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THE BLOOPER

WBYC Board of Directors for 2020:

Commodore - Paul Finstein

Vice-Commodore - Jennifer Brandon

Rear-Commodore - Grant Brandon

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Treasurer - Jim Thorsen

Secretary - Raleigh Jenkins

Parliamentarian - Jeff Griglack

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

Commodore's Message



Greetings from COVID-land where we all now find ourselves residing. I hope that all of you have been keeping safe, washing your hands, and wearing the latest in designer face coverings. I bet you did not realize that old tee shirt in the bottom of your drawer would become so valuable in the hands of your skilled personal mask maker. Cathy has designed and built me one that covers my beard as well as the rest of my face. Plans are available for the cost of a self-addressed envelope!

As I write this message, I am reviewing what I had said in my last edition about looking forward to all of our upcoming events for the New Year. Suffice it to say that things have not gone as planned.

We started by cancelling our St. Patty's Day dinner and celebration. A great time would have been had by all. Next came (and went) our May Breakfast – I had to eat at home instead of joining you for a great start to our boating season.

RC Chair Grant Brandon and I worked extremely hard to build a racing program for this season that would meet all of the safeguards and restrictions on communal gatherings and allow us to get out on the water and compete. We worked with the racing chairs and competitors from EGYC and AHYC to make sure that all of our sailors could get out racing and be safe. The start of racing was delayed so we could coincide with the relaxing of restrictions to allow the skippers to get their crews together. Naturally, we have greatly missed our Monday night post-race dinners at the Armory, but I suppose that drinking with your crew on your own boat after the race will have to do for this season!

Speaking of racing, we had a great turnout for the Rainone Solo/Twin Race this week. No solo sailors, but seven competitors (and a few sightseers) in the double-handed class raced in beautiful conditions. We are also looking forward to Monday night, August 10th for the Lady Skippers' Race. There is no reason why we should not have every boat in the Monday night fleet competing in that event! Wait... I can think of a few boats where a lady might fear to come aboard.

Thank you to everyone for following through with your membership renewals when you got the word from Dean. He tells me all the membership cards have gone out, so if you did not yet receive yours; it is theoretically possible that you forgot to complete your renewal. If so, check our website and use the PayPal option to save time!

Hopefully, as the year progresses, we will be able to resume our traditional fall social gatherings. Only time will tell, and it will depend in large part on how well we keep our distances in the summer months. Watch your email and be sure to keep an eye on our website - westbayyachtclub.org for further details. I will hope to see all of you healthy and out on the water now and back at the Club in the fall!

Paul Finstein, Commodore
s/v Wizard 4756







Vice Commodore's Message



Since March, when we started sheltering in place to control the COVID-19 virus, it has been a confusing, frightening and occasionally frustrating time for many of us. I hope you and your loved ones have all been well and are staying safe! Even though restrictions are being lifted, the virus is still spreading and we should continue to be prudent in our actions to protect our families and each other. Fortunately, the weather has been beautiful recently. We are experiencing quite a hot spell and I'm sure everyone wants to be out on the water - especially since summer is now in full swing! Our summer racing series has begun, with a few minor changes to help with social distancing, and the fleet has enjoyed some great racing and spectacular sunsets! You are all welcome to come on out on your boats to view the race, or follow the course as an "unofficial cruiser" as long as it doesn't interfere with the racers. You can't find a better venue while enjoying your "cocktail hour"!

To protect everyone's safety, our governor has put guidelines in place to help us navigate the summer boating season. Please keep her recommendations in mind as you head out to enjoy our beautiful Narragansett Bay:

Boating - Fishing

Boating and fishing allowed in saltwater and fresh water; must social distance; boat launches open except at closed parks; out of state boaters and fishers cannot launch or land their boats in Rhode Island.

