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The Friendliest Little Yacht Club on the Bay!

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Commodore's Message

It's been an exciting summer of progress at West Bay Yacht Club! We have made palpable



improvements to the Club this year that will benefit all members and I hope you share in my excitement. Anyone who has visited the clubhouse in the past few weeks may have noticed a few things. In my mind the most welcome upgrade is that the clubhouse is now air conditioned.

Although you may find yourself thinking "why do we need that? – just get out on the water", the clubhouse does get used very regularly throughout the summer and the change is most welcome on hot Monday evenings when we have a kitchen crew working hard indoors to feed the hungry racers. Invisible to all of us but accessible to all is our new Wi-Fi highspeed internet service. We elected to add this service to assist with Club operations (posting race results, expanding our capabilities for educational seminars, etc.) but it's also there for members to connect and check email or get some work done before getting out on the water. We hope the combination of air conditioning and internet service encourage you to use the clubhouse more often. Less exciting but of great importance is our roof leaks have been repaired!

Many thanks to Matt Aubee and his House Committee for their hard work on the air conditioning and roof; thanks to Grant Brandon and Dean Travis for an internet solution.

I view these improvements as privileges of membership that we are all responsible to ensure are not abused. Logically, if you are the last to leave the clubhouse, please be sure the lights and the air conditioning (or in winter, the heat) are off. Our Wi-Fi service is password protected and the password will change from time to time. You will find the current password posted inside the clubhouse. Please don't share the password outside the Club. This will ensure better connection speeds for members by keeping it a member-only resource.

Out on the waterfront, an exciting development is that we ran the Block Island Race for the first time in recent memory. Ten boats signed up to make this a very well-attended re-inaugural race. Unfortunately the wind refused to follow our Club's spirit; poor wind conditions meant only five boats finished, but once we got to the Great Salt Pond, that didn't matter at all. We celebrated with swimming, appetizers, drinks and a wonderful dinner at Aldo's in town. At its largest, the table was set for 33, but many more cycled through making it an enjoyable and sociable dinner. Sunday's race was called off (officially) due to lack of wind, but there were rumors circulating the Salt Pond that many crews feared the speed, skill, and good looks of the Sevenoaks crew. We'll have to wait until next year to see what comes of that. Congratulations to Chris Hoell and the crew of

Spitfire for the win on Saturday and many thanks to the organizers – Grant Brandon, Sandy Grima, and Tom Stocker – as well as the race committee – Dave and Leann Pickering and Dave Lodge – for the time and effort that made this a wonderful reality!

I am proud of our Club – we accomplish what many bigger Clubs cannot; we do it all with a friendly and welcoming smile. Enjoy the rest of your summer. Be safe and don't be a stranger!

Respectfully Submitted,
Will Richmond
Commodore

Activities Committee



We hope everyone has been enjoying their summer season as August winds down, as both Phyllis and I look forward to an active fall program which according to the calendar is just around the corner.

The “racing kitchen” will continue to be open during the Fall Series including a make up race on Sept 7th. The Fall Series dates are Sept. 12th, 14th, 19th & 21st. We generally serve 40-45 hungry sailors each week after each race. Our biggest challenge every week is answering the all important question “what’s for dessert tonight”? If you’d like to join us one night, stop by. Thanks so much to all of our helpers every race night as we sure do appreciate all of your assistance!

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 & Phyllis
Activities Committee Co-Chairs

Membership Committee

Hello fellow WBYC Members! I am pleased to report that we had a very successful new



member social this past month! A big thank you to McKinley’s Pub for helping to cater this event. We had nearly thirty new and current members in attendance. I would like to introduce some of our new members: Peter Reid and Barbara

Sampson, Brendan and Edith McCarthy, as well as, Frank and Norma Hepner.

Be on the lookout this month for the annual Frank H. Norton Memorial L/D Race [G/B Qualifier] on Saturday August 13th and the Fantastic Plastic Pursuit Race on Saturday August 20th. Other notable happenings to keep on your calendar are the Summer race series on Monday nights and the F3 series, which will be having its last race on Friday August 26th.

If you have any questions about membership or any future events, please send me an email at: abrousel@yahoo.com. I look forward to hearing from you!

Cruising Committee



“Hello” to all fellow WBYC members!

