

Blooper

The Friendliest Little Yacht Club on the Bay!

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Commodore's Message

Welcome all West Bay Yacht Club members!

The first item to address is to thank Tom Stocker and Julie Caito for jumping in so heartily, and skillfully putting together this edition of the Blooper. As many of you know, Jim Morelli who was our editor in chief for so many fine years, has retired from that position. We thank him for his fine contribution! Tom, Julie, and their volunteers are to be congratulated for a job well done so far, and we look forward to more editions under their leadership.

We are very excited about the 2008 boating season! As we all know it will be upon us before we realize it. Until it's time for scraping, painting, cleaning, prepping and generally complaining about our boats, though, we have many fun activities planned. The 2008 calendar will be posted in each edition of the Blooper, and includes all of the club activities, plus cruising and racing dates that are already scheduled. Of course, we are always adding various activities throughout the year ... and remember, the Club is available to you as members for private functions too!

The new WBYC Board has had its first meeting of the New Year, and I just want to thank every one of the Board members. We do have our work cut out for us! Fortunately, we have the experience of our established Board members who continue to help guide us, as well as the

enthusiastic input of new members this year. Dave Pickering, our Past Commodore, is in the process of putting together some fundraising events and we look forward to those, starting with the football playoff games in January and Super Bowl on February 3rd. By the way, you don't have to be a football fan ... though that's hard to conceive of as New Englanders, right??? You just have to want to have a good time amongst good people!

Please come and join us soon. We are planning an Open House and Wine Tasting on Sunday afternoon, April 13th, it would be a good opportunity to invite your friends. We really do have a great group of dedicated Club members who always keep everything rolling along smoothly, and we look forward to more participation from all of you.

This Club offers a really nice ambience; both in terms of club facilities and especially this fantastic group of people ... what *really* makes us the "Friendliest Little Yacht Club on the Bay"!

I look forward to seeing you all soon,

George Ann Redden
Commodore
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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Happy New Year!!! 2008 should be an exciting, not to mention challenging year. As most of you

know, we have a new Board in place. Who is really comfortable with Change? Some people are okay with it, while others tend to reject it.

As your current Vice Commodore, I would like to assist in streamlining our monthly Board Meetings. This would entail shortening Board member Reports, dispensing with long dissertations, and less conversations on matters not related to the business at hand. There is no reason we can't conclude a board meeting by 8:30pm. Many members personally have told me, that the meetings are too long and drawn-out. Thus, they do not attend.

This is your club! As a member, you are always welcome at our monthly Board Meetings and your input is very important. Don't forget we meet the first Thursday of every month at 7:00pm sharp and hopefully ending before 8:30pm. WOW! Talk about change.

Stew Stewart
Vice Commodore
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Tour Planned of Two of the Hottest Boat Manufacturers in the World

On Saturday, January 26, WBYC will be touring the manufacturing plants of Goetz Custom Boats and Outerlimits Offshore Powerboats, located on Broad Common Road in Bristol.



Both manufacturers are recognized as *the* builders for top performance in sail and power. Goetz has built several America's Cup yachts and is currently building the new PUMA, a Volvo 70 for the next Volvo Ocean Race. Outerlimits manufactures high-end performance offshore monohull and catamaran powerboats that can exceed speeds of over 200 MPH.

We plan to meet in the



lobby of Goetz at 9:00 A.M. Following the tours we will dine at Thames Waterside Café (formerly .JG Goffs), a fantastic restaurant that earns rave reviews.

This is a tour not to be missed. Please contact me with any questions.

Greg Fornal
Full Circle
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Summer Cruise to Start July 26 – Make Reservations Now!

Now that the holiday season is over, what do we have to look forward to? **Boating Season!** Washing, waxing, sanding, painting...but most of all, *using our boats*. We're all set in our ways, let's try something new this year – cruising.



Plans are in process for an exciting 2-week cruise this summer, beginning the last week of July (7/26). At this point, plans are very tentative, but we do want to spend a few days at the Mystic Seaport. If you have never been there, it is a very remarkable place to visit. <http://www.mysticseaport.org/> Since the summer is a very busy time for them, we need to get reservations early. Anyone who is interested in coming along on the cruise (for 1 week or 2, or any part of it), please join in and help with the planning at the Annual Pot Luck Cruising Dinner on February 16.

