

Blooper

The Friendliest Little Yacht Club on the Bay!

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Commodore's Message

Our summer programs are all in full swing...and this year the weather has been great! This past weekend was especially busy, with our racing program holding their first F3 Friday night race of the season, our activities and cruising programs joining to hold the second Goddard Moonlight Raft-up of the season and Cruise Captains Julie and Bob LeBlanc hosting our annual Kid's Cruise Weekend at Potter's Cove on Saturday and Sunday.



Oh, and did I mention our Education Chair was busy all weekend coordinating our annual vessel safety checks to have our Club's member boats inspected? If you missed that, you can get it done on July 10 if you wish. Call Pierce.

Next weekend will also be busy with our July 4th Cruise to Bristol YC hosted by Cruise Captains Nathan and Barbara Shapiro, and at the end of July Mark and Cindy DerMugrditchian will be coordinating the first week of our annual Summer Cruise.

This year's summer cruise itinerary calls for a trip around the islands of Buzzard's Bay, a great cruise whether you have done it a thousand times or have not had the opportunity to experience a cruise outside of

Narragansett Bay. See Mark's article in this issue of our Blooper and additional information on the "Cruising" bulletin board in the Club.

It has been great hearing from many of you about how you have been enjoying the opportunities our Club has provided. Equally, I really want to hear from those of you who would like us to add or change activities (thanks to those of you who have offered this valuable insight). We strive to offer the best programs and experiences we possibly can, and your input is necessary for us to succeed.

Thanks to Matt Aubee for building the new outside bulletin board for racing and important Club announcements. We realize many of you do not have keys (you can get one by calling Stew Stewart) to get into the Club for some posted information, and it will serve as a great publicity piece for outsiders to consider joining us. Grant Brandon (thanks Pat) and Matt will be installing a flagpole at the end of the Norton's main (A) dock to be used for racing signals. We realize many of our racers come from outside of Greenwich Cove and may not know when races may be postponed. This will also add to the ambiance of our Club (as our Burgee will also be flying) and to Norton's Shipyard. I look forward to seeing this project completed soon.

I was very pleased to see all the members, both new and old who attended our first "New Member Social" on June 12th. Special thanks to Liz Richmond and her crew of volunteers who did a splendid job of planning, decorating and executing such a wonderful party.

Every Monday night after racing there is a social. Jo-Ann, Phyllis and several others prepare a wonderful meal for all who wish to eat. Cost is \$6. You do not have to be racers to join in, so come on down. And remember, the Club is open every Friday night for socializing, pool, cards or to watch a ballgame.

So as we close out June and start July with such a flurry of activities and really kick into our summer schedules, it is gratifying to know we have something to offer every one of our members and your families.

See you at the Club!

Tom Stocker
Commodore

Vice Commodore's Message

Summer was kicked off in style at the WBYC Memorial Day Cruise to Ida Lewis Yacht Club in Newport. Seven boats arrived in Newport on Saturday afternoon, most just beating a storm system that gave us heavy wind and showers all evening. We kept dry on the porch of Ida Lewis and enjoyed a wonderful early season cookout. We had a respectable presence at Ida Lewis with almost 30 members and guests in attendance.



On Sunday, most everyone took advantage of clearing weather and spent the day outdoors. The truly brave among us managed to take a swim, while others were content kayaking and enjoying the sights of Newport. Those heading into town enjoyed a variety of activities including the Yacht Restoration school, Fort Adams, the Museum of Yachting, and one couple even visited the site of their wedding, the Eisenhower house to have a kiss on the lawn overlooking the Bay! We had a beautiful sunny day that many complemented with their first ice cream of the summer. Later in the evening, Lady Karen graciously hosted the group for an impromptu social.

Monday we woke to a hazy day with little wind. Halfway home under power, we were finally able to fill the sails. The wind continued to cooperate as the day went on, so we sailed into our home port under lively winds. The source of the haze and mild smoky smell was later revealed to be the forest fires burning hundreds of miles to the north in Quebec.

The West Bay fleet consisted of *Alchemy*, *At Last*, *Aurora*, *Lady Karen*, *Sevenoaks*, *SpaceCat*, and *Wind Chaser*. Unfortunately *Lynda Sofia* and *Spray* had to drop out due to mechanical issues, but the summer is young and the Club's cruise calendar is full of great events. See you on the next cruise!

