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Commodore's Message



Happy New Year everybody!

What a great holiday season we are having! The Holiday party featuring our own Hanukah Harry went off without a hitch. Thanks Paul Finstein, Jo-Ann Grima, Phyllis Geisser, David Lodge, the staff of Norton's Marina, our guests and all the behind the scene helpers! We had many people and a lot of food! What great fun and an awesome way to close out 2012.

Hey it's 2013! Your committee chairs are hard at work putting together a solid year of great events. Our Education Committee led by Grant Brandon is scheduling seminars! Your race committee led by David Lodge is putting together some new challenging races that should test even the most seasoned racers and the cruising committee led by Tom Stocker is scheduling the first of the planning sessions for our weekend travelers. It's great stuff! Contact any of these individuals if you have some creative ideas to add. We have an open door policy and we're always interested in what resources or ideas you can provide. It makes our club better. It's your club after all! Stay tuned, it's early yet!

Dean Travis
Commodore

Membership Committee



I want to thank you all for the opportunity to be the Membership Chair in 2012. It was a great way to get to know many of you and to learn about all the club has to offer. Working with the Board and other Chairpersons was fun and informative. Unfortunately, circumstance dictates that I must turn this position over to someone new this year.

If you have a few hours a month to give back to the club, this is a great opportunity. You must have access to a computer and know Microsoft Word and a bit of Excel. Beyond that, no particular skills are required. Your willingness is enough to get you through!

As outgoing Chair, I am available to you as resource for guidance and there is a “How To Manual” to get you going.

Looking for a good time? Give a call to Dean Travis 401-821-2199 or Ed Cure 401-206-6601 to discuss this fun opportunity to do something great for your Club.

Happy New Year.

Judy

Cruising Committee

The holidays are over, so that means the days are getting longer and the cruising season is upon us as our first cruise is a little over a month away. We have our annual cruise planning and luau event on **Saturday March 2nd**. Additional details will be posted to our Facebook page shortly, so stay tuned.



Thank you to the folks who have volunteered to serve on your 2013 Cruising Committee; Deb Arey, Dale Broadbent, Mark DerMugrditchian, Jay Eshleman, Will Richmond and Nathan Shapiro. There is still room for you to join us if you are willing to help. Call me at 401-

451-9799 or send me an email at rtstocker@gmail.com to join.

As you can see by the accompanying photos, it doesn't matter what size your yacht is, you can join in any of our WBYC cruises. Big or small, you are all invited to a good time.



We look forward to planning another fantastic cruising schedule for this year. To start, we will be emailing you a survey very soon to help us understand the cruising you want to do this summer. We hope you will take the time to provide your input. With your help and participation, we can't help being successful.

Tom Stocker

Activities Committee



Welcome to 2013! We trust everyone survived the holiday season!

Looking back—The Holiday Party/Yankee Swap was held on December 15, 2012. We had nearly 50 adults and children enjoying good food, good conversation and each other's company. As always the Yankee Swap was great fun. The collection of gifts was quite unusual this year ranging from lobster salt and pepper shakers to a variety of spirits and everything in between. Oh, yes -- the “Snuggie” showed up again. Thanks to Harry Hanukkah (aka Paul Finstein) for keeping us all in line and a sincere thank you to all the elves who cleaned, set up and decorated the club during the week. A special thank you goes to Diane and Geoff of Norton's Marina for setting up our tree this year. We couldn't have done it without you.

Looking ahead—The 2013 calendar is shaping up nicely.

The “Superbowl Party” is Sunday, 2/3/13. Please bring your favorite Football Potluck Fare (appetizer, entrée, or dessert (or whatever makes you happy)). The doors open around 3 PM. So plan on spending a fun-fill afternoon of raffles, games, and who knows what else at WBYC.

Keep your calendar open for the St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Saturday, March 16th. Paul and Cathy always do a terrific job with this one. More details to follow.

Also, Tom Stocker and his Cruising Committee are getting plans together for the upcoming 2013 Cruising Season and Planning Dinner. Stay tuned for details about that one, too

ON THE SMILE LINE – As we enter a New Year, let's all stay happy and healthy. OK? Be sure to let us know if you do have anything to share with the membership during the course of the year and we'll pass it along.

We're always looking for new ideas for different activities, so don't be shy. Give us a call.

See you at the Club

Jo-Ann (401-738-0202) Phyllis (401-219-1784)

Racing Committee



Your race committee has already begun planning for next year's racing schedule. A tentative calendar has been assembled for our full schedule of racing next year. A study

committee met a couple weeks ago to discuss an "Around the Bay Race." Keep your eyes on the WBYC Racing Pages of the new website for information as it is being developed.

Speaking of the website, the new website is nearly ready to "go live." Some members have already had previews of the site and their comments show they are excited over its design and planned capabilities. The site is meant to be a dynamic presentation of what's going on and what will be happening at WBYC. Not everything will be up and running right away, additional functions and information will be added throughout the year. Everyone is encouraged to submit photos, videos, and stories for the site throughout the year. Once we have "gone live" we will let everyone know via Facebook, our Yahoo group, and an email broadcast to everyone's email address.

