

WEST BAY YACHT CLUB'S

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The Friendliest Little Yacht Club on the Bay!

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Commodore's Message



Happy autumn to all! Having just attended our annual New Member Social event, I can say that we'll live up to our tagline of being the "friendliest little club on the bay" for many years to come. We had a wonderful time and I hope that our newest members stay active in Club events. Speaking of upcoming events, make sure you look into attending the Wickford Cruise over Columbus Day weekend, by either land or sea. Cruise captains Bruce and Deb Arey have been planning this wonderful event for some time now and it will be fantastic. Contact Bruce or Deb for details. I hope to see you there and at many more of our fun and important upcoming events.

Enjoy all that fall has to offer and remember: putting your boat on the hard doesn't mean the Club slows down!

Respectfully Submitted,

Will Richmond

Commodore

Vice Commodore



Hello Members,

Just a quick note to mention that we still have some weekend racing left and a Columbus Day Cruise to Wickford yet to go. So, don't put those boats away yet. Some of the best weather is yet to come!

Check your calendars for our Annual Meeting, Awards Banquet and Holiday Parties coming throughout the fall and winter.

Dean Travis
Vice Commodore

Membership Committee



Give a warm West Bay Welcome to our newest members, Dee Crocker & Don Ihlefeld. Dee and Don are making their way from Warwick to the warmer waters of Southport, NC shortly on Scene Isle, their 34 foot Tollycraft.

For the rest of us, although Fall is here, there is still much to do.

To Do:

1. Sign up for Cruising: The Columbus Day Cruise to Wickford is right around the corner October 6-8. Will we see you there? Bruce and De Arey are our cruise captains.

2. Mark Calendar for Annual Meeting: The annual meeting is almost upon us. Mark your calendars for October 19th. It is a critical meeting for the club. We need you to attend, learn about, and vote on the new slate of officers for the club.

3. Update My Personal Information: If any of your pertinent information has changed this year, please send the update to me right away so you are properly listed in the 2012 yearbook. We publish name, address, phone, e-mail address boat name and model.

4. Check the website for details on all the fall happenings.

See you all soon!

Judy Caplan
508-435-0243
Membership Committee Chair

Education Committee



We've entered another period of transition. Some of us are already out of the water. Some of us are still afloat, trying to squeeze out every opportunity that the Fall offers us on the water.

We have been planning a couple of workshops designed to enhance our down time. The first is another sewing workshop with our own Tonya Ricketts, the Canvas Lady. This will be a gathering of members, and their sewing machines, to make sea-worthy items for our Annual Banquet. We always have fun at these sewing events! So, mark your calendar for Saturday, October 20, from 10:00am to 1:00pm.

We are also determining a date for a workshop on sails inspection, care and storage. If we do not have a date for this training in time for the Blooper, keep an eye out for special announcements, or call the West Bay Yacht Club to confirm the date.

Also, if you have an interest in serving on the Education Committee, let us know at any time. Our Education events are planned and often presented by our membership. We'd like to address the educational needs of our members to the best extent possible. That takes communication and participation in the selection,

presentation, and evaluation of Education events. Remember, we're all in this together! We can only be stronger with your participation.

Raleigh Jenkins, Education Chair

Cruising Committee



Who's ready for the Fall Cruising Season? Let me know if you are planning an afternoon, overnight, or weekend trip. I can communicate your plans to our membership as an impromptu cruise. Fall is also a great time to take advantage of reciprocal benefits and visit a new destination and participating

yacht club.

Don't forget to continue to check the club's website and Facebook page for up and coming events....especially with regards to our Columbus Day Cruise led by Deb & Bruce Arey.

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



Sadly, the summer has passed and fall is upon us. Very shortly, our focus will be turning indoors and we'll start up the fall/winter schedule. Keep the following dates in mind:

Friday, 10/19 – The Annual Meeting – Start time 7:30 – Find out what happened this past year and what's in store for next year. Dessert and coffee will be served

Saturday, 10/27 – The Annual Halloween Bash and Potluck- Calling all ghosts and goblins, big and small, old and young to join us for a fun night together. Wear a costume, bring a friend, and let's have a party!! The haunting starts at 6:30.

If your last name starts with

A-I, please bring an appetizer or salad

J-S, please bring a main dish

T-Z, please bring a dessert

Saturday, 11/10 – The Annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet will be held at the East Greenwich Fireman's Hall. The invitations will be in the mail shortly. Please join us for this very nice evening out. Awards are presented to the racing folks for their hard work (and fun) out on the Bay. Several other awards are handed out as well. There's great food, music, raffles and a silent auction, too. It's a great opportunity for us (the "kitchen crew") to get together and enjoy everyone's company away from the WBYC kitchen. Responses are due by 10/31/12. Even if you're unable to make it, please drop your reply in the mail. We're excited about our new locale this year, so plan on spending Saturday, November 10th with us.

