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Commodore's Message



Now that Sandy has come and gone, we can reflect on our good fortune that the storm was relatively mild for us, particularly in comparison to areas of New York and New Jersey. Unfortunately, our neighbor, Norton's Marina, lost the roof of their main building in the storm. To help, we have loaned Norton's use of the WBYC clubhouse to establish temporary offices. We expect they will be our guests for a few weeks during the reconstruction efforts. During this period, we ask that you not use the WBYC clubhouse for any purpose. We will communicate when this situation changes and we're able to enjoy our facility again. In the meantime, it feels great to help a friend & neighbor in need! We hope you were spared any damage in the storm. If you are in need, please reach out to Club members who will be more than willing to lend a helping hand.

On a happier note, we held our Annual Meeting October 19th. Many thanks to everyone who attended. As with any democratic organization, your participation does shape our future. (Side note –don't forget to vote in the Federal election on November 6!) In the meeting, we heard a nice summary of the year from the Club's leadership. We also voted to clarify one of our by-laws, a change that will save the Club substantial money on postage. Most importantly, the slate of officers was ratified by the membership. Congratulations to Dean and the rest of the 2013 Board of Governors. Many thanks to our nominating committee for hand picking a terrific group.

At the annual meeting, I reflected on some of the changes we have seen over the past few years. Not only have we made improvements to our clubhouse, we are starting to see the West Bay burgee going further afield and making a mark. At least two of our boats are on the southern trek on the Intercoastal Waterway: Don Ihlefeld and Dee Crocker are on their way south, and close by the Boulays are on their way to the Bahamas (check out their excellent blog, "Sailing Simple Life"). New member Michael Mead just took a bullet (in the sailing sense, a win, not a gunshot wound) in the Royal Canadian Yacht Club's annual Boswell Race on *Ohana*. Tom Stocker took home a closely contested second place in Bristol Yacht Club's Sid Clark Overnight race on *Mojo*. Closer to home, Mike Hackett drove his *Escape Plan* to a win in East Greenwich Yacht Club's Annual Regatta. These are just a few of our members' accomplishments this year. Congratulations to everyone who did something great under our flag. This begs the question: who will be the first WBYC-flagged boat in a Bermuda race?

I hope to see everyone at the annual banquet on November 10. I am looking forward to celebrating a wonderful year and to formally pass the gavel to Commodore-elect Dean Travis.

Respectfully Submitted,

Will Richmond
Commodore

Vice Commodore



Wow, it's November already. Where did the summer go? The Halloween party has come and gone and our holiday party is right around the corner. Speaking of the Halloween party, I have to say that the team that put that party together really out did themselves. That was fantastic! Looking forward to the next one already! Next up is our Annual Banquet. It is the highlight of the year. Bring your entire family. This event showcases the club events throughout the year and this year was a particularly good one! And last but not least my heartfelt thanks for all the support during the year. You made my job as your Vice Commodore an easy one.

Dean Travis
Vice Commodore

Membership Committee



Don't despair because your days on the water are dwindling with the coming of fall. There is still much fun to be had with your fellow WBYC members.

November 10th is the annual awards banquet, and

December 15th is the annual holiday swap

Both are good fun and provide the opportunity to keep in touch with friends old and new. If you haven't been able to attend these events in the past I encourage you to make this the year you do.

Keep your eye on the WBYC calendar <http://www.westbayyc.org/calendar.htm> to stay current on all our happenings.

The membership committee will be looking for assistance in the next year. Please let us know of your interest and availability.

Happy Fall!

Judy

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Education Committee



Hurricane Sandy...
There, I said it.

Here's hoping that everyone came out safely from this awesome storm.

I am pleased to report that my own boat, Panacea, weathered the storm tied to a dock at Dickerson's Mariner, and that I tied the lines with some of the confidence gained through our Education Committee's class work over the past season or two. This is personal evidence of the practicality we tried to bring to our membership through meaningful education presentations.

Special thanks go out to our own Tonya Ricketts, the Canvas Lady, who put on a fun and productive Nautical Sewing Event in October. The focus of this event was to have fun, and to sew items for our Annual Banquet this month. We completed pillows, sail ties, ditty bags, and more. Be sure to look for them at the Banquet on November 10.

I will be stepping down as the Education Committee Chairman position to become the Club's Secretary. I am extremely pleased that Grant Brandon has agreed to be Chairman of the Education Committee. Several of the excellent outside presenters that we have had at the club were referred by Grant. I look forward to continue to participate in our club education events.

I leave with this constant reminder: 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



Hello All,

As this cruising season comes to a close, I would like to thank our Cruise Captains and members that contributed to our 2012 sailing season.

All the best during the Fall and Winter months and remember - it's never too early to begin to

plan your adventures for 2013. Keep on eye out for information regarding the club's new Cruising Chairperson and the date for the traditional Cruise planning dinner.

Thank you for all of your assistance and support over the past two seasons.

Cheers,

Dawn

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Activities Committee



The annual trek to Wickford

Marina was held over the Columbus Day weekend. The weather cooperated for part of the weekend anyway. Many thanks to our cruise captains, Deb and Bruce Arey for coordinating a superb weekend. The cookout on Saturday was well attended despite a few rain showers, that is. Dinner on Sunday at Tavern by the Sea was lots of fun, too. Thanks again, for a job well done!!

The annual meeting was held on 10/19. We elected the new Board of Governors for 2013, reviewed the past

year, and voted on any necessary issues including the annual budget. All went very well.

On 10/27, We had 9 little ghosts and over 25 big goblins at the Annual Halloween Party. The club was transformed into the Scariest Haunted House on the Bay thanks to Stew, and Deb and Joe Crocker. We really couldn't have done it without you. The food was good and a wonderful time was had by all.

