



# **THE BLOOPER**

## **Commodore's Message**



The summer sailing season is in full swing. I hope every one of our members are out on the water and enjoying the natural wonders of our Narragansett Bay. With evidence of Global Warming effecting so many parts of the U.S. these days, we're very lucky to be living in a mostly unscathed part of the country.

Also, there's no better way to social distance, during our second summer of the COVID-19 virus, than to be out on the water. So go ahead and indulge yourself, take an extra day off from work, tell your boss it's a "mental health day" – because our summers are way too short for us not to be out as often as possible! Estesea has been to Newport, 3<sup>rd</sup> Beach, Cuttyhunk and Martha's Vineyard as well as

being Race Committee boat for most of the summer's races. We haven't made it to Block Island yet but hope to make it there soon!

Speaking of which, make sure to check out the Calendar of Events at the end of this Blooper, which includes the upcoming cruises, raft-ups and races. The dates will arrive before you know it, so sign up for any or all of them and cherish more wonderful events with your WBYC family and friends this summer.

Hope to see you out there!

Jen Brandon  
s/v Estesea, USA 50808

## **Vice Commodore's Message**



With July behind us the Race Committee has informed me we've reached halfway through the Summer Series. And although last Monday night was a scratch due to lack of wind, I've been informed there will be a makeup race scheduled for a Thursday night in the near future. Given all the rain we've had so far this summer it is fortunate to have the Summer Series still on track as originally planned. Two race events will highlight our August schedule, the Lady's Skipper Regatta was on Monday night August 9<sup>th</sup> and the Fred Kerzner "Around the Island" race will be on Saturday August 14<sup>th</sup>. Plan your calendar's accordingly as these events are not to be missed!!!

The "cruising" calendar was published and distributed in the last months Blooper in case you missed it, and just this past weekend [July 24<sup>th</sup>] the cruise to Dutch Harbor took place through the efforts of the Cruise Committee hope you had a chance to take advantage of it. If for some reason you were not able to make it don't despair, there is another wonderful cruise scheduled for August 28<sup>th</sup> to Pine Hill. Stay tuned for both articles and emails from Dean and Frank.

Overall, the season "on the water" has gone well with a number of scheduled events providing racing, sailing, and camaraderie we all have been longing for given the circumstances we've been living through during the past 15 months or so. On the other hand, the Activities Committee has had a number of challenges and logistical issues with limited access to the Armory these days. But I know they are working hard to solve this puzzle and it won't be long before a new plan will be in place. If you have any suggestions please contact either Jo-Anne or Jen and share your ideas and suggestions with them.

Stay well and safe and until next month,

Grant

*Grant*

## **From the Membership Desk**



Hello Members,  
-Have a friend who might be interested in becoming a West Bay Yacht Club member? I have included in this blooper a copy of the 2021 Membership Application.  
-All applications are approved by the Board of Governors.  
-There is an initiation fee of \$100.00  
-Any questions? Give me a call!  
The cost again is \$125.00. Here is the link to pay online.

<http://westbayyachtclub.org/membership.htm>

For those who prefer to pay by check. Please send your check Payable to; "West Bay Yacht Club" to the following address:

West Bay Yacht Club  
Box 1604  
East Greenwich, RI 02818

Dean Travis - Membership Chair  
[dean@travistechnologies.com](mailto:dean@travistechnologies.com)  
(401) 573-3276

## West Bay Yacht Club



### **2021 MEMBERSHIP / RENEWAL APPLICATION**

"Friendliest Little Yacht Club on the Bay"

Return To:

**WBYC Membership Chair**  
PO Box 1604  
East Greenwich, RI 02818

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicants

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone—

Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
Children's Names and  
Ages \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Yacht Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sail/Power \_\_\_\_\_ Class /  
Make \_\_\_\_\_  
Yacht  
Length \_\_\_\_\_ Marina \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsored By:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Options:**

**Please contact our Membership Chair, Dean Travis to discuss the WBYC membership benefits and cost.** I can be reached at [dean@travistechnologies.com](mailto:dean@travistechnologies.com) or 401-573-3276. Thanks for your interest. I look forward to hearing from you.

