

WEST BAY YACHT CLUB'S

# Blooper



**The Friendliest Little Yacht Club on the Bay!**

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## **Past Commodore's Message**



I've had a wonderful time serving you for the past two years and I am confident the Club will reach new heights next year with Commodore Dean Travis at the helm. Thanks to everyone who contributed to and shared in our successes.

In closing, our club is like an education: you get out of it what you put into it. Make sure you stay involved and challenge yourself to try something new from time to time. You'll have new experiences to draw on and you're guaranteed to have fun with this group. What more could you ask for?

Respectfully Submitted,

Will Richmond

Past Commodore

## Commodore



As I write this, Its Thanksgiving morning and I have an 18lb turkey in the oven and I am just about to begin peeling the potatoes. It is a time to be thankful and remember those traditions that brought our families and friends so close over the years. For all those wonderful memories, and for those memories yet to be had. THANK YOU!

We have had a wonderful two years under the leadership of Will Richmond and I want to thank him for all the contributions he has made to our club along the way. He's been a great leader and we've all personally benefited by his hard work! Secondly, I'd like to thank the Board for their month after month of dedicated service. This group made the managing of a yacht club into the most enjoyable of all tasks. And lastly our Committee Chairs, Wow, what a great year! Your commitment to providing our membership with extraordinary events throughout the year is unmatched by other clubs! Congratulations and THANK YOU!

For 2013, we welcome a few new faces to the Board and Committee Chair positions. Please take the time to thank them for stepping up to support our club. The giving of one's time in a world where time is such a commodity is a gracious sacrifice and we owe them thanks for making this sacrifice. THANK YOU!

This month, we have our annual holiday party. I cannot wait. It is the last party of the year and it is always one of the best. Hope to see you there!

Dean Travis  
Vice Commodore

## Membership Committee



On behalf of the membership committee, I want to thank you all for a great year. We wish you a safe and happy holiday season and look forward to seeing you at the upcoming winter events.

Judy

[westbaymembership@yahoo.com](mailto:westbaymembership@yahoo.com)

## Cruising Committee

We are less than six months away from the first cruise of the 2013 season so it is time for your Cruising Committee to get busy. I have had several members volunteer to be official members of the Cruise Committee already and have



heard there are several more interested in helping out. Awesome! If you are interested in being on the committee, please email me at [rtstocker@gmail.com](mailto:rtstocker@gmail.com) or call me at 401-451-9799. This is not a commitment to be a cruise captain, although those offers are also welcome.

Once we get our clubhouse back, I will be calling a meeting to start planning our 2013 cruise season. The first order of business will be to set the date for our annual Cruise Planning Social for sometime in early to mid February so stay tuned. Keep an eye on Facebook for that event.

To our membership, I wish you all a very happy holiday and new year.

Tom Stocker

## Activities Committee



If you missed the Annual Banquet this year, you really missed a very nice time together. We had over 110 people in attendance. Our commodore, Will Richmond acted as our "Master of Ceremonies". Thanks Will, for a job well done. He warmly welcomed everyone and invited us to enjoy the

evening. He also presented the Frank Norton Award to our new Commodore, Dean Travis, the Meredith Scott Award to Jim Wright, and the Corinthian Spirit Award to Judy Caplan. Congratulations to each for this very deserving award. Dave Lodge presented spectacular photography books as racing trophies to the lucky recipients this year. Everyone appeared to be very pleased with their winnings. It's hard to believe the racing season has drawn to a close 'til next year! A special presentation and retirement gift was given to Phyllis for her many years as Secretary. Don't think you'll get too far away from helping out, Mom!! You'll always be needed somewhere!!

This year's Silent Auction and Raffle proved to be another success this year. Special thanks to all the vendors who contributed a donation. We couldn't have done it without you. Thanks also, to Sandy G. for keeping all the paperwork straight!!!

Another thanks to Liz Richmond and Judy Caplan for helping with the check-in table and the raffle. You're great!!!

**DON'T FORGET----**THE HOLIDAY PARTY AND YANKEE SWAP IS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>. IT'S A POT-LUCK DINNER, SO BRING EITHER AN APPETIZER, SALAD, ENTRÉE, OR DESSERT TO SHARE. ALSO DON'T FORGET YOUR \$10-15 WRAPPED GIFT FOR THE SWAP!! PLAN TO BRING THE KIDS AND A GIFT APPROPRIATE FOR YOUR CHILD. AS ALWAYS HARRY HANUKKAH WILL BE THERE!!! THE FUN STARTS AT 6 PM!!

If you need more info, give us a call,

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

## Racing Committee



The handing out of the awards at the annual dinner completed the 2012 racing season. The feedback we got on the season was overwhelmingly positive and we hope to

build on its foundations next year. Those who didn't attend the annual dinner and haven't gotten their awards should contact me so I can arrange to get yours to you.

We are already beginning to put together the season for next year. We are looking at the potential of bringing back and inside circle along with maintaining the outside circle. The inside circle would be limited to boats under 30 feet LOA but boats under 30 feet would have the option of racing with the outside fleet.

We are also forming a study committee to lay the groundwork for what we hope will become a major Narragansett Bay event hosted by West Bay Yacht Club. Watch these pages, Facebook, and the WBYC website for an announcement after the first of the year.

Speaking of the website, a totally new website is currently under construction for WBYC. The new website will add some new features and will include the WBYC Racing Pages that were a separate site this past year. We will let everyone know when it is up and running via Facebook and WBYC's Yahoo group.

David Lodge  
Race Committee Chairman & Webmaster

### 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**

### 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**  
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## 2013 Board of Governors

Commodore .....Dean Travis  
Vice Commodore..... Jay Eshleman  
Rear Commodore..... Ed Cure  
Past Commodore ..... Will Richmond  
Secretary ..... Raleigh Jenkins  
Treasurer ..... Jo-Ann Grima  
Parliamentarian ..... Marcie Feldman  
Members at Large .....Celeste Wright  
.....Joe Crocker  
.....Matt Aubee

## 2013 Committee Chairs

Activities..... Phyllis Geisser & Jo-Ann Grima  
Cruising..... Tom Stocker  
Education.....Grant Brandon  
Publicity.....Open  
Website.....David Lodge  
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Membership.....Open  
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## U.S. sailing team hires Charlie McKee

<http://espn.go.com/olympics/sailing/story/ /id/8692870/charlie-mckee-help-lead-us-olympic-sailing-team>

PORTSMOUTH, R.I. -- Two-time Olympic medalist Charlie McKee has been appointed high-performance director of the U.S. Olympic sailing program.

Thursday's announcement came three months after the United States' embarrassing flop at the London Olympics, when it failed to win a medal for the first time since the 1936 Berlin Games.

McKee's responsibilities will include managing all on-the-water elements of the U.S. sailing team, including the coaching program, technical development and youth development. He will report to Josh Adams, managing director of the U.S. Olympic sailing program.

Adams says McKee "is absolutely the right person to lead all performance aspects" of the team.

McKee won the bronze medal in the 470 class in the 1988 Olympics with John Shadden and the bronze in the 49er in 2000 with his brother, Jonathan. He also coached the U.S. windsurfers in 1992, when Michael Gebhardt won silver.

McKee also has been involved in two America's Cup campaigns.

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# West Bay Yacht Club

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Foot of Division Street, East Greenwich, RI

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Return To:

**WBYC Membership Chair**  
P.O. Box 1604  
East Greenwich, RI 02818

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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](mailto: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?

[www.westbayyc.org/officers.htm](http://www.westbayyc.org/officers.htm)

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