

WEST BAY YACHT CLUB'S

# Blooper



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## Commodore's Message



Happy New Year! I hope that this finds you healthy and rested after the holiday season.

As I write, the winter solstice has just recently passed, which means one very positive thing for boaters: the days are getting longer already! With that positive news, you might start thinking about what the 2012 season will bring to you. Will you try a new destination? Resolve to get out on the water more? As you make your plans, be sure to keep an eye on the WBYC Calendar of Events as it evolves through the spring. There will be plenty of opportunities to learn new skills via the robust educational series in development, new destinations might be more easily reached as part of a Club cruise, and of course new and old friends abound at Club social events. Don't assume nothing is going on at WBYC just because it's cold and gray outside!

We look forward to seeing you throughout the winter. Happy Holidays and a safe and pleasant 2012 to all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Will Richmond

Commodore

## Vice Commodore



Welcome to 2012! We're starting our year with some wonderful traditions. Its time to schedule our upcoming educational seminars captained by our own Raleigh Jenkins. A winter beach party is coming next month. A Super Bowl party hopefully featuring our favorite team..and wait theirs more. Next month, something new. A Winter Blahs Sell or Swap Blooper. Send in your list of items with your contact info and we'll advertise it in our special February edition. Turn those unused items into cash! Buy a spare set of

used sails or pickup an extra something to detail your boat. Its supports our membership community and helps our sport as a whole.

For those who have not yet received their copy of our 2011 Year Book. They are being handed out at each of our club events. The rest are being mailed out with the membership renewals this spring. This will hopefully keep the cost of mailing down this year and keep the production of the Year Book within budget.

As I pass the reigns of Blooper Editor to Andrew Brousell, I want to thank an individual who helps support this fine newsletter. Tom Stocker. Tom allows us to use his electronic mailing service each and every month. Its this service that notifies all of us that our Blooper is posted on our club website and has a link that takes us right there for instant viewing.. It's a great service! Tom is another of our unsung heroes who silently gives to support our organization and we need to thank him for this dedication! Thanks Tom!

## Membership Committee

Happy New Year WBYC!



I hope that all of you had a wonderful holiday season and new year. I hope that you are all rested and excited for what 2012 will bring. I want to inform all of you that this will be my final Blooper article as membership chair, but I will

still remain part of the committee. In 2012, I will be taking over as the editor of the Blooper.

I would like to congratulate Rich and Judy Caplan for taking on the roles as head of the membership committee. Membership committee is a vital role for the club and I am extremely confident that they will be highly successful during the 2012 membership year.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have served this club as membership chair this past year. I look forward to my new role as editor of the Blooper. I wish all of you an enjoyable new year and hope to see you on the water shortly.

Andrew Brousell

## Education Committee



Happy Holidays from the Education Committee!

Here are just some of the exciting ideas that we are currently working on.

Upwind Sailing Seminar  
Down Wind Sailing Seminar  
Starting Tactics Seminar  
Performance Tuning Seminar  
Championship Sailing Seminar

And theirs more. A more complete list will be provided in the February Blooper. Not all are written in stone. Some may be combined into one event. Some may be deleted. If you like one particular seminar idea. Voice your opinion. We're listening. Audience contribution is mandatory for these subjects to be successful.

Raleigh Jenkins

## Cruising Committee



Greetings all,

Please stay tuned for details regarding the following events:

- 2012 Cruise Planning Dinner
- Reciprocal Yacht Club Land Cruise
- Newport Winter Land Cruise

Cheers, Dawn

## Racing Committee



On Saturday, January 21st, from 0800 to 1730 WBYC will be hosting US Sailing's "Club Race Officer Certification Seminar." The course will be taught by certified professional race officers and judges from US Sailing. We have hosted

this seminar for the past two years. Attendance is open to the public and in the past members of clubs from around the bay as well as clubs outside of Rhode Island have participated.

The seminar covers all aspects of on-the-water race management paying particular attention to starting procedures and rules as this is a race committee's most intensive duty. Other concepts covered include, proper formulation of the race documents (Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions), and race scoring.

The seminar is worthwhile not only for those involved in running races for their club but also for those racing as well. Participation will give the racing sailor a "look" into a race committee's head and the ability to anticipate their actions. At the completion of the seminar participants take a written test which is the first step in club race officer certification by US Sailing.

The fee for the seminar is \$50 with a reduced fee of \$25 for WBYC members. The fee includes a continental breakfast, morning and afternoon breaks, lunch and all seminar materials. Participants should bring their own copy of "The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012" which can be purchased directly from US Sailing (members and non-members) or through amazon.com If you are a

smart phone owner there is a racing rules app (iPhone and Android) that includes the full text of the hard copy.

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For more info on or to register for this event.

