

Over the Waves

The Monthly Newsletter of the Wickford Yacht Club
December 2017

More information about our club can be found on our website | www.wickfordyc.com

We Hope You Can Join Us

Home FOR THE Holidays

Your Wickford Yacht Club
Holiday Buffet & Party

Saturday, December 9

6:00 Open Bar & Finger Food

7:00 Home-Style Holiday Buffet

\$35 Per Person (Guests Welcome)

Dress: Easy Holiday Casual



Please Make Reservations by December 5
www.tinyurl.com/wyc2017holiday

Save the Date:
Saturday, December 9th.

Open bar begins at 6:00, and the holiday buffet will start earlier than usual, at 7:00.

Guest are welcome!

Please sign up soon. Simply click on this link:
www.tinyurl.com/wyc2017holiday

We do hope you can join us.

- The menu features Herb Roasted Turkey Breast with Apple Cider Turkey Gravy, Round Beef with Mushroom Gravy, Gourmet Italian Baked Penne, Red Bliss Smashed Potatoes, Creamy Green Bean Casserole, Housemade Focaccia Stuffing. And of course, the Holiday Cookie Buffet. Yum!
- This year, the dress code is holiday casual. Leave the dress jacket and cocktail dress in the closet. Get out that Christmas sweater!

Connect With The Club:



COMMODORE'S LOG



Barbara Jackson

This is my last Commodore's Log and I'm writing it with mixed emotions. While I'm glad to pass the torch to the extremely capable Rich Lemieux, I'm sad that my time as Commodore is coming to an end. But, since it is, I have a lot of people to thank for their support and countless hours of work they put in to help me get the job done.

We have an amazing group of officers, board members, and volunteers who keep the Club running and functioning...and it really shows. Rich Lemieux and his team deserve special praise for taking on the challenge of restructuring the House Committee. He's assembled a great group, large enough to spread the workload and get many things checked off our To Do list. Dick has convinced Elaine Lemieux and Chuck Ebersole to accept House Committee Co-Chairs. Gordon Fletcher, our new Vice Commodore will be a huge help to the team as we move forward with our construction.

We have a strong racing season this year thanks to Shelia McGauvran's leadership on Wednesday nights, Skip Whyte's regatta teams, and the Archipelago Regatta team led by the Smith, Allen and Thorne families. Our August cruise was fantastic thanks to Fleet Captain Bob Shore and his event managers the Kern and Vassallo families.

Jean Tammaro proved to be not just an excellent listener but a world class scheduler; Julie Cook was fantastic in keeping us on the straight and narrow financially; Cindy Wilson has kept track of what we've done; Clare and Peter Northrup and the Social Committee have produced one incredible event after another; the extended Mitchel family have become the best bar-keepers in town; Pinkie and Kyle Wilson have kept us up to date on news and events by sending out OTW and special notices; the Awards Committee selected fantastic representatives of our spirit; the WSA team had an extraordinary crop of young sailors; and our Den Mother, Karen Pizzarusso, welcomed new members in record numbers and made certain that they knew how to make a home with us.

I want to thank all of you who volunteered for events so that the rest of us could party, or worked on race days, or helped organize family nights, or cleaned the kitchen even though the dishes you washed weren't your own. We got it all done and most importantly, we had fun and stayed safe!

I also want to welcome our new members. I hope you enjoyed your rookie season with us! Most of you are so plugged in that it feels like you've been here for years. Thanks for choosing to join us!

It really does take a village to keep Wickford Yacht Club running smoothly and on the correct course. I feel blessed to be a part of our village with the rest of you.

See you on the docks!

COMING UP AT THE CLUB...

December 9: Home for the Holidays Cocktails & Buffet | **Register**

December 15: Children's Holiday Party & Cookie Exchange | **Register**

December 31: New Year's Eve Party | **Register**

January 1: New Year's Day Brunch | **Register**



<https://teamup.com/ksef9ab7ecc013f947>

Click the icon above or the link to the left to access the WYC club calendar.

VICE COMMODORE & HOUSE COMMITTEE



Dick Lemieux

This has been another active month around the club. Several financial meetings were held with good participation by club members. Commodore Jackson and Rear Commodore Fletcher were instrumental in developing an effective presentation of our financial condition and I want to thank them for their effort .

I want to thank all the members who attended our sessions and ultimately passed the budget unanimously. This passage will provide funding for many exciting projects to improve the physical condition of our fifty year old building. Projects specifically approved were the repair of the patio concrete, repair of the leaking deck roof, and the upstairs bath/kitchen remodeling All of these projects will be done at times with minimal impact on club usage.

December will be a busy time at the club with many social functions, be sure to check the schedule, so as not to miss out. See you at the Club!

Children's Holiday Party & Cookie Exchange

Friday, December 15
6:00-8:00 PM



Join us for a Cookie Swap,
Party, Pizza, & Charlie Brown's Christmas...
...Plus a special visitor!

