

Blooper

The Friendliest Little Yacht Club on the Bay!

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Commodore's Message

I know it is spring, because I swear I can see the dandelions growing as I look out the window. Well, my boat is now in the water, the boys from Thunder have already been calling me a "weenie" for my thinking it is still a little cold out there, we can actually find parking spaces at the local marinas (just watch out for the nails) and once again, Greg Fornal has sold his boat. Yes, spring is here indeed.



I am really looking forward to our summer schedule. Peirce has succeeded in keeping our member's attention all winter long with his informative and well-attended seminars, and our wonderful activities committee of Jo-Ann, Phyllis and Michele did their part by organizing great social events.

So now we turn our attention to floating activities. As you read this, our annual winter cruise will have begun in Belize, and our first Bay cruise is set for Memorial Day Weekend at Ida Louis Yacht Club in Newport. For those not ready to go for a full weekend, our first Moonlight Raft-up at Goddard will kick off that same weekend.

Membership held our Open House on April 24th. This has always been a fun event as in prior years this is the first time some

members come to say hello after the long winter months and we are able to welcome many prospective members. I hope you were able to make it this year.

In our quest to make the clubhouse more accessible, a committee led by Matt Aube is looking into a new entry system. As a member, you should have access whenever you want, and we encourage all members to buy keys. However, there are quite a few of you who do not and we hope this will make it easier for you. We should have this resolved by mid-summer at the latest.

On our quest to make the Clubhouse more comfortable, we are again selling spots on the wall for our "Wall of Fame". Not only does it make our club look better with action shots of our member's boats, you will have the opportunity of having an action photo of your boat to use as a screen saver or picture for your home or office. You can get this free as part of an Admiral membership or for \$25. The proceeds go to our capital fund. Call or see me for more information.

Another new program we are starting is to "buddy up" our Board members with new Club members. If you joined our Club within the last two years, expect a call from time to time. We want to make it easy for you to enjoy all the different activities, rights and events available to you as a member, and we want to get to know you.

After all, you joined for a reason and we want to help.

May is right around the corner. Take a look at our Club calendar at the end of this Blooper or at the Club website. We constantly update it with new events as you, our members, come up with them. Stay tuned for a few new family events as Rear Commodore Will Richmond and his committee of families put the finishing touches on several very family-friendly events and activities. There is something for everyone. Get involved, you won't regret it.

See you at the Club!

Tom Stocker
Commodore

Activities Committee

HAPPY SPRING EVERYONE! It looks as though "OLD MAN WINTER" has left us for yet another year. He sure was a busy guy. Wasn't he? The Spring social calendar is proving to be a very busy one. On April 11^h, we had our 4th Annual Wine Tasting. Many thanks to GeorgeAnn for making this event a success. Thanks to the volunteers who set up the Club the night before, too. We had great music, great wine, and great conversations. Mark "the Wine Guy" of People's Liquor Warehouse in Apponaug couldn't join us this year, but graciously donated a few samples and a raffle basket, which was won by Debbie Arey!

Don't forget to mark your calendar for our annual MAY BREAKFAST. We've lost count as to just how many we've had! But the early morning kitchen crew will be ready for you on:

DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2010
TIME: 8:AM – 12:00PM (or so)
COST: \$7.00/ADULTS
\$4.00/KIDS & UNDER 6 IS FREE

ON THE MENU: The usual breakfast fare (scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, homefries) Belgian Waffles (strawberries and whipped cream) made to order. Omelets (Michele's specialty) made to order. Baked Goodies
Coffee, tea, juice

So, join us for breakfast first and spend the rest of the day working on your boat! Sailing season is fast approaching!

Good and Welfare: We would like to extend our sympathy to Susan Kerzner on the recent passing of her Mom.

If anyone has anything to share with the membership, let us know and we'll be happy to take care of it.

As always the activities committee is looking for help. Don't be shy. Give one of us a call.

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

Education Committee

Last month we enjoyed the blockbuster presentation of The Great Hurricane of 1938. This seminar created two firsts for the year. It was the first delivered by a club member, Dave Pickering. And, it was the most heavily attended of the year. With the pot luck, it was also one of our most enjoyable.

Dave had collected and prepared pictures of many results of the hurricane from a wide variety of sources and had mounted and displayed them around the room – really interesting history. He also showed film clips and videos of some of the more appalling happenings.

