

WEST BAY YACHT CLUB'S

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The Friendliest Little Yacht Club on the Bay!

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Commodore's Message



What a great time we had at the May breakfast! It was great to see everyone and to welcome new members. We have had several join us over the last couple months so if you see a new face, make it a point to introduce yourself. We have some great cruises on tap, starting with the Memorial Day "staycation" hosted by the Roman's. The cruising calendar is on Facebook as well as the website. Racing kicks off soon also, now is a good time to register for the summer series. Our club house is looking better and we keep chipping away at the projects so come to a function and check it out. Summer will be here soon, see you on the water.

Joe Crocker
Commodore

Vice Commodore



I was fascinated to read that James Cook's ship the Endeavour was found in Newport Harbor. The ship is famous as the first western ship to have 'found' Australia.

I thought a little history of this famous ship might be of interest to members.

HMS Endeavour, also known as HM Bark Endeavour, was a British Royal Navy research vessel that Lieutenant James Cook commanded on his first voyage of discovery, to Australia and New Zealand, from 1769 to 1771.

She was launched in 1764 as the collier Earl of Pembroke, and the navy purchased her in 1768 for a scientific mission to the Pacific Ocean and to explore the seas for the surmised Terra Australis Incognita or "unknown southern land". The navy renamed and commissioned her as His Majesty's Bark the Endeavour. She departed Plymouth in August 1768, rounded Cape Horn, and reached Tahiti in time to observe the 1769 transit of Venus across the Sun. She then set sail into the largely uncharted ocean to the south, stopping at the Pacific islands of Huahine, Bora Bora, and Raiatea to allow Cook to claim them for Great Britain. In September 1769, she anchored off New Zealand, the first European vessel to reach the islands since Abel Tasman's Heemskerck 127 years earlier.

In April 1770, Endeavour became the first ship to reach the east coast of Australia, when Cook went ashore at what is now known as Botany Bay. Endeavour then sailed north along the Australian coast. She narrowly avoided disaster after running aground on the Great Barrier Reef, and Cook had to throw her guns overboard to lighten her. He then beached her on the mainland for seven weeks to permit rudimentary repairs to her hull. On 10 October 1770, she limped into port in Batavia (now named Jakarta) in the Dutch East Indies for more substantial repairs, her crew sworn to secrecy about the lands they had visited. She resumed her westward journey on 26 December, rounded the Cape of Good Hope on 13 March 1771, and reached the English port of Dover on 12 July, having been at sea for nearly three years.

Largely forgotten after her epic voyage, Endeavour spent the next three years sailing to and from the Falkland Islands. Sold into private hands in 1775, and later renamed as Lord Sandwich, she was hired as a British troop transport during the American War of Independence and was scuttled in a blockade of Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island, in 1778. As of 2016 her wreck had not been precisely located but was thought to be one of a cluster of five in Newport Harbor, and searching continued. Relics, including six of her cannon and an anchor, are displayed at maritime museums worldwide. A replica of Endeavour was launched in 1994 and is berthed alongside the Australian National Maritime Museum in Sydney Harbour. The US space shuttle Endeavour is named after the ship[7] and she is depicted on the New Zealand fifty-cent coin.[8]

The rest of the story was widely reported in the local press. It's assumed she's on the bottom near Fort Adams - in a line of sunken ships that served as the blockade. Tom Stocker claims to have caught his anchor twice on some of the remains. If only he knew..... WBYC would have earned its share of nautical lore. Cheers!

Kevin Ingle
Vice Commodore

Cruise Committee Report

We are only 3 weeks away from our second cruising event of the year, our annual Memorial Day weekend party. This year, like last we will be staying at WBYC. Cruise captain Nancy & Charley Roman are busy with the preparations. This year will be a catered affair on Saturday night for \$20 a head. You can pay on PayPal and you will find all the details on our FB event page.

Looking forward, it isn't too early to start thinking about the 4th of July cruise to Bristol YC.

