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## Commodore's Message



All signs are pointing to spring being just around the corner. Many of us are driving home from work in daylight again and the temperatures sure have been easy on us. What does this mean for WBYC? A few important things:

**Membership renewals.** Yes, it's that season again and if you haven't mailed in your dues and information sheet, please set the Blooper aside for a few minutes and take care of this. If writing the check gets you to thinking, reflect on the value you get each year from your membership. If you need any reminders, read on for a very small sampling of what the Club has to offer.

**Social and Educational Programs are in full swing.** We make sure the off-season is packed with educational and social programs to benefit our membership. Raleigh may have recently had you in stitches (Basic and Advanced Sewing Courses) or in knots (Knots seminar). An encore to last year's prep/painting seminar is in the works and Jo-Ann's classic St. Patrick's Day party is just around the corner. It would be interesting if our holiday mascot, Paul Finstein (aka Hanukah Harry), could appear as a leprechaun. Just a thought. Be sure to scan the calendar on the Club's website for updates – more activities will be added.

**Last but not least:** I predict an early start to the season (a no-brainer, eh?). Many of us may have the opportunity for an early launch, so take advantage of the good weather and start thinking about boat preparation. With that I must remind everyone to work safely and responsibly. Be sure to secure ladders and take extra care walking on boat decks if the boat is still on the hard. A fall from that height could easily end your season before it begins. Be sure to also take precautions to protect your health and the health of the environment when sanding and painting. Respirators and eye protection are a must and a vacuum-equipped sander is now required by most if not all marinas.

I'll see you on the water very soon!

Regards,

Will Richmond

Commodore

## *Vice Commodore*



Hi Everyone,

This past month, I had the opportunity to attend many of the educational seminars scheduled by our Educational Committee. All great subjects and fun too. We always get such a wonderful mix of members to attend. If you are a new or old member, this is a great way to meet new and interesting people who share a love of boating. Come show your support, make a new friend, or just come share the enjoyment by providing a helping hand. It is a great club. It is your club.

Get involved!

Dean Travis

Vice Commodore

## *Membership Committee*



Call or e-mail me with your membership questions at 508-435-0243; [westbaymembership@yahoo.com](mailto:westbaymembership@yahoo.com)

Judy Caplan

Membership Committee Chair

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## *Education Committee*

### **Welcome Aboard**

Please join me in welcoming our newest members, Joe and Debbie Crocker and their two sons Chaz, 12, and Zack 10.

The Crocker's live in North Kingston. You may have already seen them on the bay in either their sailboat, Free Spirit, or Encore, their power boat.

### **Membership Committee**

My thanks to all those that have already sent in their membership. We are looking forward to learning and playing together with you all on bay.

If you have not yet been able to submit your renewal, please do so before the date passes to avoid penalties.

### **Membership Options:**

Individual/Family Membership- \$95.00

Captain's Club Membership- \$145.00

Admiral's Club Membership- \$195.00

\*\*Reminder: Dues are due on March 1st.

Avoid late charges by sending in your renewal today!

A special thanks to the committee members who have generously donated their time to help me reach out to all of you during this process.



Ahoy! This season's WBYC educational seminars started off with a Splicing Seminar, February 9, led by our own David Lodge. Our Vice-Commodore, Dean Travis reported that all

in attendance were able to follow the instructions of marking and equalizing the lines and feeding the covers through the cores. He did note that feeding the core back through the line was "a bear", and required a bit of teamwork in some cases. (If this doesn't all make sense to you, I suggest you take part in this event the next time it is available!) A special "Thanks!" goes out to Maggie at New England Yacht Rigging for the donated line.

Next up was another repeat performance by our own Tonya Ricketts, on February 18, who led a nimble group of willing learners through a "Basic Sewing Class". A few repeaters from last year came to refresh their knowledge and were joined by newcomers who obviously enjoyed the experience, as they reviewed basic mechanics of sewing and created a sail tie and or other simple nautical related items. This event was the first of two in a series. (Note: This Saturday, March 3, the "Advanced Sewing Class" will meet to take on some fun projects that will personalize their boat and create

the possibility of boasting rights over captive guests onboard.)

The sewing event was followed by another rigging event on February 23, when our own Tom Stocker led a group of experienced and not-so-experienced fellow boaters in a Knot Tying seminar. Everyone managed to complete all six knots successfully, as we enjoyed an informal learning session filled with the sharing of personal knowledge about something that looks so simple when watching someone else do it, but... Thankfully, we all left with printed material that we can use for reference as we continue to practice these useful techniques.

Finally, this February, as a prelude event to the Beach Party on the 25th, we fired up the popcorn machine and showed the movie "Wind", about the loss and regaining of the America's Cup. These casual informal events are "educational" for the personal memories and reflections they produce among our membership. We will be booking one or two more of these events before the start of sailing season, as time permits.

