



THE BLOOPER

Commodore's Message



It seems the mornings have become a bit chilly in only the last week, but there's still plenty of good boating weather left. I hope all of you had a great summer and got in a lot of time on the water. Julie and I will be heading south on Knot So Fast starting September 6 (weather permitting of course) and expect to take 6-7 weeks to get to South Carolina where we will leave the boat for the winter. This will be our first trip down the ICW and a year of planning, repairs, upgrades, [etc.is](#) about to finish.

It's been 5 months since the process of getting the club rolling again - which began with a couple meetings at the Steamship Museum in Warwick. In addition to electing officers and holding regular meetings, we have greatly improved communications by sending out a Blooper every month as well as maintaining the website weekly. We ran a great

racing program and held a number of cruises and social events. We still have a lot to do and need more member participation in that process. I'd like to see members submitting articles for the Blooper as well as posting on Facebook. This enhances our camaraderie and creates a sense of unity among members, as well as generating interest among new and potential members. I hope we can see a greater turnout at the Annual Meeting next month and renewed interest in more members getting involved, even if in a small way.

Speaking of the annual meeting, it's likely Julie and I won't be back in time to make it, but we will attend the Annual Banquet in November. Paul Finstein will be acting commodore while I'm away and until the elections in October. My thanks to the elected officers and committee members for the work they did to get the club stabilized and I'm looking forward to even greater progress going forward.

Look for my posts on Facebook as we head south!

Scott Tagen
Commodore
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Rear Commodore's Message



As we slip into fall the weather has turned cooler, but that doesn't mean sailing is over for the season. The balmy breezes of summer have strengthened and, even though the days are shorter, there is a lot of great sailing still to be had. The fall racing program is underway - and don't forget about October's favorite race, the Pumpkin Patch on October 14th. We also have several more cruises planned for Barrington Yacht Club on September 23rd – 24th and for Wickford Marina on Columbus Day weekend. Come and enjoy it all with friends and family!

Off the water activities are in the works as well. We have plans for painting, sewing (don't laugh, it's really fun), dinners, parties, the annual banquet and, most importantly, the annual meeting. The annual meeting is when we vote on the slate of officers for the coming year, discuss issues of concern and open the floor to questions members have. It's important to have as many members attend the meeting as possible and for us all to exercise our right to vote. Involvement in this process is just as vital as it is to be part of all the fun activities we share throughout the year. It's scheduled for the third Friday of October, (October 20th). More details on time and location to come. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. I'll see you there!

Jen Brandon

From the Membership Desk



Hi Members, A couple of things,

I wanted to mention that any new members joining during the last quarter of this year (Sept – Dec 2017) will not only have membership privileges through the end of this year but their membership dues are paid in full for 2018. Wow, that's a great deal. So what does this mean? The earlier they join, the larger the benefit! So tell all your friends and crew members to join today!!!!

Secondly, I have been asked by many of you if we could do a mailer as a reminder when dues are due? Yes we can, and we will. We'll send out a post card to your address on file as soon as we go live with our membership drive. Thanks for your feedback...always appreciated!

Lastly, I'm sure we all know a few friends who would definitely enjoy the West Bay adventure. Bring them along, invite them to join! We would like to expand our horizons and friendships and I'm sure we can offer some of the same.

Membership Guy 2017

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Reciprocity at the San Diego Yacht Club

Have you exercised your benefit of reciprocity?

The Register of American Yacht Clubs annually lists approximately 700 noteworthy yacht clubs in the U.S. mainland, Alaska, Hawaii and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The Register is the only publication of its kind and is used by yachtsmen, harbormasters and club managers throughout the yachting world as the reference guide to yacht clubs. Yachtsmen refer to the Register to determine, primarily, the reciprocity status of yacht clubs they intend to visit. Harbormasters and club managers refer to the Register to determine the reciprocity validity of visiting yachtsmen from other clubs.

Although it is the thick of summer when I like to spend a lot of time on Thora with my dad, last week our family vacation took us to San Diego. Yes, home of the San Diego Yacht Club, famous for America's Cup sailors. My son and I visited 12 years ago, and it is hard to describe how different things are – in a totally positive way. But about two weeks ago, I sent an email to Terry

Anglin, General Manager and COO of SDYC, to let him know we were coming to town and would be interested in visiting.



Terry met us at the club and graciously gave us a very thorough tour. He could not have been more welcoming, friendly or engaging, spending over an hour with us during his very busy day. Terry is justifiably proud of SDYC's building of the club up from the 600 or so members it was when my son and I visited over a decade ago. He described the way programs were put in place to attract and retain membership and SDYC has a vibrant and robust set of club committees who are very active, adding value to the club membership. As is tradition, we exchanged club burgees (in front of the Lipton Cup). The visit turned out to be the highlight of our vacation.

