

WEST BAY YACHT CLUB'S

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The Friendliest Little Yacht Club on the Bay!

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Commodore's Message



Summer went by quickly. I was lucky enough to sail one recent weekday afternoon and as we returned the boat to the mooring at 1900 hours it was already getting dark. There is plenty of sailing left, however, and these can be the best days of the year. More on that later... A very important aspect of the governance of our Club is our annual meeting. This is where we vote on next year's slate of officers as well as amendments to our Club's governing rules and thereby directly impact our Club's future. This year's annual meeting will be held Friday, October 21st at 1930 hours at the clubhouse in East Greenwich. You will be receiving the Nominating Committee's slate in the near future; in addition an important vote will be held to modify the Club's bylaws. The vote proposes to replace the "Junior" member class with a "Student" member class, allowing potential younger members more flexibility. Full details of the proposal were mailed earlier in the year and are posted in the clubhouse. I hope to see

you there.

I promised earlier that I would get back to sailing – there is plenty more great sailing to be done and our calendar faithfully reflects that. Looking forward, some highlights include the Columbus Weekend cruise to Wickford (my personal favorite each year), the Pumpkin Patch regatta, and hopefully countless cool, breezy and sunny days to take in the best coastal foliage that New England has to offer.

Please mark your calendar for the annual meeting on October 21st and make every effort to attend. Thanks for taking an active role in our Club's future!

Respectfully Submitted,

Will Richmond

Commodore

Rear Commodore



Hello Members,
Welcome to my official debut as your temporary Blooper publisher. Because of her educational pursuits, Jennifer Brandon has retired as our editor and publisher. Much thanks for

her years of tireless effort to produce our beloved newsletter month after month. Good luck Jennifer!

Over the next month, WBYC will be asking for your help to find a permanent newsletter editor and publisher. Stepping up for important positions such as this is an excellent way to raise your visibility within the West Bay family and an excellent precursor to an elevated leadership position within our club. Your commitment of time can be minimal and its fun to do.

This Month, I've included some additions to our newsletter. First, I have updated our newsletter to include our membership application. If you print out a copy of the newsletter, please recycle it by giving it to someone you know when you're finished reading it. There's no better way to encourage new memberships than to give a copy of the Blooper to a friend. The Blooper showcases all the things we do each and every month, and there is no better example to describe who we are. Secondly, I have added an education component to our newsletter with some quick and hopefully informative information that could be beneficial to every one of us at some point. Lastly, a recipe for all of us cooks.

Dean

Activities Committee



Believe it or not, fall has arrived!! Soon we'll all have our boats tucked in for the winter quietly awaiting next spring.

The social calendar for the rest of the year continues to be

a very busy one. Beginning this month with the annual meeting on Friday night 10/21. Here's your opportunity to catch up on the workings of the club, vote in the 2012 Board of Governors, review the budget as well as any other pertinent business that need to be addressed. Remember it your club, so your voice is important. See you at 7:30 PM.

On Saturday, October 29, join us for this year's HALLOWEEN PARTY. There'll be the "haunted room" for the kids (big and small) and lots of other fun!! It's a POTLUCK, so bring a dish to share. **DON'T FORGET YOUR SCARIEST COSTUME.** You might even win a prize. See you at 6:30 PM. **WE NEED HELP WITH THIS ONE, SO DON'T BE SHY!**

Plans are well underway for the Annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet to be held on Saturday, November 12 at Nino's in Coventry. Be sure to reserve this date on your calendar. More to follow.

The "Monday Night" racing series has drawn to yet another very successful close. Thanks to the many volunteers who gave us a hand in the kitchen especially Jennie Brandon, who is now an official part of our crew. We really appreciated your help. We've enjoyed spoiling the racing guys and gals again this year.

GOOD AND WELFARE- We 're happy to report everything is good and everyone is well!!

If anyone has anything pertinent to share with the membership, just let us know.

Don't forget Poker Night is the 2nd Friday of the month and Game Night is the last.

We're always looking for ideas and will never so "No" to any volunteers, so just give us a call.

See you at the club,
Jo-Ann and Phyllis
Activities Committee Co-Chairs

Membership Committee



Hello West Bay Yacht Club! I trust that all of you are having a great end of your summer. I hope that you have enjoyed sailing with us this past summer and are preparing for a nice relaxing fall season.

