

Over the Waves

The Monthly Newsletter of the Wickford Yacht Club
October 2018

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INVITATION TO AN EVENING IN UMBRIA 'La Dolce Vita'

October 13

Cocktails 6pm ~ Dinner 7pm

\$33 pp

Enjoy Aperitivo

Aperol spritzer, Italian wines & beer

Traditional Antipasti

Cured meats, cheeses, olives & breads

Primo Piatti

Penne with mushrooms, Pumpkin ravioli

Secondi Piatti

Pork roast & seasonal roasted vegetables

Dolci

Fig torte & Perugina Baci

Featuring

"Travel Through Umbria" with Deborah Del Sesto
Honorary Vice Consul of Italy to Rhode Island

Reservations close October 10. Click to register:

<https://tinyurl.com/AnEveninginUmbria2018>

If difficulty registering, email or call Betsy Moody
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Connect With The Club:



COMING UP AT THE CLUB...

Thursday Mornings: Morning Coffee, 10 AM

October 13: Umbrian Autumn Evening, 6PM

Friday Evenings: Cocktails, 6 PM

October 20: Work Party, 8:30 AM

October 9: Board Meeting, 7 PM

November 3: NKHS Sailing Jumbalaya Dinner

October 11: Online Mapping Seminar

November 10: Annual Awards Banquet



COMMODORE'S LOG



Rich Lemieux

With the summer boating season rapidly coming to a close, it is a good time to reflect on the many good times shared on the water and ashore. Highlights of the season include the Wickford Regatta, the mini cruise to Bristol, The Commodore's Ball, the Fourth of July activities at the club, the Annual Cruise, the combined Fall Cruise and Dutch Race, and Cocktails below Deck. Each of these events contributed to building lasting friendships developed at the Club.

I had hoped to be able to provide an update on our renovation project, but due to delays beyond our control, there is not much substantial information to pass on. We have met with both CRMC and local officials regarding this project and are awaiting their input. At times this can be a tedious and frustrating process so I ask for your patience and understanding.

The Fall season gets underway with a themed party, "An Evening in Umbria" which promises to be an enjoyable event. Our annual Fall clean up day is also scheduled to get the club ready for the Winter season. There are many tasks both inside and outdoors that need attention. All hands welcome! Thanks to all.

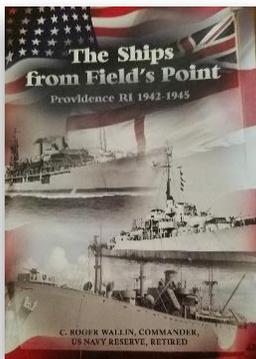
See you at the club! -Rich

SOCIAL COMMITTEE



Betsy Moody & Ben Rice

We enjoyed a wonderful send-off to summer on September 15th with Cocktails Below Decks. The evening was perfect, not too hot or cold and just a gentle breeze. The hors d'oeuvres brought by members were delicious, creative, exotic and bountiful. Thank you to Martha Parks and Anne and David Damm for their hard work organizing and conducting the event. Many others helped with decorating and cleanup, including Ellen Abell, Jane Brockway, and Vickie and Don Farrell. New member Linda Gustafson assisted Sue Moore at check-in, and bartenders Bob Brockway, Dick Breault, Bob & Patty Kern, David & Ellen Abell, Chuck Ebersole & Pinkie Sweet-Holland, Rick Moore, David Damm, and Bill & Mary Lou Greene spirited us through the evening.



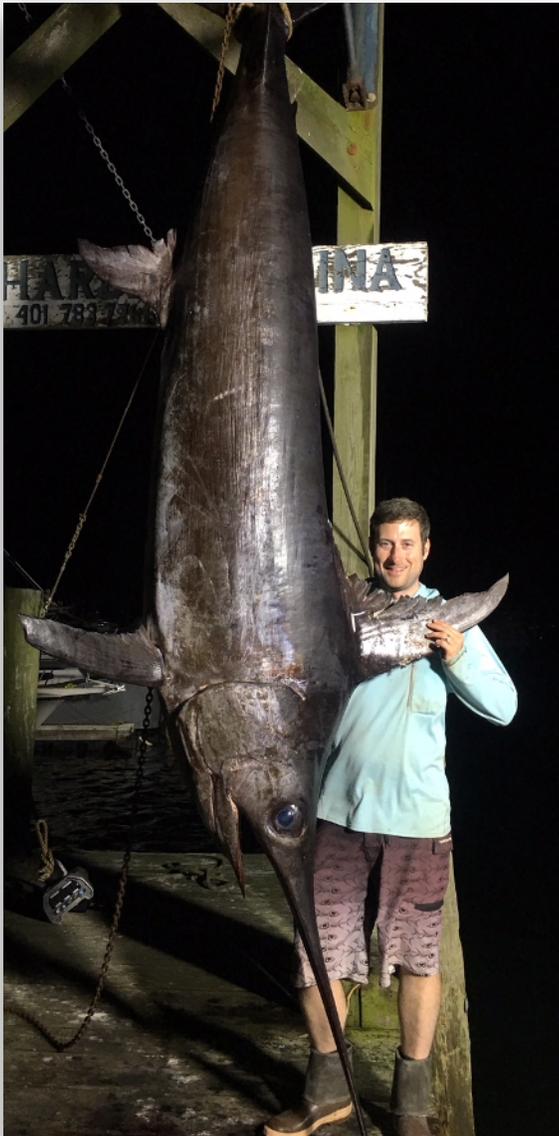
And autumn will be ushered in by Evening in Umbria—be sure to sign up for what will be a special event.

