Over the Waves

The Monthly Newsletter of the Wickford Yacht Club
April 2018

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

The Commodores' Reception 2018

Join us in honoring Commodore Richard Lemieux & all past Commodores!

Saturday April 21st, 6 - 9 PM, at WYC
Appetizers provided by Tom's Market Catering
Full Bar, Coffee and Dessert
Dress is Yacht Club Casual
$30 per person through April 13th, & $35 after April 13th

Online reservations:

https://tinyurl.com/WYC-2018Commodore
Deadline: April 18th
Contact Betsy Moody, (508) 864-1677 with questions or if unable to register on line

The Commodore of East Greenwich Yacht Club has graciously invited WYC members to socialize with EGYC members in a gallery viewing of local artists. This event includes appetizers and a cash bar. The cost is $7.50 per person.

Register Online:
https://tinyurl.com/WYC-EGYC-Gallery

Members who are interested in displaying and selling their work should email or call Joyce Sellon:
joycskis@gmail.com | (401) 499-9128 | $25 per table

COMING UP AT THE CLUB...

Every Friday: Social Hour, 6 PM

Every Thursday: Morning Coffee, 10 AM

March 26 - April 3: Great Room Closed for Maintenance

April 14: EGYC Gallery Night

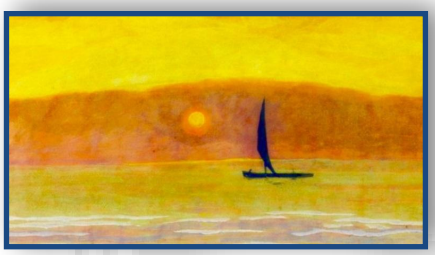
April 21: Commodore's Reception

April 28: WSA Fundraising Dinner

May 26: Commissioning Day!

Connect With The Club:

CROSSING THE BAR



The metaphor of a voyage in Tennyson's poem, Crossing the Bar, seems poignantly fitting for two of our members. Even before the Wickford Yacht Club was established, Rollin Whyte and Bill Sabo were part of a frostbiting group called the "Windingers". Naturals on the water, they imparted their skills to their children and generously shared them with our WYC members. Over the years we've acknowledged them for their leadership and awarded them for their service, but in their passing, we reflect on how very fortunate we were to have known these two lifelong friends.

In the sailing community, the death of a member is often recognized by an "Eight Bells" ringing. The idea comes from the days of a sailor's watch being marked each hour by the ringing of a bell: 2 bells at the end of the first hour, 4 at the second, 6 at the third, and then 8 bells to mark the end of their 4-hour watch. "Eight bells and all is well" is a time-honored announcement that has made it into the land vernacular as well.

Rollin Whyte - February 16, 2018
William "Bill" Sabo - March 6, 2018

COMMODORE'S LOG

Rich Lemieux

March has been a difficult month in many ways. The weather has been a weekly series of storms, snow, wind, and temps on the cold side. We sadly commemorated the passing of two of our most senior members, Rollin Whyte and Bill Sabo. Each contributed greatly to the history and culture of our club, one a founding member and racer, and the other a former Commodore whom continued to volunteer until his passing. Both will fondly be remembered for who they were and what they contributed to the club.

At the time of this writing, the yearbook is being assembled through the hard work of our Treasurer(Julie Cook), Membership Chair(Karen Pizzaruso), Past Commodore(Barbara Jackson), and our Yearbook Chair (Kathy Brown). This month I would like to acknowledge Kathy Brown for her diligence in this production and volunteerism in WSA and Cruise planning. She has been keeping extensive records of club membership statistics for many years. If you have a question regarding club records, Kathy is a good place to start. WYC is fortunate to have her expertise and dedication. Thank You!

I am pleased to announce another chance for several members to serve our membership in their time of greatest need. At our last Board Meeting the idea of establishing a collation committee was discussed and unanimously approved. This is a service that is increasingly being utilized as s a source of relief for the families. The scope of service is to be determined by the committee. If you are interested, please call Elaine Lemieux for more details.

Spring must be getting closer because I just received my notice of the Defender Warehouse Sale and West Marine is pumping out catalogs clogging my mail box. For all the Snow birds, the opening paragraph about the weather is just a joke. It's been great here, hurry back and bring some warmth with you! See you at the club! ~Rich

All proceeds benefit our Adult & Junior Sailing Programs - keeping our equipment current & safe

Please register online at:
https://tinyurl.com/WSAfundraiser-2018

Guests are welcome!

