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Commodore's Message



Members,

It's October. We've got some great events planned for this month. Columbus Day Cruise to Wickford, the rescheduled Norton's Regatta, and Pumpkin Patch Regatta are all this month! Our last month's New Member Social hosted by Dawn and Rich Safton was nothing less than spectacular. Congratulations to our hosts and all the support people for all their hard work! Well Done!!!!

And lastly, please don't forget that this month, we have our annual meeting! Your attendance is needed to pass the reigns of our leadership for 2015 to our nominees. Please plan on attending! See you there!

Respectfully submitted,
Dean
Commodore

WBYC'S PUMPKIN PATCH REGATTA

Saturday, October 18th, 2014

This is our final race of the season. Last year's regatta was a grand flourish for our season as we had a warm sunny day with a good breeze, although its shifts were a tremendous challenge on the race course.

This year WBYC's Pumpkin Patch Regatta will be held on Saturday, October 18th. The regatta will consist of as many as three short races over courses within the confines of Greenwich Bay (weather permitting). The first gun will be at 1200h (that's noon) with starts for spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes. We will add a non-racer class for those who like to try their hand at simply sailing the courses. Last year's regatta was one of our best and many skippers and crews asked at the time if we could do it again tomorrow. It seems everyone wanted to push the sun back up a little higher in the sky and continue summer/fall for at least one more day.



The 2014 WBYC Nominating Committee Presents It's Slate of Board of Governors Candidates for 2015

The committee nominates the following slate of candidates:

- Commodore - David Lodge
- Vice Commodore - Joe Crocker
- Rear Commodore - Kevin Ingle
- Treasurer - Joann Grima
- Secretary - Raleigh Jenkins
- Parliamentarian - Dale Broadbent
- Member-at-Large - Bruce Arey
- Member-at-Large - Grant Brandon
- Member-at-Large - Karen Berg

Voting for this slate of candidate will be held at the 2014 Annual Meeting on Friday, October 17, 2014 at 1900h (7PM) at the West Bay Yacht Club Clubhouse

Respectfully,

Your Nominating Committee:

Will Richmond, Chair/Past Commodore

Debra Arey

Sandy Grima

Joe Landi

Rich Safton

Tom Stocker

Vice Commodore



WBYC Sailors:

As of this writing there is but one racing event left to go in the 2014 season, the Pumpkin Patch on Saturday, October 18th.

Our Fall Series was a example of how close the racing has gotten at WBYC. In both the spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes all podium positions were still up for grabs when the 4th and last race of the series was started. In the non-spinnaker class **Pale Rider** held on to first place by finishing first in race #4 in front of **Team DR. Climax's** finish ahead of **Thora** broke the tie that existed after three races of the series. The spinnaker class was even closer. In race #4 **Flyer** finished second ahead of **Goat Rodeo** creating a tie for first. **Rodeo** came out first for the series utilizing the tie breaker. However, just to show how close things were, if **Flyer** had **Goat Rodeo** had finished one-two instead of two-three **Flyer** wins the tie breaker, and **Flyer** missed finishing first by 7 seconds. Vin McAteer's **Coconut Telegraph** filled out the top three in the class.

The recently completed Norton Memorial Regatta was moved to a Sunday to avoid a conflict with Yom Kippur and rainy weather that was forecast for Saturday. Six boat competed in a non-spinnaker class with five boats over 35 feet in length and **Thora** at 28 feet LOA. The biggest to complete was Will & Liz Richmond's shiny, new, cottage blue **Kiska**, a Hanse 445. Electric winches permitted Will and crew Tom Stocker to eat and relax on the upwind legs however this must have interfered with their concentration as they finished last on corrected time 11.29 behind Grant Brandon's **Estesea**. First place went to Todd Johnston's **Goat Rodeo**, second to Tom D'Albora's **Coconut**, and third to Ken

Thorsen's **Thora**, edging out Dale Broadbent's **Elan** by 35 seconds.

David Lodge

Vice Commodore
Race Committee Chairman
Webmaster

Rear Commodore



Where has summer gone! The boats are starting to come out of the water but don't jump the gun, we still have one cruise left to Wickford. Winter is a great time for activities at WBYC, we are always looking for new ideas and "cruise captains" for events. We are also looking to fill some vacancies this coming year and are looking for committee chairs for education, house and membership. This is a volunteer organization and it takes all of us pitching in to make the club successful. If you might be able to spare a few hours a month to make your club better, please consider helping out. Special thanks to Dawn and Rich Safton for a great time at the new member's social, your hard work is greatly appreciated. Enjoy the last of the season; hope to see all of you on the water or at the club.

Joe Crocker, Rear Commodore

Cruise Committee

We held two very successful cruises in September, with our annual Labor Day Cruise, hosted by Dale & Karen Broadbent and a new cruise, our End of Summer Cruise hosted by Kevin & Beth Ingle.



For the Labor Day weekend eight boats made the trip to Cuttyhunk, arriving between Thursday and Friday to get a jump on this popular weekend. Like last year, we did a significant amount of socializing between boats and on shore. Thanks to Dave and

Leann Pickering for hosting a cocktail party on Saturday afternoon. That evening we all converged on land for a great bonfire. Most boats left on Sunday and reconnected at Third Beach in Newport.

