



THE BLOOPER

Commodore's Message



Our first event at the new clubhouse facility came close to happening until the storm hit. Postponing the Holiday Party was a difficult call to make but safety concerns were obviously important. The new date is now January 6th and will be a big step in getting us back into the swing of frequent and fun events that can now be held at the Armory. Your WBYC board has been working on a full calendar for 2018 which will be coming out shortly. Suffice to say, we will have a full slate of events every month covering many subjects and interests, on top of the WBYC camaraderie that's always present. If I don't see you this month, best wishes for the holidays and I hope we can

meet at one of the January events.

While I'm not a snowbird who does the winter migration to Florida, Julie and I will be going to New Zealand for 5 weeks, beginning the day after the Super bowl. When we return in mid-March, spring will be around the corner and boating season not far behind.

Thanks again to everyone who is helping in rebuilding the club and see you soon.

Kind regards and best wishes,
Scott Tagen, Commodore
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Vice Commodore's Message



From the Vice Commodore's desk:

I hope that you all had as much of a nice time at our terrific annual banquet as I. It is always nice to see so many boaters in "real" clothes. It makes them hard to recognize! Jo-Ann and her group did their usual fabulous job making everything come together. It was great to see so much "old school" West Bay spirit.

I can't wait until we get together again on January 6th for the first event in our new home – our Holiday Party and Yankee Gift Swap. I have made sure that Hanukkah Harry has directions to the new location, and he is looking forward to presiding again as he has every year since 1997! I hope you will make every effort to join us for this highlight of the season.

I also want to be sure to invite all of our racers who were not able to be with us at the banquet to join us for this next event. I will have all of the “unclaimed” awards with me, so if no one from your crew appeared in your place, you will be able to receive your just accolades and go home with a little extra bling.

Hopefully, the weather will stay unseasonably warm for a few more weeks and we won't need to go looking for our snuggies!

See you all at the party!

Paul Finstein

Rear Commodore's Message



Ahoy fellow West Bay members! It's hard to believe the summer has flown by, racing and cruising awards have been handed out, the new slate of officers has been voted on, we've had our first snow storm and 2017 is drawing to a close! The new year will bring us new adventures to embark upon – especially our new clubhouse at the East Greenwich Armory.

As you may know the snow storm postponed our holiday party/pot luck dinner/Yankee swap. It was to be our first event at the new location. Since it has been put off until January 6th, you still have time to call Jo-Ann and get your name on the list to christen WBYC's new home! I can't think of a better way to ring in the new year!

And what a year it will be...we will be reviving game night, poker nights, chess tournaments, education events, and maybe a painting night, wine & cheese get-togethers, Super bowl game nights, etc. Yep we are going to be back in full swing - and it sure feels good!

Even though we don't have use of the Armory 24/7, we will be hosting activities there 2-3 times each month. That means it's more important than ever to stay in touch through the Blooper, emails, Facebook, the web site and your fellow WBYC members. I hope we get a lot of members sending in enthusiastic suggestions on new ideas and activities to add to our repertoire as well. Your board members will try to make sure word gets out about each activity, so please pass the word along to all your friends and reach out to the board with any questions and suggestions you may have. In our new situation we will all have to be great communicators and collaborators!

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season, and the happiest of new year's!

Jennifer Brandon

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From the Membership Desk



Hello Members,

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the West Bay Yacht Club members for making 2017 another remarkable year. Racing and cruising events were again top notch and well attended. Our activities group is well on their way to getting our land based events underway too. Have you heard? We are now renting event space at the Varnum Armory located in East Greenwich, on the corner of Main and Division Street. Our first event will be the Holiday Party.

The Armory is an excellent solution for West Bay Yacht Club as it maintains our presence in the community and offers expansion for future growth. Our current commitment is for event space located within the Armory that has a full

commercial kitchen to accommodate all our kitchen needs for all events including after race meals held on Monday nights during the summer months. It's a great solution and, to say the least, we are extremely excited about this. West Bay Yacht Club again has a home.