Questions, comments, input, you can contact me at 401-486-7421 or nshapiro2@cox.net.

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Moondance
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Join Sea Scouts!

Sea Scouts is a co-ed organization for young adults between the ages of 14-21. It is a great chance to learn and have fun at the same time. Sea Scouts focuses on teaching young adults about boating skills, safety, outdoor, social and service experiences, and knowledge of our maritime heritage. Our local Ship is sponsored by EGYC and meets at the EGYC clubhouse

every Tuesday at 7:30 pm. Right now, we are working on obtaining a boat which we can use during the summer. The requirements for you to become a Sea Scout:

- Be at least 14 years of age
- Attend and observe one meeting before filling out an application form.

If you are interested in joining or need additional information, please call or email Drew Stocker at 401-477-2006 or egfdstocker@gmail.com.

Please Help...Go Electronic!

WBYC doesn't ask a lot from its members, so we would like you to consider making a change. We have found our costs of printing and mailing the Blooper have been rising, along with the cost of everything else, (especially energy), while the revenue we receive throughout the year generally have not. In addition, we spent a significant amount over the past couple of years upgrading and remodeling our clubhouse.

A simple and painless way to help our Club reduce costs, even a little, is to check off the box for electronic correspondence in your Membership Renewal Packet. We will send you everything we can through email instead of using snail mail. One benefit will be having the option to print the Blooper in color, rather than the black and white version we will be mailing. We appreciate your help. You can also send an email requesting this change, to our Membership Chair, Carol Anthony, at carol.anthony@cox.net.

Cruising Committee

We have had two days of almost summer-like weather, which prompts me to think about our cruising schedule for this coming season.

We are going to be holding our annual cruising potluck dinner at the club on **February 16 beginning at 6:30 pm.**

This is a chance for all of us interested in cruising to get together and share our ideas on our summer destinations. Last year, we had a



great cruising season and many new members who joined in on the fun and festivities. There has been talk of our returning cruise captains to lead us on some pleasurable cruises next summer. We will be discussing ideas further at the potluck, while eating, drinking, and enjoying the opportunity to escape the winter doldrums. I believe our Vice Commodore, Stew, had some ideas about some interesting short cruises...hmmm.

I hope to see many of our new and old friends at the potluck; it should prove to be an interesting and fun night.

Since I accepted the position of Member at Large and will be dedicating more time to those duties, I would like to offer the position of Cruise Chair to another interested Club member. Please call me for details at 401-633-6075. I will be happy to help and will continue to be an active organizer.

Karen McNally
Interim Cruising Committee Chair
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Membership Committee

Happy 2008!

Your 2008 Membership Renewal package is on the way. The Membership Committee is taking this opportunity to ensure that all of our information is updated and correct in our database. Please be sure to review your profiles and update any corrections.

We do have one big change this year... We are going ELECTRONIC! There is a block on your profile that you can check off to receive all mailings electronically. This includes the monthly Blooper. This change will save WBYC a lot of money that can be spent on other fabulous things.

The Membership Committee will also be planning a New Membership Drive this spring that should be fun, and we hope will help attract even more members so our club can continue to grow. Remember, we are the "Friendliest Club on the Bay!"

Speaking of new members, please help us in welcoming our newest member... Weston

Ruthven! Weston's hailing port is East Greenwich.

If anyone has any questions, comments, or suggestions regarding membership please feel free to contact me at 401-316-5694 or by email (carol.anthony@cox.net).

Carol Anthony
Membership Chair
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Race Committee

Welcome to the upcoming 2008 sailing season! I'm reaching out to all in the hope of enlisting 6 to 8 *new* volunteers to help with race committee duties for the upcoming summer and fall racing series. As you know, Paul



Finstein retired after serving many years as race Committee Chair and will again re-join the racing circuit this summer on *Wizard*. The responsibility to provide exceptional Race Management for our racing series now rests on my shoulders. The standard set by Paul and his race committee requires NEW volunteers to supplement the current race management team, which is in process of coming together. I'm asking all interested parties (husbands, wives, powerboat skippers & co-skippers, kayakers, canoers, sunfishers, single, married, divorced, retired, students, and non-active members) to join us this winter and spring to learn and *be* part of the "new" Race Management Team at West Bay Yacht Club. This past Friday night, January 11th, we hosted the first of several recruiting meetings scheduled at the Club for all interested parties. *Mark your calendars*, as we have three additional meetings scheduled for "mock-racing" practice, which will be held on February 29th, March 28th, and April 25th. Meetings will start at 7:30pm and I strongly suggest you bring a beverage of choice, helping the event be as much fun as possible while learning & mastering Race Management for the club.

