



# THE BLOOPER

## Your WBYC BOARD for 2019

**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

## Commodore's Message



The weather finally seems to have turned the corner, and I know that most of you have gotten the boats wet again and are just finishing up the preseason preparations and shaking out the bugs. Hopefully, nothing too difficult to overcome.

We have had some great events so far. The St. Patrick's Day feast and the May Breakfast went very well, and our cooking seems up to midseason form.

We are still looking for interested cruisers to take the lead on organizing some events, focusing on weekend cruises locally and even some cruise and schmooze events that those who haven't sailed can drive to. Remember, a seat on the Board of Governors is the special prize awaiting the daring individual or couple who take on this challenge.

Thanks again to Jim Thorsen for organizing another successful PawSox outing. We have one more year before they leave us and we can hopefully see them win again next year.

Racing starts on Monday night, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. We had a successful Skippers' Meeting, and everyone is looking forward to building on last year's successes. The sign-up sheet for the racing season is available on our website, and you can either pay the fees there using PayPal or send us a check. Be sure to check in with Grant Brandon so he knows you are planning to participate and gets you on the scoresheets. As always, our valiant kitchen crew led by JoAnn Grima will be serving delicious meals at our Armory kitchen after each race. We hope to have all of the crews join us for camaraderie, dinner and

beverages (BYOB) while we wait for the race committee to tally our finish times and tell us the official results.  
I look forward to seeing all of you out on the water.

Paul Finstein, Commodore  
s/v Wizard 4756

## Vice Commodore's Message



Ahoy WBYC members old and new! Welcome to a fabulous 2019 season of boating here on beautiful Narragansett Bay - and beyond! Our "off season" activities have been well attended and a lot of fun! The weather put a slight damper on our May Breakfast, but we made up for it with 'Sunny Side Up Omelets' by Michele Lilly and 'Strawberry Shortcake Waffles' courtesy of Greg Dexter. We also enjoyed scrambled eggs, sausages, home fries and bacon thanks to Dean Travis' culinary talents, and the overall managerial and organizational skills of Jo-Ann Grima, Kathy Finstein, Sandy Grima and Scott Tegan! Thankyou one and all!

We also were blessed with beautiful afternoon weather for our annual PawSox outing, organized by Jim Thorsen again this year – he got back from Mongolia just in time to be there with us!





-And to top it all off, the PawSox won! Hurray for the home team!  
Please review the summer calendar and other articles in the Blooper for more information on upcoming activities and events that I'm sure you won't want to miss.  
See you soon out on the water!

Jennifer Brandon

## Rear Commodore's Message



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

In case you haven't heard, the racing calendar has been posted on the website for the Summer Series, Saturday races and Fall Series. That said, I would like to point out one slight change for the July 1<sup>st</sup> race date as it is an "optional" date of racing. In other words, we are planning a crew rotation race for July 1<sup>st</sup> making the race a "non-counting" date for the Series. **But**, if we need a make-up date due to inclement weather then July 1<sup>st</sup> will count as a regular race date and it will replace the "crew" rotation race. So, for your reading pleasure the following dates are now cast in stone:

### SUMMER SERIES

- June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> (races 1 thru 4)
- July 1<sup>st</sup> [optional]. 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> (races 5 thru 8)
- Aug 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & Aug 26<sup>th</sup> (races 9 thru 12)

### SATURDAY RACES

- June 22: Rainone Solo Twin Race
- July 20: Whaler's Race
- Aug 10: Ladies Skipper Race
- Aug 17: Varnum Fundraiser Regatta
- Oct 19: Pumpkin Patch Regatta [updated]

### FALL SERIES

- Sept 4<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>

In case you missed the ***Skipper & Crew*** meeting which was held at the Varnum Armory Friday night May 17<sup>th</sup> we discussed several salient points which you might of interest:

- The Race Committee will attempt to hold off cancellation of a race date due to serious weather conditions [thunderstorms, stormy conditions, etc] until the last hour considering all safety concerns.
- We're attempting to recruit a "mark" boat to assist the RC in dropping a mark in the vicinity of Pine Hill point to be used as a turning mark for those race days when it would be beneficial for boats to round a mark at that location.



- Discussed the July 1<sup>st</sup> optional race day [see previous comments].
- Reviewed the 2019 Race Entry and Liability Form [available online on the website, as well as, in the last page of the Blooper]. Please print the form, fill it out and pay using the PayPal link on the website or forward a check, as soon as possible, to the PO Box listed on the form. I'm in the process of creating the scratch sheets for each class and need your updated information.
- Discussed the Varnum Fundraiser Regatta on August 17<sup>th</sup> and asked each racer to participate as WBYC would like to contribute to the Varnum and help them offset some of their costs associated with many of the upcoming Armory renovations.

