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The Friendliest Little Yacht Club on the Bay!

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Commodore's Message



The recent visit to the area by Hurricane-turned Tropical Storm Irene reminds us of a few universal truths of boating. First, you can

never be too prepared for such an event. We're lucky that our facility was left unharmed and to my knowledge, no member boats were damaged, partly due to our preparations and partly due to luck. Second, summer in New England goes way too fast and Irene's arrival drives home the point that hurricane season means that the days are getting shorter and we need to begin thinking about what we'll do when mooring and dock lines give way to jackstands and trailers.

So, looking ahead to those sad days post-boating season, please remember to mark your calendar for the Club's Annual Meeting scheduled for Friday, October 21 at 7:30pm at the clubhouse. At this meeting we ask the Board of Governors and

committee chairs to recap the year for the membership, as well as present and vote on issues that shape our Club's future. We deal with serious issues at this meeting, but in West Bay fashion, we always manage to have fun, too. Please plan to join us.

As long as I'm asking you to join us, it's a good time to put out the call to volunteer as well. Do you see an area of the Club you think could run more smoothly? Have you always wanted to develop yourself in a new area? Do you just like to have fun with like-minded people? These are all good reasons you should get involved. As you know, we're an all-volunteer Club and we always need help. Call any of the Board of Governors or committee chairs to ask about the responsibilities and needs. You'll find it takes less of a time commitment than you may have thought and your contribution will definitely be appreciated by hundreds of your fellow members.

Please don't let my glimpse ahead to the end of the season get you down. There's still plenty of boating to be done before you sharpen your ice skates! I'll see you out there. Be safe and have fun!

Respectfully Submitted,

Will Richmond

Rear Commodore



Hi all, Just a quick note to mention our upcoming ad campaign for the 2011 Year Book. Please show your support! If you

have never purchased an ad, then please buy an ad or if you currently are an advertiser then offer to upgrade your existing ad. Maybe to the next larger size or to a more prominent position within the year book. The money is well spent and it shows the entire West Bay Community that your an active supporter and contributor to our West Bay goals.

Dean Travis

2011 Cruising Calendar:

Labor Day Cruise

September 2-5

Ida Lewis Yacht Club, 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



Photo by Michael Stocker

Activities Committee



Where has the time gone? Hopefully, you've all fared okay after "Irene" blew through.

The "Racing Kitchen" continues to be busy after the race on Monday nights. We certainly enjoyed the season despite a few rainy and late ones. Jennie Brandon has now become part of the crew and we really appreciated all the help she gave to us. The kitchen will be open for the rest of the "fall" series, so stop by and join us for dinner one night. We'll be happy to include you.

As fall is fast approaching, the "indoor activity" calendar will be in full swing. We're putting plans together for our "Annual Wine Tasting". Stay tuned for more on this event. Tentative plans are for Sunday, September 25th from 3-5. We're always looking for new ideas, so don't be shy, give us a call.

ON THE SMILE LINE Feel Better Hugs go out to Sharon Ward who recently had a bad fall and broke her collarbone. Hopefully, you'll be up and about in no time. Also, the other biggest news is: Dawn T. and Mike LaRobardier have welcomed their first child - Ethan -into the world. We wish you all well and can't wait to meet the little guy. If you have something to share, just let us know.

See you at the Club,

Jo-Ann & Phyllis

The Bowline

"Lay the bight to make a hole
Then under the back and around the pole
Over the top and thru the eye
Cinch it tight and let it lie"

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Membership Committee



Hello to all West Bay Yacht Club Members! I hope that all of you are enjoying the remainder of sailing season. I want to wish all of you safe travels and great success in

your respective races and cruises. I would like to call attention to our Labor Day Cruise that will be hosted by Jo-Ann and Sandy Grima and will take place at Ida Lewis Yacht Club in Newport on Friday September, 6th. I also hope that you will join us for our fall race series which will run on September 7th, 12th, and 19th as well as our AHYC Dickerson Memorial Regatta [G/B Qualifier] which will be held on Sunday September 11th. If you have any questions regarding any of the races, events or cruises, please feel free to contact me. You can send me an email at abrousel@yahoo.com. I look forward to seeing you around the club.

