

WEST BAY YACHT CLUB'S

Blooper



The Friendliest Little Yacht Club on the Bay!

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Commodore's Message



Another season has come and gone. I hope that everyone had a safe and pleasant season and maybe learned more to become a better boater. Before I go too far with that thought, I want to interject an important seasonal safety message: if your boat is up on a trailer or jackstands, please be exceptionally careful working on deck. A fall from that height could have devastating consequences. Back to becoming a better boater: our Club holds obvious great value for boaters 'in season'. As we open the off-season, please remember that we sponsor educational seminars on a wide range of topics throughout the winter and if the topic you are interested in isn't being covered, speak up. It's likely others are interested and we'll try to put something together.

Our next big event in November is the Annual Banquet. I hope to see everyone there.

This year's banquet will be held at Nino's on Lake Tiogue in Coventry on November 12 starting at 1800 hours. As in years past, we will celebrate our members' achievements in racing, cruising, and general membership. The night is always fun because it is filled with stories, tall tales, and laughter. Learn who among your fellow Club members is reputed to have hit a deer (with his boat!) this will come out and probably much more – don't miss it!

It's been a wonderful season and I am proud to have been a part of it. Thanks for the opportunity to serve and as always, please let me or a member of the Board of Governors know if there is more we can do to make the Club an even better place.

Respectfully Submitted,

Will Richmond

Commodore

Activities Committee



The annual trek to Wickford Marina was held over the Columbus Day weekend. The weather was great, as was the sailing. Many thanks to our cruise captains, Dawn and Mike, along with their newborn son, Ethan, for coordinating a superb

event. Also thanks to Tom Drew of the Edgewood Yacht Club for preparing a wonderful lobster dinner on Sunday night. It will surely be tough to top this weekend next year!! Our new friends of the Edgewood Yacht Club also joined us, as well.

The annual meeting was held on 10/21. We elected the new Board of Governors for 2012, reviewed the past year, and voted on any necessary issues including the annual budget. All went very well.

On 10/29, it's time for the ghosts and goblins to come out and celebrate at the annual Halloween Party. Spooky, spooky! Check out next month's issue for the official review.

By now, everyone should have received their invitation to the Annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet to be held at Nino's on Lake Tiogue on November 12th. Please let us know if you have not received yours and we'll get one out to you ASAP. We'd appreciate your response on or before 11/02/11 even if you were not planning on joining us.

In December, we have our Holiday Party on December 10th. It's a Yankee Swap, so bring a wrapped gift (\$10-15 limit) for your child and one for yourself. It's a potluck dinner, so bring a dish to share.

GOOD and WELFARE – It's nice to report that everyone is well and things continue to be good!

See you at the Club,

Jo-Ann and Phyllis

Membership Committee



Greetings fellow WBYC Members! I hope that all of you are having a great fall season thus far. I hope that you have all had an opportunity to take advantage of the warm weather we have had to sail a few last times before winter. Thank you to all who participated in our Annual Meeting on October 21st.

I would like to call attention to our Halloween Pot Luck Dinner on which will be held on 6:30PM on October 29th at the club. I hope that you will join us for the Annual Banquet that will take place on November 12th at 6:00PM. The event will be held at Nino's on Lake Tiogue.

If you have any questions regarding any of the future events, 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

Cruising Committee



Another successful cruising season came to a close with our year-end Columbus Day Cruise to Wickford. Many thanks to Michael, Tom Drew, and Deb Wloch from EYC for planning a great weekend of events.

With this in mind, I am sending out a special thanks to all of this year's Cruise Captain's & their First Mates for your planning & leadership.

Looking forward to planning some "Land Cruises" for this Fall & Winter. Stay tuned for the date of our yearly Cruise Planning Dinner.

Cheers,
Dawn

Education Committee



I'm happy to report we already have commitments from some of the same presenters we enjoyed this year to come back to help improve the skills and knowledge of

our Club's membership in 2012.

