

Blooper

The Friendliest Little Yacht Club on the Bay!

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Commodore's Message

As we roll into August, I am hopeful the weather will be as spectacular as July. What a far cry from last year's wet first half of summer! Our annual Club Cruise is on its way. Four or five families are participating and several others are planning to join in over the weekend between weeks 1 and 2. I eagerly await their reports.



Last Friday night, thunderstorms washed out the scheduled Goddard Park Moonlight Raftup, but there was an F3 race, after-race social and Norton's annual Marina party to take up the slack. Many Club members were in attendance at all three events. I am very happy to report that attendance has been high for every after-race social this season, for both evening and weekend races.

A hearty "congratulations" to all of our organizers (race and cruise), social and galley helpers. Without your guidance and enthusiastic involvement, we could not offer the quality and quantity of programs we do.

All of this activity has not gone unnoticed. So far this summer we have enjoyed a steady stream of new members and member inquiries as a direct result of our activities.

This year seems to be attracting more walk in new members than in years past. We welcome all of you to our Club and hope you will bring more of your friends along as well.

Stew has had keys made, so those of you who have been waiting patiently, please call Stew on his cell phone to arrange to pick up your Club key (His number is on our Club website).

Our next Board meeting will be in September. At that meeting, we will be reviewing our Strategic Plan for updates. If you have not talked about your ideas with a Member-at-Large or other Board member, this would be a good meeting to attend to share your ideas. The 2010-2011 Strategic Plan will be ratified at the annual meeting in October, as will the Club's annual budget.

Unfortunately, August will go by too fast. So take advantage of one or more of our Club cruises, weekend races, Friday night informal get-togethers or other Club activities. All are great ways to meet new friends and Club families.

Enjoy your August and see you at the Club!

Tom Stocker
Commodore

Activities Committee



Yikes!! Summer is nearly half over. Where has the time gone? The weather has been either too rainy or too steamy hot, but hopefully, you are all still enjoying the season and taking advantage of the “natural air conditioning” out on the water!

The “Racing Kitchen” continues to be extra busy making dinner after the club’s races on Monday nights this year. Our hats are off to the great volunteers we’ve had including Joan Harnish, Jim and Celeste Wright, Diane O’Rourke, and Jenny Brandon. Your help is always appreciated! The kitchen is open to everyone, so stop by and join us for dinner one night. At \$6 a meal, it’s the best deal in town – and we are always happy to include you.

As fall is fast approaching, the “indoor activity” calendar will be in full swing. We’re always looking for new ideas, so don’t be shy, give us a call!

ON THE SMILE LINE - Hugs go out to Jim Ward and Cindy DerMugrditchian who were “under the weather” recently. We wish a quick recovery to each of you!

Note: If you have something you’d like shared with your fellow members, just let us know and we will do our best to get it included in the next Bloopers.

**See you at the club,
Jo-Ann, Phyllis, and Michele**

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

Education Committee



As the education season draws to its summer close, I would simply leave you with this memory aid concerning the safety equipment you need to have aboard:

The 5 F’s of Safety

- 1. Flotation** (PFD's)
- 2. First Aid** (kit)
- 3. FM** (radio)
- 4. Fire** (extinguisher)
- 5. Flares**

And, of course, never forget the old adage:

**It's better to sit in your boat
with a drink “on the rocks”,
than to sit in the drink with
your boat on the rocks!**

Peirce Brawner
Education Chair
peirce@msn.com

Membership Committee

Membership would like to welcome our newest members, Michael & Cindy Poirier and Carol Whitmer & Tom Colvin. If you see them around the club, please extend a hearty WBYC welcome!

We hope you are enjoying your summer and are planning to attend at least one of the many fun filled cruises going on this summer. Check out the website or this Blooper for the cruise calendar - as well as the schedule for game night each month, and other activities your fellow members have put together for your intellectual stimulation and your pleasure.

If you haven't already done so, see Stew to obtain a key for the club. You may reach him at 401-497-8368.

Alicia Eshleman
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



The 4th of July cruise began with 8 boats heading to Bristol on Saturday, July 3rd for the 225th year of festivities: Oasis, At Last, Alchemy, Mighty Moose, Mira, Spray, Seven Oaks and Moondance (Miche'le Anne canceled at the last moment due to engine problems) We all had reserved moorings at the Bristol Yacht Club. Since it was a beautiful day, each boat set off on their own, planning to rendezvous in Bristol Harbor later in the afternoon. After everyone settled on their moorings, plans were formulated to listen to The New Era Jazz Band at the outdoor concert in Independence Park before dinner. We had reservations at Redlefsens, right across the street from the park. (If you find yourself in the Bristol area, stop in for dinner, we can happily say we highly recommend it!) After a fabulous dinner, some of us enjoyed ice cream and Mixed Emotions, the second concert of the evening.