Andrew Brousell

Education Committee



One hurricane done... Believe it or not, the boating season is almost over.

Even though many of us believe September, October, and even parts of November

offer some of the best boating on the Bay, the daylight is failing us, and the window of opportunity to lift anchor, cruise or sail away is coming to a seasonal end. This doesn't mean there will be nothing to do to keep our boating interests alive throughout the Fall / Winter. We don't have to stop learning, or improving our boating skills. In fact, we need you and your recently gained experiences (that you'd be willing to share) to further enhance our club. Come share! The Ed Committee is looking to take up some of the upcoming vacated Racing schedule times (and other times) with presentations from club members in areas of boating skills. We'd like some volunteers to help the rest of us improve our skills in areas we may not even know we have lacking. For example, I recently attended an adult training at the Greenwich Bay Sailing Association next door. It was a crash course (4 nights) in keelboat sailing. It was truly a learning experience, with hands on sailing about Greenwich Bay on a 24 foot sailboat. More importantly, it was a learning experience concerning how much more there is to learn. And how the learning never stops. We want to take this fact to another level at the club, by continuing workshops and presentations throughout the Fall and Winter that will address the interests of club members. We can't do this without active participation, as both learners and presenters. Can you tie knots? Are you good at docking? Can you give pointers on winterizing our boats? Have you ever been involved in a "Person Overboard!" event? Could you tell others some of the do's and don'ts that might make us all safer on the water? What about the next Hurricane? Could you help us be better prepared? What about Cruising? Could you tell members who have never participated what they might expect? And Racing? I'm sure some of us would like to crew? Anyone interested in explaining what that's all about?

This is your club. What can you share from personal experience to help make it the most supportive club on the Bay? We all want to be Friendly and Informed. Please forward me at my email address any and all interest in presenting this Fall / Winter. These things won't happen if we don't commit to them! I'll have a schedule of open dates very soon. Let's fill 'em with interest!

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Raleigh Jenkins
raleigh52@verizon.net
Cell: 401 374 7017

KEEP A SHARP LOOKOUT

Wed., Sept 7.....Make-Up Race (6:00 PM)
Mon., Sept 12Fall Race #1 (6:00 PM)
Wed., Sept 14.....Fall Race #2 (6:00 PM)
Sun., Sept 18.....NBYA Swanson/Bay Challenge
Mon., Sept 19Fall Race #3 (6:00 PM)
Wed., Sept 21...Fall Race #4 (6:00 PM)
Sat., Oct 1.....NBYA C-of-C Regatta
Sat., Oct 15.....Pumpkin Patch Race

Find an up-to-the-minute calendar on our website
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2011 Board of Governors

Commodore.....Will Richmond
Vice Commodore.....Stew Stewart
Rear Commodore.....Dean Travis
Past Commodore.....Tom Stocker
Secretary.....Phyllis Geisser
Treasurer.....Jo-Ann Grima
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.....Matt Aubee
.....Jim Palumbo

2011 Committee Chairs

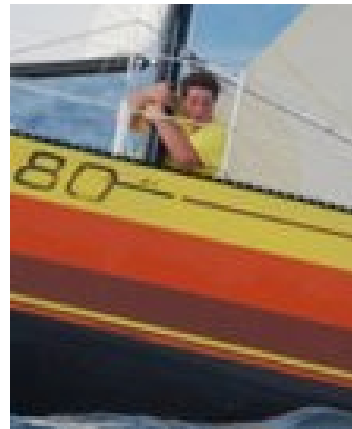
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Matt Aubee doing his thing!
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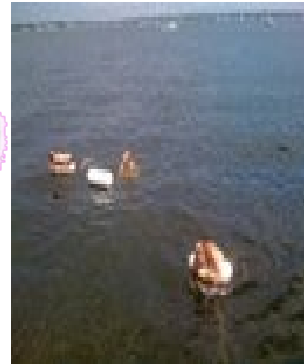
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” Heading out to R8” Photo by Michael Stocker