For some of us, that will mean dusting off the trusty ole sewing machines for another round of sewing projects directed by our own "Canvas Lady", Tonya Ricketts.

About a dozen of us sewing rookies thoroughly enjoyed our initiation into the world of hand-made boating accessories, including sail ties, boat pillows (with a West Bay Yacht Club color scheme), canvas ditty bags, and for the truly brave, custom fender covers! This particular educational experience (actually 2 events) stood out as a shining example of what we intended our educational events to be: informative, practical, creative, non-threatening – and thoroughly enjoyable. I believe everyone left with a sense of new-found pride in whatever we learned through the experience. In fact, I believe Tonya may have enjoyed the experience the most, as she's the first one to sign up for a Spring event, without even asking her to give of her time!

Our thanks go out to all of the presenters. There wasn't an event we wouldn't repeat. And we're actively looking for more topics all of the time. Our adopted training theme is "Meaningful to Membership". This past year we had:

March 2	"Soft Rigging"	Ryan Scott, West Marine Rigging
March 10	"Bottom Prep and Paint"	Heath, Interlux
March 19	"Morning Light"	Disney Film on Sailboat Racing
March 26	"Marine Sewing"	Tonya Ricketts, The Canvas Lady
March 31	"The Steamship Authority"	Robert Cleasby
April 6	"Racing with Flags"	Dean Travis & David Lodge
April 14	"Celestial Navigation"	(post-poned to 2012)
April 27	"Rope Splicing"	David Lodge

A primary goal of the Education Committee is to support our membership through meaningful and timely learning events that may be applied during the boating season. As you can see, that means concentrating our events before the season starts. Throughout the year, however, we attempt to provide useful information and resources for our membership, as well.

You may have noticed the addition of educational "snippets" in our Blooper last month. (Thanks to Dean!) The Education Committee will assist with continuing this practice over the course of next year. The Education Committee also proposed organizing the resources we already have. We hope to begin cataloging the books and videos in our "library" over this coming Winter. We already have an impressive collection of resource materials, and have recently received even more books waiting to be logged-in.

This brings me to another major goal of the Education Committee, which is to encourage membership participation in all these events. Can you lend a hand? Are you good at keeping records or maintaining order? The library project could use your help. Are you the designated "snacktician" on board? We could use a training in food prep for the water. Can you tie line? Splice? Anchor in all kinds of bottoms? Could you explain how "rafting up" is best done for those who might be hesitant to try? We want to enlist more talent from within our Club, going forward. We want to bring out the inherent "friendliness" of West Bay by sharing more of the expertise of our more experienced members among those of us eager to learn nautical skills, in a friendly, non-threatening environment.

So why don't we all make an early New Year's resolution to share more and learn more in 2012? We've learned that we want to begin the education event season earlier this Winter, with at least one event in late January. We're already signing up trainers for repeat performances. We've plenty of open dates to fill with events "meaningful to membership". We just need to hear from you: 1. What would you like to know more about?, and 2. What could you share with the rest of us! 2011 was a good year looking back on it... Let's plan for a truly successful 2012!

Submitted by: Raleigh Jenkins, Chair

Race Committee



RACING RESULTS ARE IN FOR THE LAST RACE OF THE SEASON

Congratulations must be extended to all skippers & crews who dared to participate in this years' Pumpkin Patch Regatta which was held on Saturday October 15th. Those who viewed from ashore

clocked winds in excess of 25 kts, and those who participated on the race course clocked winds in excess of 30 kts making this years' event one of the more memorable in recent history! Everyone returned to their home base with all 10 fingers, their boats in one piece and not the worse for wear. It is therefore most appropriate for the entire Race Committee to belt out three *Huzzahs* to every sailor whom participated and will return to race yet another day. Race results by Class are as follows:

Non-Spinnaker Class 1

1st in Class – *Coconut*

2nd in Class – *Velocity*

3rd in Class – *Thunder*

Non-Spinnaker Class 2

1st in Class – *Five*

2nd in Class – *Mojo*

3rd in Class – *Wahtawah*

Best dressed boat and crew was won "hands down" by MOJO!