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz and Will Richmond, *Sevenoaks*

Activities Committee



Sandy and I just returned from a terrific cruise to Alaska. We had an awesome time! The scenery, weather, and overall experience was just beautiful! -And we have some great photos we look forward to sharing with everyone! Jo-Ann

As always the activities committee is looking for anyone who is willing to volunteer their time, or to help out at any activities. Give one of us a call with any suggestions or recommendations!

Jo-Ann (401)738-0272

Phyllis (401)219-1784

Michele (401)398-2621

Education Committee



Annual Vessel Safety Checks (VSC's) have been (and will be) scheduled for any members wishing to avail themselves of this very valuable offering. Inspections were scheduled for June 26, June 27, June 29 (evening), and July 10. If there is interest in scheduling dates beyond these, it can easily

be done. Simply contact the Education Chair with your request.

Vessel Safety Check is a FREE courtesy examination of your boat to verify the presence and condition of Safety Equipment required by State and Federal regulations. The Vessel Examiner is a trained specialist and is a member of the US Power Squadrons, or the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. S/he will also make recommendations, and may discuss certain safety issues that can make you a safer boater. A VSC is your best way of learning about problems that might put you in violation of state or federal laws or, worse, create danger for you or your passengers on the water. There should be no fear of failing. If there is an issue that needs attention, the examiner will explain that, and will happily arrange a second inspection with you. You will both find this an enjoyable learning experience.

Vessels that pass will be awarded a distinctive VSC decal.

Peirce Brawner
Education Chair
peirce@msn.com

Membership Committee



For any member interested in obtaining a clubhouse key, please give Stew Stewart a call at 401-497-8368.

Good luck to all who are racing in the Monday Night Summer Series, and I look forward to seeing you at some of the "after racing" dinners.

AliciaEshleman
Membership Chairperson

-And if you are interested in upgrading your membership, don't forget to take advantage of all these extra benefits:

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 Certificates (good for two adults) each year • A New Burgee Each Year (w/Admiral's star) • 2 - Admiral's Club License Plate Frames • One Free Rental of the Club.

Cruising Committee

Annual Cruise

It's that time of year again! Time for the WBYC Annual 2 Week Cruise!



This year we plan on traveling east during the first week and west during the second week. The itinerary is as follows:

2010 WBYC ANNUAL CRUISE

WEEK ONE - Cruise Captains:

Mark & Cindy DerMugrditchian

Saturday 7/24

Newport to CuttyHunk Is. [Dinghy cocktail party](#)

Sunday July 7/25

CuttyHunk Is. To OakBluffs [dinner on shore](#)

Monday 7/26

Lay day OakBluffs [travel around MV progressive dinner on each vessel](#)

Tuesday 7/27

OakBluffs to Flamouth

Wednesday 7/28

Falmouth to Marion [sight seeing dinghy trip around harbor](#)

Thursday 7/29

Marion to CuttyHunk Is. [Walk on shore](#)

Friday 7/29

Lay Day CuttyHunk Is. [Beach day](#)

Saturday 7/30

CuttyHunk to Third Beach or Fogland Cove

Sunday 7/31

To Home port

2010 WBYC ANNUAL CRUISE

WEEK TWO - Cruise Captains:

Dave & Leann Pickering

Sunday 8/1

Third Beach to Pt Judith [dinghy cocktail party](#)

Monday 8/2

Pt Judith to Westerly [dinghy trip up river](#)

Tuesday 8/3

Westerly to Block Is.

Wednesday 8/3

Lay day Block Is. [Beach day](#)

Thursday 8/4

Lay Day Block Is. [Shore group dinner](#)

Friday 8/5

Block Is. To Dutch Harbor [walk to town for icecream](#)

Saturday 8/6

Dutch Harbor toNewport [progressive dinner split time on each vessel](#)

Sunday 8/7

toHomeport

As you can see we have many ports of call with several lay days. We also have many activities planned and you can join all or part of them. Of course, schedules may change due to weather and sea conditions!

Contact Mark DerMugrditchian (508-234-7930) to let us know if you plan on joining us this year. Once we know who will be attending, we will let you know if any reservations need to be made in advance.

