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## Commodore's Message



Labor Day is approaching and it seems like the summer is gone. But there are lots of sailing events left on WBYC's calendar. Fall in Rhode Island and on Narragansett Bay is our best season.

First up is the Labor Day Cruise. Information on this cruise is on the website, Facebook page. Dale and Karen Broadbent are the cruise captains for this cruise to Cuttyhunk this year. Later in September is the End of Summer Cruise on September 26th-27th. Details for this cruise will be published to the website and Facebook as soon as they are available.

On the racing side the Fall Series begins right after Labor Day and continues for the next two weeks with races on the Wednesday after Labor Day, the Monday and Wednesday of the following week, and the Monday after that. The Fantastic Plastic is scheduled for Saturday, September 12th.

With football season approaching members are encouraged to come on down to the club and watch our Patriots with other members rather than sitting alone on your couch at home. It's always more fun to watch with others (even if they aren't Patriots fans). And, it's time to start planning our winter calendar of events. Anybody who has any ideas to contribute is welcome bring them to their respective committee chairman or any flag officer.

Hope to see everyone – on the water or at the club.

Commodore David Lodge

## *Vice Commodore*

Well summer is in full swing! What a great season of cruising and racing with WBYC. We had a busy calendar with the upcoming Lobstah boil on the 8th of August hosted by our own Tom Stocker. We also had a Kids (and Adults) cruise to Potters Cove on August 22nd. Racing is also going strong and there have been some great ones this year. It seems like there is always something to do so make this your year to get involved. See you on the water!  
Joe Crocker

Vice Commodore

## *Race Committee*

The 2015 Summer Series was another closely contested series with many finish places determined by tie-breakers. Though *Coconut Telegraph* scored a bullet each time they showed up, in the end they were one race short of qualifying for the series.

In the August Series the Non-Spinnaker Class was won by *Hornet* with finishes of 3-1-1-1. *Thora* finished second with a scoring line of 2-2-2-2. Third in the class was *Hallaboard* scoring 1-5-3-DNC. The Spinnaker Class was won by *Blitz* with finishes of 3-1-1-2. Velocity takes second place on a tie-breaker with a scoring line of 4-3-2-1. Third in the class was *Team DR* scoring 1-2-3-3. Scores include only a boats best 3 finishes (one throw-out).

For the full Monday Evening Summer Series the Non-Spinnaker Class was won by *Hornet* on a tie-breaker with 14 points. *Thora* also had 14 points but finishes second. Third in the class was *Hallaboard* with 26 points. The Spinnaker Class was won by *Team DR* with 15 points. *Velocity* finishes second with 17 points in the tie-breaker with *Blitz* who also had 17 points.

This year's Whaler's Cruise/Race to Block Island had a great turnout with 8 boats participating. Mojo finally managed to break a string of being beaten overlapped at the finish line or finishing first after the time limit. This year Tom Stocker sailed through all the boats that started ahead of Mojo to take the new Whaler's Perpetual Trophy that will be awarded at this year's award's banquet. Dinner at the Narragansett was great and eliminated the long walk

to Old Harbor. Next year we are expecting an even bigger turnout.

There's still lots of racing to the season with the Fall Series (Wed. Sept. 9th, Mon. Sept. 14th, Wed. Sept. 16th, Mon. Sept. 21st), the Fantastic Plastic (Saturday, September 12th) and the Pumpkin Patch Regatta (Saturday, October 17th)

See you on the water!

WBYC Race Committee

## *Cruise Committee*

We have a few exciting cruises coming up including the one to Cuttyhunk this weekend. We have the end of summer cruise in the last week of September and finally the Columbus Day Cruise to Wickford in October.

Hope that you enjoyed your summer and look forward to seeing you at the remainder of our cruises this season!

Tom Stocker

Cruising Committee Chair

## *Rear Commodore*



Brio, the Hunter 386 I recently purchased, is now moored at the East Greenwich Yacht Club. I would like to personally thank Sandy Grima, Bill Lilly and Jay Eschelman for helping with the move and transit to Rhode Island from Newburyport. Thank you. Its great to have the help and support from my West Bay friends.

I would like to share a recent boat owner story. Brio has a Jabsco electric head with a fresh water feed. Water trickles into the bowl anytime the water system is energized. Darn, a repair already! It turns out the flow to the head is controlled by a solenoid valve that is intended to stay closed and only open when the head is operated. "Fail Open" causes the fresh water tank to eventually empty to the head. The wife is certainly not happy with a head that can overflow....The solenoid can be taken apart and cleaned of debris and or

replaced. The cause of the valve staying open may well be the quality of the fresh water on board.

Similar, to a swimming pool, "fresh" water on a boat needs to be treated. After 'the red stuff' is cleared out of the water system in the spring, a cup of bleach added to the fresh water tank, filled about 1/4 full and allowed to slosh around for a while and stand and run through all hoses will (or should) sanitize the system. Let stand for 3-4 hours. This is the 'shocking' pool owners refer to when adding a high dose of chlorine that quickly burns off. Suggested to remove filters on faucets if possible when flushing system. Flush system a couple of times to remove bleach smell. For normal, seasonal use, treat water with about one ounce of bleach per ten gallons of water. This technique should keep your 'fresh water' safe for bathing and dish washing. Straight, unscented bleach, will not be noticeable. Suggested to use bottled water or water jugs for drinking. Its possible the fouling of the head solenoid on Brio may have been due to improper water treatment/shocking and resulting mold/mildew/algae causing the valve to stay open. Yuck!

