 boats participating.
 4. Jim T. please continue to pick-up mail at the Post Office
 5. Varnum Fundraiser – Scott will take the lead and organize the event w/Pat Donovan.
 6. No meeting scheduled for Aug. Meeting adjourned at 8:34PM

Racing Update

Grant Brandon, Racing Chair



Ahoy Mates,

Just wanted to recap what a terrific Summer Racing Series we had this season. It was competitive, challenging and fun not just for the competitors but for the Race Committee as well. The fleet was divided into two Classes, Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker, with line honors earned by the following boats:

Spinnaker Class – 5 Boats

1st in Class – Comet (Laser 28 - Abbi Seward)

2nd in Class – Blitz (J/30 - Chris Tate)
3rd in Class – Red Stripe (Hobbie 33 - Ray Way)
Qualified – En Passant (Beneteau 36.7 – Jim Archer)
Climax (Capri 30 – Bob Lewis & Team)

Non Spinnaker Class – 12 Boats

1st in Class – Anser (Beneteau 35s – Scott/Peter Allstrom)
1st in Class – Hornet (O'Day 34 – Rob Hamlin)
3rd in Class – Thora (Pearson 28 – Ken Thorsen)
Qualified - Escape Plan (Catalina 320 – Mike Hackett)
Mighty Moose (Steadfast 36 – Bill Lilly)
Qing Long (Sabre 402 – Jack Early)
Obadiah (Pearson 30 – Ray Perrotta)
Bella Vella (Oceanis 45 – Anthony Constanzo)
Strange Times (Catalina 31 – John Anthony)
DNQ -- Elan (Hinckley Pilot 35 – Dale Broadbent)
Sound Connections (Pearson 30 – Dave Hilbern)
Snow Goose (Bayfield 29 – Jim Magill)

Many thanks to all for making this Summer Series memorable. That said, I would like to extend a hardy **“huzzah”** to the many volunteers who made the Series possible including: Jim & Celeste Wright, Jim Ward and family, Paul Finstein, Steve Kapitany, Scott Tagen just to name a few, as well as, our activities crew lead by Jo-Ann Grima and assisted faithfully by Cathy Finstein and Jen Brandon who worked tirelessly to provide us with sustenance throughout each week!

The show must go on as we're in the middle of the next Series ... stay tuned reporting on the Fall Series results will be published in the next Blooper. In the meantime, the last Saturday race of the season will be held on October 13th whereby we will be hosting the infamous Pumpkin Patch Race. Hoping to see as many of you enjoy this long-distance event. Warm regards,

your WBYC Race Committee

VARNUM RACE RESULTS

The first Varnum Race went off well, even though the skies opened up in the last half-hour of the race. Many of the crews came by the Armory afterwards to dry off and chow down on some pizza and snacks. We donated \$300 to the Armory for this benefit race and hope to do it again next year.

WBYC/Varnum Continentals Regatta - 08/18/2018				
Yacht Name	Start Times	Finish Times	N/S - Class	Position
THORA	13:06:00	15:46:31	B	1st
ELAN	13:05:00	15:58:30	B	2nd
OBADIAH	13:08:00	16:09:30	B	3rd
SOUND CONNECTIONS INCOGNITO	13:07:00	16:25:03	B	4th
	13:11:00	16:45:05	B	5th
COCONUT	13:32:00	15:44:22	A	1st
GAMBOL	13:16:00	RET	B	RET

ACTIVITIES UPDATE

The time to switch from sandals to socks and shoes is approaching much too quickly. Agreed? Oh, well. Hopefully you all had a marvelous season.

Looking towards the Fall lineup, there's quite a bit on the horizon to add to your already busy calendars.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Friday October 19th. The doors will open at 6:30. Join us for a few minutes of socializing before the meeting at 7 PM.

Followed by another highlight of the season-- Join your fellow racers, cruisers, or better yet, just friends for the Annual Dinner on November 10th. This year's event should be bigger and

better than ever but we'll need you to make it work!! The "BASH" will be upstairs in the "Great Room" of the EG Armory. The invitations will be in the mail soon. If you've moved, please give us a call so we make any corrections. OK?

As always Harry and Mrs. Harry H. will be in attendance at the Holiday Party/Yankee Swap in December. More details to follow.

