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# THE BLOOPER

Please welcome the WBYC Board of Directors for 2020:

## 2020 WBYC BOARD

**Commodore** - Paul Finstein

**Vice-Commodore** - Jennifer Brandon

**Rear-Commodore** - Grant Brandon

**Past Commodore** - Scott Tagen

**Treasurer** - Jim Thorsen

**Secretary** - Raleigh Jenkins

**Parliamentarian** - Jeff Griglack

**Member(s) at Large:** Dave Kiernan, Ray Perrotta, Paul Tracy



-Next time you see them give them a "Congrats!" for putting together the many activities and programs we are all looking forward to this year and thank them for keeping our wonderful WBYC moving forward. Please feel free to reach out to any of them with ideas and suggestions for the upcoming season, we all appreciate members volunteering to help keep the club interesting and fresh!

## Commodore's Message



Happy New Year! We made it all the way to the new decade, and WBYC is alive and well and celebrating our 45<sup>th</sup> year of existence. Still have a few old salts around who were there and remember our beginnings.

We finished up last year with two of our favorite and best attended activities of the year. Our Annual Banquet was a huge hit and the social event of the season. This edition of the Blooper should be replete with photos from that night to refresh your warm memories of a wonderful evening of good company, fun and good food. As I often remark, the hardest part of the event for me is trying to recognize all those sailors in

“real” clothes. Tremendous thanks as always to Jo-Ann Grima and her activities committee crew for a job well done. We also celebrated the season with our annual holiday party and Yankee gift swap, presided over as always by Hanukkah Harry and his chief elf Cathy. There was the usual cutthroat gift swapping which makes the evening so much fun, and we should also have photos from that night to help remind you of the evening.

Now we are ready to move forward full speed ahead and damn the torpedoes into the new year. You will shortly be receiving your membership renewal notices from Dean. As usual, we ask that you respond with your renewals and payments as soon as possible. Once again, we have a PayPal option available for those who no longer actually hand write checks, so there should be no reason to delay your response.

We are still finalizing our calendar of activities for the year. Look for emails soon informing you of the early events, which will include a couple of educational events during the next cold winter months. Our annual harbinger of Spring, the St. Patrick's Day dinner will be on the weekend before the official celebration on the 17<sup>th</sup>. May will bring the organizing meeting for our racing program and will of course start with our May Breakfast so you can eat well and get properly psyched up before going down the street to work on your boat. Over the summer itself, beside our regular Monday night racing we will be having our Whaler's Race/Cruise to Block Island, and we will be working on a number of other cruising activities more locally on the bay for day sailors and overnights to join and enjoy. The cruising season will again end in Wickford on Columbus Day, with our Varnum Armory Benefit Regatta and Pumpkin Patch Race the following weekend to finish up our on-the-water activities. We will be publishing our full calendar of events shortly as soon as the last few dates are confirmed. Watch your email and be sure to keep an eye on our website - [westbayyachtclub.org](http://westbayyachtclub.org) for further details. There should be something for every interest, and if you have any suggestions, feel free to make them and we will see if they can be included in our calendar. This is your club, and we depend on each member to be an active participant and help to supply the energy we can all share. See you at the Club!

Paul Finstein, Commodore  
s/v Wizard 4756

## **Vice Commodore's Message**



Happy New Year everyone! We can all look forward to a new season of sailing, racing and comradery with our fellow WBYC members! Until then, there are plenty of activities planned to tide you over. Keep your calendar next to you as you read the Blooper so you can mark down all the events you'll want to join us for!

First and foremost is the famous WBYC St. Paddy's Day Dinner, once again hosted by Paul and Cathy "O'Finstein"! This year it's on Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup>, so bring your green beer and a hearty appetite! We have our annual Cruise Social coming up soon as well, but the

date is still to be decided. Then, don't forget to send Jim Thorsen an email to set aside Paw Sox tickets for yourself, your family and friends for the April 26<sup>th</sup> game. It has been so much fun the last few years, you won't want to miss it!

