

# Over the Waves

The Monthly Newsletter of the Wickford Yacht Club  
February 2017

## COMMODORE'S LOG



Barbara Jackson

If you didn't have a chance to see the moonrise this past week, especially Friday, you missed a real treat! It's a well-known fact that moonrise in RI is best viewed from the Wickford Yacht Club. So, if you weren't there, consider bringing your favorite beverage and joining us some Friday starting at 6 PM. It's a great way, especially in winter, to get to know a few club members better, and look out over the harbor as the moon comes up over the horizon.

Our dredging is being finalized this month. A huge thank you goes to Jon Colby for getting that project behind us for another decade or so. Bob Brockway is replacing our ice machine compressor and key parts before he goes south. The ice machine was kind enough to wait until January 2 to finally make its last batch of ice. What timing!

If you are going to head out of town for a while, you should be aware that in order to extend reciprocity, some Clubs are requiring a signed letter on the stationary of your originating club (that's us) stating you are a member in good standing for the 2017 membership season. If you want such a letter, you'll need to pay your 2017 dues and include a self-addressed envelope in your payment so we know that your Letter of Good Standing will get to you wherever you happen to be. Already paid your dues? Send an email to me at Barb@JacksonWhyte.com and I will email you a PDF.

What do you do with your warn out burgee? Put it in the Shop's mail slot. We will be providing these burgees to favorite bars and hot spots. Take a look at the list of 2017 events somewhere in this document. If we are going to have a great year, you need to volunteer to work on at least one of the events shown by calling Clare Northrup, our social chair.

I don't want to jinx It, BUT...there will be a BYO everything party on Super Sunday if.....

Only 125 days +/- to Commissioning!

BJ

## National White Shirt Day Cocktails!

What the heck is National White Shirt Day? We don't know, but it's an idea so weird we just had to throw a party!

BRING YOUR FAVORITE APPITIZER!

February 11, 2017 at 1800 hours -

Guest are welcome! \$18 before February 5th; \$22 thereafter.

Cocktail of the Day: White Russian (of course!)

Go to [www.tinyurl.com/WYCFeb2017](http://www.tinyurl.com/WYCFeb2017)



**IT'S NOT TOO LATE!**

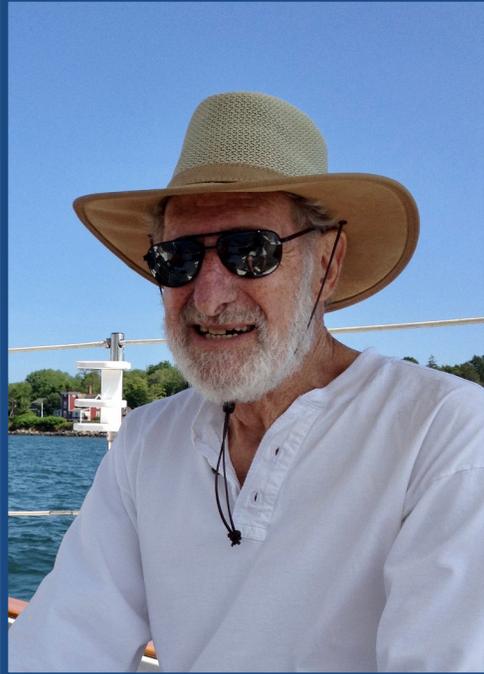
Call Clare Northrup at (401) 295-8035 if you haven't signed up for the Change of Command Cocktail party on January 21. You can still get in under the wire.



Connect With The Club:

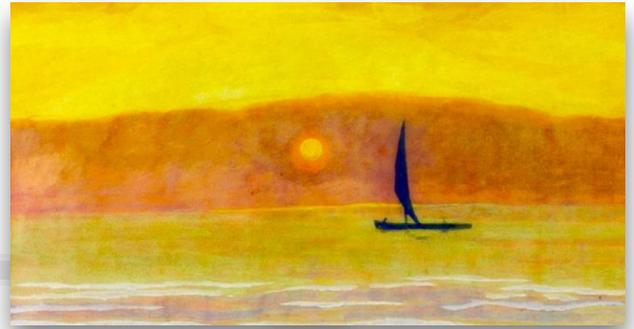


# CROSSING THE BAR



In December, we bade farewell to one of our best – Mike Gale. He enjoyed one last season of cruising the familiar waters of Narragansett Bay on his beloved 34' Pearson, Galadriel, which he shared with his first mate Lee for 27 years. Intellectually curious, kind, a considerate and tolerant teacher and always willing to lend a hand to the race committee - and he even raced last summer. A valued friend to many at WYC.

