

Blooper

The Friendliest Little Yacht Club on the Bay!

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Commodore's Message

It's that time of year again – we're tempted by a rise in temperature and begin thinking of boating. Even the groundhog in Pennsylvania thinks we're not far off from being on the water. As the temperatures moderate and the days are noticeably longer, it's a reminder of another annual



event: WBYC membership renewal. Our new membership chair, Andrew Brousell, has done yeoman's work in getting all the materials together and the mailings out – hopefully you have received your renewal letter by now. If you haven't, please be sure to contact Andrew to arrange a duplicate. I certainly hope that you choose to renew again this year – our Club relies on the wonderful camaraderie of families such as yours to be a sustainably good experience for everyone.

Once our membership renewal forms are filled out and returned to the Club, it's good to focus our attention on the myriad of activity the Club is hosting. Around the

time this is published, our beach party will be in full swing, we have our perennial favorite St. Patrick's Day party coming up, and of course an educational program designed to help even the saltiest among us. Two seminars that caught my eye are a bottom paint seminar (who among us doesn't want to minimize the amount of time spent under the boat, hunched over, wearing a moon suit?) and a celestial navigation seminar (if not for everyday use, this is a great class for intellectual stimulation!). Take advantage of the Club's excellent educational programming to improve your knowledge and help the winter pass more quickly.

Last month I shared news of the unfortunate fire at Edgewood Yacht Club. EYC doesn't have a firm plan for reconstruction yet, but their spirit lives on. They continue to function and it appears that a secondary building on their property will be their temporary clubhouse until plans are finalized and executed. As I learn more, I will share. Within our own Club, we recently began planning a revamp of the Club's website software so that we can improve communication with our membership and manage administrative functions more efficiently.

Look for updates and notices in future editions of the Blooper.

Respectfully Submitted,
Will Richmond

Activities Committee

We are now more than half way through winter! Did “Phil the Groundhog” see his shadow, or are we headed for an early spring? Time will tell!



A great time was had by all at the Super Bowl Party on February 6th. Over 25 people attended and enjoyed the game, the food and the conversations. Thanks to everyone who helped make another enjoyable game day event. You are all the best!



Stay tuned to next month's Bloopers for an update on the Beach Party, which was held on 2/26/11.

Hopefully, you've made note of the social activities coming up real soon:

SATURDAY, March 19th be sure to join the O'Finstains and their band of leprechauns for the annual ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER. Cocktail hour at 6 PM and Dinner at 7. Feel free to bring an appetizer, dessert or Irish Soda Bread to share. The cost for dinner is \$ 8 per person. INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS!! IT WILL SURELY BE ANOTHER GREAT TIME AT WBYC!!

SUNDAY, April 3rd, join us for a leisurely afternoon – (3 – 5 PM) enjoying music, food and friends at the WINE TASTING PARTY. This will be our 5th year. WOW!! Bring your favorite wine and complimenting cheese and sample the many other varieties that will be there, as well. Feel free to bring a guest.

WE NEED YOU-- We'd like to put together a “family/kids” day some time in June before the end of the school year. The possibilities are endless. So if you're a Mom/Dad, Aunt/Uncle or just a “great all around, fun to be around” guy/gal and would like to coordinate this one, don't be shy, give us a call.

GOOD AND WELFARE-- It seems that we've had quite a bit of mending (bones, that is) over the past month. Tom Stocker and Joe Landy have new hips, Sandy Grima had knee repair surgery, Phyllis had leg surgery and Julie LeBlanc had hand surgery. We're glad you're all healing and will be ready for the summer in no time. (Please...be sure to let us know if you have something to post in Good and Welfare)

Also, we're always looking for help with anything, so don't be shy – call with all your good ideas!!

