



# **THE BLOOPER**

## **Your 2021 WBYC Board of Directors:**

**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

## **Commodore's Message**



Welcome one and all to a new year and an active and fun-filled boating season ahead. We have to make up for last year too and add twice as much adventure to every activity – it will be like watching a marathon session of all the Pirates of the Caribbean movies! After all, it's been a difficult winter having to socially distance (double talk for not being able to see any friends or family for more than a few

minutes because it's too cold to stand outside any longer than that!). One of those "shorter than we wanted" visits was with our esteemed Past Commodore and his wife, Paul and Cathy. Paul was kind enough to come over on New Years Eve to follow through on a most important tradition: "The Passing of the Gavel" (see photo below). The good news through all of this is that your WBYC Board has had extra time this winter to plan a great summer program for us. It will be filled with outings, cruises, racing and, if luck holds out and we all get vaccinated, some social activities as well. So tie your Sperry Topsiders on tightly and get ready for a great 2021 season!

Jen Brandon  
s/v Estesea, USA 50808



## **Vice Commodore's Message**



N This being my first official act as Vice-Commodore it is truly a pleasure to welcome each and every former and new member to the 2021 season. It should not come as a surprise to anyone that the new year could not come fast enough. 2020 is now in the far reaches of our memory banks and all of us have so much to look forward to during the upcoming season. The Club calendar will continue to be quiet for part of the Spring as members continue to get vaccinated and protected from Covid. That said, I am confident once the sailing season is in full swing the Activities Committee will be scheduling events for all of us to participate in and enjoy. I guess the optimum words we will still need to practice, for the next few months, is having "additional patience" even though it seems to run thin from time to time.

The 2021 Racing Calendar has been included in this month's Blooper and will be distributed to all in my contact list as well. That said, I know for a fact our Rear Commodore and Membership Chair have teamed up to re-establish a "cruising" calendar for all to enjoy and participate in so stay tuned for updates from both Frank Hepner and Dean Travis. Talking of cruising, the Club has renewed both the Bristol and Dutch Harbor Moorings for the enjoyment of the membership therefore I encourage you to enjoy them and, where appropriate, share with other WBYC members.

Last, but not least, please welcome all the Board of Governors members as well as committee members when time allows. They are hard at work planning and executing activities for your enjoyment and pleasure. All are very special individuals and we are very fortunate to have an elite core of people who are willing to dedicate so much time and effort to the betterment of West Bay Yacht Club.

Looking forward to seeing everyone over the next several months. Oh yes, and don't forget to start getting your boats in shape - Summer is just around the corner. Best regards,

*Grant*

## **Rear Commodore's Message**



Greetings from snowy Laurel Highlands of Western Pa. where Dan'l Tiger waves you into town, people are friendly and the seafood is such that I can't wait to return to RI!

The proactive 2021 Cruising Committee has been restructured to accommodate all members no matter what size their boat is. David Kiernan is putting the final touches on a great recommendation for a "Best of Prudence" 3 part venue for day trips and even wants to organize a weekend cruise to Fall River - think WBYC among the Battleships!

We are planning at least 2 events each for June, July and August including Day Sails and/or Overnights to Prudence Island West Side Beach, Potters Cove, Pine Hill Cove and Fall River. These trips will include Beach parties, treasure hunts for kids and adults alike, wine tastings and more.

We are also planning:

- Raft-ups are scheduled for the full moon on 6/26 at Goddard Park. Then on 7/24 & 8/21 We will meet up at our WBYC moorings at Bristol and Dutch Island.

- Dinghy Restaurant Crawl from Crows Nest to McKinleys, with a center console support boat available for those without a dingy.
- 4th of July - Want to see fireworks at Oakland Beach? Let's do a pot luck raft-up!
- Block Island- crew aboard (or come along in your own boat) a 53 ft sailing vessel. Dinner and drinks aboard on Saturday Night, then sail home Sunday. Departing from Wickford Marina.
- Labor Day Cruise to Marthas Vineyard
- Columbus Day Cruise to Wickford Marina

Comments and suggestions are always welcomed. This is your club.

We have made it so far despite COVID, now we all feel a pressing need to get out and have fun! Join us when you can, contribute when you can - the more the merrier!