Reservations are a must. Reservations require 2 nights, so if you can only stay for one, let us know and we will see if we can match you up with someone who might only need the other night. Cruise Captains Dawn & Rich Safton will be posting more details in the near future.

You will find all our cruise dates and destinations on the Club Cruise bulletin board, on the bulletin



board outside the Club and on our Facebook events page. Please do join us and please do get involved. As always, we welcome all members to join our cruising

committee, be cruise captains or just volunteer to help out. The work is light if it is divided among many. Give me a call 401-451-9799 or send me an email rstocker@gmail.com. Your help is greatly appreciated.

See you on the water!
Tom Stocker
Cruise Committee



Race Committee

WOW! We are less than a month until racing begins at WBYC. The first Monday Evening Summer Series race is on June 6th. Hope that everybody's boat is in the water and that you are ready and

had your shakedown. This year we will not be having a Tune-Up Regatta. Attendance has been low for the last couple years for this regatta. Also the date on which it would be held this year (June 4th) is the date for the Leukemia Cup hosted by NYYC. We encourage all our racers to participate in this event.

The website is up-to-date with the schedule, Notices of Race and Sailing Instructions for all races posted to the website. The online entry system will be up and ready to accept entries next week. Please get entries in before the first race. It makes it difficult on the race committee to make sure all data is in place when entries arrive in the minutes before the first race.

Let's try this year to be in the race starting area on time so that starts don't have to be postponed. If your velocity isn't fast enough to get to the starting area, please plan on leaving a little earlier.

David Lodge
WBYC Race Committee Chairman

Activities Committee



It appears as though Mother Nature isn't quite ready to let go of the chilly temps yet. Is she? So we'll just have

to keep our fingers crossed and hope for better days ahead.

This year's May Breakfast was held on May 1st. The weather was a little cloudy with an occasional sprinkle. but the "show" went on as planned. Our "fearless leader", Joe Crocker and the boys were the first hungry patrons to arrive just after 8am. We had a fantastic crew again this year. Raleigh, Nancy, Charley, Nathan, Greg and Michele were all working their magic creating waffles, omelets and all kinds of other goodies. During the week, several others tidied up a bit and got everything together. Many, many thanks to everyone. We couldn't have done it without you.

Looking ahead—Nancy and Charley Roman will be hosting the 2nd Annual Memorial Day Staycation at the end of the month. They have lots of surprises in store for a fun filled "Welcome Summer Bash." Keep an eye out for the details.

Good and Welfare—Allergy season is upon us. So sorry if you're reaching for a tissue or medicine! Keep it up. This too shall pass! If you have anything to share with the membership, please let us know. We'll make sure the word goes out. OK? Another special hug is sent to Phyllis G. (Mom). Hope your nasty cold is finally gone.

We're always looking for new ideas and volunteers. Don't be shy. Contact us.

See you soon
Jo-Ann, Jen, and the Crew

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!**

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- Commodore:Joe Crocker**
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- Member-at-Large: Grant Brandon**
- Member-at-Large: Dawn Safton**

2016 Committee Chairs

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West Bay Yacht Club Annual
**Memorial Day Weekend
Staycation BBQ**

Saturday, May 28 @ 4:30

PM

Cruise all day, join us for
our BBQ and socialize
all night!



RSVP Only

\$20 per person

PayPal or check

Menu

Assorted appetizers, BBQ
chicken, italian sausage
& peppers, BBQ pulled
pork, assorted salads,
watermelon, lemonade,
ice cream bar with all the
fixings

BYOB



Mark your calendar!



4th of July Cruise to Bristol Yacht Club

Limited moorings available;
Reservations through WBYC only
PayPal or Check

Details so far:

- 2 night minimum
- Optional BYC July 4th breakfast available option
- Contact Dawn for options if you can only stay 1 night

Cruise Captains Dawn &
Rich Safton will have more
details soon!





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"Friendliest Little Yacht Club on the Bay"

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

2016 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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	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 _____

Visit us online at www.westbayyachtclub.org or on facebook



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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 through 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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71° 26' 44.68" W