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The Friendliest Little Yacht Club on the Bay!

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Commodore's Message

Greetings West Bay Members!

As I put this report together, I am reminded of the support and assistance so kindly offered to me as Commodore for the 2008 year. So many members of the club have



been wonderful to work with and have made my job much easier. The tireless efforts of our Board members are truly appreciated. As you know by now, our new Board roster consists of some old and new members, and each will bring a wealth of experience and new ideas to the table.

I would like to congratulate Greg Fornal on his appointment as Commodore for 2009. There is no doubt he will take the reins efficiently and with much eagerness! Also, with Tom Stocker as Vice Commodore and Jay Eshleman as Rear Commodore, the Board will have great input and guidance. Of course, with new appointments we always have some members who leave us. Thank you to Stew Stewart and Nelson Brinkerhoff for many years of service to the

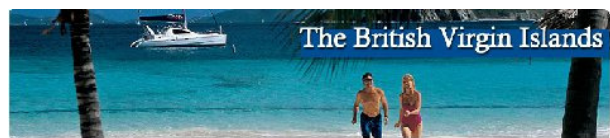
WBYC Board. We know how hard you have worked and truly appreciate your contribution as Rear and Vice Commodore, and Parliamentarian, respectively. Welcome to Marcy Feldmann as our new Parliamentarian! In addition, a special note to Jo-Ann Grima who remains as our Treasurer and Phyllis Geisser as our Secretary ... you are both angels! Our three Members at Large this year include Joe Landi, Chris Pegge and Nathan Shapiro. With all of this fine talent, we should see a really successful 2009!

Thank you again for allowing me the honor of serving as your Commodore this past year. I wish all of you a healthy and happy holiday season and look forward to seeing everyone at the Club for our winter functions. Don't forget the Holiday Party on December 6th and be sure to check the calendar for future events. Here's to another great year of fun at the "Friendliest Little Yacht Club on the Bay"!

With warmest wishes.

George Ann Redden
Commodore

2009 BVI Cruise in Full Swing!



BVI Planning Meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 16th, 6:30-8:30.



catamarans!

The East Greenwich Yacht Club's 100 Centennial Anniversary is in 2009 and coincidentally I am chairing the EGYC Centennial BVI Cruise for the same dates and location. This works well as more than 30 WBYC members are also members of EGYC. It also allows us to leverage the number of boats being chartered, giving us an opportunity to earn even greater discounts.

There are a few people seeking to join existing charter crews or putting together a new boat! So if you are thinking about going, but unsure of putting together a boat by yourself, THIS is the meeting for you! We will find a way to get you on a boat to enjoy this amazing adventure! If you are planning to join us or would like information,



join us at the next BVI Cruise Planning Meeting at the Club on Tuesday, December 9th from 6:30 - 8:30 and enjoy some free Pizza! A must meeting for all those planning on going! If you are going and cannot attend, please

Plans for the WBYC British Virgin Islands Cruise April 19th - May 2nd continues to build momentum! We currently have 27 people confirmed aboard a variety of monohulls and

contact me via cell (401) 742-5039 or email at ifcndpickering@aol.com. See you there!

Capt. Dave Pickering
2009 BVI Cruise Chair
Cell: (401) 742-5039

Membership Committee

Ahoy, good folks! Those who were able to join us for the Open House know how fun and successful the event was. This activity represents the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the work the Membership Committee has been doing. In fact, the Membership Committee has been diligently meeting each month to discuss various options to keep your membership dues the best bargain we can possibly provide our members. One update for 2009 is the re-institution of the Initiation Fee of \$100.00.

We are happy to report the annual family membership dues have *not* been raised, and our opportunities for people who share like interests continue to grow! The fruit of the Committee's recent labor we will all enjoy is that in the future everyone will be offered a choice in membership benefits with corresponding membership dues.

