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Commodore's Message

The end of the boating season is quickly approaching in New England. The last month of weather has been great once we got past our rainy June and July. We have had some recent tropical weather head our way, but have been lucky to escape the direct path of both storms.



We still have a few more weeks of racing and cruising and then old man winter will be knocking at our door. It is actually quite sad, but something that happens every year. Hopefully winter will pass as quickly.

Our annual meeting is quickly approaching. The board and committee chairs are working on their budgets and tactical goals for 2010. These will be presented and voted on during the annual meeting. Please plan to attend. The nominating committee is working on creating a list of new board members. I have decided not to run for a 2nd year as your commodore. We had a great team this year and I couldn't have done it without them. It is someone else's time to be the Commodore.

We have had many changes/accomplishments this year both member-facing and back office:

- Club has a solid financial footing despite prevailing economic conditions
- Membership growth/stability has been maintained
- Strategic planning is underway
- Continued high quality and quantity of programs for all interests
- New process for gathering committee reports
- Streamlining of Board meetings to make effective use of time
- Process created for the creation of a WBVC Budget

So, who is ready to step up and make West Bay your club? How can you make this your club? Volunteer for to be on a committee or board member. Our club functions because of you volunteering. The new commodore and the board still have their work cut out for them. The board needs to continue down the strategic and tactical planning path. I feel it is essential for the club to start to plan for both the short and long term. With our new budget planning process, I'm confident that the club will continue with our solid financial performance. We have also made changes

to our financial tracking to allow for us to track it to the specific committee.

Greg Fornal
Commodore

Education Committee

The Man Overboard Drill and Demonstration is scheduled for Sunday, October 18th at 9:00 AM. Please add this date to your calendar for an interesting and instructive time.

Yachts participating in the demonstration will be Grant Brandon's Estesea and Dave Pickering's Spray. You will not need your own (or any other) boat for this as all participants will be assigned to one or the other of these two that morning. As always, it will facilitate planning if you would notify [@msn.com](mailto:msn.com) of your interest in attending.

After the "on the water" demonstrations of returning to the MOB and getting him/her attached to the boat we will go to a pier or to anchor to practice the recovery of a real person from alongside to the deck of a boat.

The program will be preceded by a discussion/orientation meeting in the clubhouse.

Peirce Brawner
Education Chair

Activities Committee

Believe it or not, fall has arrived!! Soon we'll all have our boats tucked in for the winter quietly awaiting next spring.

The social calendar for the rest of the year continues to be a very busy one. Beginning this month with the annual meeting on Friday night 10/16. Here's your opportunity to catch up on the workings of the club, vote in the 2010 Board of Governors, review the budget as well as any other pertinent business that need to be addressed.

Remember it your club, so your voice is important. See you at 7:30 PM.

On Saturday, October 24, join us for this year's HALLOWEEN PARTY. There'll be the "haunted room" for the kids (big and small) and lots of other fun!! It's a POTLUCK, so bring a dish to share. DON'T FORGET YOUR SCARIEST COSTUME. You might even win a prize. See you at 6:30 PM. WE NEED HELP WITH THIS ONE!

Plans are well underway for the Annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet to be held on Saturday, November 21st. Be sure to reserve this date on your calendar. More to follow...

See you at the club,
Jo-Ann, Phyllis, Michele

Cruising Committee

Ahoy Good Members! It has been trying weather this year, but I hope you all managed to get some good boat time in. It's hard to believe we are so close to the end! Soon we will be thinking of winterizing and shrink wrapping in earnest. But, we have one or two more gasps left. Why not make the most of them to round out the season?



Bill and Michelle Lilly headed up the Labor Day Cruise to Cutty Hunk on *Mighty Moose*, and I understand it was a good time, and a nice, slow ride home in very light winds!

Thank you Bill & Michelle for all the work you put in to this event. Michael and Dawn LaRobardier led the Conanicut Cruise over the last weekend of September; we look forward to hearing their tales. Thanks to

Michael and Dawn for their work in planning and executing this fun event.

The Columbus Day Weekend Cruise will be headed up by Sandy and Jo-Ann Grima on *Alchemy*, in Wickford. This is always a good time; a pleasantly short local cruise to wrap up the season with. Wickford is easily accessible by land yacht, if you prefer to stop by just for a few hours during the Holiday weekend and join the festivities!

The last scheduled Raft-Up is planned for Friday, October 2nd, weather permitting. Tom Stocker has been hosting each Raft-Up, guiding folks in, helping them tie-up and getting them safely underway. Many thanks Tom, for your kind attention to details that kept everyone safe and comfortable, all summer long!

Thank you again to all the 2009 Cruise Captains! Your experience and considerable effort in making these events safe, fun and memorable are truly appreciated!

