

WEST BAY YACHT CLUB'S

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Commodore's Message



Members,

I am proud to report that thanks to David Lodge our webmaster, we now have a new website up and running. The site is something to really rave about. Check it out. It will be updated every few days and all the events and happenings around the club will be posted there. And just this week a new forum was added. Here's the place to look for crew, talk sailing tactics, or just plain talk about club events in general. Visit it often!

Another area that we need to rave about is cruising. Your cruising committee has really jumped into high gear early this year. Under Tom Stocker's leadership, your committee has met and began the process of creating a quality cruising program through input coming directly from our membership. A series of questions created to better quantify the interests of our members was assembled and offered to the membership in a survey that was released to you a few weeks ago. If you missed this survey and wish to be included, Please contact Tom. I would hope that all members would take this survey whether you're a cruiser or not. Your input as a member is most important to the development of all our programs at WBYC.

We've had a few changes on the leadership front. It's with great pleasure I welcome several more new faces to committee chair positions for 2013. Our new Publicity Chair is Raymond Way and our new Membership Chair is Greg Yates. Please take the time to thank both of these members for stepping up to support our club! This month, we have our Super Bowl Party. Information about this event has been posted on the WBYC face book page and on the activities forum of the new WBYC website. Hope to see you there!

Dean Travis
Commodore

Vice Commodore



Cheers WBYC Members,

I hope all of you are keeping warm this past month. Mother Nature has surely reminded us how cold the Northeast can get. I wanted to take a few moments to share with you some highlights from our January Board Meeting as well as acknowledge recent accomplishments within our West Bay Cruising and Racing programs.

Our January Board Meeting was held cheerfully at our good neighbors -McKinley's. All committees were energized and ambitious about making this year's WBYC agenda innovative and enticing. Many old traditions as well as new ideas were discussed. I am sure 2013 will offer our members many outstanding opportunities to participate in the sailing and boating experience.

As Vice Commodore, I oversee the Racing and Cruising Committee Chairs. I am happy to discover that Dave Lodge will continue where he left off; building one of the best Racing Programs on the bay. For our racers, he has been in discussion with other race programs around the bay about putting together a version of a long-distance "around the island" race. I'm sure Dave will have more information as details are worked out. In addition to racing, Dave is well under way developing a brand new WBYC web experience. His background and passion for web-design and photography really helped improve the racing website; now we look to see this same experience coming to the WBYC cruising website.

On the cruising forefront, our beloved Past Commodore, Tom Stocker, has taken the reins of the WBYC Cruising Program and promises to make the 2013 cruising agenda "Kick-butt". His efforts are starting from ground up and has already gathered valuable feedback from an online survey sent to our members early in January in which an overwhelming number of members responded. Please reach out to any Board Member if you have not taken this survey and still would like to offer your feedback. This is crucial to understanding what our members want in a cruising program.

I am very excited about all that WBYC has to offer this year and I am looking forward to seeing you all around the club and out on the water. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you as Vice Commodore.

Fair winds~

Jay Eshleman

Membership Committee

Members,

Hopefully you have received your membership renewal package. All were mailed out last month. If you have not received yours, please let us know by sending an email to westbaymembership@yahoo.com.

For those of you who have paid your membership dues. We are processing your renewals and will be sending out your 2013 membership packages shortly. Please be sure to send in your member profile sheet. We want you to receive the most up to date information and having the correct contact information in your profile is imperative to this process working efficiently.

Education Committee



It's been a while since I last contributed to the Blooper so if I seem a little rusty around the edges I hope you'll understand. Rumors have it we may be back

at our beloved Club House on or about April fool's Day if all goes according to plan. In addition, from what I have heard the folks at Norton's have been working very diligently to restore their facility as their task has been a daunting one. By the same token all of us on the education committee have also been working hard to develop a schedule which we believe the membership will both enjoy its educational content as well as the fun content. So without further ado [drum roll please] it gives me great pleasure to present our 2013 educational event calendar:

- Feb 23 The Canvas Lady / Basic Sewing Class [10AM – 1PM]
- Mar 16 Basic Knots and Soft Rigging [9AM – 12Noon]
- Mar 23 The Canvas Lady / Advance Sewing Class [10AM – 1PM]

Mar 30 Doyle Sails / Sailcloth - design, selection & care [1PM – 4PM]