GOOD AND WELFARE-- As some would say, "No news is good news", so it appears all is good with the masses. Yes?? If you do have something to share, again, just give one of us a shout out!! Promise? We'd be happy to pass anything along to the gang.

If there's something you'd like to see on the calendar or would like to host an event or just want to lend a hand.. We'd never turn down the help. Call Jo-Ann (401) 738-0272 anytime.

Have a wonderful week

The Activities Crew

Jo-Ann, Jen, Cathy, and Michele

DID YOU KNOW.....?

If you sail to one of our moorings and find an unknown (to you) boat on it, you can fire up your phone's web browser, go to the WBYC website, click on Files then **Active Boats and Members**, and see a list of Boat Names, Make and size, and Owner's name. I update this file every 2 weeks or so during the summer. You can also view the view the club's mooring rules.

-Scott Tagen

SUMMER RACING PICS: Thanks to Jim Wright for taking some great pics



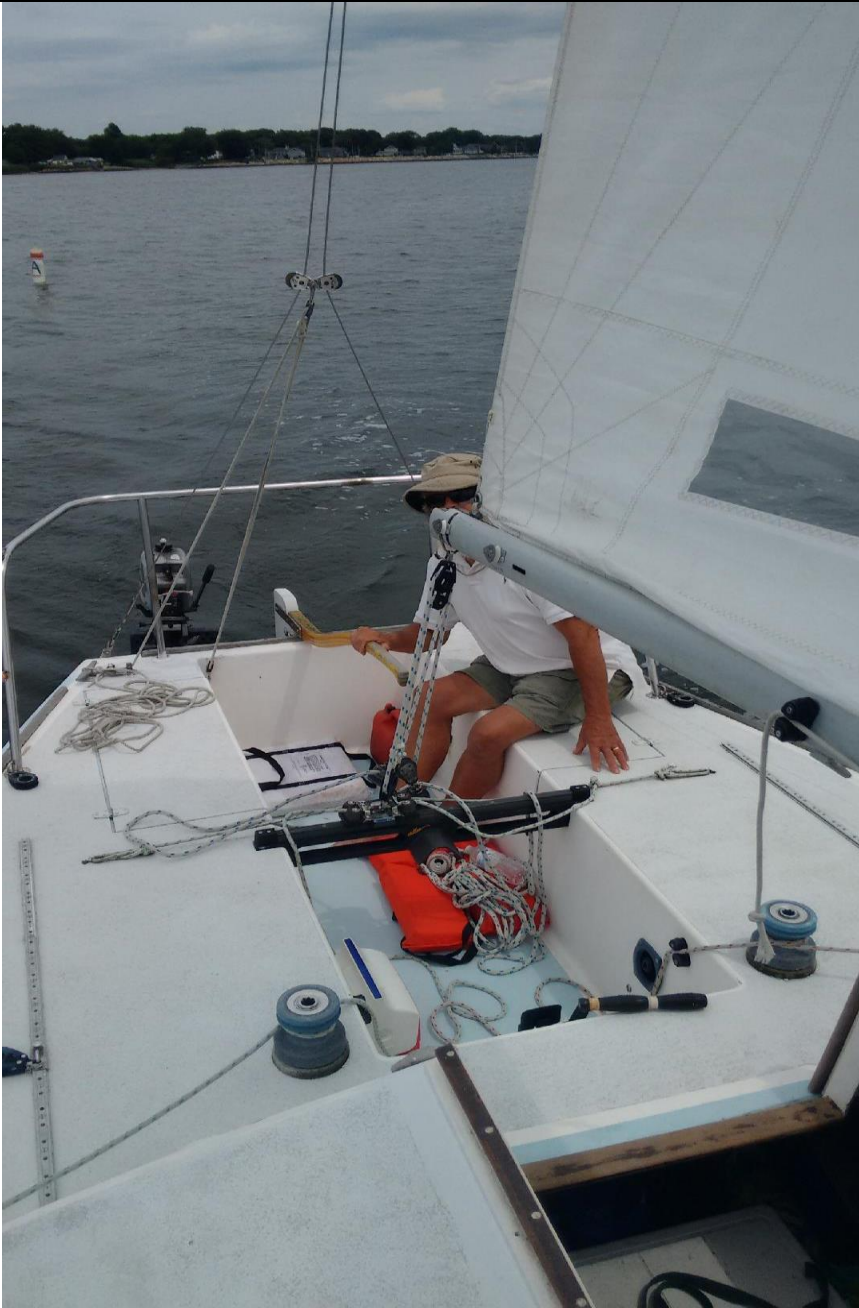
[Check out more pics on the WBYC website of Summer racing.](#) Thanks to Tom D'Albora for some great work!