By now, everyone should have received their invitation to the Annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet to be held at the East Greenwich Fireman's Hall on November 10th. Please let us know ASAP if you have not received yours but would like to attend. The deadline is 10/31 but we might be able to squeeze you in if it's a day or two after that. Just call us.

In December, we have our Holiday Party on December 15th. It's a Yankee Swap, so bring a wrapped gift (\$10-15 limit) for your child and one for yourself. It is a potluck dinner, so bring a dish to share.

GOOD and WELFARE – It's nice to report that everyone is well and things continue to be good!

See you at the Club,

Jo-Ann 401-738-0272

Phyllis 401-219-1784

Racing Committee



The Pumpkin Patch

Regatta on October 13th completed our racing calendar for the year. We had great weather and a highly competitive turnout for a series of three short races. While keeping the starting line in the same position and utilizing the same windward mark for all three races we were able to post different courses for each race. For the finale we moved the finish to a line between the C"7" buoy at the entrance to Greenwich Cove and *Estesea's* mooring bringing everyone "home" for the end of the season.

As has happened all season long the racing on corrected times and finishing places was close. In the spinnaker class the first three positions of the second race were separated by 18 seconds, and in the third race *Coconut*

Telegraph bested *Dark Star* by 16 seconds for first place. The overall results of the spinnaker class were decided by US Sailing's first tiebreaker with *Jack (Seaquest)* coming out ahead of *Coconut Telegraph*.

Thanks to everyone who participated this year, both racers and committee members. I believe that we had a successful season and I look forward to even better racing next year. We have already started planning for next year and have some exciting ideas on which to work. I will be setting up a small committee to kick around preliminary ideas for an "Around the Bay" race next year.

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

December 15th - Holiday Party, Potluck Dinner and Yankee Swap - 6:30 PM

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- Mike Hackett
- Jim Palumbo

2012 Committee Chairs

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USS Enterprise completes its final voyage

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ABOARD THE USS ENTERPRISE (AP) - The world's first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier ended its remarkable career at sea on Sunday when it pulled into its home port for the final time after participating in every major conflict since the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962.

The USS Enterprise began shutting down its eight nuclear reactors almost as soon as it arrived at its pier at Naval Station Norfolk in Virginia, where thousands of cheering family members and friends welcomed the ship home from its 25th and final deployment after nearly eight months at sea. The ship will never move on its own power again and will eventually be scrapped in Washington state, making its final voyage a sentimental one for those who have sailed aboard "The Big E."

Copies of the ship's daily newspaper, "The Shuttle," were in short supply as sailors looked for memorabilia to take with them. Countless personal photos were taken by sailors throughout the ship as it approached shore.

"It's exceptionally emotional and exceptionally satisfying," Rear Adm. Ted Carter, commander of the Enterprise Strike Group, said as Naval Station Norfolk came into view and his sailors manned the rails.

However, Carter is the first to say that the Enterprise's final deployment was anything but a sentimental victory lap. The ships' fighter planes flew more than 2,200 combat sorties and dropped 56 bombs in Afghanistan while supporting U.S. and international ground troops. In a show of force to Iran, the ship also passed through the strategic Strait of Hormuz 10 times, a figure that Carter said is more than double the typical amount.

The Enterprise has been a frequent traveler to the Middle East over its career. It was the first nuclear-powered carrier to transit through the Suez Canal in 1986, and it was the first carrier to respond following the Sept. 11 attacks, changing course overnight to head to the Arabian Sea.

An entire room on the ship serves as a museum to its history, which includes a large photo of the burning Twin Towers placed in a timeline that wraps around a wall.

The Navy will officially deactivate the Enterprise on Dec. 1, but it will take several more years for it to be decommissioned as its reactors are taken out. About 15,000 people are expected to attend the deactivation ceremony, which will be its last public ceremony after several days of tours for former crew members.

Those who have served on the ship have a unique camaraderie. It is the second-oldest ship in the Navy after the USS Constitution, and its age has frequently shown. Sailors who work on the Enterprise have a saying: "There's tough, then there's Enterprise tough."

Things frequently break down, and spare parts for a ship that's the only one in its class aren't made anymore.

"She's just old, so you got to work around her," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Danielle Almaraz, an electronic technician. "We have to make our own parts sometimes because it just doesn't exist."

Those deployed on the Enterprise knew life wouldn't be easy at sea, a fact highlighted last year when former commanding officer Capt. Owen Honors was fired for airing raunchy videos that he said were intended to boost morale. During a hearing in which Honors was trying to avoid being kicked out of the Navy, he and his lawyers frequently referenced the difficult conditions on board. Honors was found to have committed misconduct, but ultimately allowed to stay in the service. He is retiring in April.

Some of the ship's original crewmembers from 51 years ago - known as plank owners - were among the 1,500 civilians who joined the Enterprise for its last two days at sea, known as a Tiger Cruise.

"This is the end of an era that I helped start, so I was just honored that the captain invited me on board. There's no way I'd turn that down," said original crew member Ray Godfrey of Colorado Springs, Colo.


The aircraft carrier is the eighth U.S. ship to bear the name Enterprise, with the first one being confiscated from the British by Benedict Arnold in 1775. Current sailors and alumni like Godfrey are lobbying to have a future carrier also named Enterprise. The ship's crew created a time capsule to be passed along to each Navy secretary until a new ship carries its name.

Other memorabilia on the ship, such as a pair of black fuzzy dice that hang in the ship's tower that were donated by the film crew of the 1986 Hollywood blockbuster movie "Top Gun," will be stored by the Naval History and Heritage Command.

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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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