

Over the Waves

The Monthly Newsletter of the Wickford Yacht Club
June 2018

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

The 2018 Commodore's Ball

honoring

Commodore and Mrs. Richard Lemieux

Saturday, June 23, 2018

Please join us for a delightful summer evening of dining and dancing.

Sample an array of appetizers served on our harborside patio, accompanied by a full bar.

Savor a sumptuous dinner prepared by Chef Stephen Coe of Defined Palate Catering.

Dance to music by "Second Avenue Band."

Yacht Club Elegant/Black Tie Optional

Cocktails 6:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm

Seventy dollars per person

Dinner selections

Roast Sirloin of Beef in a Brandy peppercorn jus

Salmon Filet with a light balsamic pesto crust

Vegetarian Option

This is a catered event. Great Room Seating is limited to 90 guests.

Reservations close on Sunday, June, 17, 2018.

To register for this event, please click on the link below:

<https://tinyurl.com/CommodoresBall>

Connect With The Club:



COMING UP AT THE CLUB...

Thursdays Mornings: Morning Coffee, 10 AM

Friday Evenings: Cocktails, 6 PM

May 18 & 20: Club Renovation Informational Meetings

May 24: Financial Meeting, 7 PM

May 26: Commissioning Day!

May 30: Wed. Night Solstice Series #1

June 9-10: Wickford Regatta

June 12: Board Meeting

June 16-17: Spring Mini-Cruise, Bristol

June 23: Commodore's Ball

June 25: WSA Sailing Classes Begin



COMMODORE'S LOG

By the time you read this message, you will have received notification of an important financial meeting on May 24th and also informational meetings to enlighten you on the progress of our various renovation projects. The informational meetings are set for Friday, May 18th at 7:00PM and Sunday, May 20th at 1:00PM. The same information will be presented at both sessions. The Issues to be discussed are numerous and best conducted in a personal setting where questions and answers can be discussed. Proxies will be available at both informational meetings should you be unable to attend the financial meeting. Please make an effort to attend any or all sessions to become well informed.



Rich Lemieux

Our social season is in full swing! Donna Dufort and Donna Fronce with assistance from an able team, hosted a hugely successful Commodore's Reception. Their efforts contributed to a memorable evening and was great to see many past Commodores in attendance to greet our new members. Thank You All!!! The Wickford Regatta is next on tap and can always use a little extra help. This event is a major contributor to the financial stability of the club. Call Skip Whyte if you can help in any capacity. This event will be closely followed by Commissioning Day, and that Committee is diligently planning another great event.

Our SnowBirds are back and it is truly nice to see everyone stopping in at the club for various reasons. Some just to see what is going on, some to say hello to old friends, and yes some to take a break from boat preparations. It won't be long before the grills are on and the docks filled with boats. Spring has arrived and it is so wonderful in many ways!

See you on the docks. -Rich

Marine Electronics Guide

Whether your starting your holiday shopping early or just enjoy looking at new "toys", the folks at offcenterharbor.com have published a guide of recommended small boat electronics. Click the video the right to watch.

-Your OTW Ed.



Commissioning Day

May 26, 2018

Join us for our annual Commissioning Day Ceremony and Parade of Ships to celebrate the official opening of the 2018 season. Guests are welcome.

Schedule of Events:

- 1600:** Commissioning Ceremony & Parade of Ships will immediately follow
- 1645:** Beer/Wine/Snacks
- 1800:** Dinner

Main Course Choices:

- BBQ Half Chicken
- Citrus Salmon
- Grilled Steak

Sides include Grilled Vegetables, Green Salad, Chive & Dill Potato Salad and Rolls

Dessert:

- Coffee and Strawberry Shortcake

Ticket Options:

- Dinner/Beer/Wine: \$35 per member
- Members' children under 12 free (chicken)
- Guests: \$35 | Guests' Children Under 12: \$5 (chicken)

Event ticket sales close May 20. No tickets will be sold after May 20.

Purchase tickets and make dinner reservations on line by clicking here or using this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/2018-WYC-Commissioning-Day>

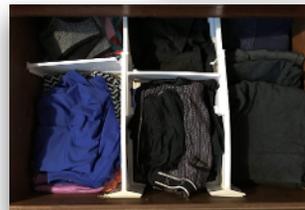
Anyone paying by check must deliver it to the club prior to May 20th. Please leave an envelope addressed to Julie Cook in the Treasurer's mail slot in the upstairs office, with check payable to *Wickford Yacht Club*, note for Commissioning Day 2018 on check. No checks will be collected at the door. Please, no walk-ins, this is a catered event.

Please contact Sarah and Paul Browne at 401-295-1129 or Paula and Peter Fahlman at 401-885-1307 with any questions.



