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Commodore's Message



Why did we take the boats out! What a great winter we are having. I hope everyone is making their way through the winter list of improvements. The roof is no longer leaking so that has improved WBYC greatly! In the coming months we have some great activities and education events to share in. February has the super bowl party(which will be fun even without the Patriots). We also have the cruise planning social which is a must for any of you cruisers that would like to have input. We also have some new members that will be attending various events so if you see someone you don't know take the time to introduce yourself and welcome them to the club. Finally, it is dues renewal season so please make sure and renew your West Bay Membership. See you at the club!

Joe Crocker Commodore

Vice Commodore



My Son, Scott, lives in South Boston. On a beautiful Sunday Afternoon we took a walk on Castle Island near his apartment and came upon a monument dedicated to Donald McKay. I said - "Hey! - I know who this is - he built some famous clipper ships during the age of sail in the mid 1800s. *Flying Cloud* was one of his more famous." The discovery prompted me to learn a little bit more about the ship builder and I thought I would share my research with the membership.

Donald McKay (1810-1880) was a master shipbuilder, with his shipyard located on Border Street in East Boston. His company launched many of the fastest clippers in history, with *Flying Cloud* being the most famous. A clipper ship is a large sailing vessel with three or four masts and square-like sails. The bow or front of the boat is wide and raked forward, allowing increased speed on the open ocean. The clippers were utilized for the New York-San Francisco run during the California Gold Rush, as well as trans-Atlantic routes. The clipper ships of the 1850s are an inspiration for today's Coast Guard cutters, which are designed for speed in rough seas.



In Boston, there are two significant memorials to Donald McKay. The first marker is a large obelisk that stands at <u>Castle Island</u>. When entering Boston Harbor by ocean, one passes by the conspicuous monument as it cannot be unnoticed. The other memorial is a small pavilion located at Piers Park in East Boston on Marginal Street. Thus, Donald McKay has been commemorated on both sides of the harbor for all ships to view. Also, McKay's House still stands atop Eagle Hill in East Boston on White Street.

The following is an edited biography of McKay from Lamb's Biographical Dictionary of the United Stations (1903):

Donald McKay, shipbuilder, was born in Shelburne, Nova Scotia, September 4, 1810. He learned the shipbuilders' trade in New York City, settled in Newburyport Massachusetts, as a shipbuilder, and in 1845 removed his business to East Boston, where he conducted a large shipyard. He built for Enoch Train several clipper ships for his line of Liverpool packets (Diamond Line) which were celebrated for their speed. He also built many of the New England clipper ships for the California and Australian trade. He built the Great Republic, of 4556 tons, in 1853, at the time the largest merchantman in the world; the Flying Cloud, that made the run from New York to San Francisco in eighty-nine days, three days less than the Great Republic; the Sovereign of the Seas, 2400 tons, making 430 geographical miles in twenty-four consecutive hours and 3144 miles in ten consecutive days. Flying Cloud's New York to San Francisco record stood until 1989 when the breakthrough-designed sailboat Thursday's *Child* completed the passage in 80 days, 20 hours.

McKay constructed the model of a paddle-wheel steamer, exhibited in July, 1853, which he claimed would cross the ocean in six days. He constructed a number of U.S. Gunboats, including the light-draft monitor *Nauset* and the double-end gunboat *Ashuelot*, [Native American word meaning "A collection of many waters."] for service in the Civil War. The last boat of his construction was the U.S. Sloop-of-War *Adams*, in 1874. He retired to Hamilton, Massachusetts, in 1874, and devoted himself to farming. The beauty and speed of the clipper ships, *Westward Ho*, *Flying Fish*, *Bald Eagle*, *Empress of the Seas*, *Staghound*, *Star of Empire* and *Golden Fleece* gave him a world-wide reputation

Kevin Ingle Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore



Raising or Razing - 40 Years Under the Same Roof

I know most of you are wondering what the status is with the roof, especially those of you that have seen the wonderful shrink-wrap job that is helping to keep us high and dry on the inside.

What that shrink wrap does is buy us a couple of years. And the next step, now, is to determine what we want to do about the club and look at its long-term strategy.

This will involve the Board putting together a few different scenarios that we can put before the membership, so that we can determine the future of the club and a legacy for those sailors to come, to celebrate in the next 40 years.

Whether a new roof, a different building or a virtual club, we'll review all the options and present the best of them to you shortly.

In the meantime, while we try to cover some of the costs we've incurred up to this point with the roof, we're looking at opportunities for raising money throughout the year.