I would like to call attention to our Columbus Day Cruise to Wickford that will be hosted by Michael LaRobardier on Saturday October, 8th. I also hope that you will join us for our Pumpkin Patch L/D race which will be held at noon on Saturday October, 15th. Other important events to note are the Wine Tasting event, which will take place on September 25th from 3:00-5:00PM at the clubhouse, our annual club meeting on October 21st at 7:30PM, as well as Halloween Party and Potluck Dinner on October 29th at 6:30PM.

If you have any questions regarding any of the events or cruises, please do not hesitate to contact me. You can send me an email at abrousel@yahoo.com. I look forward to seeing you around the club.

-Andrew Brousell

Cruising Committee



Hello to all fellow WBYC members! Looking forward to seeing everyone in Wickford-may it be by sea or land. Here's what we have planned thus far.

Sat, Oct 8th - Arrive to Wickford. 5pm Members' Oktoberfest Social followed by our traditional grill your own

dinner. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Prize for the best Oktoberfest costume!

Sun, Oct 9th- 11am Bloody Mary Bar & Mocktails

Sun, Oct 9th - 6pm Catered Dinner by Chef Tom Drew. Menu to include: Chowder, Corn on the Cob, Lobster, Potato and Macaroni Salad followed by dessert. \$20 per person. Please RSVP to Michael mlarobardier@yahoo.com

Contact Wickford Marina to reserve your slip under WBYC. Please contact Michael with any questions mlarobardier@yahoo.com and kindly copy me dawntramontano@gmail.com

Cheers, Dawn

2011 Cruising Calendar:

Columbus Day Cruise

October 8-10

Wickford

Mike LaRobardier

Education Committee

O.K... Let's see...



"The rabbit comes out of the hole..."
(Without stopping to eat...)
"The rabbit hops over the log..."
(Or was that "under"

the log, or maybe it's a pole or a tree...)

"The rabbit goes back into the same hole..."

(What happened to the log?)

"Now pull tight... and there you have it!"

(Or maybe you don't!...)

"A perfect 'Bowline' knot!"...

(I forgot to put the sheet through the sail grommet before the rabbit came out of the hole!!!)

Having trouble with marine knot tying? Want to join me in a hands-on refresher course in how to tie the most common knots used in boating, and an explanation of their possible uses? Did anything else bother you while you were trying to enjoy your boating this season? Give the Ed Committee a call!

We still intend to offer some casual learning experiences during the upcoming "off" season, to help improve your boating skills before next year's season. The Ed Committee needs topics and presenters willing to share their learned skills with those looking to improve theirs. We'd like to see our members helping each other through instructions in basic skills that they may not even be aware are envied and desired by other members.

Other possible topic examples? Anchoring; docking; raft-ups; meal prep for the water; basic navigation; boat storage; winterization; bottom cleaning and painting... The list is seemingly endless. We're betting that if you've got a handle on any of these things, there are other members, (besides me), who would love to sit around a table while you show us how it's done, and let us try to do it, or at least ask questions of a member or associate of "The Friendliest Yacht Club on the Bay". Think about it. If you know a member particularly skilled at something we all might want to improve, ask if they'd be willing to share some informal training at the Club. The Ed Committee is trying to identify some available times, as the boating season winds down, so that interested members may share experiences for the betterment of all over the Winter season. I know who I'm going to ask about knots. Who else is out there? Don't be shy about asking for help, or about being willing to teach. That's what the Education Committee is here to help with!

I can be reached via cell at: 401 374 7017, or by email: raleigh52@verizon.net

We'd like to get this going by October.

