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Commodore's Message

What a bummer! As we sail toward the end of this glorious summer, Hurricane Earl has to come along and blow up our Club's plan for our Cuttyhunk Cruise, and puts a big question mark over the Labor Day weekend. Although it is still a few days away from reaching us, I don't know of anyone who is now planning to make the trip this weekend. I hope that it can be rescheduled before (shudder) we begin thinking about pulling our boats for the winter.



The Racing Summer Series is now in the books, congratulations to all the winners and special thanks to Grant Brandon and his entire Race Committees (on-the-water group and off-the-water group). Although the wind did not show up to play, we had an excellent finish Monday night on the Outer Circle. Spray was the committee boat and turned out to be the anchor boat for an impromptu four-boat raft-up. Finishers were greeted to a full sports gallery, complete with wildly cheering racing fans, horns and even a (small) wave. Another first for WBYC. -Who says sailboat racing is boring?

Jay and Alicia Eshleman hosted the Cruise to Jamestown a few weeks ago. I understand there were significantly more land yachts in attendance than cruisers, but that a good time was had by all.

As the days rapidly get darker earlier, I thought I would offer a navigation tip (hope you don't mind Peirce). More than a few captains do not seem to know which lights need to be on, and when. Look around you the next time you are on the water in the evening. You will see what I mean. Many just turn everything on, anchor, steaming and navigation. For sailboats, when under sail, ONLY your navigation lights should be on, unless you are under power (hint- if you are racing and think it is cool to turn your steaming light (white light halfway up the front of your mast), don't do it. It indicates you have your engine on...(Norm will protest you...and win). Anchor lights (light at the top of your mast) are only when you are anchored, and should not be on with your navigation lights. You should only use your steaming light when you have your engine on. Your navigation lights should also be on at that time. When you have your navigation lights, steaming light and anchor lights all on at once (with or without your sails up), it indicates you are some sort of tugboat towing a barge (or something like that). So please, use common sense and use your lights properly.

As we move into September, our summer activities are far from over. September is usually one of the finest months of the year for boating, with cooler temperatures and low humidity. Our Racing Fall Series gears up right after Labor Day and will extend far into September. There are several regattas hosted by our Club including the Fantastic Plastic race. We are the host club for the NBYA Champion-of-Champions race for the second year in a row and we will once again try to win the coveted Swanson Cup and Bay Challenge trophies as the best racing team on Narragansett Bay.

Our cruising committee is hard at work figuring out what to do about Earl, the final cruise of the year is not until October, our activities committee has at least two Goddard Moonlight Raft-ups scheduled in September and October, and the club is still open to members every Friday night.

September also brings several important Board activities. At our September BOG meeting, we will form and charge a Nominating Committee to provide the membership with a new slate of officers. We will also be polling our Committee Chairs to see who may be ready to pass their chairmanship to someone new. I encourage you to step forward. Now is a good time to get involved a bit more than you may have previously. A broader, active group always makes a club stronger and better. Call me if you are interested in serving on the nominating committee or wish to become more involved with the governance of your club. Believe me, you will find your membership to be significantly more rewarding than you do now, and we will all appreciate your efforts.

Have a great September!

Tom Stocker
Commodore

Activities Committee



As much as we'd all like the summer to continue, the calendar shows that fall is right around the corner! Hopefully, you're all enjoying what's left of the season. Very shortly, our focus will be turning indoors and we'll start up the fall schedule. Keep the following dates in mind:

Friday, 10/15 – The Annual Meeting

Saturday, 10/30 – The Annual Halloween Bash

Saturday, 11/13 – The Annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet

Saturday, 12/4 - The Holiday Party and Yankee Swap

Don't forget the club is open most Friday nights, especially on the second one (Poker Night) and the fourth one for (Game Night).

GOOD and WELFARE

We continue to keep Jim Ward and Fred Connell in our thoughts. Hopefully, you're both on the mend. We wish a quick recovery to each of you!

If you have an idea for an activity or want to help out, don't be shy, give us a call.

Also, 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 Blooper.

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

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Education Committee



Food for thought -A Rules of the Road lesson learned the hard way?

Assume the following:

1. You are motoring home up the bay after a long weekend and will shortly be bearing to port to enter Greenwich Bay.
2. You encounter another vessel, also motoring, who is on an easterly heading and who will be crossing your path very shortly.
3. You recognize that you are the “the stand on” vessel with all of the obligations that that imposes.
4. At some point you realize that the other vessel does not appear to be taking any avoiding action and you believe that if you do not take some action there may well be a collision.

Question:

What action do you take? (a.) Turn to starboard and parallel his course? (b.) Turn to port to go behind him? (c.) Slow to let him pass ahead? (d.) Speed up, to claim your rights, and pass ahead?

Think about this a minute before looking at the answers and recognize that there are at

least two of these actions you definitely should not take. Consider that, as you are taking your action, he might well wake up and start to take the action he should have taken earlier or he might be oblivious to the rules.

The actions not to take are (b.), as you will be in trouble if he belatedly turns to starboard with the intent of going behind you or (d.), as he may speed up to try and pass ahead. There is an old seaman’s adage “never turn toward danger” which is exactly what (b.) would entail.