Why not show your support of the club and all the great events, including racing and cruises, by increasing your membership level this year? By renewing at the Admiral level, which is just \$100 more than the basic membership, you get a special WBYC burgee, an 8 X 10 photo of your boat on the club wall, two free event tickets, and more!!

If you also have some additional money-making ideas, bring them on!! We're looking for some creative and fun ways to help the club improve.

Because of your continual support, our club is one of the busiest and most social in all the bay. Let's keep that title going forward!!

See you at the clubhouse!!

Membership Committee

Hello Members,

We're ready to begin membership renewals. But, before we ready our website for your online payments, I wanted to point out the different membership options that we have offer:

West Bay has 4 membership options.

- New Basic members receive the following package (\$95.00)
 - Welcome letter from Commodore

- Yearbook
- o WBYC Membership Card(s)
- Yachting Club of America Reciprocal Membership Card
- New Captain's Club Membership receive these additional items (\$145.00)
 - o Welcome letter from Commodore
 - o Club Key (one time)
 - New Burgee Each Year
 - One Function Certificate for two adults each year
 - o 2 Captain's Club License Plate Frames
 - WBYC Membership Card(s)
 - Yachting Club of America Reciprocal Membership Card
- New Admiral Club members receive these additional items \$195.00)
 - o Welcome letter from Commodore
 - o Club Key (one-time)
 - Admiral's Club Burgee (with Admiral's star on burgee)
 - o Boat Picture displayed on "Wall of Fame"
 - 2 Function Certificates valid for two (i.e., St. Patty's day, May breakfast, etc)
 - o One Free Rental of the Club
 - o 2 Admiral's Club License Plate Frames
 - WBYC Membership Card(s)
 - Yachting Club of America Reciprocal Membership Card
- Student Membership (full time students under 25 years old) \$25
 - o WBYC Membership Card(s)

Why move to a higher level membership? In addition to some great benefits, it helps the club generate revenues that go back into supporting your events and special club projects. It's a win win!

What special projects do we need to address this year? Funds towards a new club house roof! We need your support to achieve our goals for another successful boating season. Won't you join me by upgrading to a Captain or Admiral membership Level?

2016 Admiral Club Member, Dean Travis

Cruising Committee

Cruising starts this month! Make sure February 20th is on your calendar. Cruise Captain Nancy Roman and her committee of foxy Caribbean partiers are planning our 2016 kickoff cruise. Our destination is

Party Island. You don't have to go any further than our WBYC clubhouse, and island attire is encouraged. Plan to anchor your land yacht at 7:00. Cost for a mooring or slip is only \$5 per head. Nancy has asked that if you could bring an app or dessert to share it would be helpful to the cause. We will be kicking off the 2016 summer cruising discussion and plan ideas about 8 and there is a rumored wet t-shirt contest on the beach beginning at 9. If you are not up north skiing, THIS is the place to be!

The 2016 cruising survey is active and awaiting your participation. You can take it from our website, our Facebook page or you can access it by following this link:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/CWFSDXW. Your opinion really matters, so please do take the survey. It will help guide our cruise captains as they plan our cruises for this year. The survey has only 10 questions, so it will take less than 10 minutes of your time. We will share the results at the cruise social.

Cruise Captain Mark D's draft itinerary for our annual 2-week cruise scheduled for July 2nd to 17th is now posted on our club website in the Cruising tab and on the 'Events' page of our Facebook page. They will be cruising around Buzzards Bay, the Cape and Martha's Vineyard. Consider joining the cruise this year. It is always a good time. As always, I am looking for more members to join our cruising committee, be cruise captains or just volunteer to help out. We have several cruises that I am aware of that need cruise captains. The work is light if it is divided among many. Give me a call 401-451-9799 or send me an email rtstocker@gmail.com. Your help is greatly appreciated.

See you on February 20th! Tom Stocker Cruise Committee

Activities Committee



The 2016 Social Calendar is now in full swing. In January, we began with two afternoon football parties where we all got together to root for the Patriots. Unfortunately, they didn't make it to the Superbowl. But there's always next year! We had our official Superbowl party on Feb. 7th. We had a great time, didn't we?

Tom Stocker and crew are planning an exciting Cruising Social on February 20th. Be sure to check with either Tom or Nancy Roman for more details. It should be lots of fun.

Looking towards March -- join us for the St. Patrick's dinner on March 12, 2016. This is always a wonderful time with great food and great people. Cocktails hour is 6 PM followed by dinner at 7 PM. Don't forget to bring Irish Soda Bread or Dessert!

