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The Friendliest Little Yacht Club on the Bay!

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Commodore's Message



Members,

April already and where to start.

First, I have to say I couldn't be more proud of the enthusiasm I have seen while attending our events. A few events even being sold out! Paul and Cathy O'Finstein, Our St Patrick's Day Dinner cooks, you two kick butt! Spectacular event! A FULL HOUSE! Our Cruise Planning Social was hugely successful and another FULL HOUSE!

Educational seminars for the month were Soft Rigging, Advanced Sewing, and Doyle Sail Design and Care. All top quality seminars provided to enhance your experience as a WBYC member and were extremely fun and well attended.

Secondly, with all the great things we're doing and those being planned for this summer. How about we take a look at our clubhouse. Your House Committee has been developing a plan to create a more inviting environment for us all to enjoy when spending some quality time at the club. Look for a survey from them in your email soon. Please take the time to complete this so they have a good understanding of what updates make the most sense.

Lastly, I want to say I'm proud to be your Commodore. It's a fun job that comes with a lot of work. You make it worth it!

Respectively Submitted,
Dean Travis

Vice Commodore



Cheers WBYC Members,

This is one of my favorite times of the year, Spring Commissioning. Officially, it is now Spring and I, like many of you, have already taken a trip down to see if our boat is as I remembered leaving her at the end of last year's sailing season. Sure enough, the shrink-wrap was intact and all appeared in good order.

I have already started gathering all the paints, and supplies needed to bring her back to life! Soon, I will be spending precious weekend hours down at the boatyard with my fellow boating friends, where we catch up after a long hard winter. Somehow, we always inevitably spend precious boat-prep time talking about all the boat projects we intend to do, but somehow never seem to get done! This year, I look forward introducing my daughter Jillian, to this time honored tradition, in hopes that she too, will appreciate all that boating can bring to your life.

As for Club news, WBYC Racing and Cruising committee's are doing an outstanding job organizing for a great 2013 Racing Series and Cruising Destinations. The new WBYC website, www.westbayyachtclub.org is continually up to date with information about these types of events. I want to thank Tom Stocker and Dave Lodges for the countless volunteer hours and ongoing efforts to bring the very best of Greenwich Bay and Narragansett Bay to our WBYC community.

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



For those of you who did not attend the advanced sewing class on March 30th let me be the first one to mention you missed another great instructional class by our very own West-Bayer Tonya Ricketts ... The Canvas Lady. All members of the class participated in special projects including sail ties, fender covers, protest flags and many other projects, and a blast was had by all. More importantly, as I mentioned in last month's article we will continue our lessons in the Fall for purposes of making special items for the Annual Awards Banquet. I suggest strong if you missed our Spring sessions to attend the Fall program and learn how to make pillows for both boat and home use. I guarantee It will be a memorable experience. Thank you Tonya for all of your time and effort as always you did an awesome job and we look forward to working with you again!

Following the advanced sewing class we walked over to the Doyle Sail Loft and participated in a two hours interactive presentation by Todd Johnston. Topics covered included new sail design and cloths, general services offered by the loft to the sailing community, and last by not least, the care and feed of sails prior to the beginning of the sailing season as well as the steps to take to optimize your inventory once you've put your boat to bed in Fall. A live demonstration was shown using the laser cutter on an actual customer's sail followed by a complete analysis of sail designs comparing mains, jibs, spinnakers and code zero sails. It was a MOST informative presentation and once again if you missed this one you may not want to miss the next scheduled presentation at the Doyle Sail Loft.

Please note the education calendar for April has changed since the last publishing of the Blooper due to event conflicts. The new education calendar of events for April is as follows:

- April 13 [10 to 12Noon] – New Racing Rules Review
- April 18 [5:30 to 7PM] – Interlux Bottom Boat Inspection
- April 19 [5:30 to 7PM] – Interlux Bottom Boat Inspection
- April 20 [9 to 12 Noon] – Navigation & Charting [awaiting confirmation]
- April 25 [7 to 9PM] – Racing Strategies & Tactics

Note: I will be sending out weekly email broadcasts to keep you up-to-date on all last minute changes as some of the events are still tentative on the calendar. One last reminder to all event attendees please send me an email indicating which seminar you are interested in attending

in order to plan accordingly and support the speakers which have given graciously of their time. My email address is: grantbrandon01@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible during these outstanding educational events.

