

WEST BAY YACHT CLUB'S

# Blooper



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## Commodore's Message



Members,

I spent last Saturday attending the sewing seminar put on by our Education Committee featuring our very own WBYC member, Tonya Ricketts aka The Canvas Lady. It was really worth going to. It's worth going just for the laughs! This seminar is light hearted and fun for all sewing abilities. Look for another event to be scheduled soon. Pictures from this event have been posted on our website.

This coming weekend, we have our Cruise Planning & Party – Caribbean Night. I am so ready for this! I've shoveled my fair share of white stuff this winter, and I'm ready for what Tom Stocker, and his Committee has to offer. Remember a good cruising program needs an active participation from all its members! One or two cannot carry the entire load. I can't wait and I know you're ready too. Get your RSVP's in.

Club House Update. Our friends at Norton's Marina are getting closer to realizing a new office and store front. Hurricane Sandy is a distant past now but the ill effects still surround us. A few more weeks and their building should be finished and the work of moving in can begin. Once this process is complete, we have a few things to restart. Our game nights will be first. Keep an eye out for an announcement.

Racing, Racing, Racing. We have a great schedule of racing events. Check out the "Around the Bay Race" Something special about that race!

Finally, as you can see by the committee reports throughout this newsletter, your club is operational. We are in good shape and the membership renewal process is in full swing. Spring is but a short time away and before you know it, we will be on the water again. Bring it on!

Respectively Submitted,  
Dean Travis

## Vice Commodore



Cheers WBYC Members,

It's now March and spring is right around the corner. I am reminded of this daily, as it appears my daughter Jillian is not much of a fan of winter and she has learned that spring is coming soon! It seems that she is as anxious to start working on the boat as I am and we pass the time talking about last years sailing stories and planning this years memories to come.

As for news about the club, by the time this article is out, our Cruising program will have hosted this years Cruising Planning Social and our cruise captains will have had the opportunity to share their itinerary with interested cruising members. I encourage any member who is interested in a summer cruise destination and has any questions to reach out to the respective Cruise Captains or the Cruising Chair, Tom Stocker and I am sure you will be in good hands.

On the Race front, our Race Chair, David Lodge continues to lay plans for our WBYC racers to participate in an "Around the Island/Bay" race. This race is sure to be a welcomed addition to our already stellar race program.

I want to take a moment to remind everybody about the New WBYC website, which is currently located at <http://www.westbayyachtclub.org/>. This site is very user-friendly and contains up to date information about all things going on with in the West Bay Yacht Club community. The site continues to evolve and new website features and links are in the works. I would like to thank David Lodge for all his efforts on this project!

In conclusion, 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, Vice Commodore - WBYC

## Education Committee

What a fun time we all had on Saturday morning attending the *Basic Sewing Class* lead by Tonya Ricketts. We not only re-learned basic sewing machine mechanics and trouble-shooting [an essential skill in maintaining a sense of humor when everything fails] but also we made practical and useful items like: fender covers, sail ties, protest flags and much more. Three "huzzahs" are extended all graduates [Dave Lodge, Dean Travis, Joe and Debbie Crocker, Nancy Duell, Caroline Cure and myself] for earning the infamous and distinguished "needle & thread" award.

Last, but not least, I thought the membership might enjoy reading several comments which were sent over in the past few days by some of the participants ... Nancy Duell wrote:



*"What a great class! Tonya is an excellent instructor and my sewing peers were great fun. I learned a lot and "Gratitude" now has five new sail ties. I am looking*

*forward to the 3/30, advance class. Thank you for the sandwiches. They were great ..."*

and Tonya Ricketts wrote:

*"I just wanted to say thanks so much for another great West Bay Sewing Class! We got some new faces to join us and I think that our advanced class will be a larger one this year. Also all of you missed Grant's great humor...he kept us laughing all through the class ..."*

All told, we all had a wonderful time, learned a lot and improved our skill sets in order to tackle some new challenges on March 30<sup>rd</sup> [the revised date for the next Advanced Sewing Class]. The latest education calendar of events is listed as follows:

- Mar 16 Basic Knots and Soft Rigging [9AM – 12Noon]
- Mar 30 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 to be scheduled throughout the week]

Looking forward to seeing most if not all of our members at our outstanding presentations ... keep a keen eye on the calendar as there is less than 90 days from launch date!

