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The Friendliest Little Yacht Club on the Bay!

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Commodore's Message



It's been quite a winter and as I look out the window right now it's snowing again. I think enduring this winter will only make us appreciate the coming spring, summer and autumn that much more, and maybe we all put just a little more effort into our plans for the coming sailing season.

So far this year we've had a great time sitting in our luxury box at WBYC cheering our Patriots to victory through two playoff games and in the penultimate contest where they managed to snatch a deflated football out of the jaws of defeat with less than 30 seconds left in the game. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening of football and friendship at WBYC. There will be many more throughout 2015. I guarantee it!

Board and committee members are hard at work on planning events and getting administrative tasks complete before it's time to get back on the water. Membership renewals have been coming in at a great pace and hopefully we are complete with that process by the middle of March. Please help us complete it by paying your 2015 dues if you haven't already done so. The cruising and racing calendars are set and will be posted to the website soon. The cruising events have already been posted on the club's Facebook page which you can get to by clicking [HERE](#).

We do have at least two events planned for March, our annual St. Patrick's Day Party and the Cruise Planning Social. Look elsewhere in this issue for dates and details. These two events have become very well attended as we shake off the winter and get just an inkling of things to come. More events will be coming up so keep checking your email, or the WBYC website and/or Facebook page.

For now stay warm and dry.

Commodore David Lodge

Race Committee

The WBYC racing calendar for 2015 is nearly complete and will be posted to the website and to the WBYC Facebook page soon. Our racing will take the same form it has for the past few years with one new wrinkle that will add to the year without subtracting anything we've done in the past. The Monday Evening Summer Series consists of 12 races as it always has but this year we will offer three series within the series. The season will be divided into three series corresponding roughly with the months of June, July and August (four races in each month). There will be first place recognition for each month's series and an overall season series champion. Racers can choose to race any or all of the month long series. The overall champion will, as in the past, have to race 9 races (75%) to qualify and those racing more than 9 races will get a throw out for each race in excess of 9 (a maximum of 3 throw outs). It will take 3 races to qualify for inclusion in the June, July and August series standings and there will be a 1 race throw out for those who race all four races. The hope is that those racers who find it difficult to race all year and cruisers who go on the club cruise for two weeks will join us on the racecourse for at least one month this year.

Notices of Race and Sailing Instructions will be available soon on the website.

WBYC Race Committee

Cruise Committee

Happy New Year! Days are now getting longer and it is time to start planning our 2015 cruising schedule.



So, consider this a recruiting request to either join our Cruising Committee or volunteer to 'captain' a cruise, or both. Call me, text me, email me or see me. No experience required.

We will be holding our first Cruise Committee meeting sometime this month to talk about where we would like to visit, cruises we want to keep or try and we will be huddling with the Racing Committee to pick our tentative cruise and race dates.

Our first Cruise activity of 2015 will be to plan and hold our annual Cruise Social. Stay tuned for the date, either in February or early March. It will be posted to our website and Facebook page.

Looking forward to winter being done!

Rear Commodore



This is my first Blooper submission as your newly elected Rear Commodore. Thank you to all for the privilege to serve you.

Beth and I have truly enjoyed the fun, activities and cruises with our West Bay family. Thank you. You're a special group. We sold our beloved *Windance* in December and our participation with the West Bay group is a large part of our decision to secure - "*RB*" - *Replacement Boat*.

During my very first board meeting and introduction to the inner workings of the club, I became concerned about the gradual decrease in club membership over the years. We need to grow the club. We need the member's help to do so.

I thought I would pen this mid-winter Blooper message in regard to membership.

From the children's book "[The Wind in the Willows](#)", by [Kenneth Grahame](#). In the story, Mole and Rat are rowing in the Rat's boat. They are discussing nautical things and life in general when Rat is heard to utter:

"Believe me, my young friend, there is nothing — absolutely nothing — half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats."

And it 's true. And truly, the best times 'messing about in boats' is with my West Bay friends.

The dues notices are out. Please visit <http://westbayyachtclub.org/RenewSite/renewal2015.html> and renew your membership please, if you have not already done so. Many thanks to those that have already renewed.

Activities Committee



Welcome to 2015!! We trust everyone survived the holiday season! Time sure flies when you're having fun, doesn't it?

Looking back—The Holiday Party/Yankee Swap was held on December 6, 2014. We had over 50 adults and children enjoying good food, good conversation and each other's company. As always the Yankee Swap was great fun. Wine bottles, other spirits, blankets and everything in between seemed to make the rounds. Oh, yes -- the "Snuggie" showed up again. You should all be fore warned, it will probably be back again next year! Thanks to Harry Hanukkah (aka Paul Finstein) for keeping us all in line and a sincere thank you to all the elves who cleaned, set up and decorated the club the night before. We couldn't have done it without you.

