



# 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



Well, we made it to September, and after what was hopefully a great summer out on the water, our club now enters the busiest time of the year for us as an organization.

Our ***Annual Meeting*** for the entire membership is coming up on ***Friday October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.*** at the Armory. At that time, you will hear reports from your Flag Officers and Committee Chairs on our activities of the past year and plans for the coming year. The new budget will be presented for approval. Most importantly, we will vote on the slate of officers and Board members for the coming year. The nominating committee is hard at work, and their proposed slate will be made known to you at least ten days before the meeting.

Watch your email for this important notice. The schedule calls for a Social Hour, with appetizers (bring something to share) and beverages (BYO as always) starting at 7:00. The business meeting begins at about 7:30, or as soon as we get a quorum into the building. After the business meeting, socializing will resume and will continue, as they say, until morale improves! Please save the date on your calendar and make sure to attend.

The highlight of our year-end activities is our ***Annual Banquet***, which will be taking place this year on ***Saturday night, November 2<sup>nd</sup> in the ballroom at EGYC.*** Be sure to plan on being at this always enjoyable event, as we will celebrate another great year of activities, including racing and cruising awards and recognize the contributions of the people who have worked so hard to keep our club vital and active. You will be receiving

your invitations for this event soon. Please respond promptly so Jo-Ann and her activities committee crew can make this event as great as everyone expects. It will be a rare opportunity for us all to see what boaters look like when they dress up. Don't miss it!

Another thing to look forward to as we reach the end of the year is the publication of our annual WBYC yearbook. This year the book will be published primarily in electronic form, but we will make printed copies available on request for those who need them.

This will be a great summary of our activities and history and also serves as a resource for you to keep in contact with your fellow West Bay members. Thanks in advance to Jeff Griglack, our Parliamentarian and a digitally savvy guy, who will be coordinating the production. If you want to help on this project, contact Jeff.

Racing is not done yet either. The Fall Series will be wrapping up on September 16<sup>th</sup>, but we still have two more events coming up in October. The Lady Skippers' Race will be taking place on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to have a female helmsperson ready to go! Our final event will be the Varnum Regatta, to be held on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, and combined this year with our traditional year-end Pumpkin Patch Race. All proceeds go to support our friends at the Armory. Traditional costumes for the crew and decorated vessels are still encouraged. Sign up now for these two great events.

Please also keep a lookout for information on our winter schedule of educational events and activities. Plans now include a program on race management and our usual fun sewing classes with Tanya. Remember - The boats may be put away for the season, but WBYC stays active. Be sure to join us.

See you at the Annual Meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup> and at the Banquet on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Paul Finstein, Commodore  
s/v Wizard 4756

## **Vice Commodore's Message**



Ahoy! I hope you've all had a fantastic summer boating season and are anticipating some beautiful fall outings as well! We have had a lot of exciting racing events and adventurous cruises so far this year. Since I'm sure everyone has a few wonderful stories to share at our End Of Season Celebration dinner on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, when you receive your invitation in the mail in a few weeks, answer back "yes, we're coming!". If you have any questions about the celebration dinner, you can ask Jo-Ann either before or after the WBYC Annual Meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>. That's an important meeting, so make sure you don't miss it. Block off the date on your calendar now!

In the meantime, we have more racing coming up (see below for dates and times) and a much anticipated Columbus Weekend Cruise going to Wickford Marina. Call 294-8160 to reserve your slip. We have 8 slips set aside, so mention WBYC when you call. We will have a Pot Luck dinner right there at the marina Saturday night starting at 6:00 (with Dave Pickering's famous Frozen Mudslides for dessert!), and we will be caravanning to Dan's Carriage Inn for a 7:00 dinner on Sunday. If you can't join us by boat, use your "land yacht" to drive down for either or both meals – they are always a lot of fun! I'll look forward to seeing you at all these great events!

Jennifer Brandon

## **Rear Commodore's Message**



### *Ahoy Mates ...*

Here we are in mid-September and I for one “do not want to let go” of warm summer days, daylight past eight o’clock, and shorts with flipflops! Where has the time gone that we now find ourselves wearing long sleeves, chinos or jeans and rain jackets? I sure hope everyone had a great summer full of exciting sailing and or boating activities, BBQ’s and get togethers with family and friends. September and October are some of the best months of the year to continue to enjoy these activities [even if one needs to wear a jacket from time to time], and if you need additional excitement throw in some Patriot Football games and now you’re cooking with gas!