Not sure what's up for April yet so keep your eyes peeled for some Springtime fun. and don't' forget our annual May Breakfast on May 1st.

GOOD and WELFARE -- Our sincere sympathy is extended to John and Sharon Wood on the loss of John's Dad. We're thinking of you. Also, just heard from Paul Finstein. He's anticipating surgery on Feb 5h. Hope all goes well for you, Paul.

Sandy and I will miss this year's St. Patty's Day Dinner this year because we'll be on our way home from a 5 week road trip from RI to Florida and points West. We're sure to have lots of pictures and stories to tell!!

This year's schedule will be very exciting and we look forward to seeing you at the Club! We're always looking for ideas and help. Don't be shy, give us a call.

The Activities Committee Jo-Ann, Jen, Dawn, Celeste, Michele and Nancy

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!

2016 Board of Governors

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

2016 Committee Chairs

Activities:	Jo-Ann Grima
Cruising:	Tom Stocker
Education:	Open
House:	Open
Membership:	Dean Travis
Publicity:	Andrew Brousell

Blooper:	Andrew Brousell
Website:	David Lodge
Racing:	David Lodge
Norton's D	iscount Marine Store

Always a <u>Fully Stocked</u> 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.

Winter Weekend - Get Away

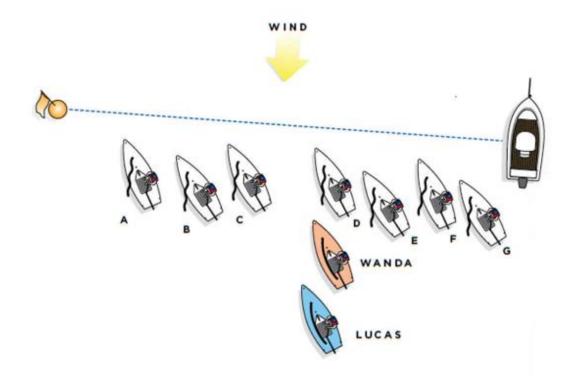
In conjunction with our friends at WBYC, Debbi Wloch (PC 2010), has reserved the beautiful Franconia Inn, Franconia NH, for the annual weekend getaway, February 26-28, 2016. We welcome all members and friends to join us for a fun, relaxing weekend in New Hampshire.

Enjoy the day X-C Skiing, Snowshoeing or Ice Skating on the grounds of the Inn, Downhill Skiing is close by (30 Minutes). If you prefer the view from inside the building, the fireplace in the main living room is a great place to relax with a good book, knitting projects or work on a Jigsaw puzzle.

The cozy inn has been a club favorite for many years, please join us again this year.

February 26-28 2016

\$225-\$265/per night/per couple, Bed, Breakfast and Dinner.
Call today to make your reservation 1-800-473-5299.
You may also find more information by visiting their website: http://www.franconiainn.com/



WBYC RACE COMMITTEE

What's going to happen in the diagram above. Come to "Racing Rules Jeopardy" on Thursday, March 3rd, at 1900h (that's 7PM) at West Bay Yacht Club to find out who is going to have to do their turns and who gets away from the starting line cleanly. We'll have some laughs and test your knowledge of the Racing Rules of Sailing under the same pressure cooker environment that you find on the race course. Or maybe with a few drinks to begin it will simulate everybody's level of concentration on the water.

David Lodge WBYC Race Committee Chairman





2016 Cruise Beach Party Saturday February 20 7:00 PM @ WB4C



\$5 per person - Light Appetizers & Bring your favorite app or dessert to share



8:00-ish - 2016 Craise Schedale & 2015 Craise Awards 9:00-ish - Wet T-shirt Contest, Best Beach Attire & other prizes B40B



Cruising Club of America Safety at Sea Seminar

March 19-20, 2016 at the Marriott Hotel in Newport, RI.

Why take a Safety at Sea Seminar?

- Ever wonder what you would do if someone fell overboard from your boat?
- Thought through your plan to deal with heavy weather if you can't reach a safe harbor?
- Are you interested in selecting the right emergency communications equipment or personal safety gear, but you're not sure what to buy?

If so, a Safety at Sea (SAS) Seminar is for you.