**Sailing / Boating interests:** Circle your interests

Club Cruising	Series Racing	Committee Boat	Fishing	Rafting	Other
Race Own	Race Crew	Weekend Cruising	Cruiser Races	Education	

**Preferences for club participation:** Circle your preference for participation

Activities (Social)	Cruising	Publicity	Education
Racing	Membership	Series Racing	Other

**Willing to help as follows:** Circle your preference

Prepare/bring food for club functions	Decorate/Cleanup for club functions
Cruise Planning	Other

I/We understand that the West Bay Yacht Club is a self-help working club and I/we agree to help and participate in various club functions.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_



If any club member would like access to the YCA web site to view reciprocity they can email me for the link and password.

Jim Thorsen

## Olympic Sailing Events You May Have Missed Are Still Available To Watch On Line!

Hi all – Of course you know that the Tokyo 2020 Olympics have finished, but in case you are interested in watching, the sailing events are on NBC's Olympics website, with additional highlights being distributed on NBC and US Sailing Team social media channels.

<https://www.nbcolympics.com/sailing>

Veteran sailing commentator Gary Jobson anchored the daily broadcasts. Replays and videos are available in case you missed some of the events.

Here is the schedule of races that you can still replay:

Date/Time	(ET)	Session/Event(s)
Saturday, July 24 - Prelims 1	11:05 PM	Women's Laser Radial, Men's Laser, M/W Windsurfer
Sunday, July 25 - Prelims 2	11:05 PM	Women's Laser Radial, Men's Laser, M/W Windsurfer
Monday, July 26 -	11:05 PM	Women's 49er FX & Men's 49er Prelims

Tuesday, July 27 -	11:05 PM	Mixed Nacra 17 & M/W 470 Prelims
Wednesday, July 28 -	11:05 PM	Men's Finn & M/W 470 Prelims
Thursday, July 29 -	11:05 PM	Men's & Women's 470 Prelims
Friday, July 30 -	11:05 PM	Men's & Women's Windsurfer Medal Races
Saturday, July 31 -	11:05 PM	Men's Laser, Women's Laser Radial Medal Races
Sunday, Aug. 1 -	11:05 PM	Women's 49er FX, Men's 49er Medal Races
Monday, Aug. 2 -	11:05 PM	Men's Finn, Mixed Nacra 17 Medal Races
Tuesday, Aug. 3	11:05 PM	Men's & Women's 470 Medal Races

Enjoy!

## Secretary's Report



### 2021 WBYC BOARD of

#### Governors

#### Commodore

Jennifer Brandon

#### Vice-Commodore

Grant Brandon

#### Rear-Commodore

Frank Hepner

#### Past Commodore

Paul Finstein

#### Treasurer

Jim Thorsen

#### Secretary

Raleigh Jenkins

#### Parliamentarian

Jeff Griglack

#### Member(s) at Large:

Dave Kiernan

Ray Perrotta

Paul Tracy

#### COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

#### Activities

WBYC Board of Governor's Monthly Minutes for June 15, 2021

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**Attendees:** *Paul Finstein, Jennifer Brandon, Grant Brandon Frank Hepner, Jeff Griglack, Dean Travis, Jim Thorson, Ray Perrotta.*

**Meeting brought to order at 7:39PM as a ZOOM Meeting:**

Commodore [Jen Brandon]:

- Jen asked if all members received minutes to approve. No opposition. Minutes approved.
- Commodore thanked Dean for getting Blooper out.
- Apparently, no one went to Raft-Up last Friday at Goddard Park. Suggested that we send reminder e-mails for events such as this through Dean.

Vice Commodore [Grant Brandon]:

- Blooper out today by Dean.
- Summer Series has begun. About twelve boats but all boats have not shown yet.
- Activities: Monday night meeting possibly at EGYC

Rear Commodore [Frank Hepner]:

- Frank might need to adjust times of times of Raft-ups.

Treasurer [Jim Thorsen]:

- Numbers are close to last year

Membership (Dean Travis):

- Dean has been sending out membership packets.

Jo-Ann Grima

**Finance**

**Cruising**

Dean Travis

**Education**

**Membership**

Dean Travis

**Publicity**

**Blooper**

Jen Brandon

**Website**

Jeff Griglack

**Racing**

Grant Brandon

**Parliamentarian:** (Jeff Griglack):

- Two-thumbs up! some issues with website racing calendar

**Activities Report** [JoAnn Grima]:

- Gearing up for first post-race meeting at EGYC
- Grant to scan WBYC flyer for updates

**Members at Large:**

- Ray P. Not much communication

**Good & Welfare** [JoAnn Grima]:

Paul F's daughter was married yesterday via WebEx.

**New Business:**

- Report any Blooper issues
- Paul has filed our Annual Report
- Question about our tax bracket
- Possible event at Pal's before they close.

