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Commodore's Message

By the time you read this, we will have had our annual meeting and both our summer racing and cruising programs will have ended. What a fine summer it has been! Weather could not have been better; almost every weekend was sunny and great for boating. Now it is time to think about putting our boats away for another long winter sleep.



I had the pleasure of attending the Columbus Weekend Cruise and lobster boil at Wickford Marina. A large number of WBYC members either cruised or arrived by land yachts. Special thanks to our cruise captains Dawn and Mike Labordier for putting on such a great event.

Now that the winter season is upon us, West Bay Yacht Club's off-season social and educational schedule is just starting. The Annual Halloween Party is just the beginning of our winter schedule. Our

Activities Committee has a full calendar of monthly events for you to enjoy. Our Education Committee just held their first planning meeting, our Cruising Committee has scheduled their annual planning meeting and social for January 15 and our Racing Committee will begin their winter strategy sessions in January. Barnacles or grass cannot grow under our feet.

I would like to thank Dave Pickering and his team on the nominating Committee for presenting an outstanding slate of new officers for our 2011 season. Will Richmond will be an outstanding Commodore to continue our growth and lead us to new heights. Stew Stewart is a seasoned Vice Commodore and Dean Travis will provide a continued focus on organizational matters as the Rear Commodore. A seasoned team will surround these three leaders, as Jo-Ann, Phyllis, Marcie, Bill and Matt are all returning for another year on the Board. I would like to welcome newcomer Jim Polumbo as our newest Member-at-Large.

We are going to need additional help at the committee level next year. Several of our committee chairs will not be returning for the 2011 season, so this would be a great time for you to step up and get involved.

All of our committees are strong, as we have worked hard over the past several years to move from committees-of-one to fully

functional teams. Belonging to a committee is an easy way to ease into club involvement. Try it, you will find new friends and a positive experience is waiting for you.

I wish you and your family a very happy Thanksgiving.

Tom Stocker
Commodore

Activities Committee



The annual trek to Wickford Marina was held over the Columbus Day weekend. The weather was great, as was the sailing. Many thanks to our cruise captains, Dawn and Mike for coordinating a superb event. Also thanks to Tom Drew of the Edgewood Yacht Club for preparing a wonderful lobster dinner on Sunday night. It will surely be tough to top this weekend next year!!

The annual meeting was held on 10/29. We elected the new Board of Governors for 2011, reviewed the past year and voted on any necessary issues including the annual budget. All went very well.

On 10/30, it was time for ghosts and goblins to come out and celebrate at the annual Halloween Party. Spooky, spooky! Check out next month's issue for the official review.

The invitations have been mailed for the Annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet, which will be held at Nino's on Lake Tiogue. Mark your calendar for Saturday, 11/20 and join us for an enjoyable evening out. Kindly respond on or before 11/10/10.

In December, we have our Holiday Party (12/4). It's a Yankee Swap, so bring a wrapped gift (\$10-15 limit) for your child and for yourself. It's a potluck dinner, so bring a dish to share.

GOOD and WELFARE – Get well wishes go out to Carolyn Cure to wish her a speedy recovery from her recent surgery. - We're thinking of you!

Also - Don't forget the Club is open most Friday nights, so stop by anytime.

See you at the Club!

Jo-Ann, Phyllis and Michele

Education Committee



During this off season you may wish to test yourself on the depth of your knowledge in certain areas of seamanship. The URL's listed below should supply a sufficient challenge to spark your interest.

<http://www.boatsafe.com/uscgboat/>
U.S.C.G. License Exam Questions

<http://www.marine waypoints.com/learn/flag-test/flagtest.shtml> Flag Identification Test.
<http://www.usboating.com/test.htm>
Navigation Lights Test, Rules of the Road Test, Able Seaman's Test, etc.
Have fun!

Peirce Brawner
Education Chair

Membership Committee



Please join the Membership Committee in welcoming Cyril Costa to the club. Cyril sails a Lancer 36' sloop, Crusaders Cross, and has been active in WBYC's racing

program. If you see him on the bay, be sure to give a wave!

The club has received some stock of apparel: hats, t-shirts and sweatshirts embroidered with the club logo that are for sale. If you are interested in any of this gear or other options like a nice cozy fleece or denim shirt, please find an order form on our website or contact Alicia Eshleman.

Membership is also looking for additional people interested in joining the committee. Please contact Nathan Shapiro, Carol Ann Getter, Liz Richmond or myself for more details.