Safety at Sea Seminar facts:

- Moderated and taught by experienced, lifelong sailors who include some of the top names in sailing and safety.
- Safety at Sea Seminars are for everyone: Cruisers, Powerboaters, and Sailboat Racers alike. These
 informative sessions are designed for boaters of all types and levels novices and experts, near shore
 and offshore. Bad weather knows no limits and all boaters can benefit from this valuable training.
- Curriculum is certified by US Sailing Association. This seminar will have particular focus on the Newport Bermuda race and it welcomes (and offers considerable information for) cruisers, racing crews, and skippers, and delivery crews. The offshore environment is the same for the race, the delivery home, and cruising. Both boat and crew require advance preparation.
- More than 1,000 sailors attend safety seminars around North America every year and many bring their families and crews. The certifications are good for five years.

Saturday Safety at Sea Seminar

Bruce Brown will moderate Saturday's Safety at Sea Seminar as well as the Sunday Practical Hands-On Training Session. Bruce has extensive experience working on the West Coast with sailors, and moderating seminars for Pacific Cup crews as well as commercial fishermen. Speakers and topics:

- Larry Huntington, heavy weather.
- John Rousmaniere, lessons learned from recent incidents.
- Ron Trossbach, changes in offshore regulations, Bermuda Race safety regulations, and new safety equipment.
- · Frank Bohlen, marine weather and sea state.
- Christopher McNally, offshore communications.
- Dr. Jeff Wisch, seasickness, dehydration, and hypothermia and their effects on seamanship.
- Bruce Brown, MOB prevention and recovery, rescue at sea and the ethics of giving assistance.
- Karen Prioleau, crew preparation and training.



Bruce Brown demonstrates a life raft



Education Committee event calendar ...

It's been a while since I last contributed to the Blooper so if I seem a little rusty around the edges please bear with me. Rumors have it our Canvas Lady *Tonya Ricketts* will be hosting the annual "Sewing Class I and II" late February and early April

in addition to our very own Mooring Man Scott Leigh the third week in March. The WBYC event calendar is shaping up as follows:

Feb 07	Super Bowl Sunday hosted by Dave Pickering [5 – 9PM]
Feb 20	Annual kickoff Cruising social hosted by Tom Stocker [710PM]
Feb 25	Racing Rules Jeopardy hosted by Dave Lodge [7 – 9PM]
Feb 27	Sewing Class I hosted by <i>Tonya Ricketts</i> [10 – 2PM] – Lunch \$5.00
Mar 04	Club Game Night hosted by Grant Brandon [7 – 9PM]
Mar 12	St Patty's Day dinner hosted by Paul & Cathy O'Finstein [7 – 9PM]
Mar 18	Club Game Night hosted by Grant Brandon [7 9 PM]
Mar 24	The Mooring Man hosted by Scott Leigh [7 – 9PM]
Apr 02	Sewing Class II hosted by <i>Tonya Ricketts</i> [10 –2PM] – Lunch \$5.00
Apr 08	Club Game Night hosted by <i>Grant Brandon</i> [7 – 9PM]
Apr 22	Club Game Night hosted by <i>Grant Brandon</i> [7 – 9PM]
May 01	May Day Breakfast hosted by Jo-Ann Grima [8:30 - Noon]
TBD	Interlux / Boat Bottom & Hull Inspection [9 -12 Noon]
TBD	Coast Guard Aux / Requirements & Boat Inspection [91PM]

Note, no education events have been scheduled for May as it is a busy time for both owners and crews alike to ready their vessels for battle [on the high seas of Greenwich Bay and surrounding waters]. Looking forward to seeing everyone at our outstanding presentations and events ... warm regards,

Grant

- Will Keene and Bruce Brown, essentials of damage control and abandoning ship.
- · Henry Marx, personal safety equipment and life rafts.

Materials will be sent by email in advance of the seminar.

Many providers of safety at sea services and products will be on hand Saturday with exhibits.

Sunday Practical Hands-On Training

Combined with the Saturday seminar, this yields the coveted ISAF Approved Offshore Personal Survival Course certificate. Attendees will gain knowledge in the use of life rafts, boarding, and righting skills from experienced instructors. Flares and fire-fighting skills will also be covered. ISAF certification includes hands-on training with your PFD and inflation, as well as pool time with your inflated PFD in offshore clothing. An exam (passing grade of 80) is part of the certification process. This certificate is highly recommended for the 2016 Newport Bermuda Race and required for such races as the Fastnet, the Sydney-Hobart, and races in Mexico and Canada.