Sunday was an open day for everyone to enjoy their own way to beat the heat: day sailing, shopping, enjoying the charms of Bristol or just enjoying a relaxing day at the mooring. Dinner was spent on the Bristol Yacht Club grounds overlooking the harbor, using their grill, sharing a dish and enjoying everyone's company. Some left to see the United States Army "Pershing's Own" Concert Band, while others went back to their boats to enjoy the fireworks show. After the Bristol show was over, we turned our chairs southward, and watched the

Newport show – what a spectacular end to a great day!

Monday was parade day, and by 9am it was already 85 degrees. Some brave souls went to see the parade, while others got ready to either head home, or head out for more vacation time on their boats.

A great time and enjoyable camaraderie was had by all. Maybe you will want to join up for the next cruise and partake in the fun and adventure that always has us coming back for more!

Your 4th of July Cruise Captains,
Barbara & Nathan Shapiro
Moon Dance



2010 WBYC ANNUAL CRUISE

Saturday 7/31

Pt Judith Harbor of Refuge

Sunday 8/1

Block Is -----shore dinner as a group

Monday 8/2

Lay Day Block Is-----beach party

Tuesday 8/3

Cutty Hunk Is-----dinghy cocktail party

Wednesday 8/4

Oak Bluffs-----open

Thursday 8/5

**Lay Day Oak Bluffs-----walk--
bike ride—take the bus around to
sites on the island/progressive
dinner on boats—TBD**

Friday 8/6

**South Dartmouth-----dinghy ride
around harbor**

Saturday 8/7

Third Beach-----quiet night

Sunday 8/8

Sail to home port

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:

Annual Summer Cruise

July 31-Aug 8 Destination: Martha's Vineyard
Cruise Captains:
Mark & Cindy DerMugrditchian

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) August 27th

- 2) September 24th
- 3) October 22nd

LaborDay Cruise to Cuttyhunk **Cruise Captains, Bill & Michele Lilly,** **“Mighty Moose”**

After Labor Day, Cuttyhunk quickly begins closing up for winter, so this is the last chance to enjoy the island’s high-season charm and still have some chance of finding services available. Services are often uncertain at best, so it’s a good idea to bring everything you’ll need with you ... food, water, booze, fuel, dingy, an empty holding tank, and maybe a few sticks of firewood for our beachside bonfire.

In past years, we’ve always found at least a few outside moorings still unoccupied when arriving by late afternoon on Saturday before Labor Day. Last year, moorings were \$40 per night (per boat, even if rafted) inside or outside the pond. Moorings are on a first-come first-served basis. In the event there is no mooring or raft-up available (or seas are calm and you don’t want to pay the mooring fees), there are three anchorage areas. All moorings require that you provide your own painter, so be sure you have a good, stout piece of line ready when you tie up.

Plan A: If the weather looks good and sea-state reasonable: We plan to spend Friday night at Third Beach near the mouth of the Sakonnet River, then leave around 8:30 am Saturday (9/4), arriving in Cuttyhunk by noon or thereabouts. We will be monitoring VHF hailing channel 9, switch and answer on 72. The outbound route from Third Beach is south to the red & white bell “SR”, then turning easterly making for R2 at the mouth of Buzzards Bay, then steering for the southern tip of Peneske Island (RGN buoy “Middle Ground”), then turning more southerly, leaving all red buoys in the Cuttyhunk approach channel to starboard. If you plan to leave from Greenwich Bay on Saturday, best advice is to use the early morning outgoing tide for a push down the

Bay and try to be abreast red & white bell “SR” at low tide, ~ 11:00 am.

For the return trip on Monday (9/6), using the tide to best advantage suggests leaving Cuttyhunk around 10:30 am to get a nice tidal push up Narragansett Bay and be home before sunset.

Plan B: Check the weather forecast during the week beforehand. If stormy and/or forecasted coastal seas are greater than 3-5 feet, we will take moorings at Conanicut Marina on the Newport side of Jamestown (launch service included) Saturday and/or Sunday nights if enough are available there. Advance reservations are highly recommended. The contact info is: Conanicut Marina Dockmaster, 401-423-7157 (VHF 71). This may also be the preferred plan if building coastal seas are forecast for Sunday / Monday.

If you plan to join us, or have any questions or suggestions, please call me at home at 401-398-2621, email to wlilly@spsy.com, or post to the OneList or to me on FaceBook.

Race Committee



Last month I mentioned how surprised I was that June had come and gone. Now we’re approaching the end of July and feeling like this summer season is traveling exponentially at the speed of light!