<https://www.wpri.com/target-12/12-responds-can-i-go-fishing-what-about-boat-launches/>

Jennifer Brandon

Estesea 50808





Rear Commodore's Message

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



Happy Summer everyone! As of this writing, your Race Committee has been busy running three Summer Series Races out of ten along with last Monday night's Rainone Solo / Twin. The season has been one of constant surprises, but to the credit of our faithful racers, most everyone returned. -And as far as I can tell, they are having a safe, fun, and competitive racing series. The weather has

been very cooperative, and it really has been exciting setting various courses for all to enjoy. This coming Monday night's race might very well be the last one we will run under the "Plus-One" format. We stated at the beginning of the Series we would evaluate general racing conditions and, following Race# 4, we would announce any changes to the crew format later in the week. It is our intension to do so and expect a general broadcast to all skippers by Friday at the very latest.

Looking at the upcoming Racing Calendar, scheduled races will be held on the following dates:

- July 13th, July 20th & July 27th [Summer Series]
- Aug 3rd, Aug 17th, Aug 24th & Aug 31st [Summer Series]
- Victory Day Monday night Aug 10th Ladies Skippers Regatta
- Saturday August 15th Around the Island Race [1300 hrs. START]
- Fall Series: Sept. 2nd, 9th, 14th & 16th
- Saturday October 17th Varnum Fundraiser / Pumpkin Patch Regatta

It was our hope that modifying some of our traditional Saturday race offerings, by moving them to a Monday night format, we would encourage participation and free up much-needed weekends for other leisure activities. Our next "non-summer series" Monday night offering will be the Ladies Skippers Regatta on Aug 10th and we are looking forward to a good turnout and a fun evening!

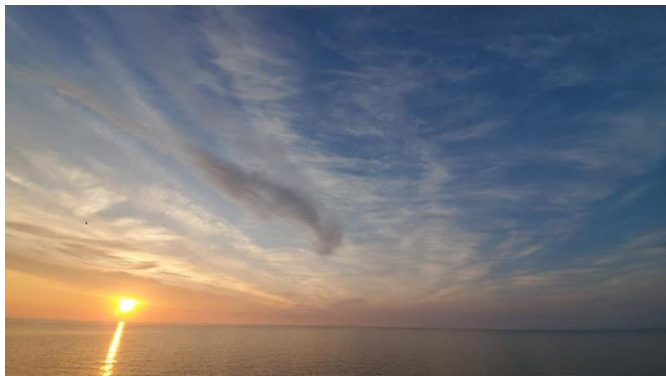
Last, but not least, I want to put a plug in for the Around the Island Race scheduled for August 15th as it is our only long-distance race around Prudence Island this summer. In recent past it has not been well attended; however, we hope this year will be the exception and we'll have a good fleet of racers enjoying a terrific venue. Please take a few minutes to let me know if we can count on you to make the scratch sheet and be able to plan accordingly.

Stay tuned to your emails as we have good “stuff” to share with you during the upcoming week as well as, in the several months ahead. Be well stay safe and enjoy your summer season as it is passing way too quickly and will be over before we know it.

Warm regards,

your Race Committee Team





From the Membership Desk



2020 Renewals

Hi Everyone,

In order to use the WBYC moorings in both Bristol and Dutch Harbors we must have your current boat name on file. If you've changed boats in the last year or so please let me know what your current boat name is. The harbormasters will be checking our moorings for non-club members over the summer. You must be on file to use the moorings or you'll be asked to leave. Please send me your update info so we don't have any issues.

I will also be making this list available to our membership as a "contact list" for summer activities.
Thanks!

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>

Dean

dean@travistechnologies.com

(401) 573-3276

”Rescue at Sea”

By WBYC member David Kiernan

My family and I were returning to Apponaug Harbor Marina, where we moor our boat, after a day trip and picnic on the beach on the west side of Prudence island. It was about 6 p.m. and the wind had picked up quite a bit, about 20-25 knots and straight in our face. Waves were about 2 feet and it was slow going. Despite the wind and waves, the sun was out and it had been a beautiful day.