Hope to see you all at the annual banquet!

Alicia Eshleman
Membership Chair

P.S.: Help Wanted!

WBYC is requesting several energetic and socially minded members to fill slots in every committee. Chairs and committee members alike are needed.

Open chair positions for the 2011 year include Membership and Education. Duties for each position can be forwarded upon request.

Additional committees, all of whom welcome volunteers include: membership, cruising, finance, education, racing, activities and house. Help make a difference in our club! New ideas, energy and a desire to get involved are requested. -A smile is also encouraged! Call any club officer or committee member for details.

Any member interested in board or committee level positions should contact the Nominating Committee Chair, Dave Pickering. Dave can be contacted by email at IFCNDpickering@aol.com or by telephone at 401-742-5039. This is a great opportunity to get involved!

Cruising Committee



The Columbus Day Cruise

The Columbus Day cruise is always bittersweet. The last gasp before boats are laid up in various yards throughout the state for the season. As we all know, October is a difficult month to predict. It gives us such

beauty, but doesn't let us forget that winter is at our doorstep. This year yielded an ideal three days for our annual cruise. The weekend progressively gained momentum from Saturday to Monday, with respect to weather and attendance. Each successive day seemed to be better than the last. All in all, Saturday provided excellent conditions for transit, regardless of your mode of transportation. In total, 11 boats joined the cruise throughout the weekend and many members made the journey via car. The Saturday evening "Oktoberfest Members Meet and Greet" rekindled old friendships, and provided an atmosphere for forging new ones. Sunday brought us ventures into town as well as an opportunity to opt for a lazy day. The weather allowed members the opportunity for kayaking, shopping, eating, (drinking), and jacuzziing; yes that is a word. Sunday evening commenced with our Annual WBYC Dinner. This year we added a little twist to the evening and offered a New England Style dinner, with the highlight being "lobster how you like it" - we can only hope that everyone liked it as much as we enjoyed the preparations. Monday resulted in the inevitable departures back to our individual homeports. We left with memories that will hopefully carry us through another long winter. Dawn and I were often asked how it was possible to plan such an enjoyable cruise. The only response I had, and do have; is, the people make the cruise. Thanks to all of you that made our weekend a success!

Cheers,
Michael and Dawn



Starting to think about next year?

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

Race Committee



The wind was howling, white caps were everywhere in Greenwich Bay and moored boats at both Norton's and EGYC were heeled 20° fighting to stay upright. The "weather gods" were sending a strong message to the fleet that this year's Pumpkin Patch Race was not to be held as planned. Unfortunately the Race Committee had no wiggle room left for a make-up and the event was cancelled. If memory serves me right last year, on approximately the same day, we also had strong winds but the direction was more favorable then, with a dying breeze in the 18+knot range vs this year's 30+ knots from the NNW. Three *huzzahs* must be belted out to the Race

Committee who volunteered to run the event in my absence including but not limited to: John Budzinski, Peirce Brawner, Jenny Brandon and Steve Kapitany. Thinking ahead and looking forward to next year's schedule it will be my intention to schedule the Pumpkin Patch Race a little earlier, if possible, along with a make-up date should we encounter the same "wind god" once again.

Upcoming calendar event!

Nov 20th – Annual Awards & Recognition Banquet – I know for a fact invitations have been sent out to all members [we have already received ours] and fully expect to see as many of you as possible at the Awards & Recognition Banquet. The evening promises to be memorable, exciting and fun to say nothing of the great fare NINO's plans to offer. Do not procrastinate, send Jo-Ann Grima your responses on or before the 10th of November and lets get together to celebrate a terrific 2010 Racing & Cruising sailing season.

Last, but not least, I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all who participated in our various events throughout the summer and fall, and whose participation made each event the best it could be for all the members of the Race Committee. Three *huzzah's* to all!!!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Banquet on the 20th!

Best regards,

Grant
Race Committee Chair



Keep a Sharp Lookout

Thurs. November 4.....Board Meeting (7 PM)
Friday November 12.....Poker Night (7:30PM)
Saturday November 20.....Awards Banquet
Friday November 26.....Game Night (7 PM)

2010 Board of Governors

Commodore..... Tom Stocker
Vice Commodore Jay Eshleman
Rear Commodore Will Richmond
Past CommodoreGreg 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
HouseStew Stewart
MembershipAlicia Eshleman
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Racing..... Grant Brandon
Website Peter Lussier

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Contact: Gene Briggs at 386-451-7280
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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