Organizing Your Boat

Some are more Type-A than others about where things go above and below deck. But, let's face it, the things we need in a pinch sometimes are the hardest to find! Here's a great guide of how to make more space out of less. Head over the **Blue Water Trawler** for some ideas. *-Your OTW Ed.*



FLEET CAPTAIN



Bob Kern

Hopefully boat preparation for the season is nearing completion and all members are looking forward to getting out on the water.

The Spring Mini Cruise on June 16 & 17 will take place to Bristol Harbor and the Herreshoff Marine Museum. Current plans include looking over the marine hardware at the Museum's annual Wharf Sale on Saturday followed by a small intimate WYC cocktail party on the Herreshoff Wharf starting at 1700. After we finish cocktails at around 1830, off we go to a local restaurant for dinner in downtown Bristol. On Sunday morning we will tour the Herreshoff Marine Museum at around 1000. Moorings and dock space are available through DOCKWA.

- Please use the following link to sign up so we can get a headcount:
<https://tinyurl.com/WYC-Spring-Mini-Cruise>

The annual WYC Summer Cruise is still in the planning stage to work out the social event details. Westward Ho!! The Cruise sign up will be out in late June or early July with at least two information sessions held in mid July.

- For mooring and itinerary details, please visit the WYC Website at the following link:
<https://www.wickfordyc.com/cruising/>

All Dinghy Dock, In-Water, and Rack storage spaces have been assigned for the 2018 season. The Dinghy Space assignments and Wait Lists can be found on the WYC Website, as well as, a slightly revised Dinghy Storage Policy that has been issued by the Board of Governors effective May 2018:

- <https://www.wickfordyc.com/members/dinghy-docks/>

Let's go cruising!!

SOCIAL COMMITTEE



Betsy Moody & Ben Rice

A wonderful time was had by all at the Commodores' Reception on April 21st—nice to see our snowbirds back at the club! Thanks to everyone who helped—there were over 30 people who helped with the organization, setup, kitchen, and cleanup!!! In particular we would like to thank Donna Dufault and Donna Lee Fronce for their fine organization and execution of this event, along with their committee and those who pitched in to help.

We are enjoying seeing the participation of members at the club and spontaneous camaraderie at the Spring Cleanup day. The club has also been a lovely venue for members to informally socialize as they come by to work on boats, enjoy a picnic lunch or dinner on these beautiful spring days, or continue to help spruce up the club for the season.

Commissioning Day on May 26th is approaching rapidly, representing the formal opening of the boating season. The Commodore's Ball on June 23rd will be an elegant event. Please see the notices in this issue of OTW.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the club at upcoming events!

MEMBERSHIP



Membership Name Tags for WYC kids and adults

With cruising, regattas and summer social events coming up, we're taking orders!

If you'd like to add the name of your boat, email pkpizz@verizon.net with exactly how you would like your name to be written out.

Replacement badges are \$6.00; complimentary to children and new members.

"Believe me, my young friend, there is nothing - absolutely nothing - half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats." -Kenneth Grahame, *The Wind in the Willows*



**Congratulations to Sharon & Jim Seymour
who welcomed their newest granddaughter,
Juliet, on May 5th.**

Lost & Found!

Over the winter we have had many items of clothing left behind. Take a look at the photos below. If you are the owner or know who is, please contact Chuck. If the following items are not claimed by June 15, they will be donated to the Salvation Army.



Meet the Members!

Deb & Rich O'Brien

Deb and I moved to North Kingstown in 1994 and have raised our three children here (Erin age 26, Meghan, age 23 and Michael age 20). Deb and her family enjoyed boating in Narragansett Bay in the 1970s/80s. Whereas during the same time period, I grew up in Cohasset on the south shore of Boston where I participated in sailing lessons at the Cohasset Sailing Club, and had an 11' Boston Whaler to go out fishing and cruising.

Our family started boating in Wickford ten years ago when we purchased our first boat and we had wonderful experiences on Narragansett Bay with our children. Four years ago, we purchased a larger boat allowing us to venture along the Southern New England coast.

However, now that our children have either moved out (Erin and Meg live and work in the Boston area) or are in college and working, Deb and I are looking for a boating community we can join to continue to share our love of the water. After meeting many members of the Wickford Yacht Club in our short time here, we are looking forward to the wonderful times ahead!



Karen & Mike Conway



We met on a blind date in 1991 and shortly thereafter discovered our love of boating on the ocean at our summer cottage in Maine. We remained landlocked in South Glastonbury, CT for the next 25 years while we raised our daughter Taylor. She is now completing her freshman year at Roger Williams University.