As we slowly headed to our destination, I thought I could see a kayaker in the distance. It seemed foolish to me that they would be out there given the conditions. As we got closer to them it also seemed strange that they weren't paddling. At that point I retrieved the binoculars from below and had a better look. Much to my shock, it wasn't a kayaker at all, but a capsized boat with two people who had been aboard. One of them was in the water and the second had managed to climb onto the hull of the overturned boat. Fortunately, both were wearing life jackets.

We lowered our headsail, started the engine and headed straight for them at full throttle. I was worried because I knew the water was still quite cold, probably 56 or 57 degrees, and I had no idea how long the person in the water had been there.

It took us about 7 or 8 minutes to get to them and we pulled up downwind and called over to assess their condition and see how they were. Fortunately, we had towed our inflatable behind us in order to get to the beach on Prudence. I decided we would put my son in the inflatable and tow it past their boat to pluck the man from the water. As it turned out the wind was too strong and the water too rough for this to work. We then decided to separate the dinghy from our boat and my son would

motor over to their boat. This worked and he was able to grab the man in the water. Unfortunately, although he is quite strong, he was really struggling to pull the fully clothed, soaked man into the inflatable. It took him what felt like an eternity, but he finally wrestled the man aboard. He then went around to the opposite side of their boat and helped the woman scramble into the dinghy.

He returned to our boat and we helped the man climb our boarding ladder. He had very little strength left and even with our help it took him a minute or two to get aboard. His wife got aboard more easily. I think because she had managed to get out of the cold water she was in much better shape. Once we got them aboard, they went below and we gave them dry clothes to change into as well as towels and blankets to warm themselves. My wife and daughter made them hot tea to help them warm up as well. The man was shaking uncontrollably and was quite pale and it took him about 15 minutes before he stopped shaking. As it turns out he was 66 and his wife 63.

They seemed to not really know how their boat had capsized. It was a 19 foot O'day with a 6 h.p. motor. They had taken the sail down and were motoring for Allen's Harbor when according to the woman, the boat had just flipped without any warning. They had a hand held VHF radio and phones, but they were all lost after the boat capsized, and they had no way to communicate their distress. They felt they had been there for about 20 minutes by the time we came along.

As soon as we had them on board, I called the Coast Guard to alert them of the situation. They asked a lot of questions and told us a rescue boat as well as a Coast Guard boat would be coming and to stay on scene. In about 15 minutes a rescue boat from the East Providence Fire Department arrived. The couple transferred to the rescue boat and headed off. A coast Guard boat arrived shortly after and we could hear them on the radio discussing the overturned boat. They decided to leave it there for the night, and attached several glow sticks to it to give it some visibility overnight.

We then headed back to Apponaug, arriving just before dark. We were all excited that we were able to help them out, and that we felt we had done everything calmly and successfully. After discussing it some more, I think the only mistake we made was sending my son over alone in the inflatable. It all would have been much easier if there were two people. Fortunately he was able to do it alone and it all worked out well.

I spoke with the man a few days later and he filled me in on what happened after they left us. The rescue boat took them back to Allen's Harbor where an ambulance was waiting, but he said they felt fine and just wanted to go home. The following day he called Sea Tow to find out if they could get the boat back. They looked, but apparently couldn't find it. The day after that he got a call from the Jamestown Harbor master who told him he had found it floating off the shore of Jamestown. I don't know the details, but Sea Tow was able to right the boat, pump it out and tow it back to Allen's Harbor. Miraculously, their phones

which were in water proof cases were found and still worked fine. The outboard motor however had fallen off and is at the bottom of the bay.

I don't know what lessons can be learned from this, but I did pass on one thing to them. If I am on my boat alone, I always have a life jacket on, and the portable, waterproof, floating VHF radio physically clipped onto me. If I were to go overboard somehow, I would have a means to call for help. They had said everything happened so fast they had no time to do anything. I suspect that is how most of these things happen and if you are smart and a little lucky maybe you have prepared for it.



