

Blooper

The Friendliest Little Yacht Club on the Bay!

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Commodore's Message



It's finally here! Boats are being splashed every day and we're seeing the cove and the slips around the Club slowly filling. I wish you and your family a safe and wonderful season on the water.

A quick glance at the Club's calendar confirms the change in season. After the May Breakfast our Racing and Cruising activities really ramp up; after the racing Skipper's meeting in mid-May, the race season kicks off with the tune-up races on June 4th. The annual Memorial Day cruise will bring us to Ida Lewis Yacht Club May 28-30. Aside from what you see around you and on the calendar, many things are going on in the background to make the Club better. Next time you use the Club's mooring in Dutch Harbor you'll notice a new mooring ball and pendant – thanks to Mark DerMugrdichian and Nathan Shapiro for making this their winter project. Peter Lussier has been working on some

significant upgrades to the Club's website, refreshing the look and adding some important capabilities for timely electronic communication. We're looking forward to announcing the new site's launch!

A few updates are in order for events outside the Club that affect us. On the legislative front, I contacted you about potential changes to the Rhode Island sales tax laws with respect to boats (S0057). As of this writing, the bill still has not moved beyond the Senate Finance Committee. For those who contacted their Senator to voice their opinion, thank you. If you haven't acted yet, please do so. This bill could still face a vote and could have a devastating impact on the marine industry in the state. Another bill that could affect you in a positive way is House Bill H5310. H5310 seeks to limit marinas' ability to add surcharges to have an outside contractor work on your boat. If passed as proposed, this would give consumers more choice without facing financial penalties for not using their marina's preferred vendor. This bill has been recommended for hearing and further consideration, a positive step. As always, be sure to contact your Representative to make your voice heard! Finally, a quick update on activities at Edgewood Yacht Club as they recover from their devastating fire: The remains of the clubhouse and adjoining wharf are demolished and a bid has been

accepted to rebuild the wharf where the clubhouse was. Improvements have been made to their secondary structure to serve as office and meeting space, and temporary facilities have been and will be put in place for the summer. EYC won't look the same, but their spirit is growing.

In closing, I'd like to recognize the contributions of the Club's leadership team and many volunteers too numerous to mention here. The period from the winter holidays to now is a tough one, with plenty of planning and work that go toward building the foundation for a rewarding summer season. Because of everyone's efforts, we are well positioned for our best season yet. Be safe and enjoy it!

Respectfully Submitted,

Will Richmond

Commodore

Rear Commodore's Message



Hello, WBYC membership! -A note from your Rear Commodore, to express my appreciation to all our Committee Chairs, volunteers and faithful attendees. We

have had an absolutely incredible 3 months so far.

Fellow members, I am privileged to work with such great people and they are all working for you! Give them your support!

Dean

Rear Commodore

Activities Committee

HAPPY SPRING EVERYONE!



Our annual MAY BREAKFAST was held on 5/1/11. This year's event was a huge success. The crew was up bright and early with the coffee perking (thanks,

Stew) before 6 AM. We served just over 75 adults and children, our youngest and newest patron being Brendan Aabee, who was just 13 days old. Congratulations to Matt and Heather and big sister, Megan!! Thanks to all who made this year's Breakfast another smash hit.

The annual Club Cleanup was held on 4/30/11, and it looks Terrific! Thanks to all who pitched in to "spruce up" the Club!!

Good and Welfare:

Over the past few months, we've received "thank you" cards from quite a few members thanking us for either "get well" wishes, or for our expression of "sympathy". Cards we have received will be posted on the bulletin board inside the club.

On a personal note, I'd like to thank everyone for the many cards I've received recently. I'll be up and around in no time, thanks to all your well wishes!

-If you have anything you'd like to share, let us know and we'll be happy to post it in the next edition of the Blooper.

We need ideas for events! So if you have one, don't be shy, feel free to give us a call.

Jo-Ann and Phyllis
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Activities Committee Co-Chairs

Membership Committee



Hello everyone! I am very happy to report that we have now received over 85% of the membership profiles and dues back. A big thank you to all those who have responded! A special note to all those who have not yet responded to our renewal letter: Please respond back as soon as you have the opportunity. We would love to hear from you, no matter if you renew, or decline.

I hope everyone is getting ready for some of our upcoming events which include: Advanced Sewing Seminar on Saturday May 7th from 10:00AM-1:00PM, All Skipper's Meeting from 7:00-8:30 PM on Friday May 13th, and Game Night on Friday May 27th which will all be held at the West Bay Yacht Club. Please also mark your calendar for our Memorial Day Weekend Cruise that will be hosted by our fearless leaders Liz and Will Richmond!

If you have any questions regarding membership or would like any information about future club events, please do not hesitate to send me an email at abrousel@yahoo.com. I look forward to seeing everyone out on the water soon!

-Andrew Brousell
Membership Committee Chair



Cruising Committee

Newport: Ida Lewis Yacht Club Cruise
Past Cruisers! Current Cruisers! Future Cruisers! And even Racers! Sail or Power! ALL welcome to join in the Memorial Day Weekend Fun!



If you have not cruised with WBYC before, this is a great cruise to start! Open to ALL

WBYC members and friends!

