

Blooper

The Friendliest Little Yacht Club on the Bay!

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Commodore's Message



Seems to me the last two weeks have been brutal for many of us with all the rains in such a short period. Every time I dried out my basement, it rained again. Perhaps I should think about trading my boat in for an ark? At least it has not affected the weekends (so far).

Lots of shrink-wrap and covers have come off this weekend and by the quantity of cars in the parking lots, many of you have started the spring boating ritual in earnest. This weekend, the sounds of sanders, vacs and polishers filled the air, while last weekend winter quiet and empty parking lots were the norm. It is great that spring is finally here.

Club planning, social and educational activities have not skipped a beat. There was some type of activity every weekend in March, and April looks to be as busy. The Education committee schedule produced several fine programs including weather, electrical system and diesel maintenance seminars where at least twenty members and guests attended each one. The social event of the month, our St. Patrick's Dinner drew close to fifty, and our Cruising and Racing

Committees held meetings to plan the summer's activities.

We are working hard to touch all of our members, especially new members to encourage you to participate in activities of your choosing, and to enlist you to provide ideas to make our Club more interesting to you. Over the next few months, don't be surprised if you get a call from one of our Members-At-Large (Matt Aubee, Bill Lilly and Nathan Shapiro) or other Board member asking how we (including you) can make our Club better.

Rear Commodore Will Richmond is working hard on enlisting members with children (or grandchildren) for ideas, programs and events that our Club can do that will help you make your kids' boating and WBYC experiences fulfilling and memorable. I hope you will support us with this important goal. We want your children to become our Club's future members. You don't have to wait for Will to call you. You can call him if you like.

April will be another full month of activities. Check the club calendar on our website for details. One event change of note; on Sunday April 11 George Ann Redden is once again hosting our Annual Wine and Cheese Party beginning at 3:00. (The calendar showed the date as March 28). This is always a fun time, and an opportunity to try different wines and share

your favorites. Our Open House and Membership Drive is also scheduled.

Although our 2010 Cruise schedule starts with a trip to Belize in early May, our first cruise in Narragansett Bay is our Memorial Day Weekend Cruise. Our annual summer cruise dates and cruise captains set (July 25 – August 6) so pencil part or all of it in your calendar now. Our Club cruises are a great way for those not comfortable with cruising by themselves to gain experience and new friends and for our experienced cruisers alike. I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity. We look forward to another great cruising season.

April 24th is the date set by our Membership Committee for our Club Open House and Membership Drive. If you are unable to help, stop in for a few minutes if you can,,and bring a prospective member with you. It will be good to see you.

See you at the Club!

Tom Stocker
Commodore

Education Committee

BLOOPER?? – Do you know what a blooper (sail) is? It is an auxiliary sail that came into its own on IOR designed boats. Used in conjunction with the spinnaker on a dead downwind course to maybe 15 degrees off, it was deployed forward on the opposite side from the spinnaker pole. It was trimmed with the halyard as much as with the sheet and was set so that the bottom of the sail just kissed the waves and eased way out.

Our Seminars have gone well with 2 great presentations in March (Weather and Diesel Engine Maintenance).

April will see the block-buster Great Hurricane of 1938 presentation. There will

also be an opportunity to sign up for a \$35 CPR course. Separate notices to all members will or have already been mailed for each of these activities.

Peirce Brawner
Education Chair

CPR COURSE

Saturday, April 10 – Deadline to register for this CPR course which is to be conducted on Monday, April 19 from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

This course will be conducted at the Coventry-West Greenwich Elks, Exit 6 off I-95 (Rt. 3 north).

Course is presented by certified EMT's of the Coventry Fire Department and will cost \$35 per person. It is designed with boaters in mind.

You will receive an instruction manual and a Two Year Red Cross certification card. You will not match this deal anywhere else.

