

WEST BAY YACHT CLUB'S

Blooper



The Friendliest Little Yacht Club on the Bay!

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Commodore's Message



As I sit down to write my December Blooper article, it's amazing to reflect how quickly the year has passed. It seems like just days ago Tom Stocker handed over the Club's gavel to me. In what feels like a very short time we have made good progress and had a lot of fun doing so.

Our annual meeting was held in late October and I thank all who attended. The annual meeting isn't always the most fun event the Club puts on, but it is extremely important for the continued governance of the Club. I am very pleased that among other changes, we voted to change our membership structure for younger members to accommodate students into their mid-20s. I think this is a sensible move to help engage potential members at a younger age. In addition, we voted on our slate of officers and I am very excited about next year's leadership team. In new roles on the Board of Governors,

Dean Travis will be Vice Commodore and Matthew Aubee will be Rear Commodore. Joining the Board this year are Robert Chappelle and Michael Hackett. Some notable Committee leadership changes are Andrew Brousell taking on leadership of the Blooper next year, Judy Caplan leading the Membership Committee and David Lodge leading the Racing Committee. I wish you all good luck in your new roles and I offer my support. The remainder of the leadership team is staying on to see the Club through another great year. Thanks to all for your contributions.

Let's make 2012 even better – more laughs and smiles, more improvements, and the same great level of camaraderie and friendship. We continue to live up to our tagline of being the "Friendliest little yacht club on the Bay". I am proud of that because it comes naturally to every one of our members. Thanks for making us great!

Respectfully Submitted,

Will Richmond

Commodore

Activities Committee



If you missed the Annual Banquet this year, you really missed a very nice evening. We had just under 90 people in attendance. Our commodore, Will Richmond acted as our “Master of Ceremonies”. Thanks Will, for a job well

done. He warmly welcomed everyone and invited us to enjoy the evening. He also presented the Frank Norton Award to Dave Lodge, the Meredith Scott Award to Peirce Brawner, and the Corinthian Spirit Award to Matt Aubee. Congratulations to each for these very deserving awards. The Cruising Award went to Tom Stoker this year, as well. Grant Brandon presented all the racing trophies to the lucky recipients. They all appeared to be very pleased with their winnings. It’s hard to believe the racing season has drawn to a close ‘til next year!

This year’s Silent Auction and Raffle proved to be another success. Thanks to all the vendors who contributed this year. Your generosity was greatly appreciated. We will be making a donation to our own Sea Scout Ship 1909 this year, too. Thanks also, to Sandy G. for keeping all the paperwork straight!!!

Another thanks to Liz Richmond and Judy Caplan for helping with the check-in table and the raffle. You’re great!!!

DON’T FORGET----THE HOLIDAY AND YANKEE SWAP IS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH. IT’S A POT-LUCK DINNER, SO BRING EITHER AN APPETIZER, ENTRÉE, OR DESSERT TO SHARE. ALSO DON’T YOUR \$10-15 WRAPPED GIFT FOR THE YANKEE SWAP!! PLAN ON BRINGING THE KIDS AND A GIFT APPROPRIATE FOR YOUR CHILD. AS ALWAYS HARRY HANUKKAH WILL BE THERE!!!

Good and Welfare – Recently, my “Partner in Crime” – Phyllis (Mom) had a bad fall and broke her leg. She’s had surgery and is now on the road

to recovery. We’re all sending you “Feel Better Hugs” and wish you a very speedy recovery. If you have any other “Good and Welfare” you’d like to share with the membership, just let us know.

Don’t forget -- we’re always looking for new ideas, so give us a call.

Jo-Ann and (Phyllis, too)

Membership Committee



Greetings WBYC! I trust that you are enjoying the end of fall and getting ready for the holiday season. I hope that all of you had a chance to take part in our annual banquet on November 12th. The event was held at Nino’s on Lake Tiogue.

I would like to call attention to Poker Night on December 2nd, as well as our Holiday Pot Luck Dinner and Yankee Swap which will be held on 6:30PM on December 10th. Both events will be held at West Bay Yacht Club.

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

Education Committee



Happy Holidays from the Education Committee!

Raleigh Jenkins

Keep a Sharp Lookout

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

A Members Message!

Hi All,

Many of you already know Drew has left for boot camp. He has asked us for a "letter a day" so I thought perhaps some of the WBYC family might be interested in helping us out with that. Obviously we don't expect anyone (anyone but his Mom) to send him something every day, but perhaps a funny picture or just a "hey" every once in a while if someone feels like it. Or to make him really homesick, boating-related pics or stories. Below is his address.

Regards,

Tom Stocker

PFC Drew T. Stocker
With Echo Battery
1-19th FA, 4th Platoon
5970 South Boundary Road
Fort Sill Oklahoma, 73503-5001

Cooks Corner

<http://busycooks.about.com/cs/seasonalcooking/a/Christmasdinner.htm>

As turkey is traditional for Thanksgiving, so ham is traditional for Christmas dinner menus. The ham you find in your supermarket is almost always fully cooked and ready to serve immediately. Most people prefer to [heat the ham](#), and a glaze adds flavor and makes for a gorgeous presentation.

One of the best tips I found about baking ham is to place the meat cut side down on the roasting pan and cover the ham with a foil tent. This preserves the moisture in the ham. The foil is removed for the last 15-20 minutes of cooking. To burnish the glaze, turn your oven to broil for 5 minutes. Make sure to watch the ham carefully, because these glazes which are high in sugar can burn very easily.