-David Abell



## 2017 WYC EVENT CALENDAR

January 21	Change of Command Cocktails
February 11	National White Shirt Day Celebration
March 18	Saints and Leprechauns Dinner
April 2	History Walk
April 23	Spring Brunch
May 27	Commissioning Day
June 10 & 11	Wickford Regatta
June 24	Commodores' Reception and New <u>Member's</u> Welcome
July 4 <sup>th</sup> Weekend:	Pot Luck BBQ on night of fireworks
July 16	History on the Water
July 22	Cheeseburgers
August 19	Commodore's Luau and Eclipse Party
August 26	Round Dutch Dinner & Top Chef BBQ Challenge
September 1	Lobsterfest
September 9 & 10	Laser Master's Regatta
September 23	Cocktails on the Deck
October 14	Cemetery History Walk
October 28	Spooky Cocktails
November 18	2017 Retrospective Celebration Dinner & Awards
December 9	Holiday Party
December 31	New Year's Eve Party
January 1	New Year's Day Brunch

*March 26, July 16, October 1 - 10 - 11  
AM Office Hours Coffee and Donuts*



## VICE COMMODORE

Dick Lemieux

By the time you read this, twelve club members will have formed a small armada invading the warm waters of the BVI's. (We have left cooler and warmer behind)! Thanks to the organizational efforts of Bob and Patty Kern, we have five boats chartered with Conch Charters crewed by Mike & Sheila MCGAVRAN, Neil & Joan Bergh, Bob & Patty Kern, Chuck Ebersol & Pinkie Sweet-Holland, Glen & Katie Connell, and Elaine & Dick Lemieux. The vessels will be fortified with additional family and friends. The Wickford colors will be gallantly flown and in some instances planted on foreign soil claiming our rights to inhabit such territory (most likely bars, yacht clubs, or other deserving enterprises).

On a more serious note, at the last board meeting the drawing for rental privileges of our club moorings were awarded to the Cook's and MCGAVRAN's.

## TREASURER

Just a reminder that the payment deadline for dues and fees is **February 28th**.

If you have not received your invoice, please contact me.

Julie Cook, WYC Treasurer: (401) 294-3468 | juliercook2@gmail.com



Wine-down, downstairs! Our Friday gathering on January 27 and February 24 has the friendly vibe of socializing fun, without the stairs.

Mark your calendar!

## HOUSE COMMITTEE



Bob Brockway, Chair

Since the January Over the Waves was distributed, our ice machine by the heads has died. This was not totally unexpected and we had made a provision in our 2017 budget to replace it. The new unit will be installed and operational before I leave for a warmer climate later this month. On the bright side, the new ice machine is costing us less than we had budgeted!

Several items in our Social Committee stores for events have gone missing or have been misplaced. The Committee asked that their storage areas be secured so that tablecloths, napkins and decorations are available for future events. I mentioned last month that security was being added to the upstairs Social Closets. I have now locked these areas. Our Social Committee Chair, Clare Northrup has the keys to these areas.

Members using the Club are asked to tidy-up when they are ready to leave. This also pertains to those members using the Club on Friday evenings Happy Hours. By that, I mean members should pick up items from the floor and carpets, toss small garbage into the trashcans, remove larger items and place them in the dumpster. If you or your guests have rearranged the furniture, please take the time to return it to its former arrangement. Please make sure the water is off, windows are shut, the heat is turned down, the lights are out and the doors are locked, by the last one to leave. The fans in the Great Room run 24/7.

This is a third reminder that Jane and I spend time down south during the winter. During my time away, Steve Johnson, our Assistant House Committee Chair, will be covering during my absence. Please contact Steve by the contact information in our directory with any concerns or problems. I appreciate his willingness to jump in and allow me to travel. Thank you Steve! I will be back on duty in April. I can always be reached by cell phone, text and email if you need to express a concern or you have an issue with a House related matter.