2009 Membership Options

Individual or Family - \$95.00 Benefits for this level will remain the same as for 2008

Captain's Club - \$145.00

- Club key (one time)
- Club Burgee
- One function certificate (for two adults)
- Two Captain's Club license plate frames

The 2008 Board of Governors and Committees
thank all of our members for making 2008 so successful and wish the 2009 Board an equally successful year.
Happy Holidays and New Year!

Admiral's Club - \$195.00

- Club key (one time)
- Admiral's Club Burgee (Club Burgee with Admiral's star)
- Two Admiral's Club beverage mugs
- Two function certificates (each for two adults)
- One free rental of the Club
- Two Admiral's Club license plate frames

Why should you consider paying slightly higher dues? Well, if you are in the habit of attending just two events that incur a small out-of-pocket cost (for example, The May Breakfast, and St. Patrick's Day Dinner), you may be pre-paid for those events on one plan. Should you desire to award a WBYC burgee, or hat, or similar item to a faithful crew member, that item may well be included as a bonus for having signed up for a corresponding higher dues plan. When you review the membership options available to you, you will find it easy to choose the plan that best suits your history of club participation and support, with no real increase of cost to you!

Detailed explanation of the various plans will be inserted with the Annual Renewal Notices and future Blooper editions: be on the lookout for the best bargain in town!

Only \$95.00 a year still buys you wonderful



memories, happy times, an opportunity to meet new friends, learn things, and participate in "The Friendliest Little Yacht Club on the Bay"! Why not also consider purchasing a membership as a Holiday gift for someone special? We are here to help you with your choices.

Fair winds,

Alicia Eshleman
Membership Chair
abeshleman@gmail.com

2008 WBYC Fall Series Video

Fred Engle produced a terrific 45-minute CD of the Fall Series featuring most of the boats which raced in the Fall Series this year. It is available from Fred for \$10. To order your copy, contact Fred at fbenge@earthlink.net. In addition, for each Racing CD a 50% contribution will go to the Club. This movie was featured at the Annual Awards Banquet.

Activities Committee

As we are all aware, this year's Annual Awards Banquet was held (11/23) at Nino's in Coventry. There were just over 100 guests in attendance and from all

reports, everyone had a great time! The atmosphere, food, entertainment and conversation made for a very enjoyable evening. It's quite different to see everyone all dressed up. We sure clean up nicely, don't we?

Congratulations to the many Racing and Clubhouse

Award winners. Most notably, Carol Ann Getter received the Corinthian

Spirit Award, Grant Brandon received the Meredith Scott Award and Tom Stocker received the Frank Norton Award.



**Carol Ann Getter
2008 Corinthian Spirit
Award Winner**

A special recognition award was presented to Paul and Cathy Derrig who competed in the S2 One Design North American Championship Regatta in Nashville, Tennessee. It truly was an outstanding feat to load their boat on a trailer and drive down for the competition. Many, many kudos to both of them!

A special thank you to Fred Engel for his super presentation of the first race of the Fall Series. If you would like a copy of the DVD, it is available for \$10. Fred will donate \$5 to the Club for each DVD sold. You can reach Fred via e-mail at fengle@earthlink.net.

If you were lucky enough to win a raffle prize, (or in Jake's case – several), or you won your auction bid, we hope you were pleased. Thanks to the many vendors who graciously donated items for either one.

Just in case you are planning your social calendar for 2009, next year's banquet will be SATURDAY, November 21, 2009!!

Card and Game Nights; Join us for our monthly "Card Night" and "Friday Game Night". The next Card Night is **December 12** and Game Night is scheduled for **December 19**. The Club ping-pong table, pool table, dartboards, backgammon and whatever game you wish to share are always available as our members socialize and vie for bragging rights. Check our Club calendar for future dates.

As usual, the Club is open most Friday nights. Whoever comes first with a key, please open the door and turn on the lights. You can be sure members will show up. Any member wishing to obtain a key, contact Mark Kane, House Committee Chair. You will need to provide a \$10 key deposit.

Need a venue for an event? Our Club is available for a \$25 fee to members and to non-members for a \$50 fee (Not available on Friday nights).



