



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



I want to thank all of you who joined the Zoom 2021 Annual meeting on October 15th. It was great to see so many of our members and know they've been so supportive throughout the season. As fall has stretched on, the Covid-19 restrictions have started to improve. We've started to gather together safely again – most recently at our “end of season” luncheon! It was so wonderful to be able to mingle and chat with so many members and their crews and enjoy a meal together just like the good ole days! I'm thrilled to announce the upcoming Holiday Party and Yankee Swap (see the Invitation in this edition and RSVP to Jo-Ann by email or phone). It lightens my heart that, as we take our boats out of the water for this season, we are planning for a much more normal season next year! In fact we are already planning the venue for our St. Paddy's Day Dinner and our other favorite get-togethers that we've all missed so much! As you all know so well, the beauty of our club is that it takes an effort by every one of our members to make WBYC succeed! Our continuing enthusiasm as a club bodes well for our future. We are already planning next season's racing

calendar and a terrific, revitalized cruising program is falling into place. We plan to continue to build on the successes of the past and work toward even more successes moving forward – so if you have an idea for a new race or cruising destination or activity you'd like to see, contact any one of our board members (or come to a meeting) and let's make it happen! With the help of all our members, West Bay Yacht Club will continue to grow and thrive.

Stay healthy and safe, I look forward to a wonderful holiday season coming up and much more “in-person” face-to-face time for all our activities, making for a great year in 2022!

Jen Brandon

s/v Estesea 50808

Vice Commodore's Message



Here we are November 15, 2021, and it seems like it was just yesterday we started to plan the upcoming summer sailing season. Covid-19 continued to put a damper on many of our planned activities and for another consecutive year we struggled getting together land and bay events which truly define who we are and what we are at West Bay Yacht Club. The “best” news worth celebrating is for the most part we’re all healthy and safe and able to look forward to 2022 with a sense of joy & accomplishment putting the past two years behind us.

Although our list of achievements during the past year is limited we accomplished several key objectives:

1. The Board of Governors meet on a regular basis throughout the year and executed their duties as defined by the By-Laws.
2. Our Treasurer [Jim Thorsen] kept us on the straight and narrow by insisting we stayed within our defined budgets and kept an eagle eye on expenses. Jim will be presenting his report shortly and I’m pleased to announce the Club is in good stead moving forward.
3. Throughout the year we published five Bloopers [approximately every two months] with the sixth edition to be published in the next few weeks.
4. The Cruising committee arranged several get togethers throughout the summer and the reviews were terrific!
5. Our investment in both the Dutch Harbor and Bristol Harbor moorings continues to put a smile on many of our members faces throughout the summer. And it is our hope more and more members will take advantage of this membership benefit during the coming years.
6. Last, but not least, WBYC once again provided outstanding racing venues throughout the Summer and Fall and based on the accolades the racers extended to the Race Committee it appears everyone enjoyed the program thoroughly! Details to follow with the Race Committee Chair report.

Thanks once again for all your support throughout the year and I know I speak for the Board as we all look forward to 2022.

Grant



"On behalf of the Varnum Continentals, I'd like to thank the West Bay Yacht Club for a generous donation to support our mission of preserving RI military history to promote patriotism and encourage service - service of all kinds - to our state, country, and local communities. Thank you!" Patrick

*** VARNUM CONTINENTALS ***

WEB: <http://varnumcontinentals.org>

FACEBOOK: <http://facebook.com/thevarnums>

Rear Commodore's Message



We saw on the WBYC Facebook page two of our boats Mojo & Kiwi are heading to the Bahamas for the winter. Members can follow Cally Duncan and Tom Stocker throughout their travels on their Facebook posts. (See their boat photos below)

We all wish them fair winds, following seas and safe sailing,
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" 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

(401) 573-3276

Holiday Party and Yankee Swap

Clear your calendar for Sunday, December 5th for a very long overdue Holiday and Yankee Swap!