Should you have a conflict and not be able to attend some meetings, please drop me a

note describing your level of interest, and I will respond as quickly as possible with alternate suggestions.

We are looking forward to seeing and meeting all of you during the coming months.

Grant Brandon
Race Committee
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Activities Committee

Welcome to 2008 everyone! We trust you all survived the busy holiday season! Now that the dust has settled, we can look forward to spending some time at the club with old friends and new enjoying the many social events, which we have planned for the next few months. The first event will be February 3rd for the Annual Superbowl Party. Maybe we'll be rooting for the Patriots this year. We'll just have to wait and see, won't we! The doors will be open around 4PM. Bring an appetizer and/or a dish to share. Oh, and don't forget to bring plenty of cash to buy a few squares on the big board. Everyone is welcome, so bring your friends and family. In March, the O'Finsteins will again be whipping up a great meal for the annual St Patrick's Day Dinner on March 15th. More details to follow. Mark your calendar and we'll see you there!



Jo-Ann, Phyllis, Michele
Activities Committee Co-Chairs

Education Committee

Soon you will be asked (by e-mail questionnaire) to suggest the kinds of programs that you personally would enjoy and would support by your attendance. For instance, would you be most attracted by education centered, or entertainment centered programs? What are your thoughts on programs about cruising skills, seamanship, or racing centered programs?

Many of our own members have extensive knowledge and experience in various aspects of our sport. If you would like to share some of

your knowledge with other club members in either a lecture or a seminar format - please let us know.

Education from within can be a great way to go.

Peirce Brawner
Education Chair
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Online Group Assistance

Most of you already know we have a WBYC Online Group set up on Yahoo for WBYC Members and friends of the club. The Group offers a Calendar of Events, automatic event reminders, and the ability to contact all group members with a single email. It really is a valuable communication tool for West Bay, keeping everyone in touch with club news and events all year 'round. Best of all, its completely free.

If you are not yet signed up for the WBYC Online Group, point your browser at <http://www.westbayyc.org> and click the Online Forums link for instructions on how to sign up.

If you need to update your account with Yahoo, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WBYC/> then login with your Yahoo ID, and click the

"Edit Membership" link.

For those needing further assistance, please feel free to email me so I can help you get set up.

Peter Lussier
WBYC Webmaster
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KEEP A SHARP LOOKOUT

Saturday, January 26 Tour of Goetz Boats and
.....Outerlimits Offshore Powerboats
Sunday, February 3 Superbowl Party
Thursday, February 7 Board Meeting
Friday, February 8 Card Night
Saturday, February 9 AHYC Boating Safety Class
Friday, February 15 Boat Prep and Rig Tuning Class
Saturday, February 16 Summer Cruise Planning
.....Meeting & Pot Luck Dinner
Friday, February 29 Race Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 6 Board Meeting
Friday, March 14 Card Night
Saturday, March 15 St. Patrick's Day Dinner
Friday, March 28 Race Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 3 Board Meeting

