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Commodore's Message



Members,

July is here! We've had our first hurricane brush by us already too. Racing is in the 6th week of our summer series and our two week cruise is on its way to Nantucket. Watch for pictures on our face book page. We have some exciting things going on right now and even if you can't attend, you can join in on the fun by showing your support. Don't forget to check the calendars regularly for upcoming events. We have lots and lots of them. Summer's just getting started. Come join the fun!

Dean Travis
Commodore

WBYC's Whalers Cruise/Race to Block Island Saturday, July 26, 2014

This year's event will be the fourth since it was resurrected in 2011. As has become the tradition we will congregate in Dutch Harbor with the first boat starting at 11 AM. The starting time for each boat is determined by it's PHRF-NB rating with slower boats starting first and the fastest boat last. If you don't have a PHRF-NB rating certificate please contact our race chairman for a temporary rating. Don't worry cruisers, your rating will taking into consideration factors not normally the part of a rating. We utilize a "fisherman's start" where everybody will anchor in the defined starting area. All crew will go below 1 minute before their start and at their starting time burst out of the cabin, hoist anchor and sails and head towards Block Island. The first boat to pass the R2 buoy at the entrance to Great Salt Pond, Block Island wins.



July

Friday-Sunday, July 4th-6th	WBYC's Fourth of July Cruise
Saturday, July 5th	Annual Two-Week Cruise Begins
Monday, July 7th, 6:15 PM	Monday Evening Summer Series - Race #6
Thursday, July 10th, 7:00 PM	Board of Governors Meeting
Friday, July 11th, 7:00 PM	Cards Night at WBYC
Saturday, July 12th, 10:00 AM	WBYC's Around The Bay Race
Monday, July 14th, 6:15 PM	Monday Evening Summer Series - Race #7
Saturday, July 19th	EGYC Annual Regatta
Monday, July 21st, 6:15 PM	Monday Evening Summer Series - Race #8
Friday, July 25th, 7:00 PM	Game Night at WBYC
Saturday, July 26th, 11:00 AM	WBYC's Whaler's Cruise/Race to Block Is.
Monday, July 28th, 6:15 PM	Monday Evening Summer Series Race #9

August

Saturday, August 2nd, 12:00 PM	WBYC's Norton Memorial Regatta
Monday, August 4th, 6:15 PM	Monday Evening Summer Series - Race #10
Friday, August 8th, 7:00 PM	Cards Night at WBYC
Saturday-Sunday, August 9th-10th	WBYC's Full Moon Cruise
Saturday-Sunday, August 9th-11th	2000 Club Block Island Race
Saturday, August 16th, 12:00 PM	WBYC's Lady Skippers Regatta
Monday, August 18th, 6:15 PM	Monday Evening Summer Series - Race #11
Friday, August 22nd, 7:00 PM	Game Night at WBYC
Saturday, August 23rd	2000 Club Prince Henry Navigator's Race
Monday, August 25th, 6:15 PM	Monday Evening Summer Series - Race #12
Saturday-Monday, August 30th-Sept. 1st	WBYC's Labor Day Cruise
Sunday, August 31st	CYC Around the Island Race

Cruising Committee Report

Hello all, we are entering July and our first cruise of the summer, our annual Kid's Cruise, was a huge success. Thanks to co-Cruise Captains Joe and Debbie Crocker and Dave Pickering for their



imagination and fun-filled weekend. Joe brought a virtual fleet with him as he had his cruiser, as well as a runabout and several kayaks. Tubing, fireworks and lots of fun were had by all. I understand Joe used some

interesting engineering for the fireworks as he used two kayaks for a platform for a huge display in the middle of the anchorage. Thanks Joe, Debbie and Dave!

Next week is our Fourth of July cruise. Cruise Captains Grant and Jenny Brandon report at least six boats have reserved moorings for the weekend at Dutch Harbor. At the same time six boats participating in our Summer Cruise will also be there as they step off from Dutch on Saturday. Both cruises are set to be great times. Keep an eye on Facebook to see what each of those cruises may be up to.

Later on in July, our annual Whaler's Race to Block will happen followed by our Full Moon Cruise and Beach Party in early August.

Cruise Captain, Race Committee and Vice Commodore Dave Lodge will have information on the Whaler's Race very soon. This is a fun weekend for cruisers as well as racers. The 'fisherman's start' is a favorite of Dawn Safton and she can give you some great techniques on how to make it work for you. Cruisers will have a nice advantage as Dave always tries to give them an edge.

The Full Moon Cruise and Beach Party is one not to be missed. It will be a clambake on the beach. Apponaug Harbor Yacht Club will also be joining us for this one, so it should be well attended. You can find more information on our Facebook event page.