WBYC CRUISING CALENDAR 2010:

First Week of Summer Cruise

July 24-Aug 1 Destination: Martha's Vineyard Cruise Captains:
Mark & Cindy DerMugrditchian

Second Week Summer Cruise

Aug 1-8 Destination: Block Island
Cruise Captains:
Dave & Leann Pickering

Victory Day Weekend Cruise

August 7-9 Cruise Captains:
Dave & Leann Pickering

Conanicut Island Cruise

Aug 20-23 Cruise Captains:
Jay & Alicia Eshleman

Labor Day Weekend Cruise

Sept 4-6 Destination: Cuttyhunk
Cruise Captains: Bill & Michelle Lilly

Potter's Cove Cruise

Sept 25-26 Cruise Captains:
Dave & Gale Allen

Columbus Day Weekend Cruise

Oct 9-11 Destination: Wickford Cruise
Captains: Mike & Dawn LaRobardier

Raft Ups-

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

- 1) July 23rd
- 2) August 27th
- 3) September 24th
- 4) October 22nd

Race Committee



It is hard to believe June has come and gone so quickly. Unfortunately we were only able to race three out of four race days in June having abandoned race #4 due to torrential downpours and lightening over Greenwich Bay. I therefore propose

Thursday August 12th as the makeup race date - please mark your calendars appropriately.

A few weeks ago we teamed up with NBYA to run the Rainone Solo/Twin LD Race & Governor's Cup and from an organizational standpoint it was a spectacular event fielding 22 WBYC/ EGYC boats [the most ever I've been told] and 16 NBYA boats competing for line honors in their respective Classes. No question the event had its logistical issues, but after everything was said and done the course layout, the 20+ knot breeze and, most importantly, the competition was tough, exciting and memorable. All in all it was an extraordinary day of racing and I offer up three *Huzzahs* to all finishers as they deserve a full round of applause!



The 1st race of the F³ Series went off without a hitch last Friday June 25th and although we have a few less boats this year than last the quality is up and the racing is very exciting. July 23rd and August 6th round out the remaining race dates of the Series and for those eyeing the Greenwich Bay Trophy all three races of the F³ Series must be completed in addition to participating in a minimum of two out of three Club races [EGYC Regatta, WBYC Norton's Memorial Race and/or the AHYC Dickerson's Race]. At the end of the season each boat's best five out of six scores will be tallied and appropriate rankings will be computed. Best wishes and great finishes to all!



Upcoming Saturday calendar events are as follows:

- July 10th – Newport Storm Long Distance Race
- July 17th – EGYC Regatta & Social
- July 24th – Lady Skippers LD Race
- August 14th – Frank Norton Memorial LD Race
- August 21st – Fantastic Plastic Pursuit Race



Last but not least, I look forward to seeing everyone next Monday night July 12th as we resume our Summer Racing Series. If any questions arise between now and then feel free to call me on my cell at **401.864.5049** or drop me an email at grant_brandon@yahoo.com and I will do my best to respond as quickly as possible.

Sail fast, be safe and most importantly have FUN!

Grant

House Committee

To all members: Should you ever consider donating any furniture or other article to the club, please contact me at 401-497-8368. We must first decide if it will be in the club's best interest to accept any donations since we have very limited storage space.

Stew Stewart
House Committee

Keep a Sharp Lookout

Saturday, July 10..Newport Storm Regatta (12 noon)
 Friday, July 16.....Game Night(7 PM)
 Saturday, July 17.EGYC Regatta & Social(12 Noon)
 Friday, July 23....Raft Up @ Goddard Park (6:30-10)
 Saturday, July 24.....Lady Skippers Race(12 Noon)
 Saturday, July 24.....Summer Cruise Week 1 begins
 Saturday, July 31.....Summer Cruise Week 2 begins

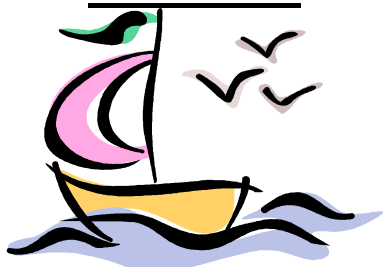
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FOR SALE



1985 Merit 25 “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 401-884-5178. 7/10

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. 7/10.

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.

New Members Social



Many members attended our New Member Social on June 12th.

Special thanks to Liz Richmond and her crew of volunteers who did a splendid job of planning, decorating and executing such a wonderful party!



Liz greeting members as they arrive



Everyone enjoyed the delicious buffet



A big "Welcome" to new members!



Make new friends but keep the old, one is silver and the other gold...

Monday Night Summer Series





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