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Commodore's Message



Welcome to Spring (officially)! As always, the WBYC board has been hard at work over the winter to make the Club a better place. I am so pleased to announce that the Club has been able to work out a win-win solution with the State of Rhode Island – the State gains much-needed revenue and the Club is able to purchase a significant portion of the Goddard Park waterfront to build a new clubhouse and dock facility. We are finalizing plans for a 3-story clubhouse and dockage to accommodate 200 boats and 50 more on moorings. The new clubhouse's first floor will have a formal dining room with an adjacent catering kitchen and a full bar. The basement will house shower and locker facilities as well as an amphitheater-style lecture room for Raleigh's educational seminars. The second floor will house offices, meeting rooms and a game room with an additional bar. We plan to retain some of what is currently the Goddard Park beach for member use. A pool and tennis courts will be part of the project's second phase. The best part is that we have been able to make all these improvements without raising dues once again. May your remaining 29 days of April be as foolish as this first one. I

hope to see you at the (good old) Club soon, or better yet, out on the water.

Respectfully Submitted with a grain of salt,

Will Richmond

Commodore

Vice Commodore

Wow, can you believe it? Its April 1st already.



I want to take this opportunity to mention a couple of things that have been underway the past few weeks. Stew Stewart, our House Committee Chair and Raleigh Jenkins, our Education Chair have both been working around the club. The place looks awesome! The kitchen floor was stripped and a fresh coat of floor wax applied. The bad ceiling tiles and lighting have been replaced too. The general maintenance is being done and the next phase of installing air-conditioning is now being discussed. Check out the gardens in front of our club. Master Gardener Marcy Feldman has again blessed our club by putting her professional touch to our humble clubhouse. Beautiful! Please take the time to thank these three for their efforts. These are standup people and we all need to express our appreciation for their hard work.

Secondly, the House and Rules Committee has posted rules for club usage. We all need to follow these rules as best as we can. Please try to leave the club as you found it so others can share in the enjoyment without having the major task of cleaning before their events.

Now to the good stuff, David Lodge has a project he is working on that's really neat. A WBYC Racing web page. Racing info for all of our races, all in one place. Look for this soon. A link will be off our WBYC website and available through a link from our face book page. Cruising. Did I see the first cruise of the season posted on face book events for WBYC? Oh yeah! May 26th to Ida Lewis in Newport. Well it started. Let's get on the water.

Thanks to all our committees! We are truly blessed!
Dean Travis

Membership Committee



Welcome Aboard

I hear that many of you are getting your boats back in the water early this year thanks to Mother Nature keeping us so warm and I am looking forward to seeing you afloat soon. I am glad to report that we have received most of your membership profiles back. If you have not already done so, please send in your renewal, or notify us of any regrets.

Check out our calendar of events on line and share the good news about our club with your friends. Have them contact me if they would like to find out how to become a member.

Judy Caplan
westbaymembership@yahoo.com
508-435-0243

Membership Committee Chair

Education Committee



We held two hands-on educational events in March. Both were examples of advancing the knowledge of our members by offering reality-based learning experiences designed to improve our boating related hand skills.

On March 3rd, Tonya Ricketts held her second "Advanced Sewing Class" for those who had already learned how to set up their sewing machines, load a bobbin proficiently, and master a few navigation techniques on fabric. It was awesome to watch the learning process and neat projects that were produced under Tonya's skilled direction. We'll be putting some

of the Fender Covers, Rail Covers, and Wind Catchers on display on our website for all to see.

On March 24, Heath Muldeen from Interlux provided us with another uniquely practical demonstration on Bottom Prep and Painting. We decided it would be an awesome elevation of last year's helpful presentation if we moved our classroom outdoors and on-site. The class reviewed the actual conditions of about a dozen boats, and Heath identified various conditions and proper preparation and painting plans for each. It was a great opportunity to learn about several bottom conditions and recommended steps to keep our bottoms in top condition. (And speaking about "top condition": "Great Job, Marcie!" on the flower beds outside the Club House!)

Next up, and coming up quickly on Saturday, April 7, will be a repeat seminar on Soft Rigging by Ryan Scott of West Marine Rigging. Last year, Ryan introduced many of us to the concept of Soft Rigging and available materials to replace hard, stainless steel lines and fasteners with modern, state-of-the-art soft rigging. We will also take this seminar class out of the club house to a boat to review possible applications of this new technology.

The Education Committee may also be sponsoring another "Saturday Matinee" with a nautical theme later in the month. These events have proven to be a nice way to take a break on a Saturday afternoon and view a film that will be sure to enliven the nautical experiences of the attendees. Some members may even believe that the conversations that the movies generate are of equal or better value than the movies themselves. Come, take a break, and enjoy some popcorn and good company. You deserve it! (Keep your eye on the Calendar for this event.)