Lots of cruising going on as we reach mid-summer. Call me if you are interested in any of our cruises. I will be happy to help you.

See you at Dutch!

Tom Stocker

Cruise Committee Chair

Rear Commodore



What a great Summer! It's cruising season and WBYC is off to a great start. I am fresh off of a fantastic cruise to Dutch Harbor for the 4th of July. We had a great turnout, if you haven't been cruising with West Bay you should make a point to do so. Land cruisers came out in droves so even if you can't take the boat, take the car! The kids cruise was fantastic to Potters cove and I can't imagine a better weekend with friends. Special thanks to the Pickering's for their leadership and fantastic fireworks. This was a great trip for kids and adults so be sure not to miss next year. I hope to see you all on the water so make a point to get involved.

Joe Crocker
Rear Commodore

Vice Commodore



WBYC Sailors:

As of this writing we are nearly a month into our racing and cruising seasons and for the most part our weather has been great. The Kid's Cruise was this past weekend and I hear it was a fabulous event. But, I won't steal others thunder and you can read about it elsewhere in these pages.

We've held 4 Monday Evening Summer Series races so far and the racing has been exactly what

we've had in the past with placings often decided by seconds. Starters have gotten quite aggressive as in weeks #3 and #4 the spinnaker class has had boats over early and in race #3 the non-spinnaker class had all boats on the starting line as the starting signal was sounded.

The Rainone Solo/Twin Regatta was held two weeks ago with a weather forecast that did not predict must wind for the day, but for some reason Greenwich Bay had wind while out beyond Round Rock there was nothing. So, the race consisted of may short legs within the confines of Greenwich Bay allowing for the opportunity to shorten the race if the wind died off. Happily we were able to sail the entire course with *Thunder* correcting out in front of *Coconut*. *Thora* sailed a masterful race finishing fifth, which doesn't sound that good. But, when you consider that they hooked a lobster pot at the starting line and spent 20 minutes freeing themselves (but not catching anything for dinner) they perhaps should be singled out for their efforts. Photos on the website show them over the side cutting themselves free. Next time the race committee will try not have a miniature golf course of lobster pots on the starting line.

The Fantastic Plastic was held this past Saturday and though only three boats showed up the racing was still competitive. Abbi Steward's *Flyer* finished first followed not too far back by *Climax*. *Mighty Moose* got a little too far away from the starting line and in almost no wind took awhile to cross the starting line. The amount of time they were late to the starting line was almost equal to their delta at the finish line, so, they actually were very competitive during the race.

The Fourth of July cruise details have started coming together. There were no mooring available on the east side of Jamestown so we have had to utilize Dutch Harbor, but we will have a "fleet" of shore cruisers to provide for terrestrial navigation to the fireworks on both Friday and Saturday nights. The Newport fireworks are on Friday night and the Jamestown fireworks are on Saturday night off East Ferry Beach. As details are completed they will be posted at:
<http://westbayyachtclub.org/2014cruising/fourth-of-july-cruise.html> and on the club's Facebook page at:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/168125521190/>.

Keep watching your email for impromptu happenings at WBYC like Goddard Park raft ups and clubhouse gatherings. See everyone real soon on the water.

David Lodge
Vice Commodore
Race Committee Chairman
Webmaster

Activities Committee



Yikes!! Summer is buzzing along with only a few hot and sticky days so far! What would we do without air conditioning? Hopefully, you are all still enjoying the season anyway!

The "Racing Kitchen" remains to be busy after the race on Monday nights. We've consistently served 25-30 hungry sailors each week. The kitchen is open to everyone, so stop by and join us for dinner. If you'd like to show off your culinary skills and cook one night, please feel free to call us.
GOOD AND WELFARE - Everyone appears to be both good and well this month! If you have something to share, please feel free to let us know and we'll pass it along.

See you at the Club,
Jo-Ann Phyllis
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For Sale 1974 Tanzer 22 with lots of character and fun to sail. The Tanzer 22 is a great day sailor or nightly club racer. She has a large cockpit and a nice cuddy cabin. This boat has been configured for single handing and club racing. The boat has many upgrades in including 3 sails: (Roller furled), Racing Dacron Main (2012), Racing Dacron Furler Genoa (2012) , and Racing Dacron Jib (2011), Updated Spinnaker pole (2010), speed/log gauge (2012), Pot-a-Potty (2011), Life Lines (2011), Tiller 2011, Hatch slides (2014), Battery (2014), Main sheet system (2012), Back Stay adjustment system (2011), Tiller tamer (2011), interior Cushions including berths (2010), Compass (2010), VHF Radio, bottom was striped, interlux barrier coated applied (2010), anchor and line, lines configured back to the cockpit and used rope clutches (2010), upgraded winches (Used), self tailing Main Sheet Traveler, Boom Kicker (2011), standard rigging (2012), Life lines (2011), etc.

