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Commodore's Message



Winter may be reluctant to settle into the northeast, but that hasn't fooled us. We at West Bay Yacht Club are busy preparing for the 2012 boating season in order to make it your best season yet! Keep an eye on the Club's calendar – it is being added to every day with the fun activities we've all come to expect and also some new ones that we hope will be equally successful.

In addition to the Club's calendar, keep a sharp lookout on your mail. Membership renewals will be sent out in the very near future. We're proud to keep dues at the same level they've been for several years now. Please do your part to keep fees low by renewing promptly to ensure healthy cash flow. We rely on your dues to keep a roof over your head and the heat and lights on.

Don't let winter (or the lack thereof) take your mind from boating – I'll see you at one of the Club's upcoming events!

Respectfully Submitted,

Will Richmond

Commodore

Vice Commodore



Hi Gang,

What a great start to our year. Not too much snow or rain. 40 and 50 degree days. Just like fall or early spring for that matter. Heres a thought. Next year we all get a small sailboat like a 14 foot Blue Jay and we have races right off Norton's Dock all winter long. Particularly if the weather is similar to this year. I know they do frostbite next door but I'd prefer a dry boat. It's the only way to stay warm and have fun too.

Dean

Membership Committee



Happy New Year WBYC!

Happy New Year! And Come on Spring! It is time to start thinking of warmer days and how better to start than by getting your membership renewed?

Your 2012 Membership Renewal package is on the way! On behalf of the Membership Committee it is my pleasure to tell you that the membership rates for 2012 have not increased, and there are several excellent options to consider.

Individual/Family Membership- \$95.00 (a great value)

Captain's Club Membership- \$145.00 (you can upgrade at any time) · Club Key (one time)
· New Burgee Each Year · One Function

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Admiral's Club Membership- \$195.00 · Club Key (one-time) · Admiral's Club Burgee (with Admiral's star on Burgee) · Boat Picture displayed on "Wall of Fame" · 2 Complimentary Tickets valid for two

functions (ie. May Breakfast, St. Patrick's Dinner etc.) · One Free Rental of the Club · 2 Admiral's Club License Plate Frames

All of these membership options offer you these additional perks.

Access to the mooring at Dutch Harbor,

Use of the reference library,

Rental of the Club House for personal functions for a nominal fee, and most importantly,

The opportunity to mix and mingle at a wide range of fun events with friends, both old and new.

The Committee is currently reviewing your files to ensure that all of your information is correct in our database. Please be sure to review your profiles and send us any updates.

We will be planning a New Membership Drive a bit later in the year and hope you will be able to join the fun. This drives will help attract even more members so our club can continue to grow.

Remember, you are the reason we are the "Friendliest Club on the Bay"! Tell your friends to come join us.

I'd love to hear your suggestions regarding membership so please feel free to contact me.

Judy Caplan westbaymembership@yahoo.com

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Judy Caplan

Education Committee



Ahoy! Fellow Boaters!
I don't know about you, but all this lack of snow and unusually warm temperatures have gotten me thinking about how

soon I should be back on the waters, and how unprepared I am to do this. Don't tell anyone, but it's already February and I'm still thinking about putting up my cover over the sail boat... Did I say it's already February?

We are pleased to announce the much awaited repeat opportunity to participate in a couple of "nautical sewing" workshops with our own Tonya Ricketts, "The Canvas Lady". On Saturday, February 18, at 10:00am we will have a "Beginners Nautical Sewing" workshop. If you think you might be interested, please be sure to sign up early, as attendance will be limited to 8-10 stations at the club-house. Then, on Saturday, March 3, Tonya will present a 2nd workshop, "Advanced Nautical Sewing". You may wish to book both sessions in advance to ensure a place at these events. Two can

share a workstation. More information on these events will be forthcoming.

Thursday, February 23, we will have a knot tying workshop led by our own Tom Stocker. If I can get untied in time, on Saturday, February 25, at 2:00pm, the Ed Committee will sponsor another "Movie Matinee" as part of a 2-event day. Bring the whole family to the showing of the movie, "Wind". Following the movie, at 6:00pm, the Activities Committee is holding their annual "Beach Party". Last year, many folks stayed for both events!

As this Blooper went to press, we were also waiting for confirmation dates and times for two other confirmed presentations: "Boat Bottom Prep & Paint" with Heath Moldveen of Interlux, on a Saturday in March, and; "Soft Rigging" with Ryan Scott of West Marine Rigging, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 7. It's looking like these two presentations will be "on-site" outdoors, with real boats as props. Keep an eye on our Calendar for confirmed dates and times as we get them.

