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The Friendliest Little Yacht Club on the Bay!

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Past Commodore's Message



Now that the winter season is upon us, West Bay Yacht Club's off-season social and educational schedule is just starting. 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.

Tom Stocker
2011 Past Commodore

Activities Committee



--Happy Holidays Everyone!--

Please make plans to join us on Saturday, December 4th at the Club for the Annual Holiday Potluck Diner and Yankee swap. It's always a lot of fun for one and all!!

For the swap: bring a wrapped \$10-15 gift for each adult (and a labeled wrapped gift for your children if you are bringing any "young-uns"). Hanukkah Harry will be passing them out!

For dinner: anyone with the last name:
A-F: bring a salad or appetizer.
G-Q: bring an entrée.
R-Z: bring a dessert.

Bring your friends, family, and neighbors too- everyone is always welcome!!

The fun and entertainment starts at 6:30 pm. For more information - Call Jo-Ann at (401)738-0272, Phyllis at 219-1784, or Michele at (401)398-2621.

Hope to see you there!

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.boatsafe.com/uscgboat/U.S.C.G.LicenseExamQuestions)
<http://www.marine waypoints.com/learn/flagtest/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



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 Holiday Party!

Alicia Eshleman
Membership Chair

P.S.: Help Wanted!

WBYC is in need of several energetic and socially minded members to fill slots in any of the committees. Chair positions and committee member positions 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

3rd Annual Tropical Cruise



For the third consecutive year, West Bay Yacht Club will get an early jump on the sailing season with a cruise in the tropics. This year's destination is in the windward islands of the Caribbean: St. Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Sailing dates will be Saturday, March 26 to Saturday, April 2. Our plan is to fly to St. Lucia and start at the Moorings charter base there, then head south to the Grenadines, returning to St. Lucia at the end of the week. If you'd

like to join in on the fun, gather up a boatload of friends and start planning! For details, contact either Will Richmond (willrichmond@gmail.com) or Dave Pickering (IFCNDpickering@aol.com). Please note that while we can travel 'caravan style' for comfort and safety, this trip requires passages of up to 50 miles in open water, so it may not be an ideal 'first time' cruise for everyone. Planning and dreaming of this trip is a great way to pass the cold winter months - think about joining in!

Starting to think about next summer?

We are having a Cruise Planning Night for next summer's 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 Annual Awards & Recognition Banquet on November 20th was a huge success thanks to the more than 100+ attendees who commiserated, feasted and [oh yes] received beautiful awards & trophies for achieving

wins in their respective Classes. Three "huzzahs" are belted out to all who participated [skippers and crews alike] in our many racing events during the Summer & Fall months, and my heartfelt thanks for making the 2010 season a memorable one! On a separate note, it is my objective for 2011 to significantly promote and increase racer participation in the DH [Double Handed] and Family Cruising Classes for all weekend races. That said, excuses will no longer be accepted if crews are short-handed or juniors are on board!!!

Upcoming racing/education calendar of events:

US Sailing Basic Race Management Course (Club Race Officer Certification): presented by US Sailing Certified Instructor Ron Hopkins – January 22nd from 8AM to 5PM at WBYC. If interested contact me directly for a reservation. Continental breakfast, hearty lunch and snacks to be provided with handout materials. Course cost: \$50.00 for non-members / \$25.00 for members.

Last, but not least, I would like to once again **CONGRATULATE** Bob Laforge on “*Oh Bay Be*” for winning the “Most Improved Sailor of the Year” Award and to Mark & Karri Bamford on “*Cloud Eight*” for winning the prestigious “Greenwich Bay Cup” Award. Both awards were most deserving and awarded to their Skippers for achieving an outstanding racing season.



Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Holiday Party Saturday night December 4th.

Warm regards & happy holidays,

Grant
Race Committee Chair

Keep a Sharp Lookout

- Saturday December 4. Annual Holiday Pot Luck Dinner & Yankee Swap (6:30 PM)
- Friday December 10.....Poker Night (7:30PM)
- Friday December 24.....Game Night (7 PM)

-And now, please give a warm welcome to our new Board of Governors for the coming year of 2011!



2011 Board of Governors

- Commodore**..... Will Richmond
- Vice Commodore**.....Stew Stewart
- Rear Commodore**..... Dean Travis
- Past Commodore**..... Tom Stocker
- Secretary**..... Phyllis Geisser
- Treasurer**..... Jo-Ann Grima
- Parliamentarian**.....Marcie Feldmann
- Members at Large**..... Bill Lilly
- Matthew Aubee
- Jim Pumbo

2011 Committee Chairs

- Activities**..... Phyllis Geisser, Jo-Ann Grima, Michele Lilly
- Cruising**.....
- Education**.....
- House**..... Matthew Aubee
- Membership**.....
- Publicity & Blooper**..... Jennifer Brandon
- Racing**..... Grant Brandon
- Website**..... Peter Lussier

Daytona Beach House For Rent

\$800 per week. -Longer? Talk to me!
3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, 2 Blocks from Beach. Marina/Restaurant is right across the Street. 3935 S. Peninsula Dr., Wilbur by the Sea, FL 32127 (Google it for location).
Contact: Gene Briggs at 386-451-7280
gfbmfbg@aol.com, or on Face Book.









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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