## FROM THE EDITOR

Missed something?

Deleted the email?

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# FLEET CAPTAIN



Bob Shore



Plans are already underway for our summer of 2017 cruise. We are planning on heading east again with possible ports of call including Cuttyhunk, Redbrook Harbor, Edgartown, and Falmouth. Tentative plans call for the Cruise to start on Saturday, July 29th and end with a cruise dinner (looking at a couple of venues in Falmouth) on Thursday night, August 3rd.

I am soliciting volunteers for a cruise committee and would appreciate the assistance from anyone willing to help out. Please contact at [flagshipundersail@gmail.com](mailto:flagshipundersail@gmail.com) or at (401) 741-6485 if you are interested.



## MEMBERSHIP



Karen Pizzaruso, Chair



- Jonathan, Renee and Leo Menendes, our newest WYC members, and the first to join in 2017!
- Pam (Dumas) and Don... now Mr. and Mrs. Brockoven!

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Many, many thanks for everyone who helped out at the two fabulous New Year's parties!

Patty and Bob Kern and their team helped us to ring in the New Year and what a great time we had! We danced the night away and enjoyed our champagne listening to Big Ben toll the hour!

The brunch helped the rest of us kick the New Year off right – healthy smoothies as well as more traditional brunch beverages. And what a glorious morning it was to start 2017! Thanks to everyone who made this a memorable 24 hours at the WYC!

## MEET THE MEMBERS - Christie Poore & Al Shimkus

Christi and I are delighted to be new members of the Wickford Yacht Club. I was born in Washington, DC and grew up in a small Massachusetts mill town with four sisters and one brother. I have three children, six grandchildren and two step-grandchildren. I retired from the U.S. Navy in 2007 after serving in uniform for 40 Years. While in uniform, I served in Viet Nam, 1967 -1968, as a nurse anesthetist, ashore and at sea, and as a hospital commanding officer at U.S. Naval Base Guantanamo and on board the USNS COMFORT. I joined the faculty of the Naval War College on 2007 and serve in the National Security Affairs department teaching and directing the Leadership Concepts course of study. My academic interests include humanitarian assistance and disaster relief research. I speak publicly on the ethical issues surrounding the detention center on U.S Naval Base, Guantanamo. Christi and I are actively involved in our community.

-Al

I am happy to be a new member of the Wickford Yacht Club, re-establishing old friendships and making new ones! I was born in Columbus, Ohio, the oldest of a robust family of eight and was raised in Maryland where I graduated from nursing school in 1971. I moved to Rhode Island in 1979, am a mother of 6 and 2 stepdaughters and boast 15 of my own grandchildren. I have earned a Master's degree in Nursing and actively practice as an Adult Nurse Practitioner. I am actively involved in the community and St. Paul's Church. I married Al in 2015 and together we share many interests, have 11 children and 23 grandchildren combined, which keep us very busy. I am not an active boater but enjoy the ocean and the lovely Poplar Point community.

-Christie

# Generations of WYC Membership, Barbara Dawson

WYC is often a family affair. We have many families with two generations of members, but we also have three families represented by three generations, and probably more to come. The patriarchs are shown in these photos.

Below: John Wilson, Jr., Commodore 1973 (wife Janet), followed by their son, John Wilson III, Commodore 2010 and wife Cindy, and the latest to join WYC, son Kyle and Kaitlin Wilson (with three kids, is another generation of Wilsons to come?)



Left: John DiMartino, Commodore 1972 (wife Mary), followed by their son, Paul DiMartino and wife Vickie, and the latest to join, Amalia DiMartino Mullaney and husband Michael. (with two kids, will there be more DiMartino family members to join in the future?)



The Nannig family was always out in full force for the annual fall cruise to Prudence Island. Urban (Bud) Nannig, Commodore 1976 (wife Frankie), followed in membership by two of their four children, Doug Nannig and wife Elle and Paul Nannig and wife Susan, and the latest generation of Nannigs to join, Lt. Gregory Nannig and wife Kelsey.

## Throwback!

Do you recognize these faces?



Rollie Whyte



Doug Nannig & Nancy Sherman



Peter & Paula Fahlman



From L-R: Greg Nannig, Chris Nannig, Matt Grennan

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