Auction will include items from the following:

- North Sails
- Lemon & Line
- Trader Joe's
- Sailorbags
- Ronstan
- Rock Spot Climbing
- Block Island Ferry
- The Sailor's Tailor
- ...and more!

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Elaine Lemieux
Co-Chair

Chuck Ebersole
Co-Chair

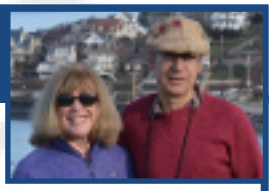
We have a plan to refurbish the Great room floor and have blocked dates March 30th to April 12th. The two-week period may be necessary to make sure the finish is dry and hardened. We ask that you stay off the floor during this period. Thank you!

The club spring work party is scheduled for May 12th. Please bring gloves, rakes and shovels for the parking lot is a mess from the winter plowing. We will be moving furniture back to upper deck and the planters need to be put in place and filled with loam. Inside, we would like to do the windows in great room and tidy up some of the other rooms.
We are looking forward to your help . This club belongs to all of us.

The coatroom closet vent and trim has finally been addressed. Will King has done another great job! Thank you Will!

On another note, we are planning to put together a collation committee to help our members in their time of grief. If you are interested in helping on this committee please call Elaine, we hope the get this committee together in May.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE



Betsy Moody & Ben Rice

All those who saddled-up and moseyed-on down to Wickford Yacht Club for Country & Western Night on Saturday March 24th experienced a fun evening. They enjoyed a lip-smackin' BBQ dinner and 2 steppin' with the instruction of David Endicott and the play list created by Sheila McGauvran!

Club members trotted out their finest Country Western attire, with Commodore Rich Lemieux and Elaine Casey Lemieux providing leadership with most authentic.

The decorations were creative, and the authenticity theme continued with a beautifully tooled Western saddle and tack lent for the occasion by April Brunelle, a friend of Kathy Brown--and a real wagon wheel for the chandelier and real hay bales!

Many thanks to organizers Sheila & Mike McGauvran and Cindy & John Wilson as well as Linda Mitchell for liquor procurement. Carrie Mitchell for arranged for the bartenders who included Dale & Nancy Harrington, Tom & Lori Heald, Sarah & Paul Browne, Kathy & Win Brown, and Bob & Patty Kern.

A Thank you must also go out to those who stayed to help with the clean-up including Tom & Ellen Grennan, Pinkie Sweet-Holland and Chuck Ebersole, Kathy & Win Brown - and to anyone else who quietly helped out behind the scenes!

MEMBERSHIP

Karen Pizzaruso, Chair

MEMBERSHIP POSTING:
Potential New WYC Member

Karen Conway & Michael Conway
Sponsored by Dale & Nancy Harrington / Jon Colby
Primary Residence: 67 Buena Vista Drive, NK, RI
Secondary Residence: 279 Deaver Road, Waldboro, ME
Children: Taylor Conway
Boats: Blue Moon 24' Century and Taylwind J/22
Family Membership

Any WYC Member wishing to comment may contact the Board of Governors

Applying your new parking sticker: So easy, a child can do it!

Parking Stickers

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Instructions for Application

- Please remove your old sticker. Replace with the newly issued sticker, placing it on the lower right hand (passenger) side of your windshield.

How to Apply Your Label

- Clean the surface before you apply your label. Dry the surface completely.
- Labels stick best to smooth surfaces, such as glass, metal, plastic or paint. Avoid sticking labels on textured, dirty or wet surfaces.
- Bend back the label to expose the tab around the label.
- There is a ring around the label that makes it easy to lift off the label.
- Peel the label off the liner. Be careful not to touch the adhesive.
- Apply even pressure across the entire label to ensure full bonding.
- Adhesive labels need 24 hours to fully bond to any surface.
- Do not re-stack stickers face-to-face.

SEMINARS

SAVE the DATE – April 12, 2018
Travels to Cuba: An Educational and Entertaining Seminar

Wickford Yacht Club to Host Armchair Travel Trip to Cuba
Presented by Photographer/Sailor Cindy Wilson
WYC members, guests, and the public invited!
Families, students, and inquiring minds of all ages welcome.
No charge, no pre-registration required.

