

# Blooper



**The Friendliest Little Yacht Club on the Bay!**

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## Commodore's Message



The season is winding down with only two more on-the-water events left, the Columbus Day Cruise to Wickford this coming weekend and the Pumpkin Patch Regatta the following weekend.

This doesn't mean that activity at WBYC is coming to an end. Actually, now we are gearing up for our winter and spring events. Planning is already underway for the some great education events. If you

have any ideas that you would like included contact the Rear Commodore. We also will have a full slate of activities with the holiday party, and what already looks like a football playoff schedule full of Patriot games.

The annual meeting is coming up on Friday, October 16th. You have received the slate of nominees for next year's Board of Governors. We need a quorum to conduct business so your attendance is needed.

Commodore David Lodge

## *Vice Commodore*

New beginnings... Well it is finally that time of year, sad to see the boats coming out as winter slowly creeps in. There are a few more boating days so I hope you all take the time to get out on the water. This will be a busy winter for the board of WBYC. We face many challenges as a club and will need some help to get everything headed in the right direction. We have many new board members that have stepped up and offered to help. That said, there is plenty of room on every committee. Let's not forget that we are a club of volunteers and it takes all of us to make it a success. Please reach out to one of us and let us know where you can help, no contribution is too small. Mark your calendars for our annual banquet coming up in November, I look forward to seeing you all there.

Joe Crocker  
Vice Commodore

## *Race Committee*

Our racing calendar is nearly complete. The fall series was completed with great, competitive racing. In the spinnaker class Abbi Steward's Flyer came out on top with 3 bullets out of four races (with one throw out). The non-spinnaker class wasn't determined until the last race with the smallest boat of the class Pale Rider coming out in front of Team DR. Climax finished third in the class.

The Pumpkin Patch Regatta is the last hoorah of 2015. This event is always well attended and lots of fun. Afterwards we always get the question, "Can we do this again tomorrow?". This year we will have some added fun for this event. US Sailing will be using this race to beta test a new smartphone app that will track boats on the race course. Yes, this has been done in other races but always with transponders installed on the boats. This system works from a smartphone or a tablet with a cellular connection. Not only does it track you on the race course but it also includes a real-time leaderboard that takes into account everyone's handicap. Those on shore will also be able to follow the race in real-time. After the race we will replay them on the big screen back at the

WBYC clubhouse. You need to get your entries in early for this event to take part in this event. We need to get instructions to everyone in the days before the race for downloading and using the app. Representatives from US Sailing will be on the committee boat to help before the races. WBYC Race Committee

## *Cruise Committee*

Well, what a great cruising year it has been...with our finale yet to come!

Where do I begin?

EVERY cruise this summer has had outstanding participation and exceptional weather.



We've had three more cruises since our last Blooper and everyone was a tremendous success.

Attendance has been way up and continues to grow as the season progresses.

This past weekend, our End of Summer Cruise was another huge success.



Cruise Captains Beth and Kevin Ingle put on a spectacular weekend event at Ida Lewis. Ten boats made the journey south in fine NE winds,

which made for a quick cruise south. The hospitality at Ida Lewis made us all feel welcome as we enjoyed a potluck dinner on their deck, an after-launch party on Spray and an after-after party aboard Cakewalk.

Our Labor Day Weekend cruise to Cuttyhunk was



held on another spectacular weekend. Aside from the stiff headwinds on Friday, the annual breakfasts at the Fisherman's Club and the Saturday evening campfire on the beach, a great time

was had by all.

Our rescheduled Kid's Cruise, hosted by Cruise Captains Debbie and Joe Crocker was a tremendous success. The Sea Scouts of Ship 1909 also joined us providing well over 25 kids from 4 to 87! From the always favorite treasure hunt by the little ones, to the dingy poker run and dinghy races for the older kids, everyone had a great time.



Our final cruise of the weekend has always been our largest draw, our Columbus Day Weekend trip to Wickford Marina. Debbie and Bruce are planning a great weekend not to be missed. See you in Wickford!

Tom Stocker  
Cruise Committee Chair

## *Rear Commodore*



The sea is alive with swarms of fish and our avian friends find their way to our rigging.