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
All Prices include club logo!

2013 Board of Governors

Commodore..... Dean Travis
Vice CommodoreJay Eshleman
Rear CommodoreEd Cure
Past Commodore..... Will Richmond
Secretary..... Raleigh Jenkins
Treasurer.....Jo-Ann Grima
Parliamentarian..... Marcie Feldman
Members at LargeCeleste Wright
.....Joe Crocker
.....Matt Aabee

2013 Committee Chairs

ActivitiesPhyllis Geisser & Jo-Ann Grima
Cruising Tom Stocker
Education.....Grant Brandon
Publicity.....Raymond Way
Website.....David Lodge
Blooper..... Andrew Brousell
Membership.....Open
House.....Stew Stewart
Racing & Website.....David Lodge

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Sat: 9am-3pm
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Norton's is always looking for ways to ensure our customers save money while obtaining the items they need & want. We at Norton's we make it our goal to carry a great selection of cleaning solutions, safety &

security items, mechanical & engine parts, electronics, wiring, hoses of all types & sizes, and a “boat-load” of other products for both sail and power boats alike.

In addition, we are a certified Volvo-Penta, Mercury, MerCruiser, and Yanmar dealer and always carry the items you need, when you need them. Please stop by and

visit us, pick up a catalog, and remember – Norton’s often meets or beats even *our own* listed prices!

Need something we don’t have in stock? Their professional & knowledgeable staff will be happy to order it for you.



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Press Release

US Sailing - One Day Race Management Seminar
January 19, 2013 West Bay Yacht Club 1 Division Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818
Contact: Grant Brandon email: grantbrandon01@gmail.com

UNITED STATES SAILING ASSOCIATION · NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY FOR THE SPORT OF SAILING

This seminar is sponsored by US Sailing and hosted by West Bay Yacht Club. It is designed for people who have some race committee experience, but newcomers are most welcomed. It will be held at West Bay Yacht Club, 1 Division Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818, and will begin at 8:00 AM and end at 5:30 PM.

The topics covered include: RC objectives, RC responsibilities, Sailing Instructions, RC jobs, RC equipment, setting the course, starting system, starting penalties, before the start, during the race, finishing, and scoring. Any changes to *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-20016* that affect race management will be covered and discussed.

The principal instructors for the seminar are Ron Hopkins US Sailing Certified Regional & Area Race Officer and US Sailing Senior Judge, and Matt Hill US Sailing Judge and US Sailing Certified Regional Race Officer.

At the seminar you will need your own copy of *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016* ("RRS"). If you are a US Sailing member, you should have received a copy. If you are not a US Sailing member, you can either join US Sailing and get a copy free, or purchase one from the US Sailing store (<http://store.ussailing.org/>). You will be given a copy of *Join the Race Committee Team* at the seminar. To prepare for the seminar you should try to answer the Study Questions, which are available on the US Sailing web site at: One Day Race Management Seminar Study Questions.

The Club Race Officer certification test, which is given at the conclusion of the seminar, is optional. However, in order to be certified as a US Sailing Club Race Officer, you are required to attend a complete seminar and pass the test. As a Club Race Officer you will need to have your own copy of the current US Sailing *Race Management Handbook* and meet the program's other criteria. The 2013 edition of the *Race Management Handbook* is available from the US Sailing online store.

Registration is available by using the US Sailing online registration system on the US Sailing web site at www.ussailing.org/calendar. Search for the seminar by clicking on "Select a specific category" then "Race Admin Education-Race Officer"; then "all future events" and "search." Locate our seminar and click on "Register Online" and follow the directions. The seminar fee is \$50 for US Sailing members which includes: continental breakfast, morning and afternoon breaks, lunch and all seminar materials. All attendees must register online at the US Sailing website. Non-members who have registered for the seminar, will be given a Special Introductory Membership, which includes a US Sailing one year adult membership. **Advance registration is strongly encouraged as the number of participants is limited.** Looking forward to seeing you at the seminar on Saturday January 19th.

Grant Brandon
WBYC Education Committee Chair
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WBYC Education Committee Calendar of Events – 2013
[tentative schedule]

- Jan 19 US Sailing / Race Management Seminar [8AM – 5PM]
- Feb 23 The Canvas Lady / Basic Sewing Class [10AM – 1PM]
- Mar 16 Interlux / Boat Bottom & Hull Inspection [9AM – 1PM]
- Mar 23 The Canvas Lady / Advance Sewing Class [10AM – 1PM]
- Mar 30 Doyle Sails / Sailcloth - design, selection & care [1PM – 4PM]
- Apr 13 Challenge Electronics / Marine Electronics [9AM – 12PM]
- Apr 27 Doyle Sails / Racing Tactics & Strategies [1PM – 4PM]
- Jun 08 Coast Guard Aux / Requirements & Boat Inspection [9AM – 1PM]

[Additional boat inspections to be scheduled throughout the week]

Couple's married life is all plain sailing

<http://www.shieldsgazette.com/news/couple-s-married-life-is-all-plain-sailing-1-5286261>

A SEAFARING South Tyneside couple have revealed the 'sea-cret' to 60 years of wedded bliss.