Commodore Will Richmond sails by the finish line. Photo by Tom Stocker

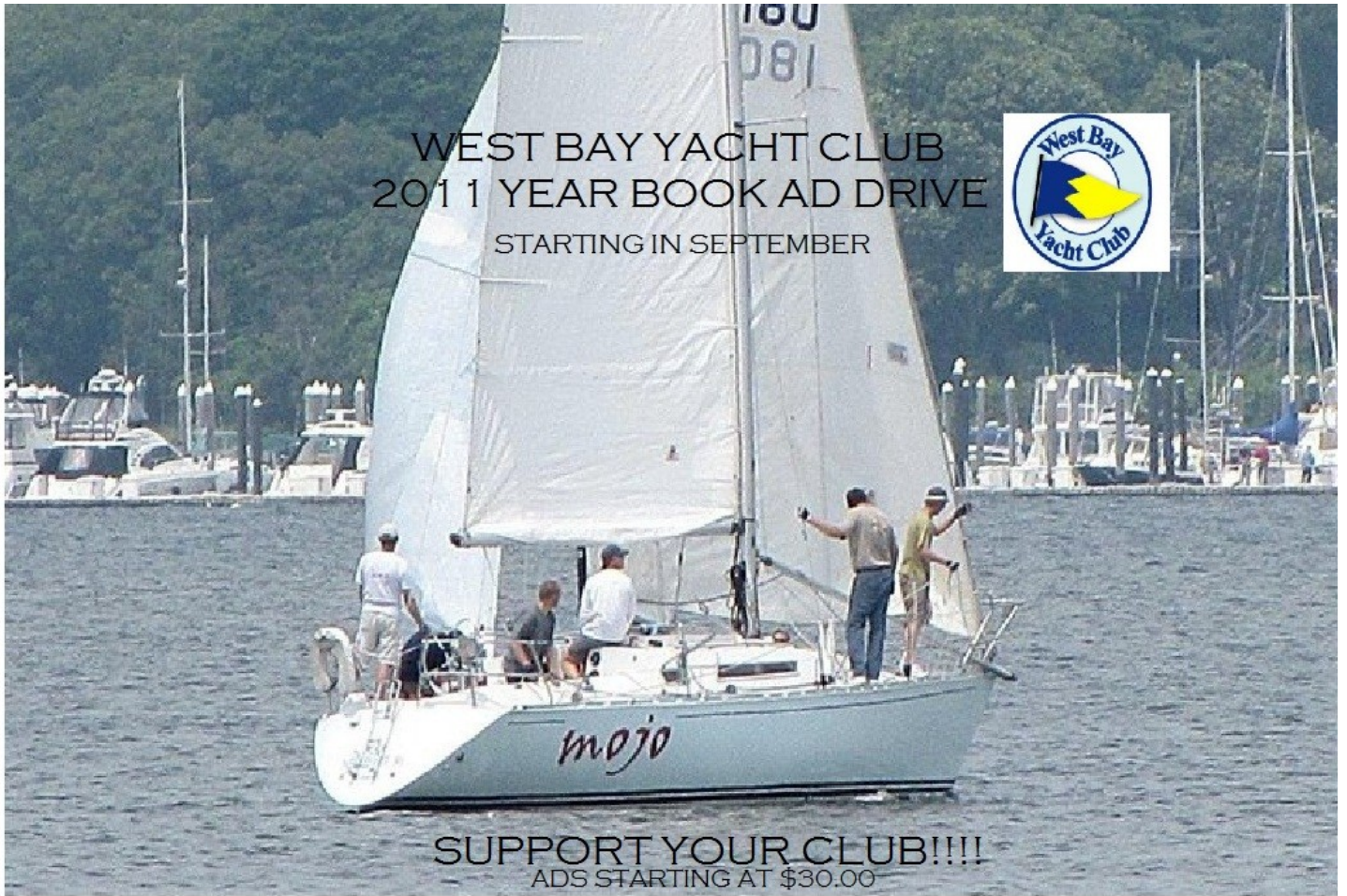


Our Sea Scouts! Pictures by Tom Stocker



West Bay Racing. Picture by Mike Hackett

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