There is also May Breakfast on Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> and then, for all of you racers, the Skippers & Crew Meeting is being held on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

We hope to see you at all these events to reunite sailing friendships and to create new ones as we share our enjoyment of this great sport!

Jennifer Brandon

Estesea 50808

## **Rear Commodore's Message**

*Ahoy Mates ... Rear Commodore, RC and Education Chair reporting ...*



Happy New Year everyone! From our boat to yours we wish you and your collective families the very best for the coming "new" year. That said, there are only 132 days to go before ESTESEA will be starting the 1<sup>st</sup> race of the Summer Series ... yay!!!

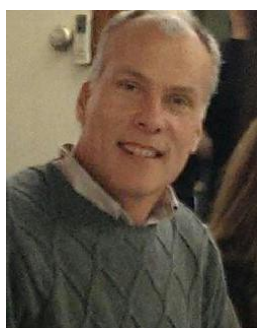
I would like to extend, one more time, to all skippers and crews how much we as Race Committee members appreciated all who participated in last year's Racing events. We truly had a great time on the water providing outstanding race committee courses week in and week out. And your continual support encourages us to work even harder for you during the upcoming sailing season to provide the leadership on the water you've come to expect from *your* WBYC RC Team.

Attached to this article [somewhere within the Blooper] you will find for your reading pleasure the 2020 Race Entry & Release of Liability Forms. They contain a complete event and date schedule for the upcoming season along with associated racing fees. Please note, it has been well over five years since racing fees were raised and this was the year to bite the bullet - which should cover Racing for the foreseeable future. Additionally, a discount has been provided reflecting a Summer/Fall Series Combo, and I encourage everyone to take advantage of the Combo if it fits into your schedule. Please fill it out, as it is hot off the press, and complete all sections along with your signature and date. Forms can be emailed to: [grantbrandon01@gmail.com](mailto:grantbrandon01@gmail.com) or mailed to the Post Office Box listed on the form. Payments via PayPal or checks would be greatly appreciated with your completed forms. Last, but not least, there will be a Skipper/Crew meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at the Armory to review all racing courses and updates [the addition of a Mark Boat is under review].



Have a safe and fun winter  
And remember, Spring is just around the corner!  
... see you on the water real soon.  
*your Race Committee Team*

## **From the Membership Desk**



### **2020 Renewals**

Hello Members,  
As you may know, our membership drive is underway. We're getting the forms out to everyone soon so keep your eye open for your renewal form.

To renew your membership there are two options for payment:  
1.) Pay by check, made out to "WBYC" and mailed directly to our

PO Box:

West Bay Yacht Club  
PO Box 1604  
East Greenwich, RI 02818

Please go to our WBYC website, shown below, for current membership pricing

2.) Pay by PayPal.

Online payments through PayPal can be done directly through the West Bay Yacht Club website (shown below)

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

Please take this opportunity to renew today, Thanks!

Dean

[dean@travistechnologies.com](mailto:dean@travistechnologies.com)

(401) 573-3276

## **WBYC's Annual Paw Sox Game**

Make sure to join us for the last WBYC Paw Sox game – after this year the paw Sox team will be only a fond memory! So contact Jim Thorsen to reserve your tickets and set aside April 26<sup>th</sup>. We'll be meeting up outside the stadium gates at 1:05 pm for a fun filled afternoon.



An email will be sent out with all the details as the time gets closer, but mark your calendars today!

