

WEST BAY YACHT CLUB'S

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## Commodore's Message



Members,

January really? Wow! We've had some pretty cold days already too. Consider this, before you know it we'll be in April and prepping our boats for another great season. It comes up fast so start looking forward to it. And maybe you haven't noticed yet but, the 2014 Cruising and Racing events are already posted on facebook! How awesome is that? You can now plan your entire summer and its only January Watch your Blooper, facebook and WBYC website for our upcoming Activities, Educational and impromptu "let's get together" event announcements. We have a few field trips planned too.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dean Travis - Commodore

WBYC Calendar	
Date	Event
Saturday, January 18, 2014	Race Management Seminar at WBYC (8:00 AM - 5:00PM)
Wednesday, January 22, 2014	Chess at WBYC (7:00PM - 9:00PM)
Friday, January 24, 2014	Game Night at WBYC
Saturday, January 25, 2014	Watercolor Class with Celeste Wright and Michele Lilly at WBYC 10:00AM - 1:00PM
Friday, January 31, 2014	Providence Boat Show Dunkin Donuts Center
Saturday, February 01, 2014	Providence Boat Show Dunkin Donuts Center
Thursday, February 06, 2014	WBYC Board of Governor's Meeting at 7:00 PM at WBYC

## Cruising Committee

Happy New Year! Although the winter weather has come in with a vengeance and winter activities are in full swing, days are getting longer. So, it is time to begin our planning for the 2014 summer cruising season. We will be holding our annual cruising social and planning meeting on Saturday February 22. We are working on a theme and a menu for the caterer. Make sure you get the date in your calendar. It is always a good time!



The tentative summer cruising (and racing) schedule has been posted to our Facebook page and Club website so take a look and jot down the dates. We've added a few new cruises in August and September to really bring our cruising to another level...trying to keep up with our racing program which is second to none in the region.

Our newest cruise in August will be on August 9-10. It is being billed as "The Full Moon Cruise" as there is a full moon on Saturday night. Preliminary plans have our destination as Crescent Beach on Prudence Island where we want to have a catered beach party.

Our second new cruise is preliminarily scheduled for September 20-21 and is being billed as our "End of Summer Cruise" even though we still have our annual Columbus Day Weekend Cruise in October. We will need a cruise captain for this one.

Speaking of which, anyone interested in joining our committee or volunteering to be a Cruise Captain, call or email me. I would love to hear from you.

Tom Stocker

Cruise Committee Chair

## Education Committee



A very Happy New Year to all and may 2014 bring health, happiness and joy to you and your families! And now that we've brought up happiness and joy please take a few minutes to review our Calendar of Events for the next three

or four months (listed on the website), and I think it will put a huge smile on your face as there is a presentation or activity for every member of the family to enjoy and

partake. The subject matters include but not limited to the following topics:

- Meteorology and Marine Weather Forecasting
- Mooring Maintenance, Boat Bottoms and Cutless Bearing Inspection
- Sewing and Canvas Maintenance and Repair Presentations
- Watercolor Painting Classes
- Bottom Paint Inspection and Recommendations
- Racing Rules Seminar
- Discovering your Soul Chess-mate on Wednesday nights

All in all we have some terrific events scheduled ... so here's to the New Year join us for an evening or a morning full of adventure, fun and learning! Best Regards, Grant



## Activities Committee



Welcome to 2014!! We trust everyone survived the holiday season!

Looking back—The Holiday Party/Yankee Swap was held on December 7, 2013. We had nearly 35 adults and children enjoying good food, good conversation and each other's company. As always the Yankee Swap was great fun. The collection of gifts was quite unusual this year ranging from lottery tickets to spirits and everything in between. Oh, yes -- the Snuggie showed up again. Thanks to Harry Hanukkah (aka Paul Finstein) for keeping us all in line and a sincere thank you to all the elves who cleaned, set up and decorated the club during the week. We couldn't have done it without you.

Looking ahead—The 2014 calendar is shaping up nicely.

Join the Cruising Committee on 2/22 to chat about the upcoming 2014 season. Before too long, summer will be here again. Tom is planning a catered dinner so keep an eye out for those details.