The Superbowl Party was held on 2/3. Congratulations to the NE Patriots and the Seattle Seahawks for a game well played. Thanks to Dave P, we had a bigger and better screen to watch it on, too. There was lots of food and lots of fun was had by all.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: The Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner is scheduled for March 14th. As always Paul and Cathy O'Finstein and crew will be busy cooking -- so don't miss this one. Stay tuned for more details.

There may also be a Wine Tasting Event sometime in April -- Keep a sharp eye out for those details, as well.

GOOD & WELFARE -- In spite of a few colds and runny noses, everyone seems to be surviving the winter so far. If you do have anything to share, please let us know.

We need new ideas and hosts for social activities. Please don't be shy, give us a call.
Jo-Ann (738-0272)
Phyllis (219-1784)

The sailing industry and number of sailors is on the wane. The membership in West Bay Yacht club has declined over the years as well. We see anecdotal evidence in the gradual decline of interest in sailing regarding the marked difference (and increase) in the number of powerboats versus sailboats and the number of available slips and moorings in almost every marina. Go to any boat show, the power boats outnumber the sailboats by 8 to 10 to one (or more). The cost, commitment, time and wide variety of alternate recreational activities has all played a part. I was ushered into the East Greenwich Yacht Club almost as soon as we applied two years ago and we were graced with a great mooring as well. 25 years ago I was told there was a 10 year wait on membership and impossible to get a mooring. Times have changed. West Bay Yacht Club makes a difference. The social community and mutual love of boating and sailing is shared by our membership.

In spite of our gradual decline in membership we have certainly enjoyed a wonderful past few years with our vibrant cruising and racing programs. Many thanks to our racing and cruising committees and volunteers. You make our club special. The friendliest yacht club on the bay! Thank you! I believe the cruising, education and social activities will appeal to both sailors and power boaters and not brand us as a 'sailing club'. We're a 'yacht club'.

In order for West Bay Yacht Club to continue its fine tradition of offering wonderful racing, cruising, social and education activities, we need to increase our membership. We need your help as members to do so. This is not an activity relegated to the membership committee or board. Its an activity we can all help with. I would like to suggest, the simple suggestion of "every member get a member". As worn out as this suggestion may be. It works. The out reach can be as simple asking your fellow boater eager to get his craft ready in the spring to come to a social or join a cruise, your dock mates, your "launch buddies". I will discuss with the board having some cards made with a quick introduction to the club. We're planning an 'open house' in the spring and other fun membership campaigns I will be asking for your help with. My ambition as your newly elected rear commodore is to grow the membership and offer a few more social/education activities.

Kevin Ingle
Rear Commodore

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- Baseball Hat \$10.00
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- Men's and Ladies Polo shirt \$25.00
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- Commodore.....David Lodge
- Vice Commodore.....Joe Crocker
- Rear Commodore.....Kevin Ingle
- Past Commodore.....Dean Travis
- Secretary.....Raleigh Jenkins
- Treasurer.....Jo-Ann Grima
- Parliamentarian.....Dale Broadbent
- Members at LargeKaren Berg
-Grant Brandon
-Bruce Arey

2015 Committee Chairs

- Activities.....Phyllis Geisser & Jo-Ann Grima
- Cruising.....Tom Stocker
- Education.....Open
- Publicity.....Andrew Brousell
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Prestige Yacht Sales

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Sail Seminar Weekend

with

Bob Pattison of Neil Pryde Sails

Norwalk, CT @ Prestige Yacht Sales

March 7, 2015 - 10am-12pm

Mystic, CT @ Red 36-Seaport Marine

March 8, 2015 - 12pm-2pm



About Bob:

I started my sailmaking career in 1975, learning the art of sailmaking on the sail-loft floor and for a variety of sailmakers in and around Southern California. This included working for the Westsail Corporation making 'round the world' cruising sails for heavy displacement cruising boats and later heading up a production loft for Prindle Catamarans as well as working for a small independent racing sail loft owned by my brother. This 'hands on' experience proved to be invaluable as the industry and I moved into the PC revolution in 1980.

The eighties brought great change to the sailmaking industry and I was at the forefront of the CAD/CAM revolution, beta testing the very first commercially available sailmaking software and by 1985, using the first commercially available computer driven cutting machines. My interest and pursuit of technology and sailmaking continues today.

I went to work for the Neil Pryde Yachtsail Division in 1990, bringing the tools and drive to help make Neil Pryde Sails one of the most advanced sailmaking companies in the world. In 1997 my business partner, Tim Yourieff, and I purchased the Yachtsail division from Neil Pryde Ltd and started a new and wholly owned and sailmaking driven company that is licensed to manufacture and distribute the Neil Pryde Product worldwide. The sailmaking continues, and the group is now expanding their worldwide distribution. Currently I am the Technical Director for the company and oversee the day-to-day design of sails and all technical matters pertaining to Neil Pryde Sails.

