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Commodore's Message

Happy New Year, friends and fellow members!

All of our Board and Committee Chair positions are now filled. I welcome our latest members, Jen Brandon (Publicity) and Mark DerMugrditchian (Cruising). Both



have large shoes to fill but both are well qualified to bring each area to a new level of excellence. Also joining our Board this year are our two newest Members-at-Large, Matt Aubee and

Bill Lilly. I look forward to everyone's input and contribution to making this our proudest year yet.

I am honored you elected me Commodore for this year and I aim to please. I am looking forward to building on the improvements our prior Boards have made over the past years, so I would like to talk about what I can do for you and how I plan to measure our success.

Building each of our committees is a major priority for me. I do not believe in or condone committees of one. I have been accused of being a master delegator. Guilty as charged and proud of it! Spreading the workload and involving additional members

build stronger and better programs. Last year we started a shore support committee for racing that worked fairly well. That team has already had one meeting this month and I expect Grant and his team will have a program stronger and better than ever. Carol Ann Getter utilized a core group to put together and run all of the different and new cruises last year. She will help Mark as he does the same. Building off his successful Kid's Education series last year, Peirce Brawner has an active committee and a very full and rich winter education program. There is something for everyone in this program. There is room for you on any one of these committees.

We want to continue to build on our family-friendly programs and need your help. Young families are the future of our club. Will Richmond will be contacting you if you have young children or grandchildren for your ideas - or, if you want to help, call him.

Your Board will be discussing various ways to increase your participation on an ongoing basis. However, you can help us now. By the end of January, you will be receiving your membership renewal package from the Membership Committee. As you write your renewal check, I ask you to include a note with your ideas for improvements or new events you would like to see.

So how will we know how we are doing? Several ways, the most obvious being your

attendance at club events, your joining a committee or by you telling us. We will also monitor our membership renewal numbers, new memberships and the amount of members who attend each of our events. With that information and your feedback, we can continue to improve what your club can offer.

Want to keep it informal for now? The clubhouse is open every Friday night, usually by 8:00 or so. Come on down and play a game or four of pool, darts or foosball. If you don't have a key, contact Stew Stewart to get one.

So, join us won't you? You joined our club for a reason. If you don't participate, we haven't provided something you may have been looking for. We want to change that. If you are interested in joining a committee, please give anyone on the Board a call and we will be sure you get on the committee you want. I do not believe in committees of one. We have openings on every committee in the club. Join one.

See you at the club!

Tom Stocker
Commodore

Activities Committee

Welcome to 2010. We trust everyone survived the holiday season.

Looking back—The Holiday Party/Yankee Swap was held on December 5, 2009. Everyone had a wonderful time enjoying good food and each other's company. As always the Yankee Swap was great fun. Thanks to Harry and Mrs. Hanukkah for keeping everything "organized". Let's see if "the knife" shows up again next year.

Looking ahead—The 2010 calendar is shaping up nicely. The first "Social Activity" for this year is the "Superbowl Party" on Sunday, 2/7/10. Unfortunately, the Patriots are out, so you'll just have to

root for your "favorite dome team". Plan on bringing a Potluck Dish (appetizer, entrée, or dessert (or whatever makes you happy) to share. The doors open around 4:30 pm. So, plan on spending a fun-filled afternoon of raffles, games, and who knows what else at WBYC...

The Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 13th. This is also another yacht club tradition. So mark your calendar and prepared to enjoy the best corned beef and cabbage in the state (or at least we think so!). Stayed tuned for more details.

If anyone has a new social activity they'd like to host, please don't be shy. Give us call!

Activities Committee

Jo-Ann (738-0202) Phyllis (219-1794)
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Annual Super Bowl Party - Pot Luck Dinner!

Mark you calendars for Sunday, February 7th for this years Super Bowl Party Extravaganza! Enjoy a Pot Luck Dinner / Appetizers which begins at 4:30 and continues on to the end of the game!

There will be all the games and activities that we all love to participate in! Be sure to get there early to sign up for the games you wish to participate in! We have a beautiful pool table, Foosball Table, Darts, Secret Squares Game, Raffles and many other games and prizes! As always, the game will be displayed on our GIANT 100" Screen along with the live wrap around sound system!

Education Committee

A very full program with a broad range of topics is being planned for our winter season. Your committee and its advisors are in the process of arranging the events. As a "Heads Up", the following will indicate the status of our program at this writing.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Race Management Seminar

Ron Hopkins - Sat. Jan. 23rd

Canvas Care -Sails, Dodgers,etc.