*Figure 1*Approaching capsized boat

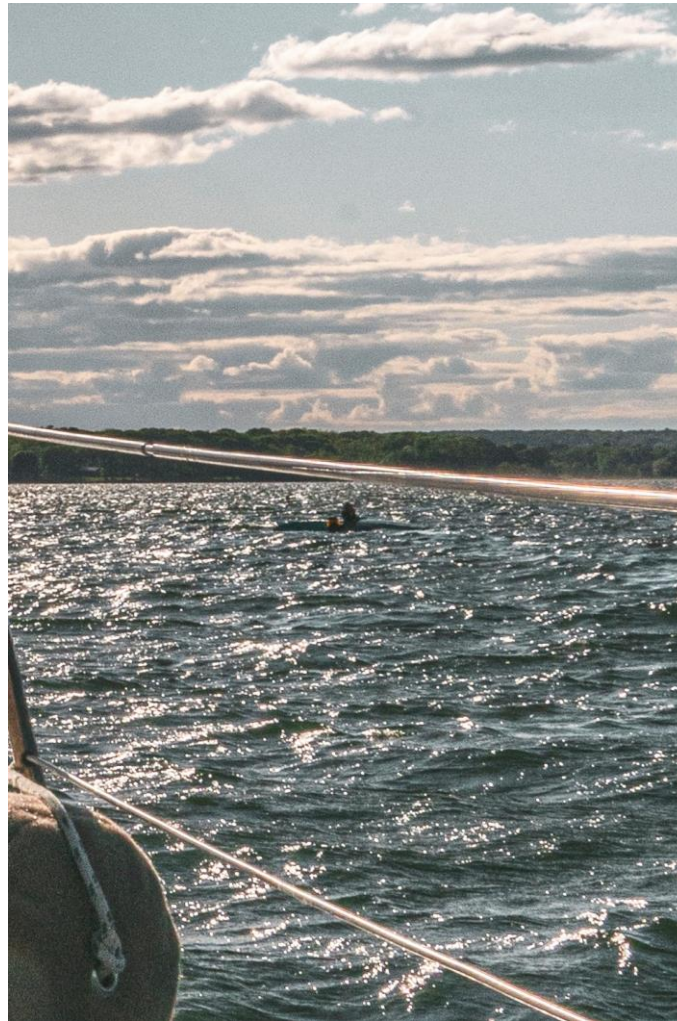


Figure 2 Closer to the boat



Figure 3 Marine Rescue 3 from East Providence



Figure 4 Turtled 19" O'day

Secretary's Report



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COMMITTEE

CHAIRS:

Activities

Jo-Ann Grima

Finance

Cruising - Vacant

Education -

Vacant

House Paul

WEST BAY YACHT CLUB BOARD OF GOVERNORS

May 5, 2020 via Zoom MEETING MINUTES

The May meeting of the West Bay Yacht Club Board of Governors was held on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 via Zoom. Attendees: Paul Finstein, Raleigh Jenkins, Jeff Griglack, Ray Perrotta, Grant Brandon, Jen Brandon, Jim Thorsen.

The Meeting was called to order at: 19:13 by Commodore Paul Finstein.

Secretary's Report: The February Minutes were reviewed orally by Raleigh. who is to submit the written minutes for Final approval.

Commodore's Report:

- How are we doing?
- Welcome to Zoom. We will need to continue Board Meetings this way until further notice due to Covid 19
- We need to do a Skippers' Meeting, probably this way. We are waiting for info from Skippers. Who's in? What are other Clubs doing? What is available. We may start the season with 2 per boat. We need a better feeling for what Authorities will require.

Rear Commodore's Report:

- We do have a plan, subject to change. We changed the Start from June 1 to June 15 for added prep time. Called Diane at Prime Marina re Launch Service. (No more than 4 Passengers at a time. This means a lot of runs. They have 100 moorings. 70 sold, 30 available to date). Checked with Sandy Grima re: EG... Their launch is limited to people 2-3 per. After Race food / Dinners are on hold
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Vice Commodore's Report:

- Jen reported that we need to consider a Covid 19 Edition of the Blooper with a possible June 1 publishing date.