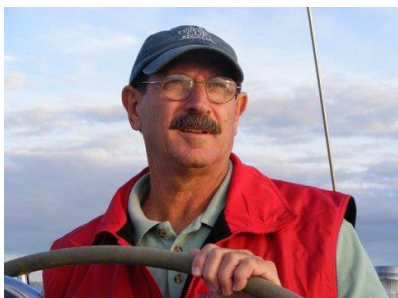
Beyond your wildest dreams is the best way to describe the club, which has over 600 slips, nearly 2,000 members, 117 full time employees and a \$10 million annual budget. The facilities are unbelievable, open 364 days a year, full service restaurant and bar, catering and banquet services, pool, spa, tennis courts, gym and full-time security. We also had a very tasty and reasonably priced lunch with excellent service, with a beautiful view of San Diego (along with some reconstruction of the deck).

According to their web site, the San Diego Yacht Club is consistently ranked among the top 5 yacht clubs in the Nation and is recognized by the Club Leadership Forum as one of the finest facilities of its kind in the world. Over time, the San Diego Yacht Club has evolved from a small gathering of boating enthusiasts joining together in 1886, to a world-renowned yachting community recognized for its success in bay sailing, ocean racing, predicted log racing, cruising, angling, and its support of youth programs at all levels. Competitions have ranged from Major National and World Championships to the Lipton Cup, from Junior Regattas to the Olympics, and from Classic yachts to the America's Cup.

This was truly a very enjoyable and memorable experience!

WBYC is in the Register. Use your membership card!

Secretary's Report



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

- Board of Governor's meeting was brought to order at 7:15PM @ PAL's Restaurant by Scott Tagen:
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- **Secretary's Report and Minutes were approved & accepted w/ corrections – Grant B.**
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- **Commodore's Report contained overviews of the following topics – Scott T.**
- Suggestion: The Board should consider re-branding WBYC to West Bay Yacht & Social Club
- Website and Blooper have been updated on a regular basis providing the membership with good information. PayPal to be integrated into the new website shortly providing for ease of payments (membership, racing, cruising, general events, etc).
- An Income Statement was discussed and requested to Dale to be provided with the next Account Summary.
- Jim T. presented to the Club a San Diego YC burgee following a recent trip to CA and in turn he brought a WBYC burgee for them.
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- **Vice-Commodore's Report – Paul F.**
- 1. Racing programs moving forward nicely. Good weather and lots of good wind have been the rule.
- 2. Rainone Solo / Twin had a smaller than expected turnout due to high winds and choppy seas. Looking forward to both the Ladies Skipper Regatta on the 19th and the Long Distance Race on the 26th.
- 3. Cruising had a very successful July 4th event hosted by Bristol Yacht Club.
- 4. Fall Series needs to be promoted to EGYC and AHYC as it is the only Racing Series left on the Bay in Sept.
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- **Rear Commodore's Report – Jen B.**
- New Member's Social has been re-scheduled for Aug 5th @ PAL's private room.
- Personal calls will be made to each new member (Michelle L. to assist)
- Working with Scott to be up to speed with the new website before he leaves on his next extended cruise in Sept. A face to face Aug meeting is to be scheduled to help move along this process.
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- **Treasurer's Report – Dale B.**
- All income and expenses are in line with current budget estimates and forecasts.
- Motion was made and passed to combine the "contingency" savings account with the "regular" savings account and the new Account Summary reflects this change.
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- **Members-at-Large -- Jim T.**
- New event to be created and organized by Jim – PawSox Game outing on Aug 27th at 1:30PM. Ticket costs of \$13.00 per person includes a concession purchase. Expecting at least 20 members to participate.
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- **Activities Report – Jo-Ann and others**
- Jo-Ann will be assisted by Jen B and Michele L. in organizing the new members' social on Aug 5th.
- As well as assist in the September Wine & Paint Event – location and time TBD
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- **New Business – Scott T.**

- Concern was expressed regarding the lack of “new members” joining the Club which in turn does not provide for membership growth. A greater effort is required by all Board members to assist in this effort.
- 2. Next BOG Meeting: Sept 5th at 7PM at PAL’s Restaurant. Meeting Adjourned: 8:55PM
– submitted by Grant Brandon (Secretary)

Activities Report



From the Activities Corner

Hope you’re all enjoying these “last few lazy, hazy, days of summer” All too soon “fall “will be here.

The Summer Racing Series has wound down for this year. Don’t worry those guys and gals will be out there for the Fall series. Even you’re not on a racing boat; it can surely be interesting to watch from the sidelines.

From all reports, the Pawsox game turned out be lots and lots of fun. Thanks to Jim T. for pulling it all together.

We’ve already started planning this year’s ANNUAL BANQUET. Reserve Saturday, November 11th on your calendar. It’s a lovely evening of dinner, dancing (maybe) and recognition. If anyone would like to lend a hand with this big bash, please call. We’re sure we could find something for you to do.

We’re also working on a “Cocktail and Canvas night” for the end of this month. Could certainly prove to be another highlight on the calendar.

GOOD and WELFARE-- Glad to hear that Michele Lilly is up and about after Lena (the poodle) had a different opinion about which way to go on a recent walk. Also, thanks to everyone for sending me a planter while I was recovering from a “bout with shingles”. Certainly not any fun, I’d say, but the planter is beautiful!

We’re always looking for different ideas for events too. So if you have one, please don’t be shy, just call.

