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## Commodore's Message



Members,

November is here and the annual banquet is only a week away. We have a lot to celebrate. Our year on the water has been nothing less than spectacular! The weather couldn't have been better. The attendance for our events measured to new heights. We had a good year!

As we come off the water, you'll find the excitement continues with our holiday parties, socials and educational events. These are a blast to attend. We have so much fun discussing our previous summer activities and a lot of the planning for the coming year really begins here. And last but not least, we have chess nights starting up soon and educational events in the planning stages. Make a point to join in and ask a friend or two to come along. We're a great group and a fun group. More like a family of "like" individuals who enjoy boating as much as we enjoy each other's company. It's who we are.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dean  
Commodore





**SEA SCOUTS SHIP 1909, BSA**  
10 Water Street  
East Greenwich, RI 02818

**Press Release: October 2, 2014**

## Sailing Ship *Starbound* Arrives; Offers Exciting Adventures for Rhode Island Youths

EAST GREENWICH, RI – *Starbound*, a 70', sailing ship with a storied history having sailed twice around the world, arrived in Greenwich Bay Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> having made the 225 mile trip from northern Maine to her new home in Greenwich Cove.



*Starbound*, under a long term charter by the non-profit group Seamanship and Leadership Training for Youths (S.A.L.T.Y.), founded by Capt. Dave Pickering will be primarily used by Sea Scouts Ship 1909, sponsored by the East Greenwich Yacht Club and other youth groups for weekend cruises and summer charters beginning in June 2015. She will also be available for corporate and private charters. Sea Scouts, a coed organization for youths between the ages of 14 to 21 is part of the Boy Scouts of America.

Pickering's vision for *Starbound* and S.A.L.T.Y. is to provide a unique sailing experience in the greater RI cruising grounds for youth organizations, modeled after the Boy Scout's Sea Base in the Florida Keys. This experience is not offered by any other organization in New England. Each group will have the opportunity to sail aboard *Starbound* for a week to areas including anchorages and harbors in and around Narragansett Bay, Block Island, Cuttyhunk MA, Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket and Mystic Seaport. With the acquisition of *Starbound*, this high-adventure sailing experience for youth in New England is well on its way of

achieving reality.

When the opportunity to acquire *Starbound* presented itself, she was the initial ingredient to Pickering's strategy for S.A.L.T.Y., which expects to acquire sailing and power boats to facilitate multi-faceted nautical programs to young adults over the coming years. Pickering's concept was inspired by his involvement as Committee Chairman of Sea Scouts Ship 1909. Watching the ship grow and its young members flourish within its program, Pickering felt this was an opportunity that would provide unique experiences and leadership opportunities youths could not receive anywhere else.

*Starbound* was built in 1950 for the technical editor of Rudder Magazine as a 'stretch' replica of Capt. Joshua Slocum's 'Spray'. She was subsequently sold to Burl Ives, a widely loved American folk and sea-chantey singer. In the early 1970's, under the ownership of Gordon and Nina Stuermer she took two circumnavigations of the globe. The Stuermers wrote a book about their voyages called "Starbound". She underwent a half million dollar refit in 1998 transforming her literally into a new and exceptionally safe sailing ship.

Helping deliver *Starbound* on the 225-mile voyage from northern Maine to Greenwich Bay included Capt. Ron McBain, Capt. Dave Pickering, Tom Stocker, Tonya Ricketts, Jeff Elsbecker, Sandy Grima, Peirce Brawner, Brian Lagergren and Greg Yates.

For more information please email the following: For "S.A.L.T.Y. – Seamanship And Leadership Training for Youths" [saltyfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:saltyfoundation@gmail.com), For "*Starbound*", [sailingstarbound@gmail.com](mailto:sailingstarbound@gmail.com) or contact Capt. Dave Pickering directly at (401) 742-5039.