Last, but not least, WBYC will be participating in NBYA's Bay Challenge and Swanson Team Race on Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> for the first time in several years. Please let me know if you have interest in participating on either Team so I can plan accordingly. I personally have raced in both events [at different times] and it really is a terrific regatta. Looking forward to discussing all the details with you throughout the Summer Series.

*Grant Brandon*



**WEST BAY YACHT CLUB**  
**2019 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>		\$ 75.00	\$ 110.00
• June 3 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>			
• July 1 <sup>st</sup> [optional], July 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>rd</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup>			
• Aug 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup>			
2. <u>FALL SERIES:</u>	\$ 40.00		\$ 60.00
• Sept 4 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup>			
3. <u>RAINONE SOLO / TWIN:</u>	\$ 25.00		\$ 35.00
• <u>June 22<sup>nd</sup> (1300 Start)</u>			
4. <u>WHALERS RACE to BI:</u>	\$ 25.00		\$ 35.00
• July 20 <sup>st</sup> (Fisherman Start)			
5. <u>LADY SKIPPERS REGATTA:</u>	\$ 25.00		\$ 35.00
• August 10 <sup>th</sup> (1300 Start)			
6. <u>VARNUM FUNDRAISER REGATTA:</u>	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
• August 17 <sup>th</sup> (1300 Start)			
7. <u>PUMPKIN PATCH RACE:</u>	\$ 25.00		\$ 35.00
• October 19 <sup>th</sup> (1200 Start)			
<b>Total Submitted</b>	\$		\$.

NOTES:

- Payments by PAYPAL to be made on the WBYC website at: [westbayyachtclub.org](http://westbayyachtclub.org)
- Payments by CHECKS to be sent to: West Bay Yacht Club  
Attn: Race Committee  
P.O. Box 1604

East Greenwich, RI 02818

10. 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 2019 West Bay Yacht Club Racing Series.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Owner or Owner's Representative)

## **From the Membership Desk**



### **2019 Renewals**

Hello Members,

As you may know, our membership drive is underway. We've gotten a great response so far, but there are still some out there who may not have sent your renewals in yet.

To renew your membership there are two options for payment:

1.) Pay by check.

Checks payable to "WBYC" mailed directly to our PO Box. The address is:

West Bay Yacht Club  
PO Box 1604  
East Greenwich. RI 02818

Please check the WBYC club website (see below) for current membership pricing

2.) Pay by PayPal.

Online payments through PayPal can be done directly through the West Bay Yacht Club website (see below)

<http://westbayyachtclub.org/membership.htm>

Please take this opportunity to renew today! Thanks!

Dean

[dean@travistechnologies.com](mailto:dean@travistechnologies.com)

(401) 573-3276

## **Sailing in Culebra Puerto Rico**

My wife and I had visited Culebra a few years back and loved it. We decided to return with the whole family, my two adult children and their significant others, for a week. We were a little concerned about the conditions there after the devastating hurricanes a year and a half ago, but our worries were for nothing as everywhere we went was fine.

The weather was beautiful the entire week we were there. Sunny, breezy and temperatures in the low 80's every day. Our main activity was snorkeling in the various reefs around the island. The snorkeling is great and readily accessible by just walking into the water from the beaches. We saw countless varieties of fishes, beautiful sea fans and plants, many large rays, sea turtles, and even a shark. My wife and daughter saw the shark but failed to photograph it as they were eager to get out of the water after sighting it. Looking it up later they seemed to think it was a reef shark, about 5 feet long.

One of the highlights of the trip was a cruise we had chartered on a 60 foot wooden schooner called the "Russamee" captained by Mike Brown. The boat was built in Thailand in 1974 for an Englishman. It had two masts and four sails. How it came to its current owner and location I never found out. We set out at around 9 a.m. for a very small island called Luis Pena that was about a two hour sail from port. It was a wonderful sail. Moderate breeze and a medium swell. Upon arrival at the island we anchored off a small beach, put on our snorkeling gear and headed for a nearby reef. It was probably the best snorkeling spot of the week. Returning to the boat we were served a delicious lunch that first mate Marty prepared along with a few of the local light "Medalla" beers. After lounging around for a while after lunch, we headed back to Culebra. Most of our crew scattered around the deck and did some sunning and napping on the way back. I had a nice long chat with captain Mike who I found out is originally from North Carolina and has lived a very interesting life, mostly revolving around the marine industry. We got back to the dock around 4:30 tired, but happy after a wonderful, unique day on the water.





Happy Cruising!

David Kiernan

## Secretary's Report

### WEST BAY YACHT CLUB BOARD OF GOVERNORS APRIL 8, 2019 MEETING MINUTES



The April meeting of the West Bay Yacht Club Board of Governors was held on Monday, April 8, 2019 at Rhode Island Billiards in North Providence.