The Place:

Buttonwoods 416
416 Buttonwoods Avenue
Warwick, RI

The Date and Time: Sunday, 12/5/21 from 4pm - 7pm

The Menu:

Entrée choices are: Baked Scrod, Chicken Romano or Eggplant Parmesean
Above served with a salad and
Choice of pasta or potato/veggie
Oh, and don't forget dessert

The Cost: \$20 per person

MORE DETAILS: SPACE IS LIMITED---(38-40 people MAX)

DEADLINE IS 11/27th at the latest.

Either send me an e-mail at joann.grima@gmail.com

Or call 401-738-0272 with your entrée choice and # of guests

The Yankee Swap--- Mr. AND MRS. HANUKKAH HARRY WILL BE JOINING THE PARTY SO IF YOU'RE PLANNING TO GET IN ON THE YANKEE SWAP FUN, BRING A \$10-15 WRAPPED GIFT.

ALSO DON'T FORGET TO BYOB!!

Secretary's Report



**2020 WBYC
BOARD of
Governors**

Commodore
Jennifer Brandon

Vice-Commodore
Grant Brandon

Rear-Commodore

WBYC Board Meeting

October 12, 2021

Attendees: Grant, Jeff, Raleigh, Ray, Jim, Paul F, Frank, Jen, Jo-Ann, David

Commodore Jen: called the meeting to order at 7:40pm and asked for the Minutes to be read

Frank Hepner
Past Commodore
Paul Finstein

Treasurer
Jim Thorsen
Secretary

Parliamentarian
Jeff Griglack

Member(s) at Large:

- Dave Kiernan
- Ray Perrotta

COMMITTEE

CHAIRS:

Activities
Jo-Ann Grima

Finance

Cruising - Vacant

Education -

Vacant

House Paul

Membership

Dean Travis

Publicity

Vacant

Blooper

Jen Brandon

Website

Jeff Griglack

Racing

Grant Brandon

Secretary Raleigh read the Minutes and they were approved.

Discussion of Upcoming Annual meeting. Paul has the Agenda

Vice Commodore Grant: Fall races ended successfully. Pretty successful Varnum / Pumpkin Patch race. Grant thanked Paul for his participation, and also a group who helped with Race Committee.

Rear Commodore Frank: Blooper came out and the next one will be after the Annual meeting.

Treasurer Jim: Happy to report WBYC is essentially in same state as last year. Reviewed 5 slides: 2022 Budget Accepted.

Parliamentarian Jeff: Website: Will have results of search for a new website server by year's end.

Good & Welfare: None

New Business: New member request from Callie Duncan of Canada and Australia reviewed and accepted.

Next meeting: November 9 via Zoom

Meeting Adjourned 9:05pm

Activities Report



FROM THE ACTIVITIES CORNER—

Happy Fall, Y'All!!! Certainly hope your Summer went well. Now as the seasons change, the holidays fast approach, and we all hunker down for chilly temperatures (unless you're lucky enough to escape—like Tom Stocker), new memories can and will be made!!

Don't forget to join us for the End of Summer Celebration Luncheon on Saturday, November 6th at the Shannon View Inn on Post Road, in Warwick. Reach out to Grant Brandon for more details. He'll give you the whole scoop!! Should prove to be another great time together.

NOW FOR THE PITCH FOR HELP!!! As you know, we've been without a "hang out space" for a very long time now. Oh, then there's been the "COVID-19" crisis to mess everything up besides. Certainly hope everyone has managed to get through this all right so far. THE ACTIVITY CREW REALLY NEED IDEAS for get together places and things to keep us connected. We're also looking for anyone to join our "merry band of elves" to keep things rolling. Remember WBYC is a club for everyone and we can't do anything without you and your support. I've reached out to a few local establishments with a favorable response so far. Times and places may change but we're not anything if we're not flexible. Agreed?????

GOOD and WELFARE-- Hoping no news is good news!
Stay well and happy everyone,

Feel free to call/email any one of us.

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

Race Committee Report



Ahoy Mates,

It has been a pleasure serving the membership once again as your Race Committee Chair for the 2021 Racing season. This year the Summer Series was shortened by one race day due to the way the calendar fell and so the Summer Series had only eleven race days as compared to the usual 12 race days. That said, we kept the throw-outs at three allowing each racer to use their best eight race results for scoring purposes.



