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Commodore's Message



Members,

It's December, the annual banquet is in the history books. Congratulations to the winners of our club awards this year. Our 2014 Frank H. Norton Award winners were Dawn and Rich Safton. Our Meredith Scott Award went to Tom Stocker, and Our Corinthian Spirit Award went to Tonya Ricketts and finally, our Cruising award winner was Karen (Carol) and Dale Broadbent. Congratulations and thank you for your commitment to West Bay Yacht Club! Its members like you that make West Bay Yacht Club the best club on the bay! Let's also not forget to shout out congratulations to our many racing award winners! Congratulations!

Congratulations to my good friend David Lodge for being installed as Commodore for 2015! I couldn't be more pleased to hand the reigns to David. His love for the club is second to none and his efforts over the past year with websites, yearbooks, and let's not forget as Racing Chairman are all remarkable. He's the "go to

guy" as "I know a guy" would say! Lol. Congratulations David!

Last but not least, Let me say how much fun I've had being the Commodore of your club for the past two years. This is one incredible organization! I can't say in words how grateful I am and how pleased I am to have been involved at this level. I learned so much from so many and the fun that this organization brings to the table is second to none. Members, to you I say so long and not good bye. My reign may be over but involvement at WBYC has just begun.

Respectfully submitted,
Dean
Commodore



Vice Commodore



The boats had all been hauled, covered, and winterized for another few months of hibernation; and awards for the past season have been presented. That means it's time to start thinking about the next season. After all, it's only a few months away. By the middle of January a tentative schedule for the upcoming season will be posted (There are always we have to make to dovetail with other races as they get posted.). We have a few ideas for some new twists for next year and will send them out to all our racers for feedback as soon as we have them thoroughly thought out.

Over the winter everyone should keep in touch with the website and watch the calendar for our winter program of events. The WBYC education committee will be sponsoring a number of evening events of interest to racers possibly including a Racing Rules of Sailing Quiz Night, a CPR course, sail inventories & trim, and tactics.

WBYC is a member dependent club. All club events depend upon the efforts of members to be successful. Our last events, The New Member Social, The Annual Awards Banquet, and the Holiday Party were overwhelming successes because of the work of the members who "captained" them. Rich & Dawn Safton (New Member Social), Joann Grima and Phylis Geisser (Annual Awards Banquet) and Will & Liz Richmond (Holiday Party) deserve all our thanks for hosting overwhelmingly successful events. In the upcoming year I hope we can continue this practice of members pitching in to create good times for all our members. The next event may feature our New England Patriots in the NFL playoffs. Last year we held get togethers for all their playoff games. Hopefully this year it will continue all the way to the game on February 1st at University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, AZ

(Why does the U of Phoenix have a stadium? They don't even have a football team.).

Hope to see everybody at the club at some time over the winter.

David Lodge

Vice Commodore
Race Committee Chairman
Webmaster

Membership Committee

One ship drives east and another west by the same winds that blow. It's the set of the sails and not the gales that determine the way they go. Except from: Ella Wheeler Wilcox "Tis' the Set of the Sail".....

Hello WBYC members. Thank You to all who have contributed of themselves to continue our wonderful heritage. I have enjoyed sharing these responsibilities. We are a member supported club and it is with the dedication of our members that we set our sails and continue to be the "Friendliest Little Yacht Club on the Bay". Our winter holiday party is December the 6th. Happy Holidays!

Cruise Committee

I am sad to report there were no club cruises this past month. Not that anyone would want to attend. ☺

I would like to congratulate Dale and Karen Broadbent, our 2014 WBYC Cruise Award winners.



Dale and Karen have been regular participants and cruise captains for us over the past few years. They have led our annual Labor Day Weekend Cruise for the past two years. In addition Dale is a member of our

Cruise Committee and was just elected to be our Club Parliamentarian for the upcoming year. Their help and active participation in our cruising program have been big reasons why our cruising program is so strong.

Our next cruising activity will be our annual planning and social dinner sometime in February. We will be making our annual not-so-great cruising awards to those cruisers who made our 2014 cruises so much fun and memorable. So stay tuned for further details.

Have a great holiday!

Rear Commodore



Ahh the winter blues. My boat finally came out of the water and it saddens me to see all of the shrink wrap at the marina. That said, I have a whole list of winter projects to get done so I am ready for an early spring launch. The holidays are upon us and that means the winter fun starts at WBYC. We are blessed to have such a great bunch of people that work hard to make sure we have plenty of activities to pass the time until we are back on the water. Happy Holidays!

