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The Friendliest Little Yacht Club on the Bay!

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Commodore's Message



Finally, the season is here. With the temptations of a mild winter, this season seems to have taken longer to arrive than most, but we are finally seeing the docks and moorings occupied. I wish you the best of boating seasons, full of friends, fun, and safety. A very traditional start to the boating season at West Bay Yacht Club is our May Breakfast. This year is no exception; come on down to the Club on the first Sunday of May for a delicious (and filling!) breakfast with your friends and family. Following quickly after this great rite of spring, keep an eye on the calendar. Tune-up races will happen soon, and of course, the Memorial Day holiday weekend means our first cruise of the season! This is truly an exciting time of year!

I want to take this brief opportunity to thank the entire leadership team at the Club. My day job has been very demanding lately from a travel perspective and the Board of Governors and the Committee Chairs have been supportive and exceptionally forgiving of my frequent absences.

As I said to Elizabeth when I accepted the Commodore position, "Working with this leadership team should make the job a lot easier." That has proven true in ways I never expected. Thank you to all. I hope to see everyone on the water very soon!

Respectfully Submitted,

Will Richmond

Commodore

Vice Commodore



Hi Everyone,

A couple of things to remember for the month of May. First, we have our Annual Club Cleanup and Repair Day on Saturday, May 5th, followed by our May Breakfast on Sunday, May 6th. Please show up early on Saturday so we can get the majority of our jobs completed. We need roughly 20 people to show. On Sunday, bring the family for breakfast! Show your support for the club and if you're free for the day pitch in, your efforts are always appreciated. On May 18th, we are holding the WBYC Skippers meeting. This should raise the pulse for our

racers. Racing starts in June. May 26th, cruisers sail to Ida Lewis Yacht Club in Newport Harbor over Memorial Day weekend (May 26-28). May is the month we all have been waiting for! Let's make some plans to spend some time together!

It is a great club. It is your club. Get involved!

Dean Travis
Vice Commodore

Membership Committee



I want to thank you for the referrals you are giving West Bay. We have potential new members inquiring after hearing from our existing members about how great our organization is. Keep them coming!

If you have been too busy to send in your renewal, now is the time. Our amazing racing schedule is posted. Don't be left out!

For those who place an order, your apparel should be arriving soon. I will contact you when they are available for pickup.

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

Membership Committee Chair

Education Committee



All Hands on Deck!

We closed out our Spring education series with an informative presentation on Soft Rigging by Ryan Scott of West Marine Rigging

on April 7th. Thanks goes to Ryan for the hands-on inspection of several members' boats and the two Sea Scout vessels. This event included information on the use of Soft Rigging for things like lifelines, shrouds, and alternate attachments for many hardware uses on board. I'm sure we'll be wanting to re-do this event next season.

For now, as we saw during the seminar event, it is time to do final prep on our boats for the water.

We will be reviewing possible additional educational events over the rest of the year, but for now, we have only our Santa's Sewing Workshop in October or November on the books.

Please do not hesitate to submit ideas for educational events in the upcoming months. While it is difficult to attract boaters off the water during the boating season, it is not impossible. Especially for topics like "(Wo)man Overboard", and possibly a Boat Safety Inspection. Keep on the lookout for postings. In the meantime, get your boat ready and out on the water!

Enjoy!
Raleigh Jenkins, Education Chair

Cruising Committee



Hello all,

With cruising season right around the corner, have you taken the time to look at this summer's destinations? Our season commences with a Memorial Day Cruise to ILYC in Newport. Elizabeth Richmond will be forwarding additional details as the date

approaches.

I am always looking for new destinations and Cruise Captains to lead the way. Please feel free to contact me if the spirit moves you!

Cheers,

Dawn

dawntramontano@gmail.com



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**

Activities Committee



HAPPY SPRING EVERYONE!

It looks as though "OLD MAN WINTER" left us as a lamb this year. Let's keep our fingers crossed as we move forward. The Spring social calendar is proving to be a very busy one. On April 15th, we had our Annual Wine Tasting. Many thanks to everyone who pitched in to make this event another success. A special thank you goes to John Wood who sang and played guitar all afternoon. You were terrific. Mark "the Wine Guy" of People's Liquor Warehouse in Apponaug couldn't join us this year, but generously donated a few sample bottles for us to enjoy. Also, thanks, Dean, for being our "Wine Master".

Don't forget to mark your calendar for our annual MAY BREAKFAST. We've lost count as to just how many we've had! But, the early morning kitchen crew will be ready for you on:

DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2012
TIME: 8:00AM – 12:00PM (or so)
COST: \$8/ADULTS
\$4/KIDS
KIDS UNDER 6 – FREE

ON THE MENU: The usual breakfast fare (scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries)

Belgian Waffles (strawberries with whipped cream) made to order

Omelets (Michele’s specialty) – Also made to order

Baked Goodies, coffee, tea, juice

So before heading to the boat, stop by for breakfast! Sailing season is fast approaching!

Good and Welfare: We’d like to extend our sympathy to the family of John Lavin who passed away recently. As some of you may know, John was one of the “Founding Fathers” of our club. He proudly owned and raced “Dirty Harry” for many years and had a very successful sailing career. A donation was made to the Wounded Warrior Project in Topeka, KS in his memory.

If you have anything to share with the membership, let us know. We will be happy to take care of it.

As always, we are looking for help. Do not be shy. Give one of us a call.