Right now, get out your Calendars, and plug in a time or two to join us for some enjoyable learning and sharing experiences. We look forward to seeing you here.

Sincerely,

Raleigh Jenkins, Education Chair

Cruising Committee



Greetings all,

Thank you to everyone who attended the 2012 Cruising Dinner this weekend.

Cheers, Dawn

Activities Committee

Racing Committee



Happy New Year Everyone!! We trust everyone survived the holiday season!

Looking back—The Holiday Party/Yankee Swap was held on December 10, 2011. We had 30 attendees enjoying good food, good conversation and each other's company. As always the Yankee Swap was great fun. Again, the collection of gifts was quite unusual this year ranging from tools to spirits and everything in between. Thanks to Harry Hanukkah (aka Paul Finstein) and Sheldon (aka Cathy) for keeping us all in line and a sincere thank you to all the elves who cleaned, set up and decorated the club during the week. We couldn't have done it without you!

Looking ahead—February's calendar is busy, busy, busy

Dig out those shorts and tees and join us on Saturday, February 25th for the best BEACH PARTY in town, Or maybe the only beach party in town!! More details to follow

Some upcoming events include:

Feb 18th, 10am @ WBYC "Beginners Sewing"

Feb 25th, 2pm @ WBYC "Movie Matinee"

Feb 25th, 6pm @ WBYC "Beach Party"

Mar 3rd, 10am @ WBYC "Advanced Sewing"

GOOD and WELFARE – Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Pat Portnoy and her family on the recent loss of her Mom. We're thinking of you.

We're always looking for new ideas for different activities, so don't be shy. Give us a call.

See you at the Club

Jo-Ann (738-0202) and Phyllis (219-1784)



Despite some great sailing weather no racing was held in the past month nor is any planned for the coming month, but come June we will be running WBYC's usual busy racing calendar. If we have many more winters like this one maybe we should give some thought to running a frostbite program. This past January we hosted US Sailing's Club Race Management Seminar. We had attendees from as far away as western Long Island and Vermont. In fact I believe we had more people from out-of-state than from Rhode Island clubs. You will be pleased to know that your race chairman passed the test given at the end of the seminar with a perfect score.

Grant Brandon and I met over the holiday week and put together a racing calendar for the coming season and it has been posted by Ed Cure in WBYC's new calendar. It includes all the races we've held in the past plus the Block Island Whaler's Race that we put back on the schedule after several years absence. Last year after an informal raftup before the start we had a very light-air race and a great afternoon and night on BI. I hope all racers AND cruisers save July 21st for this event. Your race committee will be working hard to make this a competitive race for ALL participants.

See you on the water soon!

Race Committee Chairman

David Lodge

Keep a Sharp Lookout

February 18th, 10am @ WBYC "Beginners Sewing"

February 23rd, 7pm @ WBYC "Knots Seminar"

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

March 3rd, 10am @ WBYC "Advanced Sewing"

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

Yearly Club Events

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

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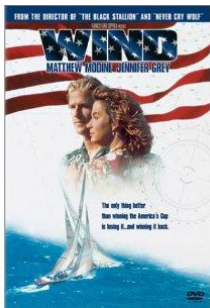
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WBYC Matinee Day

February 25th 2pm-5:30pm

Come see the movie "WIND"

Breathtaking camera work and gripping excitement. Matthew Modine and Jennifer Grey star as experienced sailors determined to win the prestigious America's Cup yacht race.



WBYC Beach Party

February 25th 6pm-11pm

When its 20 degrees outside. What's better than spending the night inside with all your West Bay friends and family! Lets get together on the 25th of February and think island beach party.

Wear your favorite beach wear! See you there!

Taking a good look at the Hunley

<http://www.thestate.com/2012/01/13/2111765/taking-a-good-look-at-the-hunley.html>

NORTH CHARLESTON — The world got an unobstructed view of the Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley for the first time since the Civil War on Thursday as a massive steel truss that had surrounded the first sub in history to sink an enemy warship was finally removed.

The truss weighing more than 8 tons had shrouded the sub since it was raised off the S.C. coast almost a dozen years ago.

