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Commodore's Message



Members,

I don't know about the rest of you but, I've had enough with this winter stuff. I decided a week or so back that I'm getting the insulated coveralls on and going out in the yard and puttering on my boat. Puttering? Is that really a word? In my case, it definitely is. What do you do while you putter? You dream! I'm already deep in thought about what my summer will be like. I'm thinking about a few raft ups, a cruise or two. Even a few races! Just getting back to the place I was last fall. Spending time with my friends, Even laughing about silly stuff at times. I'm ready. Join me. Let's get this party started. Boating season starts with the first sander working in the lot. Can you hear the buzz? Boating season has started. It's April after all.

Respectively Submitted,
Dean Travis
Commodore



West Bay Yacht Club News

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

May

Thursday, May 1st, 7:00 PM	Board of Governors Meeting
Saturday, May 3rd, 9:00 AM	Club Cleanup
Sunday, May 4th, 8:00 PM	Annual May Breakfast
Friday, May 9th, 7:00 PM	Cards Night at WBYC
Wednesday, May 14th, 7:00 PM	Chess at WBYC
Friday, May 16th, 7:00 PM	Racing Skippers Meeting
Friday, May 23th, 7:00 PM	Game Night at WBYC
Saturday-Monday, May 24th-26th	Memorial Weekend Cruise to Edgewood
Wednesday, May 28th, 7:00 PM	Chess at WBYC
Saturday, May 31st, 12:00 PM	WBYC's Tune-Up Regatta

Cruising Committee Report

Finally, lots of action down at the boatyard. Given the poor weather, if you are like me you are probably scrambling to get everything done in time. In my case it



seems like I have 1 week to get a month's worth of work done...but I'll make it. Meanwhile, our first cruise of the season is the Memorial Day Weekend. Although we still don't have a cruise

captain, we will be visiting Edgewood Yacht Club. If someone would volunteer to be cruise captain, we can set up a more formal agenda.

We also need cruise captains for our 4th of July cruise and our End of Summer cruise. We also need someone to coordinate the shore activities for our annual Whaler's Race and Cruise (to Block Island) So if someone would volunteer for any one of these cruises I would be grateful.

I must apologize to Mark and Cindy DerMugrditchian for the oversight in the yearbook 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 has finally Sprung! Boating season is upon us, hope everyone is ready to make this a great one. I would like to thank Celeste Wright for stepping up and volunteering as membership chair. It is easy to forget how much work goes into making our club run successfully. This is purely a volunteer effort so if you haven't been involved we could use your help! We are currently seeking committee chairs for Education and House as well as recruiting cruise and activity captains. It isn't that huge of a

commitment so if you have a few extra hours please get involved in your club! I am available anytime to discuss available opportunities so reach out if you are interested. I look forward to seeing all of you on the water and at our May Breakfast.

Joe Crocker
Rear Commodore

Vice Commodore



WBYC Sailors:

We've had a very busy March at WBYC with seminars on weather, racing rules, sewing, and mooring tackle along with a presentation and initial planning meeting led by Dave Pickering about the planned Bora Bora cruise in 2015. Commodore Paul and Cathy Finstein also prepared another fabulous Saint Patrick's Day feast for a full house.

April will be a little quieter so members can devote some time to getting their boats ready for launching. That doesn't mean that nothing is going on. April 12th features a double header with WBYC member, Tonya Ricketts, The Canvas Lady, running advanced sewing from 10AM to 1PM and your flag officers serving you dinner in the evening. Keep an eye on your email for further details of "Flags Fix a Feast." We also have our usual game, poker, and chess nights on the calendar, too.

Tom Stocker and his cruise committee still need a few members to step up to be cruise captains for a couple of the cruises on this year's calendar. This is not a difficult job, but it is necessary for someone to coordinate the arrangements and activities of each cruise. Please contact Tom and offer your services.

We're approximately 60 days away from our first race of the upcoming season, the Spring Tune-Up Regatta on Saturday, May 31st. That's followed two days later by the first race of the Monday Evening Summer Series. Notices of Race and Sailing Instructions will be posted in the next 30 days. Last year we started accepting

entries online and we will do so again this year. An updated entry form will be posted soon, too.