Additionally, I want to mention that our membership committee will be reuniting to begin the process of renewals for 2018 memberships soon. Please send me a note as to any changes in your email and /or mailing address. Your help to make this go smoothly is always appreciated.

-Have a friend who might be interested in becoming a West Bay Yacht Club member? Send me a note, I'll send them a membership application.

Thanks!

Dean Travis
Membership Chair
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Also –

Our Holiday Party has been postponed because of the inclement weather, parking bans and sidewalk accessibility. We have rescheduled this event to **Saturday, January 6th 2018.**

Event details-

Date: Saturday, January 6th 2018

Time: 5:30pm

Place: The East Greenwich Armory on the corner of Main and Division Streets*.

RSVP event. Contact Jo-Ann Grima 738-0272

*Our entrance is on the Division Street side. Look for the WBYC flag and walk in. Follow the signs to the WBYC event room,

5:30 Appetizers

6:15 Dinner starts

7:30 Yankee Swap starts

Please look at the attached photo for parking spots.

The Membership Guy, Dean

Secretary's Report



Board of Governor's meeting notes for November 2, 2017

Attendees: *Scott Tagen* (Commodore), *Paul Finstein* (Vice-Commodore), *Jennifer Brandon* (Rear Commodore), *Grant Brandon* (Secretary), *Dale Broadbent* (Treasurer), *Jo-Ann Grima* (Activities), *Sandy Grima* (Nominating Committee), *Jim Thorsen* (Member-at-Large), *Bill Lilly* (Parliamentarian) *Dave Pickering* (Relocation Committee) and *Dean Travis* (Membership).

Board of Governor's meeting was brought to order at 7:15PM @ PAL's Restaurant on Nov. 2nd by Scott Tagen:

- Secretary's Report and Minutes were approved & accepted as presented – Grant B.
- Commodore's Report contained overviews of the following topics – Scott T.
 1. The past four to five months have been very interesting and it has been a very positive experience.
 2. Significant progress has been achieved in providing consistent information to the membership and providing stability to the overall Club and organization. This progress needs to continue in order to move forward. It has been a "game of inches" and it clearly takes time to make the kind of progress which is needed. We have a long way to go but progress has certainly been made.
 3. The website has taken a good effort to get it up and running and the Blooper needs to continue and expanded. Including more postings on Facebook from the general membership which can also be incorporated into the website.
- Vice-Commodore's Report – Paul F.
 1. All racing awards have been ordered at Correa, Shane and East Coast.
 2. No delays or unfulfilled orders are anticipated, and everything is in place for the Annual Banquet.
- Rear Commodore's Report – Jen B.
 1. Working on the details for the Annual Banquet which will be held at EGYC on November 11th. This year we will not have many marine sponsors as they are not supporting these types of events.
 2. Fall Sewing Class is scheduled for Saturday Nov. 4th at Tonya's workshop from 10 to 2PM.
 3. Discussions have been held with Norm Lambert regarding several Ski Trips for this winter. Once the schedule is out we'll publish dates, times and locations (thanks to Dale B. for making the suggestion).
- Treasurer's Report – Dale B.
 1. All income and expenses are in line with current budget estimates and forecasts.
 2. Upcoming Annual Banquet expenses should be in line with estimates and invoices will be paid accordingly following the event at EGYC.
- Nominating Committee Report – Sandy G.
 1. Annual Meeting was held at Pal's Restaurant on Friday Oct. 20th at 7PM and a full quorum was present.
 2. The following slate of officers for 2018 were voted on & elected and are as follows:

Commodore: Scott Tagen, Vice Commodore: Paul Finstein, Rear Commodore: Jen Brandon, Secretary: Grant Brandon, Treasurer: Jim Thorsen, Parliamentarian: Bill Lilly, Past Commodore: Joe Crocker,

Members-at-Large: Michele Lilly, Raleigh Jenkins and Ray Perrotta.