Talking about activities, the Activities Committee has been hard at work all summer long providing excellent dinners to all the Monday Night racers, and have now changed their focus to deciphering the logistics involved in hosting the Annual Awards Banquet on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at EGYC. The Blooper continues to be published every few months keeping the membership abreast of all Club happenings, as well as, the Club website has been kept up-to-date on a regular basis. I would say overall the Club’s basic functions are well greased and running smoothly. Can we do better? Absolutely, just keep in mind the Board is only as good as the effort the membership is willing to extend to it. As we approach a New Year after the Annual Awards Banquet think about helping out a little bit more next year than you did this past year and maybe, just maybe, more things might be accomplished. Make sure you check out the Events Calendar in this current issue of the Blooper as there are several activity and date changes you need to be aware of. Looking forward to seeing everyone at both the Annual Meeting in October, as well as, at the Annual Banquet in early November. Be well, be safe and be happy,

*Grant Brandon*





# WBYC Columbus Day Cruise



**Oct 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>**



## ***Wickford Marina***

***Cruise Captains: Dave & Leann Pickering  
And  
Grant & Jennifer Brandon***

***Come and join the fun by land or by sea!***

**SATURDAY:** Don't miss this year's end of season cruise! Arrive on Saturday and enjoy our traditional Pot Luck Dinner with cocktails beginning at 6:00, or perhaps much earlier.....!



WBYC will again be providing wine and beer, paper goods and such.

And yes, Frozen Mudslides will also be served!

**SUNDAY:** We have reservations for 7:00 at Dan's Carriage Inn and Saloon, the same place as last year's excellent meal, located at 1065 Tower Hill Rd, North Kingstown, RI 02852.

Please make your slip and mooring reservations directly with the Wickford Marina at (401) 294-8160. Slips are discounted to us for \$2.50 per foot!

Questions, reach out to: Dave Pickering at (401) 742-5039 or Grant Brandon at (401) 864-5049

***SEE YOU THERE!***

## **Secretary's Report**

**WEST BAY YACHT CLUB BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
AUGUST 6, 2019 MEETING MINUTES**



**The August meeting of the West Bay Yacht Club Board of Governors was held on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at 300 Jefferson Blvd in Warwick, Rhode Island. Attendees:** Paul Finstein, Grant Brandon, Jen Brandon, Raleigh Jenkins, Jim Thorsen, Jeff Griglack, Dave Kiernan, Ray Perrotta and Paul Tracy. **The Meeting was called to order at: 19:15 by Commodore Paul Finstein.**

**Secretary's Report:** The May 8 minutes were reviewed and accepted with one correction for last name.

**Commodore's Report:**

- The July Meeting was skipped. Several items of importance need to be done.
- The Annual Meeting will be held October 18 at the Armory at 7-pm
- The Budget is to be voted on. The Budget committee consists of the Vice Commodore, Treasurer, and Commodore.
- The Budget will then be presented to Membership at the Annual Meeting.
- The Nominating Committee needs to put together a slate. This Committee is chaired by the Past Commodore.

- A proposed slate needs to be posted by October 8.
- The Annual Banquet will be November 16, a Saturday night, at EGYC. (correction: date has been changed to November 2)
- The Yearbook needs to be put together.
- The Armory will be purchasing smaller chairs for our use.
- Both Bristol and Dutch Harbor Moorings are serviced and in place.
- Info on moorings and their use is online and will be published in the Blooper.

**Vice Commodore's Report:**

- Jen reported there will be one make-up race we may or may not reschedule. If not made up, we will change the series to 11 vs 12 races in the series.

**Rear Commodore's Report:**

- Grant reported that we just finished Race #9.
- The Fall series will be short due to the Holiday Schedule.
- The Ladies Regatta was postponed. It will now be held on Saturday October 5.
- The Pumpkin Patch Race will be October 12.
- The Varnum race is scheduled for August 17. (correction: date changed to October 12)
- The Whaler's race was cancelled due to lack of participation.
- Overall, the Season has been going well. People are enjoying themselves.
- The Blooper is not being supported with articles. Suggestion: Go to Quarterly Cycle.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim gave report. Reviewed Budget. Need to track Mooring use. Moorings take almost 1/3 of Annual Budget. Paul received an email concerning the state of one of the moorings focusing on the pennant and a possible crack.