Nicely done everyone and make sure to keep a keen eye open for the following upcoming CALENDAR event as it is only a few weeks away: Saturday Nov 12th – the WBYC Annual Awards Banquet at Nino's in Coventry, RI. A must event for all to attend!!!

Last but not least, I would like to again thank all racers & crew for making the 2011 racing season a big success. And I personally look forward to sharing a great evening with each and every one of you at the Banquet on November 12th. Best regards, Grant

Education Corner

Main Trim Doyle J/24 Tuning Guide: Until you start heeling, maintain the boom on centerline. In light winds pull the traveler to windward so the upper batten is 3 to 5 degrees open and the boom is in the center of the boat. As the wind increases, start dropping the traveler and increasing sheet tension. In 10 knots, The traveler will be in the middle of the boat and you will need to apply more sheet tension so the top batten is pointing 3 degrees to windward. When you reach more than 13 knots start freeing the sheet and start dropping the traveler a bit.

Knots to Remember

Images from Animatedknots.com



Anchor Hitch



Cleat Hitch



Rolling Hitch

Keep a Sharp Lookout

Sat Nov 12 **Annual Awards Banquet (6PM)**

Sat Dec 10 **Holiday Potluck & Yankee Swap (6:30)**

Year Book Update

Just a few more ads to be sold

Please contact Dean Travis, Andrew Brousel, Raleigh Jenkins or any flag officer ASAP if you would like ad space.

Cooks Corner

<http://www.recipe.com/recipes/seafood/>

How to Boil a Lobster

What You'll Need

8 quarts water
2 teaspoons salt
2 1- to 1 1/2-pound live lobsters
1 recipe Clarified Butter (see recipe below)

Step By Step

In a 12-quart kettle bring water and salt to boiling. Grasp each lobster just behind the eyes; rinse lobsters under cold running water. Quickly plunge lobsters headfirst into the boiling water. Return to boiling; reduce heat. Cover and simmer for 20 minutes. Drain lobsters, remove bands or pegs on large claws.

When cool enough to handle, place each lobster on its back. Separate the lobster tail from the body . Cut away the tail membrane to expose the meat. Remove and discard the black vein running through the tail. Remove meat from tail. Twist the large claws away from the body. Using a nutcracker, break open the claws. Remove the meat from the claws. Crack the shell on remaining part of the body; remove meat with a small fork. Discard the green tomalley (liver) and the coral roe (found in female lobsters). Serve lobster meat with Clarified Butter.

Melt 1/4 cup butter over very low heat without stirring; cool slightly. Pour off clear top layer; discard milky bottom layer

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Men's and Ladies Polo shirt \$25.00

***Prices include club logo!**

Tall Ships to return to Newport
www.Rlyachting.com



Organizers of the Ocean State Tall Ships Festival 2012, along with state and local officials held a news conference Wednesday at the Newport Yachting Center to announce some of the details:

Richard M. McAuliffe Jr., chairman of the Ocean State Tall Ships board, said about 15 ships are expected along the Newport waterfront from July 6-9.

McAuliffe said eight or nine should be Class-A vessels, the biggest Tall Ships.

Event organizers expect 200,000 visitors, which would mean an economic impact of \$20 million for Rhode Island.

The figures come from a study for Tall Ships America that examined previous visits of the Tall Ships, which came to Newport in 2004 and 2007 and to other ports in the U.S. and Canada.

McAuliffe said Ocean State Tall Ships is looking to raise about \$1.1 million, mostly through corporate sponsorship.

He also said there will be a bidding process through the Newport County Chamber of Commerce for businesses that want to become vendors for the festival.

