

WEST BAY YACHT CLUB'S

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Commodore's Message



The days are getting shorter already. While that can be a mildly depressing thought, it underscores the reality of our summertime: it's short and we have to make the most of it. As you'll read further in this *Blooper*, West Bay Yacht Club can help you make the most of it! If you haven't yet, go out and make plans to enjoy the bounty of the area: Our two-week long cruise departs just after the Independence Day holiday. Racing is in full swing and if you haven't yet seen the new racing section of the WBYC website, be sure to check it out. David Lodge has put significant effort into updating the look of the site and keeping it very fresh with timely updates of race results and photos. On top of that, he is managing the racing program for us. When you see David, be sure to share your appreciation!

I wish you and your families a happy and safe Independence Day holiday. I hope to see you on the water soon!

Respectfully,

Will Richmond

Commodore

Vice Commodore



Hi Everyone,

I hope your summer is in full swing. The weather this year has been a bit crazy so far but hopefully you have found a few dry moments to venture out and enjoy your boats. The WBYC Cruisers are heading out for the annual 2 week cruise soon. So, if you are not a cruiser and want to try something different, then this is a great adventure for the entire family. For those with racing in mind, Time to get your boat to the starting line. Summer series is almost half over. But some of our great regattas are on your door step. Check the WBYC calendar often and see the list of awesome events planned by your committees. You have many choices . Something for all interests and if you have an idea of something different? Tell your committee leaders. They would love to hear from you.

It's a great club. It's your club. Get involved!

Dean Travis
Vice Commodore

Membership Committee



Thanks to everyone for encouraging your friends and neighbors to look into West Bay and see all the fun they are missing. Your encouragement has inspired 4 new memberships this month.

Please join me in welcoming two new student members: Alexander Couturier from Wakefield RI and, Esther Brandon from Warwick RI.

Remember that full time students who are under 25 years old are eligible for reduced membership rates.

Raymond Way of Warwick has also become a member. He sails on *Team DR* a 34 foot Dehler DB2 out of Apponaug Harbor. Perhaps some of you from Apponaug already know Raymond.

Michael Mead and Wendy McGregor have also become members. They hail from Toronto ON and are sailing on *Ohana*, a 37 foot Gulfstar. The good neighbor attitude of three of our members inspired Michael and Wendy to join.

New Member Social

If you haven't already had a chance to meet our newest members you will have another opportunity to do so at our New Member Social scheduled for September 15th at the Club House. Mark your calendar now to save the date. More details to follow as the date draws nearer.

Smooth Sailing!

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

Membership Committee Chair

Education Committee



Welcome to summer!

Please be on the lookout for future education events!

We hope to see you soon!

Raleigh Jenkins, Education Chair

Cruising Committee



Hello all,

Have you checked out our Facebook Events Page or Club Website? There are many raft-ups and club cruises planned. Check out the details for the 2 Week Club Cruise...join for part of the event, 1 week, or cruise

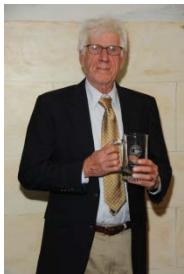
for the duration.

If you are planning a day trip or weekend sail and would like to open the invitation up to all members, contact me and I can help 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



Welcome to Summer, 2012!!

We hope everyone is ready to enjoy yet another great season on the Bay.

The "racing kitchen" is now open on Monday nights. We generally serve 40-45 hungry sailors each week after the race. Our biggest challenge is "what's for dessert"? If you'd like to join us one night, just stop by. Thanks so much to Jennie Brandon who has officially joined the crew. We sure do appreciate all your help!

Judy Caplan and her Membership Committee is coordinating an event to welcome all our new members who've joined during the past year, so keep an eye out for more details.

GOOD and WELFARE – Sadly, Elaine Blanchard's Mom passed away recently. We'd like to extend our sincere sympathy to both Elaine and Ric. Everyone else appears to be both good and well!! If you have anything

you'd like to pass along to the membership, just give us a call and we'd be happy to take care of it. We're always looking for ideas for events. So, if you have one, please don't be shy, give one of us a call.

See you at the Club,

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

Racing Committee



We are solidly into our racing season and although our numbers on the race course are down the racing is closer than ever. In the first four weeks of the Summer Series we've had first and second place separated by 4 seconds in two races and 15 seconds in a third. Another indication of the level of competition is that in the both the spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes only one boat has more than one first place finish. The Racing Pages website has all the results, the season standings, and slide shows of the action. Thanks to our pro photographer for all the great images.