Our new boat, Brio, was chosen by our feathered guests as a perch for their fishing.

And.... the boat was used for other than sun bathing.....



I warned Beth prior to our trip to Newport for the Ida Lewis cruise that there was going to be a cleanup effort prior to departure.

Fortunately an end dock was open and we were able to tie up and 'de-poop' the boat.

The mix of a high quality car-wash (the stuff with "BOAT" in the name costs too much) and Clorox Clean-up with stiff brushes did the trick. Just wet it first, apply the solution, let it work for a few minutes and scrub it off. The boat sparkled.

I can't thank Maggie enough (at NE Yacht Rigging) for the "Emergency De-Pooping" effort she and Charlie did for me. Literally the day after I called they 'spiked' the boat and installed a nuisance line over the boom. Thank you! - On the next visit to the boat - no birds! Thank you Maggie - it is great to have a fellow club member so helpful and responsive.

Kevin Ingle  
Rear Commodore

## *Membership Committee*

Even though the boating season is coming to an end, we're always looking to recruit new members who wish to participate in our winter events and dinners.

This Spring, we had Tim and Penny Moore, with their Beneteau 50 named "Intuition" join the club and some of the cruising events. Jim Palumbo and Marilynn McKenna, with their Pearson 31 "Leeshore" signed up and Scott (The Mooring Man) and Joyce Leigh wanted to join the fun, as well. Please look for them at upcoming events and introduce yourself!

All of our existing members renewed this year, and we look forward to adding more new friends to our roster.

Upcoming education and social events over the winter months are a fun way to invite people you know to put a toe in the club "water", and look into joining a club with a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Let me know if you know someone expressing an interest in joining, and I'll make sure that someone from our board or membership committee contacts them to make them feel welcomed.

Stay tuned for the winter event schedule – there will be exciting and educational events planned and opportunities to socialize without our boats!

## Activities Committee



I hope everyone enjoyed the summer! We have a few sails left for the season. This weekend is the Columbus Day Cruise and next weekend is the Pumpkin Patch Regatta!

The annual meeting will take place on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM. I hope everyone can attend.

Stay tuned for our annual banquet and winter educational events!

Jo-Ann (738-0272)

Phyllis (219-1784)

### West Bay Yacht Club Store

**Baseball Hat \$10.00**

**Men's and Ladies T shirts \$12.00**

**Sweatshirt \$25.00**

**Men's and Ladies Polo shirt \$25.00**

**All Prices include club logo!**

### 2015 Board of Governors

**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 Large** .....Karen Berg

.....Grant Brandon

.....Bruce Arey

### 2015 Committee Chairs

**Activities**.....Phyllis Geisser & Jo-Ann Grima

**Cruising**.....Tom Stocker

**Education**.....Open

**Publicity**.....Andrew Brousell

**Website**.....David Lodge

**Blooper**..... Andrew Brousell

**Membership**..... Karen Berg

**House**.....Ken Blaise

**Racing & Website**.....David Lodge

### **Norton's Discount Marine Store**

**Always a Fully Stocked Marine Store Offering  
Fantastic *Discount* Prices!**

#### **Store Hours:**

**Mon-Fri: 8:30am - 4:30pm**

**Sat: 9:00am-3:00pm**

**Sun: 10:00am-2:00pm**

Norton's is always looking for ways to ensure our customers save money while obtaining the items they need & want. We at Norton's we make it our goal to carry a great selection of cleaning solutions, safety & security items, mechanical & engine parts, electronics, wiring, hoses of all types & sizes, and a "boat-load" of other products for both sail and power boats alike.

In addition, we are a certified Volvo-Penta, Mercury, MerCruiser, and Yanmar dealer and always carry the items you need, when you need them. Please stop by and visit us, pick up a catalog, and remember – Norton's often meets or beats even *our own* listed prices!

Need something we don't have in stock? Their professional & knowledgeable staff will be happy to order it for you.