**Parliamentarian's Report:** No issues Reported.

**Members at Large Report:** Paul and Dave report that Members appear pleased with fees.

**Old Business:** N/A

**New Business:** Jeff Griglack to work with Grant and Paul F. to put Yearbook on-line.

- Budget Meeting, September 20, 2019 (Jen, Paul F. and Jim)
- Next Meeting Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 300 Jefferson Blvd. at 1900 hrs.

**Motion Made, Seconded and Moved to Adjourn at: 20:53hrs.**

**Respectfully submitted, Raleigh M. Jenkins, Secretary**

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**Raleigh M. Jenkins, Secretary**

## **Activities Report**



## FROM THE ACTIVITIES CORNER

If you can believe it, Summer 2019 is just about passed. Certainly hope you all enjoyed every minute of it.

The “Monday Night Kitchen” is officially closed. We prepared lots of good food for lots of good people. My sincere thanks to Jen B. and Cathy F. for your tireless and continued efforts every week. Couldn't have done it without you guys. Another shout out to Ray P who provided “Walt's Roast Beef” one night and Pete S. who also provided fresh Willow Tree turkeys on another night. So much appreciated.



As we head towards the Fall, there's more fun on the horizon. Starting with the End of the Season Wickford cruise over the Columbus Day weekend. Join the Brandons and the Pickerings either by land yacht or your boat for a weekend of fun in the sun.

On Friday, 10/18 - 7:00pm cocktails & our WBYC Annual Meeting 7:30. Come on down to the Armory for cocktails, goodies and friendship followed by the Annual Meeting. It's that time again to deal with the budget presentation, proposed slate of officers, discussions and other “stuff”. Remember it's your club and you help make the decisions for the rest of us.

On Saturday, 11/2 - The “End of Season Celebration” will be held at the East Greenwich Yacht Club. Join us for a wonderful dinner, music, the silent auction, and, of course, the racing award presentations. The invitations will be going out soon. Keep in mind, we'll really need your response card returned promptly. Even if you have another commitment, please return the card.

On Saturday, 12/7 - Harry and Mrs. Hanukah will be passing out gifts at the Annual Holiday Party and Potluck dinner. Keep an eye out for the details.

Good and Plenty. Happy to report that everyone remains healthy and still happy. If you need something remembered, illness, etc. Please let us know.

UNTIL NEXT TIME,

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



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

Ahoy Mates,

Here we are in mid-September and it's hard to believe the racing season is starting to slow down. We've been fortunate this summer as the wind & rain Gods cooperated, for the most part, and we were able to use the best 8 out of 11 races of the Summer Series for scoring purposes. Congratulations are extended to both Skippers and Crews of **Anser** and **Hornet** for winning their respective Classes. Final results for the Summer Series are as follows:

#### **Spinnaker Class:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> in Class – *Anser* – Scott & Peter Allstrom & Crew
- 2<sup>nd</sup> in Class – *Blitz* – Chris Tate & Crew
- 3<sup>rd</sup> in Class – *Comet* – Abbi Seward & Crew
- 4<sup>th</sup> in Class – *Red Stripe* – Ray Way & Crew
- 5<sup>th</sup> in Class – *En Passant* – Jim Archer & Crew
- 6<sup>th</sup> in Class – *Climax* – Bob Lewis & Syndicate

#### **Non-Spinnaker Class:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> in Class - *Hornet* – Rob Hamlin & Crew



2<sup>nd</sup> in Class – *Thora* – Ken Thorsen & Crew  
3<sup>rd</sup> in Class – *Mojo* – Tom Stocker & Crew  
4<sup>th</sup> in Class – *Escape Plan* – Mike Hackett & Crew  
5<sup>th</sup> in Class – *Elan* – Dale Broadbent & Crew  
6<sup>th</sup> in Class – *Stormin' Norman* – Norman Lambert & Crew  
7<sup>th</sup> in Class – *Strange Times* – John Anthony & Crew  
8<sup>th</sup> in Class – *Obediah* – Ray Perrotta & Crew  
9<sup>th</sup> in Class – *Qing Long* – Jack Early & Crew  
10<sup>th</sup> in Class – *Sound Connections* – Dave Hilbern & Crew  
11<sup>th</sup> in Class – *Bella Vela* – Anthony Constanzo & Crew

A good time was had by all on and off the race course [see photos courtesy of Jim Wright], as well as, a great amount of good cheer and camaraderie was shared during the Monday night dinners at the Armory. Speaking of Monday night dinners three loud “huzzahs” are extended to all the ladies from the Activities Committee [Jo-Ann, Cathy and Jen] for hosting and creating incredible dinners for all racers and Race Committee members, We are all substantially healthier and better off due to all your efforts ... many thanks again!!!