Devoted Stanley and Rita Richardson, who celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary on Thursday, always get back on calm waters after an argument with a trip on a cruise ship.

Stanley, 82 and Rita, 81, who have lived in South Shields their entire lives, have been inseparable since meeting at the Crown Dance Hall on Ocean Road in 1952.

The couple, of Aged Miners Homes on Marsden Road, South Shields, tied the knot a year later at St Peter's Church in South Shields and set off on a voyage of happiness.

Mr Richardson, a former milkman and miner, who retired after 32 years down the pits at Westoe Colliery, said: "The secret is we love each other. Plus if she ever gets a bit upset, we go on holiday. We go on cruise ships to the Mediterranean and to Benidorm three or four times a year."

Despite their love of life at sea, the pair still have a firm anchor in South Shields, with four children, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren making up a close-knit family.

Mrs Richardson, who worked at Newmans Clothes Factory before spending 28 years employed at the Post Office in South Shields, adds: "We've got a brilliant family, who we see all the time.

"They are always ringing up and asking if we need help with anything."

The diamond duo marked their landmark anniversary with a party with their family, and have their sights set on many more years together.

Mr Richardson feels a healthy combination of work and play is key to a long and successful life.

He said: "I was never out of work for a day during my life, and that is important, as well as having your family."

Tentative - 2013 WBYC Racing Calendar

Friday, May 17, 2013	19:00	WBYC Racing Skippers Meeting
Saturday, June 1, 2013	12:00	WBYC Spring Tune-Up Regatta
Monday, June 3, 2013	18:15	WBYC Monday Evening Summer Series - Race #1
Monday, June 10, 2013	18:15	WBYC Monday Evening Summer Series - Race #2
Saturday, June 15, 2013	12:00	WBYC Rainone Solo/Twin Regatta
Monday, June 17, 2013	18:15	WBYC Monday Evening Summer Series - Race #3
Saturday, June 22, 2013		Twenty-Hundred Club - Spring Race
Monday, June 24, 2013	18:15	WBYC Monday Evening Summer Series - Race #4
Saturday, June 29, 2013	12:00	WBYC Fantastic Plastic Regatta
Monday, July 1, 2013	18:15	WBYC Monday Evening Summer Series - Race #5
Monday, July 8, 2013	18:15	WBYC Monday Evening Summer Series - Race #6
Saturday, July 13, 2013		EGYC Annual Regatta
Monday, July 15, 2013	18:15	WBYC Monday Evening Summer Series - Race #7
Saturday, July 20, 2013	12:00	WBYC Around the Bay Race
Monday, July 22, 2013	18:15	WBYC Monday Evening Summer Series - Race #8
Thursday, July 25-28, 2013		J-30 North American Championship -Barrington YC
Saturday, July 27, 2013	11:00	WBYC Whaler's Race to Block Island
Monday, July 29, 2013	18:15	WBYC Monday Evening Summer Series - Race #9
Saturday, August 3, 2013	12:00	WBYC Norton Memorial Regatta
Monday, August 5, 2013	18:15	WBYC Monday Evening Summer Series - Race #10
Saturday, August 10-12, 2013		Twenty-Hundred Club - Block Island Race
Friday, August 16-17, 2013		Ida Lewis Yacht Club - Long Distance Race
Saturday, August 17, 2013	12:00	WBYC Lady Skippers Regatta
Monday, August 19, 2013	18:15	WBYC Monday Evening Summer Series - Race #11
Saturday, August 24, 2013		Twenty-Hundred Club - Prince Henry Navigator's Race
Monday, August 26, 2013	18:15	WBYC Monday Evening Summer Series - Race #12
Sunday, September 1, 2013		CYC - Around Conanicut Island Race
Wednesday, September 4, 2013	18:00	WBYC Fall Series - Race #1
Saturday, September 7, 2013		AHYC - Dickerson Regatta
Monday, September 9, 2013	18:00	WBYC Fall Series - Race #2
Wednesday, September 11, 2013	18:00	WBYC Fall Series - Race #3
Monday, September 16, 2013	18:00	WBYC Fall Series - Race #4
Saturday, September 21, 2013		Twenty-Hundred Club - Prudence Island Race
Saturday, October 19, 2013	12:00	WBYC Pumpkin Patch Regatta



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West Bay Yacht Club

"Friendliest Little Yacht Club on the Bay"

Location: Norton's Marina & Shipyard
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 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 _____

Visit us online at www.westbayyc.org or on facebook



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electronic delivery of the Blooper and
most other West Bay Yacht Club
correspondence. abrousel@yahoo.com
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VERY important links to your Club website.
Need to get in touch with a Club Officer or
Committee Chair?

www.westbayyc.org/officers.htm

The latest Club Cruising, Racing and Social calendar is
always at your fingertips electronically:

www.westbayyc.org/calendar.htm



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