Apr 6 Interlux / Boat Bottom & Hull Inspection [9AM – 12Noon]

Apr 13 2013-2016 Racing Rules Updates [9AM – 12PM]

Apr 27 Doyle Sails / Racing Tactics & Strategies [1PM – 4PM]

Jun 08 Coast Guard Aux / Requirements & Boat Inspection [9AM 1PM]

[Additional boat inspections will be scheduled throughout the week]

Note, no formal events for May have been scheduled as it's usually a busy time for both owners and crews alike to ready their vessels for battle [*on the high seas of course ... Greenwich Bay and surrounding waters*]. Should you have a particular subject or item of interest you would like to pursue please do not hesitate to contact me at grantbrandon01@gmail.com and I will do my best to accommodate your requests. Looking forward to seeing everyone at our outstanding presentations ... warm regards,

Grant

Cruising Committee

We are now less than a month away from our first cruising event. On **Saturday March 2nd** we will be cruising to our clubhouse for our annual Cruise Planning Social. Our menu will be announced shortly. I can tell you it will be a catered buffet affair, after that the details are still sketchy. Keep an eye on our FB page and on the new cruising forum on our website. We will post the details shortly.

Thank you to all who took our cruise opinion survey. We will share the results with you at the Social. It will be a great help to our cruise captains as they work



toward planning their cruises this coming summer.

As of now we have at least five Cruise Captains, meaning five weekend cruises. (of course you can volunteer to lead another one,

call or email me before the social). We will announce the dates and tentative destinations at the social. For you racers (and cruisers who may want to reach your destination faster than normal), that includes the Whaler Race to Block Island.

Nathan & Barb Shapiro and Mark & Cindy DerMugrditchian are planning our summer cruise. They have set the cruise dates to be June 29 to July 2. We

have posted the preliminary itinerary to our Cruising page on our website and in Facebook Events page, so take a look if you are interested. More details will follow.

There is still lots more we can do to create a memorable summer cruising season. See you at the March 2 planning meeting and social to help us plan it!

Tom Stocker

Cruise Committee Chair

Activities Committee



As the old saying goes, snow, snow, go away come again some other day (or maybe not). In any case, winter continues but spring can't be too far off. Can it?

Hopefully, you've made note of the social activities coming up real soon.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD. It's Superbowl time again. Plans are underway for the Superbowl Party. Who do you think will be playing? Time will tell, won't it? Bring your favorite appetizer or salad, entrée or dessert to share for the Potluck. There will be raffles, games and much more. The doors open at 3. You'll need plenty of time to watch all the pre-game festivities, so come early!!

SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND - Join Tom Stocker and the Cruising Committee for the Cruise Dinner and Planning Meeting. They have quite a busy calendar planned this season, so be sure to attend. Check out Tom's blooper article for details.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH - Be sure to join the O'Finstains and their band of leprechauns for the annual **ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER**. Cocktail hour at 6 PM and Dinner at 7. Feel free to bring an appetizer, dessert or Irish Soda Bread to share. The cost for dinner is \$ 8 per person. **INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS!! IT WILL SURELY BE ANOTHER GREAT TIME AT WBYC!!**

GOOD AND WELFARE— Sadly, we lost a long time member of our Club recently. Lee Thorsen passed away last month. Both she and Ken (Thora) have been members of the Club for many years and have been

involved in both the racing and social programs. We all extend our sympathy to the Thorsen family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Jo-Ann Grima had successful back surgery and she will be going to Kent Regency for rehabilitation. Everyone else seems to be both good and well so far!!

Please be sure to let us know if you have something to post in Good and Welfare.

We're always looking for help with anything or ideas, so don't be shy, give us a call.

See you at the Club,

Jo-Ann (738-0272) or Phyllis (219-1784)

Racing Committee



On the racing front work is progressing putting together the documents for this year's racing schedule. The calendar is up on the website. Last year's

Racing Pages website was the place to go for information before the races and results and photos after the races. This year we've added what we provide to our racers by adding a "Crew Available/Crew Wanted section to the website which will be publicized to help add people outside of our membership on the crew available side. Racing skippers should check in on this forum periodically to see what may be available as well as posting open crew positions they would like filled. There is also a forum section for discussing anything about racing, whether it be at WBYC, on Narragansett Bay or anywhere around the world. Check in and sign up for this forum.

