

# Blooper

**The Friendliest Little Yacht Club on the Bay!**

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## Commodore's Message

What a glorious end to the "official" end of summer. As I sit on my deck and view the almost full moon and Jupiter next to it, I can only hope the real end of summer will not be until sometime in late October. Although this week will be wet, the latest forecast I saw indicates next weekend will be dry. Perfect for the club's cruise over to Potter's Cove for the annual fall campfire. Bundle up though, the evenings should be crisp.



I was thinking about our cruising and racing programs as they compare to other yacht clubs in our area. It occurred to me we do not have an active calendar, we have a hyperactive calendar. Most clubs seem to have one or two cruises, including their annual summer cruise. But how many can boast at least one per month from May through October? Besides WBYC, I do not believe any club on Narragansett Bay can. And let's not forget our Columbus Day Weekend cruise is yet to come (have you signed up for it yet?)

What about racing? Although we don't have a spring series, we are one of the few who have a summer and fall series and almost two weekend races per month right into October (we may have the latest "summer" race on Narragansett Bay with our Pumpkin Patch Race in mid-October) we may run the most races on the Bay. Outstanding!

Now our social team is kicking their schedule of events into high gear with at least one social event from October through next June. They have not been idle this summer either, hosting every after-race social during the summer and fall series, and holding the Moonlight Raft ups with the Cruising Committee.

But that is not all that is happening over the non-boating months. Our education committee will also be planning their winter education classes over the next couple of months, and the racing committee will move indoors to start planning improvements to an already best-in-class program.

So whether your game is social, cruising, racing, learning or just meeting new friends with the same interests as you, I cannot think of a better place for you to find it. I am proud to be a West Bay'er!

Have a great October!

Tom Stocker  
Commodore

## Activities Committee



Believe it or not, fall has arrived!! Soon we'll all have our boats tucked in for the winter quietly awaiting next spring.

The social calendar for the rest of the year continues to be a very busy one - beginning this month with the annual meeting on Friday night 10/29. Here's your opportunity to catch up on the workings of the club, vote for the 2011 Board of Governors, and review the budget as well as any other pertinent business that may need to be addressed. Remember it your club, so your voice is important. See you at 7:30 PM.

On Saturday, October 30, join us for this year's HALLOWEEN PARTY. There will be the "haunted room" for the kids (big and small) and lots of other fun!! It's a POTLUCK, so bring a dish to share. **DON'T FORGET YOUR SCARIEST COSTUME.** You might even win a prize. See you at 6:30 PM – or earlier if you can volunteer **WE NEED HELP WITH THIS ONE, SO DON'T BE SHY!**

Plans are well underway for the Annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet to be held on Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to reserve this date on your calendar. More to follow in next month's Blooper as we fill in the details for an exciting evening.

The "Monday Night" racing series has drawn to yet another very successful close. Thanks to the many volunteers who gave us a hand in the kitchen including—Jim and Celeste Wright, Marcie Feldman, Barbara and Dave Lodge, Jennie Brandon, and Cy Costa. We really appreciated your help! We've enjoyed spoiling the racing guys and gals again this year. Rumor has it the kitchen might be open for dinner a few times during the "Football Season"...Stay tuned!

**GOOD AND WELFARE-** We're sending "feel better soon" hugs to Mary Menard and Jim Ward who each had recent surgery. Hope all went well for each of you, and that you will be up and around in no time!

Also, Happy Birthday to our little Jillian Eshleman who celebrated her first birthday recently!

**WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS** to Mark and Cindy Dermugrdichian's daughter, Lindsay and her new husband Dustin. May you always have a happy life together. **HAPPY 50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** to Bill and Judy Bausha. We wish you "50" more!!

(If anyone has anything pertinent to share with the membership, just let us know so it can be in next month's Blooper)

Don't forget Poker Night is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month and Game Night is the last.

We're always looking for ideas and will never say "No" to any volunteers, so just give us a call.

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

## Education Committee



### **FYI**

There is something new on the horizon to satisfy the stored power requirements of sailors...

Lithium Ion battery technology is widely used in other applications, but has not yet become reasonably available for the marine applications of starting or house batteries and eventually, electric propulsion. The problem at this stage is not the technology but rather, the cost.