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



WBYC at McCoy Stadium

On August 27th, WBYC baseball fans visited McCoy Stadium in Pawtucket. PawSox starter Héctor Velázquez treated 25 of the WBYC faithful (and 8,200 of our closest friends) to a combined one-hitter, a 3-0 win over the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs. It was the season home finale, played on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. The game was a lively pitcher’s duel, with a 0-0 score until PawSox hitter, Tsu-Wei Lin swatted a three-run home run in the bottom of the seventh inning to win the game.



The Tagens, Finsteins, Bruces, Brandons and others all enjoyed dining on hot dogs and other tasty stadium fare. Grant Brandon brought his glove, but fortunately, Paw Sox reliever Edgar Olmos struck out the side in the ninth, to end any potential comeback by the Iron Pigs. We enjoyed it so much, it looks like this may become an annual event!



From the Race Committee



Congrats to all racers and crews alike for making the 2017 Summer Series successful, competitive and most of all a lot of fun. All of us on the Race Committee really enjoyed the camaraderie and general level of jousting shared by all throughout the Series and look forward to continuing the process into the Fall Series starting on Sept. 6th thru the 18th. Three ***huzzahs*** are sent to the top winners in each Class to include the following racers:

Spinnaker Class:

1st in Class – Matt Aubee – Velocity

2nd in Class – Chris Tate – Blitz

3rd in Class – Bob Lewis – Climax

Non-Spinnaker Class:

1st in Class – Peter Allstrom – Anser

2nd in Class – Tom Stocker – Mojo

3rd in Class – Rob Hamlin – Hornet

Last, but not least, the Race Committee would like to recognize and congratulate the following racers for placing in the top three places in the Saturday Races:

Rainone Solo / Twin Race:

1st in Class – Tom Stocker – Mojo

2nd in Class – Qing Long – Jack Early

3rd in Class – Dozinho – Chris Keary

Ladies Skipper Regatta:

1st in Class1 – Exultation – Buffi Wixed Andersen
2nd in Class1 – Red Stripe – Ray's Mom Thorsen
3rd in Class1 – Estesea – AnneE Picozzi Friend

1st in Class2 – Larvik – Kim
2nd in Class2 – Thora – Ms
3rd in Class2 – Blitz – ChrisTate's

Long Distance Race

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

Final thoughts as the 2017 summer season comes to an end ... some of the best sailing of the year is found during the months of September and October (weather permitting). Keep an eye out for clear days, light winds and warm afternoons as they are just around the corner. Be safe and don't let the forecast take the smile off your face!!!

Grant

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2017 WBYC Racing Calendar

September

Monday, September 11th
Fall Series - Race #1

Wednesday, September 13th
Fall Series - Race #2

Monday, September 18th
Fall Series - Race #3

Monday, September 25th
Fall Series - Race #4

October

Saturday, October 14th
WBYC's Pumpkin Patch Regatta

Cruise Committee Report

I am sitting in mojo's cockpit sipping a freshly poured coffee in Cuttyhunk Pond. It is early Sunday morning of Labor Day weekend. As I survey the anchorage, it is a tempest. Winds are out of the ESE somewhere around 25 knots and a very light rain is falling. A few gusts approach 35. Brio and new members Heidi and David Keirnan's boat Gimbrel are riding nicely on their moorings just NW of mojo. The wind is loud but the anchorage is orderly; no drama, which is the way it should be. Not much activity in the anchorage right now, although I see many folks poking their heads out of hatches or sitting in their cockpits like me while a few hardy souls dingy into shore. I feel bad for all the dogs in the anchorage, and there are quite a few, who will have to wait a bit longer for their morning stroll ashore. But, for me (and it is always about me) I'm comfortable; the music is on, coffee is hot and our cockpit is reasonably dry so I am happy. Peirce Brawner and I have one more day on this glorious island $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through another fantastic WBYC cruise.

This morning we will most likely not move around much, but the forecast for later today is better so we will most likely go visiting our other WBYC friends.



Cruise Captains Liz and Will Richmond, cruising with Dawn and Rich Safton have already invited us over for breakfast. Yesterday we spent time with Beth and Kevin Ingle aboard Brio, Spray with Leann and Dave Pickering and finished the evening aboard Kiska after a delicious lobster dinner ashore.

Cuttyhunk is a special place and I am sad I won't be back until next season. However, there are still two more WBYC cruises slated for this season; our End of Summer cruise to Barrington YC hosted by Beth and Kevin Ingle and our signature finale Columbus Day weekend cruise to Wickford hosted by Nancy and Charley Roman. So summer is far from over for those of us who take advantage of

what our club offers in the form of destinations and camaraderie. Please do join us; by boat or land cruiser. Visit our Facebook 'Events' page for cruise details and updates. Cruises bring many of us together and we welcome the opportunity to include you.

Tom Stocker
Cruise Committee Chair

2017 WBYC Cruising Calendar



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

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

September – Wine and Paint Party. At TBD

October 3 – Next Board Meeting. 7:00pm at Pal’s Restaurant

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 East Greenwich Yacht Club

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