Jake Portnoy, one of several attendees around at the time, gave us snippets of some of his hurricane memories (as a very young boy).

As a separate activity, an opportunity was provided to all members to sign up for a CPR course with Red Cross certification. The course was conducted on April 19th.

Marine Electronics is the next educational event, scheduled for 20 May at 7:00 PM and presented by Ron Hopkins, a true expert in the field. It will highlight the newest innovations and a comparison of features (old vs. new). He will give a comprehensive snapshot of choices in the market place as they relate to Marine Electronics.

Ron's presentation was recently given at the Bristol Yacht Club and was well received by their membership.

Peirce Brawner
Education Chair

Membership Committee

“Welcome!” to our newest members, Jim & Celeste Wright. We look forward to meeting them soon at some of our upcoming events!

Keep your eyes open for details on the **New Member Social** which will be held in June.

Have you taken a **look** at what the new membership packages have to offer you?

Top 5 reasons to upgrade your WBYC membership...

5. Your burgee has seen better days; with a Captain's upgrade, you get a new one each year for free (\$15 value). Or, with the Admiral's Club, the burgee has a symbolic star on it.

4. Get a free meal for two (or 2 free meals for two, w/upgrade to Admiral's Club). With budgets running tighter in this economy, getting anything for free helps your wallet.

3. You love gazing at your boat and you want others to share your admiration. With an Admiral's Club upgrade, you will have a picture of your boat prominently displayed on our “Wall of Fame” for one season at no charge (\$25 value).

2. Have an important birthday, anniversary, bridal or baby shower to throw but your house is too small to host it...an Admiral's upgrade gets you one free club rental.

And the #1 reason to upgrade your membership...

1. You'll see your name in lights...well maybe not lights but prominently displayed on a plaque boasting your commitment to supporting the club!

Captain's Club Membership - \$145.00 (upgrade cost only \$50)

• Club Key (one time) • 2 - Captain's Club License Plate Frames

• A Function Certificate for two adults each year * • New Burgee Each Year

Admiral's Club Membership - \$195.00 (upgrade cost only \$100)

• Club Key (one time) • 2 Function Certificate for two adults each year *

-New Burgee Each Year (w/Admiral's star)
• 2 - Admiral's Club License Plate Frames

• One Free Rental of the Club.

Your Committee Chair,

Alicia

Cruising Committee

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 to Potter's Cove**
June 25-27
- 4) **July 4th Weekend Cruise**
July 2-5
- 5) **First Week Summer Cruise**
July 25-31
- 6) **Second Week Summer Cruise**
Aug 1-7
- 7) **Victory Day Weekend Cruise**
August 7-9
- 8) **Conanicut Island Cruise**
Aug 20-23
- 9) **Labor Day Weekend Cruise**
Sept 3-6
- 10) **Columbus Day Weekend Cruise**
Oct 8-11

Raft Ups-

**Friday Nights at Goddard Park from
6:30 to 10:00PM:**

- 1) May 28th 4) August 27th
- 2) June 25th 5) September 24th
- 3) July 23rd

Race Committee



Just a short note to remind each Skipper who will be participating in the Summer, Fall & Weekend Races the 2010 Race Entry and Release of Liability Form is now available on our website and can be downloaded by clicking on the following address: <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 Friday May 14th. For those who missed last month's announcement the Race Committee will be adding a 2nd Spinnaker Class to the Outside Circle providing starts for two Spinnaker Classes and one Non-Spinnaker Class. The RC is anticipating several "new" entries in many of our classes this season insuring each venue will provide great competition in both the Inner and Outer Circles. Last, but not least, I've begun to assemble a crew list for those in need of assistance either from time to time during the season or as permanent crew. Please forward your requests to grant_brandon@yahoo.com in order to pair up as many Skippers and crews prior to the arrival of the Summer Series. As I said in last months' Blooper "can't wait to get back on the water"!

Grant

Keep a Sharp Lookout

Saturday April 24... OpenHouse/MemberDrive(2PM)
 Saturday, May 1.....Annual Club Cleanup (8-2PM)
 Sunday, May 2.....May Breakfast (8-1PM)
 Thursday, May 6.....Board Meeting (7:00PM)
 Friday, May 14..... RC Meeting (7-8:30 PM)
 Saturday, May 22. Tune-Up Regatta (12-3 PM)
 Friday, May 28.Raft-Up at Goddard Pk(6:30-10 PM)
 Friday, May 28Game Night
 May 28-31.....Memorial Day Weekend Cruise

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
Publicity & Blooper Jennifer Brandon
Racing Grant Brandon
Website..... Peter Lussier

FOR SALE

Catalina 250
 ... the sailboat you've
 always wanted



Our move to the Midwest is forcing us to sell our much loved 1997 25 ft. wing keel sloop, perfect for cruising or racing. She is in excellent condition, ready for your family to enjoy weekends on the water.