West Bay members - feel free to comment or suggest other boat maintenance tips/techniques/lessons learned.

Cheers

Kevin Ingle  
Rear Commodore

## Activities Committee



Hopefully, you are all enjoying these lazy, hazy, days of summer. The fall will be here before you know it!!

The "racing kitchen" continues to be open on Monday nights. We've been serving around 20-25 hungry sailors each week after the race. Our biggest challenge is "what's for dessert"? If you'd like to join us one night, just stop by. Thanks so much to Jennie, Celeste and Zack for their help.

We surly do appreciate it! Also a special thank you to Nancy Roman for pitching in one week, too.

Believe it or not we've started planning this year's ANNUAL BANQUET. Reserve SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> on your calendar. In addition to handing out trophies to the lucky racers, we'll be celebrating our club's 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY. If anyone would like to lend a hand with this big "shin-dig's" planning, we'd be delighted to have your help. We thought it would be a great idea to compile a photo display of years gone by. So, if you have something to contribute, let us know.

A NOTE FROM HOUSEKEEPING -- We've posted a list of "gentle reminders" on the refrigerator in the kitchen. Take a quick peek the next time you're there.

GOOD AND WELFARE -- Recently, my buddy and other Mom (Phyllis) fell and broke her hip.(femur) Ouch!! She underwent a successful surgery and is now in rehab at the River View Medical Center in Coventry. We're sending you lots of feel better hugs, Mom. If you have anything you'd like to pass along to the membership, just give us a call and we'll be happy to take care of it. We're always looking for ideas for events. So, if you have one, please don't be shy, just call.

See you at the Club,

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

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- Baseball Hat \$10.00**
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- All Prices include club logo!**

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- Vice Commodore**.....Joe Crocker
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- Past Commodore**.....Dean Travis
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- Parliamentarian**.....Dale Broadbent



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.....Grant Brandon  
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Activities.....Phyllis Geisser & Jo-Ann Grima  
Cruising.....Tom Stocker  
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## LABOR DAY WEEKEND @ CUTTYHUNK

Join us for the Annual Labor Day Weekend Cruise to Cuttyhunk. This year Labor Day is a week later than last year, so you still have time to plan. You can sail out on Saturday, but some of us will be arriving Friday to get a head start on the fun. Saturday night, we'll have a bonfire on the beach. Sunday breakfast is at the Fishing Club overlooking Gay Head. For those that want to, we'll make way for Third Beach on Sunday. Monday is a leisurely sail up the Sakonnet, unless you're too tall for the bridges. That means you have two choices: around Breton Point or boat balls. What are boat balls, you ask?



## Remaining Cruise Schedule for 2015

### Cruise

End of Summer  
Columbus Day Weekend

### Dates

Sept 26-27  
Oct 10-12

### Destination

Ida Lewis YC  
Wickford Marina



Let's Go Cruzin!

Article from Jamestown Press:

By Tim Riel

More than 80 boats expected to circumnavigate island

The oldest continuing yacht race on Narragansett Bay gets older on Sunday.

As of Tuesday, 87 boats have registered for the 88th edition of the Around the Island Race. The Conanicut Yacht Club has been sponsoring the event for decades before any bridges connected Jamestown to its neighbors.

The regatta is open to monohulls 22 to 80 feet in length. While sailors are competitive by nature, the annual Labor Day circumnavigation is really about having fun, says organizers. It doesn't count against a boat's fleet competition, and some skippers even have their friends and family – who are less polished at sailing than their usual crewmates – aboard.

Although the weather will depend on which course is sailed, the most common route around the island is the 18.1-nautical-mile path that goes around all the government marks closest to the shore. Whether the boats head north or south depends on the wind.

James Cornwall's Sugaree and Stephen Parfet's Second Wind during last year's race around Conanicut Island. Hillary Dutton Photography According to lead organizer John Mayers, he expects the boats to be split into 10 classes. The starting line is just east of the mooring field at East Ferry, and the first class is expected to start racing at 11 a.m.

As expected, the field is steeped with local boats, with about 35 homeported in Jamestown, says Mayers. Other familiar yachts registered for the race come from Newport, including boats representing the Ida Lewis Yacht Club, the International Yacht and Athletic Club, the Newport Yacht Club, the New York Yacht Club, and Sail Newport.

Defending champions include Larvik, Obstreperous, Wharf Rat, Haraka, Comet, Aurora, Picante and Privateer. The only two 2014 champions not yet registered are Jim Bishop's Gold Digger and Alex Wadson aboard Manic, which finished with the best overall time, two hours, 42 minutes and 23 seconds. Bishop this year will race White Gold, his other J/44.

Notable names include prominent Rhode Island lawyer Brian Cunha aboard Irie 2, which took top honors last month in the Ida Lewis Distance Race, and former U.S. sailing yachtsman of the year Cory Sertl, who will helm the J/22 Lucy.

According to Mayers, the fastest boats will finish around 2:30 p.m., and all racers will complete the course by 5 p.m.

[http://www.jamestownpress.com/news/2015-09-03/Front\\_Page/More\\_than\\_80\\_boats\\_expected\\_to\\_circumnavigate\\_isla.html](http://www.jamestownpress.com/news/2015-09-03/Front_Page/More_than_80_boats_expected_to_circumnavigate_isla.html)



# West Bay Yacht Club

## APPLICATION

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Location: Norton's Marina & Shipyard

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**2015 MEMBERSHIP**

Return To:

**WBYC Membership Chair**

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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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