Make sure to read the label on the ham you purchase. Partially cooked hams need to be baked

about 20 minutes per pound, until the internal temperature reaches 160 degrees F. Fully cooked hams need about 10 minutes per pound baking time, just to reheat them.

You can buy bone-in or boneless hams. Bone-in hams tend to be more flavorful, but they are more difficult to carve. I prefer boneless hams, just because the presentation is nicer. If you serve a bone-in ham, figure on 1/2 to 3/4 of a pound per person. For boneless hams, 1/4 to 1/2 pound per person is an accurate serving measure. Buy the higher amount to ensure lots of leftovers!

Spiral sliced hams are a newer invention. These are fully cooked hams that are sliced using a special machine so the meat literally falls apart into thin slices. These hams usually have a glaze baked onto them so all you need to do is heat the ham according to directions that come with the ham.

Leftover ham should be stored in the refrigerator for up to 3 days. For longer storage, you can freeze the ham and store it up to 2 months.

Have a wonderful Holiday with family and friends

West Bay Yacht Club Store

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!*

2011 Board of Governors

Commodore..... Will Richmond
Vice CommodoreStew 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 Aabee
..... Jim Palumbo

2011 Committee Chairs

Activities.....	Phyllis Geisser & Jo-Ann Grima
Cruising.....	Dawn Tramontano
Education.....	Raleigh Jenkins
Publicity.....	Ed Cure
Website.....	Peter Lussier
Blooper.....	Scoop Travis
House.....	Matt Aubee
Racing.....	Grant Brandon

Do you know?

<http://www.destinationonedesign.com>

How to be a better headsail trimmer!

Trimming rules of thumb

Unless you are extremely confident about trimming the jib, stick with some proven trimming guidelines that can help you through almost any situation. Here are some things to keep in mind.

Calibrate Always use reference marks to help measure and record fast trim settings. Number the jib track holes for your lead position; put marks near your spreader tips to help gauge leech position; add an easy-to-see reference mark on your jib sheet; calibrate halyard tension; and so on. These are key for being able to reproduce your settings when you have similar conditions again in the future.

Communicate Since the jib trimmer must adjust sheet tension continually for changes in the wind, keep communicating with the helmsperson and mainsail trimmer about what you are doing. If you ease the jib slightly to power up, for example, tell the skipper something like, "I can trim in two inches when you're ready." Or if you need more or less headstay sag, negotiate with the mainsail trimmer about how much to adjust the backstay.

Steering Use your jib trim (in conjunction with mainsail trim) to help steer the boat. If you want the boat to turn toward the wind, ease the jib sheet. This reduces wind pressure on the jib and allows the bow of the boat to head up more easily. One example of this happens when the boat gets a lift. If the jib trimmer quickly eases the sheet, it will be easier for the helmsperson to head up into the lift. Conversely, trimming the jib sheet helps push the bow away from the wind.

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A salvage company plans to pick up, move, flip over and try to refloat a barge that sank in Rhode Island's Narragansett Bay during the pre-Halloween snowstorm.

The Providence Journal reports that Donjon Marine Co. Inc. is bringing in a 191-foot-long barge equipped with a crane that can lift 1,000 tons in an attempt to lift the barge. www.RIyachting.com

2013 J/24 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: September 19, 2013

End: September 22, 2013

Venue: Sail Newport / Ida Lewis Yacht Club

Address: Newport, RI, United States

2014 J/24 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: September 20, 2014

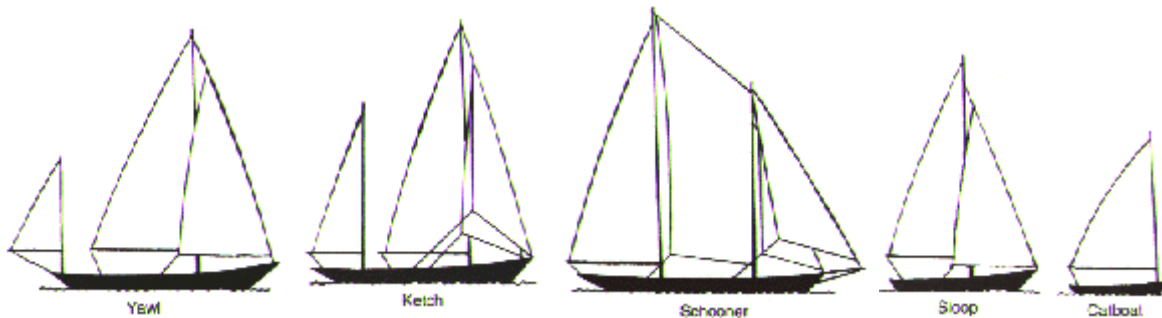
End: September 26, 2014

Venue: Sail Newport / Ida Lewis Yacht Club

Address: Newport, RI, United States

Do You Know These Boat Types?

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





WBYC OFFICERS FOR 2012

COMMODORE **WILL RICHMOND**

VICE COMMODORE **DEAN TRAVIS**

REAR COMMODORE **MATT AUBEE**

TREASURER **JO ANN GRIMA**

SECRETARY **PHYLLIS GEISSER**

PARLIAMENTARIAN **MARCY FELDMANN**

MEMBERS at LARGE **JIM PALUMBO,
ROBERT CHAPELLE,
MIKE HACKETT**

... **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!



Image from Past Commodore Tom Stocker



West Bay Yacht Club

"Friendliest Little Yacht Club on the Bay"

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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<http://www.westbayyc.org>

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Need to get in touch with a Club Officer or
Committee Chair?

www.westbayyc.org/officers.htm

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www.westbayyc.org/calendar.htm