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:44PM.**

**Next ZOOM meeting on Tuesday July 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM**

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## **A Patience Island Clambake**



My son's girlfriend, Grace had started a new job as a writer at "America's Test Kitchen", a TV show on WGBH in Boston, a few months ago. She also loves to cook and is always looking for something new and creative to try. She came up with the idea of doing a traditional New England clambake, which she had never done before. After a



fair amount of research into the various techniques people have used over the years, she came up with a plan and started to gather the necessary supplies.

The plan was to collect all the materials and meet at our boat at Apponaug Harbor Marina (or should I say, Safe Harbor Marina), load everything onto the boat, and head to Patience Island for the clambake. All went according to

plan and we arrived at our destination in a little over an hour. We set the anchor and used our dinghy to shuttle all the many supplies to the beach.



At that point we started by digging a hole approximately 4' x 4' x 3 feet deep. When I say we, I really mean my son, who is 26, and in great shape. The rest of us gathered a collection of lunch plate sized flat rocks to line the bottom of the hole with. After the rocks were in the hole, we started a small fire on top of the rocks using wood we had brought with us. With time, we built the fire up a bit and kept it

going for a good, solid two hours. At that point the wood had burned down to mostly ashes and it was time to get cooking.



We had about 10 pounds of seaweed which we placed over the hot rocks and began to add all the food in layers. Clams, lobsters, potatoes, sausage, corn on the cob, and some leeks wrapped in bacon were added to the "oven". Everything was covered with a final layer of seaweed and then a wet canvas cloth was placed over that. We also covered the canvas with a pretty good layer of sand after a while as we felt that maybe too much of the heat was escaping. Now all we had to do was wait for everything to

cook.



About two hours later it was time to see how things were progressing. We pulled off the sand covered canvas, and began to search through the layers of seaweed for the food. One by one the items appeared and were checked to see if they were done. Everything looked great. The only issue was that for some reason about half the clams hadn't opened. We still aren't sure exactly why. Everything else was cooked beautifully and we settled in to devour the feast.

It was a wonderful day, and a great, unique meal which we all enjoyed tremendously. I really want to thank my son, and especially Grace, for all the work they put in to making this happen. We have spent a lot of time together on the boat, but this was a really fun, unique experience.

## **Activities Report**

### ACTIVITIES UPDATE--

If there is anything to share with the group, please reach out to one of us. Ok?

Stay happy,  
The Activities Crew  
Jo-Ann, Jen, Michele and Cathy  
401-738-0272  
joann.grima@gmail.com  
We always love to hear from you

## **From the Race Committee**



What a different summer this one has been compared to last year. For the most part we have had enough breeze to run our Summer Series Races [the exception was last Monday night]. But truth be told we're constantly holding our breath between rain, thunderstorms, lightning and enough wind to make the course a challenge for both

skippers and crew. Not an easy task at times I must admit. The current plan is to find a suitable Thursday evening to run a makeup race for the one we postponed last Monday night July 19<sup>th</sup> ... stay tuned as we will try to select good one! Listed below are two events which require your immediate attention as well as your support:

Monday night Aug 9<sup>th</sup> we hosted the Lady's Skipper Regatta a stand-alone race and not part of the Summer Series. We had a terrific group of lady skippers, split between 2 classes by PHRF ratings, and it was a fun and exciting evening. The skippers and crews all had a wonderful time!

In addition, we will be hosting the Fred Kerzner "Around the Island Race" Saturday August 14<sup>th</sup> with a planned start of 12 Noon according to the Race Entry Form. Same Member and Non-Member Fee structure as for the Lady's Skipper Regatta and in case you haven't signed up, please do so to organize the scratch sheet in advance.

Can't believe August is here and our summer has just been flying past us. Hope you've been getting out on the water as the "wind gods" have been blessing us with great southerly breezes between 12-16 knots in the afternoon, and gorgeous weather to boot! Today is a cloudy, overcast, on and off raining day which appears to be the rule rather than the exception. Our commodore reminds us to be thankful for those days which are perfect [like yesterday]!