We have two events so far in March. As already mentioned, on March 3rd, Tonya Ricketts will be leading the "Advanced Sewing Class" for those who can set up their sewing machines, load a bobbin proficiently, and master a few navigation techniques on fabric. We will be making a few useful gadgets for our boats.

Tentatively, on March 24, Heath from Interlux will be doing an exciting Bottom Prep/Paint event where he will be reviewing the condition of actual member boats and providing educational feedback to the class. Keep an eye on the Education Calendar of Events for confirmation of the date and time for this event.

So far, scheduled for April, we have a presentation by Ryan Scott of West Marine Rigging on soft rigging. Like the Bottom Paint seminar, we will also be utilizing an actual boat for this demonstration.

Take out your calendars and mark these dates as a chance to improve your boating skills and share your experience. Better yet, go on-line and sign up for these seminars today!

**Raleigh Jenkins, Education Chair**

## *Cruising Committee*



Greetings all,

With cruising season quickly approaching, we gathered at our annual dinner to begin the planning. Chef Tom Drew and Sous Chef Michael LaRobardier cooked up a fabulous feast! So far, we were able to plan our anchor cruises and a bit more:

Memorial Day: Will & Liz Richmond  
Newport, RI at the ILYC

4th of July: Tom & Nancye Stocker Bristol (tentative)

Labor Day: Bill & Michele Lilly  
Cuttyhunk

Columbus Day: Bruce & Deb Arey Wickford

The Whaler's Race to Block Island is scheduled for the weekend of July 21st and will be organized by Dave Lodge. More details to follow. This year's two-week cruise is scheduled for July 7th-July 22nd and the itinerary is being planned by Mark & Cindy DerMugrditchian. All details will be posted in the Blooper and on the club's website.

Additionally, raft-ups will be scheduled for the Fridays' closet to the Full Moon. Before and during dinner, Members also listed ideas for impromptu cruises: Jamestown, Folk Festival, Jazz Festival, Fall River, Air Show, and the Vineyard. Additional splinter cruises are being organized to EYC and RIYC.

Stay tuned for more details regarding the WBYC Cruising Calendar via the Blooper, Club Website and Facebook. Cruise Captains guides will be emailed out in March. As always, contact me with any questions or ideas- we are always looking for additional Cruise Captains.

Thank you to all who attended and an extra special thanks to our 2012 Cruise Captains!

Cheers,  
Dawn  
[dawntramontano@gmail.com](mailto:dawntramontano@gmail.com)

## Activities Committee



Too bad the outcome of the Superbowl didn't work out for our beloved Patriots this year, but if you were a Giants' fan, you sure had good reason to celebrate. A great time was had by all anyway. Thanks to everyone who brought the terrific food we enjoyed throughout the afternoon and evening. Congratulations to Nancye Stocker for winning the 50/50 raffle as well as all of the other lucky winners, too! A special thanks to Dave P. for acquiring the new 40" television and for using your projection equipment. It was almost like being there, wasn't it?

Be sure to join us for the Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Saturday, March 17th. Paul and Cathy O'Finstein will again be cooking up their "World Famous Corned Beef and Cabbage" with all the trimmings. Please bring a dessert or Irish Soda Bread to share. Cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids (ages 7-13). Cocktails are 6:30 PM followed by dinner at 7:00. This event is one you shouldn't miss!!!!

GOOD and WELFARE – Our sincere sympathy is extended to Grant and Jennifer Brandon on the recent passing of his Mom in Florida at the tender young age of 93. We're sending a hug to you and your family.

We're always looking for new ideas or help, so don't be shy – Give us a call.

Jo-Ann  
401-738-0272

Phyllis  
401-219-1784

## Racing Committee



After watching the movie "Wind" on our Saturday Movie Matinee this past

weekend I'm ready to go racing. So, I've been busy putting the race documents together for this year's races. Within the next couple of weeks preliminary versions of our "Notices of Race" will be posted on the West Bay website followed by this year's "Sailing Instructions." There will also be several additional articles and information pieces posted so keep a lookout for a new link on the West Bay website home page and racing page.

Earlier in February, I attended the monthly NBYA meeting. Anderson Reggio from Sail Newport reported on their efforts in assisting with the preliminary America's Cup races here in Newport this June. Their first need is for about a dozen 35-50 foot sailboats to act as stake/boundary boats for the races (many area boats will be gone as the Newport-Bermuda race starts the week before). They need sailboats of this size because they will be flying a large AC banner that has a hoist dimension of 18 feet. The boat owner will be in charge of his own boat and will be radio-directed into position by the AC Race Management organization. Though Anderson didn't say so, volunteer skippers will need superior boat handling and seamanship skills as you will be expected to hold position for 3-4 hours in the West Passage between Fort Adams and Castle Hill without anchoring (the water is too deep). Constantly changing tidal currents in this area will test your skills. You may have as many guests on your boat as you wish and will have a front row seat for racing that is sure to be a spectacle of fast moving, rigid wing powered catamarans. Anyone interested can contact me. I will report the inside scoop next month on any other AC happenings I come across. See you on the water soon!

