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Commodore's Message

Welcome to summer! Having seen a good thunderstorm and a Jimmy Buffett concert, I now finally feel like it's summertime. As it should be, July is packed with on the water activities at the Club. There is the constant backdrop of weekly racing going on - if you've never raced, consider joining in as crew this summer.



The experience is sure to add a whole new dimension to your sailing skills. For the cruisers, be sure to join Tom Stocker's cruise to Jamestown (Dutch Harbor) for the Independence Day festivities. Word is that the fireworks will be almost directly overhead and there are plans for some fantastic on shore dining. Later in the month, we have a real treat planned - the Club will bring the Block Island Cruising Race back to life after a multi-year hiatus. This should be a great event - following a race to the Great Salt Pond on Saturday the 23rd, we'll have dinner and festivities on Block Island. On Sunday the 24th, we wake up and race back to the mainland. Since

your appetite for racing is now whetted, the following Saturday (the 30th) is EGYC's annual regatta. EGYC has 3 sailing divisions (spinnaker, non-spinnaker, and a family cruising class) for the Saturday event and dinghy racing on Sunday. Speaking of Sunday, Andrew Brousell is leading the Club's efforts for our annual New Member Social dinner. This year's event will be catered so you can spend your weekend on the water and show up Sunday afternoon to meet and greet our new members who have joined in the past year.

With all that's going on, we hope to see you several times in July! Enjoy the summer, be safe, and have fun!

Respectfully Submitted,
Will Richmond

Commodore

Activities Committee



Welcome to Summer, 2011!! We hope everyone is ready to enjoy yet another great season on the Bay.

The "racing kitchen" is now open on Monday nights. We generally serve 40-45 hungry sailors each week after the race. Our biggest challenge is "what's for dessert"? If you'd like to join us one night, stop by. Thanks so much to Jennie Brandon who has officially joined the crew. We sure do appreciate all your help!

Andrew Brousell and the Membership Committee is coordinating an event to welcome all our new members who've joined during the past year, so keep an eye out for more details.

ON THE SMILE LINE – It appears that everyone is good and well!! If you have anything you'd like to pass along to the membership, just give us a call and we'd be happy to take care of it. We're always looking for ideas for events. So, if you have one, please don't be shy, give one of us a call.

See you at the Club,

Jo-Ann 401-738-0272
Phyllis 401-219-1784
Activities Committee Co-Chairs

Membership Committee



Hello! The first days of summer and our summer racing series are now underway! I am (again) happy to report that we have now received nearly 90% of the membership profiles and dues back. Thank you again to all members! I hope everyone is excited for some of our upcoming events which include: The Fourth of July Cruise headed up by Tom Stocker from Saturday July 2nd through Monday July 4th, our summer

racing series on Monday nights, our Newport Storm LD Race on July 9th at 12 noon, and our Block Island Race/Cruise from July 23rd through July 24th. Please also mark your calendar for our New Member Social on Sunday July 31st at 5:00PM.

If anybody has not responded or is interested in membership opportunities, please do not hesitate to contact me. If you have any questions about future events, please drop me an email at abrousel@yahoo.com. I look forward to seeing everyone out on the water and around the club.

-Andrew Brousell
Membership Committee Chair



Cruising Committee

"Hello" to all fellow WBYC members!

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



2011 Cruising Calendar:

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

July: on the 15th

August: on the 12th

September: on the 9th

Cheers, Dawn

Cruising Committee

Race Committee



DUTCH HARBOR TO BI RACE & BACK

Just in case you haven't been paying attention to all of the commotion around the Club these days, Family Cruisers and Racer/Cruisers have joined forces to revitalize the old

Whalers Race to Block Island on July 23rd & 24th to coordinate with the beginning of the **Club Cruise**. The event is a *pursuit race* [staggered start] from Dutch Harbor to Block Island on Saturday July 23rd followed by a *return race* to Dutch Harbor on Sunday July 24th (for anyone not continuing on with the Club Cruise). The warning for the 1st

start for both days will be at 11AM and, according to the weather Gods, two glorious days of sailing have been promised. Topping the event will be dinner in Block at ALDO's Saturday night [see Sandy Grima's insightful comments & details at end of the article]. **Bottom line:** This event has all the earmarks of a *Signature Event* [for years to come] for West Bay Yacht Club and I highly suggest finding a way to participate in it. **And now for the Cruising Portion of the Race/Cruise to Block Island:**

The last time this event was run, there was a republican in the White House, the royal couple was Princess Diana and Prince Charles, and the Yacht Club was air conditioned. Many things have changed and a couple of things are worth knowing for this event.