Cindy Wilson, professional photographer and WYC member has had the unique opportunity to travel to Cuba six times as the leader of Profundo Journeys photography workshops. She has captured over 10,000 images and will share in her presentation a sampling of these, along with stories and impressions of the culture, the beauty, and the resiliency of the Cuban people…and maybe a classic American car or two!

- Doors open at 7:00 PM. Light snacks and soft drinks provided.
- Location: Wickford Yacht Club, 165 Pleasant Street, Wickford, RI
- (401) 294-9010 | wickfordyc.com
- Questions? Contact Mary Driscoll at: marydriscoll007@gmail.com

REAR COMMODORE

Bob Shore

Spring is approaching and the planning has begun for the 2018 Wednesday night racing season. Our goal is to make this years racing as successful, competitive, and fun filled as possible! This year's race dates are:

Solstice Series:		Dog Days Series:	
May 30	June 20	July 18	Aug 15
June 6	June 27	July 25	Aug 22
June 13	July 11	Aug 1	Aug 29
	no race July 4		(no race Aug 8 due to WYC cruise)

FLEET CAPTAIN

Bob Kern

Moorings for the Summer Cruise

The time has come to make mooring reservations if you are thinking of going on the 2018 summer cruise. These moorings will go fast so time is of the essence. You can cancel your mooring reservation towards a credit with proper notice if your plans change. The itinerary for the cruise is as follows:

- **Sat 8/4** -- Block Island -- Town Moorings first come first serve – two boats on a mooring allowed - Party on the Beach in New Harbor
- **Sun 8/5** --- Three Mile Harbor -- Three Mile Harbor Marina Moorings - Rafting with three boats on a mooring is allowed
- **Mon 8/6** -- Three Mile Harbor -- Cocktail Party @ TBD Location
- **Tues 8/7** -- Coecles Harbor on Shelter Island – Mooring/Dock info below – Commodore's Cocktail Party @ TBD Location
- **Wed 8/8** - - Coecles Harbor on Shelter Island – Possibility of wine tour and/or a drink/dinner at Rams Head Inn or SIYC
- **Thurs 8/9** -- Stonington- Cruise Dinner @ Stonington Harbor Yacht Club

Moorings for Three Mile Harbor, NY:

- There are only 5 transient moorings at the Three Mile Harbor Marina and I asked 5 folks on the WYC cruise to reserve all five moorings for two nights. They do allow three boats to raft together (weather permitting) so no reservations needed for a mooring of up to 10 additional boats. With three boats on a mooring cost is ~ $40/boat/night. When the cruise sign up comes out you will be able to sign up for a mooring and we will create a float plan.
- Transient docking and anchoring are also available. Currently we are not sure which marina we might have a cocktail party at in case you want to dock there (TBD).

Shelter Island,NY Information

- Coecles Harbor Marina & Boat Yard: Please contact the Coecles Harbor Marina directly for a dock/mooring reservation and ask for **Nancy Triska** (631) 749-0700 Ext 10.
- Make sure you mention that you are on the WYC Summer Cruise and they will apply a 10% discount.

Stonington, CT Options:

1. SHYC has 240ft of linear space (no dock rafting allowed) @ $3.50/ft. **Click here** to visit their DOCKWA page.
    a. Thanks to feedback from Kem Vassallo, we now know that you cannot make a dock reservation via DOCKWA directly for the Stonington Harbor Yacht Club (SHYC). When we told the SHYC that we would be there on August 9th for the cruise dinner, they blocked that date on DOCKWA for the WYC, so reservations cannot be made by others on that date.
    b. If you would like dock space at the SHYC, please call them directly and tell them you are on the WYC Cruise. Katie Canning at (860) 535-0112 will assist you in making a reservation.

Join us for the 2018 Mother's Day 10M/5K Run and 2 Mile walk.

This event has been happening for several years as a benefit for the Association for Migraine Disorders and Wickford Sailing Association.

This year, we are excited to have Miles for Migraine producing the event in partnership with the Association for Migraine Disorders as part of their national race series.

Date/Time: May 13, 2018 8:30AM

Location: Allen Harbor Marina, Bruce Boyer Road, North Kingstown, RI 02852

Distance: 2 Mile Walk / 5K Run / 10 Mile Run

We are also looking for volunteers, please contact Gordon Fletcher, riptide407@cox.net or (401) 474-0179

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