Saturday, December 15 – The Annual Holiday Party is scheduled. More details to follow.

GOOD & WELFARE - From all reports, everyone remains well. Keep up the good work.

We could use some help with either the Halloween Party or Banquet, so if anyone is interested, just call.

See you at the Club,

Jo-Ann 401-738-0272

Phyllis 401-219-1784

Racing Committee



We are now down to just one race left, the Pumpkin Patch Regatta on Saturday, October 13th, and our season is complete.

We have had a great season with a lot of close racing and the recently completed Fall Series was no exception. Third place in the spinnaker class ended in a tie between Vin McAteer's *Coconut Telegraph* and Abbi Steward's *Flyer* with the tiebreaker in favor of *Coconut Telegraph*. In the non-spinnaker class, it was first place that was tied between Brian Anderson's *Pale Rider* and Ken Thorsen's *Thora*. After the first tiebreaker, *Pale Rider* and *Thora* were still tied so the second tiebreaker had to be used and it favored *Pale Rider*. A third place tie in the

non-spinnaker class was also determined by the second tiebreaker coming out in favor of Gary Russell's *Expresso* over Bob Lewis and company's *Climax*. Many of the individual races that led to these close series results were determined by seconds not minutes.

Thanks to all the skippers and crew who participated this year. I hope to see everyone again next year and we will be looking to grow the fleet.

I also want to extend my thanks to everyone who served on the on-the-water committee. Celeste Wright, John Budzinski, Rik Blanchard, Raleigh Jenkins, Dean Travis, Pierce Brawner, Jim Palumbo, and Kevin Engle. Then there are those who volunteered their boats, Kevin Engle with *Windance*, Jim Palumbo with *Lee Shore*, and Tom Stocker with *Mojo*.

This year Jim Wright, a professional photographer by trade, added greatly to our racing enjoyment with all the awesome photos he took from the committee boat. These photos appeared nearly every week on the WBYC Racing Pages website. Thank you, Jim!

One more very special thanks to Grant Brandon. After many years as your race committee chairman Grant took a step back, but only a small step. He was there throughout the season with *Estesea* serving as the committee boat, helping set up the year's calendar, and being there to advise when asked.

See you on the water for one more race.

David Lodge

Keep a Sharp Lookout

Columbus Day - Bruce & Deb

October 6th-8th

Wickford

Club's Annual Meeting, the evening of Friday, October 19th

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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2012 Board of Governors

Commodore Will Richmond
Vice Commodore..... Dean Travis
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..... Mike Hackett
..... Jim Palumbo

2012 Committee Chairs

Activities..... Phyllis Geisser & Jo-Ann Grima
Cruising..... Dawn Tramontano
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Sailing has changed my life, says MOD70 star Khamis Al Anbouri

<http://www.timesofoman.com/innercat.aspx?detail=13245>

Muscat: It may be business as usual for some of the Musandam-Oman Sail crew but the historic win in Leg 4 of the MOD70 European Tour 2012 has filled the Omani sailors with pride and expectation ahead of the Marseilles City Races.

Fahad Al Hasni and Khamis Al Anbouri who were on board Oman flagship Musandam-Oman Sail for the triumphant offshore leg from Cascais to Marseilles will be joined by Mohsin Al Busaidi for the six inshore races, to be staged in the bay of Marseilles over the next two days.

The three are all members of Oman Sail's broad-based sailing programme, which was conceived five years ago in conjunction with Oman's Ministry of Tourism to develop sailing as a vehicle for teaching skills to a generation of Omanis and raise the profile of Oman as a high end tourist destination.Â

Strategies are long-term but already, the sailor's exploits are attracting interest in Oman and around the world. Since they crossed the finish line in first place on Monday, they have been inundated with messages of support, in particular from well-wishers at home.

"There has been a huge response -“ lots of text messages and phone calls,-□ said Khamis Al Anbouri who notched up the win in his very first offshore contest.

"I have been away from home for 45 days but people can see I am doing something good for Oman and for my friends and family. They are so happy.

"The people in my village especially the children all follow what I am doing and can see the gains we are making. And hopefully this will persuade the sailors back in Oman to go out and win at sailing rather than just to enjoy it.

They understand the sport better now and this will hopefully encourage them.

"I keep saying to the kids that sailing is an amazing sport and they really can be part of it in the future. There is no other opportunity like this -“ going out and feeling free in some really good Oman Sail boats. So they should go out and get involved.

"It has changed my life since I got involved with Oman Sail. I have learned a lot not just in sailing but in all kinds of things -“ in my personal and professional life in terms of the way I think, act and react.-□

Among those offering their congratulations were Her Excellency Maitha Al Mahrouqi, under Secretary of Ministry of Tourism.