Frank Hepner  
s/v Tiana, USA 14

## Past Commodore's Message



THE VIEW FROM THE BAR, by which I refer to the traditional place occupied by the Past Commodore during Board meetings in our former glorious clubhouse at Norton's. It was a seat of honor, giving a good view of the current Commodore and Board members seated at tables across the way doing the Club's business, far enough away so that the collected wisemen could mumble among themselves without disturbing the official meeting, and close enough to be able to interject some wise and experienced guidance into the discussion when needed.

But, alas, those days are long past, and meetings now consist of Zoom gatherings from the comfort of our own dens. Unless one blocks the video, everyone can see you all the time, and we are left to wonder whether everyone else is wearing pants.

Side conversations require that you DM or text while the meeting proceeds. Way too much work.

At this point in our year, I am greatly appreciating the fact that I don't have to try and figure out what activities we may be able to fit into the current guidelines for dealing with COVID, and where those might fall as the year progresses. Hopefully, we will be able

to gather in some forum to celebrate together and enjoy the fellowship which is the highlight of being a member of WBYC. Our Commodore Jennifer Brandon has stepped up to accept that challenge, and with the help of the Board we will see a return to our familiar activities. It is for all of us to help accomplish that goal and to enjoy again the things that make WBYC a great focus for our boating lives.

I will be doing whatever I can to help, and of course, enjoying the view from the bar.

Paul Finstein

Past Commodore

s/v Wizard, USA 4756

## **From the Membership Desk**



Hello everyone,

Can you believe its March already? I've been out on my boat more than a few times this week and I have the ambition to get started. But I know as soon as I pull that cover the snow will fly. Well good weather is coming soon. Can't wait.

Club members are a buzz with planning. The 2021 Cruise Committee planning has begun and so far has been very productive.

We have some great events planned. Some of the events are mentioned in our Cruising Committee Report here in this Blooper. We hope to be able to expand this calendar as more destinations open from the covid lockdown. Reach out to me with any ideas for events.

For our racers, Planning has already begun. Our Race Committee is hard at work getting everything rolling for another successful season. Reach out to them in anyway that you feel you can contribute to the success of this program. The amount of work needed to provide such a program is overwhelming.

Last but not least, West Bay Membership dues are due. The cost again is \$125.00. Here is the link to pay online.

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

For those of us who prefer to pay by check. Please send your check Payable to "West Bay Yacht Club" to the club PO Box at:

West Bay Yacht Club

Box 1604

East Greenwich, RI 02818

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.

-And of course if you questions please feel free to give me a call.

Dean

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 \_\_\_\_\_

## **Secretary's Report**



WBYC BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 7, 2020

**2021 WBYC**  
**BOARD of**  
**Governors**

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Paul Tracy

**COMMITTEE**

**CHAIRS:**

**Activities**

Jo-Ann Grima

**Finance**

**Cruising**

Dean Travis

**Education**

**Membership**

Dean Travis

**Publicity**

**Blooper**

Jen Brandon

**Website**

Jeff Griglack

**Racing**

Grant Brandon

Attendees: Paul Finstein, Jen Branden, Grant Branden, Frank Hepner, Raleigh Jenkins, Jim Thorson, Jeff Griglack, Ray Perrotta, Jo-Ann Grima, Dave Kiernan, Paul Tracy.

Call to Order by Paul Finstein at 19:11.

Minutes Read and Accepted.

Commodore's Report: There Will be no December Party. We will meet next via Zoom on January 11, 2021. Paul has been exposed to COVID through his wife.

Vice-Commodore's Report: Rear-Commodore is going to give a report and also get me an article for the Blooper.

Rear Commodore's Report: Will have Blooper article by weekend. Will have all Racing results in Blooper.

Treasurer's Report: Will be cutting \$300 check to Varnum from Racing fees.

Members-at-Large Report:

David: Continuing to sail 'til the last minute.

Ray: Haven't heard any issues.

Paul: Nothing of note.

Parliamentarian: No apparent non-compliance observed.

Activities: Nothing much happening due to Covid.

New Business: No December Meeting. Next Meeting January 11 via Zoom.

Motion to Adjourn: No discussion.

Meeting Adjourned at 19:58

Respectfully submitted,

Raleigh Jenkins, Secretary

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## **Activities Report**





### **A Few Words From the Activities Corner**

I really thought Spring was on its way until today (2/27). Drizzle, Drizzle, Drizzle!! Perfect day to stay home watching a movie... - or two... - or three!