Raleigh Jenkins, Ed Committee Chair

Race Committee



RACING RESULTS ARE IN FOR BOTH THE SUMMER & FALL SERIES

Congratulations are extended to all skippers & crews whom participated in both the Summer and the Fall Series. The entire Race Committee would like to recognize the following skippers/boats for

winning their respective Classes:

Summer Racing Series:

Spinnaker Class #1 – Matt Aubee in *Velocity*

Spinnaker Class #2 – Mike Therrien in *Schedule 80*

Non-Spinnaker Class A – Ken Thorsen in *Thora*

Non-Spinnaker Class B – Nelson Brinckerhoff in *Serenity Now!*

J-24 OD – Paul Schmidle in *All in*

Fall Racing Series:

Spinnaker Class #1 – Matt Aubee in *Velocity*

Non-Spinnaker Class A – Mike Therrien in *Schedule 80*

Non-Spinnaker Class B – Dave McGhie in *Wahtawah*

In addition, three *Huzzahs*' are belted out to every sailor whom participated & raced very competitively in the following Series and associated Class:

Summer Series – Spinnaker Class #1:

Jack Colby in *Civil Action*

Summer Series – Spinnaker Class #2:

Summer Series – Non-Spinnaker Class A:

Norm Lambert in *Stormin Norman* [2nd in Class]

Mike Hackett in *Escape Plan* [2nd in Class]

Tom Stocker in *Mojo* [3rd in Class]

Ray Perrotta in *Obadiah* [3rd in Class]

Bob Lewis in *Magic Carpet* [4th in Class]

Jack Early in *Qing Long*

Bill Dussinger in *Wavelength* [5th in Class]

Anthony Costanzo in *Vela Via*

Sheila McGauvran in *Mira*

Melisa Lipa in *Lorax*

Abbi Seward in *Seeing Red*

Cindy Poirier in *Liberty Belle*

John Anthony in *Strange Times*

Summer Series – Non Spinnaker Class B:

Summer Series – Spinnaker J-24/OD

Bob Laforge in *Oh Bay Be*

Mark & Kerri Bamford in *Cloud Eight*

Rob Chappelle in *Take me There*

Stew Steward in *Challenge* [2nd in Class]

Jim McGill in *Snow Goose*

Dean Travis in *Incognito*

Fall Series – Spinnaker Class #1:

Fall Non-Spinnaker Class A:

Jack Colby in *Civil Action* [2nd in Class]

Vinnie McAteer in *Divided Sky* [2nd in Class]

Tom D'Albora in *Coconut* [3rd in Class]

Ken Thorsen in *Thora* [3rd in Class]

Todd Johnston in *Seaquest* [4th in Class]

Bob Lewis in *Magic Carpet* [4th in Class]

Peter Anstrom in *Anser* [5th in Class]

Chris

Van Haaren in *Elusive* [5th in Class]

Dave Lodge in *Challenge* [6th in Class]

Ray Perrotta in *Obadiah* [6th in Class]

Charlie Kineke in *Thunder* [7th in Class]

Sheila McGauvran in *Mira*

Keep a keen eye open for the following upcoming CALENDAR events:

Oct 1st – NBYA Champion of Champions Regatta [Saturday – Noon Start]

Oct 15th – Pumpkin Patch [Saturday – Noon Start]

Nov 12th – Annual Awards Banquet [Saturday night]

Last but not least, I would like to thank all racers & crew for making the 2011 racing season a big success. And look forward to sharing a wonderful evening with each and every one of you at the Annual Awards Banquet in November. Best regards, Grant

Education Corner

Did you know these sailing rules of the road?

When two sailing are approaching one another so as to involve risk of collision, one of them shall keep out of the way of each other as follows:

- **When each has the wind on a different side, the vessel which has the wind on the port side shall keep out of the way of the other.**
- **When both have the wind on the same side, the vessel which is to windward shall keep out of the way of the vessel which is to leeward.**
- **If a vessel with the wind on the port side sees a vessel to windward and cannot determine with certainty whether the other vessel has the wind on the port or the starboard side, she shall keep out of the way of the other.**

Knots to Remember

Images from Animatedknots.com



The Pecking Order

The uppermost vessel on the list has right-of-way (stand-on vessel) over any vessel (give-way vessel) below it on the list:

1. **Overtaken vessel (top priority)**
2. **Vessel not under command**
3. **Vessel restricted in its ability to maneuver**
4. **Vessel constrained by its draft**
5. **Fishing vessel (commercial fishing or trawling but not trolling)**
6. **Sailing vessel (engine not on)**
7. **Power-driven vessel**

Cooks Corner

Recipe from www.allrecipes.com

Grilled Blue Fish Recipe (Serves 4)