Treasurers Report:

- We have no info on possible CD's due to the Covid 19 Pandemic.
- We are not in any financial difficulty due to event cancellations.
- Membership might improve with the start of the Racing Program. Looked at CD's

Membership

Vacant

Publicity

Vacant

Blooper

Jen Brandon

Website

Scott Tegen

Racing

Grant Brandon

- Purchased PawSox tickets (24 @ \$13)

Good & Welfare:

- Fred Kurtzner passed. He was one of the Club's first members. We will do something in his honor.

Members at Large:

- Ray has heard no complaints from Membership.

Parliamentarian: Jeff noted that the Website has not changed since Ad for May Breakfast.

Commodore: Paul stated the next Meeting Date will be Tuesday, June 9, @ 7:00pm via **ZOOM**.

Motion Made, Seconded and Moved to Adjourn at : 20:27 hrs.

Respectfully submitted, Raleigh M. Jenkins, Secretary

Big boat racing is alive and well on Narragansett Bay!



If you want to race your boat, July is the time to do it. **NBYA** has just opened registration for the **NBYA Summer Regatta**. This race is a qualifier for the GMT Composites Boat-of-the-Year Trophy for NBYA members. To sweeten the deal, we are offering free membership for those who sign up for two NBYA events. **Ida Lewis Yacht Club** will host this event on July 26. The format will be a 20 mile(ish) race around government marks that will feature medium-length legs to keep you on your toes. Start and finish will be in the same place just outside Newport harbor. Racers are invited back to ILYC for a drink afterwards. Go to <https://nbya.org/nbya-general-phrf-events/> for details.

Get out on the water and enjoy the sun and fun.
David Schwartz
President NBYA



Activities Report



- So happy that winter has passed and we can once again enjoy the hot days of summer. How about you folks? I promised our Editor Jennifer an article. As tiny as it is: 'we are wishing you and yours a safe and super summer'.

Right now I'm putting a few things together for a mini excursion for the weekend and we hope you have many joyful summer activities planned as well!

Happy boating, and please stay safe – we care about each and every one of you in our WBYC family!