The adventures of three men in a boat

Over this summer, myself, Raleigh, and our good friend Matthew McKenna spent one day of each weekend out on the water. Sometimes sailing, sometimes fishing, and many times cruising around the bay in our inflatables. We have such a wonderful resource here in Greenwich Bay. The coves are a lot of fun to explore and the bay is always waiting for us to come hoist a sail. I think most of all the opportunity to get a few good friends together and spend some quality time is something you just can't measure. Here are a few pictures of our summer for you to enjoy.

-Dean







Greenwich Bay Raft-up

The raft-up on July 3rd was a success with 5 boats attending. Spray, Mighty Moose, Estesea, Knot So Fast, and a surprise visit by Paul Kenney along with Paul Finstein. The water was a bit choppy so we anchored towards the southeast of Sally Rock. After the fireworks from Oakland Beach, which lasted close to an hour, there was quite a parade of red nav lights heading into Greenwich Cove.

-Scott Tagen, Knot So Fast

July Cruise: Scott & Julie on Knot So Fast

Julie and I started off a 2 week cruise by hosting a raft-up on July 3 in Greenwich Bay, which was a great success. The next day, we went to Newport for their fireworks show which is always spectacular. We anchored along the cable line between downtown and Ft. Adams and enjoyed the scenery and boat traffic. After a couple nights in Newport we went to Wickford for a night so Julie could attend the Arts Festival. She returned in the afternoon so we went to the club mooring in Dutch Harbor. It's always a great place to hang and very well protected. On the way, we wondered why the extensive aquaculture floats just north of Dutch Harbor aren't on the charts. I upgraded in April so was expecting to see them on the chart-plotter. The next morning we went to Edgartown and stayed for two nights. This has always been one of our favorite places to visit. I traded texts with Mark D. and Dale Broadbent and found out they were going to Oak Bluffs. So, we took the short hop up the coast, grabbed a mooring, and ended up staying 3 nights. The Martha's Vineyard Camp Meeting Association (aka the gingerbread houses) has some interesting events this year and the noise level in the harbor at night was down from previous visits, which made it more enjoyable. The 'pirate ship' that cruises around the harbor entertaining kids is always fun to watch. While there, the six of us went to the Offshore Ale Company for some good food as well as very good micro-brews. The next leg was over to Hadley Harbor, which included the always entertaining ride through Woods Hole. We had a 4 knot fair current but also a lot of eddies and cross currents at times, but it didn't take long to get through the worst part. Hadley is always fun as it's quiet, pretty, and calm water on most days. Next morning, we went down Buzzards Bay to Cuttyhunk. We anchored out near the shore towards Canapitsit Channel. A hike and a swim, followed by cocktail hour (of course), finished off a nice day. We had intended to stay in the area a couple more nights before heading home, but the forecast had high headwinds and heavy rain on the way in 3 days, so the next morning we went back to Newport for our last night. After anchoring, we hit the Fastnet Pub followed by Perro Salado. The next morning, I stowed the dinghy motor and deflated the dinghy before heading back to East Greenwich. It was a great morning with flat water and bright sun, and a nice end to a great trip. We unloaded everything that would fit into the car and drove home. The next day the bad weather hit so we were happy to be home.

Late Summer Cruise: Scott and Julie Tagen on Knot So Fast

Julie and I left EG Cove on Friday, August 24, for a cruise of 2-3 weeks with the goal of going down the CT coastline and up a couple rivers. As we left in the afternoon, headed for Newport and anchored along the cable line about halfway between Ft. Adams and the Wallace Foss (1897 tugboat) at her mooring. Google the name if you're not familiar her. The following morning, we motored out of the bay and into Pt. Judith Pond. We like to anchor SE of Gardiner Island in 7-8 ft. of water where it's calm and protected.