# *Support Sea Scout Ship 1909*

## *Annual Pasta Dinner Fundraiser*



**Sunday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>** 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

*Don't miss this great opportunity to:*

- *Enjoy a delicious Pasta Dinner!*
  - *Pasta, meatballs, salad, dessert & all the fixins'*
- *Have a great pre-game meal before our Patriots play the Colts at 8:30!*
- *Watch our slide show of all the adventures our Sea Scouts had this summer to see what the Sea Scouts are all about!*

*\$10 adults, children under 6 free*

*Scouts \$8 (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Venturers)*

*at the beautiful East Greenwich Yacht Club*

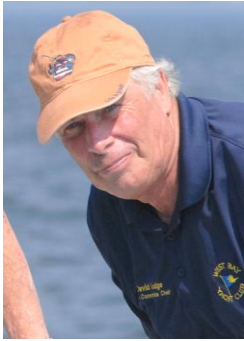
*10 Water Street, East Greenwich (next to the new BLU on the Water Restaurant)*

*For more information please contact: Tom Stocker, Skipper - 451-9799*

*Capt. Dave Pickering, Committee Chair - 742-5039*

*Sea Scouts is a coed high adventure program of the Boy Scouts of America for youths aged 14-21*

## Vice Commodore



Our 2014 Pumpkin Patch Regatta wrapped up the 2014 racing season with close, competitive racing and a day where it felt like each of the three races of the regatta were run on different days in different conditions. The first race was run with winds in the upper teens and a progressive left hand shift. During the last part of the race a small shower swept through and dampened down all the wind. The second race as a result started in about 5 knots of breeze and a right hand shift brought the wind direction back to that with which we started the day. The wind came back up for the third and final race with the finish line moved to it's traditional location at the entrance of Greenwich Cove.

There are no throw outs in the Pumpkin Patch Regatta so all three races are important. First and third places in the non-spinnaker class weren't determined until the final race. *Thora* bested *Cosmo* by one point for first and *Cakewalk* took third from the automated boat *Kiska* by a single point. In the spinnaker class second, third and fourth places were separated by a single point. *Dark Star* lost in a tie breaker to *Flyer* for third place with *Coconut Telegraph* a single point ahead of them in second place.

Thank you to all who participated in WBYC's racing season. Also thanks to everybody who helped out on the race committee. Grant & Jennifer Brandon's *Estesea*, Frank Hepner's *Relaxin,* David Pickering's *Spray* and Joe & Debbie Crocker's power boat (name unknown) all served as committee boats at some time during the season. Jim & Celeste Wright, John Budzinski, Barbara Lodge, Dean Travis, and Karen Berg all pitched in on the water to get all races run smoothly and efficiently. Also, a speckal thanks to Joann Grima, Phylis Geisser, Jennifer Brandon, and anyone else who helped in the kitchen over the course of the

season. Dinner at the club after racing really tops off Monday evenings.

Over the winter we will be planning next year's season. We are looking for someone to step up and serve as race committee chairman for 2015. I will help whoever volunteers in any way I can including serving as PRO on the water so that you can still race.

David Lodge

Vice Commodore  
Race Committee Chairman  
Webmaster

## Membership Committee

I hope you all are well and enjoying the fall season. Thank you to those who participated in the Annual meeting on October 17th. We are a volunteer supported club and we need member participation to continue our wonderful heritage.

Our next big event will be our Annual Banquet taking place this year on Nov. 15th at EGYC. Join with your fellow members and enjoy celebrating our club!

## Cruise Committee

Another great Columbus Weekend Cruise in the books...but alas, also the end of our 2014 club cruise schedule.

Once again our hosts, Debbie and Bruce Arey, put



together a spectacular fun-filled weekend at Wickford Marina.

Always our best attended cruise, this year was no different. It was a great and fitting finale to our season. From our potluck dinner on the marina deck, to our dinner out on the town to our ending cocktail brunch on

Monday, there was something for everyone to do. Looking forward to next year!