**Attendees:** Paul Finstein, Grant Brandon, Jen Brandon, Scott Tagen, Jim Thorsen, Raleigh Jenkins, Jeff Griglack, Dave Kiernan, Paul Tracy, Jo-Ann Grima.

**The Meeting was called to order at: 19:15 by Commodore Paul Finstein who requested the Minutes from the last meeting.**

**Secretary's Report:** Raleigh read the Minutes for the March meeting. Minutes were approved with minor corrections for spelling and a date.

**Commodore's Report:** Cruising Potluck/Planning meeting will be held on Friday April 12. We are looking to do smaller day cruises this season. This Sunday is the Pawsox game. May Breakfast is the 5<sup>th</sup> of May and we are looking for help in the kitchen. Please see Jo-Ann.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim was absent, but Paul read his report.

**Vice Commodore's Report:** Jen reported that the Blooper went out. We expect to produce combination February/March and April/May Bloopers, then monthly going forward. We should get articles to Jen by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April so they will be included in the next Blooper.

**Rear Commodore's Report:** Grant reported that he examined NBYA' racing insurance. We would be covered under their policy if the Race Committee Chair was certified. We do not meet this condition currently. Grant will meet with Jim to review our basic insurance to determine necessary coverage. It was noted that any race on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend will not be an official race.

**Parliamentarian's Report:** Jeff reported no issues to date.

**Members at Large Report:** Dave agreed to write article for Blooper. Paul reported that he was unsuccessful reaching the Harbor Master regarding the swing distance at the mooring.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Activities /Good & Welfare:** Jo-Ann is back in the saddle aiming for help with the May Breakfast on Sunday, May 5. Saint Patty's Dinner was a success. A Cruising/Planning Potluck is this Friday at the Armory. Sunday, April 14, Pawsox game. See Jim for tickets Skippers Meeting, May 17.

**Racing:** See Rear Commodore's report above.

**Cruising:** See Commodore's and Rear Commodore's Reports above.

**Education:** Grant is still organizing a Man Overboard training. Dean is working on a facilities event.

**House:** No Report

**Membership:** Renewal Letters will be going out.

**Publicity:** No report

**Blooper:** See Vice Commodore's Report above.

**Website:** See Commodore's Report above

**Old Business:** See above

**New Business:** See above. Next Meeting May 8, 2019 at 300 Jefferson Blvd. at 1900hrs.

**Motion Made, Seconded and Moved to Adjourn at : 20:23hrs.**

Respectfully submitted,

Raleigh M. Jenkins, Secretary

## Activities Report



From the Activities Corner—

Mother Nature is trying to slow things down around here!! Agreed??? Not to fret, Summer is just around the corner.

On May 5, we held the annual May Breakfast celebration at the Armory. Turnout was light because of rain (yup, again) but we had a wonderful time anyway. Many thanks to the gang who helped setup, cook, cleanup and mostly for keeping my nerves settled (thanks Commodore Paul!). We had guests from the armory, new members, and even a few passers-by stop in and enjoy our smorgasbord of fabulous food!

Racing will be starting up on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Even if you're not a racer, join us for dinner at the armory. We usually expect the guys (and gals) to return with tales of the night around 8 PM. Just call ahead to reserve a spot. Wouldn't want to run out of food. If you'd like to show off your specialty cooking some night, don't be shy. Give one of us call, too.

Take a peek at the WBYC Facebook page or website to find out what's planned for upcoming cruises. Pretty sure a couple destinations are set but there's lots more places to check out. If you'd like to be a "Weekend Captain", reach out to Commodore Paul.

Good and Plenty—This tag line was always called Good and Welfare until our own Grant Brandon accidentally changed it one Board Meeting. He must have been hungry!! Anyway, we're glad both he and Raleigh Jenkins are feeling better after minor surgery and illness. Certainly not fun for either of them. If you have anything to share, please let us know so we can pass it along to the group.

We really, really, really could use any different activity ideas and help. Call or e-mail us. Remember: **"Volunteers are not paid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless!"** copied from "friends of Pawtuxet Village" website ... so apropos to our WBYC!

The Activities Crew  
Jo-Ann, Jen, Cathy, and Michele  
joann.grima@gmail.com

## From the Race Committee





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

## **2019 WBYC Racing Calendar**

The racing calendar dates for 2019, excluding Saturday events, are as follows:

### **Summer Series (12 races)**

June

Monday Races: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, & 24<sup>th</sup>.

July

Monday Races: 1<sup>st</sup> (optional), 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, & 29<sup>th</sup>.

August

Monday Races: 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, & 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Saturday Races (5 races)**

June 22: Rainone Solo Twin Race

July 20: Whaler's Race

August 10: Ladies Skipper Race

August 17<sup>th</sup>: Varnum Fundraiser Regatta

October 19<sup>th</sup>: Pumpkin Patch Regatta

### **Fall Series (4 races)**

September

Wednesday Races: 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>.    Monday Races: 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>.

