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Commodore's Message

I may have been a bit premature in my excitement (last month's *Blooper*) that spring had arrived!



After what felt like months of cold, rainy weather, the sun and warmth have finally reappeared and I think this time it's real.

You're likely reading this just post-Memorial Day, which

means the Club's cruising season is kicked off and racing is in full swing. As summer gears up and school lets out, you should be aware that a group of WBYC volunteers have injected new life and energy into the local Sea Scouts group to provide teenagers with an outlet to grow their boating skill-sets, make new friends and get more involved in boating. The best part is that it isn't limited to Club members, so kids can join with their friends from outside the Club. Contact Rear Commodore Dean Travis for more information.

Speaking of kids and boating, did you know that the Greenwich Bay Sailing Association (GBSA) offers sailing programs that are

open to the public? GBSA is offering two and four week sessions this summer with programs for all skill levels, from beginner to competitive racing. They are also trying a new class this summer they are calling "Sailing Adventures" to introduce kids to all aspects of boating. Everyone age 7-18 is welcome to join in. Sessions run June 27 to July 22 and July 25 to August 19. You don't need to own a boat to participate. More information can be found at www.gbsa.info.

As you might know, we're trying some new events this summer. One that I am quite excited about is a revival of an old favorite – the weekend of July 23, is the race to Block Island. This race is meant to have more emphasis on the cruising boaters amongst us, so tow your dinghy and mount your grill on the stern rail because once we arrive at the Great Salt Pond, the emphasis will be on fun and comfort! Stay tuned for details! Another race with special consideration for cruisers happens the following weekend, July 30, at our neighbor club, East Greenwich Yacht Club. The EGYC regatta has several classes including a "Family Cruiser" division. In this division, you are even given extra time on your handicap if you have junior sailors on your crew. This is another great chance to have fun with the family and encourage younger sailors to

participate. More details are available at www.egycregatta.com.

Finally, we will again host a new member social party to welcome and meet new members. Andrew Brousell, our Membership Committee Chair, is planning this event and will announce the details shortly. Please make every effort to attend this fun and informal event – it's always great to welcome new faces to the Club!

Respectfully Submitted,

Will Richmond

Commodore

Activities Committee



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 had 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 are on the bulletin board inside the club.

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!

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!

-Andrew Brousell
Membership Committee Chair

Cruising Committee

"Hello" to all fellow WBYC members!



The 2011 Cruising season is upon us. I have completed the Cruise Captain's Guides and am forwarding them to all the Cruise Captains who have signed up to host one of our cruises this summer. We

have already had a very successful Memorial Day Cruise to ILYC- thanks Liz & Will!

Kindly visit the club's website at <http://westbayyc.org/calendar.htm> to view all of the latest details on our upcoming cruising adventures. Also, if anyone is interested in adding a new destination to our calendar, feel free to contact me anytime at dawntramontano@gmail.com

Memorial Day Cruise



West Bay Cruisers disappear into the FOG and reappear in Newport for a wonderful weekend of fun...

Summer was kicked off in style at the WBYC Memorial Day Cruise to Ida Lewis Yacht Club in Newport. Seven boats arrived in Newport on Saturday afternoon, most finding their way through heavy fog. We watched a stunning sunset on the porch of Ida Lewis and enjoyed a wonderful early season cookout. We had a respectable presence at Ida Lewis with almost 25 members and guests in attendance.

On Sunday, a few woke up early and most everyone took advantage of clearing weather and spent the day outdoors. The day started



with a tour of IRYS -The International Yacht Restoration School (IYRS). In the

afternoon a few lucky member of WBYC toured Newport Storm / Thomas Tew Rum. Others were stranded waiting for a Taxi... (Please note for next time: Taxies in



Newport on Memorial Day weekend are in high demand).

Monday we woke to more fog and little wind. Halfway home under power, we were finally able to fill the sails. The wind continued to cooperate as the day went on, and we sailed into our home port under lively winds.

The West Bay fleet consisted of Aurora, Lady Karen, Lee Shore, Sevenoaks, SpaceCat, Slieve Mish and Sowwanntin. See you on the next cruise!

