



THE BLOOPER

Your new WBYC Board of Directors for 2021:

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



Greetings again from COVID-land where we all find ourselves still residing. As the fall has come on, things have not really improved, and we may be on the verge of another lockdown. At least the boats are now out of the water and put to bed for the season, so we can concentrate on staying home and doing nothing of value with all our free time. I hope that all of you have been keeping safe, washing your hands, and wearing the latest in designer face coverings.

I want to thank all of you who joined us for our Zoom Annual Meeting. It was great to see the faces of some of our members who just did not get the opportunity to be around the waterfront during the sailing season. Thanks for sticking with WBYC through this time. We all look forward to having much more in person face time in the coming season.

Perhaps the most important business to come out of our meeting, besides adopting our 2021 budget, was the election of the Flag Officers and Board members who will carry us through the coming year. After two long but rewarding years, I get to become the Past Commodore again. Jen Brandon moves up to the Commodore's spot, Grant Brandon becomes Vice Commodore, and Frank Hepner will be stepping in as Rear Commodore. As they say on Broadway, the rest of the cast remains unchanged. Special thanks is due to Treasurer Jim Thorsen, who will continue to juggle his schedule in the coming year in order to find the time to continue juggling our books. (Wait, is that right?) I wish all of the new Board smooth sailing as they navigate these uncharted waters, and I will lend whatever assistance I can to keep our club moving forward in the coming years. I am going to miss that reserved parking spot though.

The beauty of our club is that it takes a collective, hands-on effort by every one of the members to make WBYC succeed, and the continuing enthusiasm expressed at the meeting bodes well for our future. We heard about the great plans for the next racing season, a revitalized cruising program and our greatly missed social activities for next year. If you missed our meeting, I want to take a moment to again thank and congratulate RC Chair Grant Brandon for his tremendous investment of enthusiasm and expertise which made our 2020 racing season so successful. It was the glue that held our club together during this difficult year. I am pleased therefore to name Grant as the 2020 recipient of the Frank H. Norton Memorial Award, our club's highest honor. I look forward to a more formal presentation to Grant in the spring at our anticipated celebration of the past year's accomplishments.

Speaking of racing, we had a great turnout for the Pumpkin Patch/Varnum Armory Fundraising Event, the final race of the season. Great wind conditions and warm weather made the day a great way to close out our

sailing activities on the Bay. Check Grant's Racing Report for details on the finishers. We will be donating the \$500.00 proceeds to help the Varnum group continue their valuable efforts for our community.

In closing, I want to again thank everyone who helped us make these past two years of WBYC activities as successful as they were. The new Commodore and Board will have lots to do in order to continue building on the successes of the past and carry us forward even more successfully into the future. With your help, West Bay Yacht Club will continue to grow and thrive. Stay safe and healthy and I will look forward to seeing you on the water next summer, assuming I can find a new place to park.

Paul Finstein, Commodore
s/v Wizard 4756

Vice Commodore's Message



It's hard to believe another season has come and gone! Although it was a most difficult spring and summer dealing with the very real threat of Covid-19, many members found the best way to social distance was to be on the water and enjoy the wonderfully warm and sunny weather. Even though the pandemic curtailed most of our usual club activities, the race committee was in full swing. We had many members racing, cruisers cruising alongside the race course or motoring nearby taking photos and observing the action and excitement.

The Varnum Armory, our clubhouse, has been closed throughout the summer and fall. None of our indoor activities were allowed. We thought about other venues but decided not to take any chances. Unfortunately, we'll have to put all our indoor activities on hold until late spring. We'll all be looking forward to plenty of get-togethers, when it's safe to do so, to make up for this past year!

An alternative has been suggested by Commodore Paul Finstein: Zoom meetings! If you have an idea or suggestion for a virtual get-together, he will be happy to send out zoom "invitations" with the date, time and link! For educational ideas contact Grant Brandon and for social activities contact Jo-Ann Grima. It will be a great way to fill those winter evening doldrums. All ideas are welcomed, the more the merrier!