The new website has "gone live" and hopefully by now you've visited. If you haven't you should see what's new. Right now you can get there using <http://westbayyachtclub.org>, and you can also use <http://westbayyachtclub.com>. We own both names. We will be moving <http://westbayyc.org> shortly so all three names will take you to the same place. You can get a feel for the overall capabilities that are planned for the site, though some functions are still

to be added. There will be a store page from which you can order WBYC gear. As of today (1/28/13) we've already undergone one news cycle on the home page and I will try to post new news stories at the end of each week. This week's stories focus on our West Bay members who've sailed far from our home waters though some weeks we may have sailing stories from other sources. Check out the new forum section of the website where all members are invited to post anything you might want to talk about. As many members aren't Facebook members this is the place where all our members can come without the privacy issues that are a part of Facebook. All you need to do is enter your name and pick a password to sign up.

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

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 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**.....Raymond Way
- Website**.....David Lodge
- Blooper**.....Andrew Brousell

Membership.....Greg Yates
House.....Raleigh Jenkins
Racing & Website.....David Lodge

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Drayton: Junior sailors follow in wake of Shadden

<http://www.ocregister.com/news/shadden-414011-series-sailing.html>

One of the most competitive junior sailing series in Southern California is the Shadden Series. The Shadden is a four-day series at four sailing venues in Southern California: Newport Harbor, Marina del Rey, San Diego and Long Beach. The series is held each year on weekends between September and February in Flying Juniors, or CFJs, a popular double-handed sailboat with a main, jib and spinnaker.

The Shadden is named after John Shadden, a former top junior sailor from Long Beach who won sailing events at the high school, collegiate and Olympic levels. In the late 1970s, Shadden was one of the first juniors to win back-to-back Sabot championships.

CFJ sailboats near the Newport Wedge compete in last year's Shadden Series. The final race in this year's series is March 2-3 at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club.

Shadden went on to win the Youth World Sailing Championships in Laser-IIs – twice. He also was a top collegiate sailor at USC, and after he graduated, went on to win a silver medal at the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

The Shadden Series was started in 1991, and the winner's list reads like a who's who of top young Southern California sailors. It's well known that Southern Californian sailors have long been dominant at the high school and collegiate levels, so maybe it's not surprising that Shadden winners often go on to have top collegiate sailing careers.

This past weekend, Riley Gibbs posted an impressive 14-point total after four races. Like Shadden himself, Gibbs grew up sailing in Long Beach and is a former Sabot champion. In overall series standings, Marina del Rey's Christophe Weis leads after the third race of the series, but a sixth-place finish from this weekend could make him vulnerable for overall series honors.

Despite overcast weather and cool breezes, more than 40 teams traveled to San Diego to race in the third set for this year's Shadden.

As with past years, there are two obvious trends when scanning the top results. First, there are a lot of younger siblings, sons and daughters following in their family's footsteps. Family names like Hogan, Menninger, Barnard and Snow are repeatedly on the winner's list. A second trend is how many of the young sailors grow and mature in the sport. Younger sailors often start near the bottom of the Shadden as high school freshmen, and there often is measurable improvement for those who put in the extra work practicing and competing each year.

For another example of how participation in the Shadden Series tends to run in families, look no further than one of the top local boats. Newport Harbor High School's Sean Segerblom was sailing with Peyton Russell, who was third overall. Segerblom's older brother, Chris, was a two-time Shadden winner (2008-09), and Chris is now one of the top collegiate sailors on the Yale team. The Segerbloms' father, Mike, is coach of the USC sailing team. Mike Segerblom was one of John Shadden's 470 crews, and he also was a collegiate sailing teammate with Shadden at USC in the early 1980s.

The final race in this year's Shadden Series is scheduled for March 2-3 at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club

Happy Valentine's Day to the Ladies of West Bay Yacht Club!

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

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Foot of Division Street, East Greenwich, RI

2013 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

Date: _____

APPLICANT _____ APPLICANT _____

STREET _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

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CHILDREN'S NAMES & AGES _____

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YACHT LENGTH _____ MARINA _____

SPONSORED BY: 1. _____ 2. _____

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS:

Please contact Mr. Greg Yates, our Membership Chair to discuss the WBYC Membership options and cost. He 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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