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# **THE BLOOPER**

## **The 2017 Board of Governors**

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**Past Commodore**  
**Joe Crocker**

## Commodore's Message



Hi to all and I hope you're getting some quality boat time. Julie and I were gone for about 17 days, and went to Newport, Cuttyhunk, Hadley Harbor, Menemsha, Oak Bluffs, Vineyard Haven, Edgartown, Nantucket, Hyannis, and Cotuit. The first week had mixed weather, including some high winds, cloudy and some rain. After that, things got mostly better as the high pressure system returned. We did get some fog on a couple of the legs but trusted in our past experience as well as the radar and recently installed AIS transceiver. We did a lot of reading, swimming, eating, and I also managed to have a few beers of course. Altogether it was a great time, though a little more sun would have helped. On the home front, Knot So Fast did a few stints as committee boat and the competition is keen. If anyone is interested in coming along for a Monday evening, then let me

or Grant know. It's a good experience and always good to get out on the water.

It was a terrific event for the New Members Social at Pals. It was a great time and all who attended had a chance to meet our new members.

See you on the water!

Scott Tagen

(mobile) 401-203-9676

## Rear Commodore's Message

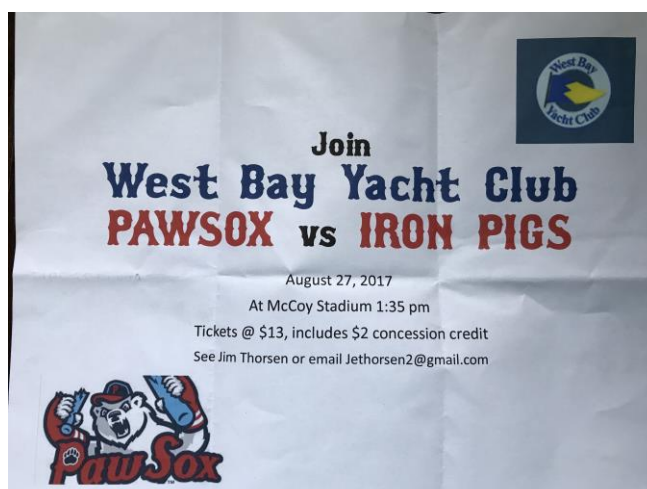


Ahoy everyone! I hope you have all been enjoying the splendid weather we've been having this summer (except for a few thunder storms here and there). It's been delightful for all sorts of outdoor activities – sailing especially – so raise the anchor and savor the last month of summer! On shore activities have been especially good this summer too. The New Members Social was a wonderful event with 23 members attending, enjoying good food and great conversation. New friendships were formed, and on the water activities planned. It was a lively crowd and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely!





If you missed this event, make sure to sign up for our trip to see the PawSox on August 27<sup>th</sup> at McCoy Stadium. It's a 1:30 game so it won't be a late night, and it's an event everyone will enjoy! Send Jim Thorsen a note to get on the list at [Jethorsen2@gmail.com](mailto:Jethorsen2@gmail.com)



Also, coming up in September we are planning a Wine and Paint Party. We will be sending an e-mail flyer to all members as well as posting it on our Facebook page. It will be loads of fun, and who knows what hidden talents you may discover! Till then, happy boating!

Jen Brandon

## Newport Maritime Center

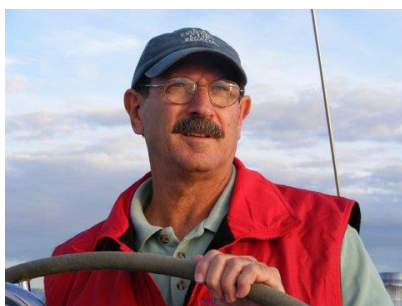
How many of you know about the Newport Mariner Center in Harbor? If not, it's a valuable resource for boaters, whether you're there for only a day, a night, or even more. It's in the basement of a building at the Ann Street Pier. First of all, most everything is free. There's dinghy dock space for about 10 dinghies, clean bathrooms, showers (coin-operated), 6 each washers and dryers (coin operated), ice (reasonable rates), and a number of tables and chairs to hang-out at no charge. If you're staying in Newport and need a place to meet people and hang (especially if it's raining), then it's fantastic. If the dinghy area is full, there's a small sandy beach that you can land on. There's also a dock for a couple boats (up to 40') on a first-come, first-served basis, but I believe there's a time limit.