Jen Brandon
s/v Estesea 50808

Rear Commodore's Message



November has arrived and I for one am soooo not ready for winter - which according to the calendar is about five weeks away. That said, all I can think about is how fast this past summer flew by, and we “never” had a summer vacation cruise to boast and brag about. Yes, we did spend a weekend in Newport aboard Estesea and it was truly a fun trip. Considering the previous summer Estesea got kiboshed on its mooring right after the July 4th holiday...that episode took us out for the balance of the whole season. Which brings me to the point at hand: WBYC needs an active “cruise” program, in whatever form it can

take, and by golly we have several enthusiastic members who are willing to step up to the plate and make it happen. I am specifically referring to Dean Travis, Dave Kiernan, Frank Hepner, and myself just to name a few. The upcoming cruising program promises to offer raft-ups, local overnight outings around the Bay, and for those seeking an out-of-bay adventure, a weekend cruise to “The Block” or Cuttyhunk would not be out of the question. We are planning a “ZOOM” cruise meeting in late February and, as soon as a date has been selected, it will be broadcasted via email to all members. The concept is to have a broad cross section of the membership participate and share ideas to come up with potential activities of mutual interest.

It is my hope, by planning a fun calendar of cruising activities this winter, we can all plan to get together once again and enjoy Narragansett Bay and its surrounding areas to its fullest. Feel free to drop me a note at grantbrandon01@gmail.com with any thoughts and suggestions you may have regarding our cruise plans for the summer of 2021. Stay safe, be well and sending best regards your way,

Grant Brandon



From the Membership Desk



2021 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 2021 year, this list will be made available to our membership as a "contact list" for summer activities.

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

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Secretary's Report



**2020 WBYC
BOARD of**

WEST BAY YACHT CLUB BOARD OF GOVERNORS June 09, 2020 via Zoom MEETING MINUTES

The July meeting of the West Bay Yacht Club Board of Governors was held on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 via Zoom.

Attendees: Paul Finstein, Raleigh Jenkins, Jeff Griglack, Ray Perrotta, Grant Brandon, Jen Brandon, Jim Thorsen, Dave Kiernan, Jo-Ann Grima.

Governors

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

COMMITTEE

CHAIRS:

Activities

Jo-Ann Grima

Finance

Cruising - Vacant

Education -

Vacant

House Paul

Membership

Vacant

Publicity

Vacant

Blooper

Jen Brandon

Website

Scott Tagen

Racing

Grant Brandon

The Meeting was called to order at: 19:15 by Commodore Paul Finstein.

Secretary's Report: The June Minutes were reviewed and approved as written.

Commodore's Report:

- Concerned most with year-end events: Nominating Committee, Annual Membership Meeting Oct 16 (Election of Officers), Holiday Party. Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic we will have to be creative with group events. Paul will gather members for the Nominating Committee.
- The Blooper came out this week. Mooring use rules were in Blooper
- Jamestown & Bristol Harbor Masters want a list of Member Vessels for mooring use.
- We need more Burgees. Jo-Ann will take on task.
- Jeff has updated the Website

Vice Commodore's Report:

- Jen reported that racing is going well for Summer Series. We've even had spectators.
- The Blooper has been Published. A suggestion was made that the Moorings info might be put into Website

Rear Commodore's Report:

- The Blooper has been published.
- Burgees discussed, as were Moorings.

Treasurers Report:

- Jim reported that the accounts increased, mainly due to Racing this month.
- Income is down, but so are expenses.
- Jamestown is changing renewal schedule for Dutch Harbor to December / January.

Members at Large:

- Dave submitted a nice article to the Blooper about a capsized. Ray noted it was quiet on the water.

Parliamentarian: See above.

Racing:

- Grant announced that last night was the 4th of 10 races, and that we are going to divide the Season into 2 parts: 1-4, and 5-10, with a normal crew for the second part. The format was changed for the Ladies Skipper Around the Island Race, August 15.

New Business

- As the Agent for the Corporation, Paul has filed the Yearly Corporation Papers.

Good & Welfare:

- Jo-Ann reports that former Member Charlie Schifino (wife Camille) passed away a few weeks ago.

We sent a card.

- Jo-Ann is going to meet with Member Jake Portnoy next week.

Commodore: Paul stated the next Meeting Date will be Tuesday, September 8, @ 7:00pm via **ZOOM.**

Motion Made, Seconded and Moved to Adjourn at : 20:44 hrs.

Respectfully submitted, Raleigh M. Jenkins, Secretary

Activities Report



Hello Everyone!! Seems like it's been much too long since we've "seen" or spoken to you all. Hasn't it? Sorry!! That being said, let's move on. Summer disappeared in a flash. Not quite sure how that happened. Sandy and I did enjoy a "rainy" week away later on in August. Lots of reading, card playing and "oh, yes".. the occasional nap?. What's better than that?