First, if you are planning to go down to Dutch Harbor the night before the race, be advised that the anchoring area in the Harbor has been reduced. The Town of Jamestown has restricted the area just south of the Yacht Club Mooring, and anchoring is no longer allowed, and yes, the Harbor Master is enforcing the new regulation. If you don't get to the Yacht Club Mooring in time to stake a claim to it, Dutch Harbor Boat Yard (401-423-0630) does have transient moorings for rent. They are \$50.00 per night, with WiFi and free launch service. They also have free showers available to their mooring customers.

At Block Island there are slips available at Payne's Dock (401-466-5572), Champlin's (401-466-2641) and Block Island Boat Basin (401-466-2631). Since this is a weekend, July reservations are recommended. Moorings are only available through the Town's Harbor Master on a first come first serve basis. If there are no Town Moorings available, you can contact the Harbor Master before 3:00 PM on channel 12 and he will place you on a select group of private moorings for 1 night. The fee is the same as the Town Moorings. Anchoring is allowed but not within the mooring areas but

be advised the bottom is mud and eel grass and not a great holding ground.

Once settled in, check with your “on the water Cruise Leader” Tom Stocker, he will be counting heads for dinner at Aldo’s (401-455-5871) Saturday night, the 23rd.

It is rumored that the Obama’s will be vacationing there the same weekend and will be watching the finish of the race. So sail like the wind and show them just how good WBYC Cruisers are!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Sandy Grima at 401-738-0272.”

On a separate note, the Summer Series is well on its way as are the weekend regattas and the F3 Series so if you haven’t signed up for some of them you’ve missed some of the best sailing and racing on the Bay ... enough said!

Upcoming Racing Calendar of Events:

1. F3 Series #2 - July 15th [1815 Start].
2. Ladies Skipper Regatta - July 16th [12 Noon Start]
3. Block Island Regatta - July 23rd & 24th
4. EGYC 3rd Annual Regatta [charity - Leukemia & Lymphoma Society] – July 30th
5. McKinley’s Regatta – August 6th
6. Norton Memorial Regatta [G/B Qualifier] – Aug 13th
7. Fantastic Plastic Pursuit Race – Aug 20th
8. F3 Series #3 – Aug 26th [1815 Start]
9. AHYC Dickerson Memorial Regatta [G/B Qualifier] – Sept 13th
10. NBYA’s Swanson Team Race & Bay Challenge – Sept 18th
11. NBYA’s Champion of Champions Regatta – Oct 1st
12. Pumpkin Patch Regatta – Oct 15th

Sail fast and safe,

Grant
Race Committee Chair

Keep a Sharp Lookout

Mon., July 11 Race #5 (6:10 PM)
Friday, July 15 F3 Series #2
Friday, July 15 Goddard Park Raft-Up (7PM)
Sat., July 16 Ladies Skippers Race (Noon)
Mon., July 18..... Race #6 (6:10 PM)
Sat., July 23& 24 ... BI Race & Cruise (11AM)
Mon., July 25 Race #7 (6:10 PM)
Sat., July 30..... EGYC Regatta (11AM)
Sun., July 31 New Members Social (5PM)

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Of Special Interest... SEA SCOUTS

”Ship 1909” based at EGYC, and now being run as a joint venture with WBYC, is a water-based division of the Boy Scouts. It is a high adventure program designed for boys and girls aged 14 to 21. We welcome our WBYC families to come and check us out for one or two meetings to see if you would like to join. For more information, please contact Dave Pickering at dpickering@preventure.com, Tom Stocker at rtstocker@cox.net, or Joyce Sellon, at

joycskis@aol.com. Our regular meeting dates will be the first and third Tuesday of each month. Come and see how your kids and their friends can enjoy all things water while learning new activities, safety at sea and leadership skills!

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