"We are very proud of what our athletes have achieved,-□ she said.

"It is a result of hard work, integrity and sportsmanship. They are an example to the youth and are fabulous Omani ambassadors in representing our country overseas.-□

David Graham, CEO of Oman Sail was also full of praise for the Omani contingent at Musandam-Oman Sail.

"I'm delighted for the team and I'm absolutely thrilled for Fahad, Khamis and Mohsin.

They have worked incredibly hard and have achieved the unthinkable goal so early on in their offshore career,-□ he said.

Fahad, Khamis and Mohsin were all looking forward to today's city races in Marseilles, welcoming back two cherished friends in the form of Michi Mueller, the German sailor who was injured in the city races in Kiel last month and a fresh breeze, in stark contrast to the conditions in recent contests.Â

The win in Leg 4 had raised the bar and pressure levels, according to Musandam-Oman Sail skipper Sidney Gavignet.

"There is more to lose than to gain which is an unusual situation for us. First and second places are more or less sewn up so it is all about third place.

"We are happy to have Michi back for the inshore race and we are looking forward to some wind -“ it is usually windy here especially in the afternoons. We need some good wind because it makes it more interesting for the spectators. In a breeze, they really get to see how these boats perform.-□

The Musandam-Oman Sail crew will be trying out microphones and earpieces for the first time in the city races to improve communication channels on board with a view to using them in the final offshore leg from Marseilles to Genoa starting on Sunday.

"Communication on these boats is very hard because they are very noisy so I really have to shout from the helm when I want to speak with our trimmer Fahad,- said Gavignet.

"We will try it out and if it works well, will use it in the offshore leg. It is a small thing but all part of our plans to make improvements.

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Annual Meeting

October 19, 2012

We will voting on the following issues:

Proposed West Bay Yacht Club Bylaw Change

The following proposed Bylaw Changes are as endorsed by the West Bay Yacht Club Board of Governors. Posted to club bulletin board in accordance with ARTICLE XI of the West Bay Yacht Club. Bylaws to be voted on by the Club membership during our 2012 Annual Meeting to be held on or around October 19, 2012.

The purpose of these proposed changes is to save the Club money on postage related to annual meeting notices as required by the current bylaws. Meeting notices and any proposed amendments could be placed in the Blooper edition that meets the requirements of our notice periods. It is recognized that some members will still require notice via the postal service because they do not have access to electronic mail. Members will be asked to opt-in to electronic notification.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

Section 4, Written Notice

Currently reads:

The Secretary shall mail written notice stating place, date, hour and purpose of each meeting to each member at least 10 days prior to said meeting.

Proposed change:

The Secretary shall distribute written notice stating place, date, hour and purpose of each meeting to each member at least 10 days prior to said meeting

NEW BUSINESS: The nominating committee consisting of Chairman, Tom Stocker, Stew Stewart, Scott Tagen, David Lodge, and Mark Kane has proposed the following nominees for 2013

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2013

COMMODORE	DEAN TRAVIS
VICE COMMODORE	JAY ESHELAMN
REAR COMMODORE	ED CURE
TREASURER	JO ANN GRIMA
SECRETARY	RALEIGH JENKINS
PARLIAMENTARIAN	MARCY FELDMANN
MEMBERS-AT-LARGE	MATT AUBEE
	CELESTE WRIGHT
	JOE CROCKER

PLEASE ATTEND THE MEETING AND CAST YOUR VOTE
FOR THESE IMPORTANT DECISIONS.

JOIN THE WBYC FOR THEIR MOST POPULAR CRUISE THIS COMING COLUMBUS WEEKEND
AND THE COUNTDOWN IS ON TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS!!

Please join us for what promises to be another great WBYC last cruise of the season. You can make your slip reservation with **Wickford Marina** by calling Paul at 401-294-8160. We will be having our famous cookout, beginning at **5pm Saturday, Oct. 6th**. Bring a meat to grill and a dish to share. Join us for dinner **Sunday, Oct. 7th at 6pm** at Tavern by the Sea. Please RSVP as soon as possible so we can have a number for the Tavern. Monday, join us for our Cocktail Brunch at 9:00AM up at the yacht club's outdoor patio. Get to test my rhubarb bread and coffee cake too!

If you're looking for some great scenic places to visit while in Wickford, try Smith's Castle, www.smithscastle.org at 401-294-3521 or Poplar Point Lighthouse, www.lighthousefriends.com. And don't forget the many nice shops Wickford has to offer. Let's hope for a weekend like last year! Summerlike temps and warm breezes. I hear some even went swimming!

So come by land or by sea for WBYC's final cruise!! Contact Debbie or Bruce Arey for details.

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".

The mooring at Dutch Harbor is labeled "WBYC".

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YACHT LENGTH _____ MARINA _____

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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
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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correspondence. abrousel@yahoo.com
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