The plan for the next day was to head down the coast towards the CT River with a stopover on the way. We ended up in West Harbor on Fisher's Island, which is also a favorite as it's pretty and quiet. We took the dinghy to shore and walked around a bit, but as some of you know, there's not much there. The Fisher's Island Yacht Club let us tie up at their dinghy dock; all we had to do was ask.

We intended to go to the start of the river around Old Saybrook the next morning, but the weather forecast was for 90 degrees and humid, so going upriver wasn't looking good. After looking at some alternatives where we could stay in the breeze and get lower temperatures, we ended up backtracking a bit and went to Block Island. We took the last available town mooring and ended up staying there 4 nights until the weather cooled a bit on the mainland. We did a little swimming, a few hikes, and a lot of hanging out while there. The 3rd night we ate at Dead Eye Dicks followed by a couple of mudslides at The Oar, where we could catch some of the Red Sox game.

The weather wasn't completely cooperating as the wind had been picking up the last couple days, but at least we weren't roasting. We still wanted to go to Old Saybrook, but the temperature was heading north again so we headed to Sag Harbor. The last time we were there was probably 20 years ago on our Cataline 25 sailboat Knot Mee. We took a town mooring for 3 nights in the well protected mooring area inside the breakwater. We had some fun wandering around the town, ate very well, and took a nice dinghy ride into Sag Harbor Cove. We would have liked to anchor there, but we couldn't quite make it under the fixed bridge by about 1 foot.

We then motored to Cedar Island Cove on the east side of Shelter Island. The approach is a little narrow but it's almost a straight shot. Inside, it's very pretty and calm, and while there were a lot of other anchored boats, there was plenty of room.

On Sunday of the Labor Day weekend, we went to Greenport on the north fork of Long Island. We took a slip for 3 nights at the Mitchell Park Marina which is also well protected with nice solid cement docks. It is open to the southerly breeze which helped cool things off. The Park is right in the middle of town where there are plenty of restaurants and shops. We also found the Greenport Harbor Brewing Company and sampled a number of their brews. The town was pretty busy but not so crowded that it was a problem. Monday was more of the same, poking

around and finding a restaurant for the evening, along with a few minor boat chores. We found a bar that served very good food along with a large-screen TV to watch some baseball. Tuesday was a complete reversal. The town was largely shutdown, most shops and almost all the restaurants were closed, and we had difficulty finding a place to eat. It appears that summer abruptly ends in Greenport.

As the weather forecast indicated the heat would moderate in a couple days, we decided to motor back to the CT coast and head up the Thames River, past Noank and to Mystic. We stayed at the Fort Rachel Marina which was just past the railroad bridge, very protected, and a great place. The owners were quite helpful and suggested a few places to eat on the way to downtown. The next day we went to the Mystic Seaport Museum. I had never been there and it was quite interesting. As it was past Labor Day, it was almost deserted of attendees, so we had lots of time to chat with the shipbuilders and others who were manning the different shops and trades. We spent 4 hours there and then took an Uber to a restaurant next to the Mystic Aquarium.

The Aquarium was a lot of fun. It's very well run and has lots of the typical aquarium exhibits, including the seal and sea lion shows as well as the Beluga whales. We spent about 3 hours there and then headed back to the boat.

The next day we walked around a bit, did some provisioning, and headed into town around 5 PM. It was Friday evening and a section of the downtown was cordoned off for some food tents and food trucks. Of course, the beer tent was our first stop. After downing a brew, we left the beer tent and went back to the food area and made a dinner out of a few snacks as well as some pizza slices from the famous Mystic Pizza. Julia Roberts fans will know why it's famous. We headed back to the beer tent as they had some TVs setup with both tennis and baseball showing.

The next day (Saturday), we planned to head to Pt. Judith Pond again, but with the weather forecast calling for increasing wind, we decided to go straight to Newport. The new plan was to go ashore for the Patriots game on Sunday, then head home Monday. However, once again the forecast was for very strong winds with rain late Sunday as well as Monday and Tuesday. So, we called it quits and headed back to EG Sunday morning.

So, we were gone 16 days, had a great time, and that's what it's all about!

Incognito sails the Varnum Race 2018

The adventures of three men continues. Add Cindy our guest to the ticket and a pending storm and you got one awesome crazy afternoon. Last place never felt soooooo good. Wet and wild at the finish. Enjoy our pictures and see you next year on the Varnum Regatta starting line! Incognito Rocks!

-Dean Travis









