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Commodore's Message



Members,

Summer is not over yet and we still have lots to do. More cruising, more racing, and even a New Member Social party! September is just the beginning and the fun starts now! Check the below calendar for upcoming events or contact your Committee Chairs. Look for some great impromptu events too.

Lastly, please do not forget that next month (October), we have our annual meeting!

WBYC Calendar	
Date	Event
Monday, September 16, 2013	WBYC Fall Race Series #4
Wednesday, September 18, 2013	J-24 North American Championship Sail Newport (August 18-22)
Friday, September 27, 2013	Game Night at WBYC
Thursday, October 03, 2013	WBYC Board of Governor's Meeting 7PM
Friday, October 11, 2013	Poker Night at WBYC
Saturday, October 12, 2013	WBYC Cruise to Wickford
Sunday, October 13, 2013	WBYC Cruise to Wickford
Monday, October 14, 2013	WBYC Cruise to Wickford
Friday, October 18, 2013	WBYC Annual Meeting at WBYC 7PM
Saturday, October 19, 2013	WBYC Pumpkin Patch Regatta
Friday, October 25, 2013	Game Night at WBYC
Saturday, October 26, 2013	AHYC Hecht Memorial Race
	Halloween Party at WBYC at 6PM
Thursday, November 07, 2013	WBYC Board of Governor's Meeting 7PM

Cruising Committee

Labor Day is now behind us. Bummer. However, the good news is we still have at least two more months of cruising weather (well maybe 6 more weeks at least).

Speaking of Labor Day, our annual Labor Day Cruise was a huge success with 8 boats participating. According to Cruise Captains Dale and Karen Broadbent, all cruisers (and one hotshot racer) converged on Cuttyhunk, our traditional LD



destination island, between Thursday and Saturday under (mostly) fair winds and overcast skies. The weather remained iffy all weekend, but the rain gods chose to unleash their fury only at night, which sucked for those who left their hatches open.

A group dinner and beach bonfire both served to enhance our WBYC fellowship and good times. On Sunday, the cruise moved to Third Beach on the Sekonnet River to break up the return home and to beat the expected nasty weather of Monday afternoon. That turned out to be a smart move. Additional fellowship was shared at that much less crowded anchorage.



Earlier in the month, our Summer Cruise II was held, a cruise from Block Island (from the end of the Whaler's Cruise/Race) to Cuttyhunk and Martha's Vineyard. Three boats participated and a good time was had by most. One cruiser decided to test the medical facilities on MV by having a gall bladder removed. But that is another (and long) story. Early reports are this cruise was another huge success and those cruisers are thinking of other destinations for next summer. Stay tuned to that.

It is time to start planning for our Columbus Day Cruise to Wickford Marina. Cruise Captains Debbie and Bruce Arey recommend early reservations as Edgewood YC will also be staying at WM so it could get crowded. Debbie reports that she is making preparations for a catered evening dinner. Check out Debbie's article in this Blooper for more information. You can also find the latest and up to the minute info about this (and all others) cruise on our Facebook "Events" page and on our club website.

Want to see or post pictures from one of our cruises? We have Albums set up for each of our cruises on our Facebook "pictures" page. Please post your pictures

there. We would love to have everyone's pictures from every one of our cruises.

I have been asked by several members where our Dutch Harbor mooring is. It is mooring #215 located next to several Wickford YC moorings labeled "WYC". The coordinates are: N41.29.692 by W071.23.527. If you want to go ashore be sure to bring a dingy as the DH Marina will not provide launch service no matter how hard you may try. So let's keep cruising. We still have summer weather left to enjoy!

See you on the water!

Tom Stocker
Cruise Committee Chair

House Committee



Greetings from the WBYC House Committee. As the Summer is ending I imagine most of our members have had a chance to enjoy the clubhouse this Summer. You have probably noticed the face lift it received during our Clubhouse Improvement day. We had a good turnout of dedicated volunteers which I hope grows in numbers next year. A few tasks remain such as re-hanging plaques and organizing "stuff" that we simply did not have time to finish. Anyone who would like to take an hour or two in the next couple of weeks to address this would be greatly appreciated.

The roof of the club and its leaks have been an ongoing issue as it has a couple of spots that have been a challenge to repair. The work performed in the Spring has resolved most of the leaks at the rear but one at the front remains. Your Commodore, myself and a few others are planning to correct this in the next few weeks and hopefully that resolves it. Like most things in life, trying to make improvements requires lots of hard work and of course funding. We have committed to spending money and time each year to make small

improvements during the clubhouse Clean Up and the new Improvement Day. Another step we introduced this year was the capital improvement plan. Two years ago we raised enough to install air conditioning and this year we voted and agreed to raise funds and replace the clubhouse tables and chairs.