**WBYC's Annual Banquet**



# Secretary's Report



## **WEST BAY YACHT CLUB BOARD OF GOVERNORS OCTOBER 10, 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

**The October meeting of the West Bay Yacht Club Board of Governors was held on Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 300 Jefferson Blvd in Warwick, Rhode Island.**

**Attendees:** Paul Finstein, Grant Brandon, Jen Brandon, Jim Thorsen, Raleigh Jenkins, Jeff Griglack, Paul Tracy and Jo-Ann Grima. **The Meeting was called to order at: 19:19 by Commodore Paul Finstein.**

**Secretary's Report:** The September Minutes were reviewed and accepted.

### **Commodore's Report:**

- Final look at proposed Budget
- Nominating Committee produced Slate and it was published in time.
- Will try for December 10 for BOG Dinner.
- No November BOG Meeting.
- Jeff & Grant to publish Yearbook.
- As of December, Scott will no longer be doing website..... Jeff has agreed to take this on.

### **Vice Commodore's Report:**

- Jo-Ann has been doing a great job on Banquet planning.
- Columbus Day Weekend Cruise events have been switched. The Cook-out will now be Sunday night, and the Carriage House Inn, Saturday night.

### **Rear Commodore's Report:**

- The Varnum Race will be Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Grant is working on awards with Paul and Dave, and with Gregg on the Yearbook.
- There will be a Seminar for Racers in January.
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### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Review of proposed Budget. Draft Budget approved for 2020.
- Treasurer to review CD's for possible use with Balance savings.

**Parliamentarian's Report:** No Issues Reported.

**Members at Large Report:** Appears Quiet.

**Activities/Good and Welfare:** No Report.

**Old Business:** N/A

**New Business:** Annual Meeting is October 18.

**Motion Made, Seconded and Moved to Adjourn at : 20:46hrs.**

**Respectfully submitted, Raleigh M. Jenkins, Secretary**

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# Activities Report



Happy 2020 Everyone!!! Certainly hope you all enjoyed the holidays with your friends and families. It seems like there's always so much to do with so little time...but it's always worth the effort!



As we move forward, the Club's calendar is filling up with lots of interesting ways to spend time together. February brings a Racing Event, March brings the best Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner you'll ever have. We're still working on an April event, so give us a call with your ideas. OK? Of course, May always brings flowers, breakfast and the beginning of lots of boating fun for all.

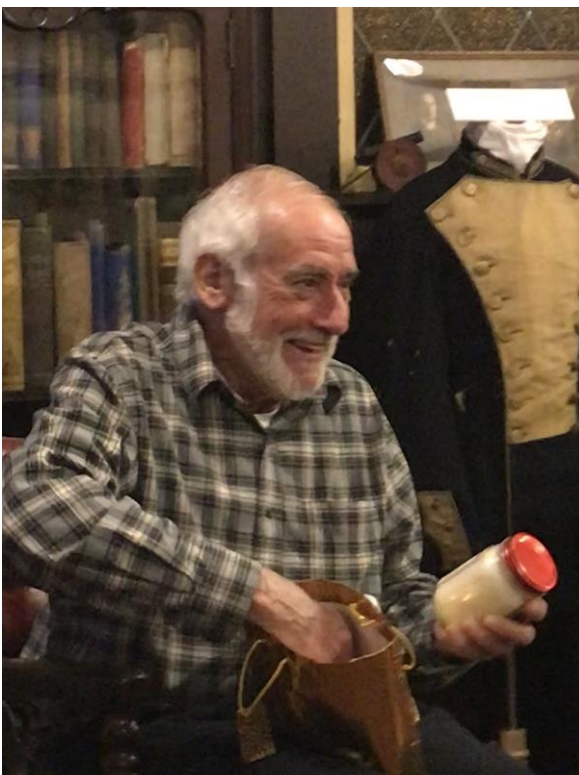
None of the events we enjoy can happen without help from you, the membership. We need ideas, man or woman power and anything else you can contribute to make our friendships continue to grow.

Stay tuned. So much more to follow.

Your Activities Crew,

Jo-Ann, Jen, Cathy and Michele  
Call anytime. 401 738-0272 or send me an e-mail  
We always love to hear from you!  
[joann.grima@gmail.com](mailto:joann.grima@gmail.com)

## **Holiday Party & Yankee Swap**







## Cruise Committee Report



### Cruise Committee Report

There is good news to report, the days are already starting to get longer! And, we are putting our 2020 WBYC cruising calendar together. Summer cruising is getting closer!