Respectfully Submitted, Liz and Will
Richmond, Sevenoaks

2011 Cruising Calendar:

July 4th Cruise

July 2-4

Bristol Yacht Club

Tom and Nancy Stocker

Block Island Race/Cruise

July 23-24

Block Island

Sandy and Joann Grima

Grant Brandon

Labor Day Cruise

Sept 2-5

Cuttyhunk

Bill & Michelle Lilly

Columbus Day Cruise

Oct 8-10

Wickford

Mike LaRobardier

Goddard Park "Full Moon" Raft-ups:

(Friday nights 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM)

June: on the 17th

July: on the 15th

August: on the 12th

September: on the 9th

Cheers, Dawn

Cruising Committee

Race Committee

F3 RACING SCHEDULE REVISED



After much debate and discussion with fellow racers and participants I have decided to *revise* two of the three dates for the F3 Series to minimize conflicts arising from scheduling back-to-back events with existing weekend [Saturday] regattas. That said, here is the *new* schedule for the F3 races: 1st F3 race will be held on June 24th hosted by WBYC; 2nd F3 race will continue to be on July 15th as EGYC's [RC] is unable to re-scheduled due to conflicts; and the last F3 race [3rd] will be moved to August 26th hosted by AHYC [should a conflict arise WBYC will host the event]. Hopefully with these changes the Series will experience greater participation as the F3 is a qualifier for the Greenwich Cup Trophy [won in the last two years by *Profasea & Cloud Eight*]. The *prestigious* Greenwich Cup Trophy requires all eligible racers to sail in all three F3 races plus two of the three *signature* events run by EGYC, WBYC and AHYC. The *signature* events include the EGYC Annual Regatta [July 30th], WBYC's Norton Memorial Regatta [Aug 13th] and AHYC's Dickerson Memorial Regatta [Sept. 11th]. In other

words five out of six **best** finishes will be counted towards point accumulation. If you haven't registered for the F3 Series I encourage you to do so now that less than a month is left before the start of the 1st race! I also urge every racer to register for both the EGYC Regatta [July 30th] and AHYC Dickerson Memorial Race [Sept. 11th] as soon as possible. Our neighbor yacht clubs next door have created two great events on the water as well as on land. In my opinion it is vital that as many racers as possible support these great sailing venues as they have been created for the benefit of the racing community in Greenwich Bay. We truly are blessed to have one of the best sailing areas within Narragansett Bay and to not embrace these well-planned events is a disappointment to all those organizers who pour their hearts out to make these regattas memorable for each and every racer.

Upcoming calendar of Race events:

1. Summer Series begins June 6th [rendezvous for all classes in the vicinity of C5 Sally Rock]
2. Rainone Solo/Twin Long Distance Race June 18th [12 Noon Start – BBQ to follow].
3. F3 Series [Race #1] June 24th [1815 Start].

One more time, mark your calendars for these six "*outstanding*" events which are NOT to be missed during the upcoming season:

July 23rd – 1st Annual Block Island Regatta [Dutch I to BI on Sat; BI to Dutch race on Sunday]

July 30th – EGYC 3rd Annual Regatta & Deck Party [charity - Leukemia & Lymphoma Society]

Aug 13th – WBYC Norton Memorial Regatta [G/B Qualifier]

Aug 20th – WBYC Fantastic Plastic Pursuit Race

Sept. 11th – AHYC Dickerson Memorial Regatta [G/B Qualifier]

Oct1st - NBYA's Champion-of-

Champions Regatta [rendezvous at Pine Hill] - WBYC.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the water! Sail fast and safe,

Grant
Race Committee Chair

Keep a Sharp Lookout

Mon., June 6Summer Series Race #1 (6:10 PM)
Mon., June 13....Summer Series Race #2 (6:10 PM)
Friday, June 17....Goddard Park Raft-Up (7:00 PM)
Sat, June 18.....Rainone Solo/Twin Race (Noon)
Mon., June 20....Summer Series Race #3 (6:10 PM)
Friday, June 24.....1st F-3 Series Race (6:10 PM)
Mon., June 27....Summer Series Race #4 (6:10 PM)

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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. This is a water-based division of the Boy Scouts. It is a high adventure program designed for both boys and girls aged 14 to 21. We welcome our WBYC members and children to come and check us out for one or two meetings to see if you would like to join. For more information, please contact Captain Dave Pickering (Skipper) at dpickering@preventure.com, Committee Chair Tom Stocker at rtstocker@cox.net, or Assistant Skipper Joyce Sellon, at joyckis@aol.com. Our regular meeting dates will be the first and third Tuesday of each month. Come and see what our summer plans are and how your kids and their friends can

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