In addition, both the Rainone Solo / Twin and the Ladies Regatta were held on holiday Mondays with a total of 15 racers participating between the two events. Unfortunately, we did not have the same cooperation from the 'wind gods' in celebrating the Fred Kerzner "Around the Island Race" and it became necessary to shorten the race at Despair with the majority of the racers retiring. The Fall Series followed with numerous re-scheduling race days due to impending weather conditions, but all in all four races were run and the evenings were spectacular.



The last major event of the season was the Varnum Fundraiser / Pumpkin Patch Regatta featuring one Spinnaker Class and two Non-Spinnaker Classes for a total of 12+ racers on a long distance 12 ½ mile race in one of the most gorgeous sailing days of the entire season. All together your race committee ran:

1. nineteen races between the Summer and Fall Series
2. provided 50+ racers with a competitive and fun racing venue
3. last, but not least, a Race Committee team who volunteered over 250 hours throughout the sailing season.



Your Race Committee hard at work! (-or hardly working?)

The Chair would like to take a minute to recognize the following volunteers for all of their efforts starting with Paul Finstein, Jen Brandon, Celeste and Jim Wright, JJ Salvator, Paul Kenny, Chip Parris, Peg Carson and Nelson Brinkerhoff. Each in their own way made all of our jobs so much easier, and their efforts were immensely appreciated!

Looking back at the season it really takes a “team effort” to make a racing season work and I for one could not have done it without everyone’s help. Thanks to everyone for your continual support and encouragement and here’s looking forward to 2022!

Grant

2021 Summer Series Race Results

Spinnaker Class:

1st in Class - Team Anser - Scott/Peter
Allstrom
2nd in Class - Team Blitz - Chris Tate
3rd in Class - Team Climax - Rob Lewis

Non-Spinnaker Class:

1st in Class - Team Nine Kids - Bob Taylor
2nd in Class - Team Elan - Dale Broadbent
3rd in Class - Team Thora - Jim Thorsen

2021 Fall Series Results

Spinnaker Class:

1st in Class - Team Anser - Scott/Peter
Allstrom
2nd in Class - Team Comet - Abbi Seward
3rd in Class - Team Blitz - Chris Tate

Non-Spinnaker Class:

1st in Class - Nine Kids - Bob Taylor

2nd in Class - Team Climax - Rob Lewis

3rd in Class - Team Pale Rider - Brian
Anderson

2021 Rainone Solo /Twin

Non-Spinnaker Class A:

1st in Class - Nine Kids - Bob Taylor

2nd in Class - Team Climax - Rob Lewis

3rd in Class - Team Thora - Jim Thorsen

2021 Ladies Skipper Regatta

Non-Spinnaker Class A:

1st in Class - Team Dog Watch - Ray Way

2nd in Class - Team Nine Kids - Bob Taylor

3rd in Class - Team Slay Ride - Kyle
Wishart

Non-Spinnaker Class B:

1st in Class - Team Climax - Rob Lewis

2nd in Class - Team Thora - Jim Thorsen

3rd in Class - Team Elan - Dale Broadbent

**2021 Fred Kerzner "Around the Island"
Race**

Non-Spinnaker Class A:

1st in Class - Team Relentless - Bob Laska

Non-Spinnaker Class B:

1st in Class - Team Sound Connections -
Dave Hilbren

2nd in Class -Team Thora - Jim Thorsen

2021 Varnum / Pumpkin Patch Regatta

Spinnaker Class:

1st in Class - Team Blitz - Chris Tate

2nd in Class - Team Divided Sky – Vince

McAteer

3rd in Class - Team Anser - Scott/Peter

Allstrom

Non-Spinnaker Class B:

1st in Class - Team Climax - Rob Lewis

2nd in Class - Team Dog Watch - Ray Way

Non-Spinnaker Class C:

1st in Class - Team Elan - Dale Broadbent

2nd In Class - Team Thora - Jim Thorsen

3rd in Class - Team Obadiah - Ray Perrotta

Calendar of Events

Sunday, 12/5/21 from 4pm - 7pm Holiday Party and Yankee Swap

Next Board of Govenor's Meeting – Monday, December13, 2021

