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## Commodore's Message



Members,

Ok, let's do it! Everything starts this month. May Breakfast was the first weekend of this month, followed by launch, launch, launch. Did I say LAUNCH? I'll keep this simple this month. We have a ton of activities for both cruisers and racers alike. All posted on the website. Cruising starts with the Memorial Day weekend cruise! Racing skippers meeting is this month too! I'll see you all on the water. Fly your burgees nice and high. I will be looking for them around the bay!

Respectively Submitted,  
Dean Travis  
Commodore



## May

Thursday, May 1st, 7:00 PM	Board of Governors Meeting
Saturday, May 3rd, 9:00 AM	Club Cleanup
Sunday, May 4th, 8:00 AM	Annual May Breakfast
Friday, May 9th, 7:00 PM	Cards Night at WBYC
Saturday, May 10th, 4:00-10:00 PM	Club Reserved for Private Party
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

## June

Monday, June 2nd, 6:15 PM	Monday Evening Summer Series - Race #1
Thursday, June 5th, 7:00 PM	Board of Governors Meeting
Monday, June 9th, 6:15 PM	Monday Evening Summer Series - Race #2
Friday, June 13th, 7:00 PM	Cards Night at WBYC
Saturday, June 14th, 12:00 PM	WBYC's Rainone Solo/Twin Regatta
Monday, June 16th, 6:15 PM	Monday Evening Summer Series - Race #3
Saturday, June 21st, 12:00 PM	WBYC's Fantastic Plastic Regatta
Saturday-Sunday, June 21st-22nd	WBYC's Kid's Cruise to Potters Cove
Monday, June 23rd, 6:15 PM	Monday Evening Summer Series - Race #4
Friday, June 27th, 7:00 PM	Game Night at WBYC
Saturday, June 28th	2000 Club Spring Race
Monday, June 30th, 6:15 PM	Monday Evening Summer Series - Race #5

# Cruising Committee Report

May is here and our first cruise is only about 20 days away. For our Memorial Day Weekend Cruise we will be heading north this year, to Edgewood Yacht Club. This is a great place to begin our summer cruising (and hopefully warmer than Newport). Edgewood YC is located in the Pawtuxet Village section of Cranston where there are a wide choice of restaurants and shops within walking distance.

We don't have a Cruise Captain yet, so if anyone would like to stand up and do a little organizing, please let me know. As of now the order of the day is to show up, socialize, maybe have a pot luck or, do whatever you would like. Please sign up on our Facebook page if you plan to attend. You will find all the details about this cruise here. (Our website will also contain details).



In June, our Kid's Cruise destination will be Potter's Cove on Prudence Island. Stay tuned for information and cruise details from our Co-cruise captains, Dave & Leann Pickering and Joe & Debbie Crocker.

For the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, we are looking at Jamestown as our destination. As soon as we find out which side of the island they plan to have fireworks, we will plan accordingly. We still need a Cruise Captain for this one, so please contact me if you are interested.

See you on the water!

Tom Stocker  
Cruise Committee Chair

## Membership

Hello WBYC members!

The (finally) warmer weather brings us the beginning of the boating season! We will be having our Memorial Day Weekend Cruise on May 24<sup>th</sup> and our Tune Up Regatta on May 31<sup>st</sup>. These will be the first boating events of this season and we hope that everyone will be able to bring in the Spring on the water. We will also have our annual Spring Cleanup at the Club on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and our delicious Pancake Breakfast on May 4<sup>th</sup>. In addition, our chess and card evenings will be continuing into May.

Please welcome our newest members, Dino and Lori Picinich and Patty and John Flint.

I have recently agreed to assist the amazing group of people on the Board of the WBYC in the duties of the membership chair so if you have any questions regarding membership don't hesitate to send me an e-mail at: [cchutewright@cox.net](mailto:cchutewright@cox.net) and I will do my best to answer any questions you may have. Happy Spring and Happy Boating!

Celeste Chute-Wright

## Vice Commodore



WBYC Sailors:

We're getting there. *Stormin' Norman* and *Mojo* were the first member boats in the water (that I know of) and many others are nearing their launch dates. Memorial Day is early this year so the Memorial Day Cruise is May 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. Despite how cold it has been this past winter and early spring I can almost guarantee that it won't snow for this cruise like it did last year. So, cruisers should save the date and Tom Stocker will be posting details for this cruise soon.