Register Here:

www.tinyurl.com/wyckidsparty2017

HOUSE COMMITTEE

If you haven't already heard, the house committee has been split into a co-chairmanship with Chuck Ebersole and Elaine Casey Lemieux. There is also an interior house team in place to help with projects and other needs that crop at our club.

We have many projects ahead for 2018 including:

- The exterior patio construction headed by our new commodore and his team
- The beginning design stages for the upgrades to the upstairs kitchen and bath

We have a new member Will King to thank for installing the new molding on the benches in the great room. This was necessary because the benches did not have an overhang and black heel marks were creating a mess of the baseboard paint. Thank you Will!

We welcome ideas and suggestions that our members might have to help keep our club in great shape. Wickford yacht Club belongs to all of us. Please feel free to make your suggestions known.

We receive volunteers with open arms! There is always lots of work needed around the club.

Chuck and Elaine

Let's Celebrate the Start of 2018!

Come ring in the 2018 New Year with fellow WYC members and our Icelandic friends across the pond. The festivities will begin at 6:00 p.m (11:00 p.m. Iceland time) on December 31st.

Please bring your favorite appetizer to share.

The Club Will Supply:

- Full open bar
- Desserts by Kati Cakes
- Dancing to the music of the Second Avenue Band.



The cost is \$25 per person, and the memories – Priceless!!

Please sign up for this event by December 29th. Feel free to bring guests.

You may register by clicking on the link below:

<http://tinyurl.com/WYC-New-Years-Eve>

If you are unable to make an online reservation, call Clare Northrup (401) 474-5502

FROM THE EDITOR



Kyle Wilson, Editor

If you frequent the **WYC website**, you've likely seen new links to content members access the most. This includes easy to navigate photo albums.

Included below is a quick tutorial I put together that can help you with the process. Take some time, play with it and I look forward to seeing the new additions to the albums!



Click here to view the tutorial directly in YouTube.

Congratulations New Grandparents!



Pete & Karen Pizzaruso - 1st time grandparents to Ian



Linda & Vinnie Mitchell - 1st time Grandparents to Alexander



WICKFORD SAILING ASSOCIATION



Paul Nannig, President



The Wickford Sailing Association Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to everyone who has made donations to our program! Your support is greatly appreciated by the board and our young sailors at all levels of this life sport we call sailing.

With your support, the **North Kingstown High School Sailing Team** qualified for two National events this year. By winning the **New England Keelboat Regatta in October**, they qualified for Nationals in St. Petersburg, FL in November where they sailed to a 6th place finish! The sailing team also qualified for the **Great Oaks Regatta in 420s** in New Orleans where they sailed to 7th place. Go North!

Our youth sailors and instructors continue sailing for the University of Rhode Island, Boston College, University of New Hampshire and Syracuse University this fall. Go WSA!

The youth sailing 2018 capital budget calls for \$30,000 of expenditures including safety equipment, a new or used outboard motor, mooring & float tackle as well as the ever present need for new and used sailing craft. Your donations go toward helping provide a safe and competitive environment for our youth sailors.

Tax-deductible contributions to WSA are welcome anytime throughout the year! Feel free to utilize the WSA mail slot upstairs in the WYC mail room or mail them to the WSA at the Yacht Club address. Or if you'd rather make an online payment, the Wickford Yacht Club web page links to WSA. There is a "Donation" button near the bottom of the WSA page where you can use a credit card through PayPal. Also, in this location is a link to setup any Amazon shopping to benefit WSA through their Smile program.

We greatly appreciate your contributions to the youth sailing program! Happy Thanksgiving to all as we enter the holiday season!

Sincerely,
Paul Nannig, President
& the WSA Board

Supporting WSA

 AmazonSmile

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MEMBERSHIP



Karen Pizzarusso, Chair

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Recent WYC Membership additions in 2017
Print and insert into your 2017 WYC Directory

Individual Membership : Anne **Cunic**

Primary Residence: 64 Enfield Avenue, Wickford RI, 02852
Tel (C) 401-601-4440
cunicam@gmail.com

Family Membership: Mary **Driscoll** and Mark **Morgan**

Primary Residence: 8001 Post Road, North Kingstown, RI 02852
Mary: (857) 207-5513 marydriscoll007@gmail.com
Mark: (774) 278-8185 mcdeiu@gmail.com
Boat: 'Lil Spirit 8' antique sailing dinghy

Family Membership: Jacki **Elgar** and George **Hagerty**

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Tel H (781)344-9564 C (781)-856-2635
E-Mails Jacki Elgar jelgar@mfa.org
George A. Hagerty GHagerty@usart.com GHagerty646@gmail.com
Boat: Echo, 22' LOD (29'LOA) 1965 Friendship Sloop (wood)

Family Membership: Linda Oliver **Hughes** and John **Hughes**

Primary Residence: 232 Indian Trail, Saunderstown, RI 02874
Tel H 294-7554 C 742-0314
Email: NarrowRiver1@cox.net
Boat: "Linda Marie"; 36'Ellis

Family Membership: Darcy **Lynch** and Mark **Jannitto**

Primary Residence: 15 Hendricks Street, Wakefield, RI 02879
Tel C 369-2239
Email Darcy Lynch wavesofhealing@yahoo.com
Mark Janitto wildblue9@cox.net
Boat: "Mahalo"; 36' Trawler

Please Note:

Carrie **Mitchell's** NEW Phone # is 401-602-9005

Kevin **Culley** and Kate **O'Kula's** address is now 118 Sauga Avenue, North Kingstown, RI 02852
Kate's C 787-2877 Email: ktokula@gmail.com

David and Ellen **Abell's** new address is now 126 Pine Glen Drive, East Greenwich, RI 02818

Meet the Members!