The correct action is (a.) which keeps you out of immediate trouble and allows for later recovery actions regardless of his inaction or late proper action (i.e., slowing or turning to starboard).

Peirce Brawner
Education Chair
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Membership Committee

Membership would like to extend a cordial welcome to our newest member Greg Yates.

As a reminder, we would like to mention that the club's annual meeting is coming up on Oct. 15th. All membership is encouraged to participate in this meeting. This is where the new Board members are voted in. If you have a nominee in mind or any other suggestions for the club's improvement, please contact any board member to discuss these ideas; especially if you cannot make it to the meeting.

Enjoy the remainder of the sailing season!

Alicia Eshleman
Membership Chairperson

Cruising Committee



Due to personal issues Cindy and I could not make the first week of the cruise however, Steve Kapitany on Wind Chaser went on his own as far as Martha's Vineyard and had a wonderful time exploring new harbors and anchorages in Matunick, and along the Elizabethan Islands.

The second week started at Point Judith's Harbor of Refuge on Saturday afternoon. Moon Dance (Barbara and Nate Shapiro), Oasis (Cindy and Mark DerMugrditchian) and Wind Chaser (Steve Kapitany) anchored for the night and had a kick off cocktail hour aboard Oasis---a beautiful night at anchor! Dave and Leanne Pickering called to say they would not be able to make the cruise due to engine trouble on Spray. So, on Sunday our three boats set sail for Block Island, and had a great one tack straight run to Block at 7kts, speed over ground! We were all able to get moorings at Block, and were having such a great time, we stayed through until Thursday. On Monday MichelleAnne(Michelle and Al Calderone) joined the cruise. We had a great four days--beach parties, walks to town, bike riding, all took turns with cocktail or desert parties on their boats, and had two great shore dinner nights.

Friday we left for Cutty Hunk Island. We had big seas of 5-7 ft --but with no wind, so we motored. We had a great time at C.H. where we had movie night one evening aboard Oasis.

Saturday was so beautiful we lingered most of the morning, then we set sails at 1:30PM and had another straight run to Third Beach

(just delightful!) where we anchored for the evening. Sunday, for the ride home, we went out and around to Beaver Tail and up the West Passage. Again, it was one port tack all the way to Beaver Tail, then a run up the bay to home port. Our average speed was 6-7kts. We had a wonderful cruise, shared fun times with great friends, made new friends and had some super sail days!

Look for more great cruises coming up as we approach the beautiful fall season.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark and Cindy DerMugrditchian
Cruising Committee



WBYC CRUISING CALENDAR 2010:

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) September 24th
- 2) October 22nd

Race Committee



Congratulations are extended to all skippers & crew who participated in the Summer Series. In particular, the entire Race Committee would like to recognize the following skippers & boats for winning

their respective Classes:

Spinnaker #1 – Charley Kineke in *Thunder*
Spinnaker #2 – Norman Lambert in *Stormin Norman*

Spinnaker #3 – Mike Therrien in *Schedule 80*

Class A – Chris Hoell in *Spitfire*

Class B – Ken Thorsen in *Thora*

Class C – Nelson Brinckerhoff in *Serenity Now!*

In addition, three *Huzzahs*’ are belted out to all who participated in the Frank H. Norton Memorial Regatta on Aug 14th, and in particular to the skippers & crews for winning their respective Classes:

Spinnaker Class – Matt Aubee in *Velocity*

Cruising Class – Mark & Kerri Bamford in *Cloud Eight*.

The regatta had a building breeze throughout the day, and judging from the smiles on everyone’s face during the après-race BBQ, a good time was had by all!

Upcoming calendar events are as follows:

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

Sept. 19th – NBYA Swanson Cup & Bay Challenge Regattas [Sunday]

Sept 25th – Fantastic Plastic Pursuit Race [re-scheduled: it’s now on Saturday 25th]

Oct 16th – Pumpkin Patch [Saturday]

Last but not least, the Fantastic Plastic Pursuit Race has been moved to Saturday

September 25th from the previous date of Sept 18th. Speaking of the “Fantastic Plastic Pursuit Race” two additional Classes have been added to the roster: 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 my cell at **401.864.5049** should questions arise, or drop me an email at grant_brandon@yahoo.com.

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

Grant
Race Committee

Keep a Sharp Lookout

Wednesday Sept 8....1st Fall Series Race (6:00 PM)
Friday Sept 10.....Poker Night (7:30PM)
Monday Sept 13.....2nd Fall Series Race (6:00PM)
Sat. Sept 11.Champ.of Champs Regatta (11:00 AM)
Wednesday Sept 15...3rd Fall Series Race (6:00 PM)
Friday Sept 17.....Game Night (7 PM)
Sunday Sept 19...Swanson Cup Regatta (11:00 AM)
Monday Sept 20.....Last Fall Series Race (6:00PM)
Friday Sept 24...Raft-Up @ Goddard Park (6:30-10)
Sat-Sun Sept 25-26 ...Potters Cove Weekend Cruise
Saturday Sept 25...Fantastic Plastic Race (12 Noon)

2010 Board of Governors

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