So that does it for our 2014 cruising season. The only thing left is to announce our 2014 Cruising Award recipients, those individuals who personify the WBYC cruising spirit. The winners this year have made a great impact on the success of our cruises and I am looking forward to announcing



who they are at our annual banquet in a few weeks. Like other years, this is really a tough choice because of all the participation, enthusiasm and help

we have had to make our cruising program so strong.

Although I have been encouraged to reconsider, we will be holding off on awarding our ‘great moments in cruising’ awards until our annual cruising social later this winter. We actually need a little more time than allotted at our annual banquet to do injustice to the recipients☺. So stay tuned for that.

See you all at the banquet!

## Activities Committee



Ok? Time to confess. Have you played “hookie” and gone out for that last sail or put your boat to bed for the winter? What happened to Summer anyway?

All went well at the Annual Meeting on 10/17. Many thanks to the outgoing Board and congratulations to the new Board. Best of luck in 2015.

Don’t forget the Annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet is November 15<sup>th</sup> at the East Greenwich Yacht Club. If you’re planning to attend, please let us know right away. The final count is due by

11/13. Enjoy a fine dinner, pick up a trophy or two, buy a few raffle tickets, and just have fun.

In December, we have our Holiday Party (12/6). It’s the infamous Yankee Swap, so bring a wrapped gift (\$10-15 limit) for your child and for yourself. It’s a potluck dinner too, so bring a dish to share.

GOOD and WELFARE – Our sympathy to Bill Lilly on the loss of his Dad. We’re thinking of you and yours. Also, a “Feel Better Hug” goes out to Paul Tracy. Hope all went well with your surgery. Everyone else appears to be happy and healthy. Keep up the good work.

We’re always looking for help and ideas, so just call.

See you at the Club,

Jo-Ann                      Phyllis  
(401)738-0272    (401)219-1784

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**Baseball Hat \$10.00**  
**Men’s and Ladies T shirts \$12.00**  
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**All Prices include club logo!**

### 2014 Board of Governors

**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 Large** .....Celeste Wright  
.....Dale Broadbent  
.....Bruce Arey

### 2014 Committee Chairs

**Activities**.....Phyllis Geisser & Jo-Ann Grima  
**Cruising**.....Tom Stocker  
**Education**.....Grant Brandon  
**Publicity**.....Andrew Brousell  
**Website**.....David Lodge  
**Blooper**.....Andrew Brousell  
**Membership**.....Celeste Wright  
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## URI Sailing News

<http://www.urisailing.org/news/week-5-report-moody-trophy-storm-trysail-intercollegiate/>

### Week 5 Report – Moody Trophy / Storm Trysail Intercollegiate

November 5, 2014

The Moody Trophy, our biggest home event of the year and a major intersectional, drew an impressive array of teams from across the country. The competition was excellent, but the weather definitely was not. Saturday began cloudy but rapidly morphed into a cold rain. Fortunately the northerly wind was excellent and the racing was outstanding. Sunday was beautiful with the off set sunbathing on Gardiner Island. It was a northerly again, gradually diminishing. More great racing. Lots of action with 10 races in each division for the event.

The Rams, with Caleb Armstrong / Elizabeth Durgin in A and Matt Coughlin / Kaity Norton in B, finished 9th in the 18 team field, improving from 11th last year. Roger Williams was hot on Sunday and pulled out the win. Matt and Kaity were a solid 5th in B and are showing great improvement this season.

In other action, the Rams were in Larchmont for the Storm Trysail Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta. Team Captain Matt Wordell was the skipper of the 8 person team. They were competing in the J/109 One-Design class and finished a very solid 4th in the 13 boat field, winning the last race.

In other action, the Rams were at Bowdoin for the Barnett Trophy, finishing 9th in the 14 team field and at Roger Williams for a Southern Series invite finishing 5th in the 17 team field.



Photo Courtesy of David Lodge



# West Bay Yacht Club

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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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