This past winter has been a challenge for many of us. Some sadness, some illness but overall, we've survived and are looking forward to many better days ahead.

Certainly hope we can get a full social calendar put together for everyone. We need ideas for the summer and the rest of the year. Perhaps some events will be virtual and some may actually be reality. Either way, WBYC will remain a strong group of friends just wanting to be together. Yes? You Betcha!

Hoping more of the Covid restrictions are lifted so we can get back to using our space at the Armory very soon. Most likely not before St. Patty's Day though, unfortunately. That will be two whole years without Paul and Cathy's famous Corned Beef dinner! But May Breakfast could be a possibility. Keep your eyes and ears open for more details.

Be sure to keep in touch, stay well and get vaccinated (when you can).

The Activities Crew,  
Jo-Ann, Jen, Cathy and Michele  
[joann.grima@gmail.com](mailto:joann.grima@gmail.com)  
(401) 738-0272  
We always love to hear from you!

Spring really is just around the corner. Keep your hopes and spirits high with these harbingers of spring, courtesy of Jo-Ann:



# Treasurer's Report



For those of you who were unable to attend the WBYC Annual Meeting and missed my report, I wanted to let you know that our club, although hurt by the lack of activities due to the Pandemic this year, remains on solid financial footing, having finished the budget year essentially with a balanced budget (+\$214). Your Board worked very hard to manage to budget and, for this reason, the club continues to maintain healthy fund balances.

WBYC funds operate mostly through your membership dues. WBYC's biggest expenses are related to insurance, yachting association dues (NBYA, YCA, US Sailing), which provide our credentials and reciprocity - as well as mooring fees for the Bristol

and Dutch Harbor Moorings. Rental fees to the Varum Armory are a variable cost, as are most other expenses. Racing Fees cover racing program costs and often end up contributing a modest revenue for us!

The Membership adopted our budget for 2021 at the Annual Membership Meeting. Anyone who has questions about the club's budget or finances, please feel free to contact me.

Jim Thorsen

## From the Race Committee



*From the desk of the Race Committee  
Chair....*

Happy late Winter everyone! To the best of my knowledge, most racers and cruisers are now seriously thinking about removing covers off their boats, buying the appropriate materials needed to re-paint their bottoms and finally scheduling their launch date with their appropriate marinas. Covid-19 continues to shape our lives in many ways not the least is our inability to get together and celebrate the joys of the past summer and

fall racing season, as well as upcoming holiday festivities. I for one miss all these events and cannot wait to restore them into our active calendars. Please note, the Board of Governors has agreed to schedule several of our Fall activities in early Summer [if possible] when we expect current restrictions to be eased allowing us the joy

of celebrating the 2020 season with awards, food and beverages and most importantly camaraderie & memorable seafaring stories!

On a personal note, I was able to avoid the “virus” for most of the past year but not six weeks ago. I spent two awful weeks in bed dealing with the effects of Covid and then took an additional two weeks for R & R to fully recover. The good news is that I am now fully recovered, and in fact I took my 1<sup>st</sup> vaccine on Friday so for an old goat I seem to still be able to manage most of these events to a successful conclusion. I certainly encourage as many of you as possible to be vaccinated and follow the CDC guidelines I think they know what they are doing!

Enough of that business let’s get down to the important stuff. Included in this blooper, as well as in your emails, you will find the 2021 Race Entry & Release of Liability Form. Please review it at your earliest convenience as it contains all the dates for both the Summer and Fall Series along with appropriate event pricing [a Series Combo discount is listed as well]. Additionally, we are incorporating both the Rainone Solo / Twin and the Lady Skippers Regatta into the Monday night schedule on July 5<sup>th</sup> and August 9<sup>th</sup> [VJ Day]. These events are stand alone events and are priced outside of the Summer and Fall Series venue. On Aug 14<sup>th</sup> and Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>, we are hosting two flagship events the “Fred Kerzner” Around the Island Race and the annual “Varnum Fundraiser” / Pumpkin Patch Race. Please support these events, especially the “Varnum Fundraiser”. As I’ve said several times the work that they do, and their facilities - including the Museum, is a Rhode Island treasure. To date WBYC has raised in excess of \$1500.00 through regatta fees to support the Varnum via the regatta “fundraiser”.

