



THE BLOOPER

Please welcome the new WBYC Board of Directors for the 2019 Season!

2019 WBYC BOARD

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

-Next time you see them give them a "Congrats!" for putting together the many activities and programs toward another great boating season and a "Thanks!" for keeping the great WBYC tradition moving forward!

Commodore's Message



Our Blooper Editor is quite unhappy with me because this article is way overdue. Good thing she is too polite to speak unkindly to me. I have at long last done as I had promised and delivered my article.

As I write this, we are just less than 90 minutes from the Vernal Equinox and the official beginning of Spring for the vast majority of the northern hemisphere now waiting impatiently to get their boats back into the water. For the rest of us, the season began on the first day after February when the sun seemed warmer and the catalogues from West and Defender were close at hand. So much to do, and the anticipation of spending the day working on the boat is making it difficult to think of other obligations. If only the weather would cooperate

we could start the work in earnest.

Our year here at West Bay is off to a great start. We opened the season with our annual tribute to the joys of eating, drinking, and good fellowship as more than thirty of our members gathered on March 16th to enjoy my wife Cathy's famous corned beef and cabbage dinner with all the fixings. Thanks to all who helped in the kitchen and for the fabulous desserts and beverages we all shared. As always, everyone left well fed and eagerly looking forward to the start of the outdoor season.

Next up on the agenda is the Cruising Pot Luck Supper and Planning Meeting, to be held on Friday evening, April 12th at the Armory. That event will give you the opportunity to get together with other members looking forward to our cruising season, and to plan your calendars. We will be looking for interested cruisers to take the lead on some of those events, and hopefully, some very special members willing to take the lead in coordinating the whole cruising season. A seat on the Board of Governors is the special prize awaiting such a daring individual. For now, Jim Ward is leading the efforts so you can check with him for advance information.

Also coming up that same weekend is our now "annual" trip to see the Paw Sox play at McCoy Stadium in Pawtucket, which will be on Sunday afternoon, April 14th. First pitch is scheduled for 1:05 p.m. Jim Thorsen has the tickets, so if you are interested in joining us check with Jim to reserve your seats.

Racers should save the date of Friday, May 17th at 7:00 p.m. at the Armory for our annual Skippers' Meeting as we prepare for our Summer Racing Series which begins the first Monday in June. Sign-ups for racing will be available on our website soon.

I look forward to seeing all of you at these events over the next several weeks.

Paul Finstein, Commodore
s/v Wizard 4756

Vice Commodore's Message



Happy spring everyone! We've been pleased to see the temperatures rise and the ice and snow melt away – sure signs that we will soon be getting out the bottom paint and brushes in preparation for a new season of sailing, racing and comradery with fellow WBYC members.

Until then, there are plenty of activities we have planned to tide you over. Keep your calendar next to you as you read the Blooper so you can mark down all the events you'll want to join us for!

We have our annual Cruise Social coming up on Friday, April 12th which you won't want to miss. We will look forward to having you there to help plan this summer's most fun events, as well as

participate in the pot luck & BYO dinner!

Also, don't forget to send Jim Thorsen an email to set aside Paw Sox tickets for yourself, your family and friends for the April 14th game. It has been so much fun the last few years, you won't want to miss it!

There is also May Breakfast on Sunday May 5th and, for all of you racers, the Skippers & Crew Meeting on May 17th.

We hope to see you at all these events to reunite sailing friendships and to create new ones as we share our enjoyment of this great sport!

Jennifer Brandon

Rear Commodore's Message

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



Race Committee

In case you haven't checked in recently with the website the racing calendar has been posted for the Summer Series, Saturday races and Fall Series. For your reading pleasure the event dates are as follows:

SUMMER SERIES

- June 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th (races 1 thru 4)
- July 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th (races 5 thru 9)
- Aug 5th, 12th, 19th (races 10 thru 12)

- Aug 26th (rain date if needed)

SATURDAY RACES

- June 22: Rainone Solo Twin Race
- July 20: Whaler's Race
- Aug 10: Ladies Skipper Race
- Aug 17: Varnum Fundraiser Regatta
- Oct 12: Pumpkin Patch Regatta

FALL SERIES

- Sept 4th, 9th, 11th and 16th

Additionally, the Race Committee will be hosting a ***Skipper & Crew*** meeting at the Varnum Armory Friday night May 17th from 7 to 9PM. Please join us as there will be several announcements and procedural changes made to the Summer Series. The meeting will be downstairs at our usual place.

