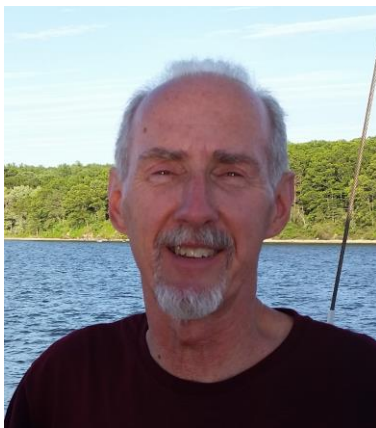




THE BLOOPER

Commodore's Message



For some of us, the boating season is over except for changing the oil, filter, zincs, flushing out the water tanks and hoses, etc. I'm envious of those who stay in until late November, but I have too many memories of a poor boating month and doing the work in cold and rainy weather. Knot So Fast is on the hard and partially covered in blue tarps, and a complete disaster inside but she will survive the winter fine.

We managed a quorum for the Annual Meeting by a hair and completed the business of electing a new Board and approving the 2019 budget. Thanks to those who are stepping down for your excellent work, and welcome to the new people joining the board. We still have a lot to do to grow the club membership which is critical to becoming stable for the long term. Remember that it's not just the Board that contributes to the club, so I'm asking all members to do something this coming year. You can attend an event that you haven't in the past, You could write a Blooper article. You could post a few pics on Facebook of a nice summer sail or your summer cruise. You could volunteer for just one evening to help the kitchen crew on Monday night for the after-racing meal.

I hope to see you at either the Banquet or the Yankee Swap, otherwise I'm going to get away for part of the winter. Julie and I will travel to Laos, Vietnam, Hong Kong, and Macau this winter and we can't wait. Hopefully the Pats will be in the Superbowl as we've reserved a room in the same hotel that has the largest sports pub in Hanoi. The only snag is that the Superbowl will be on very early Monday morning due to the time difference.

Kind regards,
Scott Tagen, (almost Past Commodore) (mobile) 401-203-9676

Rear Commodore's Message



Welcome to Autumn when the bay turns grey and gusty! We've had some exciting sailing this fall and I hope you were all able to get out on the water for some of the nicer sunnier days. We had a wonderful turnout of boats and sailors – some with scary costumes - for the Pumpkin Patch Regatta in spite of the plunging temperatures. Here are a few photos for you to enjoy:



And the winners were: Best Costumes,,,,,,,, and,,,,,,,,, Best Dressed Boat!



Much thanks to the Race Committee for putting on such a great event!



WBYC's New 2019 Slate of Officers

2019 Officers and Board Members

Commodore	Paul Finstein
Vice Commodore	Jen Brandon
Rear Commodore	Grant Brandon
Secretary	Raleigh Jenkins
Parliamentarian	Jeff Griglack
Members at Large	Dave Kiernan, Ray Perrotta and Paul Tracy
Activities	Jo-Ann Grima, Michele Lilly and Jen Brandon
Racing	Grant Brandon
Cruising	TBD
Membership	TBD
MemberChairman@WestBayYachtClub.com	
Treasurer	Jim Thorsen

Secretary's Report



WBYC Board of Governor's (abbreviated) Annual Meeting
notes for Oct 19, 2018

Attendees: *Scott Tagen (Commodore), Paul Finstein (Vice-Commodore), Jennifer Brandon (Rear Commodore), Grant Brandon (Secretary), Jim Thorsen (Treasurer), Jo-Ann Grima (Activities), Ray Perrotta (Member-at-Large), Michele Lilly (Member-at-Large), Raleigh Jenkins (Member-at-Large) and Dean Travis (Membership).*

Annual meeting was brought to order at 7:24PM @ the Varnum Armory by Scott Tagen:

- Secretary's minutes were read, approved & accepted as presented from the last Annual Meeting – Grant B.
- Treasurer's report presented & approved through Oct 19th full report to be completed by year end – Jim T.
- Membership report presented & approved through Oct 19th – Dean T.
- Vice-Commodore's report presented highlighted by reviewing both the Racing and Cruising programs – Paul F,
- M-A-L reports were presented by both Raleigh & Ray
- Racing report was presented and general discussions were had regarding the program – Grant B.
- Rear Commodore's report was presented highlighting the various activities throughout the season – Jen B.
- Activities report was presented offering accolades to all helpers and members for a great season - Jo-Ann G.
- Old Business was presented by the Commodore along with a review of the 2018 budget. Following discussion, New Business was presented & led by the Nominating Committee's proposed slate of new officers for 2019. The nominees put forth were as follows:

1. Commodore – Paul Finstein
2. Vice-Commodore – Jen Brandon
3. Rear Commodore – Grant Brandon
4. Secretary – Raleigh Jenkins
5. Treasurer – Jim Thorsen
6. Past Commodore – Scott Tagen
7. Members at Large - Ray Perrotta, Dave Kiernan and Paul Tracy
8. Parliamentarian - Jeff Griglack

The Secretary submitted the appropriate vote and the slate as presented was voted in office. The Commodore submitted a proposed balanced budget for the coming year and discussed the progress the Club had made over the past year and a half. Last, but not least, several suggestions were made by Scott to continue moving the Club forward during the coming years. Meeting was adjourned at 8:41PM

Activities Report



From the Activities Corner – **Come to the Annual End of Season Celebration Dinner!**

Here's hoping everyone had a great summer this year! As the season winds down we all have great stories we want to share with our fellow WBYC boaters – so what better activity than the Annual End-Of-Season Celebration Dinner Gala! It's going to be upstairs in the large hall of the Varnum Armory in East Greenwich. The fun starts at 6:00pm with appetizers, BYOB! The incredible Varnum Museum will be open at this time for any members who haven't had a chance to see it, or would like another peak at their extensive collection. Then we have a delectable buffet to enjoy, live music, a silent auction and lots of great raffle prizes. Can't wait to see you there!
Until next time,

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

WBYC's Annual Columbus Day Cruise - A Great Success!

Several boats (both land and sea) made up the more than 20+ WBYC Members and guests for this year's annual Columbus Day Cruise at the Wickford Marina. The Saturday night Pot Luck on the marina's spacious deck, with well laid out grills and food prep areas is always a recipe for a great dinner event. It offered some very delicious creative entrees brought by members. And thanks to Grant and Jennifer's efforts there was WBYC club sponsored appetizers, beer and wine, including a few rounds of Dave Pickering's famous "Frozen Mudslides" (which disappeared quickly!)

The weather cooperated this year with better than seasonal temperatures and light wind for some very nice sailing! Reaching out to some former WBYC members to join us was successful and it was wonderful to spend time with them and getting caught up - some of them are now discussing renewing their memberships for next year! As always, there were some great early cocktail parties onboard many of the boats and this year's dinner adventure was held at **Dan's Carriage Inn & Saloon!** Many said it was the best meal they ever had at a restaurant on this Columbus Day Cruise. The service, the apps, entrees and the staff were exceptional. Having our very own dining area made it extra special.

Several of us took exploratory dinghy rides through the harbor with some really impressive views of wildlife. (OK, some of it **was** WBYC members....) Having a three-day cruise which includes two nights allowed us all to relax and enjoy ourselves. Hope YOU can join us there next year!

Respectfully submitted,
The Pickering's & Brandon's
Cruis Co-Chairs

From the Race Committee



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from the Race Committee Chair ...

What a terrific racing season we had this past Summer and Fall. Each race was competitive, challenging and most of all FUN. All of us on the Race Committee shared the enjoyment with each racer and frankly we can't wait to do it all over again next year.

The last event on the calendar featured the Pumpkin Patch Race on October 13th, and by mid-afternoon the "sun Gods" appeared and blessing us with golden rays from up above. Not a bad way to end a glorious season with the final results as follows:

Class A / Non-Spin

1st in Class – Tom D'Albora in **Coconut**
2nd in Class – Scott & Peter Allstrom in **Anser**
3rd in Class – Jim Archer in **En Passant**

Class B / Non-Spin

1st in Class – Chris Tate in **Blitz**
2nd in Class – Bill Kirk in **Cosmo**
3rd in Class – Dale Broadbent in **Elan**

CONGRATS to all who participated and just think we're less than six months from launching our boats again. Thanks for making the 2018 racing season special!!!

WBYC Race Committee

Cruise Committee Report



Calendar of Events

Next Board of Governor's Meeting – Wednesday July 18th at The Armory 7:00pm

Nov 10th Annual Banquet 6:00pm - at the Varnum Armory in the upstairs banquet hall

Dec 8th Holiday Party – at the Armory; downstairs. Come and join in the potluck dinner and Yankee Swap!