The weather has been reliably inconsistent so far this year. In the Rainone Solo/Twin Regatta after getting a report from Fred Kerzner that there was wind outside of Greenwich Bay we moved the starting line to a spot south of Warwick Neck and got the race started in 6-8 knots of breeze. Ultimately the wind died with the bulk of the fleet east of Quonset Point and we hoisted the abandonment pennant when it became apparent that no boat would finish before the time limit expired. The regatta has been rescheduled for Saturday, August 11th.

This past Monday it appeared that a line of thunderstorms might necessitate a cancelation. It forecast was that they would not arrive until 8PM so we set up a shorter race course than normal within Greenwich Bay with the finish line at the "H" mark near the entrance to Greenwich Cove. The storms fell apart before they got to us, and everybody stayed dry.

As of this writing the Norton Memorial Regatta is this coming Saturday. The weather is forecast to be hot so we should have a good sea breeze. The following Saturday, the 7th, is the Newport Storm Regatta and the beer is already "on ice" in Tom Stocker's garage.

July 21st is the date of the Whaler's Race to Block Island. We hope that everyone with a boat capable

of sailing to the island shows up for this race created to bring our cruisers and racers together for one event. The start is in Dutch Harbor and the "finish" will be at ALDO's.

See you on the water!

David Lodge

Keep a Sharp Lookout

4th of July Cruise - Tom Stocker
July 3rd-5th
Destination TBD

New Member Social, September 15th

Labor Day - Bill & Michele Lilly
September 1st-3rd
Cuttyhunk

Columbus Day - Bruce & Deb
October 6th-8th
Wickford

Full-Moon Raft-ups:
June 8th, June 29th, July 6th, July 27th, August 3rd,
August 31st

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

Yearly Club Events

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
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Researchers sail off on quest for Amelia Earhart's fate

<http://news.yahoo.com/researchers-set-sail-quest-amelia-earhart-fate-003056070.html>

Researchers seeking to chronicle Amelia Earhart's fate 75 years after she vanished over the Pacific set off from Hawaii on a \$2 million expedition on Tuesday to look for wreckage of her plane near a remote island where they believe the U.S. aviator died a castaway.

Researchers will travel 1,800 miles by ship from Honolulu to Nikumaroro in the Republic of Kiribati, where they believe Earhart's Lockheed Electra may rest in waters offshore from where they suspect she survived for weeks or months in 1937.

Richard Gillespie, executive director of The International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery (TIGHAR), theorizes Earhart's plane was washed off the reef by surf days after Earhart and her navigator, Fred Noonan, landed on Nikumaroro, about 400 miles southeast of their Howland Island destination.

The duo had departed Papua New Guinea July 2 in Earhart's quest to circumnavigate the globe along an equatorial route. Gillespie said circumstantial evidence collected on previous trips to Nikumaroro makes a strong case for his theory that Earhart ended her days as a castaway, ultimately perishing in the island's harsh conditions.

Discovered items include what appears to be jar of a once-popular brand of anti-freckle cream from the 1930s, a clothing zipper from the same decade, a bone-handled pocket knife of the type Earhart carried, and piles of fish and bird bones indicative of a Westerner trying to survive.

"We have hints as to how long she did survive," Gillespie said. "Based on the amount of bones, she survived a number of weeks, maybe months. This is a whole chapter in Amelia Earhart's life that no one ever knew. It's heroic stuff."

The state of the discovered fish bones found by what Gillespie believes was Earhart's campsite leads him to believe they were consumed by a Westerner.

"Pacific Islanders usually eat the head of the fish. That's often what they think is the best part. This person isn't eating them," he said.

"We found giant clamshells ... A Pacific Islander will catch them while open and cut them out. There were several up at the campsite bashed in," he added, saying others were laid up concave as if to catch rainwater.

"We've found bottles standing in what was a campfire, with the bottoms melted but the top not heat-damaged, and pieces of wire fashioned into a loop. It looks like someone was boiling water to make it safe to drink."

SKELETAL REMAINS

Researchers have also found bone fragments Gillespie said were too compromised to provide DNA for testing. Gillespie believes a partial skeleton found by a British officer in 1940 may have been Earhart's. The skeleton was taken to Fiji.