- She has an 8.5' beam, 3.5' draft, and 8 HP outboard motor with electric starter.
- Outfitted with 151 sq. ft. mainsail and a 135 roller furling Genoa that is only 2 yrs old. Other equipment includes self tailing winches, compass, depth meter, marine VHF radio, 2 Danforth anchors, fenders & dock lines, PFDs.
- Cockpit comfortably seats 6 adults. Has tiller with extension, seat pads, 2 stern observation seats, & walk-through transom with ladder.
- Roomy cabin has double bunks fore and aft, galley with sink, LP gas stove, and fresh water system, removable ice chest, ample storage, and enclosed flushable head.
- Pop-top hatch has enclosure with windows, providing ample head room.



Priced for immediate sale at \$13,500 Call Dave Reid at 401-885-0972 (home)
 401- 316-0430 (cell)

Note: Submit new and renewal ads to j-brandon@cox.net. Ads will run for three months. (Expiration date on end of each ad). Please limit ad to 75 words or less.

For all you racers, please see the Race entry form on the following page to be printed, filled out, and mailed to the club's address for the 2010 racing season.



2010 RACE ENTRY AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

NAME OF YACHT _____ SAIL NUMBER _____ PHRF * _____
YACHT OWNER _____ HOME TELEPHONE # _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
RACING SKIPPER _____ CELL TELEPHONE # _____
E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ BOAT LOCATION: _____
YACHT DESIGN/MAKE _____ YACHT COLOR _____ L.O.A. _____ YEAR _____

*Current Year PHRF-NB Rating Certificate & Proof of Insurance must be provided by June 1st for Class Placement

FEE SCHEDULE - PLEASE CIRCLE INDIVIDUAL SERIES OR RACES, OR SELECT A PLAN

Table with 2 columns: Individual Events and 20% Discount Package Plans. Includes items like Tuneup Regatta, Summer Series, Fall Series, Rainone Solo/Twin, Newport Storm, Lady Skippers, Frank H Norton, Fantastic Plastic, Pumpkin Patch, F3 Individual Race, and Non-Member Fee.

NON-MEMBER FEE must be included with your payment when choosing any of the summer, fall or package plans if you are not a member of West Bay Yacht Club.

IMPORTANT: The SKIPPER'S MEETING will be held at the West Bay clubhouse on Friday, May 14, 2010 at 7:00 PM. ALL BOATS RACING IN THE SUMMER SERIES NEED ATTEND OR SEND A REPRESENTATIVE.

Table with 3 columns: DID YOU: (Complete the form and sign below?), CHECK ALL THAT APPLY: (New to Racing Need Some Help, Interested in Finding Crew, Interested in joining the Club), MAIL TO: (Grant Brandon, c/o WBYC PO Box 1604, East Greenwich, RI 02818)

In accordance with Section 7-6-22 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, entitled EXEMPTION FROM LIABILITY TO PARTICIPANTS IN SPONSORED ATHLETIC OR SPORTS EVENTS, I hereby release West Bay Yacht Club, its officers, directors, trustees, agents, servants, and property while I am participating in or practicing for any contest or exhibition of an athletic or sports nature sponsored by the West Bay Yacht Club;

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Owner or Owner's Representative)



Another fascinating presentation coordinated by our Education Committee Chair, Peirce Brawner. This time it was Mike Fowler discussing Diesel Care and Maintenance – Just in time for those spring tune-ups!



Three of the gracious members who contribute to the abundant supply of delectable treats we always look forward to...



.....and the appreciative members who enjoyed them. 3 Cheers to the Chefs!



*Contact Jennifer Brandon to request electronic delivery of the Blooper and most other West Bay Yacht Club correspondence. j-brandon@cox.net
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VERY important links to your Club website.
Need to get in touch with a Club Officer or
Committee Chair?

www.westbayyc.org/officers.htm

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

www.westbayyc.org/calendar.htm