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



## Cruise Committee Report

Summer cruising is getting closer!

As of now we are expecting to host at least the same cruises we held last year. If you have a favorite destination, or want to create a fun weekend to share with other members, you can sign up to be one of the cruise captains!

Our annual cruise social was on **Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>** at the Armory. It was a potluck and BYO, and was a lot of fun but, **Cruise Captains are still Needed, so please let us know you want to be a part of another fun summer!!!**

Anyone interested in serving on the Cruise Committee or interested in hosting one of our cruises? Just let me or any of the WBYC board members know. We can always use new ideas for destinations or cruises.

Jim Ward

Acting Cruise Chair

## Please Note:

### WEST BAY YACHT CLUB MOORING #215

When a boat is using the West Bay Yacht Club mooring #215 in Dutch Harbor and the wind is coming out of a northerly direction, the boat may come close to the Wickford Yacht Club mooring. If you are on the West Bay Yacht Club mooring when this occurs, you can contact the Dutch Harbor harbormaster and he will come out and pull on the Wickford Yacht Club mooring so it will not interfere with your boat. This will also allow the Wickford Yacht Club mooring to become more available for their members.

You can contact the Dutch Harbor harbormaster, Mark Campbell, by radio or by phone. The phone number is 401-556-2698.

Paul Tracy

Member At Large

## 2019 WBYC Mooring Rules

For use of our WBYC Dutch Harbor and Bristol Harbor Moorings: Contact one of the WBYC board members for the mooring number and GPS coordinates Dutch Harbor Mooring Rules (as adopted November 2010 and amended June 2018 for the Bristol mooring)

1. The mooring may only be used by West Bay Yacht Club members in good standing. Non-member guest boats are not permitted.
2. While using the club mooring, members must fly the club burgee, must carry an up-to-date membership card, and should carry a copy of these rules. FYI: In the event you find a non-member boat occupying the mooring and refusing to vacate, you can call the local Harbormaster to help resolve the issue. You should also document the boat name and type as well as take a picture of the boat showing the name and port.
3. Mooring use is first come-first served, when in compliance with all other Rules herein.
4. If you pick up the mooring, you agree to allow other member boats to raft with you. If you do not agree, please be prepared to vacate the mooring immediately upon arrival of any WBYC member boat who is willing to raft with others. If rafting room is available but you are not willing to raft with the boats already on the mooring, then you have no cause for complaint.
5. Rafting is encouraged, but allowed only in calm-to-moderate conditions. Three boats may raft on the mooring when conditions permit, however the sum of overall lengths may not exceed 100'.
6. All rafts should break up when stronger winds (12 kts. and higher) and rough seas arise that can cause damage to boats and/or ground tackle, and drag the mooring.

When conditions change for the worse, the skipper of the boat who will be remaining on the mooring has the final say in asking others to leave the raft. Claim to the mooring is per Rule 3 unless Rule 8 applies.

7. Unattended boats may be rafted to when conditions permit and where the arriving boat has adequate crew and equipment to safely perform the rafting operation without the assistance of the other's absent crew. FYI: While it is legal to leave a single boat on the mooring unattended, it is illegal in both Jamestown and Bristol waters to leave a raft unattended (for example, everyone going ashore).

8. Except when there is no other demand, mooring use is limited to one twentyfour hour period per boat per weekend. Please observe these Courtesy Protocols: • Upon arrival, always announce your presence & desires to boats on the mooring. • Boats waiting to use the mooring should be served in order of their arrival. • Next boat up should be given notice when a departing boat leaves the mooring or raft.

9. Use Good Seamanship: Affix the mooring pennant eye to your cleat with a tie-down. If you need a longer pennant, DO NOT simply run a line through the pennant eye loop. Instead, tie your extra line to the eye so it cannot run freely and cause chafe damage to the eye.

10. Grievances: Where one member's disregard for these rules results in unfair denial of another member's rights of use, or where mooring equipment abuse is seen to occur, a good-faith attempt to resolve the issue between parties must be made on the water at the time of the incident. Unresolved complaints should be filed in writing with the Cruise Committee chair or with a Member-at-Large by the aggrieved party.

Any member(s) found to have acted contrary to these rules may, by process of a grievance resolution hearing, be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Governors.



## Calendar of Events

Next Board of Governor's Meeting – Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at Capital Billiards in Providence

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>** - First Monday night race & post-race dinner at The Armory

**June 10<sup>th</sup>** - Monday night race & post-race dinner at The Armory

**June 17<sup>th</sup>** - Monday night race & post-race dinner at The Armory

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Rainone Solo Twin Race

**June 24<sup>th</sup>** - Monday night race & post-race dinner at The Armory

**July 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Fireworks Raft-up off Oakland Beach – Cruise Captains Scott & Julie Tagen