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Commodore's Message



Boats are being hauled and preparations are being made to pull a blanket over where we spend so much of our time in the summer, keeping them safe and cozy through our cold months. At WBYC our activities never stop. As I write this our Annual Awards Banquet is less than two weeks away where we put the whipped cream and cherry on top of 2015. This year being WBYC's 40th anniversary year we have some special festivities to commemorate the milestone. I hope everyone is planning on attending. It's always a great evening with lots of laughter (especially for Tom Stocker's cruising awards) and camaraderie.

Plans are already underway for a calendar of education seminars and presentations to expand and refine our sailing skills and knowledge. That's not to say we are all set for events. If you have an idea please get in contact with our in-coming Rear Commodore Karen Berg. She is always looking for great ideas.

We have our annual Holiday party in early December with it's centerpiece Yankee swap. Who will end up with the "Snuggie" this year?

After the first of the year we will of course have our Super Bowl Party. If the season so far this year is any indication it looks like we will be able to root for the home team again (I hope I haven't jinxed them by writing that.). Watching the game from the WBYC luxury box is a great place to watch the game and a whole lot cheaper than flying to San Francisco. Expect also that people will be at the club to watch the playoff games leading up to the Super Bowl. It's always warmer than Gillette Stadium and traffic is less of a hassle. Parking can be a problem at the club with boats in their chrysalis but it is free.

One last reminder. WBYC is a member driven, member run club. Nothing happens without members making things happen. Volunteering is how things get done and there is always a lot to do. Please contact a flag officer or committee chairman and offer to help. You'd be surprised how much fun and rewarding it can be.

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

Commodore David Lodge

Vice Commodore

Winter Sucks! This time of year is always a bummer, seeing all the boats come out. Gives me time to plan all of the boat chores to finish before spring launch. This winter will also be a time of challenges for WBYC. As all of you know and have heard, our clubhouse is the big issue facing us over the next couple of years. There have been many ideas floated as to what the best course of action is and how to pay for it. Facing the roof and other problems quite simply will require cash that we do not have. Your board values your feedback and I encourage you to reach out to our Members at Large and share your viewpoint. There is no right answer so it would be good to hear from as many people as possible. Hope to see you all at the Annual Banquet!

Joe Crocker
Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore



West Bay members:

Wow - the end of the season. 26 degrees the other night in Shrewsbury. Frost on the cars. Halloween just around the corner. The number of empty slips and moorings growing daily. I like to stay in long enough to say I was able to sail at least once if not twice in November... And I pay for it with some very cold days doing the final winter preparations... Hopefully I will see a few other brave West Bay members enjoying the last gasps of the season... I know some of our less adventuresome members have already hauled out... I will be wishing I had on that cold rainy gray day in mid November.

The annual dues for West Bay Yacht club will soon be due. I would like to remind the membership that we have three dues tiers available to the membership. We have Admirals, Captains and General membership levels. Adhering to our by-laws, the level of dues are set to balance the budget each year. Over the last few years we have run slight losses each year and have slightly eroded our treasury over the last few years. We have not yet increased the dues. We need your help.

Kevin Ingle
Rear Commodore

Race Committee

The 2015 Racing Calendar has been completed. We had the expected competitive racing all year with lots of races decided by seconds. This was the case in our last race of the season, the Pumpkin Patch Regatta. We had a great breeze though it was overcast and a little cool. As planned we got in 3 races with the final being a race back to the "barn" to finish off the season. Three different boats finished with bullets, showing how competitive our fleet is.

We had Nathan Titcomb from US Sailing in attendance to run a beta test of race tracking software US Sailing is developing to run on smartphones. The logistics proved to be a bit cumbersome. Some features worked and some didn't. Nathan promised that by spring 2016 that everything would be fully operational and the software will be available and easily accessible for all our racing.

I will be back to be your race chairman for a fifth year. Over the winter we will be planning out the 2016 season. We hope, in cooperation with our neighboring clubs, EGYC and AHYC, to create series with larger fleets and racing tailored to what everyone wants next season. Your input is always welcomed and encouraged. WBYC runs more PHRF racing than any other club on Narragansett Bay and we work hard to make sure that they are well-run, quality races.

Over the winter, in conjunction with the education program there will be several events for racers. How about "Racing Rules Jeopardy?"

David Lodge
Race Committee Chairman

Cruise Committee

Our WBYC cruising season is now done. 2015 was an outstanding summer, and we finished our cruising season with a flourish. Our finale, our cruise to Wickford Marina was a great success. Deb and Bruce didn't disappoint as they had their usual outstanding performance as our hosts. The nonexistent wind for our ride down turned us all into



motorboats. That grumbling was soon replaced with libations and laughter as the boat-hopping and visiting began in earnest, and the weekend quickly gained its rhythm.