Jo-Ann and the Activities Crew

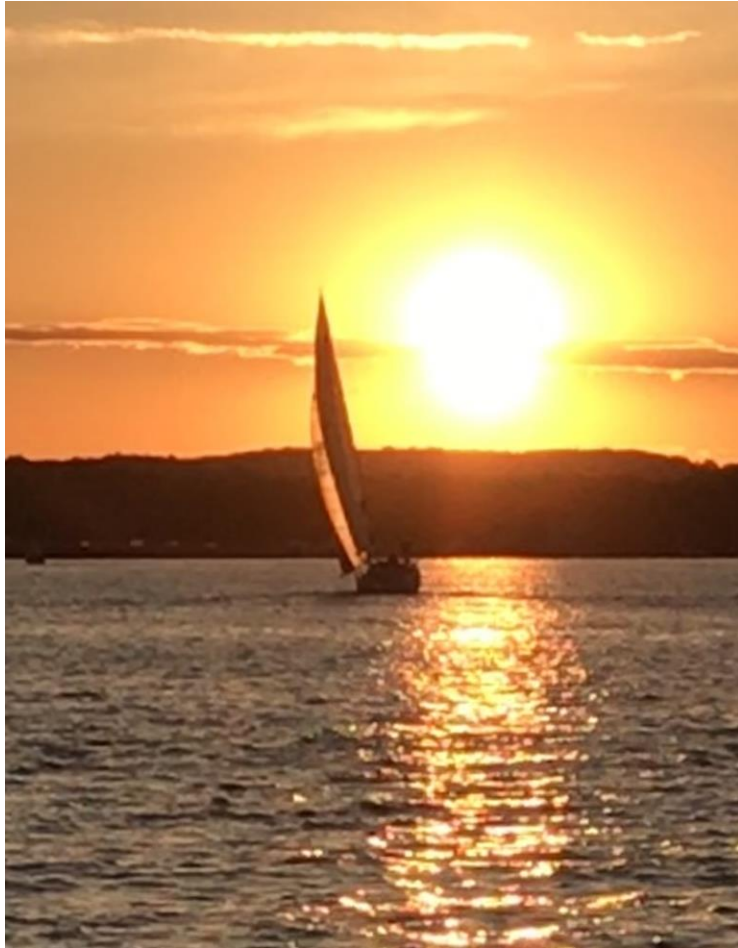
Jo-Ann, Jen, Cathy and Michele

Call anytime. 401 738-0272 or send me an e-mail

We always love to hear from you!

joann.grima@gmail.com





Cruise Committee Report

With the nice summer weather upon us, please take advantage of our 2 moorings, available to all WBYC members, on a “first come first served” basis. Up to three boats can raft up on the moorings, if winds and seas allow you to do so safely.

Dutch Harbor Mooring #215

Designation: WBYC

Lat: 041.29.692N

Long: 071.23.527W

Bristol Harbor Mooring #769

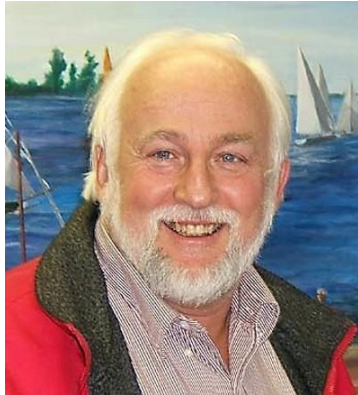
Designation: None

Lat: 041.40.187N

Long: 071.17.155W

For more information, rules and regulations regarding the moorings check our website or contact one of our board members.

Have a great summer!



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 st , 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd & 29 th		
• July 13 th , July 20 th & 27 th		
• Aug 3 rd , 17 th , 24 th & 31 st		
2. <u>FALL SERIES:</u>	\$ 60.00	\$ 75.00
• Sept 2 nd , 9 th , 14 th & 16 th		
3. <u>SUMMER/FALL SERIES COMBO</u>	\$150.00	\$200.00

4. <u>RAINONE SOLO / TWIN:</u>	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00
• July 06 th [Monday Night Race]		
5. <u>WHALERS RACE to BI:</u>	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00
• July 25 th [Start: Dutch Harbor – Sat Race]		
6. <u>LADY SKIPPERS REGATTA:</u>	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00
• August 10 th [Monday Night Race]		
7. <u>AROUND THE ISLAND RACE</u> :	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00
• August 15 th (1300 Start – Sat Race)		
8. <u>VARNUM FUNDRAISER / PUMPKIN PATCH:</u>	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
• October 17 th (1200 Start – Sat Race)		
Total Submitted	<u> </u> \$	<u> </u> \$

NOTES:

9. Payments by PAYPAL to be made on the WBYC website at: 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)

2020 WBYC Racing Calendar

Summer Series (12 races)

July

Monday Races: 13th, 20th, & 27th.

August

Monday Races: 3rd, 17th, 24th, & 31st.

Fall Series (4 races)

September

Wednesday Races: 2nd, 9th, & 16th. Monday Races: 14th.

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

Lady Skippers Regatta – Monday, Aug. 10th

Around the Island Race – Saturday, Aug. 15th at 1300

Varnum Fundraiser/Pumpkin Patch Regatta – Saturday, October 17th at 1200



West Bay Yacht Club
c/o Racing Series
PO Box 1604
East Greenwich, RI 02818

Calendar of Events

Next Board of Governor's Meeting – Tuesday, July 14, 2020 (on-line)

None are currently scheduled due to Covid-19 restrictions and regulations. We will notify you as soon as we can safely congregate for WBYC activities!