## Keep a Sharp Lookout

**Saturday, January 21st**, from 0800 to 1730  
US Sailing's "Club Race Officer Certification Seminar @WBYC. Pre-registration required

**Poker Night is the second Friday of the month as well as Game Night is the last Friday**

## Yearly Club Events

**February 4th** - Superbowl Party and Potluck - Doors open at 4PM

**February 25th** Movie starting at 2PM and Beach Party starting at 6PM

**March 17th** - St Patrick's Day Party - 6:30 PM

**April 15th**- Wine & Cheese Party - 3-7PM

**May 5th**- Club Cleanup 8 AM

**May 6th** - May Breakfast - 8AM til 1pm

**October 27th** - Halloween Party and Potluck - 6:30 PM

**December 15th** - Holiday Party, Potluck Dinner and Yankee Swap - 6:30 PM

## West Bay Yacht Club Store

**Baseball Hat \$10.00**

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**Sweatshirt \$25.00**

**Men's and Ladies Polo shirt \$25.00**

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..... Jim Palumbo

## 2012 Committee Chairs

Activities ..... Phyllis Geisser & Jo-Ann Grima  
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Education ..... Raleigh Jenkins  
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## News & Interest

December 16th, 2011

### **RI.gov: Governor Lincoln D. Chafee Signs Executive Order Creating America's Cup World Series Host Committee**

. [www.RIyachting.com](http://www.RIyachting.com)



Providence, RI – Governor Lincoln D. Chafee today signed Executive Order 11-11, establishing the America's Cup World Series Host Committee. The Committee will serve as the state's principal entity for the coordinated effort to successfully host the America's Cup World Series, which will take place June 23 – July 1, 2012 in Newport. Brad Read, Executive Director of Sail Newport, will serve as Chairman. The Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation (RIEDC) has estimated that the event could create hundreds of new jobs and pump more than \$70 million into the state's economy.

"The America's Cup World Series races have great potential to bring job creation and revenue to Rhode Island," Governor Chafee said. "Newport has long, strong ties to the America's Cup, and these races renew that historic connection. The Host Committee established today, led by Newporter and renowned sailor Brad Read, will help to coordinate important preparation efforts to ensure that this exciting event is thoroughly successful."

The Governor was joined at the State House signing ceremony this afternoon by internationally renowned sailor and CEO of ORACLE Racing Russell Coutts, America's Cup Event Authority Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Richard Worth, and Brad Read.

As a result of Governor Chafee's leadership of interagency collaboration, the Governor and members of his administration were successful in winning the bid this past August to bring America's Cup racing back to Rhode Island. The state was awarded the final stop of the 2011-2012 AC World Series which promises to be a dramatic finish to the first season of the new AC45 professional circuit. The nine-day event will include multiple international race teams to be based at Fort Adams State Park and a variety of exciting activities and entertainment for the general public.

Members of the Host Committee will include Rhode Island business leaders, experienced event management professionals, municipal representatives and key state agencies. Drawing on that broad range of private and public sector leadership and business expertise – particularly in the marine trades, sailing, tourism and hospitality, commercial transportation and event management industries – the Committee will coordinate marketing, business outreach, public support, event logistics, traffic, public safety, and public infrastructure preparations to ensure a seamless execution of the event.

"The focus of the 34th America's Cup in 2013 has been on San Francisco and rightly so, but let's not forget that New York and then Newport were the center of the America's Cup world for 132 years. That's why the America's Cup unique; its future is exciting; its past is celebrated," said Russell Coutts, CEO, ORACLE Racing. "Fans in Newport will be able to experience the high-speed, next generation wing-sailed catamarans on the waters once graced by the J-Class and 12-metres."

"Newport has played host to some of the most legendary America's Cup battles in the competition's history, and the AC World Series Newport event will be added to that illustrious history of outstanding events," said Richard Worth, Chairman and CEO, America's

Cup Event Authority. “We look forward to working closely with the local organizing committee to deliver a spectacular event that thrills audiences, whether they are watching from the water’s edge, online or on television.”

“By enlisting the state’s collective talent and expertise in key areas of planning and execution, the Committee will help Rhode Island make the many critical infrastructure and logistical preparations needed to host an exciting and successful America’s Cup event in Newport and ensure that we fully integrate local communities and businesses into the process,” said Brad Read, Committee Chair and Executive Director of Sail Newport.

In addition to Chairman Brad Read, Governor Chafee will select and appoint other Committee members and representatives. The state Directors of the Department of Administration, Department of Transportation, and Department of Environmental Management will each appointed one designee from their departments.