To achieve these significant changes we must rely on the generosity of our members. Please visit the web page and there you can make a secure donation through PayPal that will go directly toward the capital project. You can mail a check as well. Any donation amount is welcomed and appreciated! Any donation of \$50 or more will land your boat on the Wall of Fame!

Thanks in advance!
Matthew Aubee

WBYC Member at Large/House Committee
Member

Activities Committee



Where has the summer gone? There's an evening chilling the air, which only means fall is right around the corner. Plans are now underway for lots of indoor socializing, so keep an eye peeled and your calendar clear!!

On September 21st, join us for the New Member Social – Italian Style. Be prepared to eat a lot and chat even more as we welcome “new” friends to our club and visit with the “old” ones, too. The fun starts at 6 PM. October brings us to the ever-important Annual Meeting on the 18th. Find out what's happened last year and what's in store for next year. Remember it's your club and your voice is important. On the 26th, it's time for the Scariest Halloween Party in town. Stay tuned for the details. We've already talked to our caterer and plans

are well underway for the Annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet on November 9th. This year's banquet will be held at the East Greenwich Yacht Club. Invites will be in the mail sometime next month.

Good and Welfare -- Recently, the Brandon vacation was cut a little short due to Grant's unexpected gall bladder surgery. We're sure glad everything went well and you're back on the road to recovery.

On a somewhat somber note, we extend our sincere sympathy to Greg Yates and family on the loss of his Mom. Our thoughts are with you all. It appears everyone else remains well. If you have anything to share, just give us a call and we'll pass it along.

See you at the club,
Jo-Ann, Phyllis, and Michele

Racing Committee



We have completed our Monday Evening Summer Series and are about to begin the four-race Fall Series starting on Wednesday, September 4th.

We started the past month by sailing a makeup of the abandoned Race #3 on VJ Day. So far, this year that has been the only race we've had to reschedule due to weather or other factors. Three more races after VJ Day completed our Monday Evening Summer Series with the following results.

Non-Spinnaker Class

1. *Pale Rider* - 11 pts.
2. *Thora* - 14 pts.
3. *Climax* - 23 pts.
4. *Obadiah* - 37 pts.
5. *Frequent Flyer* - 38 pts.
6. *Qing Long* - 51 pts.
7. *Mighty Moose* - 53 pts.
8. *Vella Via* - 64 pts.
9. *Dreamer* - 90 pts.

Spinnaker Class

1. *All In* - 13 pts.
2. *Velocity* - 19 pts.
3. *Civil Action* - 23 pts.
4. *Mojo* - 25 pts.

5. *Stormin' Norman* - 35 pts.
6. *Citation* - 36 pts.
7. *Wavelength* - 61 pts.

As you can see, there were many places decided by only a couple points. Your race committee worked hard this year so that there were a variety of race courses that thoroughly tested our sailor's skills. Like last year we had one spinnaker start (Race #11). Check the photos by Jim Wright on the website to see the spectacle of the first leg of this race.

The Lady Skippers Regatta was held this past Saturday, August 17th. The start was postponed for an hour waiting for a sea breeze which never really materialized. Though there was enough breeze to get the race started it was patchy all day and died out completely for a while with 3 boats within a quarter of a mile of the shortened course finish line. With the three boats sitting in an adverse current all three anchored to prevent losing ground. The first one to get their anchor down ended up crossing the finish line first just over 10 minutes before the time limit.

Lady Skippers Regatta

1. *Thunder* - 2:46:12
2. *Climax* - 2:52:30
3. *Velocity* - 2:57:30
4. *B'Causican* - RET
5. *Thora* - RET
6. *Stormin' Norman* - RET
7. *Cosmo* - RET
8. *Qing Long* - RET

WBYC's Norton Memorial Regatta on Saturday, August 3rd was held on a day that started with real "iffy" weather that ended up clearing and gave us a great day of racing. Because of the WSW wind direction the committee sent them to the upper bay and back to finish at what's becoming our traditional Saturday finish line off Goddard Park Beach.