- Relocation Committee Report – Dave P.
 1. Great News: WBYC's proposal and dates to use the Armory for WBYC activities were approved by the Varnum Armory Board.
 2. Getting buy-in from their Board was critical for making the arrangements be a win-win for both parties.
- Activities Report – Jo-Ann G.
 1. Annual Banquet logistics are going well. To date we have 61 paid attendees with two more for the DJ's.
 2. Schedule for the Banquet: 6:00PM Cocktails and 7:00PM Dinner to be served
 3. Auction items look very promising with a good amount of variety for all to enjoy
 4. Many thanks to all for helping make this event a great success!
- General Business – Scott T.
 1. Holiday Party would be a perfect "kick-off" for our new location at the Varnum Armory
 2. Treasurer transition needed from Dale to Jim in the next few weeks to insure all bills and invoices are paid and authorized signatures are completed.
 3. Yearbook to be ready for distribution at the Annual Banquet need some last minute help expect some calls
 4. Following the Super Bowl, Julie and I will be off to New Zealand for six weeks and return around mid-March.
 5. Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM. Next meeting scheduled for Thursday Dec 7th at the Lilly's Home in EG

Activities Report



From the Activities Corner, Nov/Dec 2017

Please call me if you're interested in joining us for the re-scheduled Holiday Party, January 6th at the Armory. Happy holidays everyone!

See you at the next activity,

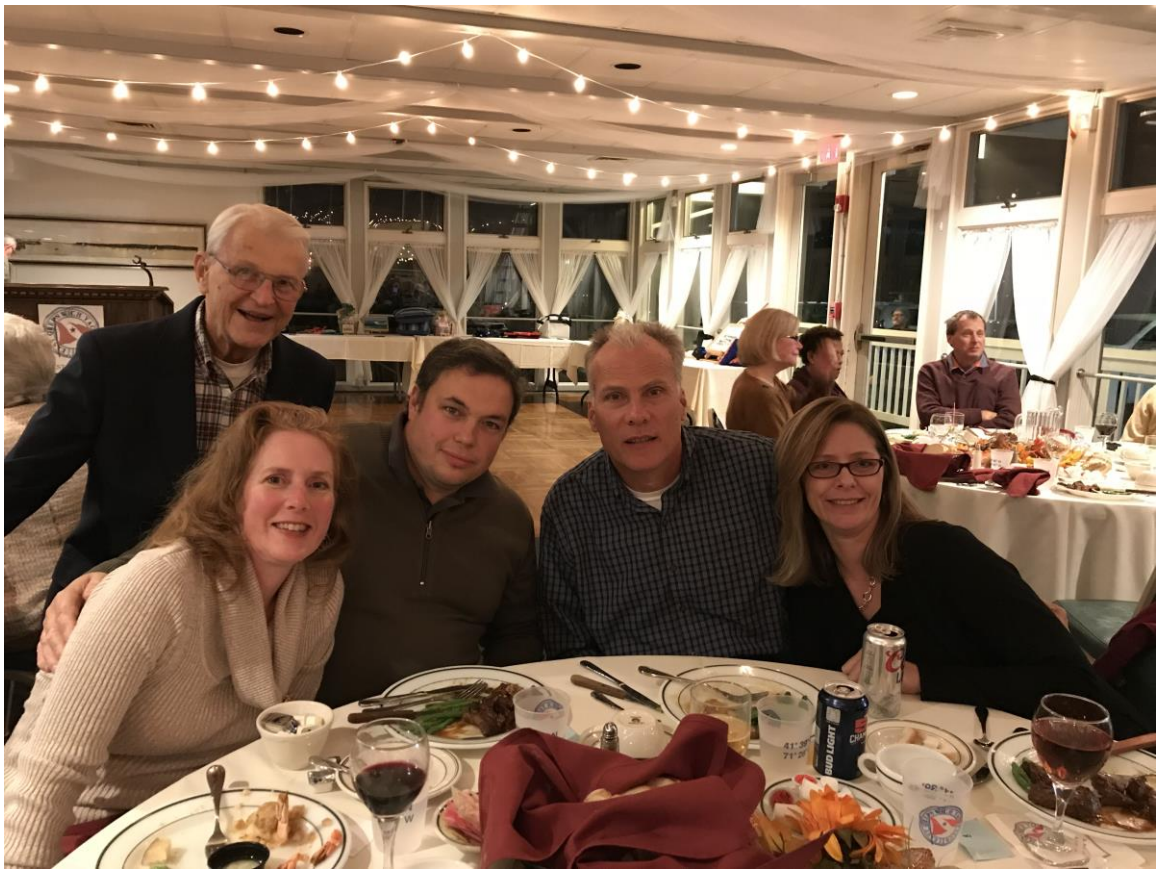
Jo-Ann and the Activities Crew

738-0272

Here are pictures from the Annual Banquet. Enjoy!