The Committee will work closely with the America's Cup Event Authority, municipalities and area businesses to ensure a successful event for all stakeholders including local communities and businesses. Members will facilitate race team and spectator needs, coordinate and integrate public safety measures, facilitate parking, traffic control, pedestrian safety, security, water safety and communication with area residents and businesses and any other necessary functions, including marketing and promotion.

Newport was selected as the final stop of the 2011-2012 AC World Series, which promises to be a dramatic finish to the first season of the new AC45 professional circuit. Designed to expose millions more people to the sport of high-performance racing, the new professional circuit was created to bring the America's Cup experience to top international venues.

In addition to hosting the high-tech AC45 wing-sailed catamarans in 2012, Newport also has the honor of seeing the first AC World Series circuit champion crowned. The highlight of each AC World Series stop is the spectacular, winner-takes-all, fleet race on final the Sunday, where teams put points on the board to take the overall title.

### Area Events of Interest

## 2012 AMERICA'S CUP WORLD SERIES

Start: June 23, 2012      End: July 1, 2012  
Venue: in Newport

## 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

An interesting example and test.

### **Motion Induced Blindness - Take Test!**

Sent by a retired flight surgeon. Good for pilots, drivers and sailors

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### **From an ex-American Airlines Captain ...**

This is a great illustration of what we were taught about scanning outside the cockpit when I went through training back in the '50s. We were told to scan the horizon for a short distance, stop momentarily, and repeat the process. I can remember being told why this was the most effective technique to locate other aircraft. It was emphasized repeatedly to not fix your gaze for more than a couple of seconds on any single object. The instructors, some of whom were WWII veterans with years of experience, instructed us to continually "keep our eyes moving and our head on a swivel" because this was the best way to survive, not only in combat, but from peacetime hazards (like a midair collision) as well.

We basically had to take the advice on faith (until we could experience for ourselves) because the technology to demonstrate it didn't exist at that time. Click on the link below for a demonstration ...

<http://www.msf-usa.org/motion.html>

**What is Hull trim?** [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sailing#Basic\\_sailing\\_techniques](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sailing#Basic_sailing_techniques)

Hull trim is the adjustment of a boat's loading so as to change its fore-and-aft attitude in the water. In small boats, it is done by positioning the crew. In larger boats the weight of a person has less effect on the hull trim, but it can be adjusted by shifting gear, fuel, water, or supplies. Different hull trim efforts are required for different kinds of boats and different conditions. Here are just a few examples: In a lightweight racing dinghy like a [Thistle](#), the hull should be kept level, on its designed water line for best performance in all conditions. In many small boats, weight too far aft can cause drag by submerging the transom, especially in light to moderate winds. Weight too far forward can cause the bow to dig into the waves. In heavy winds, a boat with its bow too low may capsize by pitching forward over its bow (pitch-pole) or dive under the waves (submarine). On a run in heavy winds, the forces on the sails tend to drive a boat's bow down, so the crew weight is moved far aft.

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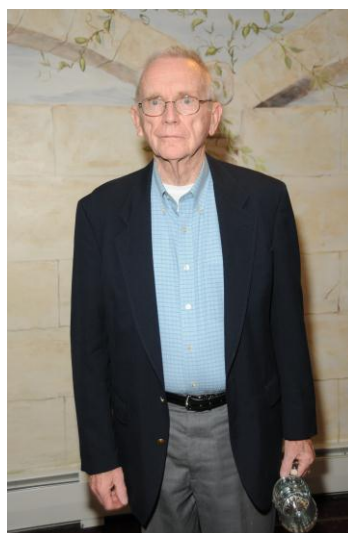
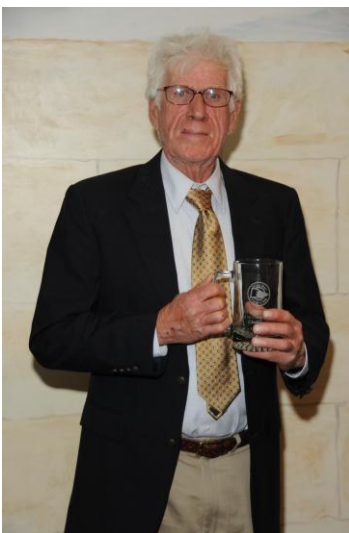




## ... **SEA SCOUTS** in our back yard ...

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](mailto:dpickering@preventure.com), Tom Stocker at [rtstocker@cox.net](mailto:rtstocker@cox.net), or Joyce Sellon, at [joycskis@aol.com](mailto: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!

### Awards Dinner 2011









# West Bay Yacht Club

"Friendliest Little Yacht Club on the Bay"

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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P.O. Box 1604  
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YACHT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SAIL/POWER \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS/MAKE \_\_\_\_\_

YACHT LENGTH \_\_\_\_\_ MARINA \_\_\_\_\_

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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](mailto: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  
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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.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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