Phyllis, George Ann, Jo-Ann
See you at the Club

Jo-Ann (401) 738-0272

Phyllis (401) 219-1784

Michele (401) 398-2621

Help Wanted

Blooper Editor

(contact Will

Richmond)

Cruise Committee

Chair (contact Tom

Stocker)

Race Committee

Ahoy Skippers and Crews alike! It's your Race Committee Chair with updates and information for your reading pleasure. For those who did not attend the Annual Awards Banquet on the 23rd let me just say it was the highlight of the season as the location was stellar, the food out-of-this

world, the music was terrific and the service could not have been better! Three **Huzzahs** to the Activities Committee for choosing a great site with excellent fare and outstanding service. Several *Racing* announcements were proclaimed at the Banquet and I thought it might be worth repeating.

1. The Greenwich Bay F3 Series will be reinstated during the upcoming summer program. For those not familiar with the F3 it consists of three Friday races during each of the summer months [specific dates will be announced shortly].
2. EGYC will be celebrating their Centennial this summer and on July

18th they will be hosting the Centennial Regatta and extending a very warm and cordial welcome to all WBYC racers. A major effort will be made to encourage a high level of participation both on the water and in the après-sailing program following racing.

3. A new Regatta has been established for this summer involving participation from all three yacht clubs on Greenwich Bay for the purpose of establishing winners in each Class for the coveted Greenwich Bay Cup. Qualifications are as follows:

- a. All three races in the F3 Series must be raced and completed.
- b. Two out of three races need to be raced and completed [choices are the EGYC Centennial Regatta, WBYC Norton's Memorial Regatta and AHYC Dickerson's Regatta]. Other regattas "might" be included as choices as well ... the Regatta is in the early stages of development.

Last, but not least, several awards and trophies from the banquet are now at the



Club requiring picked-up. Please make the effort to retrieve them as they were well earned and [if I may say so myself] are extremely beautiful either on display at your home or in your office.

Should I not have the opportunity to greet you before the holidays may the coming year fill your home with joy, health & prosperity, and may fair winds always grace your sails!

Happy holidays and warm regards,

Grant Brandon
Race Committee Chairman

Annual Yearbook

The Annual Yearbook is now available. If you were at the Annual Banquet, you have already received it. We will be mailing a

copy to all other members (and patron



Yearbook Editor Marcie Feldman (businesses) within the next week or so.

Marcie Feldman and Jake Portnoy put together an incredible yearbook this year. With original art from Michele Lilly (cover) and Paul Kenney, great photography from Jake Portnoy and other club members, Marcie and Jake captured the essence of our Club.

From racing action to our club cruising and social events throughout the year, the combination of stories, awards and photography made this yearbook our best ever. Congratulations Marcie and Jake.

Special thanks to Dave Pickering and his company Preventure, for donating the cover production. This substantially reduced the cost of producing the yearbook.

We encourage our membership to peruse the ads by our patron vendors and use those services wherever possible. Without the support of those businesses, we would not have been able to afford to produce such a professional publication.

Happy holidays,

Tom Stocker
Publicity Committee Chairman

KEEP A SHARP LOOKOUT

Friday, December 12 Card Night
 Tuesday, December 16 BVI Cruise Planning Meeting
 Friday, December 19 Game Night
 Thursday, January 8..... Board Meeting
 Friday, January 9 Card Night
 Friday, January 23 Game Night

NOTE: the 2009 Calendar is currently being planned. Educational and social events scheduled for January and February will be emailed to the membership as well as posted at the Club, on the One List and on our Club website.