Ingredients

- 4 pounds bluefish fillets
- 1 cup orange juice
- 1/4 cup fresh lime juice
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 tablespoon dry white wine
- kosher salt and ground black pepper to taste
- 1/4 cup citrus flavored seafood rub

Directions

1. Place the fish fillets into a large bowl. Pour in the orange juice, lime juice, lemon juice, olive oil and white wine.
2. Season with salt, pepper and seafood rub. Stir to blend and coat fish. Leave the squeezed lemon and lime halves in the bowl too. Marinate for at least 30 minutes.
3. Preheat a grill for high heat. When the grill is hot, oil the grate.
4. Place fish fillets on the grill, and discard the marinade. Cook for 4 minutes on each side, or until fish flakes with a fork. Transfer to a serving platter, and remove the dark blue part of the fish before serving.

Keep a Sharp Lookout

Sat., Oct 1 NBYA C-of-C Regatta
Sat., Oct 15 Pumpkin Patch Race

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
Parliamentarian Marcie Feldman

Members at Large Bill Lilly
..... Matt Aubee
..... Jim Palumbo

2011 Committee Chairs

Activities Phyllis Geisser & Jo-Ann Grima
Cruising Dawn Tramontano
Education Raleigh Jenkins
Publicity Ed Cure
Website Peter Lussier
Blooper Open

Year Book Update

Work has begun!

Our Year Book Committee is making the calls. Our Ad featuring Tom Stocker's Mojo has been a big success too. Pulling in 3 ads right away. One ad being a new advertiser! That's the West Bay spirit! Thank you Richard. Our goal this year is to have all sales for ads completed by October 1st and all ad proofs in our hands by October 15th. Please note that space is limited. Please contact Dean Travis, Andrew Brousel, Raleigh Jenkins or any flag officer ASAP if you would like ad space. My email is listed below.

Dean Travis travistechnologies@yahoo.com

Did you know?

Rhode Island tide charts are available online here.
<http://ri.usharbors.com/>

Lightning protection means minimizing the damage caused by lightning in the event of a strike, rather than preventing a lightning strike. In general terms, a protected boat is one in which there is a continuous conducting path from the mast tip to the water

What color of light must be displayed by a commercial vessel that is towing at night?
Yellow!

West Bay Yacht Club sells hats, shirts, and sweatshirts. The prices are as follows:
Baseball Hat \$10.00
Men's and Ladies T shirts \$12.00
Sweatshirt \$25.00
Men's and Ladies Polo shirt \$25.00
Prices include club logo!

Boat

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

A boat is a watercraft of any size designed to float or plane, to provide passage across water. Strictly speaking and uniquely a submarine is a boat as defined by the Royal Navy.

From RIYachting .com - Members of the United States Coast Guard patrolled the Sakonnet River near the Route 24 bridge on Wednesday, Sept 22nd, creating a new temporary passage on the western, Portsmouth side. Also taking place that week, Cardi Corporation moved its barges and cranes into the center channel to begin construction of the center span of the new bridge, slated to be completed next

spring. The main river channel will be closed for one month, which began Sept 6. Chief Petty Officer Gregg Marsili drove one of the Coast Guard patrol boats, along with Chief Petty Officer Mark Chartier and Petty Officer Nicholas Rago. They placed a buoy, number 15B, at a crucial section underneath the Portsmouth side of the bridge, where vessels entering have to negotiate close to a 90 degree turn, whether coming from the south or north. Marsili reiterates this turn is especially important for mariners to be aware of when traveling from the Mount Hope Bay area. Electronic signage has been placed at various locations north and south of the channel passage

Physics of Sailing

<http://www.physics.unsw.edu.au/~jw/sailing.html>

Sailing downwind (parallel to the wind, like the boat at left) is easy to understand: the wind blows into the sails and pushes against them. The wind is *faster* than the boat so the air is *decelerated* by the sails. The sails push backwards against the wind, so the wind pushes forward on the sails.

