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Commodore's Message



Members,

Most of you know by now of the recent passing of my Dad. It was a rough few days there for my family and me. I want to express my appreciation to the entire West Bay Yacht Club family for helping us through this rough time. I am truly blessed to have you all in my life. I was so proud of the things my Dad did in his life and most importantly the things we did together. He was a great man and a great father. It was through his sharing of the knowledge he processed that I had the opportunity to get involved in boating many years ago. My Dad believed there was strength in knowledge and experiencing everything first hand. It made for a stronger identity, a stronger person. I believe in these values too. Next time you are at a club function, take a good look around you. West Bay Yacht Club is your family. Our family. We have so much

we can offer individually and as a group. Share a bit of your life and experiences. After all we're all in this together. And when need called, you were there for me. For that I am forever thankful!

Respectively Submitted,
Dean Travis
Commodore



March

Friday, March 14th, 7:00 PM Cards Night at WBYC

Saturday, March 15th, 6:00 PM St. Patrick's Day Party at WBYC

Thursday, March 20th, 7:00 PM The Mooring Man Seminar

Wednesday, March 19th, 7:00 PM Weather by T.J. Del Santo

Saturday, March 22th, 10:00 AM Basic Sewing Seminar w/ Tonya Ricketts

Wednesday, March 26th, 9:00 AM Chess at WBYC

Thursday, March 27th, 7:00 PM Racing Rules Refreshing Seminar

Friday, March 28th, 7:00 PM Game Night at WBYC

April

Thursday, April 3rd, 7:00 PM Board of Governors Meeting

Wednesday, April 9th, 7:00 PM Chess at WBYC

Friday, April 11th, 7:00 PM Cards Night at WBYC

Saturday, April 12th, 10:00 AM Sewing Seminar II

Saturday, April 12th, 6:00 PM Flags Fix A Feast

Wednesday, April 23rd, 7:00 PM Chess at WBYC

Friday, April 25th, 7:00 PM Game Night at WBYC

Cruising Committee Report

First cruising event of the season is in the books. It was great to see all our WBYC friends, both cruisers, racers and social members at our annual cruise social. Good food and good friends make for a great night.



Mark and Cindy DerMugrditchian will once again be our cruise captains for our two week summer cruise. Mark tells me the

plan is to head east toward Martha's Vineyard and the islands sometime during July. The actual itinerary and dates have not been decided so stay tuned.

We are still in need of a few volunteers to be cruise captains for our Memorial Day weekend cruise, the 4th of July cruise and for our newest cruise, the 'end of summer cruise' in September. Ideas for destinations are also welcome. Please call me if you are interested in helping out.

Finally I would like to congratulate Dave Lodge for the fantastic job he did on the yearbook, the best one yet. At the same time I must apologize to Mark and Cindy for the oversight in the list of past Cruise Award Winners as they were left off the list. They won the very first year this award was presented back in 1997. They are well deserved cruise award winners. Sorry Mark and Cindy!

Tom Stocker
Cruise Committee Chair

Rear Commodore



Spring is almost here! Went down to the boat this week and shoveled the last of the snow out of the cockpit. With the warmer weather approaching it is finally time for spring commissioning! In our travels last month, we were guests at the Cape Fear Yacht Club in North Carolina. What a great bunch of folks who were very welcoming. We did the traditional exchanging of burgees. If you travel to other yacht clubs it is customary to present our

burgee. Here is what Wikipedia has to say: "Traditionally, the first time a member of one yacht club visits another, there is an exchange of burgees. Exchanged burgees are then often displayed on the club's premises, e.g., in the office or bar. On "Opening Day", sailors fly their burgees together." They had a small ceremony/toast and our burgee now hangs proudly in their club. We of course now have a Cape Fear burgee hanging at WBYC. This is a cool tradition so if you plan on travelling bring a burgee with you. Hope to see you all at the many upcoming functions; summer will be here before you know it!