A doctor there concluded it belonged to a man, but Gillespie said a reexamination of the recorded bone dimensions indicate the remains were of a Caucasian female. Found along with the skeleton were a man's and woman's shoe, and a sextant box.

What happened to the bones remains a mystery. Gillespie traveled with his group to Fiji last summer to try to find them based on old records. He said they did find a box of bones, but that testing showed they belonged to a Polynesian female.

Such disappointments have happened before in the 24 years Gillespie has been looking for the answer to Earhart's final chapter. At one point TIGHAR believed it had found a navigator's book case from her plane. Another time they thought they would find her plane in the lagoon. Both leads proved false.

Gillespie says there's been no evidence of the fate of Earhart's navigator, Fred Noonan. "We don't know much about Fred. The partial skeleton found in 1940 was that of a woman who had died by the campsite."

He theorized that even if Earhart was catching fish and birds she could have starved to death, or faced other risks.

"You can be getting food, but you don't have enough calories to replace the calories you're expending catching it. The reef is slippery and if you get cut it will become infected immediately and can lead to blood poisoning. Or there could have been injuries from the landing or crash."

In his previous nine trips there, Gillespie has experienced firsthand how hard surviving there would be.

"The island is four degrees south of the Equator. The sun is a hammer. There is no fresh water. When you get ashore you have to cut a trail through the jungle to the lagoon side. There are black tip sharks all over the place."

Throughout the years of looking, Gillespie had always wondered how Earhart might have collected water, as the only containers they'd found were small cosmetic bottles.

"Then on last expedition there was a big rain and squall while we were working in the forest The Boca trees there had large leaves," he said, adding that rain could collect on leaves on the ground. "With a small bottle you could collect from trees and roots."

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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)		

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Signature of Owner _____ Date _____

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Please contact Mark or Kerri Bamford for more details – 401-524-1569 / 401-837-6689.

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Contact Tom Stocker, Committee Chair,
Sea Scouts Ship 1909
rtstocker@cox.net or 401-451-9799

Calling all Youth Ages 14 to 21

Are you looking for some water-based activities to do this summer, having a lot of fun and even passing the RI Safe Boater License at the same time? Then perhaps visiting a Sea Scouts Ship 1909 meeting may be a good first step.

SEA SCOUTS Ship 1909

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Here are a few additional facts about the Sea Scouts you may not know:

- Sea Scouts is part of the Boy Scouts of America. It is considered a “Venturing” organization, that is it is coed and caters to older youth, aged 14 to 21.
- The focus of Sea Scouts is for the youth to experience a water-based program, with particular emphasis on safety at sea, to learn good seamanship skills and to have a lot of fun doing it.
- Our Ship, #1909, is sponsored by East Greenwich Yacht Club.
- Our motto is “We do everything water” and we aim to live up to that claim.
- We currently have 12 active youth, 8 boys and 4 girls, aged 14 to 19, and we are actually one of the largest venturing groups in the state.
- We meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, times depend on the time of year (right now we are 6-9 as we want to maximize daylight for time on the water).
- We have 2 sailboats (a Pearson 26 & a C&C 24) that we are cruising right now.
- Our goal for this year is to have every one of our youth (and adult leaders and any parents who are interested) pass and obtain the RI Safe Boater License.
- We strive to have at least 1 weekend activity each month. Please call Tom Stocker for a copy of this calendar or visit our Facebook page at “Sea Scouts Ship 1909”.
- We welcome parents to join as well, either as youth leaders “Mates” or as committee members. For those who are not interested in being that active, we do ask that one parent of each youth to volunteer to attend at least one weekend event during the year.
- Dave Pickering is our Skipper, and Tom Stocker is the Chairman of the committee. We currently have 6 active adults and are actively looking for more (none of us have a son or daughter in the program). All of us are all knowledgeable and seasoned boaters.

Signing up is easy. Come visit us to see if it is something you want to do (call first to find out where we will be), then just fill out an application and pay a \$75 fee that covers registration, Sea Scout Handbook, Class A polo shirt and Ship baseball cap. Costs for weekend activities are additional and could cover things like food and or admission to events that we plan.

Still not sure? Visit our Facebook Group “Ship 1909” and see what we are up to or join us for our “Open Sail” events, on the Tuesdays we are not holding a meeting.

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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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