Warm regards,

Grant Brandon

[grantbrandon01@gmail.com](mailto:grantbrandon01@gmail.com)

## Cruising Committee



Our cruising program is in full swing. By the time, you read this we will have completed the first cruise of the season, albeit via land cruisers, but hey, got to be in the spirit. March 2 was the annual Cruise Planning Social. This year's theme is 'a night in the Caribbean'. Chef Tom Drew had a wonderful menu with a Havana theme with over 45 cruisers in attendance. More about how it went next month.



We have five weekend cruises set for the 2013 season, all on the normal holidays WBYC has been taking for years. We also have our summer cruise set and even have a 2014 spring cruise to Tahiti in the planning stage.

Our planning will continue, as we will be discussing raft-ups and the potential for a beach party. So stay tuned and prepare for another great WBYC cruising season.

Tom Stocker

Cruising Committee Chair

## Membership Committee



Reminder! If you have yet to return your membership renewal, please do so soon. Please do not forget to complete and return your membership profile. The membership committee is working hard to process all the renewals over the next few weeks. As always, remember to invite your friends and family members to join the fun.

Greg Yates, Membership Chair

## Activities Committee



Despite a recent blizzard, time marches on and spring is right around the corner. Soon we'll all be busy uncovering our boats and getting ready for yet another sailing season.

A great time was had by all at the Superbowl Party on February 3rd. Over 25 people attended and enjoyed the game, the food and the conversations. Thanks to everyone who helped make another enjoyable game day event. You are all the best!

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16th** - Be sure to join the O'Finstains and their merry band of leprechauns for the annual **ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER**. Cocktail hour is at 6 PM and Dinner is at 7PM. 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—Thanks to everyone for the cards and visits during my recent back surgery and recuperation. I'm well on the way to recovery and look forward to a great year ahead. If anyone has anything to share, please be sure to let us know and we'll be glad to pass it along.

We're always looking for help with anything, so don't be shy -- call!!

See you there,

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

## Racing Committee



Notices of Race and Sailing Instructions for our upcoming season are being posted to the website as they are developed. The first race that was posted is the inaugural running of

West Bay Yacht Club's Narragansett Bay around the Bay Race. This race is meant to be a major bay event and WBYC's signature race. Publicity is just beginning and will be a continual effort up until registration deadline. Make sure you save July 20<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for this event.

In the meantime, the Education Committee has several events of special interest to racers. On Saturday, March 16th we will have a seminar on soft rigging, cordage and splicing. In April, there are seminars to discuss the new rule book (a new one is issued every 3 years and this is the beginning of a new 3 year cycle) and racing strategies and tactics.

David Lodge  
Race Committee Chairman & Webmaster

## Website

We keep adding to the website. Since the report in last month's Blooper we have added transferred all archived Bloopers from the old site to the new site. The WBYC Cruising Pages have started to fill out with the itinerary for the two-week cruise and the outline of the coming seasons calendar and some a photo of a couple cruise captains as they attended the New England Boat Show in Boston this past month. The Education Committee's page first had a comprehensive announcement for

Sewing 101 Seminar and then reported on the activity with a slide show of the efforts of the attendees and instructor and WBYC member Tonya Ricketts. Racing documents for the year's upcoming races continue to be added as they are developed and by the next edition of the Blooper all this year's documents will be posted, and the calendar for all WBYC events is up-to-date.

The forum section of the website is seeing increasing activity and members need to sign up to use the forum. Joe Crocker has shared his building experiences from over the winter and posted photos of his nearly completed project. I am sure we will see it in the water sometime this year. Except for the crew, available/crew-wanted board the forum is open only to West Bay members and our invited guests. For this reason please use your real name as your user name when you register. I have to approve your registration before you can access the board and if I do not recognize your name as that of a member's or an invited guest I will delete you.

So far, I have managed to keep fresh content on the site. Until we get into the sailing season, there will be new stories, photos and videos at least once a week so everyone should check on the site at least once a week. As we get closer to the season and our activities ramp up the frequency of new stories, photos and video will increase. Members should pass on to me anything you want posted on the site.