Each person taking the course must submit a separate sheet of paper with their name, address, and telephone number and send it along with a check for \$35 (made out to RISAA) to Mail to: R.I.A.A.A., 6 Arnold Road, Coventry, RI 02816.

Activities Committee

Despite the very wet and nasty weather we had for the St. Patrick's Day dinner on 3/13, it was a great time for all. Thanks to Paul and Cathy O'Finstein and crew, we served approximately 40 people an outstanding Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner with all the fixins. Paul was thinking that they have been making dinner for us for nearly 20 years now. WOW!! Thanks again for yet another one.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the upcoming events:

On Saturday, April 10th, "The Great Hurricane of 1938" will be the topic of the evening. Join us for a pot luck dinner. Feel free to bring an appetizer, entrée, or dessert and enjoy.

Join us for a leisurely Sunday afternoon on April 11 for the annual Wine and Cheese Tasting. Bring your favorite wine and complimenting cheese, chocolate, etc. The doors open up around 3:00 pm.

On Saturday, April 24th, stop by in the afternoon, starting at 2 pm -) for a burger and meet and greet new and old members alike at our annual Open House.

On Sunday, May 2nd, it's the ever popular May Breakfast. We'll be up bright and early and ready for you, so be there any time from 8 AM till 1 PM.

We could definitely use a few volunteers as the social calendar is getting busy, so don't be shy give one of us a call.

Good and Welfare

We'd like to extend our sincere condolences to Mark DerMugrditchian and his family on the passing of his mother recently. We'd also like to pass along our sympathy to Dave Pickering and his family on the very recent death of his Dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with you both. If anyone has something to be mentioned here, give us a call.

See you there--

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

Third Annual Wine & Cheese Party

Please join West Bay Yacht Club an afternoon of wine, cheese, music, and fun! Last year's party was such a success we're

repeating it! It happens Sunday, April 11, 2010 – 3 to 7 pm.

Bring a bottle of your favorite wine, and a cheese that you feel would compliment the wine. You're welcome to bring fruit, chocolate or whatever as well! Each wine will be displayed on the center table for guests to sample and we hope to have a wine expert on hand to help us out. Maybe you'll even find a new favorite!

We will have live music again this year provided by guitarist, Rick DiRocco, so come on down to the Club for a relaxing Sunday afternoon!

If you have any questions feel free to contact George Ann Redden 401-474-9825 or by email at gareden75@cox.net

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

Membership Committee

WBYC welcomes its newest members: Bruce and Sandra England and Tonya Ricketts & Andre Carew. We would also like to recognize two longstanding members, Evelyn & Joe Resch and Fred Kerzner, who have been members since at least 1984.

April 24th is WBYC's annual Open House where we open the club to the public interested in boating and who want more information on joining a club as active as ours. The best way to sell our club is to talk to existing members who can inform them of all the benefits we offer, so we hope you can make it. Food and refreshments will be available during the event on April 24th from 2-6pm.

Be on the lookout for a survey going out to all members inquiring on what benefits the club now offers that you like and/or what other benefits you may be interested in.

Enjoy the nicer weather coming our way.

Alicia Eshleman
Membership Chairperson

Race Committee

Just a short note to remind each and every racer who will be participating in the Summer, Fall & Weekend Races you can now find the 2010 Race Entry and Release of Liability Form in two locations. The first can be located in this month's Blooper (for US Mail recipients of the Blooper) and the second can be downloaded from our website at <http://www.westbayyc.org/pdf/2010-Race-Entry-Form.pdf>. I would very much appreciate if these forms could be submitted back to me as soon as possible in order for the Race Committee to develop Class breaks in advance of the Skipper's Meeting scheduled for the second Friday in May [14th]. Additionally, we will be adding a 2nd Spinnaker Class to the Outer circle and from all of the scuttlebutt it should make for a "very" exciting Class. New boats will be joining us this season in all three venues [Summer, Fall & Weekend Races] so stay tuned as many of these changes promises to make the upcoming racing season one of the best in years.