Warm regards,

Grant Brandon

Cruising Committee



Thanks to all of you who attended our Cruise Planning Social on March 2. Over 40 eager cruisers attended this fun evening. A report by each of our Cruise Captains, including a 2014 trip to Tahiti and Bora Bora!

If you are thinking about our summer cruise (June 30-July 14), don't wait too long. Reservations for many of the destinations need to be made ASAP as many fill up by April 1. I have heard several folks say they would like to go but can't commit for 2 full weeks. Well, you don't have to. You are invited to join in or drop out at any point of the cruise that makes sense to you.

Liz Richmond is busy planning the first weekend cruise to Ida Lewis Yacht Club in Newport over the Memorial Day Weekend. You can find an article in this month's Blooper with more details. All I can add is don't miss the opportunity to join in this traditional and well-attended cruise. It will set the tone for your cruising summer!

Check our FB page and website forum frequently for cruising updates. General information and post-cruise pictures and stories will be posted in both areas. And if you have specific questions, contact your Cruise Captains directly by phone or email. They will be happy to help.

See you on the water!

Tom Stocker
Cruise Committee Chair

Membership Committee



Hello Members,

I want to first welcome our new member, Bob Lewis from Narragansett, RI. Bob currently owns "Climax" a Catalina Capri 30 and is a member of SYN5 syndicate with current WBYC member Jeff Sharky. Last year, Bob had a very successful year placing 2nd in the summer series and placing 2nd in the Pumpkin Patch. Bob was a previous owner of Magic Carpet.

The state of our membership renewal drive is as follows: Currently we are at 80% of renewals. More are coming in daily. Renewals are being processed and sent out. If you have not received yours as of yet it will be going to you soon.

Reminder! If you have yet to return your membership renewal, please do so soon and please don't 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



HAPPY SPRING EVERYONE!

It looks as though "OLD MAN WINTER" has left us for yet another year. He sure was a busy guy. Wasn't he? On March 16th, we all enjoyed a terrific evening together at the Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner. Thanks to Paul and Cathy Finstein and crew who served a sell out crowd with the traditional corned beef dinner. It was

great. Thanks to everyone who cleaned up, too. We couldn't have done it without you. Check out the picture on the website!

NOW – Don't forget to mark your calendar for our annual MAY BREAKFAST. We've lost count as to just how many we've had! But the early morning kitchen crew will be ready for you on:

DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2013
TIME: 8:00AM – 12:00PM (or so)
COST: \$7/ADULTS
\$4/KIDS
KIDS UNDER 6 – FREE

ON THE MENU: The usual breakfast fare (scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries)
Belgian Waffles (strawberries and whipped cream) made to order
Omelets (Michele's specialty) – Also made to order
Baked Goodies
Coffee, tea, juice

So, join us for breakfast first and spend the rest of the day working on your boat! Sailing season is fast approaching!

GOOD AND WELFARE -- If you have any news you would like to share (get well, birthday, condolences, or whatever you think is appropriate for the membership), let us know. We'll be happy to take care of it.

As always, we are looking for help. Don't be shy. Give one of us a call.

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

Racing Committee



No races were held in the past month.

Work continues on getting the race documents (Notices of Race, Sailing Instructions, Entry

Forms, etc.) written posted the website. Only a few more remain to be completed and the online entry system is nearly complete (see webmaster's report).

We need to must a push on publicity for the Around The Bay Race during the next month. Any help that we can get will be appreciated. Posters will be printed in the

next week and need to be distributed to area yacht clubs, marine stores, marinas, and similar locations.