Among the speakers at the news conference were Lt. Governor Elizabeth H. Roberts and Keith Stokes, executive director of the state Economic Development Corporation.

Next summer in Newport is shaping up as a busy time for sail enthusiasts. Just before the Tall Ships arrive, the America's Cup World Series races are scheduled, from June 23 to July

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Do you know?

http://www.sailingusa.info/novice_test.htm

Which line or cable does not attach to the top of the mast ?

- ☐ Boom Vang
- ☐ Backstay
- ☐ Boom Topping Lift
- ☐ Headstay
- ☐ Shroud

Your sailboat is sailing at night. What is the light configuration which should be displayed ?

- ☐ A single white light on the mast
- ☐ A white light shown 360 degrees, a red light to port and a green light to starboard
- ☐ A white light shown 360 degrees, a green light to port and a red light to starboard
- ☐ A white light shown aft (towards the stern), a red light to port and a green light to starboard
- ☐ A white light shown aft (towards the stern), a green light to port and a red light to starboard

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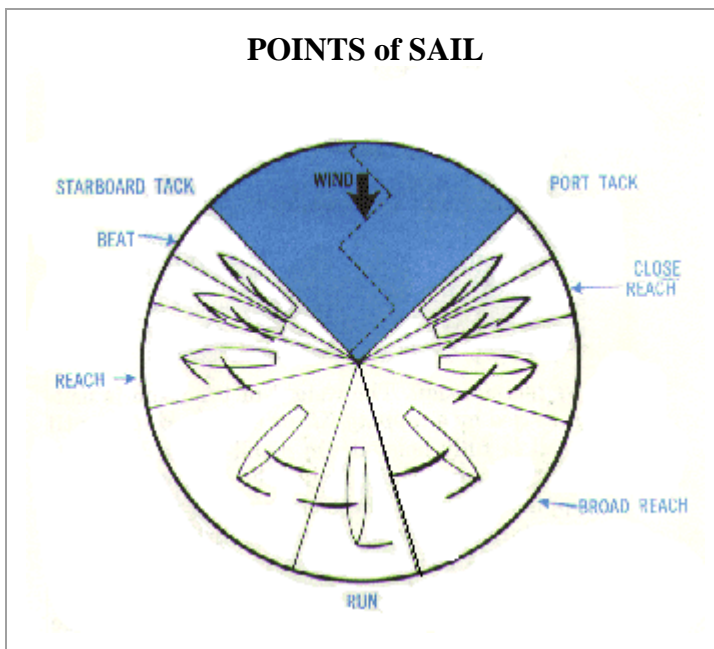
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Points of Sail

<http://comminfo.rutgers.edu/~elfox/howto.html>



The **points of sail**, sometimes called sailing positions, relate to the angle between a sailboat's heading, or course, and the direction of the wind. There are three basic courses:

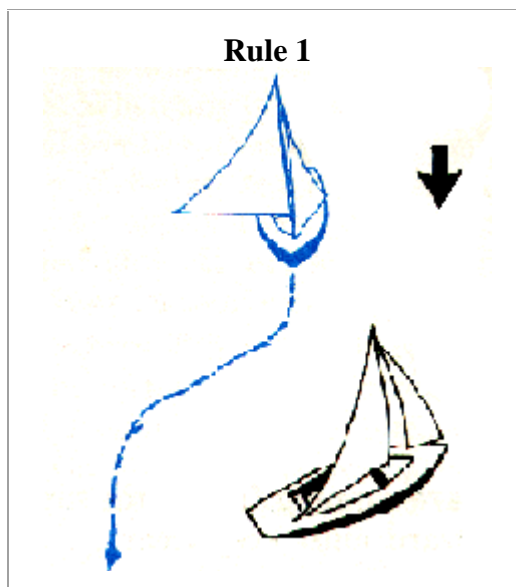
- **beating** (wind is from ahead)
- **reaching** (wind is from the side)
- **running** (wind is from astern)

BASIC SAILING: Rules of Sailing


<http://comminfo.rutgers.edu/~elfox/rule1.html>

Right of Way

The arrow indicates the direction of the wind. The black boat is "privileged", and has the right-of-way. The blue boat is the "burdened" boat and must get out of the way.