The boat is available for \$1700 with out the 2 HP Honda outboard or \$2000 with it.

I am selling her with out the spinnakers as they have never been used, brand new and paid more than what I am asking for the boat.

This is a great boat for a down size, family or new sailor. It has been a pleasure to sail her, but I have move to a larger boat. The three sails cost more than the asking price.

The boat was not used last year, but is ready to sail for this season and is located at Dickerson's Marina.



Photo courtesy of David Lodge



Photo courtesy of David Lodge

Edgartown Race Weekend: All Charged Up for the ‘Round-the-Island Race <http://www.rivachting.com/channels/features/programs/edgartownraceweekendallchargedup>

The Edgartown Yacht Club’s ‘Round-the-Island Race, coming up July 26 on Martha’s Vineyard, has a storied past that begins in 1938 when the club’s Commodore E. Jared Bliss dedicated the Venona Trophy as a top prize.

The trophy was named after his ocean racing yacht that won the Bermuda Race in 1908, and since then, many similarly famous boats and decorated sailors have gone on to win the Venona Trophy, presented each year to the yacht in the spinnaker divisions that turns in the best overall corrected time.

Last year, a total of 62 teams (in IRC, Double-Handed, PHRF Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Divisions) met breezes of 25 knots plus during the 54.7 nautical mile circumnavigation of Martha’s Vineyard, and no one enjoyed it more than Doug Curtiss’s (S. Dartmouth, Mass.) team aboard the J/111 Wicked 2.0, which has been a regular at the race since 2008.

Doug Curtiss’s Wicked 2.0 at the start of last year’s ‘Round-the-Island Race. (Photo Credit: Edgartown Yacht Club)

“Not only did we secure a first place in PHRF A Class by three minutes (corrected time) in this six-hour race but also we went toe-to-toe with a One Design 35 for most of the day,” said Curtiss in his recap of the racing last year. “And did I mention some great sailing with gusts to 30 knots and a top speed of 18.6 knots for Wicked 2.0?”

This year’s ‘Round-the-Island Race is tracking to top last year’s numbers, with 44 entries already registered. (Deadline for entry is Friday, July 25.) They include defending class champions Paul Stafford (Greenwich Conn.) on his Alerion Express 38 Iniki in Double-handed Division and Ned Joyce’s (Plymouth, Mass.) J/105 Dark ‘n Stormy in PHRF Spinnaker Division.

A painting of the race trophy’s namesake Venona can be seen above.

“There’s a long tradition in this race,” said Curtiss, after signing up again for this year, “and a high caliber of competitors, so it’s just an honor to compete. You get every kind of condition—usually a heavy tide going out past Chappaquiddick on the east side of the island and a long beat to windward on the south side of the island to Gay Head. Then you get a nice long spinnaker run down Vineyard Sound on a southwesterly prevailing wind. There are a lot of tactics and calculations about tides and winds; you deal with a lot of variables, so it’s just a very exciting race.”

The largest division last year (22 entries) was for PHRF Non-Spinnaker, and for that there is a prestigious trophy as well: the Upbeat Cup, for best overall finish. In 2011, Commodore Owen C. Smith (Weston, Conn.) donated this cup, named after his yacht that had done this race more often than any other boat, always in non-spinnaker division. (Smith switched to Spinnaker Division in 2013 and has registered to race in that class again for 2014 with his J/28 Resurgo.)

Other trophies awarded for the race are the Concord Cup (first yacht to finish), named after the first recorded sailboat to sail around Martha’s Vineyard; the Ocean Race Trophy (best finish in each division by a yacht entered by an Edgartown Yacht Club member); the Cook Award (best finish among Service Academy yachts); and the Team Award (best corrected time of a three-yacht team from a given yacht club or Service Academies with entries in more than one division).

Saturday’s ‘Round-the-Island Race is scored separately from two preceding days of Big Boat Buoy Races over Thursday and Friday, July 24 and 25, and together, the two segments comprise the 2014 Edgartown Yacht Club’s Edgartown Race Weekend.

Edgartown’s Race Weekend promotes fun, competitive racing for boats 28 feet and longer in IRC, Double-Handed, and PHRF Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Divisions. The Big Boat Buoy Races are sanctioned as part of the prestigious U.S. IRC Gulf Stream Series, and the ‘Round-the-Island Race is part of the New England Lighthouse Series for PHRF yachts.

Registration deadline for the Big Boat Buoy Races is July 23; no fee required.

For more information, go to <http://www.rtrace.org> or contact raceadministrator@edgartownyc.org. Follow on the [Edgartown Yacht Club Racing Facebook page](#).

WBYC's 2014 Kids Cruise



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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

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Signature _____ Signature _____

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