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Commodore's Message



Members,

It's December, the annual banquet is in the history books. Congratulations to the winners of our club awards this year. Our 2013 Frank H. Norton Award winner was Joe Crocker. Our Meredith Scott Award went to John Budzinski, and Our Corinthian Spirit Award went to Tom Stocker and finally, Our Cruising award winner was The Eshleman family. The contributions to our club that these members have made over the last year have been incredible. They are most deserving! Congratulations and thank you for your commitment to West Bay Yacht Club! Its members like you that make West Bay Yacht Club the best club on the bay! And let's not forget to shout out congratulations to our many cruising and racing award winners! Cruise Chair Tom Stocker did such an outstanding job with giving out cruise awards. I laughed my butt off! Great Job Tom! Spectacular! David Lodge our Race

Committee Chair knocked one out of the park again this year. Another successful racing year. But that's just what we expect from West Bay. Extremely competitive racing. We do that every year! David always takes it up a notch each and every year! This year was no different. No other club has racing at this level! Congratulations David Lodge! You've brought racing at WBYC to another level!

Please don't forget that our Holiday Party is December 7th this year! Hope to see you all there!

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Travis
Commodore

WBYC Calendar	
Date	Event
Thursday, December 05, 2013	WBYC Board of Governor's Meeting (7:00 PM)
Saturday, December 07, 2013	Holiday Party at WBYC (6:00 PM)
Friday, December 13, 2013	Poker Night at WBYC
Friday, December 27, 2013	Game Night at WBYC

Cruising Committee

I would like to thank our 2013 Cruise committee and Cruise Captains for an outstanding 2013 cruising year.



Thanks to our committee members Debbie Arey, Will Richmond, Dale Broadbent, Nathan Shapiro and Jay Eshleman for all their help in making the 2013 cruising schedule such an easy job for me. I would also like to

thank our Cruise Captains, Liz & Will Richmond (Memorial Day Weekend Cruise), Alicia & Jay Eshleman and Leann and Dave Pickering (Kid's Cruise), Debbie & Joe Crocker (4th of July Cruise), David Lodge (Whaler's Race to BI), Karen & Dale Broadbent (Labor Day Weekend Cruise), Debbie & Bruce Arey (Columbus Day Weekend Cruise), Cindy & Mark DerMugrditchian and Barbara & Nathan Shapiro (2 Week Cruise to Eastern LI Sound) and Jenifer & Grant Brandon (Summer Cruise II to MV & Nantucket) for making each and every one of our cruises the successes they all were.

Our 2013 Cruising Award went to the Eshleman family, Alicia, Jay & Jillian. Jay participate on our Cruise Committee, and Alicia & Jay were co-Cruise Captains for our Kid's Cruise, a cruise that hasn't been run for the past 4 years. The Eshleman family attended every one of our weekend cruises and also our 'Summer Cruise II to MV. Congratulations to the Eshlemans for your achievement and participation.

As we start our planning for the 2014 cruising season, we welcome those who may want to join our committee or be considered for a Cruise Captain. Have an idea for a cruise you would like to see us add to our schedule? Call or email me. I would love to hear from you.

Stay tuned for our annual Cruise Planning Social to be scheduled sometime in the February time period. And keep an eye on our calendar to pencil in those 2014 cruises you may consider attending.

To everyone in the WBYC family and community, I wish you a very joyous holiday season.

Tom Stocker
Cruise Committee Chair

Education Committee

Contrary to all the rumors you might have heard comparing the Chess Club to watching grass grow or bottom paint dry ... the WBYC Chess Club is alive and well! Truth be known many of our infamous racers and cruisers are chess players at all levels and have

expressed a keen interest in joining the Club now that the "sailing season" is in its quiet phase for a few winter months (something akin to hibernation). For those of you still on the fence come by any second Thursday or fourth Friday of the month [starting in January 2014] and play a game or two between 7 and 9 PM and you just might be hooked in ways never imagined. The next and last Chess Club meeting for 2013 is scheduled for December 12th (the 2nd Thursday of the month)... weather permitting of course!

Last, but not least, I would like to mention for all who did not attend the Annual Awards Banquet a few weeks ago Celeste Wright and Michelle Lilly have volunteered to create a two session watercolor painting class [January 25th and February 15th from 10AM to 1PM] for all members and non-members alike who might be interested in learning to paint with watercolors. Both ladies are phenomenal artists in their own right and bring years of experience to the classroom. Lunch is included, as well as, all art supplies for a nominal cost of \$20.00 per person. If interested please send an email to grantbrandon01@gmail.com and indicate your interest level and number of attendees in your group. Please note the class has a limit of approximately 12 students and we anticipate a full class by early January. I would encourage all interested parties to contact me as soon as possible in order for arrangements to be made.