Education

In case you missed our annual "sewing class" event at Tonya Ricketts workshop on Feb 9th we had a terrific time and made some awesome sailing items. Not only did we have lots of laughs but plenty of thread and needles were used in the process. The following photos should offer some encouragement to those of you who have never joined us for a fun activity regardless of whether you've ever sewn or not. We always have extra sewing machines to use, as well as, supplies galore ... Our next sewing class will be held in the Fall prior to the Banquet ... stay tuned!



Last, but not least, NBYA is hosting a terrific presentation on April 2nd at 6PM at the Quantum Sails Loft in Middletown, RI a "no cost event" and I encourage the membership to attend [see attached flyer]. WBYC will also participate in the Bay Challenge Team Race on Sept. 22nd so stay tuned for details.

Grant Brandon



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

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WBYC's Annual Paw Sox Game

Join
West Bay Yacht
Club
PAWSOX vs Syracuse
Mets

April 14, 2019

At McCoy Stadium 1:35 pm

Tickets @ \$15, includes \$2 concession credit

See Jim Thorsen or email Jethorsen2@gmail.com



“Save the date” to hear Cameron Appleton’s presentation!



Start your 2019 Sailing Season with special NBYA Guest Speaker Cameron Appleton!

That snow outside will be gone soon, and we will all be gearing-up for the upcoming sailing/racing season. Jump-start your preparation with a special presentation by one of Quantum Sails newest members -- world-champion tactician and helmsman Cameron Appleton.



RC44 Sweden CUP
Photo ©martinezstudio.es

Cam is one of today's most in-demand sailing pros, with notable successes in many classes including super-competitive offshore one-designs like the RC44, Melges 40, Melges 32, and Melges 20. Putting on his coaching hat, he will be sharing techniques, strategy and technology from the high-end yacht racing circuit that can be used in PHRF and club racing. Topics will include boat handling techniques, crew management, sail technology, worthwhile gear upgrades, and race strategy, to name a few. Cam wants this to be an interactive session, so come armed with your best sailing/racing questions!

THE DETAILS

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

6:00 - 8:00 PM (presentation starts at 6:30)

[Quantum Sails Newport](#)

23 Johnnycake Hill Road, Middletown, RI

Come join your friends from the sailing community for a wide-ranging discussion on boat, crew, and racing performance. We will also have some announcements and giveaways in preparation for the 2019 NBYA season. Don't miss a great evening!

This is a free event, but make sure we have enough seats by registering here.

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It may be time to check your fire extinguishers...

On November 2, 2017, Kidde recalled certain fire extinguishers with plastic handles because these items can become clogged or require excessive force to operate and so can fail during a fire emergency. Also, the nozzle can detach from the extinguisher with enough force to cause impact injuries. Consumers should contact Kidde immediately to request a free replacement fire extinguisher and for instructions on returning the recalled unit. Recall Details The recall involves 134 models of Kidde fire extinguishers manufactured between January 1, 1973 and August 15, 2017, including models that were previously recalled in March 2009 and February 2015. The extinguishers were sold in red, white and silver, and are either ABC- or BC-rated. The model number is printed on the fire extinguisher label. For units produced in 2007 and beyond, the date of manufacture is a 10-digit date code printed on the side of the cylinder, near the bottom. Digits five through nine represent the day and year of manufacture in DDDYY format. Date codes for recalled models manufactured from January 2, 2012 through August 15, 2017 are 00212 through 22717. For units produced before 2007, a date code is not printed on the fire extinguisher. Push-Button Pindicator Fire Extinguishers The recall involves eight models of Kidde Pindicator fire extinguishers manufactured between August 11, 1995 and September 22, 2017. The no-gauge push-button extinguishers were sold in red and white, and with a red or black nozzle. These models were sold primarily for kitchen and personal watercraft applications. For more information and a complete list of every fire extinguisher affected, visit the Consumer Product Safety Commission at <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/KiddeRecalls-Fire-Extinguishers-with-Plastic%20Handles-Due-to-Failure-to-Discharge-and-Nozzle-Detachment-One-Death-Reported>

Contributed by Scott Tegan

Secretary's Report



WEST BAY YACHT CLUB BOARD OF GOVERNORS JANUARY 09, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

The January meeting of the West Bay Yacht Club Board of Governors was held on Wednesday, January 09, 2019 at 300 Jefferson Blvd, Warwick.