Tonya [The Canvas Lady] - Thur. Feb 11th

Safe/Sea - Salvage or Tow

Capt. Phil LeBlanc - Thur. Feb 25th

Marine Electrical Systems

Russell Dean - Sat. Feb 27th

Racing Seminar - Strategy & Tactics

[Tentative] - Sat. March 6th

Weather Seminar

T.J. Del Santo - Wed. Mar 10th

Doyle Sail Loft Visit

[Tentative] Sat. March 13th

The Great Hurricane of 1938

Dave Pickering – Sat. March 20th

Marine Electronics

[Tentative] - March 25th

Diesel Engine Maintenance

Sat. Mar 27th

Racing to Bermuda - TBD

Maggie McGillivray & Jennifer Brandon

CPR Class - TBD

Cruising Pot Luck Cooking - TBD

Racing Rules for Beginners - TBD

Annual Vessel Safety Checks - June

Peirce Brawner
Education Chair

Cruising Committee

Ahoy, Good Members! I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce your new Cruise Chairperson: Mark Dermugrditchian! Mark, and his wife Cindy, sail on their Catalina, *Oasis*. Mark comes to us with fresh and innovative ideas for the Cruising program at

WBYC, and with your help and support, we are looking forward to many happy adventures in the 2010 cruising season!

Many hands make the job lighter; in fact, and in spirit! I hope this is the year you'll volunteer to be a Cruise Captain or alternate, if you've never done so before. Don't be shy! You will have lots of helpful ideas, and the support of our experienced Cruise Captains at the touch of your "Send" button. Please don't hesitate to let Mark know you'd like to investigate this opportunity further!

I would like to thank the Cruise Captains of Season 2009, and members of the Board of Governors, for supporting my endeavors to organize last year's Cruise Program. Many of our Cruise Captains bravely stared Mother Nature in the eye, and didn't back down! Your ability to overcome challenges and carry through your plans with determination and grace under pressure (Barometric, and otherwise!), was very impressive! Your efforts made the Cruising Program a substantial part of the Summer's fun Sat. Mar 20 evening

Please applaud Mark in his decision to step up to the plate and enhance our club by supporting his calendar of activities, and giving him a kind word of encouragement the next time you see him! Way to go, Mark!

Fair winds,

Carol Ann Getter

S/V Juggler

WBYC CRUISING CALENDAR 2010

1) Tropical Isle Cruise - Belize

May 1-8

Dave & Leann Pickering

2) Memorial Day Cruise

May 28-May 31

3) Kid's Cruise

June 25-27

4) July 4th Cruise

July 2-5

5) First Week Summer Cruise

July 25-31

6) Second Week Summer Cruise

Aug 1- 7

7) Victory Day Cruise

August 8-9

8) Conanicut Island Cruise

Aug 20-23

9) Labor Day Cruise

Sept 3-6

10) Columbus Day Cruise

Oct 8-11

- Travel to new or different locations
- Learn something new by being with others who may have extensive experience in boating/sailing
- Sailing to other ports with a group provides some level of comfort for those that are less experienced
- Have FUN

How can we attract more members to come on the cruises? Good question-maybe we can all reach out to members asking them to join in. Talk up the cruises. On our cruises we have many different types of activities such as;

- Dinghy cocktail parties
- Shore group dinners
- Raft ups
- Sporting activities such as tennis, basketball, golf, bike, hiking, riding, etc.

**Raft Ups- Closest Friday
All at Goddard Park**

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| 1) April 30th ? | 5) August 27th |
| 2) May 28th
24th | 6) September |
| 3) June 25th | 7) October 22 ? |
| 4) July 23 rd | |

Even though the list of cruises is set, not all destinations and activities are set. That will be up to each cruising captain. Please look at the list and sign up to be a cruise captain. If you want to do it but never did and need some guidance we will be most happy to help you plan a cruise.

We will have a cruise meeting in February (to be announced). You may also call me to select a cruise you would like to organize.
Truly, Captain Mark

Race Committee

2010 WBYC Cruising Program

This year we hope to have more members join in on weekend and extended vacation cruises. The last few years have shown some positive growth in this category. Many years ago we would go on cruise with 10-30 boats all flying the WBYC burgee and we all had a lot of fun and learned something new each time. There will be eleven cruises this year and each one should be fun. A few reasons to join in on a cruising event;

- Meet new people who enjoy boating/sailing



Out with the old and in with the new! We are welcoming 2010 with a full agenda including race committee meetings to be held at the Club House on January 13th and 28th. For those of you who attended

the first meeting it was lively, thoughtful and

comprehensive ... in other words all agenda items were fully discussed including updating the Racing Handbook with current NOR's and SI's, improved course layouts for both circles, as well as needed improvements in both the F3 Series and the Saturday Long Distance Races. It is our intention to present a NEW face to our racing program for the upcoming season, and we welcome all skippers and crew who would like to participate in the process. If for whatever reason your schedule can't accommodate the January meetings don't fret there will be an equal number of meetings in February to ensure all the recommendations by the committee are adopted and implemented. It is my intention to hold an ALL SKIPPERS meeting on March 3rd to present the new findings and to share them with everyone at that time. Please earmark your calendars as it should be a fun meeting for all.