During the recovery, slings were snaked underneath the sub and attached to the truss. A crane lifted the truss

and the hand-cranked Hunley onto a barge and then brought the sub to a conservation lab in North Charleston where it has been undergoing preservation ever since.

A steel truss that had surrounded the Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley is raised and removed from around the sub on Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012 at a conservation lab in North Charleston, S.C.

- Bruce Smith /AP The Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley sits in a conservation tank after a steel truss that had surrounded it was removed on Thursday at a conservation lab in North Charleston, S.C. - Bruce Smith /the associated press

Paul Mardikian, senior conservator on the project to conserve the Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley, discusses removing a steel truss that had surrounded sub on Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012 at a conservation lab in North Charleston, S.C. - Bruce Smith /AP

Scientists say removing the truss allows the first clear view of the sub since it sank in 1864 off the South Carolina coast.

The crank that Confederate sailors turned to propel the sub is visible at top left. - Bruce Smith /the associated press

The Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley sits in a conservation tank after a steel truss that had surrounded it was removed on Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012 at a conservation lab in North Charleston, S.C. Scientists say removing the truss allows the first clear view of the sub since it sank in 1864 off the South Carolina coast.

Thursday, two overhead cranes lifted the truss up and away in a process that took about 15 minutes. When the truss was clear of the tank, the 20-or-so scientists and other workers applauded.

“It’s like looking at the sub for the first time. It’s like the end of a long night,” said Paul Mardikian, the senior conservator on the Hunley project. “The submarine was in the shadow of the truss and now you’re seeing it the way it was designed to be.”

The next step in the process of conserving the Hunley is modifying its conservation tank so chemicals can be used to dissolve the salt and encrustation on the hull. Mardikian says that should happen in about six months and then, after three months in the chemical bath, scientists will again drain the tank and begin using hand tools to remove the deposits.

“This is what’s going to be the final step in understanding what happened to the submarine. Finally, we’re going to be able to look at the skin,” he said.

The Hunley was raised at a 45-degree angle, the same way it came to rest in the Atlantic. In a painstaking operation last summer the sub was rotated upright and the slings were later removed. And late Thursday morning, the sub could finally be seen without any obstructions.

Kellen Correia, the executive director of Friends of the Hunley, said scientists waited to make sure the vessel was absolutely stable before removing the truss.

She said that about a half-million people have seen the Hunley since it was raised and expects increased interest and return visitors now that the sub can be seen clearly.

“When tourists came out to view the Hunley, it was a hard view,” she said. “We knew that. This is the first time you have an unobstructed view.”

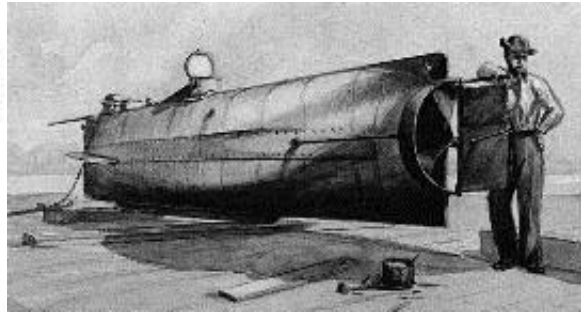
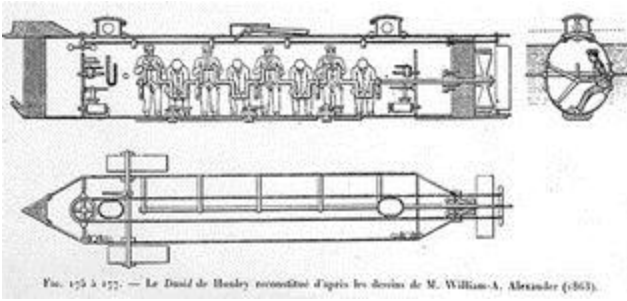
Almost 12 years after the Hunley was raised, It’s still not clear why it sank on a winter night in 1864.

The sub and its crew of eight were lost after it rammed a spar with a black powder charge into the federal blockade ship Housatonic.

There are theories the sub could have been damaged by fire from the Housatonic or the crew was knocked out from the concussion from the blast. Another theory is the sub was struck by another Union vessel coming to help the Housatonic.

The remains of the crew, who were buried in 2004 in what was called the last Confederate funeral, were found at their stations and there seemed to have been no rush to the escape hatch.

Read more here: <http://www.thestate.com/2012/01/13/2111765/taking-a-good-look-at-the-hunley.html#storylink=cpy>



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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

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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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