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Activities Committee

The annual meeting was held on 10/16. We elected the new Board of Governors for 2010, reviewed and voted on necessary issues including the adoption of a strategic plan and an annual budget. All went very well. We also celebrated with Jay and Alicia Eshleman and their new baby girl, Jillian Ana who was born 9/25/09. Congratulations to all of you.

On 10/24, it was time for ghosts and goblins to come out and celebrate at the annual Halloween Party. Spooky, spooky. Check out next's month issue for the official review.

If you missed the Annual Banquet this year, you really missed a very nice evening. We had just under 100 people in attendance. Our commodore, Greg Fornal acted as our "Master of Ceremonies". Thanks Greg, for a job well done. He warmly welcomed everyone and invited us to enjoy the evening. He also presented the Frank Norton Award to Peirce Brawner, the Meredith Scott Award to Tom Stocker, and the Corinthian Spirit Award to Will Richmond. Congratulations to each for this very deserving award. Grant Brandon presented all the racing trophies to the lucky recipients. They all appeared to be very

pleased with their winnings. It's hard to believe the racing season has drawn to a close 'til next year!

This year's Silent Auction and Raffle proved to be another success this year. Special thanks to all the vendors who contributed as well as a heartfelt thank you to Dave Pickering who was so instrumental in acquiring so many excellent auction items. We couldn't have done it without you. Thanks also, to Sandy G. for keeping all the paperwork straight.

Another thanks to Liz Richmond and Judy Caplan for helping with the check-in table and the raffle. You're great!

Don't forget - the Holiday Party and Yankee Swap is Saturday, December 5th. It's a pot-luck dinner, so bring either an appetizer, entrée, or dessert to share. Also don't forget your \$10-15 wrapped gift for the Yankee swap! Plan on bringing the kids and a gift appropriate for your child. As always Hanukkah Harry will be there!!!

If you need more info, give us a call,

Jo-Ann, Phyllis and Michele

Committee Chair Positions

Two key committee chair positions are still open for the 2010 season. The Cruising

Committee and the Publicity Committee are in need of leadership. Both positions are fun ways to get more involved in the Club's inner workings with a minimum of time investment. Contact willrichmond@gmail.com for more information.

Cruising Committee

Columbus Day Cruise Update-- The last official cruise of the 2009 season was held over the Columbus Day weekend (10/10-10/12) this year. --Destination Wickford Marina--Mighty Moose, MoJo, Space Cat, Sowwanatin and Seven Oaks, sailed down on Saturday with a strong wind to help them out! Bill and Michele of Mighty Moose reported a time of just under 2 hours!! In attendance were several crews arriving by land yacht, as well. That evening, 26 people gathered for dinner on the patio, including our youngest member, Jillian Eshleman. Many thanks to everyone for bringing those yummy potluck choices, especially Lori of Sevenoaks for her pumpkin quesadillas!! They were a big hit!

On Sunday, time was spent walking to town to shop, visiting each other or napping. Just before dinner, we gathered for the official renaming ceremony of mojo. Captain Tom Stocker prayed to the four corners of the universe asking for smooth sailing, fair winds, and calm seas for the next millennium. Congratulations, Tom and Nancye. Then, seventeen of us were off to enjoy a wonderful dinner at Tavern by the Sea.

Alas, Monday rolled around and it was time to head home!!

Until next year,

Jo-Ann and Sandy Grima
Cruise Captains

Committee Report

Ahoy, Good Members! All but the hardiest of souls are out of the water now, and we've entered that time of year when our thoughts turn to sharing good times with good friends, and what to do to while away the winter.... Well, you're at the right place! Not only will the Activities and Education Committees keep us bumping into each other, but the Cruising Committee is looking for helpers to plan destinations and investigate anchorages for the 2010 season!

If you are not already a member of Facebook, please take a few moments to sign on, and add the West Bay Yacht Club Group to your Profile.

The results of the Annual Meeting Cruise Survey indicated an interest in heading North. Really North; like, Maine! There are so many interesting places to visit between East Greenwich and Kittery: Boston Harbor, Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, Gloucester, New Bedford, Portsmouth and Rockport, to mention just a few from the Embassy Guide. If anyone has experience with such locations, the Cruise Committee could really use your expertise!

And it's not too early to dream of white sand, turquoise water, Palm trees and balmy nights in a tropical isle. Perhaps this is the year you can live a dream for a week or so! If you have an interest in traveling to a sunny and warm place this winter, please let us know, and we'll see what we can get cooking!

Stay warm, dry, well and happy, my friends!

Fair winds,

Carol Ann Getter
Cruise Committee

WBYC is Bareboat Cruising in the Caribbean Again!

The Caribbean is calling to West Bay Yacht Club members to venture on yet another amazing bare boat cruising adventure! Belize is our destination the first week of May as Capt. Dave & Leann Pickering, Will & Liz Richmond, Rich & Judy Caplan and Greg & Monica Grimes have chartered the Moorings Flagship - a 4600 Sailing Catamaran. The Moorings base at Placentia is surrounded by more than 300 cays and tiny islands, a part of the the world's second largest barrier reef (560 miles long).