Here are some of the advantages that this technology offers:

- 70 % less weight (huge weight savings)
- Very long lifespan (2000charge cycles vs. maybe 700 for lead-acid batteries)
- Can safely use up to 80% of its capacity before recharging (vs. 50% for lead-acid)
- Much shorter charging times at much higher voltages
- More power from a battery of the same dimensions - almost 3 times the same useable energy

We could expect four 12v lithium ion batteries to provide the same useful power as ten AGMs. So, we will get space savings, weight savings and longer life as compared to our lead-acid battery banks.

Further down the road, electric propulsion is not too hard to envision. In fact, one such boat is now sailing (an Alerion 33). This would mean further weight and space savings with no fuel tanks (or fuel) and

much lighter engines/motors. Ah, the future!

Peirce Brawner  
Education Chair  
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## Membership Committee

**Annual Membership Meeting:**

**Date Changed to October 29<sup>th</sup>!!!**

The annual membership meeting scheduled for Friday, October 15 has been changed to accommodate the notification period for board-level position nominations required by the Club's bylaws. **The meeting has been rescheduled to occur Friday, October 29 at 7:30pm.** Please note this change on your calendars.

Also, any member interested in board or committee level positions should contact the Nominating Committee Chair, Dave Pickering as soon as possible, but no later than October 13. Dave can be contacted by email at [IFCNDpickering@aol.com](mailto:IFCNDpickering@aol.com) or by telephone at 401-742-5039. This is a great opportunity to get involved!

## Cruising Committee

So far this year we have not had strong attendance at our cruises. However, the folks that did go on cruises had a great time! The next cruise is Columbus Day weekend and should be a lot of fun going to Wickford Marina. If you can't make it by boat, join us by car - come down for cocktails and/or a pot luck dinner on Saturday!

We are having a Cruise Planning Night for next summers' jaunts on January 15<sup>th</sup> 2011. All are welcome - it will be your chance to select some cruise destinations and dates for next season. Mark your 2011 calendars!

## WBYC CRUISING CALENDAR 2010:

### **Columbus Day Weekend Cruise**

Oct 9-11 Destination: Wickford

CruiseCaptains: Mike & Dawn LaRobardier

### **Raft Up!**

Friday Night at Goddard Park from

6:00 to 10:00PM

October 22<sup>nd</sup>



### **Race Committee**



As in last months' article congratulations are extended to all skippers & crew who participated in the Fall Series. The entire Race Committee would like to recognize the following skippers & boats for winning

their respective Classes:

Spinnaker #1 – John Lavin in *Dirty Harry*

Class A – Mike Therrien in *Schedule 80*

Class B – Ken Thorsen in *Thora*

Class C – Dave Mcghie in *Whatawah*

Three *Huzzahs'* are also belted out to all who participated in the Fantastic Plastic Pursuit Race on Sept 25<sup>th</sup> and in particular to

the following skippers & crews for winning their respective Classes:

*Spinnaker* Class – Abbi Seward from *Seeing Red* and

*Non-Spinnaker* Class – Ken Thorsen in *Thora*. The regatta had a building breeze during the day and, judging from the smiles on everyone's faces during the après-race BBQ, a good time was had by all!

Upcoming calendar events are as follows:

Oct 16<sup>th</sup> – Pumpkin Patch [Saturday]

Nov 20<sup>th</sup> – Annual Awards & Recognition Banquet [note: *revised event date*]

Last but not least, the last race of the season will be held on October 16<sup>th</sup> the "Pumpkin Patch Race", and the RC will be offering, at a minimum, three racing Classes: *Spinnaker*, *Non-Spinnaker* and *One Design* [Sea Sprite 23]. It will be a long distance race between 10 and 12 miles. The Club will be offering our typical friendly West Bay après-race BBQ following racing which is NOT to be missed! Feel free to give me a call on cell at **401.864.5049** should any questions arise or drop me an email and I will do my best to respond as quickly as possible to your inquiry.

Don't forget to sail fast, be safe and most importantly have a great time. Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 16<sup>th</sup>!

Best regards,

Grant  
Race Committee





## Keep a Sharp Lookout

Friday Oct 8..... Poker Night (7:30PM)  
Sat-Mon Oct 9-11.....Columbus Weekend Cruise  
Saturday Oct 16.....Pumpkin Patch Race (12 Noon)  
Friday Oct 22.....Game Night (7 PM)  
Friday Oct 22...Raft-Up @ Goddard Park (6 -10:00)  
Friday Oct 29...Annual Membership Meeting (7:30)  
Saturday Oct 30...Halloween Party/Pot Luck (6:30)  
Saturday November 20th.....Awards Banquet

## 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  
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**Education**..... H. Peirce Brawner  
**House**..... Stew Stewart  
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