Last, but not least, I would very much like to thank all the Race Committee members and volunteers for a job well done. Without their help and support West Bay Yacht Club's Racing Program would not be the premier racing series it has become over the years. In particular, I extend warm hugs and deep appreciation to the following outstanding members: Jim & Celeste Wright, Paul & Cathy Finstein, Jo-Ann & Sandy Grima, Jen Brandon, Steve Kapitany, Jim & Sharon Ward, Jim Geib, Jim Thorsen & Scott Tagen. Each contributed immensely to creating a memorable & successful 2019 racing program!

In case you haven't heard the Race Committee will be hosting two Saturday Races in October as they were postponed from earlier dates, and are as follows:

1. The Ladies Skippers Regatta on Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup> – Non-Spin event 1<sup>st</sup> Signal at 1300hrs.
2. The Varum Continental Fundraiser Regatta on Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup> with all NET proceeds to be donated to the Varum Museum. We're hoping to have a great turnout anywhere from 12 to 15+ boats as the event will be held in conjunction with the annual Pumpkin Patch Race [costumes will be judged, of course]. All registrations can be made on our website at: [westbayyachtclub.org](http://westbayyachtclub.org) and the NOR's and SI's can be printed from there as well. Please join us in making this event the highlight of the sailing season for one of RI's treasured museums.

Looking forward to enjoying some wonderful Fall sailing. Fair winds,

*Grant Brandon*













# 2019 WBYC Racing Calendar

The racing calendar dates for 2019 are as follows:

## Saturday Races

- October 5<sup>th</sup>: Lady Skippers Regatta
- October 12<sup>th</sup>: Pumpkin Patch & Varnum Fundraiser 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).



### 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

	Members	Non-Members
1. <u>LADY SKIPPERS REGATTA:</u>	\$ 25.00	\$ 35.00
• October 5 <sup>th</sup> (1300 Start)		
2. <u>PUMPKIN PATCH &amp; VARNUM FUNDRAISER:</u>	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
• October 12 <sup>th</sup> (1200 Start)	_____	_____
<b>Total Submitted</b>	\$ _____	\$ _____

NOTES:

3. Payments by PAYPAL to be made on the WBYC website at: [westbayyachtclub.org](http://westbayyachtclub.org)

4. Payments by CHECKS to be sent to: West Bay Yacht Club

Attn: Race Committee

P.O. Box 1604

East Greenwich, RI 02818

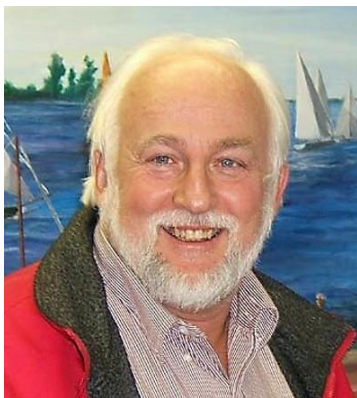
5. In accordance with Section 7-6-22 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, entitled EXEMPTION FROM LIABILITY TO PARTICIPANTS IN SPONSORED ATHLETIC OR SPORTS EVENTS, I hereby release West Bay Yacht Club, its officers, directors trustees, agents, servants and property while I am participating in 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)





## Cruise Committee Report



### Cruise Committee Report

Summer cruising is winding down now, but there is still plenty of great cruising to be done on our beautiful Narragansett Bay!

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



## 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 – Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>

**October 5<sup>th</sup>** - Lady Skippers Regatta with post-race results at McKinley's Pub

**October 12<sup>th</sup>** - Pumpkin Patch/Varnum Regatta & post-race pizza (TBD)

**Oct. 12-14<sup>th</sup>** - Columbus Day Weekend Cruise at Wickford Marina

**October 18<sup>th</sup>** - WBYC Annual Meeting at The Armory 7:00 PM [horses' ovaries] Bus Mtg at 7:30 PM

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Annual End of Season Celebration dinner at EGYC (invitations to be mailed soon)

**December 7<sup>th</sup>** - Holiday Party, Pot Luck Dinner (BYOB) & Yankee Swap at The Armory