Find an up-to-the-minute calendar on our website

<http://www.westbayvc.org/pdf/2008-WBYC-Calendar.pdf>

2009 Board of Governors

CommodoreGreg Fornal
 Vice Commodore..... Tom Stocker
 Rear Commodore..... Jay Eshleman
 Past Commodore..... George Ann Redden
 Secretary Phyllis Geisser
 Treasurer..... Jo-Ann Grima
 Parliamentarian..... Marcie Feldmann
 Members at Large..... Joe Landi
Chris Pegge
 Nathan Shapiro

2009 Committee Chairs

Activities.....Phyllis Geisser, Jo-Ann Grima, Michele Lilly
 Cruising TBD
 EducationH. Peirce Brawner
 House Mark Kane
 Membership..... Alicia Eshleman
 Publicity..... Will Richmond
 Blooper TBD

Racing..... Grant Brandon
 Website..... Peter Lussier

FOR SALE

Note: Submit new and renewal ads to rtstocker@cox.net. Ads will run for three months. (Expiration date on end of each ad). Please limit ad to 75 words or less.

Lost – Teflon Pot during the July 4th Bristol Cruise Pot-luck Dinner Party after the parade. I have someone else’s by mistake. REVISED PHONE NUMBER. Al Calderone 401-461-5290. 12/08.

1979 O'Day 28 with tiller, draft 4'8", beam 10'3", OMC Zephyr 15 hp saildrive, knot, depth, 1 mainsail w/cover, 3 headsails. Sleeps 5, head, ice box, alcohol stove, water pressure at galley sink. New in 2008: halyards, lifelines, AC system with GFI outlets, shore power cord, battery charger, LED cabin lights. Spent most of her life in fresh water. Selling for \$12,900. Contact Steve Olmsted/Gary Marden at breezbreaker@me.com or 781-828-4852 for info and pictures. 3/09.

“Second Wind” 1987 Cal-Pearson 33, 11.5 ft beam, 6’3” keel, 52.5” Mast, Yanmar Diesel 27.3 hp. Located at Norton’s Marina. Contact George Ann Redden 401-747-9825 3/09.



Fall Series Award Winners



Phyllis Geisser, Sandy and Jo-Ann Grima greet guests at the door.



Incoming Commodore Greg Fornal addresses the crowd



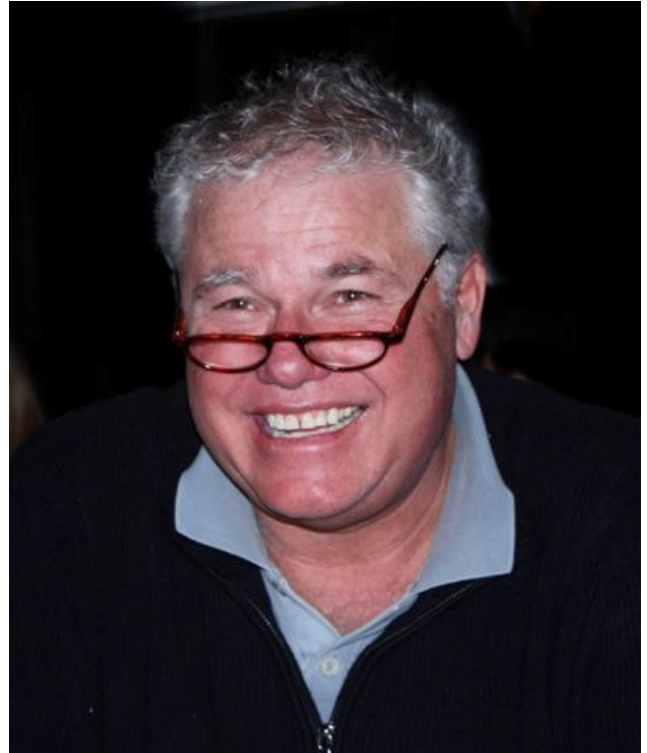
Barbara & Nathan Shapiro



Tom & Nancye Stocker



1 George Ann congratulates Grant Brandon for winning the Meredith Scott Award



Vince Abbott



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Incoming Membership Chair Alicia and Rear Commodore Jay Eshleman

VERY important links to your Club website.
Need to get in touch with a Club Officer or
Committee Chair?

www.westbayyc.org/officers.htm

The latest Club Cruising, Racing and Social calendar is
always at your fingertips electronically:

www.westbayyc.org/calendar.htm