Have a safe and fun filled holiday season and look forward to seeing each and every one of you at the Club.

Grant Brandon
Education Committee Chair

Activities Committee



HAPPY HOLIDAYS, EVERYONE

If you missed the Annual Banquet this year, you really missed a very nice evening at the EGYC. We had 88 people in attendance. Our returning commodore, Dean Travis acted as our "Master of Ceremonies". Thanks Dean, for a job well done. The Frank Norton Award

was presented to Joe Crocker, the Meredith Scott Award to John Budzinski, and the Corinthian Spirit Award to Tom Stocker. The Cruising Award went to the Eshlemans. Congratulations to each for their very deserving awards. Back for an encore, Dave Lodge presented spectacular photography books as racing trophies to the lucky recipients. Everyone appeared to be very pleased with their winnings. It's hard to believe the racing season has drawn to a close 'til next year!

This year's Silent Auction and Raffle proved to be another success. Special thanks to all the vendors who contributed a donation. We couldn't have done it without you. Thanks to Sandy G. for keeping all the paperwork straight, Celeste W., Jen B., and Barbara Lodge for helping with the raffle. You're all great!!! THE HOLIDAY PARTY AND YANKEE SWAP IS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH. IT'S A POT-LUCK DINNER. BRING EITHER AN APPETIZER, SALAD, ENTRÉE, OR DESSERT TO SHARE. ALSO DON'T FORGET YOUR \$10-15 WRAPPED GIFT FOR THE SWAP!! PLAN ON BRINGING THE KIDS, TOO. AS ALWAYS HARRY HANUKKAH WILL BE THERE!!! THE FUN STARTS AT 6:30 PM!!

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- 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**
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Columbus Day Cruise - Photo by David Lodge

Rhode Island 'classic' comfortably reaches 'annual' status

<http://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/2013/11/19/rhode-island-classic-comfortably-reaches-annual-status/>

It was 2006 when Olympic silver Medalist Bob Merrick won the inaugural Archipelago Rally on a beat up Hobie 14 by a mere 30 seconds over windsurfing champion Nancy Johnson.

That first weekend in December was thrown together the week before with a few phone calls and emails and with a 20-25-knot Westerly, about a dozen "craft" raced, slowest starting first, to Spar Island, a scrubby little sand bar in the middle of Mt. Hope Bay.

Now in its eighth year, this Rhode Island 'classic' has comfortably reached 'annual' status, sticking to its small boat pursuit race roots (under Portsmouth Yardstick Ratings). How else would everyone have an equal chance to enjoy the BBQ/Beach Party afterwards?

Chris Museler reports on the 2013 edition...

The only thing we expected about this year's Archipelago Rally was having a fantastic time on the water. The unexpected was the icing on the cake at Quonochontaug Pond with aqua marine colored water and white sand shoals the size of football fields, there was a lot of walking of boats and damaged rudders and centerboards but nothing could dampen the Rally spirit!

The highlights this year weren't that there were 35 craft and more than 40 kids sailing or that the breeze and bright sun made for a spectacular venue. I would say the main takeaway was the fact that two young girls were second and third and that a windsurfer won for the first time in the eight year history of the event. The third place girl miraculously has placed in the top five each time she has competed!

We tell everyone, it is impossible to plan on winning the Archipelago Rally. Just ask newly anointed head of sales for North Sails, Kimo Worthington who was on his way to a top three finish before hitting a shoal. He wound up steering the boat to the finish with his legs hanging off the transom while Bridget Murphy trimmed the sail on their wooden Penguin dinghy.

Special Awards:

Broken Head Perpetual (first place): Will Tuthill, Mistral Windsurfer

Last Place: Matt Gineo, Crosby Fast Cat

Lonely Loon: Rush and River Hambleton, Dyer 9

Furthest Traveled: Ray Garcia, Zef, Babylon, NY

First All Family: Tim, Karen, Benjamin (2) and Jamie (2 months) Fallon, Beetle Cat

Vintage Rallier: Adam Walsh, McCaffery-built Peapod Sailing Dory

We're getting ready for this Saturday's Holiday Party
Hope to see everyone there.



Setting up for the Holiday Party - Photo by David Lodge



Awards Banquet - Photo by David Lodge



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Location: Norton's Marina & Shipyard

Foot of Division Street, East Greenwich, RI

2013 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Return To:

WBYC Membership Chair

P.O. Box 1604

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Date: _____

APPLICANT _____ APPLICANT _____

STREET _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

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CHILDREN'S NAMES & AGES _____

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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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