That is all the news fit to print, stay well be safe and see you on the water on Monday night same time same place,  
Grant





## WEST BAY YACHT CLUB 2021 Race Entry & Release of Liability Form

Name of Yacht: \_\_\_\_\_ Sail #: \_\_\_\_\_ PHRF: Spin \_\_\_\_\_ / Non-Spin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yacht Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Racing Skipper: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yacht Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_ LOA: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Current year or equivalent PHRF-NB Rating Certificate to be provided to the Race Committee

Fee Schedule – Please Circle Individual Series and / or Races

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Non-Members</u>
1. <u>SUMMER SERIES:</u>	\$100.00	\$135.00
• June 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup>		
• July 12 <sup>th</sup> , July 19 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup>		
• Aug 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup>		
2. <u>FALL SERIES:</u>	\$ 60.00	\$ 75.00
• Sept 1 <sup>st</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup>		
3. <u>SUMMER/FALL SERIES COMBO***</u>	<b>\$150.00</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
4. <u>RAINONE SOLO / TWIN:</u>	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00
• July 05 <sup>th</sup> [Monday Night Race]		
5. <u>LADY SKIPPERS REGATTA:</u>	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00
• August 09 <sup>th</sup> [Monday Night Race]		
6. <u>AROUND THE ISLAND RACE:</u>	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00
• August 14 <sup>th</sup> (1200 Start – Sat Race)		
7. <u>VARNUM FUNDRAISER / PUMPKIN PATCH:</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
• October 02 <sup>th</sup> (1200 Start – Sat Race)		

**Total Submitted**

**NOTES:**

8. Payments by PAYPAL to be made on the WBYC website at: [westbayyachtclub.org](http://westbayyachtclub.org)
9. Payments by CHECKS to be sent to: West Bay Yacht Club  
Attn: Race Committee  
P.O. Box 1604  
East Greenwich, RI 02818
10. In accordance with Section 7-6-22 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, entitled EXEMPTION FROM LIABILITY TO PARTICIPANTS IN SPONSORED ATHLETIC OR SPORTS EVENTS, I hereby release West Bay Yacht Club, its officers, directors trustees, agents, servants and property while I am participating in or practicing for any contest or exhibition of an athletic or sports nature sponsored by the West Bay Yacht Club; and I hereby acknowledge and assume the risk of any bodily injury and or property damage to myself or my property incurred while participating in or practicing for any contest or exhibition of any athletic or sports nature sponsored by the West Bay Yacht Club. I have read and understood the conditions for the West Bay Yacht Club Racing Series and events and agree to comply with the conditions while participating in the 2021 West Bay Yacht Club Racing Series.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Owner or Owner's Representative)

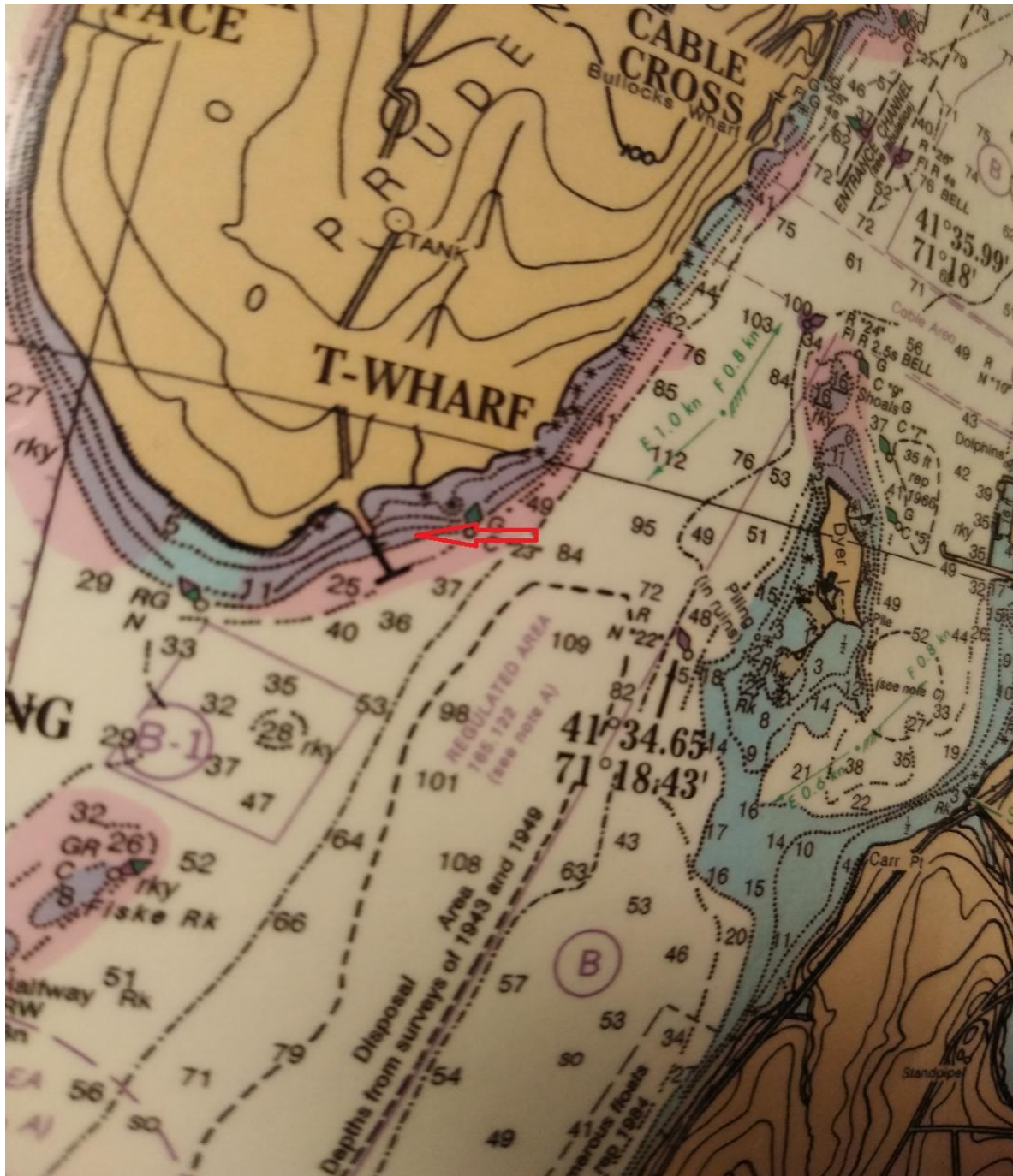
Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Cruise Committee Report



