



THE BLOOPER

Commodore's Message



I hope you are all getting some time on the water as we've had some great days with clear skies and warm temperatures. I was thinking today how nice it would be to be out on the water, but alas my boat is on the hard...It came out of the water early so I could do some work on it and get a jump on what might be a major effort over the winter.

Meanwhile, there's a lot of things coming up soon at the club, including the Annual Meeting on Oct 20th at 7 PM at Pals in E.G. It's crucial that enough members attend in order to get a quorum.

If you were a member in the past, you can join now and have membership benefits through the end of next year – that's 2 extra months for free! Planning for next year's events is happening now, so if

there's something you're interested in don't hesitate to contact one of the officers or committee members and be a part of what makes this a great club: participation, inclusiveness and sharing. See you soon!

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Rear Commodore's Message



We are winding down our "on the water" activities for the year - but don't fear, we have plenty of "shore side" plans to keep us busy and continuing the fun! However, before any of that can happen, we have to vote for our new slate of officers at the upcoming Annual Meeting on Friday October 20th, 7:00pm at Pal's Restaurant 43 Division St., East Greenwich. That is where it all begins, and where we all need to be to help our club be the best it can be! Come be a part of the planning and brainstorming for activities and get-togethers for the 2018 year! Join a committee, volunteer to help on a specific event create a new event! We are

looking for great ideas and fabulous new adventures to enjoy in the coming year – share your thoughts and we can make it happen together!

In the meantime, please be a part of the activities already planned through the end of the year: Sewing with Tonya, Annual Banquet with silent auction in November (always fun!), and the Holiday Dinner with Yankee Swap in December (even more fun!). Looking forward to seeing you there!

Jen Brandon

From the Membership Desk



Hi All -- I'm really looking forward to seeing everyone at this year's Annual Banquet on 11/11. The invitations have been mailed. If you don't receive one, please reach out to Jo-Ann (401-738-0272) She has the stash! It's always a great time to be together enjoying good food, music, reliving this past year's adventures on and off the water and just having fun. See you soon.

The Membership Guy, Dean

Secretary's Report



Board of Governor's meeting notes for Sept 05, 2017

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

Board of Governor's meeting was brought to order at 7:26PM @ PAL's Restaurant 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. Racing and cruising programs continue to move forward and have gone very well.
 2. It is very important we continue to emphasize our "signature" events which include major activities such as: Annual Banquet, Holiday Party, St Patty's Day Dinner to just name a few
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- **Rear Commodore's Report – Jen B.**
 1. Paint & Vino event is in the planning stages with Jo-Ann G. A potential location has been found on Main Street in East Greenwich providing lots of options such as: cost per person of

- \$25.00, can accommodate up to 32 people in the studio as well as, providing a local site for the community at large is a real plus.
2. Several dates are under consideration with final arrangements to be organized.
 3. Working on the details for the Annual Banquet which will be held at EGYC on November 11th. This year we will not have as many marine sponsors as Prime, West Marine and Brewers are not supporting these events.
 4. Discussions underway with Tonya Ricketts for the Fall Sewing Class (potential date end of October).
 5. Discussion have been held with Norm Lambert regarding several Ski Trips this winter. Once the schedule is out we will be able to 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. Insurance discussion was had regarding reviewing annual expense as we no longer have a Club House, but maintain the racing insurance coverage, as well as, and look into Board insurance coverage. Will report back at the next Board meeting.
 - **Cruising Committee -- Tom S. (absent)**
 1. Barrington Cruise scheduled for Sept 23rd and 24th.
 2. Columbus Day Weekend Cruise scheduled at Wickford Marina on Oct. 7th – 9th.
 - **Activities Report – Sandy G.**
 1. Looking for a Yearbook Chairperson to assist in creating an EYC (like) yearbook to be distributed at the Annual Banquet as in previous years.
 2. Annual Meeting to be held at Pal's Restaurant on Friday Oct. 20th at 7PM
 - **Old Business – Scott T.**
 1. Nominating Committee has been assembled and is made up of the following members: Sandy Grima, Pierce Brawner, Dave Pickering and Dean Travis
 2. Revised By-Laws to be reviewed and approved by Bill L. and distributed no later than 10 days before the meeting (Oct. 20th).
 3. Good and Welfare – Michelle L. and Jo-Ann G. are recovering nicely and should be back on the Board next month.
 - **New Business – Scott T.**
 1. Discussions regarding potential Club House arrangements might include the following optional considerations:
 - a) Sharing space with others not necessarily a Yacht Club to lower financial burden
 2. Annual Awards nominees to be sent privately via email to Scott T. as soon as possible
 3. Bloopers articles are needed and should be emailed to Jen B. as soon as possible.
 4. Meeting adjourned at 9:08PM
- NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD AT PAL'S RESTAURANT AT 7PM ON TUESDAY OCT 3rd

Activities Report



From the Activities Corner, October 2017

It really has been hard to fathom this crazy NE weather this past month. Wouldn't

you agree? One day it's warm, one day it's not. Guess it's not up to us to decide. In

any case, we'll all enjoy it as it comes.