There are actually practice races to be run this month by AHYC and our own Tune-Up Regatta is on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Our tune up regatta is designed to shakedown the boat and the crew and give everybody a chance to practice for the upcoming season. Weather permitting we will run 3 short racings inside Greenwich Bay. This will give everybody the opportunity to do three starts and finishes, and the spinnaker boats will have at least 3 spinnaker sets and douses. The first Monday Evening Summer Series race is only two days later on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. The skipper's meeting is on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 1900h. All skippers who race at some time during the season should attend. We will run through the schedule and give everyone a chance to get the entries filed (more on that below).



Hopefully by the time you are reading this the website will have been updated and the new online entry system will be up and running allowing skippers to register and pay for their racing online. There will also be a new crew available/crew wanted section for those looking to sail and those needing additional crew.

See everyone real soon on the water.  
David Lodge  
Vice Commodore

## Activities Committee



It appears that the weather is finally warming up and the boating season is fast approaching!! Are you ready?

The May Breakfast on May 4th was well attended with nearly 75 people streaming in an out for yet another scrumptious meal. Again, Joe C. and his mega griddle were outside scrambling eggs and preparing whatever we sent out to him. , Nathan, Michele, and Greg were inside keeping everyone well fed with their specialties of omelets or waffles. Many thanks to you all for a super job well done. Zack Crocker did a wonderful job at the sign in table, too. We had extra help this year from Donna and Wally from EGYC. We surely appreciated your efforts. The day before the cleanup crew was extra busy getting ready for the big weekend, as well. You guys rock!!

The Racing Kitchen will be open as of Monday, 6/2. As always, we'll be serving dinner after the race. If you'd like to join us, just stop by. We'd love to see you.

Good and Welfare—It looks like everyone continues to be both good and well. Keep up the good work! If you have anything to share with the membership, just give us a call and we'll pass it along.

See you at the Club,  
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**  
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**Vice Commodore**.....David Lodge  
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.....Dale Broadbent  
.....Bruce Arey

### 2014 Committee Chairs

**Activities**.....Phyllis Geisser & Jo-Ann Grima  
**Cruising**.....Tom Stocker  
**Education**.....Grant Brandon  
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## Go sailing at the RI Boat Show

<http://wpri.com/2014/04/28/go-sailing-at-the-ri-boat-show/>

The Rhode Island Boat Show returns to the Ocean State in May, and whether you're a boating expert or just want to learn more about how to stretch your sea legs – it's an event Rhode Islanders won't want to miss!

Bob Adam is the Vice President of sales for Zim Sailing - the largest manufacturer and distributor of small boats in North America.

The company has the largest selection of training, recreational and performance sailboats under one roof. Zim is the official boat provider to many US Sailing Championships. For customers that want to get on the water but are not quite ready for sailing, Zim also offers stand up paddleboards (SUP's) which is the latest rage in recreational sports.

Bob brought the Hartley 12 to the Rhode Show on Monday morning - a boat that is easy to transport with a small trailer.

Once at its location, the Hartley 12 is easy to launch with a dolly. It can be launched from the beach or a local boat ramp. There are many public access ramps around RI which are listed on the DEM website:  
<http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/bnatres/fishwild/boatlnch.htm>

The H12 is easy to rig and you can be sailing within a matter of minutes. It's made from polyethylene (just like your kayak) and requires very little upkeep. You will never have to do fiberglass repairs or spend valuable family time preparing to go sailing. Just go sailing!

How does a family learn to sail? There are two great community sailing centers located in RI. Sail Newport and the Community Boating Center in Providence. In addition, many of the local yacht clubs around the bay offer adult and youth learn to sail programs. Many of the country's top sailors are from Rhode Island and learned right here on the bay.

Zim Sailing has a retail store within its production facility in Warren. The store hours are 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or by appointment.

The Hartley 12 will be on display at the Jamestown location at the RI Boat Show.

Admission is free.



Photo Courtesy of David Lodge



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## 2014 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Location: Norton's Marina & Shipyard  
Foot of Division Street, East Greenwich, RI

Return To:

**WBYC Membership Chair**  
P.O. Box 1604  
East Greenwich, RI 02818

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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STREET \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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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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The latest Club Cruising, Racing and Social calendar is  
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<http://www.westbayyachtclub.org/wbyc-club-calendar.html>



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