Normally, by this time of year, we'd be extra busy getting ready for the Annual Celebration Dinner. Due to "the virus", we've had to put that activity on hold for a few months. Stay tuned. The same may hold true for the Holiday Party. Keep your fingers crossed that all returns to the "Happy and Fun times" we've all enjoyed for so very long.

Good and Welfare: Our best goes out to Paul Tracy and Dean Travis. Paul had a mishap with his chainsaw recently. Hope your hand is feeling better. Dean's Mom passed away last week. She was well into her 90's. Again, from all your WBYC pals, we're sending a hug to you both. Oh, one more thing... Past Commodore, Gene and Mary Briggs have recently moved into their own little "house on the Bay" in East Greenwich. For many years, they lived in Daytona Beach, FL or with their daughter, Julie Briggs LeBlanc. Look 'em up on Facebook.

If you have anything to share with the gang, please feel free to let us know. The Activities Crew is looking for ideas and help of any kind. Especially during the days of "this pandemic" when we can't get together in person.

Wishing you all happiness for today and always,

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



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, finishing 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 fund's operations mostly through your membership dues. WBYC's 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 contributed 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

Cruise Committee Report





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Jim Ward
Acting Cruise Chair

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and holiday season! Then, in the new year, watch for an email regarding our Zoom meeting to discuss the 2021 cruising season. We'll be looking forward to all your ideas and suggestions for destinations, themes for raft-ups, and volunteers to be "cruise captains"!

Dutch Harbor Mooring #215
Designation: WBYC
Lat: 041.29.692N

Bristol Harbor Mooring #769
Designation: None

Long: 071.17.155W

From the Race Committee



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

Happy Fall Everyone! To the best of my knowledge most racers and cruisers have laid up their yachts for the season and are hunkering down for the upcoming winter with clothes layering, hot toddys and fireplace chats. 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, our Board of Governors has agreed to re-schedule several of our Fall activities to next Spring 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!

For some the following summary recap of the 2020 racing season might be a review, but just for kicks and giggles I thought I would share one more time the racing scores from all of our events during the past several months. So, without further ado, I present the following summary of this year's racing results:

Summer Series Spinnaker Class – Round 1:

1st in Class – Blitz – Chris Tate

2nd in Class – Dog Watch – Ray Way

Summer Series Non-Spin Class – Round 1:

1st in Class – En Passant – Jim Archer

2nd in Class – Anser – Team Allstrom

3rd in Class – Climax – Bob Lewis [et al]

4th in Class – Thora – Ken Thorsen

5th in Class – Elan – Dale Broadbent

6th in Class – Escape Plan – Mike Hackett

7th in Class – Gone with the Wind – Paul Kenny

8th in Class – Strange Times – John Anthony

Summer Series Double Handed Class – Round 1:

1st in Class – Comet – Abbi Seward

2nd in Class – Obadiah – Ray Perrotta

3rd in Class – Sound Connection – Dave Hilbern



Summer Series Spinnaker Class – Round 2:

1st in Class – Anser – Team Allstrom

2nd in Class – Blitz – Chris Tate

3rd in Class – Comet – Abbie Seward

4th in Class – Dog Watch – Ray Way

Summer Series Non-Spinnaker Class – Round 2:

1st in Class – Scarlet Begonias – Josh McGuire

2nd in Class – Climax – Bob Lewis

3rd in Class – Thora – Ken Thorsen

4th in Class – Escape Plan – Mike Hackett

5th in Class – Elan – Dale Broadbent

6th in Class – Look Far – Dan Weinstein

7th in Class – Obadiah – Ray Perrotta

Summer Series Non-Spinnaker Class – Round 2 [cont.]:

08th in Class – Gone with the Wind – Paul Kenny

09th in Class – Qing Long – Jack Early

10th in Class – Strange Times – John Anthony

11th in Class – Bella Vela – Anthony Costanzo



Fall Series Spinnaker Class:

- 1st in Class – Coconut – Tom D'Albora
- 2nd in Class – Scarlet Begonias – Josh McGuire
- 3rd in Class – Anser – Team Allstrom
- 4th in Class – Comet – Abbi Seward
- 5th in Class – Blitz – Chris Tate
- 6th in Class – Dog Watch – Ray Way