See you at the club,
Jo-Ann (738-0272), Phyllis (219-1784),
Michele (398-2621)

Education Committee

Ahoy! Captains! It's time to be turning our attention to boat maintenance and



preparation for the new boating season about to get underway! True, it's snowing again as I write this, but I just know that under the remaining snow are clear signs of

Spring. Really!

If you don't believe me, or need some inspiration, check out our Education Events on our Website: www.westbayyc.org

We have a full month of interesting and informative education events: First on the list, is the Wednesday, March 2 "Soft Rigging" event from 7:00 – 9:00pm. Thinking about replacing some of your rigging? Come discover some new alternatives to traditional stainless steel rigging. Brought to us by West Marine Rigging of Newport, this event is sure to provide some new ideas and stimulating conversations.

Having considered Rigging, we move below on Thursday, March 10 to a concern of every boater: your Bottom. Brought to us by Interlux, we have a Bottom Paint Prep Seminar from 7-9pm. Come hear the latest on this essential maintenance activity.

On Saturday, March 26, from 10:00am to 1:00pm, we move on-deck and inside with a Marine Sewing Class with "The Canvas Lady". Bring your sewing machine and learn the basics from an expert!

Rounding out the Month of March, on Thursday, the 31st, from 7:00 – 9:00pm, we have a presentation by the Steamship Historical Society. Come learn more about the history of our Bay, and events that occurred on the waters we sail and cruise on today.

Our educational events are free and open to the public, but please check under Events on our Website's main menu to find a listing of trainings that have any "required materials lists" associated with the events. While you are on-line, be sure to check out our April events: Basic Racing with Flags on the 6th; Celestial Navigation on the 14th; and Basic Splicing on the 27th.

In addition to our own events, our members have been invited to some off-site events hosted by others that will appear on Facebook as they become available.

A sincere nod of appreciation goes out to all those who have made the scheduling of these educational events possible, for the

benefit of all. We are looking forward to seeing many of you at these events!

Raleigh Jenkins

Education Chair

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Educational Calendar 2011

Feb 26 2pm - 5:30pm Movie Day
"Morning light"

Feb 26 5:30 - 10pm Beach Party

Mar 2 7pm - 9pm Soft Rigging - West
Marine Rigging of Newport

Mar 10 7pm - 9pm Bottom Paint Prep

Mar 26 10am - 1pm Sewing Class

Mar 31 7pm - 9pm Steam Ship
Historical Society Seminar

Apr 6 7pm - 8:30pm Racing w/Flags 101

Apr 14 7pm - 9pm Celestial Navigation

Apr 28 7pm - 9pm Splicing

Cruising Committee

Ahoy! After a successful dinner and planning meeting, our Cruising Calendar for



2011 is materializing. Thus far we have six cruises scheduled and one Full-Moon raft-up. A special thanks to all of the Cruise Captains who have graciously volunteered!

Dave Pickering will be hosting our Tropical Island Cruise; Will and Liz Richmond will be hosting our Memorial Day Cruise; Tom Stocker will be hosting our 4th of July Cruise; Sandy and Jo-Ann Grima will be partnering with Grant Brandon to host the Block Island Race/Cruise; Bill and Michele

Lilly will be hosting the Labor Day Cruise; and my husband, Michael LaRobardier will be hosting our Columbus Day Cruise. You can find the dates and details for each cruise on our club's website and all club bulletin boards will be updated by early Spring.

Our efforts don't stop here! I will be working with our committee members to schedule additional raft-ups as well partnering with local area Cruise Committee Chairpersons to schedule a few Inter-Club cruises or raft-ups. In addition, I am still looking to recruit Cruise Captains for this Summer's season. Many wonderful cruise ideas have been suggested and your participation is needed. I am looking for volunteers to host the following cruises: Kids Cruise; Jamestown; Fall River Victory Day; Potter's Cove; Folk Festival; Jazz Festival; Air Show. Of course additional ideas are welcome!