Our End of Summer Cruise



was held on the weekend of September 23rd where we visited Ida Lewis YC. Six boats made this memorable trip.



Kevin and Beth provided a wonderful and delicious catered dinner at Ida Lewis, and once the launch service ended, Joe Crocker provided transportation aboard his 'disco skiff' for a progressive cocktail party around the anchorage.

We are finally winding down the cruising year with one cruise to go, our annual Columbus Day Cruise. If the past is any indicator of the future, this one is not to be missed. See Debbie Arey's article for the details.

I hope you will consider joining us for the Columbus Day Weekend Cruise. See you then!

Tom Stocker
Cruise Committee Chair

Activities Committee



WOW! What a party!! If you missed the New Member's Social on 9/27, it was a wonderful event.

Dawn and Rich Safton along with Deb and Joe Crocker surely outdid themselves. The Club was sparkling with candles and flowers (all from Dawn's garden), the food was terrific and the conversations were enjoyable. Thanks to Jen B. and Barbara L. along with the Crocker boys for cleaning up on Sunday too.

Don't forget the Annual Meeting is Friday, October 17th. I hope everyone changed their calendar from the 15th. It's an important meeting, so please make an effort to attend. Dessert and coffee will be served.

We're working on another event this month. So keep looking for info.

The invitations for the Annual Banquet will be in the mail very shortly. Please mark your calendar for Saturday, November 15th and join us at EG YC. The responses are due back by 11/5.

Good and Welfare -- Glad to hear that Mom P's (Phyllis)' recent eye surgery went well. Also, a feel better hug is sent along to Jake Portnoy. Don't forget if you have something to share, just give us a call.

See you at the Club,
Jo-Ann Phyllis
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- Vice Commodore**.....David Lodge
- Rear Commodore**.....Joe Crocker
- Past Commodore**.....Will Richmond
- Secretary**.....Raleigh Jenkins
- Treasurer**.....Jo-Ann Grima
- Parliamentarian**.....Marcie Feldman
- Members at Large**Celeste Wright
-Dale Broadbent
-Bruce Arey

2014 Committee Chairs

Activities.....	Phyllis Geisser & Jo-Ann Grima
Cruising.....	Tom Stocker
Education.....	Grant Brandon
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RIMTA Sets Dates for 2015 Providence Boat Show in January

<http://www.rivachting.com/channels/events/programs/rimtasetsdatesforprovidenceboatshow>

One of the largest winter indoor boat shows in New England, the Providence Boat Show will feature expanded show hours and will build on the success of the 2014 event with highlights including hands-on seminars, a special Volvo Ocean Race feature, and plenty of activities for youth and aspiring boaters.

RIMTA purchased the boat show in 2013 and set out to transform the event with new attractions. The January 2014 show achieved a 21% increase in ticket sales, a 16% rise in space sales, and solid sales for exhibitors—many of whom reported stronger sales than previous years. But one piece of data translates into pure gold for the future of this event: 80% of the attendees are current boat owners, and 55% have plans to buy a boat in the next two to three years.

“The 2014 show was a great start, and we established a successful boat show model that drew the right consumers and generated strong business for our exhibitors,” said Jonathan Banks, the show’s director. “With such a high percentage of attendees looking to purchase a boat in the next two to three years, our focus is to create a show that truly motivates consumers to take the next step.”

Based on exhibitor feedback, organizers have kept the show to three days but have expanded the show hours. The show returns to the Rhode Island Convention Center on Friday, January 23 (10 am – 9 pm), Saturday, January 24 (10 am – 8 pm), and Sunday, January 25 (10 am – 5 pm). This year’s show is a week earlier so it does not conflict with Super Bowl weekend.

The Volvo Ocean Race’s participation at the Providence Boat Show will draw a wide range of boating enthusiasts and will showcase the Ocean State as the only U.S. stopover on the 11-port race. The Volvo Ocean Race starts in October 2014 from Alicante, Spain, and will stop over in Newport in May 2015.

One of the highlights of the 2014 show was the addition of a Show Pavilion, which was used for special guest appearances, seminars, and hands-on presentations, including sea-to-table cooking demonstrations, knot-tying, and other activities. The Show Pavilion will once again be a key focal point of the show and will be expanded to include more hands-on events.

According to the RIMTA CEO Wendy Mackie, the Providence Boat Show plays a critical role for the region’s marine industry.

“Not only is this show a way for our industry to market their products and highlight the boating lifestyle in the Ocean State; proceeds from the show help sustain the work RIMTA does on behalf of the industry— including marketing the marine trades, workforce development, and advocacy,” said Mackie. “Success for the Providence Boat Show translates to success for our entire industry.”

Exhibitor contracts are being sent out in July. Companies interested in booking space for the 2015 show can contact RIMTA (info@rimta.org / 401-396-9619) or visit www.providenceboatshow.com.



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Location: Norton's Marina & Shipyard

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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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