GOOD and WELFARE-- Everyone seems well so far this year. Keep up the good work. Just a note from me to "Mom", I'll be thinking of you during your future eye surgery, too.

We're looking for a few "Event Coordinators" for upcoming parties, so please give us a call.

See you at the Club,

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

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Instruction at Chess Night - Photo by David Lodge



Intense concentration at Chess Night - Photo by David Lodge



## Providence Boat Show gets makeover

<http://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/2013/11/20/providence-boat-show-gets-makeover/>

Bristol, RI (November 20, 2013) – The Rhode Island Marine Trades Association (RIMTA) has put a new management team, new attractions, and a new vision in place for the Providence Boat Show, one of the largest winter boat shows held in New England that takes place January 31 to February 2. The changes are not only designed to draw a diverse group of exhibitors and boating consumers: RIMTA will also use the show to strengthen the marine trades, an industry that plays an important role in the Rhode Island economy.

“RIMTA works hard to showcase the leading technology, innovative design and industry excellence coming out of the recreational boating industry in Rhode Island,” said RIMTA CEO Wendy Mackie. “The Providence Boat Show is a great opportunity to pool all this expertise into one showcase and to show recreational boaters from throughout New England what the Ocean State has to offer.”

RIMTA purchased the Providence Boat Show from the Newport Exhibition Group in fall 2013. According to Mackie, the boat show is key to RIMTA’s sustainability and growth, as income from the show will support the statewide marketing efforts RIMTA makes on the industry’s behalf, the educational and networking opportunities the organization creates for the marine trades, and legislative efforts designed to keep Rhode Island’s no-sales-tax policy on boats and boating services in place. “The show’s success is truly the industry’s success,” said Mackie.

RIMTA has tapped the expertise of industry veterans to create a new management team for the show. Susan Daly—who has managed marketing and sponsorship functions for entities such as IYRS, the America’s Cup syndicate, and Vanguard Sailboats—is spearheading an aggressive marketing campaign for the show that will target boating consumers within a 100-mile radius of the show. Patricia Yeoman, director of marketing for Nautor’s Swan USA East, is in charge of developing an expanded program of seminars and special events. Boat show veteran Jonathan Banks will manage sales and operations.

As former executive director of Sail America, Banks was involved in the production of 15 sailboat shows, including the Strictly Sail family of shows held in Chicago, Miami, Philadelphia, St. Petersburg and the San Francisco Bay area. Under his leadership, space sales for the Strictly Sail Pacific boat show grew 40% and attendance grew 30% over a three-year period.

“Rhode Island is a strong and passionate boating market, and the Providence Boat Show is the ideal venue to reach a highly targeted boating and fishing audience,” said Banks. “The team at RIMTA has many great ideas to improve the overall show experience for both exhibitors and attendees—and these initiatives will help increase attendance and add excitement to the show. There’s enormous enthusiasm for the show among our exhibitors, and we are pleased to welcome several new exhibitors to the show.”

This year’s show and its attractions are built around a central theme of Explore Rhode Island. Showgoers—from those who are new to the water, to lifelong boaters—will find inspiration and information about exploring the Ocean State on a wide range of watercraft, whether they are interested in power boating, sailing, or human-powered craft such as standup paddleboards and kayaks. Seminars are both general and specific to Rhode Island, from fishing technique, navigation, and seamanship to topics such as coastal cruising in Rhode Island waters. A showcase pavilion has been designed into the floorplan to host special guest speakers and events.

The 21st Annual Providence Boat Show will be held at the Rhode Island Convention Center from January 31 to February 2, 2014. For more information about the show, contact RIMTA ([info@rimta.org](mailto:info@rimta.org) / 401-396-9619) or visit [www.providenceboatshow.com](http://www.providenceboatshow.com).



WBYC Boat shrink wrapped for the winter - Photo by David Lodge



Cold weather sailing - Photo by David Lodge



# West Bay Yacht Club

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Location: Norton's Marina & Shipyard

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## 2014 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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**WBYC Membership Chair**

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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](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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Right before Holiday Party - Photo courtesy of David Lodge