Just a note regarding the Summer Series calendar of events ... the way the calendar fell we only could host 11 races for the Series. That said, the Race Committee has determined the number of qualifying races will be 8 allowing for three throwouts for the Series. I would also like to bring to your attention the dates for the Fall Series as they are a little different this year than in the past. The first race will be held on Wed Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, the second race will be on Thur Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, the third race will be held on Mon Sept 13<sup>th</sup> and the last race of the series will be held on Fri Sept 17<sup>th</sup> as we have some holidays which we needed to skirt around.

That’s all the updates for the moment. Stay well, be safe, and we’ll see you on the water in just a few more months.

*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>	<u>\$150.00</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>
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>nd</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: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Owner or Owner's Representative)

# Cruise Committee Report



Hello Members,

The WBYC Cruise Committee has begun planning a great 2021 cruise calendar!

## **1) Raft ups (Full Moon)**

This year we are hoping to do at least 2-3 raft ups around the bay, all around full moons. The plan is to have our first one be off of Goddard Park on June 26<sup>th</sup>. From there we will venture out to Dutch Harbor, then to Bristol. As always, they will be weather permitting. Both Dutch and Bristol will utilize our existing WBYC moorings. Here is the plan:

June, Goddard Park Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup>

July, Dutch Harbor Saturday July 24<sup>th</sup>

August, Bristol Harbor Saturday August 21<sup>st</sup>

- ## **2) Crew sail to Block Island**
- Another event we are working on is a WBYC group sail. Rear Commodore Frank Hepner is planning a WBYC group sail aboard his yacht to Block Island for an overnight cruise. A minimum number of crew members would be needed so get your name on one of the available bunks soon! All and any boats wishing to convoy across the mighty Atlantic alongside are more than welcome! A pre-event social will be had at Dutch Harbor on Friday night before this event. A party will be held Saturday night on Franks yacht at Block Island as this boat will be host boat for this event.

Here's some details:



Crew aboard a 53 foot sailing vessel. Meet and Greet at Dutch harbor Friday night before, dinner and drinks aboard Saturday night @ Block Island, then sail home on Sunday. If crewing aboard, plan to depart from Wickford Marina on Friday.  
Dates and times TBD

**3) Three more events we are working on:**

West Bay Beach Day. Summer Picnic @ Pine Hill Cove

Labor Day Weekend (Sept) cruise to Marthas Vinyard

Columbus Day Weekend (Oct) – Wickford – WBYC Cruising's year end party!

**4) Afternoon "Get Aways" to Prudence Island**

David Kiernan suggested Destination Day Sails and/or Overnight "Short Cruises". It will be a series of three separate day trips to Prudence Island. We'll call it "The Best of Prudence" or something like that. The three locations would be Potters Cove, West Side beach, and the "T" wharf and beach. We may plan to go ashore and walk and/or picnic at each location. None of them are much more than 2 hours away or so by sail."

**This is a must do. Plan on it because we are going to do this!**

- 5) Fall River** David Kiernan: "An overnight trip to Battleship Cove in Fall River. They have some moorings available that are very close to the ships. I don't know if it will be open this summer with the virus and all, but we had a great time visiting the different vessels. At night it was a short walk to several great Portuguese restaurants. The only bad thing is that the moorings are right below the bridge, and it was pretty noisy all night. Might not be possible because of the virus, but I would like to do it again at some point."

**This is a great trip! I did this many years ago and I think it's time to revisit it again. Lets hope the covid issue is gone soon and these places open back up!**

I want to thank David Kiernan for bringing these great ideas to the table. Thanks David!

Also Thanks to Rear Commodore Frank Hepner for offering his boat for a host ship for a Block Island Cruise. Thanks Frank!

**-Great ideas everyone! Dates TBD as we get closer to "launching time"**

For anybody who wants to work on our plans **please reach out**. We will be working on things all year so stay in the loop, watch for our posts through emails, Facebook, etc... And remember that Cruising is an activity on the water - where we go is always good as long as we do it together!

Dean

Cruising Committee Planning Member

Dutch Harbor Mooring #215

Designation: WBYC

Lat: 041.29.692N

Bristol Harbor Mooring #769

Designation: None

Lat: 041.40.187N

Long: 071.17.155W

## **Calendar of Events**

Next Board of Governor's Meeting – Monday, March 8, 2021 (on-line)

No events are currently scheduled due to Covid-19 restrictions and regulations, but we are organizing some educational Zoom meetings. We look forward to 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)