David Lodge
Race Committee Chairman & Webmaster

Website

Over the course of the past month I have added Notices of Race and Sailing Instructions for many of our summer and fall races. A few more are left to complete and will be complete within the next two weeks. The online race entry and payment system is nearly complete and should be available within the week. It actually is up online but hidden until I get it complete. Dean and I are testing it.

All calendar entries are up-to-date and correct. If anyone has any dates, stories, or photos they want up on the website just send them to me and I'll put them up. Nathan Shapiro has given me photos and itineraries from past cruises and I will get those up as soon as I've completed the racing section.

A forum section has seen some activity but we'd like to see more. So far, 18 members have signed up. Everybody on the board and committee chairman should register to use the forum. Initially we were getting invaded by non WBYC members. The invasion of registrations has been halted by the inclusion of a security question to which WBYC members know the answer, but a bot does not.

Things yet to be added are:

- A better looking weather widget on the home page.
- A tide widget for the home page.
- A WBYC Store page from which purchases may be made directly from the site. So far the response to the site from the membership has been positive.
- I'd like to see if I can get webcams from around the bay (and Block Island) to play on our cruising page but so far it seems that they are proprietary and we can't include them on our site.
- Filling out the rest of the mobile 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
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Treasurer.....Jo-Ann Grima
Parliamentarian.....Marcie Feldman
Members at LargeCeleste 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
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Need something we don't have in stock? Their professional & knowledgeable staff will be happy to order it for you.



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SEA SCOUTS Ship 1909

We do

EVERYTHING

WATER

Attention Teens and Young Adults aged 14 to 20

- Do you like to do fun things with your friends that create memories forever?
- Do you like spending time on, in and near the water?
- Would you like to go on trips around Narragansett Bay with your friends and others your age?
- Would you like to cruise on your own sailboat?
- Do you like campfires and overnight adventures?
- Would you like to learn how to sail, safe boating and have a lot of fun doing it?

Then you may want to come see what Sea Scouts is all about. We are a group of teens and young adults, both male and female who want to have adventures we can call our own. We meet every Tuesday evening at EGYC from 7 to 9 (during the summer we start at 6). Our summer program includes at least 1 cruise per month somewhere fun inside Narragansett Bay.

Starting in May we have an "Open Sail" where you can come visit us and see what we are all about. No boating experience is necessary. To find out more, visit our Facebook page at "Sea Scout Ship 1909" or call or email Tom Stocker 401-451-9799 rtstocker@gmail.com.

April Schedule:

- April 2 – Build "We Do Everything Water" battle flags with Tanya Ricketts 'The Canvas Lady'
- April 9 – Advancement
- April 16 – Navigation
- April 23 – "Suddenly Single-handed" safety discussion
- April 30 – First sail of the season (NOTE: 6:00 start)

Meetings @ East Greenwich YC (Main Room) Tuesday evenings @ 7:00

WBYC Two-Week Cruise

Hosted by Barbara & Nathan Shapiro and Cindy & Mark DerMugrditchian

Please contact Nathan Shapiro for more information:

Nathan Shapiro
401-822-1744
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Two Week Cruise	
Date	Event
Saturday, June 29th	Point Judith - Captains Meeting at 4PM on participating boat
Sunday, June 30th	Point Judith to Watch Hill Walk into Town
Monday, July 1st	Lay Day in Watch Hill Dinghy cruise up river
Tuesday, July 2nd	Watch Hill to Mystic
Wednesday, July 3rd	Lay Day in Mystic Trip to Whaling Museum
Thursday, July 4th	Mystic to Essex
Friday, July 5th	Lay Day in Essex Bike Trip
Saturday, July 6th	Lay Day in Essex Shore Dinner
Sunday, July 7th	Essex to Hamburg Cove
Monday, July 8th	Hamburg Cove to Fishers Island Yacht Club Dinghy Cocktail Party
Tuesday, July 9th	Fishers Island to Block Island
Wednesday, July 10th	Lay Day in Block Island Beach Party
Thursday, July 11th	Lay Day in Block Island Ride Around the Island
Friday, July 12th	Block Island to Newport Ice Cream in Newport
Saturday, July 13th	Lay Day in Newport Cliff Walk
Sunday, July 14th	Return to Home Port