This year's Annual Banquet is fast approaching (11/11/17). The invitations have been dropped in the mail. One positive response has already been received.

Let's

keep it up! If you don't get yours by the end of the week, please let me know. As

I

have the stash, one will be headed your way ASAP. It's always a nice time to chat with old friends and new, enjoy good food, music, look at wonderful pictures of this past season's adventure and who knows even score a couple of Silent Auction treasures.

On the calendar of events:

The Annual Meeting is slated for 10/20 – 7PM at Pal's Restaurant in EG

Tonya's sewing circle is scheduled at her shop for 11/04

The Banquet is 11/11 – 6 PM at East Greenwich Yacht Club

The Holiday and Yankee Swap is 12/9

GOOD AND WELFARE- From all reports all is well. If you have something to share, just let us know and we'll take care of it for you.

See you at the next activity,
Jo-Ann and the Activities Crew

ICW Cruise to North Carolina (Almost....)

By Scott Tagen



Our plan for September was to take 7-8 weeks and end up in North Carolina, probably in the area of Wilmington. We planned to leave Knot So Fast there for the winter and then do the reverse route in the spring. We had done our usual 2-week cruise to Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket and everything was working well. During the last couple of weeks in August, we loaded and prepped for the trip, including the dinghy and outboard, new wraparound canvas on the upper deck, tons of motor maintenance and new parts, updated radar firmware, updated charts on the plotter, 4 Cruising guides, 4 sets of paper charts, lots of wine, beer, chips and salsa, snacks, all kinds of food, clothes, rain gear, new chain and rode for the spare anchor, AIS integrated into the chart plotter, a few leaks fixed (I hope as they were over the berths), replaced the joker valves (uggghhh), 150 gallons of water, 250 gallons of diesel, 4 gallons of oil for a change in Virginia, 5 different sizes of zinc anodes

(actually I'm using aluminum anodes now), lots of paper goods, phone, kindle, Chromebook, cables, chargers, and the list keeps going on and on.

We left Ponaug Marina at 1230 on September 6 and headed down the bay, with a few showers and light fog accompanying us. By 1615 we entered Point Judith Pond and anchored between 2 small islands a couple of miles up the narrow channel. The first of many afternoon cocktail hours began for the skipper while the first mate took a breather. Thursday we went to Fishers Island harbor but didn't go ashore but we will return there next year. The next day we did a good run to Branford, CT, though the wind and tide generated a lot of chop. The motor told us to change filters just before we arrived and I did so before we entered the narrow passage and up the river. We hit a great Indian restaurant and then checked out a microbrewery which happened to be a couple hundred yards further up the river from where we were docked.

The next day we went to Captain's Harbor in Greenwich, CT and anchored in a beautiful and well protected area. We hung on the boat and didn't go ashore, and in the morning we headed to City Island in the Bronx before making the run through New York City the following day. We had enough time to

walk around and really enjoyed the island as it's low key but has enough interesting places to see, including a lot of restaurants. The next day, just as we entered the East River, the motor started complaining again (engine speed changing) which was unusual as the water had been flat since I changed filters. I changed them again and we made it through NYC OK on a sunny day with flat water. I timed our start to take us through Hell Gate close to slack water and it was fortunately uneventful. It was great to see the Freedom Tower and Statue of Liberty on Sept. 11. We continued down to Sandy Hook in the late afternoon and just before anchoring the engine stopped without warning. We dropped the hook and I decided that cocktail hour was more important than fixing the motor immediately. I started to suspect an airblock as I knew my filters were fine. I spent an hour checking and tightening all connections, looking at everything twice and then once more, but didn't find anything suspect. The motor started fine in the morning but I was leery that there was still a problem. We discussed turning back but with a nice morning and flat water we decided to give it a go. After about an hour of motoring it suddenly stopped again, this time on the outside of Sandy Hook heading towards the Manasquan inlet on the New Jersey shore.

After 25 years of paying for unused towing insurance, I decided to cash in and called Towboat US. We went to Atlantic Highlands inside of Sandy Hook and tied up to a dock. I spent 3 days trying to find the problem, researching online, talking to other skippers, and even chatting with a mechanic. I got a lead on aftermarket secondary filters causing a problem, so I ordered some brand-name ones and had some sent to the marina by FedEx. After going over everything again I ran the motor in gear for over 2 hours without a problem. By this time, we had been at the marina for 3 nights. Of course, when we left the next morning the motor died within half an hour. That's when we decided to turn around and head home.

