



# **THE BLOOPER**

## **Commodore's Message**



With the cold weather still here as well as some light snow in the forecast, it's hard to believe that some of you will be launched and sailing this month. I try to get in the water by early May, though the boat will still be filled with extra tools, parts, and plastic tarps, not to mention bags of trash and jugs of used oil to go to the recycle center. That said, there's a full list of cruises and racing on the website so be sure to update your calendars and reserve time for other club activities as well. The New Members Social (for all members) is just over a week away and is always a great time. If you haven't been to an event at the Armory (our clubhouse) then this is your chance to see the excellent

facility we've had since the first of the year.

Don't forget the Pawtucket Red Sox game on April 22nd and thanks to Jim Thorsen for arranging this event. We've sold half the tickets and still have more available. We're in Section 2 which is just inside first base so the view will be perfect. Call or mail me to reserve tickets as Jim is away for a few weeks. So keep checking the website ([westbayyachtclub.org](http://westbayyachtclub.org)) for updates, or Facebook events and get in on the fun.

Julie and I will be heading out for a couple weeks cruise on July 2. While plans are still in flux, we're thinking of doing a Goddard Park raftup the evening of Wednesday, July 3. Let me know if you're interested so we can work out details for timing and food. We will head to Newport the next morning and drop anchor along the cable line, as close to Fort Adams as possible, to see the fireworks that evening at 9 PM. If you can make it there, we can could raft up or else shuttle people over by dinghy for some snacks and the fireworks. It's a great view from the flybridge on Knot So Fast.

I hope to see you all on the water soon this year, let's hope for an early hot spell to dry that bottom paint!

Thanks

Scott Tagen, Commodore  
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## Rear Commodore's Message



Brrrrrr, welcome to spring? Let's hope Mother Nature is getting the cold weather out of the way now so we can enjoy a beautiful, warm and sunny summer! But until then we have plenty of activities to keep us entertained on the WBYC roster! Everything from the racing open house, which will plan the types of racing to be offered this year, to fabulous gastronomic events such as New Members Social and our always popular May Breakfast, to a baseball game at McCoy Stadium with all your boating friends to cheer our PawSox on to victory! So let's not let Mother Nature dampen our team spirits. We'll have tons of fun, and tighten our friendships along the way, when we join together for all of these great events (see below for details). Looking forward to seeing you there!

Jennifer Brandon

(401) 954-4485

## From the Membership Desk



The Varnum Armory is located in East Greenwich on the corner of Main and Division Street.



The Armory is an excellent solution for West Bay Yacht Club, maintaining our presence in the community and offering expansion for future growth. Our new space has a full commercial kitchen to accommodate most of our events, including meals on Monday nights during the summer and fall racing season. It's a great solution and, to say the least, we are extremely excited about West Bay Yacht Club's new home.

Thanks! Dean

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## Reserve Your Paw Sox Game Tickets

*Merch raffle*

*Post game run the bases*



Join

West Bay Yacht Club

PAWSOX VS Gwinnett Stripers

Sunday, April 22, 2018

At McCoy Stadium 1:35 pm

Tickets @ \$15

See Jim Thorsen or email [Jethorsen2@gmail.com](mailto:Jethorsen2@gmail.com)



*Free parking*



Tune into the Volvo Ocean Race  
for exciting sailing all winter long!





# Volvo Ocean Race

## Coming to Newport - Save the Date

May 8 - 20, 2018

Once again the Volvo Ocean Race is coming to Newport. Seven one design Volvo 65's left Alicante, Spain in October and are now in Auckland, New Zealand having just completed the sixth leg of their round the world race. In the most recent leg from Hong Kong to Auckland, after 6100 miles and 20 days and nights of racing, the first two boats finished less than 2 ½ minutes apart, with the next 3 boats finishing within 28 minutes of the leader. This year's race coverage is excellent with daily video, on board reporters, and drone footage. To follow the race you can download the Volvo Ocean Race app, go to [volvoceanrace.com](http://volvoceanrace.com), or follow on Facebook and Twitter.

Dale B.

## Activities Report



From the Activities Corner

Don't know about your calendar but mine shows Spring is here!! Looks like we'll all have to wait just a little while longer til Old Man Winter decides to stop snowing...!

In the meantime, the Club has been busy getting things ready. What's in store in the weeks and months ahead you may ask? Lots! So make sure you keep up with our Facebook and webpage. OK?