Race Committee Chairman

David Lodge

### Keep a Sharp Lookout

**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

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Raleigh says “Ahoy Mateys!” He is getting ready to prepare the bottom of his boat for the upcoming sailing season!



Raleigh says “Always keep clear of a vehicle who is restricted by its ability to maneuver!”



David Lodge at age five:



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## NBC And The America's Cup: Network To Broadcast International Sailing Event

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SAN DIEGO -- The America's Cup will be on network TV for the first time since 1992 when NBC broadcasts the first two races of sailing's marquee regatta on San Francisco Bay in September 2013.

Officials told The Associated Press that the deal with the NBC Sports Group also includes three broadcasts on NBC this year from the America's Cup World Series. The remaining races in the America's Cup match will be on cable on NBC Sports Network.

The deal is big for regatta organizers who hope to showcase the modernized America's Cup to mainstream fans. Racing will be on a short course close to shore rather than miles out to sea, and in fast, wing-sailed catamarans rather than plodding sloops.

With the exception of ABC showing Race 1 of the 1992 America's Cup in San Diego, every other race shown live since the epic Race 7 in 1983 has been on cable.

"It's fantastic because it's obviously mainstream TV and a lot of people are going to see the racing as a result," said Russell Coutts, who sailed undefeated through three straight America's Cup matches as a skipper for two different countries, and added a fourth title in 2010 as CEO of Oracle Racing. "Frankly, I think it's the best TV result for sailing, certainly in my experience with the America's Cup. This is going to be great for sailing and really, really good for the America's Cup."

The NBC Sports Group also acquired rights to the Louis Vuitton Cup in the summer of 2013 in San Francisco, which will determine which foreign syndicate meets Oracle Racing, owned by Silicon Valley maverick Larry Ellison, for the oldest trophy in international sports.

Richard Worth, the chairman of the America's Cup Event Authority, said NBC will televise the final day of racing from three stops on the America's Cup World Series this summer as well as the opening two races of the 34th America's Cup match on Sept. 7 and 8, 2013.

NBC Sports Group is not paying a rights fee. Worth said America's Cup officials will acquire air time and offer commercial time first to their own sponsors.

The biggest risk in televising the America's Cup is the capriciousness of the weather. Delays because of too much wind, not enough wind or wildly shifting breezes can easily mess up broadcast schedules. Organizers believe they've largely

avoided that problem by switching to catamarans that can sail in a wide range of conditions. Races have been shortened to better fit into TV time slots and will be sailed close to shore.

Worth said the final races in ACWS stops in Plymouth, England, and San Diego last fall proved that organizers can provide racing on schedule even in brisk conditions that sometimes had boats sailing on edge, with an occasional capsize.

he ACWS is being contested in 45-foot catamarans with high-tech wings as mainsails. The Louis Vuitton Cup and America's Cup match will be sailed in 72-foot cats.

The first NBC broadcast is scheduled for July 1, the final day of the America's Cup World Series in Newport, R.I. The other dates on NBC are Aug. 26 and Oct. 7, so America's Cup organizers will fit events to those slots. Organizers are exploring having an ACWS stop on the Hudson River in New York, which would end on Aug. 26. If that's not possible, there would be ACWS stops in San Francisco ending with televised races on Aug. 26 and Oct. 7.

Whether it's in New York or San Francisco, the regatta ending on Aug. 26 will feature Ben Ainslie's debut with Oracle Racing. The star British sailor, who will be trying for a fourth straight gold medal in the London Olympics, will join Oracle Racing to gain experience for what he hopes will be a title challenge with his own team in the future.

Each boat will carry an HD camera and 14 microphones. America's Cup officials have developed a system called LiveLine that will insert graphics into live shots from helicopters. Lines similar to the yellow first-down line used in football broadcasts will be used to show which boat is ahead, distance to the marks and course boundaries.

The first America's Cup race to be televised live was Race 7 in Newport, R.I., in September 1983, when ESPN carried Australia II's victory over Dennis Conner's Liberty that ended the New York Yacht Club's 132-year winning streak.

Four years later, ESPN's late-night broadcasts from Australia were a hit in the United States as Conner won back the silver trophy in a four-race sweep of Kookaburra III.

Oracle Racing's victory against Alinghi of Switzerland off Valencia, Spain, in February 2010 was available in the United States only on the Internet.

Read more here: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/03/01/nbc-and-the-americas-cup\\_n\\_1315002.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/03/01/nbc-and-the-americas-cup_n_1315002.html)



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**Please contact Judy Caplan - Membership Chair, to discuss the WBYC Membership options and cost.** Judy can be reached by email at: [westbaymembership@yahoo.com](mailto:westbaymembership@yahoo.com) Thanks for your interest. We look forward to hearing from you!

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Club Cruising    Series Racing    Committee Boat    Other  
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### PREFERENCES FOR CLUB PARTICIPATION: Circle your preference for participation

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### WILLING TO HELP AS FOLLOWS: Circle your preference

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