A few changes are being made to the website, including the addition of a store section where members can purchase WBYC gear, shirts, hats, etc. This section should be up and running by June. Many members have already made use of our new ability to renew memberships online by paying through PayPal. As has been the case since the beginning of last year you can keep up-to-date on all club activities and events by going to <http://westbayyachtclub.org>.

David Lodge
Vice Commodore

Activities Committee



HAPPY SPRING EVERYONE! It looks as though “OLD MAN WINTER” has finally left us for another year. He sure was a busy guy. Wasn’t he? On March 15th, 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. At last glance, there was only one potato left in the pot!!

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 4, 2014
TIME: 8:AM – 12:PM (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 -We’re happy to report that Jake Portnoy, Jen Brandon, and Sandy Grima are all feeling much after being sick this past month. Stay well and keep up the good work. 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 pass it along. Also, good luck, Mom with your upcoming eye surgery. Hope it goes well, again.

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

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!

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Commodore.....Dean Travis
Vice Commodore.....David Lodge
Rear Commodore.....Joe Crocker
Past Commodore.....Will Richmond
Secretary.....Raleigh Jenkins
Treasurer.....Jo-Ann Grima
Parliamentarian.....Marcie Feldman
Members at LargeCeleste Wright
.....Dale Broadbent
.....Bruce Arey

2014 Committee Chairs

Activities.....Phyllis Geisser & Jo-Ann Grima
Cruising.....Tom Stocker
Education.....Grant Brandon
Publicity.....OPEN
Website.....David Lodge
Bloopers.....Andrew Brousell

Membership.....Celeste Wright
House.....OPEN
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May Breakfast Sunday



May 4th, 2014

8 am - 12 Noon (or so)

\$7 adults , \$4 kids (Kids under 6 - Free)

**On the Menu -- The usual breakfast fare - scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, homefries, Wonderful made to order Omelets and Belgian Waffles (with Strawberries and Whipped Cream) Fruit Salad, Juice Coffee or Tea
Homemade Baked Goodies, too.**

**Call either Jo-Ann (401-738-0272) or Phyllis (401-219-1784)
if you need more info**

Rhode Island panel seeks to attract more sailing events to state

<http://www.tradeonlytoday.com/2014/02/rhode-island-panel-seeks-attract-sailing-events-state/>

Rhode Island Gov. Lincoln Chafee has signed an executive order to establish the Rhode Island Sailing Events Commission, which is charged primarily with identifying and attracting more internationally recognized sailing and marine events to the state.

It also will advise the governor on the feasibility of using Fort Adams State Park as a venue for selecting and serving U.S. Olympic sailors.

“Rhode Island is home to some of the best boat designers and builders in the world. We’ve hosted world-class racing events such as the America’s Cup, and we’ll host the Volvo Ocean Race in 2015,” Chafee said in a statement.

“Key infrastructure improvements have provided critical support for championship sailing and enhanced large-scale marine events in the state. Through the commission, we now have an opportunity to capitalize on our place as a leading international sailing and marine destination to continue to attract the most prestigious and biggest events to our waters.”

“With the appointment of this commission, Rhode Island will draw on the expertise of accomplished leaders in the sailing, marine trades, tourism and economic development fields, as well as representatives from the public sector and our business community to attract and support top sailing and marine events in Rhode Island,” said Michael Keyworth, commission chairman and vice president and general manager of the Brewer Cove Haven Marina.

“With Rhode Island’s rich sailing tradition, proven track record of hosting some of the world’s top events and our commitment to improving our facilities, we are poised to continue to be a venue of choice for the best and fastest events in the sport of sailing for decades to come.”



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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 _____

SPONSORED BY: 1. _____ 2. _____

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

<http://www.westbayyachtclub.org/2013-wbyc-officers.html>

The latest Club Cruising, Racing and Social calendar is
always at your fingertips electronically:

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