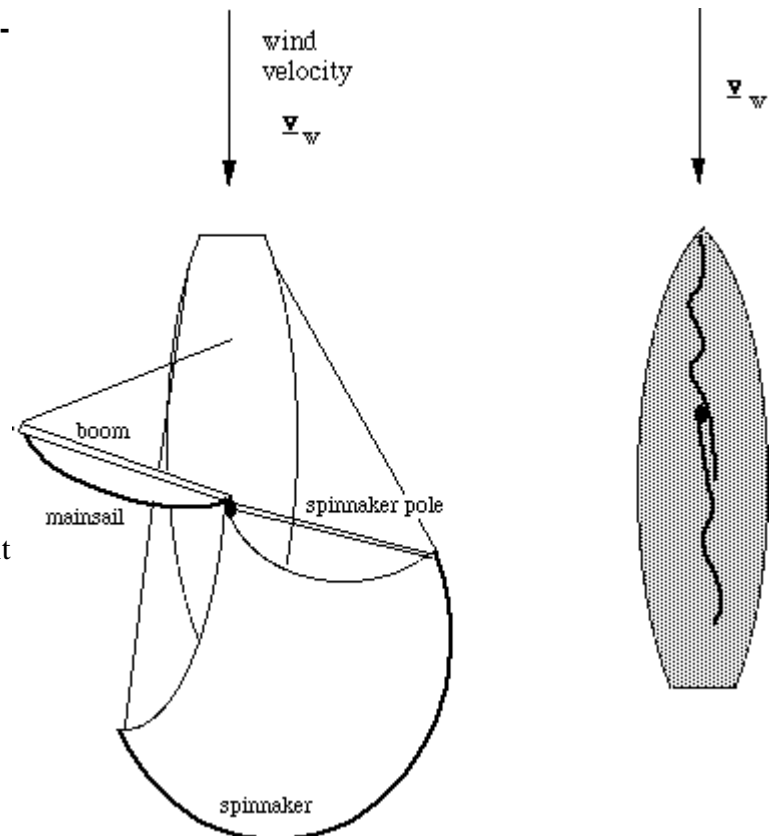
You know this force: In a strong wind, it is easier to walk, run or bicycle with the wind pushing on your back. Usually, the wind pushes you in the direction it is going.

Sailing directly into the wind is also easy to understand: it's impossible. You just sit there with your sails flapping..

But boats can sail at say 40° to the wind and, by tacking (alternate lines on either side of the wind direction) they can go where they like.

... 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 joyciskis@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!





Sea Scouts Flare Demonstration 9/20/2011



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ANNUAL MEETING

OCTOBER 21, 2011

YOUR ATTENDANCE IS REQUESTED

We will be voting on the following issues:

Proposed change to the By-Laws:

ARTICLE III-MEMBERSHIPS

SECTION 1 – Classes of Memberships. The classes of membership shall be Individual, Junior, Student, Honorary, and Scholarship, each representing a single member. Family, Associate, Military and Expatriate memberships include all adults and children in the household.

Paragraph C – Junior Memberships- A single person at least 12 years old but no older than 18 years old. Initiation and reinstatement fees (Section 3) shall be waived for this class of membership. Upon the year following the Junior Member's 18th birthday, the Junior Member may convert to any other Membership, if qualified. Initiation fees (Section 3) shall be waived for this conversion. A Junior Member is entitled to the restricted use of the Club, but may not vote, hold office, or speak at Club meetings.

ARTICLE V- DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 3 – Vice Commodore. The Vice Commodore shall preside at all meetings if the Commodore is not available, will assist the Commodore in executive capacity, and represent the Club in the absence of the Commodore. The Vice Commodore will chair the Finance Committee, In addition, the Vice Commodore will coordinate and review activities of the Cruising and Racing Committees.

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2012

The Nominating Committee has presented the following Slate of Officers for the 2012 year.

COMMODORE	WILL RICHMOND
VICE COMMODORE	DEAN TRAVIS
REAR COMMODORE	MATT AUBEE
TREASURER	JO ANN GRIMA
SECRETARY	PHYLLIS GEISSER / OPEN
PARLIAMENTARIAN	MARCY FELDMANN
MEMBERS at LARGE	JIM PALUMBO, ROBERT CHAPELLE, MIKE HACKETT

PLEASE ATTEND THE MEETING AND CAST YOUR VOTE FOR THESE IMPORTANT DECISIONS.