We have found this a great place to land the dinghy. It's a lot closer to our favorite restaurants than the one near Ida Lewis YC, and a lot less crowded than the other ones near Bowens Wharf. It's pretty easy to find, hours are 7:30 AM to 8 PM, and phone is 401,845.5470, and website is <http://www.cityofnewport.com/visitors/newport-maritime-center>.

## Secretary's Report



**Attendees:** *Scott Tagen* (Commodore), *Paul Finstein* (Vice-Commodore), *Jennifer Brandon* (Rear Commodore), *Grant Brandon* (Secretary), *Dale Broadbent* (Treasurer), *Bill Lilly* (Parliamentarian), *Michele Lilly* (Member-at-Large), *Jo-Ann Grima* (Activities), *Dave Pickering*.

Board of Governor's meeting was brought to order at 7:16PM @ PAL's Restaurant by Scott Tagen:

- **Secretary's Report and Minutes were approved & accepted – Grant B.**
- **Commodore's Report contained overviews of the following topics – Scott T.**
  1. Summer Racing Program well on its way
  2. Website and Blooper updated on a regular timeline
  3. Clubhouse Planning, Requirements Analysis, Summary of Site Visits, Progress reporting continues
  4. Current Financials, Membership Updates & Events Calendar are all developing well.
- **Vice-Commodore's Report – Paul F.**
  1. Success needs to be standardized across every racing event and we're making excellent progress.
  2. Adhoc race committee to be co-chaired by Paul and Grant supported by Bill L. and Scott T. for both the Summer Racing Series and Saturday Races is going very well. Have received good feedback from racers.
  4. Rainone Solo/Twin scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup> does not look very encouraging due to lack of participation. Re-scheduled date July 29<sup>th</sup> along with a Ladies Skipper Regatta on Aug 19<sup>th</sup>. Combined Raft-up event with EGYC at Goddard Park on Friday June 24<sup>th</sup> will be scheduled.
- **Rear Commodore's Report – Jen B.**
  1. New Member's Social has been re-scheduled for Aug 5<sup>th</sup> @ PAL's private room.
  2. Personal calls will be made to each new member (Michelle L. to assist)
  3. Purchased a new laptop PC computer to be compatible with the new website

- **Treasurer's Report – Dale B.**
  1. All income and expenses are in line with current budget estimates and forecasts.
  2. Motion was made and passed to combine the “contingency” savings account with the “regular” savings account.
  3. Michele L to pick-up mail at the EG Post Office next week while Dale is out of town
  4. Developing a Racing & Banquet Income and Expense report for the Board
  5. A WBYC Debit Card is available for billing purposes when needed.
- **Members-at-Large -- Jim T. & Michele L.**
  1. Contacting potential new and old members for the purpose of providing them with an updated version of our activities and events, current leadership changes and key objectives.
- **Cruising Report – Tom S.**
  1. Most Cruises are on the events calendar with scheduled locations and cruise captains.
  2. 4<sup>th</sup> of July cruise is at Bristol Yacht Club with all or most of the moorings assigned contact Dawn and Rich Safton for additional details
- **Activities Report – Jo-Ann and others**
  1. Jo-Ann will be assisted by Jen B and Michele L. in organizing the new members' social for Aug 5<sup>th</sup>.
  2. As well as assist in the September Wine & Paint Event – location and time TBD
- **Old Business – Scott T.**
  1. Visited the location at Prime Marina and determined the following:
    - a) It has a unisex bathroom
    - b) No water / No Heat / No A/C
    - c) Flooring very crude / it was Hot upstairs
    - d) Parking is extremely limited due and Prime is expecting to renovate the location and up the rent substantially (between \$1600 to \$2000/ month)
- **New Business – Scott T.**
  1. Developed an extensive matrix laying out configurations for all three tiers highlighted by usage, square footage, kitchen / general facilities, costs, expenses, supplies, etc.
  2. An Income and Expense matrix was presented highlighted by memberships, dues, fees, income, expenses and major assumptions (fundraisers, fee increases, etc)
  3. Presented a complete Start-Up plan required for the Frenchtown Road occupancy by priorities. And a comprehensive list of expenses associated by quarter (one year) for review and discussion.
  4. Old website removed and new website in design phase (new site is user friendly, easy learning and windows based).
  5. Jo-Ann to pole membership for any and all items they may have from the old Club and track the inventory.
  6. Encouraged all BOG members to attend the “new member social” on Aug 5<sup>th</sup> at PAL's!!!
- **Next BOG Meeting:** Aug 3<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at PAL's Restaurant. This extra June meeting covers the regular scheduled meeting scheduled for July 6<sup>th</sup>.
- **Meeting Adjourned:** 8:55PM – submitted by Grant Brandon (Secretary)

## Activities Report



From the Activities Corner

As the old saying goes... Time flies when you're having fun!! We certainly hope that's been the case for everyone so far this summer.