Friday, April 11 Card Night
Sunday, April 13 Wine & Cheese Tasting/Open House
Friday, April 25 Race Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 1 Board Meeting
Saturday, May 3 Annual Club Cleanup Day
Sunday, May 4 May Breakfast
Friday, May 9 Card Night
Friday, May 16 Racing Skippers' Meeting
Sunday, May 18 Tune-up Regatta
Sat-Mon, May 24-26 Memorial Day Weekend Cruise
Monday, June 2 Summer Racing Series Race #1
Thursday, June 5 Board Meeting
Saturday, June 7 Rainone Memorial Solo/Twin Regatta
Friday, June 13 Card Night
Sat-Sunday, June 14-15 Father's Day Kids' Cruise
Friday, June 20 Goddard Raft-Up
Saturday, June 21 18th Annual Fantastic Plastic Regatta
Saturday, June 21 New Members' Social
Fri-Saturday, July 4-6 July 4th Weekend Cruise
Monday, July 7 Crew Rotation Race
Friday, July 11 Card Night
Saturday, July 12 Newport Storm Regatta
Friday, July 18 Goddard Raft-Up
Saturday, July 26 Lady Skippers' Regatta
Sat-Sunday, July 26-August 10 Summer Cruise
Saturday, August 2(TBC) McKinley's Cup Regatta
Thursday, August 7 Board Meeting
Friday, August 8 Card Night
Sat-Monday, August 9-11 Victory Day Weekend Cruise
Friday, August 15 Goddard Raft-Up
Saturday, August 16 Frank H. Norton Memorial Regatta
Monday, August 25 Summer Series Race #12
Sat-Monday, Aug 30-Sept 1 Labor Day Weekend Cruise
Thursday, September 4 Board Meeting
Monday, September 8 Fall Racing Series Race #1
Friday, September 12 Card Night
Friday, September 19 Goddard Raft-Up
Thursday, October 2 Board Meeting
Friday, October 10 Card Night
Sat-Monday, Oct 11-13 Columbus Day Weekend Cruise
Friday, October 17 Annual Membership Meeting
Saturday, October 18 Pumpkin Patch Regatta
Saturday, October 25 Oktoberfest Social
Thursday, November 6 Board Meeting
Friday, November 14 Card Night
Saturday, November 22 Annual Awards Banquet
Saturday, December 6 Holiday Party
Friday, December 12 Card Night

2008 Board of Governors

Commodore George Ann Redden
Vice Commodore Stew Stewart
Rear Commodore Greg Fornal
Past Commodore Dave Pickering
Secretary Phyllis Geisser
Treasurer Jo-Ann Grima
Parliamentarian Nelson Brinckerhoff
Members at Large Marcie Feldmann
..... Karen McNally

.....Nathan Shapiro

2008 Committee Chairpersons

Activities Phyllis Geisser, Jo-Ann Grima, Michele Lilly
 Cruising TBA
 Education H. Peirce Brawner
 House Mark Kane
 Membership Carol Anthony
 Publicity Tom Stocker
 Blooper (Interim) Tom Stocker, Julie Caito
 Racing Grant Brandon
 Website Peter Lussier

FOR SALE

Note: Submit new and renewal ads to rtstocker@cox.net. Ads will run for three months. (Expiration date on end of each ad).

1976 Herreshoff designed Chrysler 22'. This boat is a fin keel and draws 3'9". Mainsail in great shape, and I have a few different jibs for her. I have the title. Boat has a head and small galley setup. older 6-hp outboard ava. Boat sails great. \$2000.00 OBO!!!!!! Dave Lavine 401-338-2455 or email phins02886@yahoo.com 1/08.

“Second Wind” 1987 Cal-Pearson 33, 11.5 ft beam, 6’3” keel, 52.5” Mast, Yanmar Diesel 27.3 hp (overhauled in 2001) Located at Norton’s Marina, East Greenwich, RI. Contact George Ann Redden 401-747-9825 3/08.

1980 CATALINA 27' Universal diesel engine, Simrad autotiller, Datamarine depth finder, speedometer and compass. VHF radio, AM/FM/CD radio with interior and exterior speakers, barrier coated bottom. Beam is 8'10", draft is 4'. Sails checked and maintained yearly. Engine also maintained on a regular basis. Great shape throughout! Dinette model that can sleep up to 6 people. More info and video at www.byscan.com/00801 or call Joe Landi 401-421-6461 or 401-743-9251 3/08.

1979 22' Columbia Sloop \$2,500.00 obo. The design is aft cockpit with tiller steering. The interior of the vessel has 5' headroom. Forward is a spacious “V” Berth and head. In the main salon to port is the dining table. The table folds down for additional sleeping. To starboard is the sink and icebox. There is a shelf cavity sized for a two-burner stove. There is abundant storage in teak faced drawers and lockers. To starboard and port aft are two additional bunks for cozy sleeping quarters. This newly painted ivory hull has a black boot top stripe and a red bottom with matching red sail cover. Please note that this is a very “BIG”, “small” boat. It’s spacious layout and features provide the enjoyment of a “LARGE” boat at a “small” price. It has been a very well maintained and is currently in storage. Michael LaRobardier 401-447-1028, or email dtkwfl2002@yahoo.com 1/08



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