Our next stop was Liberty Landing in NY, just across the Hudson River from Manhattan. When I spoke to the dock master on the way, he said we could get a mechanic 'right away' (this was on Friday afternoon). Of course, nobody showed up and I then found out they don't work on the weekend. So we bailed out on Saturday morning and I started bleeding the fuel system every 2 hours while underway. This seemed to keep us running well through NYC, and again it was an exciting time with flat water and great views of the city.

We again stayed at Captain's Harbor and the next morning we started looking for a good hideout. Hurricane Jose was sending big swells down Long Island Sound and the forecast was for 20 knots of wind opposing the tide. Not only can the chop be miserable but all the sediment in the fuel tanks gets shaken up and ends up clogging the filters. So we took a slip up the Norwalk River in a well-protected area and planned to hang out for a few days and see the town. It ended up being 6 nights there as Jose didn't move for almost a week. We did hit a number of great restaurants and also caught the Patriots game at the Blind Rhino sports pub. We visited the excellent marine aquarium which is highly recommended.

We finally left Norwalk and the motor ran well until we were about to enter the narrow inlet to the Branford River. I guess I wasn't purging the air often enough so I replaced the secondary filter and bled the air from the fuel lines and we motored to Dutch Wharf Marina for the night. I had thought about staying a second day to see the Patriots game but at that point I just wanted to get home. We had an uneventful voyage to Branford, then went all the way to Newport the next day. I was purging the fuel line every 2 hours again and we didn't have any problems. We did hit a lot of fog starting around Westerly and it continued until we passed Brenton Point. It was a relief to be (almost) home and we hung in the Newport anchorage area for 2 nights, including a dinner at Perro Salado restaurant.

On the way back, we had made arrangements for dock space at Ponaug Marina (where I store the boat for the winter) but ended up staying one last night by Goddard Park. When we pulled into the slip at Ponaug the next morning I was never so happy to be home. I had ideas on things to try that might fix the problem, but I wanted to get the motor winterized and hauled as soon as possible so I won't know for sure until next spring. As I write this, I'm looking into several possible causes and will write another article when I find the problem.

Scott

From the Race Committee



From the desk of the Race Committee Chair

Congratulations to all the Skippers and Crews alike who competed in the 2017 Summer Series Races, the Fall Series Races and the various Saturday Races (Rainone Solo/Twin, Ladies Skipper Regatta and the Long Distance Race). In case you haven't been keeping track the top finishers in each Series and individual Races were as follows (note: results for the Pumpkin Patch are not yet in ... lol):

Summer Series – Spinnaker Class:

1st in Class – Velocity – Matt Aubee
 2nd in Class – Blitz – Chris Tate
 3rd in Class – Climax – Bob Lewis

Summer Series – Non Spinnaker Class:

1st in Class – Anser – Peter Allstrom
 2nd in Class – Mojo – Tom Stocker
 3rd in Class – Hornet – Rob Hamlin

Fall Series – Spinnaker Class:

1st in Class – Comet – Abbi Seward
 2nd in Class – Blitz – Chris Tate
 3rd in Class – Anser – Peter Allstrom

Fall Series – Non Spinnaker Class:

1st in Class – Hornet – Rob Hamlin
 2nd in Class – Pale Rider – Brian Anderson
 3rd in Class – Cosmo – Bill Kirk

Rainone Solo/Twin Race:

1st in Class – Mojo – Tom Stocker
 2nd in Class – Qing Long – Jack Early
 3rd in Class – Dozinho – Chris Keary

Ladies Skipper Regatta – Class 1:

1st in Class – Exultation – Buffi Wixted
 2nd in Class – Red Stripe – Nancy Way
 3rd in Class – Estesea – Jen Brandon

Ladies Skipper Regatta – Class 2:

1st in Class – Larvik – Kim Andersen
 2nd in Class – Thora – Ms. Thorsen

Long Distance Race:

1st in Class – Climax – Bob Lewis
 2nd in Class – Hornet – Rob Hamlin
 3rd in Class – Thora – Jim Thorsen

The on-the-water events may have come to an end but the real fun begins at 6PM (cocktail hour time) at EGYC on Nov. 11th while attending the Annual Banquet sharing stories, offering congratulations and traumatizing our minds with new strategies and approaches to use way before the 2018 racing season even begins! Sounds like my kind of fun! Looking forward to seeing everyone at the big party...!
 Grant

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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).



From the Education Committee



Fall Sewing Class schedule: November 4th with Tonya The Canvas Lady - 50 Minnesota Avenue, Warwick

Calendar of Events

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

October 20 – Annual Meeting. 7:00 at Pal's Restaurant, 43 Division St., East Greenwich

November 4 – Sewing Class with Tonya, The Canvas Lady. At Tonya's canvas loft, 50 Minnesota Ave., Warwick

November 11 – WBYC Awards Banquet. 6:00 at East Greenwich Yacht Club

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