## The WBYC first summer cruise to the T-Wharf on Prudence Island June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021



This was a great cruise. Roughly two hours each way. The destination is a great little beach on the east side of the T-Wharf. The weather this day was overcast and we had

fog all around us but our visibility was more than adequate for cruising while dragging a dingy. The only thing I would caution you is that the area around and close to the T-Wharf has more than a few lobster traps. Anchoring was good. Black mud on the bottom at roughly fifteen feet. There is a bathroom on shore and the beach isn't crowded at all. In fact the opposite. If you're in the area, Make sure to stop by this great little gem. I'm sure WBYC will be back again in the near future! Here's a few pictures from my boat going to and from The T-Wharf. Enjoy and please watch for the next WBYC cruise. They're fun for the entire family. Come join the fun!



# WBYC Cruising 2021

## Cruise Calendar

### August

Prudence Island's Pine Hill Cove Beach Picnic  
Rendezvous Saturday August 28<sup>th</sup> (**Go ashore, walk and picnic**)

### September

Goddard Park Raft-up Social Friday Sept 10<sup>th</sup>  
Goddard Park Raft-up Saturday Sept 21<sup>st</sup> (**Full Moon**)

### October

Columbus Day Weekend Cruise Oct 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> (Location to be determined)

\* As more locations open from Covid. We will be modifying this calendar to include a few overnight locations. Stay tuned!

Dean  
Cruising Committee Planning Member

Our moorings available for members' use, on a first come first served basis:

Dutch Harbor Mooring #215  
Designation: WBYC  
Lat: 041.29.692N  
Long: 071.23.527W

Bristol Harbor Mooring #769  
Designation: None  
Lat: 041.40.187N  
Long: 071.17.155W

## Calendar of Events

## **August**

28 - Prudence Island's Pine Hill Cove Beach Picnic Rendezvous Saturday (Go ashore, walk and picnic)  
30 – Last Summer Series Race

## **September**

1 – 1<sup>st</sup> Fall Series Race  
9 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Fall Series Race  
10 - Goddard Park Raft-up Social Friday  
13 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Fall Series Race  
17 – 4<sup>th</sup> Fall Series Race  
21 - Goddard Park Raft-up Saturday (Full Moon)

## **October**

2 – Varnum Fundraiser/Pumpkin Patch Saturday Race (1200 Start)  
9 - 11 - Columbus Day Weekend Cruise (Location to be determined)

Next Board of Governor's Meeting – Tuesday, September 10, 2021 (on-line) at 7:30pm

We are sending out emails of events as they are firmed up and a Zoom calendar event has been created. Note: If you have an idea for a Zoom format activity or an educational topic please contact Grant Brandon at: [grantbrandon01@gmail.com](mailto:grantbrandon01@gmail.com)