Last, but not least, this coming Saturday the 23rd your Race Committee will serve as HOST to a one-day US Sailing certification program designed to certify local Club Race Management Officers throughout the bay. There will be over 30 attendees participating and representing Yacht Clubs from around the area including: Rhode Island YC, Edgewood YC, West Bay YC, Wickford YC, Jamestown YC, Conanicut YC, Bristol YC, and Coasters Harbor Navy Yacht Club just to name a few. Ron Hopkins and Matt Hill will be our instructors and promise a full day of learning, camaraderie and fun!

In the meantime sail fast & safe and remember spring is only a few months away! There is no time like the present to start thinking about getting that bottom ready or those winches greased ... or planning for a new sail to improve your starts and finishes.

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Club Race Officer Certification Seminar Hosted

Last Saturday January 23rd WBYC hosted a Club Race Officer Certification Seminar which began at 8AM and ended around 5:30PM in the evening. The course instructors were Ron Hopkins and Matt Hill, both certified judges and professional race officers from the US Sailing Association. Attendees from around the Bay and nearby communities participated including Race Committee members from the following Yacht Clubs: Rhode Island YC, Jamestown YC, Wickford YC, Bristol YC, Cedar Point YC [CT], Milford YC [CT], West Bay YC, Sakonnet YC, Edgewood YC and East Greenwich YC. A variety of information was distributed at the seminar including entry level training manuals for race committees, CDs containing all US Sailing race management reference material, workbooks and worksheets, as well as sample tests and key exercises. The course was very comprehensive and informative and I am absolutely sure all attendees came away better prepared to manage their upcoming race management season!

Keep a Sharp Lookout

Wednesday, Feb 3 RC Meeting (7:00PM)
 Thursday, Feb 4 Board Meeting (7:00PM)
 Sunday, Feb 7 Super Bowl Night (4:30PM)
 Thursday, Feb 11 ... Canvas Presentation (7 to 9PM)
 Thursday, Feb 25 . Safe/Sea Presentation (7 to 9PM)

2010 Board of Governors

Commodore Tom Stocker
Vice Commodore..... Jay Eshleman
Rear Commodore..... Will Richmond
Past Commodore Greg Fornal
Secretary Phyllis Geisser
Treasurer Jo-Ann Grima
Parliamentarian Marcie Feldmann
Members at Large..... Bill Lilly
 Matthew Aubee
 Nathan Shapiro

2010 Committee Chairs

Activities.....	Phyllis Geisser, Jo-Ann Grima, Michele Lilly
Cruising.....	Mark DerMugrditchian
Education.....	H. Peirce Brawner
House.....	Stew Stewart
Membership.....	Alicia Eshleman
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Racing.....	Grant Brandon
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The GREAT Hurricane of 1938!

Yes, it was only 72 years ago, the great hurricane of 1938 rushed up the coast, over Block Island and right up the Providence River and into New England! A gale unlike any in the history of the state, with an enormous tide and tidal wave, slammed into our shores. This most interesting, tragic and fascinating hurricane dramatically changed the face of Rhode Island and how seriously a science weather forecasting became!

On Saturday, March 20th you will have the rare opportunity to venture back and revisit this historical event as we will view actual video footage shot during and after the devastation of the Great Hurricane of 1938. We will begin the evening with one of our famous Pot Luck Dinners at 6:30.

On display will be giant scale photographs along with many of the books written, many containing hundreds of photographs of this cataclysmic event. A guest speaker will be on hand to expand on videos and photographs to be viewed as we will take you back to what life was like on Narragansett Bay in 1938 and how it changed the face of Rhode Island forever!



Happy Holidays Everyone!

The Christmas Party was a wonderful success again this year!



A lot of fun was had by one and all with “Hanukkah Harry” as master of Ceremonies.





The Club Race Officer Certification Seminar brought people from far and wide including



7 members of WBYC. Our Commodore was presented with a Host Club Certificate.





Grant, after attending the Race Management Seminar on Jan. 23rd is thinking how he can rig an official flags system like this one on Estesea!



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