Jo-Ann Phyllis
(401) 738-0272 (401) 219-1784

Racing Committee



In a couple weeks, our long winter off the water comes to an end and our racing season will be starting. I know as of this writing that “Mojo” and “Stormin Norman” are already in the water and Norman has been out sailing and enjoying some of the great spring days we have been having. “Wavelength” will be going in soon as Bill has completed stripping his keel, coating it with coal tar epoxy to minimize the further rusting of his cast iron keel, and fairing the sealed keel. I haven’t seen any activity on “Escape Plan” yet.

Entry forms for this years racing have been posted on the WBYC Racing Pages website and are here in this month’s Blooper. For those of you without web access there are forms available on the racing bulletin board inside the club. Remember that our skipper’s meeting is on Friday, May 18th and it is the best time to get all your paperwork submitted and race fees paid.

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

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

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

All Prices include club logo!

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2012 Committee Chairs

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Dare to Sail the Titanic II?

<http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/headlines/2012/04/dare-to-sail-the-titanic-ii/>

An Australian billionaire has revealed plans to build a replica of the Titanic cruise ship, with plans to set it sail along the original sunken ship's path from England to New York.

Real estate and coal magnate Clive Palmer announced Monday that he has signed an agreement with a state-owned Chinese company, CSC Jinling Shipyard, to build in their shipyard a modernized version of the Titanic, the infamous ship that crashed into an iceberg and sank in 1912, killing more than 1,500 people.

"It will be every bit as luxurious as the original Titanic, but ... will have state-of-the-art 21st-century technology and the latest navigation and safety systems," Palmer said in a statement.

Placing a bet that the lure of the Titanic name will be greater than the deadly legacy it carries, Palmer said he will call the ocean liner Titanic II. He expects the ship, with room for 1,680 passengers, to make its maiden voyage four years from now, in 2016.

The announcement comes just weeks after the world marked the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the original Titanic. The milestone anniversary saw the release of the iconic 1990s "Titanic" movie in 3-D, an auction of the ship's memorabilia and a cruise that retraced the ship's very path, which, should be noted, ran into trouble due to weather before it even left dock.

Palmer, who was listed last year as Australia's fifth-richest person, with an estimated net worth of more than \$5.2 billion, according to BRW magazine, did not provide a cost estimate for what it will take to recreate the legendary ship in modern times.

The Titanic II will have four smoke stacks to make it look like the coal-powered original, but they will be decoration only for the diesel-powered ship. The structural changes to the ship will include using welding rather than rivets, and using an enlarged rudder and bow thrusters for increased maneuverability, according to Palmer.

Calling the project "a tribute to the spirit of the men and women who worked on the original Titanic," Palmer said he


recruited a historical research team to lead design work for the new ship.

The Australian also announced he has established a new shipping company, Blue Star Line Pty., and will work with CSC Jinling Shipyard to build three other luxury ships, in addition to the Titanic II.

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Spritaker/Non-Spritaker

Yacht Design/Make _____ Hull Color _____ L.O.A. _____ Year _____

Yacht Owner _____ Racing Skipper _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Submit entry form along with 2012 PHRF-NB Rating Certificate and Certificate of Insurance (proof of insurance).

Entries for Whaler's Race to Block Island without a rating certificate may apply to Race Committee for a temporary rating.

Submit complete entries to: David Lodge, 26 Newtown Ave., North Kingstown, RI 02852

Phone: 608-801-8353 Email: wbyc_racing@davidlodgestudios.com - Make checks payable to "WBYC."

Race Entry Fees	WBYC Member	Non-Member
WBYC Summer Series (13 Races - Mondays in June, July & August)	\$75.00	\$100.00
WBYC Fall Series (4 Races - September 5, 10, 12, 19, 2012)	\$40.00	\$60.00
Rainone Solo/Twin Regatta (Saturday, June 9, 2012)	\$30.00	\$40.00
Norton Memorial Regatta (Greenwich Bay Cup Qualifier) (Saturday, June 30, 2012)	\$30.00	\$40.00
Newport Storm Regatta (Saturday, July 7, 2012)	\$30.00	\$40.00
Whaler's Race to Block Island (Saturday, July 21, 2012)	\$40.00	\$50.00
Fantastic Plastic Regatta (Saturday, August 18, 2012)	\$30.00	\$40.00
Lady Skippers Race (Saturday, August 25, 2012)	\$30.00	\$40.00
Pumpkin Patch Regatta (Saturday, October 13, 2012)	\$30.00	\$40.00
Four (4) Saturday Race Package (excluding Whaler's Race to Block Island)	\$100.00	\$130.00
F3 Series - June 22, July 13, August 3, 2012 (Greenwich Bay Cup qualifier. Yachts must race all three F3 races and at least 2 races out of EGYC Annual Regatta, Norton Memorial Regatta and AHYC Dickerson Regatta)	\$20 ea/\$50 series	\$20 ea/\$50 series
Total Fee Paid (circle races entered and show total paid)		

In accordance with Section 7-6-22 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, entitled EXEMPTION FROM LIABILITY TO PARTICIPANTS IN SPONSORED ATHLETIC OR SPORTS EVENTS, I hereby release West Bay Yacht Club, its officers, directors, trustees, agents, servants, and property while I am participating in or practicing for any contest or exhibition of an athletic or sports nature sponsored by the above listed Yacht Club; and I hereby acknowledge and assume the risk of any bodily injury and or property damage to myself or my property incurred while participating in or practicing for any contest or exhibition of any athletic or sports nature sponsored by the above listed Yacht Club. I have read and understood the conditions for the race and/or races and agree to comply with the conditions while participating.

Signature of Owner _____ Date _____

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 an idea 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).

DUTCH HARBOR MOORING

If you're planning to use the Club's Mooring in Jamestown this summer, please be sure to have your membership card available. The Harbormaster will be checking "IDs".

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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 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
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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Committee Chair?

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