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Irene Damage Photo from the North-East Independent



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Location: Norton's Marina & Shipyard
Foot of Division Street, East Greenwich, RI

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Return To:

WBYC Membership Chair
P.O. Box 1604
East Greenwich, RI 02818

Date: _____

APPLICANT _____ APPLICANT _____

STREET _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE—HOME _____ WORK _____ CELL _____

CHILDREN'S NAMES & AGES _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

YACHT NAME _____ SAIL/POWER _____ CLASS/MAKE _____

YACHT LENGTH _____ MARINA _____

SPONSORED BY: 1. _____ 2. _____

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS:

Please contact Andrew Brousel - Membership Chair, to discuss the WBYC Membership options and cost. Andrew can be reached by email at: abrousel@yahoo.com or telephone at 774-279-0487. Thanks for your interest. We look forward to hearing from you!

SAILING INTERESTS: Circle your interests

Club Cruising Series Racing Committee Boat Other
Race Own Race Crew Weekend Cruising Cruiser Races

PREFERENCES FOR CLUB PARTICIPATION: Circle your preference for participation

Activities (Social) Cruising Publicity Education
Racing Membership Series Racing

WILLING TO HELP AS FOLLOWS: Circle your preference

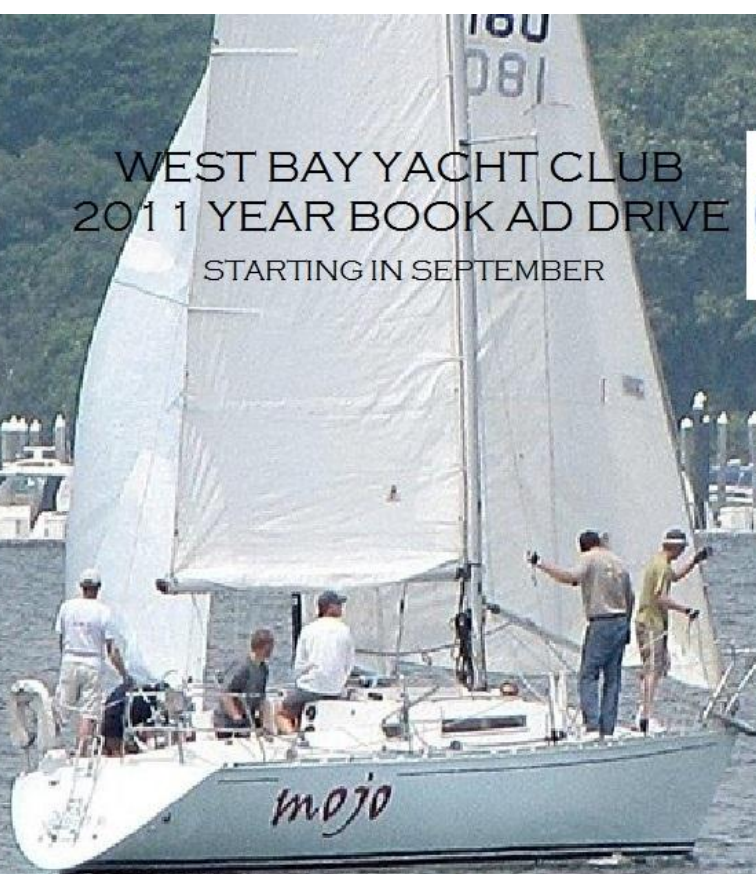
Prepare/bring food for club functions Decorate/Cleanup for club functions
Clubhouse maintenance Other

I/We understand that the West Bay Yacht Club is a self-help working club and I/we agree to help and participate in various club functions.

Signature _____ Signature _____

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2011 YEAR BOOK AD DRIVE
STARTING IN SEPTEMBER



SUPPORT YOUR CLUB!!!!
ADS STARTING AT \$30.00



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most other West Bay Yacht Club
correspondence.*

travistechnologies@yahoo.com

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VERY important links to your Club website.
Need to get in touch with a Club Officer or
Committee Chair?

www.westbayyc.org/officers.htm

The latest Club Cruising, Racing and Social calendar is
always at your fingertips electronically:

www.westbayyc.org/calendar.htm