Last, but not least, I'm in the middle of creating an available crew list for those in need of crew from time to time. Please send me your requests so I can pair up several crews who are interested in racing both Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker during the

season. Can't wait to get back on the water!

Regards,
Grant Brandon
Race Committee Chairman

Cruise Committee

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 cruises with 10-30 boats all flying the WBYC burgee and we all had allot 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
- 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
- Activities for the kids
- Raft ups
- Sporting activities such as tennis, basketball, golf, bike, hiking, riding, etc.

So the list of cruises is set not all destinations and activities are set, that will

be up to each cruising captains. Please look at the list and sign up to be a cruise captain. If you want to be a cruise captain but never did and need some guidance we will be most happy to guide you as to how to plan and run a cruise. Don't forget Dave Pickering's Tropical Isle Cruise in May.

Truly,

Mark and Cindy DerMugrditchian

Memorial Day Cruise: Newport/Ida Lewis YC

Let's get those sails filled! Our first cruise this year will be a short 13 NM sail to Ida Lewis Yacht Club in Newport Harbor over Memorial Day weekend (May 29-31). This is a great cruise for first timers as well as the old salts in the group. WBYC cruises are wonderful ways to gain cruising confidence and also to spend time with good friends! We're working on a full agenda including kids' activities. This is also a great cruise for the Club's land yachts. Even if you have never gone on a cruise, or if you feel a bit uneasy about the Bay, we will all be there for you! Please contact Elizabeth Richmond richmondea@gmail.com to reserve a mooring or to address any questions you may have.

KEEP A SHARP LOOKOUT

Thursday, April 1..... Board Meeting
 Friday, April 9Poker Night
 Saturday, April 10..... Great Hurricane of 1938
 Monday, April 19 CPR Course
 Friday, April 23 Game Night
 Saturday, April 24..... Open House
 Friday, April 30Goddard Park Raft-up

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

2010 Board of Governors

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2010 Committee Chairs

Activities.....Phyllis Geisser, Jo-Ann Grima, Michele Lilly
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FOR SALE

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

1985 Merit 26 "Magic Carpet" with North 3DR sails. Comes with extra sails, 2 hp Nissan, trailer, custom main and tiller covers, all interior cushions, anchor, rode, VHF. This is an easy way to start racing this spring in a competitive boat that's set up to race. Selling for \$5,600. Call Jeff at 941-496-9375 until mid-May, after mid-May 401-884-5178. 6/10

8'-6" Baltik Inflatable Dinghy with plywood floor. Includes oars, air pump, patch kit, carrying duffel, and seat. Capacity 3 adults. Good condition. Selling for \$500 OBO. Contact Will Richmond at willrichmond@gmail.com for info or pictures. 6/10.

WBYC Cruising Calendar 2010

Name of cruise	Date	Destination	Cruise Captain
1) Tropical Isle	May 1-8	Belize	Dave & Leann Pickering
2) Memorial Day	May 29-31	Newport	Will & Liz Richmond
3) Kid's Cruise	June 26-27	TBD	TBD
4) July 4 th	July 2-5	TBD	Nathan & Barbara Shapiro
5) Annual Cruise	July 24-Aug 1	TBD	Mark & Cindy DerMugrditchian
6) Annual Cruise	Aug 1-8	TBD	TBD
7) Victory Day	Aug 7-9	TBD	Dave & Leann Pickering
8) Conanicut Is.	Aug 20-23	Jamestown	Jay & Alicia Eshleman
9) Labor Day	Sept 4-6	Cuttyhunk	Bill & Michelle Lilly
10) Potter's Cove	Sept 25-26	Potter's Cove	Dave & Gale Allen
11) Columbus Day	Oct 9-11	Wickford	Mike & Dawn LaRobardier

RAFT-Ups All at Goddard Park

April 30---May 28---June 25---July23---August 27---September 24---October 22



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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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