Awards Banquet Sewing Class has been organized and scheduled for Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup> from 10AM to 2PM at the Club. This is a must attend event for all sewing enthusiasts for the purpose of creating nautical themes for our annual auction at the Awards Banquet on Nov.14<sup>th</sup>. Creations will include Pillows, Sail Ties, Fender Covers and more. The class is open to members and friends whether you're a "novice" or an experienced "sewer/stitcher". Most importantly, the class will be led by one of our own, *The Canvas Lady* herself Tonya Ricketts the best designer and canvas lady on the Bay! So come on down and spend a couple of hours

helping us create some wonderful auction items for the annual banquet. Can't wait to see everyone!

**Where:** WBYC

**Price:** Free, Gratis, No Charge - and Lunch is Included!!!

**Bring:** Sewing Machine – all fabrics to be supplied

**When:** Saturday 10AM to 2PM Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>



## Nominating Committee Message

Hello West Bay Membership,

This year's Nominating Committee was made up of some very special people. In fact we had two individuals leave our committee for some very exciting positions on our board. Now that's commitment! Did I say they were first time board members? Yes, they are new to the board and will offer a breath of fresh air with fresh ideas moving forward in 2016. Love it! So, here's our Nominating Committee report.

**The Nominating Committee, Chaired by Past Commodore Dean Travis, consisted of Past Commodores Will Richmond and David Pickering, along with Andrew Brousell, Greg Yates and Kelly Travis.**

**The Committee is pleased and honored to submit the following Slate, which has been approved by vote of the Board of Directors:**

<b><u>Commodore:</u></b>	-	<b>Joe Crocker</b>
<b><u>Vice Commodore:</u></b>	-	<b>Kevin Ingle</b>
<b><u>Rear Commodore:</u></b>	-	<b>Karen Berg</b>
<b><u>Past Commodore:</u></b>	-	<b>David Lodge</b>
<b><u>Secretary:</u></b>	-	<b>Raleigh Jenkins</b>
<b><u>Treasurer:</u></b>	-	<b>Dale Broadbent</b>
<b><u>Parliamentarian:</u></b>	-	<b>Carolyn Cure</b>
<b><u>Member-at-Large:</u></b>	-	<b>Bruce Arey</b>
<b><u>Member-at-Large:</u></b>	-	<b>Grant Brandon</b>
<b><u>Member-at-Large:</u></b>	-	<b>Dawn Safton</b>

Check this out. We have three ladies on the board this year. Two are new to the board. One is moving up. Go ladies!

I want to take a moment and first of all thank my Nominating Committee members. It was my honor to work with all of you. Very pleased at the outcome from our work sessions. Thanks for stepping up in such an important role. Secondly, many thanks to the potential nominees for allowing us to dole into your private lives a bit. I say that with humor. For those who stood up and accepted a position of responsibility at West Bay, you are nothing less than awesome. I'm very pleased with this group. It a great mix and offers a lot of potential in carving out a very successful future for West Bay Yacht Club. West Bay Yacht Club membership, I want you to know I have full confidence in this group. I now put this fine group before you for your approval at our Annual meeting to be held on October 16<sup>th</sup> at WBYC. Please remember a vote is your approval but also is your commitment to supporting these individual throughout the year. Our Nominating Committee asks that all members at WBYC step forward this coming year to fill all vacant positions throughout the leadership rolls. The success of this organization is not tied to one individual or one group. It is tied directly to the entire membership. You are in control. You need to be active. It's easy to be an armchair quarterback. But you need skin in the game. Let's show the commitment by stepping forward and accepting a committee chair position today. It's your club. Get involved!

Respectfully Submitted by Dean Travis

Nominating Chair 2015

Past Commodore, West Bay Yacht Club











- Do you have your RI Safe Boating License?
- Were you born after 1988?
- Do you want to operate a PWC?

The truth is EVERY boat operator should have a state boating license; and if you answered 'YES' to either the second or third question it is required...no matter which state you are in!



### Free Event

Sea Scouts Ship 1909 invites our WBYC members, families and friends to take the RI SAFE BOATING LICENSE EXAM with us on **Tuesday, Oct 13th at 7:00 PM** in the main ballroom of East Greenwich Yacht Club (10 Water Street, EG). This is a free event.



### How to Prepare

You can prepare to take this exam by reviewing the exam material at: <http://www.boat-ed.com/rhodeisland/> and taking the practice exam they offer on the site.

Take exam even if you don't feel fully prepared. You can always take it a second or third or more times.