Fall Series Non-Spinnaker Class:

- 1st in Class – Climax – Bob Lewis
- 2nd in Class – Thora – Ken Thorsen
- 3rd in Class – Far & Away – Team East Greenwich Sea Scouts
- 4th in Class – Mojo – Tom Stocker*
- 4th in Class – Elan – Dale Broadbent*
- 6th in Class – Sound Connection – Dave Hilbern
- 7th in Class – Obadiah – Ray Perrotta
- 8th in Class – Bella Vela – Anthony Costanzo

*Note: Tie Scores



Rainone Solo/Twin Non-Spinnaker Class A:

1st in Class – Coconut – Tom D'Albora

2nd in Class – Comet – Abbi Seward

3rd in Class – Climax – Bob Lewis

Rainone Solo/Twin Race Non-Spinnaker Class B:

1st in Class – Alchemy – Sandy Grima

2nd in Class – Obadiah – Ray Perrotta

3rd in Class – Gone with the Wind – Paul Kenny

4th in Class – Sound Connection – Dave Hilbern



Ladies Skipper Race Non-Spinnaker Class A:

1st in Class – Coconut – Tom D'Albora

2nd in Class – Anser – Team Allstrom

3rd in Class – Blitz – Chris Tate

4th in Class – Dog Watch – Ray Way

5th in Class – En Passant – Jim Archer

6th in Class – Qing Long – Jack Early

Ladies Skipper Race Non-Spinnaker Class B:

1st in Class – Climax – Bob Lewis

2nd in Class – Sound Connections – Dave Hilbern

3rd in Class – Elan – Dale Broadbent

4th in Class – Look Far – Dan Weinstein

5th in Class – Thora – Ken Thorsen

6th in Class – Obadiah – Ray Perrotta

7th in Class – Bella Vela – Anthony Costanzo

8th in Class – Strange Times – John Anthony



Fred Kerzner Round the Island Race Class A:

- 1st in Class – Anser – Team Allstrom
- 2nd in Class – Coconut – Tom D’Albora
- 3rd in Class – Relentless – Bob Laska
- 4th in Class – Qing Long – Jack Early

Fred Kerzner Round the Island Race Class B:

- 1st in Class – Elan – Dale Broadbent
- 2nd in Class – Obadiah – Ray Perrotta
- 3rd in Class – Sound Connection – Dave Hilbern
- 4th in Class – Climax – Bob Lewis

Varnum Fundraiser / Pumpkin Patch Race Class A:

- 1st in Class – Coconut – Tom D’Albora
- 2nd in Class – Scarlet Begonias – Josh McGuire
- 3rd in Class – Anser – Team Allstrom

Varnum Fundraiser / Pumpkin Patch Race Class B:

- 1st in Class – Elan – Dale Broadbent
- 2nd in Class – Obadiah – Ray Perrotta
- 3rd in Class – Mojo – Tom Stocker
- 4th in Class – Sound Connection – Dave Hilbern
- [Retired] – Hope – Bill Kirk

So, there you have it *your* Race Committee participated in 18 individual race dates and started 15 distinct classes during those races. Total participating racers was just shy of 80 and total hours devoted to these events by the Race Committee volunteers was in the range of 400 hours. All total, it was a huge effort on everyone's part. I very much want to thank the following individuals for their extraordinary efforts in making the 2020 Racing Season the best it could be: starting with Paul Finstein, Jen Brandon and JJ Salvator. Also Team McAteer who bailed us out one evening during the Fall Series when the windlass malfunctioned - not to mention we lost a brand new Delta anchor during the Summer Series and had to motor-hover by the finish line to ensure each finisher had their finish time properly recorded...! Last, but not least, the wind and weather "gods" were with us for 90% of the race days and it truly was a wonderful racing season.

And, most importantly, our thanks go out to each and every sailor who participated in our events as we could not have done it without their commitment and participation. Looking at the calendar it reminds me that there is only 195 days before the start of the 2021 Summer Series ... heck, it's just around the corner. Stay well and be safe. I'm really looking forward to seeing everyone on the water next season. Wishing everyone a wonderful upcoming holiday season!!!

Grant



Team McAteer helps the Race Committee ... thanks so MUCH!



[All Photos Courtesy of JJ Salvator, Karen Petersen, Jim Thorsen and Sandy Grima]

Calendar of Events

Next Board of Governor's Meeting – Monday, January 14, 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