If you'd like to organize another boat and join in on the fun, contact Dave Pickering (401-742-5039 - ifcndpickering@aol.com) or Will Richmond (willrichmond@gmail.com) for details.

2009 Yearbooks

The 2009 West Bay Yacht Club Yearbook will be mailed to all members in mid December. The Yearbook is made possible each year because of sponsorship by local businesses. Please be sure to thank our generous advertisers with your business.

Membership Committee

New Members: Please welcome new members Edward Ellis & Karen Hunyadi and their children Avery Ellis (15) & Hannah Ellis (14). They live in Storrs, Connecticut and sail their Pearson 30, *Nirvana*, out of Brewer's in Warwick.

Alicia Eshleman

GOOD AND WELFARE

We'd like to send our condolences to Jim Palumbo on the recent passing of his Dad. We're all thinking of you at this sad time.

Also, we're sending "Feel Better Soon" wishes to George Ann who recently had a bad fall. May you heal quickly!

On a personal note, thanks for all the thoughts and prayers you all passed on to me during the past month. My surgery went well and I'm well on the road to recovery!

Here's more news: Mike Hackett (Telly's Tub Toy) recently bought a new boat. May you always have "Fair Winds and Gentle Seas"!

If anyone has some news they'd like to pass on to the membership, please let us know.

Jo-Ann

KEEP A SHARP LOOKOUT

Thursday, December 3..Board of Governors Dinner (7pm)
Saturday, December 5..... Holiday Party (6:30pm)
Friday, December 11Poker Night
Friday, December 18 Game Night

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

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 & Bloopers..... Will Richmond
Racing..... Grant Brandon
Website..... Peter Lussier

FOR SALE

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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.
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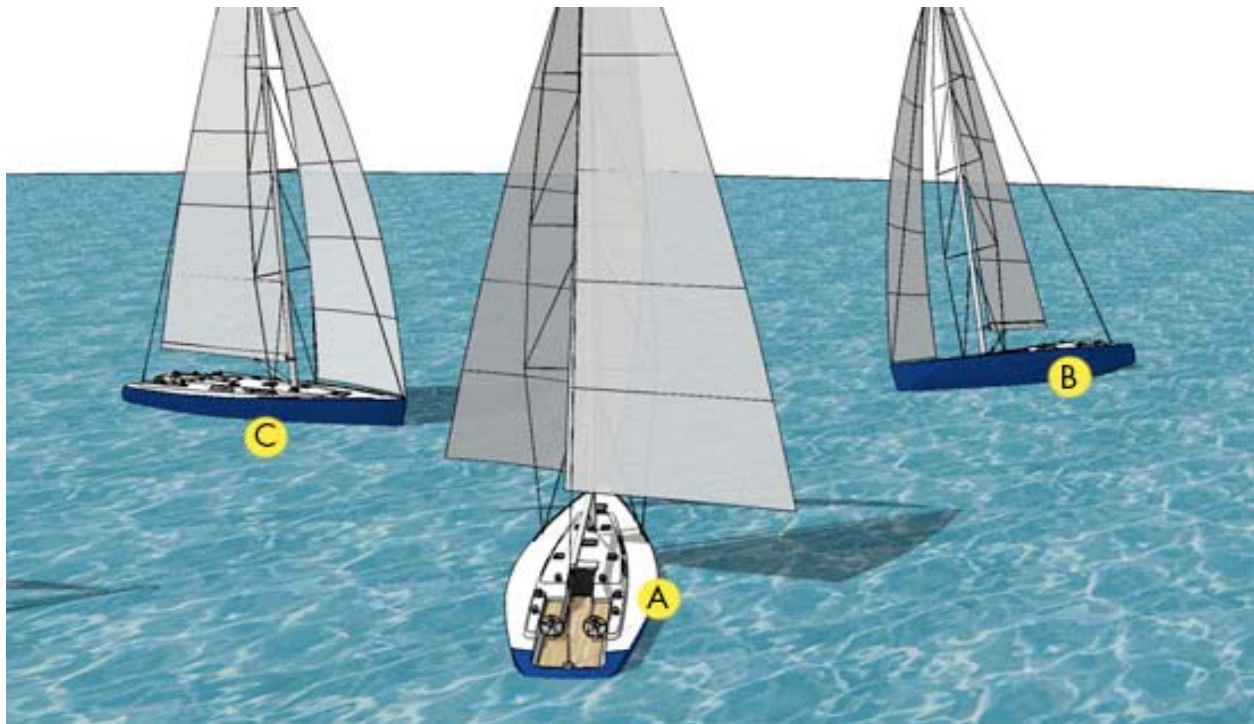
Education Committee

For this in-between season we offer a very short quiz:

This is a Rules of the Road question – just for fun – for our cruising sailors.

Presumably racing sailors will know the answers as the rules here are the same for the Racing Rules, the International Rules and the Inland Rules.

Can you instantly recognize who should Give Way to whom in each case in the situation below?



If this is not clear to you, please see either International or Inland Rule 12. The answers are below.

Quiz Answers: "A" gives way to "C" as "C" is on starboard tack and "A" is on port. "B" gives way to "C" for same reason. "A" gives way to "B" as she (A) is the windward boat.



A late night crew enjoying the Wickford cruise



Summer will return soon...

Happy Holidays!



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