If you have a favorite destination, or want to create a fun weekend to share with other members, you can sign up to be one of the cruise captains!

Our annual cruise social is going to be at the Armory, the date TBD. It will be a potluck and BYO, so plan to come for the fun and help us plan out the summer.

**Cruise Captains Needed, so please let us know you want to be a part of another fun summer!!!** Anyone interested in serving on the Cruise Committee, or interested in hosting one of our cruises, your input will be welcomed. We love new ideas for destinations or cruises!

Jim Ward

Acting Cruise Chair



## From the Race Committee





**WEST BAY YACHT CLUB**  
**2020 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 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 1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup>		
• July 13 <sup>th</sup> , July 20 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup>		
• Aug 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> & 31 <sup>st</sup>		
2. <u>FALL SERIES:</u>	\$ 60.00	\$ 75.00
• Sept 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup>		
3. <b>SUMMER/FALL SERIES COMBO</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
4. <u>RAINONE SOLO / TWIN:</u>	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00
• July 06 <sup>th</sup> [Monday Night Race]		
5. <u>WHALERS RACE to BI:</u>	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00
• July 25 <sup>th</sup> [Start: Dutch Harbor – Sat Race]		
6. <u>LADY SKIPPERS REGATTA:</u>	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00
• August 10 <sup>th</sup> [Monday Night Race]		
7. <u>AROUND THE ISLAND RACE :</u>	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00
• August 15 <sup>th</sup> (1300 Start – Sat Race)		
8. <u>VARNUM FUNDRAISER / PUMPKIN PATCH:</u>	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
• October 17 <sup>th</sup> (1200 Start – Sat Race)		
<b>Total Submitted</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

**NOTES:**

9. Payments by PAYPAL to be made on the WBYC website at: [westbayyachtclub.org](http://westbayyachtclub.org)
10. Payments by CHECKS to be sent to: West Bay Yacht Club  
Attn: Race Committee  
P.O. Box 1604  
East Greenwich, RI 02818

11. 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 2020 West Bay Yacht Club Racing Series.

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

\*\*\* SKIPPER & CREW PRE-RACING SERIES MEETING – WED MAY 13<sup>th</sup>  
VARNUM ARMORY at 7 PM \*\*\*

# 2020 WBYC Racing Calendar

## Summer Series (12 races)

June  
Monday Races: 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>.

July  
Monday Races: 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, & 27<sup>th</sup>.

August  
Monday Races: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, & 31<sup>st</sup>.

## Fall Series (4 races)

September  
Wednesday Races: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, & 16<sup>th</sup>.      Monday Races: 14<sup>th</sup>.

Note: Any races not held during the Summer Series’ scheduled dates will be made up on an available *Thursday*. We typically expect at least one maybe two weather related cancellations during the Summer Series, and Thursdays is the least conflicted day of the week (AHYC sails on Tuesday and EGYC sails on Wednesday).

## Additional Races

Rainone Solo Twin – Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>  
Whalers Race to Block Island (Dutch Harbor start) – Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>  
Lady Skippers Regatta – Monday, Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>  
Around the Island Race – Saturday, Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> at 1300  
Varnum Fundraiser/Pumpkin Patch Regatta – Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 1200



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# **Calendar of Events**

Next Board of Governor's Meeting – Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

**TBD** - Cruise Party at the Armory, Potluck and BYO, join the fun and plan out the summer cruise schedule

**March 14<sup>th</sup>** – St. Paddy's Day Dinner, at the Armory. BYO beverage & either soda bread or a dessert

**April 26<sup>th</sup>** - WBYC at the Pawsox! Last year we had over 30 members attend and had a blast!

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** - May Breakfast at the Armory

**May 13<sup>th</sup>** - Racing Skippers and Crew meeting at the Armory – 7pm