Joe Crocker
Rear Commodore

Activities Committee



Too bad the warm weather of today (11/24) won't last a few more days. Wouldn't you agree? There are still a few more boats that need to be put to bed for the winter.

When it comes to "house happenings", we've been busy, busy. As you all know, our Annual Banquet was held on 11/15 at EGYC. Just about 95 people attended and were wined and dined by the West Valley Inn. Many thanks to Deb, Janelle, and their staff for providing such a great meal. Congratulations to the racers and club members who took a few trophies home this year, too. You're the best. The Auction and Raffle were both quite successful. If you're out and about town, be sure to stop by any of our supporters and say "thanks", as well.

We're working on the 2015 Calendar of Events, so be sure keep an eye open for what's coming up in the month ahead.

Good and Welfare – We're passing along our sincere sympathy to LeeAnn and Dave Pickering on the recent loss of LeeAnn's Mom in New Hampshire and hugs are sent to Gerry Schennum and Pat Norton. Gerry's Mom passed away in Minnesota at the tender young age of 102. Everything and everyone else continues to be holding up pretty well. If you have anything to report, please let us know.

Have a Blessed and Happy Holiday Season.

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Educational Program Launched for Volvo Ocean Race Newport

<http://www.sailnewport.org/announcements/educational-program-launched-for-volvo-ocean-race-newport>

NEWPORT, RI (November 12, 2014) - Sail Newport today announced the launch of a national education program with an online learning site linking the Volvo Ocean Race with K-12 classrooms. The Volvo Ocean Race started in October and continues on a global route with a stopover in North America May 5-17, 2015 in Newport, RI. The program will link students with the race by offering lesson plans at no cost to participating schools on such topics as geography and culture, marine science, math, sustainability, navigation, sailing, art, ocean conservation, currents and weather. In addition, schools will have the opportunity for a destination field trip to the Newport Stopover.

Brad Read, executive director of Sail Newport and director of the Stopover announced that Newport school teacher Donna Kelly, and Sailors for the Sea President R. Mark Davis, will co-chair the educational program.

Co-Chair Kelly says, "Our goal is to educate and inspire children not just about the sport of sailing, but about the world's oceans, their climates, and to discover the continents and cultures across the world. The experience allows students to virtually travel with the sailors as they circumnavigate the earth which will be an amazing virtual journey for all ages. I am honored to help spread the message on behalf of the teams and the sailors." (Kelly, pictured standing left, teaches students about marine life encountered by sailors on an ocean race.)

Read also announced that Sail Newport will collaborate with other non-profits to create the "Blue Zone" for visiting students at the Volvo Ocean Race Stopover next spring.

"I am thrilled to co-chair the education program for the Newport stopover of the Volvo Ocean Race," noted Davis. "This program will focus on core curriculum topics such as geography, science, sustainability and math through the lens of the world's toughest race. We are also excited to invite students to Ft. Adams in May to connect them with their local waters while studying the ocean as the boats race around the world."

Joining Sail Newport for the educational program content will be such organizations as National Geographic, 11th Hour Racing, Sailors for the Sea, US Sailing's REACH Program, New England Science and Sailing, Tall Ship Oliver Hazard Perry and the University of Rhode Island.

The school and web-based program will lead up to the opening of the marine education Blue Zone to be located at the Volvo Ocean Race Newport Stopover Sailing Village in Fort Adams State Park. Inside the Blue Zone, students will participate with interactive displays and exhibits showcasing marine-based programming and modules related to ocean conservation, sailing, weather and sustainability.

In the New England region, leaders from the educational program are visiting classrooms to make presentations on the race and the marine-based programming. Newport's Pell School, Thompson Middle School and the East Bay Met School have all hosted presentations and plan to host additional events. Many more school visits will be made by educators and Stopover leaders as the race proceeds over the fall, winter and spring.

Also, to further link the educational program to the race, the website will also have daily updates from the ocean race including news, photographs, videos and interviews with the sailors. Recently, fourth grade students from Newport submitted questions to Team Alvimedica. e communications. A Skype call tomorrow at 10 a.m. EST from the Pell School will link students directly with sailors from Team Alvimedica who will talk about the first leg, Cape Town experiences and will answer questions from the students.

Read said, "We want to connect regional students with the natural resource of Narragansett Bay and the world's oceans. The sailboat race is exciting as a sporting event on its own, but the opportunity to engage students of all ages to explore and conserve the ocean is our key focus in the educational program for schools across the nation."



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Race Own	Race Crew	Weekend Cruising	Cruiser Races

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Activities (Social)	Cruising	Publicity	Education
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WILLING TO HELP AS FOLLOWS: Circle your preference

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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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