David Lodge  
Webmaster



Hello to all Members! Welcome to 2013 at the WBYC! We are part of the Board of Governors for this year and are currently your Member-at-Large representatives. We thought it might be helpful for the members to learn about us by

our letting you know who we are and what a WBYC Member-at-Large is.

There are three of us who comprise the Member-at-Large contingent for WBYC. We are: Matt Aubee, Joe Crocker, and Celeste Wright. We are available if anyone has a grievance or issue that you would like brought in front of the Board of the WBYC. This can be done anonymously. Or, if you have a suggestion to improve the club but would prefer an informal meeting, you can contact us directly.

We would like everyone to know that we are approachable and open to any ideas that contribute to the WBYC. In the spirit of our motto: "The Friendliest Little Yacht Club on the Bay", we offer a listening ear to all members.

Respectfully submitted by the 2013 Board of Governors Member-at-Large members: Celeste Wright, Joe Crocker and Matt Aubee.

**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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- Sun: 10:00am-2:00pm**

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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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## Sweet Liberty sails for the sunset lover

[http://www.news-press.com/article/20130301/COASTAL\\_LIFE/303010040/Sweet-Liberty-sails-off-Naples-sunset-lovers](http://www.news-press.com/article/20130301/COASTAL_LIFE/303010040/Sweet-Liberty-sails-off-Naples-sunset-lovers)

As the sun dips below the horizon, leaving splashes of orange and yellow reflected in the sky and water, the only sounds heard are the clicks of cameras. There are no engine noises on the Sweet Liberty as guests view the nightly show of colors. That's because unlike most sunset cruise boats, the Sweet Liberty is a sailboat. Guests like the Sweet Liberty's sunset cruises so much many of them come back over and over again.

"This is my 12th time," boasted Tim Leary. "This is the best-kept secret."

Leary likes the sailing and the scenery, but he said there's another big plus to cruising on the Sweet Liberty.

"The reason we like it is you can take your own food and drinks and make a night of it," he said. Captain Lenny Wassmer said 75-80 percent of his customers are repeat business. He said people keep coming back because the boat has a lot to offer.

"We're a big sailing catamaran," he said. "It's comfortable and we invite people to bring small coolers of their own."

The boat holds 44 guests, but usually sails with about 40, Wassmer explained.

"It's my fifth time," said Shelly Carlin. "I like the scenery. You always see dolphins. Every time it's something different. "We're like frequent fliers here."

On a recent trip she was joined by her husband and her granddaughter Addy, who was celebrating her 12th birthday.

"I liked the dolphins and I liked the bald eagle," said Addy, who also enjoyed hearing the entire boatload of people sing "Happy Birthday" to her.

The Sweet Liberty leaves port at the Naples City Dock about 40 minutes before sunset. The boat, under engine power, winds through the Gordon River past the mansions of Port Royal, giving guests a look at some of Naples' largest and most extravagant homes. Along the way guests see dolphins, a bald eagle and even a great horned owl.

Then as the vessel heads into the Gulf the engines are quieted and the sails hoisted. On windy days the boat glides north toward the Naples Pier. On calmer days it drifts in the light breeze across the glassy Gulf water.

Robin Franks is an experienced sailor on the Great Lakes so when it came to choosing a sunset cruise she gravitated toward one on a sailboat.

"This is a different adventure," Franks said. "We love to go out and sail. It doesn't make any noise and it doesn't smell."

The 53-foot sailboat has a mast that is 70 feet off the water.

"It's one of the tallest around," said Captain Joe Popka. "We claim we are the largest and fastest in Naples for a commercial sailing boat."

Mary Lynn Leary was on her eighth trip aboard the Sweet Liberty.

"It's just a fun ride," she said. "The guides are so knowledgeable and it's not crowded. I never tire of this trip."





*Join us to celebrate*

# **St. Patrick's**

**Day Dinner**

**Time for a wee bit o' cook-in. O'Finstein style!**



**March 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm**



## ***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  
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## 2013 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 Mr. Greg Yates, our Membership Chair to discuss the WBYC Membership options and cost. He can be reached by email at: [greg@h-bpackaging.com](mailto:greg@h-bpackaging.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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VERY important links to your Club website.  
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Committee Chair?

<http://www.westbayyachtclub.org/2013-wbyc-officers.html>

The latest Club Cruising, Racing and Social calendar is  
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