Fair winds and gentle seas,
Carol Ann Getter
Cruise Committee

The “Something for Everyone Columbus Day Week End Cruise”, Complete with Contingency Plan

The last one of the Season - October 10th, 11th & 12th 2009 (Sat-Mon)

Back because you asked for it and by popular demand is the “Something for Everyone Columbus Day Cruise and Contingency Plan”. The port of call will again be “Wickford Marina”. Due to the weather, the last two out of four years this cruise has been severely curtailed. This year we have built in a contingency for any bad weather that might arise. The bad weather contingency (Small Craft Warnings or two days of rain) will be a potluck dinner at

WBYC Club House on Saturday and Dinner at Tavern by the Sea on Sunday. Check the door of the Club House for the “Contingency Plan” sign or Call Sandy & Jo-Ann Grima at (401) 738-0272 if you are in doubt.

Wickford Marina is on the site of the former Wickford Shellfish, just up the cove from Wickford Shipyard. The marina has plenty of open slips for those of you who like to plug in, a great hot tub and a wonderful patio setup with an eight foot grill. It is one of the best-kept secrets on the bay.

The cruising guide says there are a few state moorings or an area to anchor. It’s your choice. There is a lot to do in Wickford! It has been voted one of the ten best main streets in America. There are lots of shops, restaurants and a great marine store all within walking distance. All are welcome to the Marina’s facilities and an onshore cookout on Saturday. The Grill is provided so bring something to grill and a side dish to share. We will be making reservations to go out to dinner on Sunday night at Tavern by the Sea. Sandy and Jo-Ann Grima are standing by to serve as your cruise coordinators.

So plan to spend Columbus Day weekend, Saturday and Sunday nights in Wickford with us. It is the last cruise of the Season! Don’t spend the long cold winter saying, “We should have gone” Space is limited, and on a first come first serve basis. Contact Sandy or Jo-Ann Grima at 401 738-0272 for additional info and details. Call Paul at Wickford Marina at 401 294-8160 to make slip reservations. You can visit their web site and view their facilities at [://www3.edgenet.net/wickfordmarina/homepage.html](http://www3.edgenet.net/wickfordmarina/homepage.html) you will be pleasantly surprised!!

-Sandy Grima

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Advertise your business, your love for your children, your appreciation to the race committee, your crew, your skipper or anything else within the bounds of good taste – for all the Club to see! Dean Travis (@yahoo.com) and Raleigh Jenkins (@verizon.net) have graciously agreed to help sell advertising space in the 2009 yearbook. Please consider helping make this publication self-supporting – ad rates are very reasonable and opportunities exist for everything from full-page placements down to one line mentions. Get in touch with Dean or Raleigh soon!

Race Committee

The Fall racing schedule is off to a flying start and it's a good time to recognize those who took top honors in the F3 series. For each class:

Spinnaker 1:

- 1st Chris Hoell, *Spitfire*
- 2nd Matt Aube, *Velocity*
- 3rd Nathan Titcomb, *Morsmordre*

Class A:

- 1st Ken Thorsen, *Thora*
- 2nd Norman Lambert, *Stormin' Norman*
- 3rd Mark Bamford, *Cloud Eight*

Spinnaker 2:

- 1st Dave McGhie, *Wahtawah*

Class B:

- 1st Carl Baer *Profasea*
- 2nd Tom Stocker, *Mojo*

KEEP A SHARP LOOKOUT

Thursday, October 1 Board Meeting (7:00 pm)
Sunday, Oct 4NBYA Champion of Champions Regatta
Friday, October 9.....Poker Night
Sat-Mon, Oct 10-12Columbus Day Weekend Cruise
Friday, Oct 16..... Annual Membership Meeting (7:30 pm)
Saturday, October 17 Pumpkin Patch Regatta (Noon)
Friday, October 23..... Game Night
Saturday, October 24Halloween Party (6:30 pm)

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 Carol Ann Getter
Education.....H. Peirce Brawner
House Mark Kane
Membership.....Alicia Eshleman
Publicity & Blooper..... Will Richmond
Racing Grant Brandon
Website Peter Lussier

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1997 Catalina 250 25 ft. wing keel sloop, excellent condition, perfect for cruising or racing. 8.5' beam, 3.5' draft, 8 HP outboard with elec. start; 2 yr old roller furling genoa, self tailing winches, compass, depth, VHF, 2 Danforth anchors, fenders & dock lines, PFDs, seat pads, 2 stern observation seats, walk-through transom with ladder; Cockpit comfortably seats 6 adults; cabin has double berths fore and aft, galley with sink, LP gas stove, and fresh water system, removable ice chest, ample storage, and enclosed head. \$13,500. Call Dave Reid at 401-885-0972 (home) or 401-316-0430 (cell). 11/09.

Partnership Opportunity: I am looking to purchase a bigger boat, and I'd like to take on a partner to keep the costs down. The boats that are currently on my short list are the Catalina 320, Beneteau 343 and Jeanneau 35. The partnership would require a financial commitment of between \$400 and \$700 per month depending on the age of the boat purchased. If anyone is interested in a sharing agreement please call to discuss further. Mike Hackett 401-885-0026. 12/09.



Frequent Flyer seen recently in the waters of Greenwich Bay



Grant Brandon running yet another successful race. Be sure to thank Grant and the Race Committee for a fantastic 2009 season!



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Committee Chair?

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always at your fingertips electronically:

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