Immediately following the exam we will review the test questions to help reinforce those questions you just weren't quite sure about.

Questions? Call Tom Stocker, Skipper, (401) 451-9799.

See you Tuesday, October 13!  
The Sea Scouts of Ship 1909



## **Norton's Shipyard and Marina Celebrates 70 Years**

Norton's Shipyard and Marina is reflecting on 70 years of determination, perseverance and friendship.

It all began in Newport when Frank H. Norton opened a marina with \$500 in his pocket, a sense of determination and a will to work.

Today Norton's Shipyard & Marina at the foot of Division Street in East Greenwich is a preeminent destination for boaters from all over the eastern seaboard.

More than a place to simply dock your boat, Norton's is a community of painters, waxers, canvas makers, maids, mechanics, deck hands and others who love to be out on Greenwich Cove and definitely not behind a desk or surrounded by four walls. Customers are treated like friends and family because they often are.

Boaters and marina workers have been pulled in by the congenial orbit of Norton's Shipyard & Marina for seven decades.

After establishing the original Norton's Shipyard & Marina in 1945, which mainly serviced fishing vessels, Norton was forced out of his location by developers in 1966 who sought to add restaurants, hotels and condos to his piece of Newport waterfront. Undeterred, Norton sought out a new location for his marina. He discovered an old ship building facility that had recently gone up in flames in East Greenwich and set up shop.

In 1979 second generation owner Pat Norton took over. Pat was a contrast from her father. "I was 18 years old when I first saw my father smile" Norton jokingly said. The younger Norton sought to create a more fun, familial atmosphere.

Upon taking over, Norton immediately became a member of the Rhode Island Marine Trade Association and the American Boat Builders and Repairers Association and ended up on the Board of Directors of both organizations within her first year.

It was there that Pat Norton was able to meet and network with her contemporaries who she could share ideas with and seek advice from. She met John Nahigan who at the time was the owner of Wickford Cove Marina and despite having a similarly sized marina with identical services less than 10 miles away, Nahigan, drawn to Norton's passion and positive disposition, mentored Norton and provided some different perspectives and lessons on running a marina.

Today, the fishing vessels have been replaced by sailboats and powerboats. Boaters from all over the country come to Norton's to dock their boat.

It's all these elements that make the gravitational pull of Norton's Shipyard & Marina so strong. "We once had a couple who was only supposed to be here two weeks, they ended up staying the whole summer and then stored their boat for the winter" Norton said.

The environment at Norton's Shipyard & Marina is so enjoyable Norton says she often get owners of other Marinas that come to dock their boat with her every weekend.

Boaters are also treated to the convenience of one stop shopping for all of their boating needs. Painting, waxing, electronics, shrink wrapping, mechanics, repair, maid service, canvas making, pump out services, paddle boat rentals and more are all on site for their customers. Norton's also features a discount marine shop with aggressively competitive pricing.

Norton Shipyard & Marina celebrated their anniversary with a party at their facility with almost 400 of their customers, friends, family and employees. Not a sale or a promotion, but a thank you.

This is easy to understand because when asked her secret to seven decades of business success, Norton replied: "Perseverance, determination and a lot of help from friends."

After 70 years in business Norton's Shipyard & Marina certainly has a lot of friends.

<http://www.riyachting.com/channels/events/programs/55dde3f3a50dfdc13000003>







# West Bay Yacht Club

## APPLICATION

"Friendliest Little Yacht Club on the Bay"

Location: Norton's Marina & Shipyard

Foot of Division Street, East Greenwich, RI

## 2015 MEMBERSHIP

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  
Race Own

Series Racing  
Race Crew

Committee Boat  
Weekend Cruising

Other  
Cruiser Races

### PREFERENCES FOR CLUB PARTICIPATION: Circle your preference for participation

Activities (Social)  
Racing

Cruising  
Membership

Publicity  
Series Racing

Education

### 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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Committee Chair?

<http://westbayyachtclub.org/2014-wbyc-officers.html>

The latest Club Cruising, Racing and Social calendar is  
always at your fingertips electronically:

<http://www.westbayyachtclub.org/wbyc-club-calendar.html>

