



THE BLOOPER

Congratulations to the 2022 WBYC Board of Directors!

Commodore - Jennifer Brandon

Vice-Commodore - Grant Brandon

Rear-Commodore - Frank Hepner

Past Commodore – Paul Finstein

Treasurer - Jim Thorsen

Secretary – (open)

Parliamentarian - Jeff Griglack

Member(s) at Large: Dave Kiernan, Ray Perrotta, (1 position open)

Commodore's Message



Happy Winter! (is there such a thing?) Anyway, I hope everyone is feeling optimistic that spring is around the corner and new Covid cases seem to be on the decline. We are sending you all wishes for a healthy, happy and safe 2022 year as we wait for the sea ice to recede and the boating season to begin!

I want to thank the board members and committee chairs for coming forward to volunteer their time again for this year. I appreciate each person's continuing commitment to the club through the sharing of both their time and expertise. We do however have a couple of openings we are trying to fill – so when you reach out to thank our board members, ask how you can join the board too.

We all benefit from the great work they do and, as a board member, you can also share in the wonderful friendships we build as we work toward the shared goal of making WBYC the best it can be!

Jen Brandon
s/v Estesea 50808

Vice Commodore's Message



From the desk of the Vice-Commodore ...

It is truly a pleasure to welcome each and every member back to the Club as we enter the 2022 sailing season. It should not come as a surprise to anyone that the New Year could not come fast enough. Both 2020 & 2021 are now in the far reaches of our memory banks and all of us have so much to look forward to during the upcoming year. The Club calendar will not be quiet as it has been for the past few years since most of us have been vaccinated and boosted allowing for a resumption [in moderation] of many of our activities and events. That said, I'm confident the Activities Committee is hard at work planning a possible St. Patty's Day Dinner along with a May Breakfast which all of us have longed for ...

The 2022 Racing Calendar and Liability Form has been included in this month's Blooper for your reading pleasure and will be distributed to all via email by the end of the month. Please review all dates and insert them into your working calendar otherwise things have a way of going south. Additionally, Rear Commodore [Frank Hepner] and the cruising committee are teaming up to establish a "cruising" calendar for all to enjoy and participate in this season. Stay tuned for updates from both Frank Hepner and Dean Travis as well as others. Talking of cruising, the Club has renewed both the Bristol and Dutch Harbor Moorings for the enjoyment of the general membership, and we encourage all to enjoy them and where appropriate share with other WBYC members.

Last, but not least, please welcome the new Board of officers and committee chairs when time allows as 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 the time and effort needed to make West Bay Yacht Club the "friendliest Yacht Club on the Bay".

Looking forward to seeing everyone over the next several months. Oh yes, and don't forget to get your boats in shape, Summer is just a little over 100 days away. Best regards,

Grant



Rear Commodore's Message

Ahoy fellow WBYC members,
Most of us are still putting up with winter and its accompanying aggravation while longing for warm days afloat.

The Cruising Committee, as is the custom, will be offering dates and venues in the upcoming March/April Blooper. So if you have some fun ideas and activities you'd like to suggest, or you have a new favorite destination you want to see included, now is the time to reach out and be heard. All ideas are welcome!

Until then, stay warm!

Frank Hepner

From the Membership Desk



2022 Renewals

Hi Everyone,
When you're filling out your membership renewal this January/February please let me know what your current boat name is. In order to use the WBYC moorings in both Bristol and Dutch Harbors we must have your current boat name on file. The harbormasters will be checking our moorings next summer and we don't want you to have any issues.

Also, as memberships and renewals are received for the 2022 year, this list will be made available to our membership as a "contact list" so we can all more easily stay in touch with each other.

To renew your membership:

- 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>

Thanks!

Dean

dean@travistechnologies.com

(401) 573-3276

Holiday Dinner & Yankee Swap



Our first in-person Holiday Party and Yankee swap since the Covid-19 Pandemic began was a roaring success! The Activities Committee, organized by our wonderful Jo-Ann, was able to “pull some strings” with a small local restaurant and we had the whole dining room to ourselves for the night! We organized a few tables to serve as an appetizers station where everyone could help themselves, mingle, talk to fellow members and get caught up on socializing while imbibing in their “BYOB” beverages. We enjoyed a sit down dinner, served by our hosts at The Buttonwoods Café, then moved on to dessert: Celeste Wright ‘rought a cake to celebrate her husband Jim’s birthday and Jo-Ann brought her famous Apple Crisp! Then, the fun began with Paul “Hannukka Harry” and Cathy “Mrs. Clause” Finstein orchestrating the Yankee Swap! It felt just like the good ole days of pre-Covid and a wonderful time was had by all! We will look forward to many more activities and get-togethers as the covid-19 restrictions continue to be lifted. They seem to be headed in the right direction for now, let’s hope it continues!

Secretary's Report

WBYC Board of Governor's Monthly Minutes for January 10, '2022

2022 WBYC
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COMMITTEE

CHAIRS:
Activities
Jo-Ann Grima
Finance
Cruising
Frank Hepner
Education
House
Membership
Dean Travis
Publicity
Blooper
Jen Brandon
Website
Jeff Griglack
Racing
Grant Brandon

Attendees: *Paul Finstein [Past Commodore], Jennifer Brandon (Commodore), Grant Brandon (Vice Commodore), Frank Hepner [Rear Commodore], Jo-Ann Grima (Activities), Jeff Griglack {Parliamentarian}, Dean Travis [membership], Jim Thorson [Treasurer], Ray Perrotta (Member-at-Large) and Dave Kiernan (Member-at Large).*

Meeting brought to order at 7:09PM as a ZOOM Meeting:

Commodore [Jen B.]:

- The minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted with modifications [Dec meeting was held on Dec 13th not the 14th].
- Each Chair or Board member was asked to address any updates or comments appropriate to their positions.