Non-Spinnaker Class 1

1. *Coconut* - 2:14:03
 2. *Thunder* - 2:16:50
 3. *Climax* - 2:20:49
- Non-Spinnaker Class 2
1. *Two Dogs* - 2:21:08
 2. *Thora* - 2:26:29
 3. *Obadiah* - 2:38:59
 4. *Strange Times* - 2:48:40

As mentioned at the top of this report was WBYC's 2013 Fall Series beginning Wednesday, September 4th. So far it looks like we'll have a turnout greater than any

in the last couple years. You can see our preliminary entry list at: <http://westbayyachtclub.org/Racing/fall-series---results.html>.

In October, we'll be holding our Pumpkin Patch Regatta. Though this started as a "fun" regatta it's turned into a significant racing event and last year the race committee heard requests for, "do it again tomorrow or next week?" We intend, weather permitting, to run the same three-race format.

See you all on the water!
David Lodge
Race Committee Chairman

Website

I found updating the website to be a difficult job during the sailing season. I did get the racing results and photos posted but the news page has not been updated since early in the summer. Next year I will be looking for some assistance with writing for the new page and keeping it up to date.

The website has been an overwhelming success. During the month of July we had a daily average of 188 unique visits/day and 1,303 page requests/day. Though this might not seem like a lot, try comprehending the following: since the website went active in late January 25,563 total visits and 177,418 page requests.

Mostly what that means is WBYC is being noticed. The website is being visited not only by WBYC members but also by other sailors.

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 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

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

Norton's Discount Marine Store

**Always a Fully Stocked Marine Store Offering
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Store Hours:
Mon-Fri: 8:30am - 4:30pm

1976 Bristol 27, LOA: 27'-2", LWL: 19'-2", Draft: 4 ft, Beam: 8 ft

DESCRIPTION: Carl Alberg design. The hull shape has a short waterline with long overhangs. Cutaway full length keel with attached rudder provides sailing stability and is good heavy weather performer.

ENGINE: Universal Atomic Four, 30 HP gasoline. 20 gal monel fuel tank, bilge blower. Replaced coil and electric fuel pump, and added secondary fuel filter between fuel pump and carburetor in 2012.

SAILS: Banks mainsail, 1999; Banks 130% genoa, 2001; working jib, all on Hood LD roller furling. Mainsheet traveler and lazy jacks.

ELECTRICAL: Two deep cycle 12 volt batteries, isolator switch

CABIN: Four bunks in two separate cabins, fitted bottom sheets for V-berth bunks. Hanging locker and enclosed head with porta-potty with 6 gal holding tank plumbed to deck pump-out fitting.

GALLEY: Two burner Origo alcohol stove; sink with fresh water foot pump; approx 15 gal fresh water tank. Ice box with cockpit access.

ELECTRONICS AND NAVIGATION: Garmin GPS MAP 545S Chart plotter, Apelco VHF radio; Datamarine depth sounder, Ritchie bulkhead-mounted compass; Simrad T-10 tiller pilot

OTHER: Repainted deck with non-skid paint in 2010. Coast Guard safety equipment: three ABC fire extinguishers, flares, life sling, throwable cushions, running lights, life jackets. One claw and one Danforth type anchors with rodes. Manual bilge pump. Custom dodger with zip-on sunshade, main sail cover. Removable swim ladder and two sun showers. West Marine inflatable roll-up sports dinghy, Mercury 3.3 hp outboard motor, Force 10 Marine gas barbeque grill with stern rail mount.

PRICE: \$9950.

BREAKDOWN OF PRICE

1. Bristol 27 Sloop (See Note 1):	\$8,725.
2. Inflatable Dinghy (approx yr 2000):	225.
3. Mercury 3.3 hp outboard motor (yr 2000):	400.
4. Garmin GPSMAP 545S Chartplotter (yr 2009):	<u>600.</u>
	\$9,950.

Sat: 9:00am-3:00pm
Sun: 10:00am-2:00pm

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

NOTES

1. All of the items in the advertisement are included in asking price for Item 1 except items 2, 3 and 4 are broken out as indicated

CONTACT: Bruce Arey, Tel 508-887-1253, Email: brucearey@hotmail.com

Henri Lloyd Eco Hi-Fit Foul Weather Trousers, XL, like new, carbon color, \$80.

Contact: Bruce Arey, tel: 508-887-1253, email: brucearey@hotmail.com

COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND CRUISE TO WICKFORD

Debbie & Bruce are your Cruise Captains - Join us for the annual Wickford Cruise, a popular cruise. It will, again, be held at the Wickford Marina. Make your reservations early (by Oct. 1st) as slips will go fast. Edgewood Yacht Club has also reserved for this weekend. I am told by the marina owner, Paul, that we have priority because I reserved back in early April. You can call to reserve by calling the marina at 401-294-8160. I was trying to get a clam bake caterer. They are very expensive with high numbers serving required. Tom Drew is working that weekend. Anyone else know of a reasonable caterer for a clam bake? More details will be coming for this cruise. Thanks.