Participants signed up as of March 7th
Helen & Ray Lanza - Rigamarole - Tartan 4100
Lillian & Chris Chapman - Ginger Lilly - Tartan 372
Gail & Dave Allen - Rockin' n Rollin' - Caliber 33
Karen & Dale Broadbent - Elan - Hinckley Pilot 35
Barbara & Nathan Shapiro - Moondance - Hunter 386
Cindy & Mark DerMugrditchian - Oasis - Hunter 41



CON CUP: It's never like this, except when it is

<http://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/2013/04/09/con-cup-its-never-like-this-except-when-it-is/>

Long Beach, CA (April 9, 2013) – Mathieu Richard of France hadn't match-raced in seven months and Great Britain's Ian Williams was coming out of five inactive months, but they dealt better with weird conditions than anyone else in a 10-boat international field to share first place with four wins and one loss after Day 1 of the 49th Congressional Cup.

Not to mention Ed Baird, who had had a few years off from the game but holds a share of third place at 3-2 with Italy's Simone Ferrarese. Veterans must have something going for them.

It must mean something that Richard, Williams and Baird are all former winners of the event's traditional Crimson Blazer – Williams the last two – because the conditions were so atypical Long Beach, with its normally reliable southwest sea breeze a no-show, that veterans and newcomers alike were boggled when the wind shifted around the clock through the afternoon with velocities varying from 12 to 18 knots, with gusts to 22, by day's end.

The second round robin flight was abandoned after two of five races when the wind did a 180, and competitors suddenly found themselves dropping their spinnakers on the downwind legs of the two-lap matches around the 0.4-nautical mile windward leeward course, then raising them after rounding the "leeward" mark to go ... uh, upwind?

Even Williams' four-time world champion GAC Pindar team suffered confusion that they thought cost them their only loss of the day, to Richard.

"We had a penalty to erase, and we knew that you can do that with just a jibe and a tack downwind but have to do a [270-degree] circle upwind," Williams said, with some humor in his tone of voice.

But although they were sailing downwind toward the breakwater inside the Long Beach outer harbor, they instinctively did the downwind maneuver, which cost them just enough time for Richard to win by 16 seconds.

Richard agreed, "That may have made the difference."

Nevertheless, Williams said, "It was a good day for having good guys on the front of the boat getting the sails up and down."

Later, during the second flight, the race course aimed at downtown Long Beach shifted again to southwest – "normal" Long Beach – and kicked up from 15 to 18 knots, with gusts to 22, causing PRO Randy Smith to abandon the flight with only two five matches completed. The other three were sailed at the end of the day.

Standings (after 5 of 18 flights): Mathieu Richard (FRA) and Ian Williams (GBR), 4-1; Ed Baird (USA) and Simone Ferrarese (ITA), 3-2; Laurie Jury (NZL), Taylor Canfield (USVI), Eric Monnin (SUI), Adam Minoprio (NZL), and Jordan Reece (AUS), 2-3; Scott Dickson (USA), 1-4.

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

Memorial Day Cruise to Newport

We're kicking off the 2013 cruising season with a fun trip down the bay to Newport! Join us May 25-27 as we set sail from Greenwich Bay with the destination of Ida Lewis Yacht Club in the middle of Newport Harbor. At Ida Lewis we'll celebrate with the season's first cookout. More details are being planned, so stay tuned for activities, arrangements and timing. For now, mark your calendar and tell your land-based neighbors that you won't be at the neighborhood party. We're going cruising! For details or to volunteer with planning, contact Elizabeth Richmond: erichmo@yahoo.com



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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 _____

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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. 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.westbayyachtclub.org or on facebook



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Need to get in touch with a Club Officer or
Committee Chair?

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always at your fingertips electronically:

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