In April, I will be scheduling a Cruise Captains' dinner and meeting, to regroup with everyone and offer assistance with planning, so please contact me if you are interested in hosting a cruise. 2011 is going to be a wonderful Cruising Season and I look forward to seeing everyone at our scheduled events!

Cheers,
Dawn

Race Committee

A couple of weeks ago we held our first Race Committee Advisory meeting of the year, which by all accounts, was very well attended by a ruckus crowd of stir crazy individuals desperately needing an evening out to quell their dreary winter blues and commiserate about the upcoming racing season. I won't bore you with the details but



we did reach consensus on several key topics including [but not limited to] the following:

- a. For the 2011 racing season [Summer / Fall Series & Weekend Regattas] we have added a *new class* called the "Open Novice Class".
- b. A "Block Island Race" weekend has been added to the calendar to coincide with the start of the Club Cruise on July 23rd.
- c. The addition of a "starting mark" will be added to the Inner Circle providing the RC with added flexibility for setting a square line for all starts & finishes. When not in use the mark could be available to be used as a weather mark.
- d. All courses and distances will be reviewed for accuracy and content prior to the Skipper's meeting in May and course sheets will be updated accordingly.

Upcoming calendar of events:

1. Skippers & Crew "*winter*" meeting scheduled for March 9th from 7 to 8:30PM [topics to be covered will include the 2011 Racing Calendar, Block Island Race, the new "Open Novice Class", 2011 Entry Forms, etc]
2. Skipper & Crew follow-up "*spring*" meeting scheduled for May 13th from 7 to 8:30PM.
3. RC Tune-Up & Short Course Racing scheduled for June 4th from 12 to 3PM.
4. Summer Series Race #1 scheduled for June 6th [Inner and Outer Circles].

Last, but not least, it is important to *NOT* forget the remaining snow outside will be gone shortly and the little that is left will only be a temporary inconvenience. With each passing day the sun rises higher in the sky reminding us *Spring* is "truly" around the corner, and only a matter of time before we begin the annual ritual of boat prepping -

fully anticipating the return of warm summer days while sailing with friends and crew on the most exciting body of water in all of New England.

Fair winds and warm regards,

Grant

Keep a Sharp Lookout

Wed, March 2 Soft Rigging Seminar (7:00PM)
 Wed, March 9..... Racing Skippers Mtg (7:00PM)
 Thurs, March 10.....Bottom Paint Seminar (7:00PM)
 Friday, March 11.....Poker Night (7:30PM)
 Sat, March 19.....St.Patrick's Day Dinner (6:30PM)
 Friday, March 25..... Game Night (7:00PM)
 Saturday, March 26..... Sewing Seminar(9:00AM)
 Thurs, March 31..... Steam Ship Seminar (7:00 PM)

2011 Board of Governors

Commodore Will Richmond
Vice Commodore..... Stew Stewart
Rear Commodore.....Dean Travis
Past Commodore.....Tom Stocker
Secretary Phyllis Geisser

The excitement of the Super Bowl was palpable as everyone gathered for an evening of sports, music (!?) during halftime, and some very funny commercials!



Treasurer..... Jo-Ann Grima
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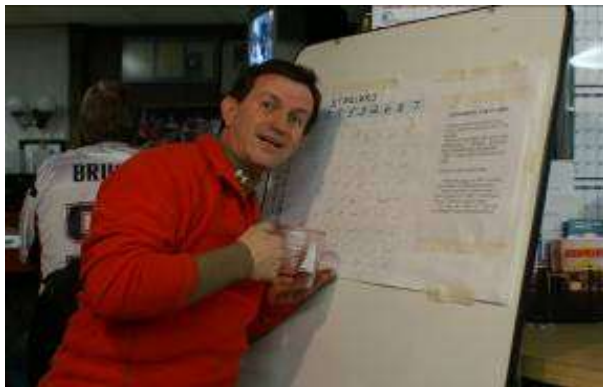
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Activities..... Phyllis Geisser, Jo-Ann Grima,
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