In the pool (Rousmaniere photos)

Other sessions:

- Saturday ISAF Offshore Personal Survival Refresher: The Refresher allows attendees to renew ISAF
 certificates and other experienced sailors to acquire their certificate in one day.
- Sunday Newport Bermuda Race Preparation Seminar: This is aimed at sailors planning to participate in the Newport Bermuda Race.
- Sunday Medical Seminar: Dr. Jeff Wisch and Dr. Barbara Masser will focus on the duties of the boat's
 medical officer and the unexpected accidents and events this person may face.

Click here to register for the March 19-20 CCA/Bermuda Race Safety at Sea Seminar.

For more information on the various sessions click here for the full course announcement.

Questions regarding the seminar email us at: safetyseminar@cruisingclub.org
For more information about the Newport Bermuda Race, click on this brief description or go to the race website, BermudaRace.com.

The Cruising Club of America views safety at sea as an important part of its mission and encourages sailors to access articles written by members and posted on the CCA's public website:

www.cruisingclub.org



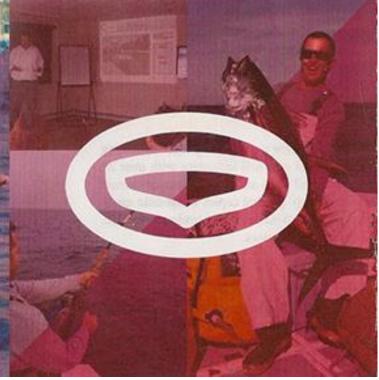
Brewer is proud to announce the return of our hugely popular Winter Dinner Seminar Series. Just because the boats are out of the water does not mean we have to stop thinking and talking boating! Winter is the perfect time to brush up on skills, and plan new adventures for next summer!

Seminars are \$10/person, and start at 6:30p.m. All are welcome!

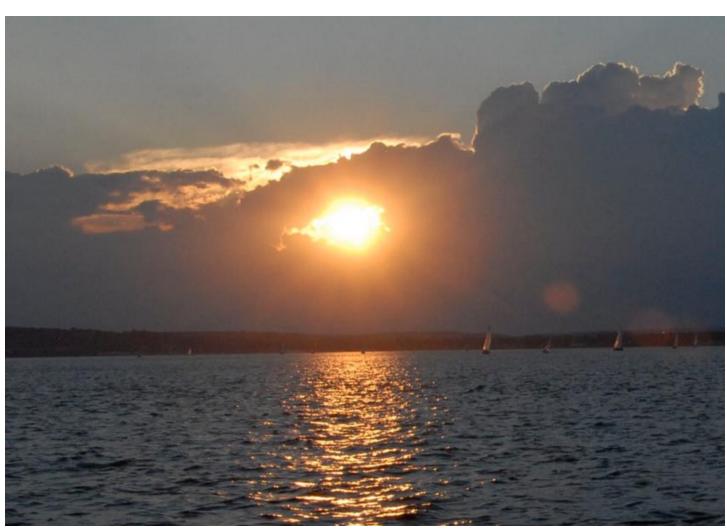
Seminars will be held in the brick building at Brewer Cowesett Marina North. Catering will be provided by Dave's Market.

Purchase tickets online at facebook.com/
brewercowesett/events
or call

401.884.0544









2016 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Location: Norton's Marina & Shipyard Foot of Division Street, East Greenwich, RI

Return To:

WBYC Membership Chair P.O. Box 1604 East Greenwich, RI 02818

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> VERY important links to your Club website. Need to get in touch with a Club Officer or Committee Chair?

http://westbayyachtclub.org/2016-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

About West Bay Yacht Club

Founded in 1975, WEST BAY YACHT CLUB is a traditional, family oriented club devoted to promoting the enjoyment of boating though social and competitive activities, education, and club assets.

The club operates as a democratic organization, with all members having an equal voice and opportunity. We are always looking for new people who have a desire to participate and enjoy, and to make our activities that much more fun for everyone.

WEST BAY YACHT CLUB is located in Greenwich Bay, a part of Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island, at Norton's Marina. See the map on this page for terrestrial & marine directions.

Our clubhouse is an attractive, comfortable place to get out of the weather and is equipped with a kitchen, dining and meeting area, a head and shower, a video lounge, and library.

WEST BAY YACHT CLUB is registered with the Yachting Club of America. Your WBYC membership entitles you to full reciprocity privileges at many other yacht clubs across the country. Just show your WBYC membership card.

WEST BAY YACHT CLUB owns and maintains a 500 pound mooring in Dutch Harbor, available anytime for the exclusive use of club members on a first-come first-serve basis. Rafting of two or three boats is permitted, with size and weather given due consideration.

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