Congratulations are extended to all skippers & crew who participated in the Newport Storm Regatta on July 10th, and in particular I would like to recognize the following

skippers & boats for winning their respective Classes:

Spinnaker #1 – Charley Kineke in *Thunder*

Spinnaker #2 – Bill Kirk in *Cosmo*

Non-Spin A – Sheila & Mike Mcgavran in *Mira*

Non-Spin B – Bob Laforge in *Oh Bay Be!*

In addition, three *Huzzahs*’ are belted out to all who participated in the Ladies Skippers Regatta on July 24th, and to the helms-ladies & crews who won their respective Classes:

Non-Spin A – Genevieve Kineke in *Thunder*

Non-Spin B – Kerri Bamford in *Cloud Eight*.

Both regattas had building breezes throughout the day and, judging from the smiles on everyone’s face during the après-race BBQ, a good time was had by all in spite of a few rain drops!

Upcoming calendar events are as follows:

August 12th – Make-up Race #4 Summer Series [Thursday Night]

August 14th – Frank Norton Memorial LD Race [Saturday]

Sept 11th – NBYA Champion of Champions Regatta [Saturday]

Sept 18th – Fantastic Plastic Pursuit Race [Saturday]

Last but not least, please note the make-up race for Summer Series race #4 will be held on Thursday August 12th and the Fantastic Plastic Pursuit Race has been moved to Saturday September 18th from its original date of August 21st. Speaking of the “Fantastic Plastic Pursuit Race” two additional Classes will be added to the roster! There will be a DH Class [Double Handed] and a FAM Class [Family]. The only requirement needed to qualify for the FAM Class will be to provide a list of “junior crew members” ages 17 and under when submitting your entry form. Feel free to give me a call on cell at **401.864.5049** should questions arise or drop me an email

at grant_brandon@yahoo.com and will try to respond as quickly as possible.

Sail fast, be safe and most importantly always have a great time!

Grant

Keep a Sharp Lookout

Sunday Aug 8...Last Day of Annual Summer Cruise

Sat-Mon Aug 7-9..... VJ Day Weekend Cruise

Friday Aug 13.....Poker Night(7:30PM)

Saturday Aug 14.Frank Norton Mem.Race(12 Noon)

Fri-Sun Aug 20-22....Conanicut Is. Weekend Cruise

Friday Aug 20.Game Night(7 PM)

Friday Aug. 27...Raft-Up @ Goddard Park (6:30-10)

Fri-Mon Sept 3-6....Labor Day Cruise to Cuttyhunk

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..... Michele Lilly

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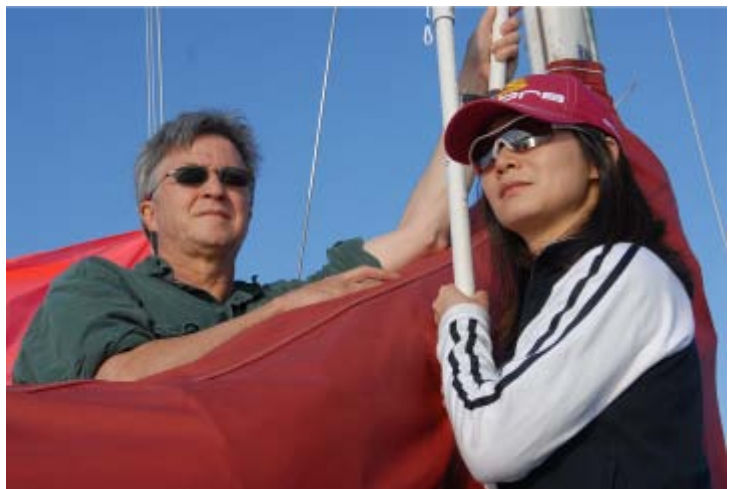
We actually don't have anything listed for sale this month, but it has been brought to our attention that there is a young man **from Italy** who would like to attend school here in the U.S. for a year, and is **looking for a host family**. His name is **Giovanni**, he has his own boat, **sails** in regattas all over Europe, and is a member of the **Italian junior racing team**. He is also a champion snowboarder, and enjoys basketball and soccer. If you or someone you know are **interested in hosting a foreign exchange student**, the flyer and info is **posted at the club**. Or, contact Shannon Baer at 401-364-5412. Her email is baer_bowman@cox.net. The group is PAX at www.pax.org. Thanks!

Gallery of Monday Night Racing Photos

Contributed by Jake Portnoy and Jim Wright







Our fearless Commodore & crew placed 2nd in the Bristol YC-Montauk race! Congrats!



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always at your fingertips electronically:

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