Kindly visit the club's website at <http://westbayyc.org/calendar.htm> to view 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:

Labor Day Cruise

September 2-5

Newport

Sandy & Jo-Ann Grima

Columbus Day Cruise

October 8-10

Wickford

Mike LaRobardier

Goddard Park "Full Moon" Raft-ups:

Friday nights 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

September 9th

Cheers, Dawn

Cruising Committee

Race Committee



Congratulations! to
all of the following racers
& crews:

Whale's Race [BI]:

1st in Class – *Spitfire*

2nd in Class – *Escape Plan*

3rd in Class – *Warlord*

Newport Storm Regatta:

1st in Class – *Cosmo & Thora*

2nd in Class – *Escape Plan & Serenity Now*

3rd in Class – *Liberty Belle & Obadiah*

Frank H. Norton Memorial Regatta:

1st in Class – *Seeing Red & Spitfire*

2nd in Class – *Velocity & Cloud Eight*

3rd in Class – *Coconut & Thora*

Fantastic Plastic Pursuit Race:

1st in Class – *Cowboy & Thora*

2nd in Class – *Dark Star & Spitfire*

3rd in Class – *Cloud Eight & Freq. Flyer*

Upcoming Racing Calendar of Events:

1. F3 Series #3 – Aug 26th [1815 Start]
2. S/S Makeup Race – Sept 7th
3. AHYC Dickerson Memorial Regatta [G/B Qualifier] – Sept 11th
4. Fall Series 1st Race – Sept 12th
5. Fall Series 2nd Race – Sept 14th
6. NBYA's Swanson Team Race & Bay Challenge – Sept 18th
7. Fall Series 3rd Race – Sept. 19th
8. Fall Series 4th Race – Sept 21st
9. NBYA's Champion of Champions Regatta – Oct 1st
10. Pumpkin Patch Regatta – Oct 15th

Don't be putting your boats away just yet as there is a lot of racing scheduled in the next month or so. Sail fast and always be safe ... always stay tuned to the weather!

Looking forward to seeing you on the water,

Grant

Race Committee Chair

Rear Commodore



Hello Members,

Last Sunday, I spent the day with all of you at the New Member Social. I remember saying that if you want to know if an event is a success then just sit back and listen. You could just hear the laughs. It is something we all look forward to throughout the year. Our events are spectacular, and Andrew did an excellent job putting this

event together. I left there thinking that we just don't do this enough.

On Monday, I had a sailing lesson at GBSA. After my lesson, I dropped by the club house to visit with Jo-Ann and Phyllis who were preparing dinner for our Monday night racers. Again, having such good laughs. I left there thinking that we just don't do this enough.

Today is Tuesday. I am running to meet Past Commodores David Pickering and Tom Stocker for some clam digging and a cookout with our Sea Scouts on Cedar Tree Point.

All of these people I mentioned are only a small portion of those members who add to the enjoyment of our club! Each has a donation. A donation of time and more. The love of a good friend and the love of a good laugh!

Thanks for the privilege to be your Rear Commodore!
Dean

Keep a Sharp Lookout

- Mon., Aug 22 Race #11 (6:10 PM)
- Friday, Aug 26 F3 Series #3 [AHYC]
- Mon., Aug 29..... Race #12 (6:10 PM)
- Wed., Sept 7 Make-Up Race (6:00 PM)
- Mon., Sept 12 Fall Race #1 (6:00 PM)
- Wed., Sept 14..... Fall Race #2 (6:00 PM)
- Sun., Sept 18 NBYA Swanson/Bay Challenge
- Mon., Sept 19 Fall Race #3 (6:00PM)
- Wed., Sept 21 Fall Race #4 (6:00 PM)
- Sat., Oct 1 NBYA C-of-C Regatta
- Sat., Oct 15 Pumpkin Patch Race

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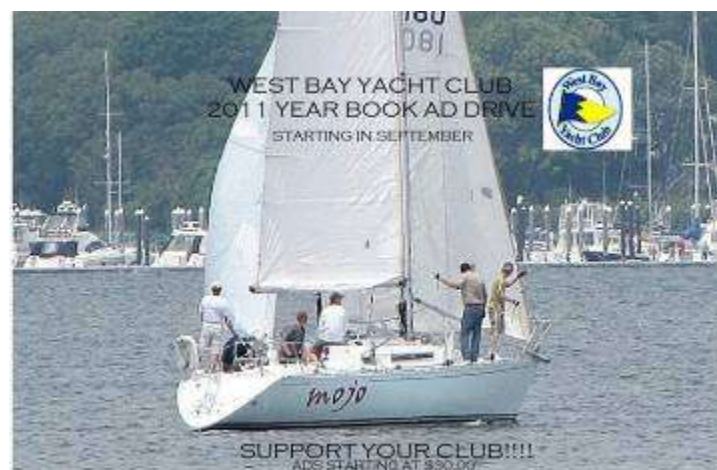
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... SEA SCOUTS in our back yard ...



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, contact Dave Pickering 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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