A sailboat running free must keep clear of one close hauled.

A stylized illustration of a white dinner plate with an orange rim. A black fork is on the left and a black knife is on the right. Two black spiders are on the plate, one near the top left and one near the bottom right. The background is purple with orange and black shapes representing pumpkins and a witch's hat.

You're invited to bring the
family to haunt the halls of

West Bay Yacht Club

**for the Annual Halloween Costume Party
Saturday, October 29th**

6:30pm - 10:00pm or - 'Till the shrieking stops!

Pot Luck Dinner
Anyone with the last name
A-F - bring a salad
G-Q - bring a main course
R-Z - bring a dessert

... **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!

Wickford Columbus Day Cruise!







Wickford Cruise Pictures submitted by Elizabeth Richmond.

Pumpkin Patch Regatta









Pumpkin Patch Pictures by Marc Cameron.

Classifieds - ForSale

Morgan Outisland 41 Contact Jeanne Williams

Silverton 34 Contact Dean Travis

Oday Mariner 19 Contact Raleigh Jenkins



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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
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Activities (Social) Cruising Publicity Education
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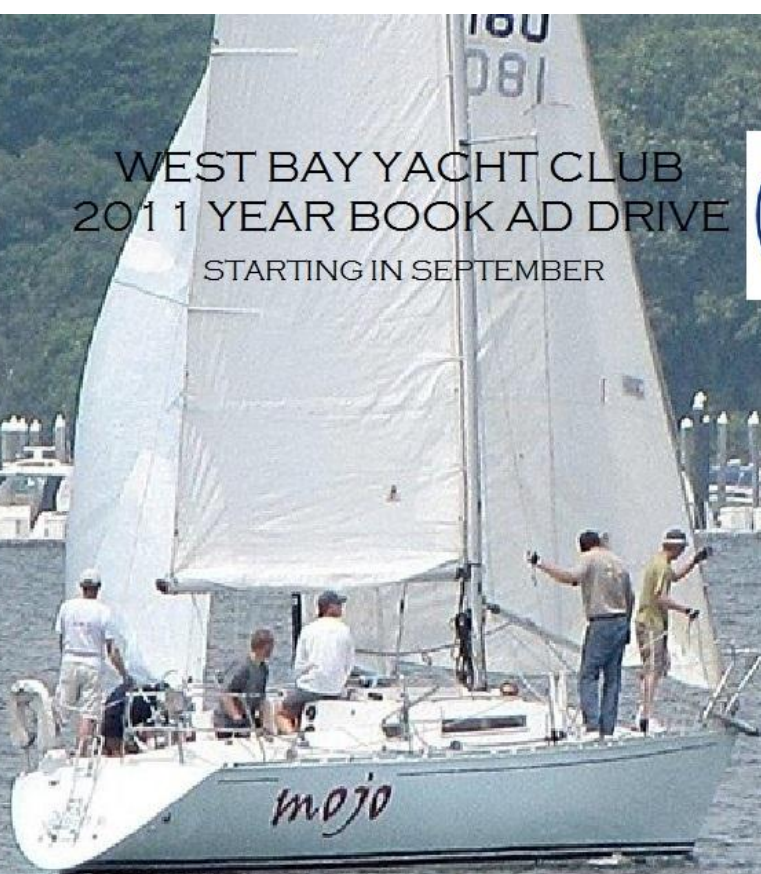
Prepare/bring food for club functions Decorate/Cleanup for club functions
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I/We understand that the West Bay Yacht Club is a self-help working club and I/we agree to help and participate in various club functions.

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