Saturday evening was definitely October weather but Deb brought in a heater to keep the dinner and party on the patio warm and late. On Sunday, the wind showed up with a vengeance at a steady 20+ plus gusts, making the ride over to New England Boatworks to deliver Cakewalk for her winter haul a quick ride on a beam reach. News flash....Dave Pickering actually got on a boat other than Spray, a sailboat of all things...and he actually went for the sail! Imagine that!...Now back to our story. The ride back on mojo was not as quick as the wind was on the nose, but quick never the less. This made for quite the challenging proposition to make sausage

and peppers down in the galley at a 30 degree heel. But we persevered and got it done. As is typical, after our Sunday dinner wrapped up at The Oak Tavern, the marina got quiet fairly quickly. Heaters were on and cruisers hunkered down for the evening. It was cold outside but quite toasty below. On Monday morning we were welcomed with Deb and Bruce's annual brunch. Kevin Engle provided omelets and a good time was had by all. Our ride home was a steady 10 knots from the SW, a perfect sail home after a perfect long weekend cruise. So now it is time for me to choose our WBYC Cruiser(s) of the Year. This is always a challenging award for me as there are so many people who have made our cruises so memorable and our program so good. This year's participation was better than last year. Every cruise had more boats and cruisers in attendance and even when we didn't have a cruise captain, no one skipped a beat. So who is it going to be? You will just have to come to our annual banquet on November 14 to find out.



Tom Stocker
Cruise Committee Chair

Membership Committee

Congratulations and a warm welcome goes out to our newest members, whom some of you may have already met at Ida Lewis or during the Pumpkin Patch regatta:

Will and Ann Andrews, their 17 year old son, Taylor, and 13 year old daughter, Abigail are joining us, sponsored by Will & Liz Richmond and Grant & Jennifer Brandon. The Andrews own an Alden 44, which they keep at EGYC (they are EGYC members, too!)

Welcome aboard and we look forward to getting to know you at upcoming events!!

Now that the boats are out of the water or getting buttoned up for the off-season, and it's the end of the year when we review what all we've enjoyed this year and what we would like to be involved in next year, you may be wondering if you wish to renew your WBYC membership. Or perhaps you get questions from friends or acquaintances why you belong to a club, in the first place. Especially now, when there's lots of discussion about the state of our club house, if we still need a club house, and the financial strategy we are trying to put together about it going forward. And, ultimately, its effect on the longer term life of the club.

So I ask, why belong to a yacht club? And, especially, why belong to WBYC? While our little club house is certainly nothing shiny, it doesn't have a fancy bar or industrial kitchen, it has warmth and history. And with a little bit of work, the roof won't leak any more.

But what makes us different than the other yacht clubs, virtual or not, is that we have a friendly family of members, who enjoy doing things together, even in the off-season, whether on our boats or in our club. We don't hire people to do things, we do them ourselves. We get satisfaction out of helping each other, and sharing a good laugh and a beer after it's all done.

We aren't the strictest club with our parliamentary rules and meetings, but we get the job done and we address issues and celebrate achievements and make everyone feel like they belong.

We race and cruise, educate and train.... we do potluck for the Pats games, and "lobstah boils" on the beach under full moons.

We are an ACTIVE club. And I challenge anyone who can't find something we do to participate in, to organize the event and invite those interested to join in. I'll even help you get it set up!

We are a club for the members, by the members. It's not just a select few who run the joint. Oh, heck no! You can be as active and involved as your heart desires, or sit on the sidelines and just enjoy the camaraderie.

But we all have one thing in common - we love being on and near the water and that's what binds us together in conversation and fun!!

Personally, I joined this club almost 2 years ago, because when I was moving here from Nevada, I reached out to several clubs in the area... and the response I got from the WBYC members made me feel very welcome, even before I got here! And that's what we here at WBYC do best - everyone's a friend/family and always very welcome to join in!

So, if you question why you belong, if you should continue to belong, or if you should invite someone new to join the club, remember the last event you attended with us, (whether a cruise or race, potluck dinner, education or sewing event, etc., etc.) and think of the fun you had getting together with good friends to catch up and talk about boats and water and such. Try to find that friendliness and fun at another club on the bay....I think you'll be challenged to do so!!

Let's keep this warm and friendly boating family going for another 40 years!!

P.S. I'll be handing over the membership 'baton' at the end of the year when I slip into the Rear Commodore's seat, and would love to have someone volunteer to help our team cultivate new members as well as share ideas to attract new members. All the processes are automated, so the "labor" part of the position is pretty quick and simple.

Let me know if you would like to help or if you have a suggestion of someone who would be a great ambassador!!

Karen Berg
Membership Chairman

Activities Committee



Hello! Hope that you can join us for the holiday party on December 5th! The time is 6:30PM. Everyone should bring an appetizer, entrée, or dessert depending upon the first letter of their last name (A-F bring salad or appetizer, G-Q bring a dessert, R-Z bring an entrée).

Please bring a wrapped gift between \$10-\$15. Harry and Mrs. Hanukah will be there to pass out gifts. Hope to see you there!

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

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WEST BAY YACHT CLUB ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY DECEMBER 5 - 6:30PM



Join us on Saturday, December 5th at the Club for the Annual Holiday Potluck and Yankee swap. It's always a blast!

For the Swap, bring a wrapped \$10-15 gift for each adult and a labeled wrapped gift for your child.

For dinner - anyone with the last name:

A-F bring a salad or appetizer

G-Q bring a dessert

R-Z bring an entrée

Bring friends, family and neighbors- everyone is welcome. The fun starts at 6:30 pm. See you there!

RSVP TO DSAFTON@MAC.COM







West Bay Yacht Club

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2015 MEMBERSHIP

Location: Norton's Marina & Shipyard
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YACHT NAME _____ SAIL/POWER _____ CLASS/MAKE _____

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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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