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Commodore's Message

Another month down and another month closer to boat season!!! The past two months have been very hard on everyone. The board has been working diligently to ensure that the Club stays financially healthy. We have put many programs into action to ensure the financial stability of WBYC. We have had to raise some fees this year due to cost increases, but we have worked attentively to keep our slogan as the "Friendliest little Yacht Club on the Bay" true.



Each committee is busy planning the 2009 season; we have a packed calendar this year. Hats off to all the committees' hard work. I'm very proud of the diverse activities that the club has to offer on the 2009 calendar. <http://www.westbayyc.org/calendar.htm>

It has also been brought to my attention by WBYC member Bill Casey that the State of RI is currently planning on including Boats in the personal property tax for 2009. Please contact your local congressman or senator to express your rejection to include boats as

part of our personal property tax. For more information please visit this link: <http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/BillText09/HouseText09/H5129.pdf>

Don't forget this is your club!! Get involved and make it yours!!!

Greg Fornal
Commodore

Activities Committee

We are now more than half way through Winter despite what "Phil the Groundhog" had to say! We are all looking forward to Spring and warmer weather.

Hopefully you've made note of the social activities coming up soon.

Saturday, March 14th - Be sure to join the O'Finstains and their band of leprechauns for the annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner. Cocktail hour at 6 PM and Dinner at 7. Feel free to bring an appetizer, dessert or Irish Soda Bread to share. The cost for dinner is \$ 8 per person. Invite your friends and neighbors!! It will surely be another great time at wbyc!!

Later on this month, Sunday, March 29th, join us for a leisurely afternoon – (3 – 5 PM) enjoying music, food and friends at the

Wine Tasting Party. This will be the 3rd year we've held this event. Bring your favorite wine and complementing cheese and sample the many other varieties that will be there, as well. Feel free to bring a guest.

See you there,

Jo-Ann (401) 738-0272
Phyllis (401) 219-1784
Michele (401) 398-2621

Want to reserve the clubhouse to host an event? Call a member of the Activities Committee to make your reservation.

Education Committee

The first of our classes for the Kids' Winter Program on Feb 14th was a great success with a lot of kids and a lot of parents all tying knots under the very capable direction of **Maggie McGillivray** – a lot of fun.

By the time you read this we will have completed the second class on Dinghies, Outboards and Their Use under the tutelage of **Dave Pickering** all spiced with displays of a real dinghy and motor plus equipment and stuff Dave has gathered over the years. Presenters for later classes include: **Jennifer Brandon** with a hands-on treatment of Rules of the Road - Chart Reading – Buoyage, **Carol Ann Getter** producing Fun in the Sun with wide ranging discussions of clothing, gear, sun and dock safety, fishing topics and many hands-on projects, **Sandy Grima** making sense of Sail Theory and Practice and **Julie Caito** discussing The Compass and Its Use with a presentation she has prepared and delivered to other large groups of children. Finally, we have obtained the offer of **Captain Joe Fortin** to present the final class on The Use and Practice of VHF Emergency

Communication. A rather impressive faculty!

For the adults, **Neil Ross's** talk on Interesting Facts and Trivia about Narragansett Bay was held Wednesday February 25th.

Peirce Brawner
Education Chair

Save the Date:

3/6 Racing Planning Meeting

3/14 St. Patrick's Day Dinner

3/29 Wine & Cheese Tasting

Membership Committee

If you haven't taken care of it already, please remember that your 2009 membership fees are due.

The Membership Committee

Race Committee

Ahoy Skippers and Crews alike! It's your Race Committee Chair with updates and information for your reading pleasure.

I would like to propose to the racing community the following concept which was brought to my attention recently and in my opinion is worthy of full consideration.



Specifically it involves changing the qualifying requirements for boats racing in the Fantastic Plastic Regatta on Saturday June 20th. The change suggested would

be to open the Regatta to all boats regardless of age for the purpose of increasing participation. Class Splits will be along the lines of both PHRF ratings and YEAR of manufacture ... for example the current 20 year rule will continue to be in effect however we would add a 5 year rule, a 10

year rule and a 15 year rule. Last year a total of six [6] boats raced two in Class A and four in Class B. To be brutally honest the event needs a change in venue and unless someone can convince me otherwise the *NEW* qualifying requirements for this regatta will be incorporated.

Lastly, please review the 2009 Race Entry and Release of Liability Form (<http://www.westbayyc.org/pdf/2009-Race-Entry.pdf>) as there are several changes noteworthy of your attention. Also as noted in last months' Blooper my mobile phone number has changed to (401) 536-6583 (the old number is no longer valid).

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Skippers meeting March 6th at 7PM.

Regards,
Grant Brandon
Race Committee Chairman

Cruise Committee

Ahoy, good Members! The Cruising Calendar for 2009 was set at a joyful combination meeting for the British Virgin Islands Cruise! My thanks to all who participated in the delightful Pot Luck Dinner, and tolerated this inexperienced Chairperson! An especially hearty thanks to all the Cruise Captains who have graciously volunteered their ideas, time, and effort:



Of Special Note:
Happy 85th birthday
wishes to Fletcher
Haselton!!
...
WBYC has had an
online presence for 10
years – Many thanks
to Peter Lussier!

Eleven Cruises and six Raft-ups! Fifteen events! WBYC wants to make good use of the local resources to enhance your boating experiences in a group setting this year. We also understand that members may not be able to arrange time off for longer cruises. You may notice what appear to be conflicts in dates for some events. We have tried to arrange options for your convenience, not create more stress in your life! We sincerely hope you will find many opportunities in this schedule to join us somewhere, at least for a little while. The month of August was left somewhat open, with only the Victory Cruise and one Goddard Park Raft-up presently scheduled. If you would like to suggest a destination or an additional

raft-up for August, please feel free to do so. Updates and discussion for each event will take place on the WBYC Message board, and of course, this Chairperson is always at your service!

It's going to be a great Cruising Season! Please, come join us as often as you can!

Fair winds,
Carol Ann Getter
Cruising Chair

KEEP A SHARP LOOKOUT

- Thursday, March 5..... Board Meeting
- Friday, March 6 Racing Planning Meeting
- Friday, March 13Poker Night
- Saturday, March 14.....St. Patrick's Day Dinner
- Friday, March 27 Game Night
- Sunday, March 29..... Wine & Cheese Tasting

Find an up-to-the-minute calendar on our website
<http://www.westbayyc.org>

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“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.



Kids' Education Series Knots Class



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Committee Chair?

www.westbayyc.org/officers.htm

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

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