The Mitchell Regattas: An Emphasis On Fun
By Jim Thorsen



Start thinking about next year- Mitchell Regattas on Memorial Day and Columbus Day 2018

Newport Yacht Club sponsors two regattas that West Bay Club members may be interested in, each to open and close the racing season.

The Mitchell Memorial Day Regatta is an annual race from Newport to Block Island started by Newport Yacht Club member and past commodore Cliff Mitchell and is named in honor of his grandfather. Since Cliff's passing in 2011 the regatta is now being called simply the Mitchell Memorial Day Regatta. The regatta is a relaxed event with an emphasis on fun. The race is non-spinnaker only and uses a staggered start with starting times based on PHRF time-on-distance. One-design classes are also possible with a minimum of three boats required for a class. First, second, and third place trophies are awarded in each class, and the John E. Rebello team race recognizes the best combination of finishes amongst teams made up of three boats from different classes.

The Mitchell Columbus Day Regatta uses the same racing format. I can say from personal experience crewing on both Thora and Stormin' Norman, that the race is challenging, competitive and fun – all the elements for a good race and the skippers and crews of the participating dozens of boats have a mostly pleasant and helpful disposition. The weekend on Block Island is fun, as the crowds are mostly gone, but the restaurants and bars are still open.

The last time we raced was 2011, the year Cliff passed away. To all who knew him, he was a wonder, a colorful character and part of RI sailing culture who will be long remembered for skippering the Never Again IV. I hope we can get some WBYC Club members to make the race this year, as we have shown well in the past.

JET

From the Race Committee



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2018 WBYC Racing Calendar

The racing calendar dates for 2018 excluding Saturday events are as follows:

Summer Series (12 races)

June
Monday Races: 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th.

July
Monday Races: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th.

August
Monday Races: 6th, 20th, & 27th.

Fall Series (4 races)

September
Wednesday Races: 5th & 12th. Monday Races: 17th & 24th.

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).

A Few Racing Awards Photos at the Annual Banquet







Cruise Committee Report



Our 2017 cruise program is officially closed. Since my last report in September, we did have two very successful cruises. Our annual End of Summer cruise to Barrington YC hosted by Beth and Kevin Ingle and our Columbus Weekend cruise to Wickford hosted by Nancy and Charley Roman. Both cruises were lots of fun and were very well attended by cruisers from both land and sea.

I would like to congratulate our 2017 Cruisers of the Year, Beth and Kevin Ingle. Beth and Kevin have been consistent cruise partners since I've known them, and were active participants in almost every cruise we had in 2017, including as members of our cruise committee and cruise captains for our End of Summer cruise. A hearty congratulation to you both!

Overall our cruise program was very successful and diverse. For those of you who participated, thank you, it wouldn't have been successful without you. We had several new member/cruisers participate, showing we attract folks who may want to cruise but have been reluctant to go it alone.

We will be posting our tentative cruise schedule for 2018 soon so stay tuned. See you at the club.

Tom Stocker
Cruise Chair



From the Education Committee





Fall Sewing Class, November 4th with Tonya, “The Canvas Lady “

Calendar of Events

*** 1st Thursday of Every Month - Board of Governor’s Meeting ***

January 6th – Holiday Party Pot Luck Dinner & Yankee Gift Swap Varnum Armory, E. Greenwich

January 18th - Education/Game Night (Thursday Night) Varnum Armory, E. Greenwich

January 27th - Cruise Party (Saturday Night) Varnum Armory, E. Greenwich