I directly handle the Beneteau Yachts USA account, overseeing the design, engineering and creative work involved in producing sails for Beneteau.

Each year I participate in a variety of sailing seminars, discussing sail handling, sailing, sails-rigs-cruising configurations and other.

I also oversee our Clubs and Schools program in which we build incredibly robust sails for schools and clubs and at entirely affordable prices to help and enable these programs to continue to bring new sailors to our sport.

Sailing:

I have sailed and raced in numerous dinghies as well as many small to medium size performance keelboats from 1965 to present. Highlights include National Championships in the Santa 20 class and top finishes in M.O.R.C. and IMS racing as well.

Competed in ocean sailing events such as:

The S.O.R.C.
Key West Race Week
Block Island Race Week
Newport/Ensenada Ocean Races
M.O.R.C. (Mexican Ocean Racing Circuit)
China Sea Races

Santa Catalina, San Clemente, Channel Island, Block Island, Vineyard, Ft. Lauderdale-Key West and other medium distance Ocean Races.

In addition, I have sailed many ocean miles, including:

Northern trans-Atlantic (Halifax to Ireland)
Caribbean: Eastern and western islands.
Western Caribbean Sea (Honduras to Ft. Lauderdale)
Western coast of Mexico (Acapulco to Manzanillo)
San Francisco Bay and environs
New England Coast including Maine

In order to accommodate everyone who would like to attend, we ask that you please RSVP to these events.

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By Matt Blanchette

If Boston does win its Olympic bid for 2024 the south coast city of New Bedford wants to be in on it.

Mayor Jon Mitchell announced the city would like to host the sailing events for the 2024 games. Many think of New Bedford as a fishing city, and rightfully so, but Mayor Mitchell says not only is New Bedford the perfect spot for sailing, but it's the best place to sail in the country.

Flanked by sailors, commodores and an executive from US Sailing., the mayor proclaimed New Bedford as the best spot to host the sport of sailing.

"We are confident that New Bedford will strengthen Boston's bid for the Olympic games," Mitchell said.

Mitchell lists strong winds, warm waters, accessibility and an urban area as major factors that separate the south coast from other locations.

It is difficult to picture sailing after the winter New England has had, but one of the most impressive things they say about Fort Taber in New Bedford, for the sailing event, is that it has a 360 degree view of the bay for spectators.

Best part is, Mitchell says it would not cost the city any money. "We don't need to build a stadium, the stadium is the water of Buzzard's Bay," Mitchell said.

Jack Gierhart of US Sailing agreed that New Bedford would make a fine host, but not just in the summer of 2024.

"It's not just a 14 day event. its more like a 3 year event. Teams come in and train for multiple years in advance of the games," Gierhart said.

Ultimately Mitchell see this opportunity as a chance for long term economic growth.

"We are a city that is trying to boost its economy in ever sector, including in tourism, and having the Olympics here would be a really big shot in the arm."

Maple Pecan Chicken

Prep time: 5 mins

Cook time: 15 mins

Total time: 20 mins

Serves: 2

Ingredients

- 1 6-ounce can chicken (white or dark according to your preference) OR turkey
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup
- 1 tablespoon mayonnaise*
- 1/4 cup bread crumbs (Panko are best; others will work)
- 1/4 cup chopped pecans OR walnuts

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.
2. Spray a small baking dish with nonstick baking spray. I use a 6" ovenproof Corelle bowl for two people; you could also use a pie pan or other small oven safe dish.
3. Drain the chicken and spread the pieces in the bottom of the pan, taking care not to crumble them.
4. Mix the maple syrup and mayonnaise in a small dish, then spread over the chicken.
5. Mix the bread crumbs and pecans together, then sprinkle over the maple mixture.
6. Bake at 400 degrees F. for 15 minutes, until the crumbs are golden and crunchy. If it's hot through but not getting golden, you can put it under the broiler for a few minutes, but watch it to make sure it doesn't burn.
7. Carefully serve so that the crumb topping stays intact.

*NOTE: If you don't have refrigeration and don't like to keep mayonnaise without it, one packet of mayonnaise from a sandwich shop usually contains 1 tablespoon (sometimes 2).

This recipe easily doubles to serve 4.





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Location: Norton's Marina & Shipyard

Foot of Division Street, East Greenwich, RI

2014 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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WBYC Membership Chair

P.O. Box 1604

East Greenwich, RI 02818

Date: _____

APPLICANT _____ APPLICANT _____

STREET _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

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EMAIL ADDRESS _____

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YACHT LENGTH _____ MARINA _____

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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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