Raleigh Jenkins, Education Chair

Cruising Committee



Greetings all,

As we get closer to cruising season, check out our club website and Facebook page for details regarding this summer's sailing destinations. We have an amazing group of cruise captains that are planning great itineraries and want your feedback. More details to

follow.

Cheers,

Dawn

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Activities Committee



The "Luck of the Irish" was sure with us for the Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on March 17th. The weather was unseasonably warm and beautiful!! Thanks to Paul and Cathy O'Finstein and crew, we served approximately 55 people an outstanding Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner will all the fixins. Thanks to everyone who brought bread or other goodies, too. We couldn't have done it "without ya".

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the upcoming events:

Join us for a leisurely Sunday afternoon on April 15th for the annual Wine and Cheese Tasting. Bring your favorite wine and complimenting cheese, chocolate, etc. The doors open up around 3:00 pm.

On Sunday, May 5th, it's the ever popular May Breakfast. We'll be up bright and early and ready for you, so be there any time from 8 AM till 1 PM.

Good and Welfare-- We'd like to extend our sincere condolences to Grant and Jennifer Brandon on the passing of his Dad. Sadly, both Grant's parents passed within a few days of each other. We're all sending you another hug.

A Note from the Treasury—

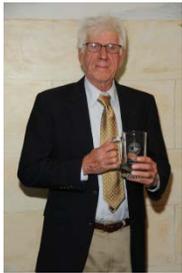
You may have all noticed our newest purchase of a 40" Flat Screen TV. At many of our past events, we've held a 50/50 raffle in order to raise money to pay for it. Congratulations again to all the past lucky winners. At the St. Patrick's Day Party, Sandy Grima won and generously donated the "pot o' gold" to the TV Fund. I'm happy to report that the TV is now paid for. Thanks again, Sandy.

If you have any ideas or would like to help out with activities, don't be shy, give us a call.

See you at the Club,

Jo-Ann, (401)738-0272

Phyllis, (401) 219-1784



House Committee Report

As your House and Rules Committee Chair, I want to remind our membership of the rules to be followed for activities around the club. Strict adherence to these rules is expected.

1.) When sponsoring events. It is your responsibility to clean up the club after your event. This includes: Removal of all trash, stacking chairs, tables, sweep floors, and returning all kitchen gear to its proper place. All excess pans, hot serving trays, etc. should be stored in the back room. Storage locations will be labeled for each item.

2.) The club is not your personal storage unit! By this, no personal tools, clothing, or something you might think we could use in the future will be left on the premises without the express permission of the House Committee Chair.

I am in the process of setting up a schedule for a monthly cleanup. This will be on a Saturday morning event for about two hours doing general maintenance, washing floors, and dusting light fixtures, etc. A little attention to basic needs around the club is imperative to keeping our club in good presentable condition.

Something we can all be proud of when we walk through the front door.

Please be aware, our clubhouse is owned by the marina, and that we are tenants. We all have a stake in how we present ourselves.

If you are interested in participating on the House Committee, Contact Stew @ 497-8368

Let's all be proud of our appearance as the "**Friendliest yacht club on the bay**"

Thank You,

Stew Stewart, **2012 House and Rules Committee
Chair**

Racing Committee



The great weather that we have been having is allowing everyone to get out early to ready their boats for the water and if the weather holds, I would bet that there will be a lot of boats in the water by late April and early May. There have been many years that you couldn't even start to do "boat work" until the middle of April. I hope that the owners of our "fleet" use some of the extra time in to put a good "racing finish" on their underwater surfaces. After following the progress of the "bottom job" being done on "Estasea" the fleet will have to compete with her with a first class bottom finish. I hope everyone attended the bottom prep tour that the education committee put together.

By the time you are reading this the extended WBYC Racing Pages 2012 will be up and running and available for viewing. A link will be placed on the front page of the WBYC website. You should bookmark the new racing home page to make access to it quicker as I expect you will use it often. These pages will give our racers quick and easy access to all race documents, post race reports, and photos and descriptions of post race club activities. They will be set up to be easily viewable with Smartphones so you can have access on-the-water and your race committee will be able to post sailing instruction amendments and revised scratch sheets

quickly and efficiently utilizing the club's wireless connection.

If anyone has any suggestions or anything that they would want to see on the Racing Pages send it to me and I will post it. I will include links to any outside pages that I think may be useful to the membership.

See you on the water soon!