Karen grew up in uber rural Hebron, CT and couldn't wait to get out of town to attend Smith College. While

Karen still practices health law, she enjoys photography and plays tennis and racquetball to de-stress and stay in shape. Mike grew up in Salinas, California and followed a path that lead from the lettuce fields to Cornell, to the Haight Ashbury in San Francisco and finally to CT where he practiced Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at Hartford Hospital for 38 years. With retirement Mike

has pursued his passion for painting and just finished renovating our attic in Wickford where he will paint and sculpt and otherwise make a mess.

In 2014 karma was on our side when we discovered and purchased Mark and Mariann Callahan's wonderful home and gardens in Wickford on our first venture to Rhode Island. We keep our Century 2400 turn-the-key-and-go boat and J22 moored in front of the house and are delighted to join the WYC family where we can finally learn how to sail.

Awards Committee 2018



The WYC Awards Committee has begun its annual deliberations in search of worthy candidates for the various award categories as noted in your current Directory. The ceremony will again take place in November. The current membership of the Committee includes Cynthia Carpenter, Vinnie Cerbo, Jeff Cook, Ann Cunic, Tom Grennon (representing the WYC Power Squadron) and Cindy Wilson.

We are looking for one more member to join our group as Martha Parks is retiring from the committee. THANKS for all of your help Martha!! So, if you'd like to join us contact one of the

committee members or me.

As we have noted in the past...."If you see something...say something (to one of the committee members)...good or bad!!" Your assistance in recommending award recipients goes a long way in helping the committee recognize club members for the good works they do....or the "not-so-smart" things they've done, on or off the water.



Looking forward to hearing from you.

Pete Pizzarusso, Chair.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

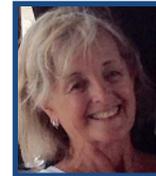
We are getting ready for the 2018 season. The Work party Saturday May 12th was very well attended. The kitchen clean-up has not been a one-day project. Work days before Saturday and days after have been going on to get the kitchen up to speed. The kitchen girls led by Clare Northrup did a fantastic job scrubbing everything in sight including a great paint job by Nancy Shore on the shelving under the kitchen island.

Betsy Moody and team have changed out the planter boxes with new liners, filled them with new soil and added red, white and blue flowers. Great room windows and wainscoting were washed to a gleam by Sara's Brown and Blivin. Also, many other projects and jobs were done by a number of volunteers all over the club. Thank you!

Chuck's group got the upper deck furniture out of storage and ready for summer: Dock chains repaired, hoses and fire extinguishers reinstalled, refurbished signs reinstalled, great room bar resurfaced and stained, flag pole gaff replaced, picnic tables moved out of pavilion, emergency swim ladders removed, power washed and reinstalled were among the accomplished tasks completed. Thankfully, the rain held off so we could get so much done.

Thank you to all who attended and worked so hard. We *should* be ready for the 2018 season but please be aware that keeping our club in tip top condition is an on-going project. We need all members to be prudent and help keep the club beautiful.

So, see something, say something, and do something!
Elaine and Chuck

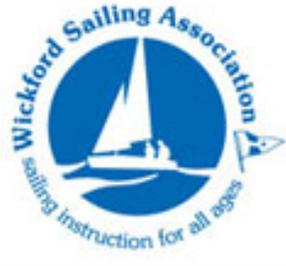


Elaine
Lemieux,
Co-Chair



Chuck
Ebersole,
Co-Chair

WICKFORD SAILING ASSOCIATION



On behalf of the Wickford Sailing Association, I would like to thank the members of the Club and their guests that so generously participated in our dinner and auction, for their contributions to the sailing program.



Paul Nannig, President

Because of your generosity we raised over \$10,000 for our program. Your donations go directly into the equipment that we use to teach students the craft of sailing. As you may know tuition pays for our operating expenses, but the bulk of the money for the boats and other equipment we use comes from your donations.

I would like to thank the Board of the Sailing Association, Paul Browne as our Live Auctioneer, Tracy Smith, Clare Northrup & Paula Brownell for help in the Galley, Tyke Loomis for her checkout assistance and everyone that helped assist with the event. We would also like to acknowledge the contributing Businesses on the Donor List for their support:

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL DONORS!

When you see them or Shop, please be sure to Thank them!

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Wickford Package Store

Throwback!

(Regatta Edition)

Do you recognize the members below?

Click here to see all *Throwback* photos from past issues of OTW!



L to R: Jim Young, 14 & Tyke Loomis, 15
1966 WYC Sailing Program Awards,
Wickford Shipyard

L to R: Tyke Loomis, Doris Ferry, Barbara Dawson, Debbie Sabo
1974 Adams Cup Elimination Regatta



L to R: Chuck Allen & Mike Tamaro
1984 Intl. 420 World Championship, Annapolis



L to R: Chuck Allen, Mike Tamaro, Trish Tamaro
Mike & Chuck on their way to the 1985 Intl. 420
World Championship



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