New Member Social

Italian Style

Come join us!
Sept 21st 2013 @ 6pm

On the menu: Venus DiMilo Soup, Chicken Marsala,
Pasta, Salad, Dessert and More

Guests of Honor - no charge
Everyone else - \$7

Cocktails 6 pm
Dinner 7 pm



WBYC Clubhouse
RSVP to:
WBYC Facebook Events Page
or Contact Jo-Ann G.



Details			
• Manufacturer	Century	• Model	2900 Walkaround
• Year	2001	• Length	29'
• Hull Type	FIBERGLASS	• Engines	TWIN
• Fuel Type	GAS	• Price	\$49,990.00
Description			
<p>Powered by twin Yamaha 250 HP 2S engines (less than 400 hours), the 2900 offers all of the fishing amenities a serious angler could want as well as a spacious cabin featuring a generous size galley with refrigerator, microwave, and alcohol stove, enclosed standup head with shower, and convertible dinette, and A/C; electronics include Raytheon 24 mile radar, GPS with 10" color display, depth sounder, and VHF. This beamy (9' 6") walkaround sports an impressive handling deep-v hull for outstanding stability at both trolling and cruising speeds and she comes complete with tri axle aluminum I beam trailer. This turnkey fishing machine is priced to SELL at \$49,990.00!</p>			

401-742-3077 Ron

URI names alumnus, R.I. native as new head sailing coach

<http://www.uri.edu/news/releases/?id=6745>

KINGSTON, R.I. – August 20, 2013 – The University of Rhode Island has named a former Olympic gold-medal winning coach and alumnus as the new head coach of the University’s renowned club sailing team for the 2013-2014 season.

“URI is my alma mater,” said Rollin “Skip” Whyte. “I’m looking forward to returning and helping to build on the team’s foundation of excellence.”

Whyte joins one of URI’s most successful teams, varsity or otherwise. Two years ago, the five-member women’s sailing team won the Sperry Top-Sider/Intercollegiate Sailing Association Women’s National Championship, marking URI’s first women’s national small boat sailing title in the University’s 75-year history of the sport. The men’s sailing team has also won 11 national keelboat titles. Among its alumni, the program counts several Olympians and 26 All-Americans.

Whyte has a long résumé of college coaching experience. The Wickford, R.I., resident served as the head sailing coach at Boston University twice (from 1976 until 1985, and again in 1992 until 1995), leading the team, which was slated to be

dropped, to six national titles and numerous regional championships, as well as improving the co-ed and women's team rankings to "top 10" and "top five" positions. In addition, from 1989 to 1992, Whyte served as both head sailing coach and assistant sailing master at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, directing all freshman and varsity activities as well as teaching physical education classes each semester to 120 novice sailors.

Whyte also spent 17 years as an Olympic sailing coach for the United States Olympic Yachting Committee. During that time, he coached the U.S. sailing teams to five Olympic medal performances, including gold in 2004. From 1975 to 1989, Whyte served as vice president and general manager of Can Am Sailcraft, Inc., a sailboard and sailboat dealership out of Cambridge, Mass. Most recently, he coached and consulted as the sole proprietor for 1st Place Sailing, working with various clients including Olympic aspirants, collegiate sailing teams, and semi-professional sport boats.



Whyte acknowledges that serving as head coach for club sport sailing teams brings its own set of challenges. "When I began coaching at Boston University, the team was in bad shape," he said. "Four years later, we had won our first national championship. It's harder now to turn things around like that, but it's doable. You have to crawl before you walk, and walk before you run."

As for competing as a club sport: "It's an extra special challenge. You're up against teams with more resources and distinction," Whyte said. "But it's achievable. And I like a challenge."

Whyte received his bachelor's degree in chemistry and secondary education from URI. He was the recipient of the Albert LeBoeuf award for outstanding male athlete during his senior year.

This news release was written by Rachel Donilon, a writer in URI's department of Marketing and Communications.



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WBYC Membership Chair
P.O. Box 1604
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Date: _____

APPLICANT _____ APPLICANT _____

STREET _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE—HOME _____ WORK _____ CELL _____

CHILDREN'S NAMES & AGES _____

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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 _____

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