The New Members' Social is coming up next Sunday April 15. Please join Membership Chair, Dean Travis for a potluck welcoming dinner for all the "newbies" and the "old timers", too. The fun starts at 6:30 so bring a dish and share all your best boating stories with friends old and new!

Grant Brandon invites all race captains and crew for a Racing Open House/Meeting next Monday, April 16 at 7:00pm. Time to shake off the winter dust and get ready for the 2018 racing season.

Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup> is the ANNUAL MAY BREAKFAST, starting at 8:00am. We missed hosting it last year so this year it'll be better than ever. We promise. Look for the flyer in the weeks ahead. Bring your friends and family. As you all know, our new "hangout space" is a little smaller so we'll just have to cozy up. If there's anyone who would like to share their culinary expertise, we could really use your help. Feel free to call or e-mail any of us.

Good and Welfare- Sending out a "feel better hug" to Jake Portnoy. He's had that miserable cold that seems to hang on for much longer than it should.

We always need ideas and help so don't be shy, share your thoughts for activities and fun, or offer to help out on an activity that's already in the works. It will be enjoyable, rewarding and much appreciated!

Have a wonderful Spring!!

The Activities Crew  
Jo-Ann, Jen, and Michele  
738-0272, 954-4485, 398-2621

## **From the Race Committee**



West Bay Yacht Club  
c/o Racing Series  
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## **To All Racers and Friends:**

# Hear ye hear ye - On April 16th from 7 to 9PM at the Varnum Armory

(corner of Main and Division Streets in East Greenwich) the WBYC Race Committee kindly invites all Skippers and Crew to attend an Open House to discuss the upcoming Summer and Fall racing season and calendar of events. This is a must attend meeting whereby you'll be able to air your expectations, desires & grievances to the Race Committee regarding their plans for the upcoming racing season. All subjects will be on the table for discussion including inside and outside courses, distance of courses to be sailed, as well as, dinner activities post racing. Your input is considered vital to providing a successful 2018 racing program! Note, light appetizers, snacks and appropriate beverages to be provided along with a fun evening of lies, storytelling and comradery. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Open House ...

Grant Brandon  
Race Committee Chair

## 2018 WBYC Racing Calendar

The racing calendar dates for 2018 are as follows:

### Summer Series (12 races) in blue, Weekend races in white:

June  
Monday Races: 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup>.

June 23<sup>rd</sup>: Solo/Twin Regatta – Noon Start

July  
Monday Races: 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, & 30<sup>th</sup>.

July 2<sup>nd</sup>: Monday Night Optional Crew Rotation Race

July 21<sup>st</sup>: Whalers Race to Block Is. – Fisherman’s Start from Dutch Harbor – 11:00 am Start

August  
Monday Races: 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, & 27<sup>th</sup>.

August 4<sup>th</sup>: Ladies Skipper Regatta – Noon Start

August 18<sup>th</sup>: Long Distance Race – Noon Start

### Fall Series (4 races)

September  
Wednesday Races: 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>.    Monday Races: 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>.

October 13<sup>th</sup>: Pumpkin Patch Race – Noon Start

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).



# Cruise Committee Report

## 2018 Cruise Schedule...(so far)

Spring Cruise	June 23	At Pickering Beach	Dave &
Leann Pickering			
2 Week Cruise	TBD	TBD	Mark &
Cindy D.			
4 <sup>th</sup> of July Raft-up	July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Off of Goddard Park	Scott & Julie
Tagen			
Whaler's Race	July 21-22	Dutch Harbor to Block Is.	Grant & Jen
Brandon			
Labor Day Wknd.	Sept. 1-3	Cuttyhunk Island	Tom Stocker
End of Summer	Sept. 22-23	TBD	TBD
Columbus Wknd.	Oct. 6-8	Wickford Marina	The
Pickerings & Brandons			

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## Calendar of Events

Next Board of Govenor's Meeting – Monday May 7<sup>th</sup> at The Armory

- April 15<sup>th</sup>**- New Member Social Pot Luck Dinner (Sunday). 6:30 Varnum Armory
- April 16<sup>th</sup>**- Summer Racing Open House/Meeting (Monday). 7:00 Varnum Armory
- April 22<sup>nd</sup>** - WBYC Group PawSox game 1:35 Mc Coy Stadium near main entrance
- May 6<sup>th</sup>**- Annual May Breakfast (Sunday). 8:00-12:00 Varnum Armory
- June 4<sup>th</sup>**- First Monday Night Race of 2018! Starting Time: first gun will be at 6:15
- June 11<sup>th</sup>**- Second Monday Night Race, Starting time: first gun at 6:15