Make your reservation by May 15th by sending an email to Elizabeth Richmond richmondea@gmail.com to reserve a mooring and spot at the dinner table. This year you will need to pre pay for a reserved mooring

Please indicate: Number of people coming for dinner on Saturday: _____

Slip or Mooring (or Parking Spot for Land Yachts): _____

Boat Name, Size and Length of stay _____

Itinerary:

SAILING: SATURDAY, May 28th

Suggested departure from West Bay at 1100. Channel 72 will be used for flotilla communications while underway. The distance is approximately 13 miles, so everyone should be able to arrive sometime around 1530 hours to secure moorings.

MOORINGS: PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU NEED to rent a mooring as we must prepay for reserved moorings this year (\$65 Night) Slips (\$4 Foot) when you RSVP to me via Email: richmondea@gmail.com

SHORESIDE: Memorial Day Family Cookout at Ida Lewis Yacht Club

Saturday May 28, 2010 1700 Hours

RSVP by May 15th to me via Email: richmondea@gmail.com

\$22.00 Adults \$11.00 Children
Grilled Steak Tips, Italian Sausage & Chicken, Hot Dogs & Vegetarian Burgers, Salad Bar, Watermelon & Brownies. Cash bar 1600 - 1730 Please be aware of the launch closing time of 1900.

Sunday May 29th: Activities to be announced, but we're open to suggestions! GAME ON! I got the some new NERF Footballs and baseball set to try out!

Sail Home Monday May 30st

Race Committee



Rumor has it there will be a J-24 One-Design Class participating in the 2011 Summer Series! At last count [from a very reliable source] as many as *six* J's will be sailing spinnakers. Now if we could only get *four or five* Sea Sprites to do the same it would be outstanding! As best as I can tell most of last year's competitors will be re-joining the Summer Series which starts promptly on June 6th. Racers are encouraged to attend the Skippers meeting Friday May 13th starting at 7PM when handouts for the Series will be available and distributed to those who have registered. The 2011 Race Entry and Release of Liability Form has been posted for several months on our website and can be located and printed at: <http://www.westbayyc.org/pdf/2011-Race-Entry-Form.pdf> Drop me a note, or give a

call, if you have any problems with these forms and I will make sure to bring some to the meeting.

Upcoming calendar of events:

1. Skippers meeting scheduled for May 13th from 7 to 9:00PM.
2. RC Tune-Up & Short Course Racing scheduled for June 4th from 12 to 3PM.
3. Summer Series begins June 6th [rendezvous for all classes in the vicinity of C5 Sally Rock]
4. F3 Series [Race #1] June 17th [1815 Start].
5. Rainone Solo/Twin Long Distance Race June 18th [12 Noon Start – BBQ to follow].

Last, but not least, mark your calendars for three *outstanding* events which are NOT to be missed during the upcoming season:

1. July 23rd – 1st Annual Block Island Regatta [Dutch I to BI race on Saturday; BI to Dutch race on Sunday]
2. July 30th – EGYC 3rd Annual Regatta & Deck Party [charity: The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society]
3. NBYA's Champion-of-Champions Regatta October 1st [rendezvous at Pine Hill]

Looking forward to seeing everyone in a couple of weeks!

Sail fast and safe,

Grant

Race Committee Chair



Keep a Sharp Lookout

Sat., May 7Advanced Sewing Class (10:00AM)
Friday, May 13.....Poker Night (7:30PM)
Friday, May 13.....Racing Skippers Mtg (7:00PM)
Friday, May 27.....Game Night (7:00PM)

2011 Board of Governors

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(long) shaft, electric start
- 6 gallon metal fuel tank
- Heavy duty motor lift
- 15 lb CQR anchor (made in Scotland)
- Lots of 5/8" 3 strand anchor line
- Loos tension gauges (small and large)
- Navico tiller pilot
- Thurston Sails 150 Mylar jib

Email scott.tagen@gmail.com for more info or
to take a look. (Exp. 7/30/11)

Of Special Interest...

SEA SCOUTS OPEN HOUSE

"Ship 1909" based at EGYC, and now being run as a joint venture with WBYC, announces our summer schedule and open house. This water-based high adventure program, designed for both boys and girls aged 14 to 21 will have three open houses and we welcome our WBYC members and children to come and check us out. For more information, please contact Captain Dave Pickering (Skipper) at dpickering@preventure.com, Tom Stocker, Committee Chair at rtstocker@cox.net or Joyce Sellon, Assistant Skipper, at joyciskis@aol.com. Our regular meeting dates will be the first and third Tuesday of each month. Our Open House places, dates and times are: Tuesdays May 17th and 24th at EGYC from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM and Saturday, May 21st from 12:00 to 3:00 at WBYC (rain date Sunday May 22nd). There will be a cookout at each of these three events so bring your appetites. Come and see what the excitement is about, our summer plans and how you and your kids can be exposed to all things water!



WBYC members attend the NBYA Spring Dinner

Get ready, spring has sprung, and summer is just around the corner! Here's what we are all looking forward to:



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many more photos! j-brandon@cox.net
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Photos are always at your fingertips electronically at:
www.westbayyc.org/calendar.htm
Need to get in touch with a Club Officer or Committee
Chair? Go to: www.westbayyc.org/officers.htm