Race Committee Chairman

David Lodge

Keep a Sharp Lookout

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

Yearly Club Events

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

May 5th- Club Cleanup 8 AM

May 6th - May Breakfast - 8AM till 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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World-length Volvo Ocean Race to reach Miami's waters next

<http://www.miamiherald.com/2012/04/01/2725213/world-length-volvo-ocean-race.html>

Miami is the cruise capital of the world, with sun, fun and nonstop feasting on most nautical vacationers' minds.

But in May, Biscayne Bay will be a far less serene setting as state-of-the-art racing yachts are pushed to their limits by fearless adventurers of the most extreme variety. They battle brutal weather conditions and fatigue, deal with the threat of pirates and eat nothing but liquid and powder and freeze-dried substances — and all in the name of competition.

It is the Volvo Ocean Race, a 39,000-nautical-mile, nine-month boxing match with the angriest seas around the world.

“This race often puts the sailors in the most miserable spot they could be on earth,” said Ken Read of Newport, R.I., an America's Cup veteran and the skipper of PUMA Ocean Racing. “You are either boiling hot or freezing cold, and you are always wet, sleep deprived and hungry. Other than that, it's fantastic!”

After navigating more than halfway around the world and touching six ports on four continents, a fleet bruising its way to the finish of the world's most challenging race makes its only North American stop in Miami following its arrival in Itajai, Brazil, in the coming days.

Well, most of the fleet.

Team Sanya sustained rudder and hull damage near New Zealand, so while the five other vessels are slicing through the waves of the world en route to Brazil, its boat is being shipped to Savannah, Ga. It will rejoin the race at the start of Leg 7 — from Miami to Lisbon, Portugal — and miss Leg 6 from Itajai to Miami because it could not be shipped to Brazil in time for the in-port race there. The teams, which feature Olympic gold medalists and America's Cup winners, earn points during each leg and the races that take place at each of the nine ports along the route.

The race's first sole Chinese entry will take the opportunity to sail from Savannah to Miami and test the repairs before rejoining the fleet for the Miami In-Port Race on May 19 and the start of Leg 7 on May 20. It was Sanya's third big setback in the race. Shortly after leaving Alicante, Spain, in Leg 1, major bow damage meant it had to be shipped to Cape Town, where the leg ended. Then, while leading Leg 2, a piece of rigging broke, forcing it to Madagascar for repairs.

“For sure we are absolutely gutted to find ourselves for the third time in a devastating position. ... We are as focused as ever to get back into the race and make our sponsors and fans proud,” said Team Sanya CEO and skipper Mike Sanderson, who along with his crew fought water pouring into the aft compartment that laid the boat almost flat in the most recent incident.

Team Telefónica rounded Cape Horn — notoriously hazardous while ships carried trade around the world before the Panama Canal was built, and it remains a monumental achievement in the sailing culture — on Saturday and then suspended racing for 12 hours to make repairs in a cove in Hershel Island in Cabo de Hornos National Park.

The inspiration felt by the sailors in passing Cape Horn could be similar to the feeling they get while competing in Miami, a city rich in maritime tradition. Fans can get a close-up look at the grit and determination it takes to compete in this grueling race during the Miami In-Port Race offshore of the Downtown Miami Race Village at Bicentennial Park (1075 Biscayne Blvd.).

From May 6 to May 20, the fleet will be parked at the village, which will feature interactive pavilions, several sailing and extreme water sports activities, youth sailing regattas, a pro-am race and more. If you're lucky, you could run into one of the competitors — they surely will be happy to see land and people other than the crewmates they already are all too familiar with after being in tight quarters since this odyssey began Oct. 29.

After Miami, the fleet heads to Lisbon, then Lorient, France; and then to the finish line in Galway, Ireland, in early July.

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SAVE THE DATE - WBYC Memorial Day Cruise to Ida Lewis YC/Newport



Our first cruise of the year will be a short 13 NM sail to Ida Lewis Yacht Club in Newport Harbor over Memorial Day weekend (May 25-28). WBYC cruises are wonderful ways to gain cruising confidence and also to spend time with good friends! We're working on a full agenda so if you have and ideas you would like to share please let us know so of your favorite Newport activities. This is also a great cruise for the club's land yachts. Even if you have never gone on a cruise, or if you feel a bit uneasy about the Bay, we will all be there for you!

Please contact Elizabeth Richmond erichmo@yahoo.com to reserve a mooring or to address any questions you may have at [508-544-2828](tel:508-544-2828).



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MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS:

Please contact Judy Caplan - Membership Chair, to discuss the WBYC Membership options and cost. Judy can be reached by email at: westbaymembership@yahoo.com 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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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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