Vice Commodore [Grant B.]:

- Race Committee has completed the racing schedule for the upcoming season and it includes the Summer, Fall and Special Event dates along with associated fees. All racing fees for the 2022 season were left the same as they were in 2021. The racing calendar did not include the Dutch Harbor to Block Island Race as it is unclear whether there is sufficient interest to hold the race. This topic will be raised at the Spring racer's meeting to be held in mid-April.
- Racing awards for both 2020 and 2021 were distributed at the Awards Luncheon which was held at Shannon View Inn. Grant collected and will distribute all awards to racers who were not able to make the event. A good time was had by all, and the venue under the enclosed tent worked very well.

Rear Commodore [Frank H.]:

- Planning the cruising calendar for the upcoming season.
- A Zoom meeting to be held either in February or early March to layout dates, times and locations for the upcoming season.
- Initial plan is to try to hold two events per month starting in May

Treasurer [Jim Thorsen]

- Membership fees [checks and PayPal] have already started to arrive.
- PO Box Fee has been paid and renewed [annual PO Box fees have increased].
- Annual Dues for NBYA and YCA will be due soon.
- Checking and Savings accounts are in good order.

Membership [Dean T.]

- Dean will no longer do memberships and will need to be assigned to someone else.

Activities Report [JoAnn G.]:

- Nancy Stocker recently passed away [Tom's former wife] - JoAnn to make arrangements.
- Jake Portnoy turned 90 this past week.
- Good & Welfare – No reports at this time.

Webmaster [Jeff G.]

- Website status is in flux [hosting and domain issues] – Jeff to resolve as soon as possible

Members at Large [Dave K. & Ray P.]

- No reports at this time.
- The Board has one opening for a new Member-At-Large

Acting Secretary – Grant Brandon

Meeting was adjourned at 8:06PM.

Next ZOOM meeting on Monday March 7th at 7:00 PM

Activities Report



FROM THE ACTIVITIES CORNER—

I'm pretty sure you'll all agree with me... It's time for Spring!!! The first snowfall was ok, the second was still Ok, but the Blizzard was a little over the top!! I chipped in with a little shoveling and my shoulder is still looking for sympathy.

Enough ranting about the weather! What's happening with you folks? Any exciting vacations or other happy things to report? We're looking for activity ideas too. I know we're all kind of hiding in the house but it sure would be great to get together next month someplace. You know WBYC is your club so let's think about

it!! OK?

Good and Welfare-- Last month, we paid tribute to Nancye Stocker. WBYC made a donation in her name to "A Living Tribute". Their goal is to help with "ever needed" tree reforestation throughout our country by planting a grove of trees to honor a loved one. Rest in Peace, Nancye.

If you have any other news to share with the group, please feel free to reach out to any one of us! That's it for now!! Stay warm, happy and healthy.

The Activities Crew

Jo-Ann (joann.grima@gmail.com), Jen, Michele and Cathy

Treasurer's Report



Your WBYC Board worked very hard to manage the budget and the club continues to maintain healthy fund balances.

WBYC is funded mostly through your membership dues. Our biggest expenses are related to insurance, yachting associations dues (NBYA, YCA, US Sailing), which provides our credentials and reciprocity, and mooring fees for the Bristol and Dutch Harbor Moorings. Rental fees to the Varnum Armory are a variable cost, as are most other expenses. Racing Fees cover racing program costs and even contribute modest revenue.

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

Jim Thorsen

Race Committee Report



Looking at the calendar it reminds me that there are about 100 days left before we start launching our boats and begin in earnest preparing for our favorite time of the year ... the WBYC racing season.

If you rifle through to the end of this month's Bloopers you can print out the 2022 Race Entry and Release of Liability Form. Additionally, I suggest you enter the event dates on your working calendar which covers the Summer Series, Special Event Races and the Fall Series dates. That said, since I'd always rather be on the safe side, the following information has been provided for your reading pleasure and it is **exactly** what's needed on a snowy, icy February afternoon:

Summer Series:

- June 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th
- July 11th, 18th & 25th
- Aug 1st, 15th, 22nd & 29th

Fall Series:

- Sept 7th, 12th, 14th & 19th

Special Racing Events

- Rainone Solo/Twin – July 4th
- Lady Skippers Regatta – August 8th
- Fred Kerzner Around the Island Memorial Race – August 13th
- Varnum Fundraiser / Pumpkin Patch Regatta – October 1st

That is all the news fit to print, stay safe be well and see you on the water way before the 1st Monday in June. Oh yes, before I forget to remind you once again, feel free to print the Race Entry and Release of Liability Form and enclose your racing fees with it to the following address [yes, you need a stamp and an envelope as the website is currently not up to speed] :

West Bay Yacht Club
PO Box 1604
East Greenwich, RI 02818
Attn: Race Committee

Best regards,

Grant



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

Date: _____

Calendar of Events

- June
 - 6 – Summer Series Race #1
 - 13 – Race #2
 - 20 – Race #3
 - 27 – Race #4
- July
 - 4 – Rainone Solo/Twin Regatta
 - 11 – Race #5
 - 18 – Race #6
 - 25 – Race #7
- August
 - 1 – Race #8
 - 8 – Lady Skippers Regatta
 - 13 – Fred Kerzner Around the Island Memorial Race
 - 15 – Race #9
 - 22 – Race #10
 - 29 – Race #11
- September
 - 7 – Fall Series Race #1
 - 12 – Race #2
 - 14 – Race #3
 - 19 – Race #4
- October
 - 1 – Varnum Fundraiser/ Pumpkin Patch Regatta

Next Board of Governor's Meeting – Monday, March 7, 2022 on Zoom at 7:00pm