Attendees: Paul Finstein, Jennifer Brandon, Grant Brandon, Jim Thorson, Raleigh Jenkins,

Dave Kiernan, Ray Perrotta, JoAnn Grima, Jim Ward

The Meeting was called to order at: 1911 by Commodore Paul Finstein who requested the Minutes from the last meeting.

Secretary's Report: Raleigh read the Minutes for the December meeting. With one correction for spelling, the Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jim reported that there was little activity for the month, mostly renewals. There will be a review of our insurance coverage for on the water events.

Commodore's Report: Paul is trying to fill vacancies. Scott is working on new email system Mail Chimp for its grouping abilities. House Committee is still being overseen by Dean Travis, who maintains contact with Armory. We have 3 events at the Armory scheduled: March 16 St Patrick's Day Dinner; April 12 Cruising Pot Luck; May 5 May Breakfast.

Vice Commodore's Report: Jen requested a report from Grant (Racing, below).

Rear Commodore's Report: See below.

Parliamentarian's Report: No report.

Members at Large Report: No complaints reported.

Committee Reports:

Activities /Good & Welfare: Nothing to report. All appears well and good.

Racing: Grant noted the Summer and Fall Racing Dates are in the Master Calendar. Skippers Meeting is May 17.

Cruising: Jen said she still needs some Cruise Captains. Cruising will be looking at "Mini Cruises" for the upcoming season.

Education: Grant reported we will be having a Sewing Class on Saturday 2/9.

House: Dean Travis is interfacing with the Armory

Membership: Letters will be going out.

Publicity: No report

Blooper: Grant will cover with Jen's assistance

Website: See Commodore's Report above

Old Business: No Old Business

New Business: Next Meeting February 13, 2019 at 1900hrs (300 Jefferson Blvd.)

Motion Made, Seconded and Moved to Adjourn at 2033hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Raleigh M. Jenkins, Secretary

Activities Report



From the Activities Corner

A wonderful time was had by one and all at our annual St. Patty's Dinner! No one left hungry, that's for sure, with the fabulous feast put on by Paul and Cathy O'Finstein! And thank you everyone who supplied the Irish Soda Bread and all the scrumptious desserts!





Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

The Activities Crew
Jo-Ann, Jen, and Michele

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: 3rd, 10th, 11th, & 24th.

July
Monday Races: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th.

August
Monday Races: 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th.

Fall Series (4 races)

September
Wednesday Races: 4th & 11th. Monday Races: 9th & 16th.

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

There is good news to report. The days are getting longer. And, we are putting our 2019 WBYC cruising calendar together. So, summer cruising is getting closer!

As of now we are expecting to host at least the same cruises we held last year and can hopefully coordinate with our Race Committee to get the Whaler's Race to BI back on the schedule. 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 is going to be on **Friday, April 12th** at the Armory, in the downstairs. It is a potluck and BYO, so join the fun and help us plan out the summer, **Cruise Captains Needed, so please come and 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 will be welcomed. We can always use new ideas for destinations or cruises.

Jim Ward

Acting Cruise Chair



Calendar of Events

Next Board of Govenor's Meeting – Monday, April 8th at Capital Billiards in Providence

April 12th - Cruise Party at the Armory, Potluck and BYO, join the fun and plan out the summer cruise schedule

April 14th - WBYC at the Pawsox! Last year we had over 30 members attend and had a blast!

May 5th - May Breakfast at the Armory

May 17th - Racing Skippers and Crew meeting at the Armory

May 25th - Memorial Day Cruise, specifics tbd