Joe Crocker
Rear Commodore

Membership Report

Hey members,

You should have seen the membership renewal notification by now. We are now asking all members to either pay online via PayPal or send a check to the WBYC for their 2014 membership renewals. Either way, we also ask that each member fill out the online member data pages so information on file will be current. We are excited to be able to offer a pay online solution to our membership this year. It is quicker, easier, and less demanding on the membership committee personnel for processing your membership renewals.

Membership Chair

Activities Committee



Despite the chilly temperatures and snow, 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 2nd. Thanks to everyone who helped make another enjoyable game day event. You're all the best!

On February 22nd, Tom Stocker and the Cruising Committee hosted a wonderful dinner and social and planned the upcoming Cruising Calendar. About 30 people attended and shared good food and each other's company. Thanks to Deb Arey for all the planning. You rock!

SATURDAY, MARCH 15th - 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 7. 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—Condolences are sent to both Dean Travis on the recent loss of his Dad and Durga Larkin on the loss of her Mom. Our thoughts and prayers are with you both.

On a happy note – My “Other Mom” (Phyllis) continues on the road to recovery after her heart surgery. Glad things are going in the right direction.

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

See you there,
Jo-Ann (738-0272) Phyllis (219-1784)

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Sail Newport event will feature Rhode Island sailor

<http://www.tradeonlytoday.com/2014/02/sail-newport-event-feature-rhode-island-sailor/>

Bristol, R.I., sailor Charlie Enright and his Team Alvimedica will participate in the 2014-15 Volvo Ocean Race as the youngest team of sailors in the marathon.

The team will debut plans to prepare for the race, which circumnavigates the globe, at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in an event organized by Sail Newport and supported by Fidelity Investments. Tickets are \$15 for the event, which is set for the Jane Pickens Theater in Newport, R.I.

[The event](#) will feature on-screen footage of the race and information about the team, the boats, the stopovers and how the Newport community can plan a celebration for the Rhode Island skipper.

Team Alvimedica will join Team SCA (with fellow American Sally Barkow onboard), Abu Dhabi Ocean Racing, Dongfeng Race Team and Team Brunel in the race, which will be contested over 38,739 nautical miles and nine months.

The race starts in October in Alicante, Spain, and finishes in Gothenburg, Sweden, in June 2015.

The only North American stopover will take place May 5-17, 2015. The boats will arrive in Newport from a stopover in Itajai, Brazil, and will depart Newport on May 17 for the trans-Atlantic race leg to Lisbon, Portugal.



Photo Courtesy of David Lodge



Join us to celebrate St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Cocktails at 6, Dinner at 7. Cost is \$8 per person.

Bring an appetizer or dessert. Don't forget to invite a friend.

It's always a great time!!

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



March 15th @ 6pm

T.J. Del Santo - Weather Seminar Wednesday, March 19th

The West Bay Yacht Club education committee presents a seminar on weather led by WPRI, Channel 12 meteorologist. The seminar at the WBYC clubhouse will be held on Wednesday, March 19th at 7PM.

T.J. Del Santo is a native Rhode Islander who joined WPRI-TV in May, 1997. You can see him forecasting the weather on the weekends on WPRI-TV, FOX Providence, and the Pinpoint Weather Station, Cox Digital Cable Channel 125.

Prior to Channel 12, T.J. worked as a marine forecaster at Weather Routing, Inc. in Glens Falls, NY where he forecasted for and routed ships all around the world. Also, he was a computer specialist at the Harvard-Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory in Cambridge, Massachusetts where he did some research for the Chandra X-ray Observatory. That space telescope was launched off of the Space Shuttle Columbia in the summer of 1999.

New Event - Flags Fix A Feast - Saturday, April 12th

Your flag officers request the presence of the membership as they fix and serve a special dinner for the membership. Keep watching this page and Facebook for more details.





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Location: Norton's Marina & Shipyard

Foot of Division Street, East Greenwich, RI

2014 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 our Membership Chair to discuss the WBYC Membership options and cost. 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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View from the dock - Photo courtesy of David Lodge