John & Linda Hughes

New members, John Hughes and Linda Oliver Hughes live on Narrow River in Saunderstown. They have owned a number of powerboats over the years most recently a Grand Banks 46' Europa and expect to take possession of an Ellis 36' in the spring.



John is an attorney with Locke Lord, LLP (once upon a time, Edwards and Angell), he was based in Boston for the bulk of his practice until last year when he made the move to RI.



Linda spent most of her professional career as a private surgical technician for a Surgical Oncologist. When the surgeon retired, she completed a Master Gardener Certification from URI and started her second career as a Garden Designer. She also enjoys her memberships with the Plum Beach Garden Club and the North Kingstown Newcomers and Neighbors Club.

Mark Jannitto, Darcy Lynch & Hannah Lynch



Darcy Lynch and Marcus Jannitto moved to Wakefield from East Providence two years ago. There they were active members in the Narragansett Terrace Yacht Club participating in club events including frostbiting in the winter and race nights in the summer.

Darcy and Mark have traditionally owned a variety sailboats, but a few years ago switched to a 35 foot trawler in anticipation of living aboard in the Caribbean for a year or so. Initially owning a power boat took some getting used to, but once they decided they didn't always have to be "going somewhere" they slowed down to 4 knots and treated the trawler like a sailboat.

Mark is a retired Brig. General in the Air National Guard and currently

coaches boys and girls volleyball at LaSalle Academy in Providence. Darcy is a massage therapist, with a private practice in addition to running a worldwide network of massage therapists that provide massage to touring musicians. In the summer months, Darcy also crews and serves at a yacht stew on local New England charters.

Their one daughter, Hannah, is a senior at Trinity College majoring in Film Production. Hannah also enjoys yachting, and works as crew and as a yacht stew in the summer months out of Newport, RI.



Yarrow Thorne



Yarrow grew up in Northampton, Massachusetts. He earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts from the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD), and has been supporting public art programming in the urban environment through his innovative **Avenue Concept** in Providence installing over 50 pieces of public art in the past 2 years.

Yarrow has embraced the family atmosphere at WYC and quickly became someone always willing to lend that helping hand where it's needed most!

Fun facts:

- Great grandfather built and sailed the J boat 'Whirlwind' | [click here](#) for more information
- Grandfather sailed north east & west passage
- My father drove a Land Rover from London to Japan
- My sailing nickname: Mr. Pink



SOCIAL COMMITTEE

At this time social committee does not have a leader.

I have put together leaders for 6 months in our social calendar. There are still six months of events that need volunteers to step up to the plate.

All of the monthly events are time consuming to coordinate and we realize everyone is busy. We are working to get co - chairs for events.

Who is willing to help? Thank you to the many who do! But, we need leaders, too.

A meeting will be announced soon. We encourage you to attend if at all interested in helping and leading.

Thank you, Elaine

2018 SEMINARS

Below is an update on plans to develop programs of interest for the second Thursday of each month:

- Harry Church has recruited new-member, Mary Driscoll to take over the programming and logistical duties.
- Guidance from members on topics to pursue would be a big help. Please give some thought to joining the seminar committee, which meets infrequently—every two months or so.
- Nautical themes, of course, along with practical boating advice have been big hits in the past.
- Dr. Agu Suvani has already graciously agreed to present in the Spring on "What Really Needs to be in Your Onboard First Aid Kit?"

Want to help brainstorm other topics?
[Click here](#) to email Mary Driscoll

Team Wickfud' - 2017 Archipelago Rally

WYC played host to the annual **Archipelago Rally** October 28th. It was truly a sight to behold. Boats of all different sizes and eras were taken out of backyards and sheds. Racers spanned generations. As first time participants, Maggie and I loved it and can't wait for next year.



Two of the organizers included members Yarrow Thorne & Ezra Smith. Being able to pull-off a Portsmouth Yardstick pursuit race for 30+ boats, host an unbelievable party and even have a band play from the dock is no easy feat! A huge thanks goes out you guys.

Team Wickfud' came out in full force and made quite a showing. Congratulations to Chuck Allen for winning the overall title in a Sea Dog!

More photos of the event can be seen by clicking [here](#) or [here](#). ~Kyle Wilson



Throwback!

Do you recognize the members below?



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House Co-Chair	Chuck Ebersole	CharlesEbersole9@aol.com
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