We've heard a few tales of boating mishaps and adventures but all has turned out fine. That's a good thing, isn't it?

Racing is in full swing as the battle for a trophy continues!!

We really enjoyed the New Members Social held on August 5<sup>th</sup>! We've included a few photos below for your viewing pleasure...!



Good and Welfare –We haven't heard any bad news from anyone so we're thinking all is well. If you have anything to share, let us know and we'll take care of it for you.

We're certainly looking for help and new ideas for functions. Please feel free to reach out to any one of us.

Later,

The Activities Crew (aka, Jo-Ann, Jen and Michele)

## **From the Race Committee**





There are a number of changes which have been implemented to the original racing calendar which was published back in May of this year. The changes are as follows:

1. The Summer Racing Series will include racing on Monday night August 14th (VJ Day). This change completes twelve Monday nights of racing for the Summer Series while providing three throw-outs for the Series. The nine best races will only be counted for the series
2. The Rainone Solo/Twin was moved to July 29th with a Noon START, FLEET racing and all CLASSES were be NON-SPIN. The RC will used existing Government Marks, and results were announced following racing at McKinley's Pub, as well as, published on the WBYC Facebook page.
3. The Ladies Skipper Regatta has been added to the schedule and will be held on August 19th with a Noon START, FLEET racing and all CLASSES will be NON-SPIN. The RC will use existing Government Marks, and results will be announced following racing at McKinley's Pub, as well as, published on the WBYC Facebook page.
4. Last, but not least, the Whalers Race from Dutch Harbor to Block Island will not be held this year as originally scheduled, and instead it will be replaced with a long distance race (possible an around-the-island race) on Saturday Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>. The racing venue will include multiple classes including: Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, Double Handed and Family Class. A Noon START, FLEET racing for ALL CLASSES and the RC will use existing Government Marks. Results will be announced following racing at McKinley's Pub and published on the WBYC Facebook page
5. The Fall Series is on schedule as originally announced (Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>) please plan accordingly (6PM START), and send all correspondence and checks to the following address as the website is currently under construction and payments cannot be accepted until further notice:

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

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the water ....







# 2017 WBYC Racing Calendar

## August

Monday, August 7th  
Summer Series - Race #9

Monday, August 14th  
Summer Series - Race #10

Saturday, August 19th  
Ladies' Regatta

Monday, August 21st  
Summer Series - Race #11

Saturday, August 26th  
Long Distance Race

Monday, August 28th  
Summer Series - Race #12

## September

Wednesday, September 6th  
Fall Series - Race #1

Monday, September 11th  
Fall Series - Race #2

Wednesday, September 13th  
Fall Series - Race #3

Monday, September 18th  
Fall Series - Race #4

## October

Saturday, October 14th  
WBYC's Pumpkin Patch Regatta

# 2017 WBYC Cruising Calendar



Labor Day Cruise to Cuttyhunk Island  
Saturday, September 2nd - Monday, September 4th  
Cruise Capt.: Liz & Will R.

End of Summer Cruise to Barrington Y. C.  
Saturday, September 23rd - Sunday, September 24th  
Cruise Capt.: Beth & Kevin I.

Columbus Day Cruise to Wickford Marina  
Saturday, October 7th - Monday, October 9th  
Cruise Capt.: Nancy & Charley R.

Let's Go Cruzin!



### **WBYC Dutch Harbor Mooring Location**

Mooring #215 Located in the town mooring field, in the general vicinity of 3 Wickford YC moorings. Approximate location coordinates 041.29.692 071.23.527.

#### **Dutch Harbor Mooring Rules (as adopted November 2010)**

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 Jamestown Harbormaster to resolve the issue.*

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 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 Jamestown 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 twenty-four 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.

## **From the Education Committee**



To be announced soon: dates for the Fall Sewing Class schedule!

## **Calendar of Events**

\*\*\* 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of Every Month - Board of Governor's Meeting \*\*\*

**September** – Wine and Paint Party. At TBD

**October** – Sewing Class 1 with Tonya The Canvas Lady. At Tonya's canvas loft

**October 20** – Annual Meeting. At TBD

**November** – Sewing Class 2 with Tonya The Canvas Lady. At Tonya's canvas loft

**November 11** – WBYC Awards Banquet. At TBD

**December 9** – Holiday Yankee Swap Party and Dinner. At TBD