The library by the stairs has some interesting books—some day browse through them. We have added to the collection *The Ships From Field's Point* written by C. Roger Wallin, a local author known to Betsy and a retired Commander in the US Navy Reserve. He writes about the emergency shipyard that was established in Providence during World War II, where 64 ocean-going ships were built by 21,000 Rhode Islanders. Feel welcome to borrow this or other books and then return for others to read.

Save the Date:

Please join us on
**Saturday, November
10 for the Wickford
Yacht Club Annual
Awards Banquet and
to celebrate the 50th
Anniversary of the
Wickford Yacht Club
Clubhouse.**

Details to follow.



MEMBERSHIP



Karen
Pizzaruso,
Chair

MEMBERSHIP POSTING:

Mark & Kerri Bamford

Sponsored by Gordon Fletcher / Win and Kathy Brown
Primary Residence: 171 Steamboat Avenue, North Kingstown

Boats:

Cloud 8 22' J/22

Center Console 23' Key West

Family Membership

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

HOUSE COMMITTEE

How fast fall has come upon us!



Elaine
Lemieux,



Chuck
Ebersole,
Co-Chair

Fall clean-up is scheduled for
October 20th at 8:30.
Please be on the lookout for
news blasts for a weather
update and for what you may
want to bring with you.

The girls on the interior committee have been hard at
work pulling together ideas, projects and costs for the
beautification of the club that just may fit into our
remaining budget for this year.

A Record Setting Swordfish!

WYC Member, Matt Grennan helped set a
Rhode Island record for swordfish at a massive
588 lbs.!

It was caught daytime deep dropping in 1,600
feet of water on-board the *F/V Twister* out of
Point Judith.

The Captain/Owner of the boat hooked the fish
300' off the bottom and fought it for almost an
hour and a half before the fish was subdued by
the crew. This is now an official state record for
swordfish, breaking the previous record by
almost 300 pounds!

REAR COMMODORE



Bob Shore

On August 29th we completed another successful season of Wednesday Racing. It was truly a great summer of racing. A big THANK YOU goes out to all of the racers and the volunteers for participating this summer while keeping the camaraderie and sportsmanship at an all-time high!

Final results for the Dog Days Series:

Spinnaker 1

Grimace- Ben Hodgson
GiGima- Gordon Fletcher
Joyride- Steve McCrory

Spinnaker 2

Triple Threat- Jeff Wadovick
Cloud 8- Kerri Bamford

Cruising

Rabbit- Dan & Mimi Dyer
Flying High- Dan Borsutzky
Rogue- Jon St Coeur

Ensign

Pleasant Dreams- Dick Breault
Miss Jenn- Gary Smith
Luna-C- Joe Connelly

Final Results Dutch Island Pursuit Race. 9/08/18 (combined with Fall Mini Cruise)

1. *Kitty Hawk*, Ezra Smith
2. *Sandpiper*, Hans K
3. *Kona*, Jamie Verdi
4. *Flagship*, Bob Shore
5. *Joyride*, Steve McCory
6. *Simplicity*, Rich Lemieux
7. *Unforgettable*, Bob Kern
8. *Sweet Pea*, Pinkie SH
9. *Frolic*, Ben/Betsey
10. *Vincenzo*, Jon Colby
11. *Gigi B*, Jeff Cook

2019 Slate of Officers

The 2018 Board of Governors is pleased to announce the following candidates to the 2019 Board of Governors which will be voted upon in a future meeting.

Commodore: Gordon Fletcher

Vice Commodore: Robert Shore

Rear Commodore: Robert Kern

Fleet Captain: Neil Bergh

Secretary: Ezra Smith

Treasurer: Julie Cook

House Committee: Charles Ebersole & Elaine Lemieux

Member at Large: Harry Church

Membership: Karen Pizzaruso

No Tillah' No Problem

It's the piece of the boat you never expect to fail. As Pinkie found out, it happens when you least expect it. She had to get resourceful. In the end she still finished the race and learned a lot about what she could do on her own on the water - the added benefit is the wonderful memento she can now hang on the mantle.



WYC Seminar Announcement - October 11, 2018

The Growing Risk of Coastal Hazards and Waterfront Impacts – How Online Mapping Tools Can Help

Rhode Island is facing coastal change from storms, erosion, and sea level rise along its 420 miles of shoreline. The Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC), in partnership with the University of Rhode Island, has developed a process to educate residents on their risk of impacts from coastal hazards, through both a policy change for coastal permit applicants, and in the creation of online mapping tools to assess risk from coastal flooding and erosion. Marine trades, recreational boaters, and waterfront businesses will want to understand the tools available to them to make informed decisions that will serve to protect waterfront assets and the long-term viability of RI's waterfront economy.

Teresa Crean is a community planner and coastal management extension specialist with the Coastal Resources Center (CRC) and Rhode Island Sea Grant at the University of Rhode Island's Graduate School of Oceanography. Teresa joined CRC/Sea Grant in 2008 and is currently facilitating municipal-scale projects in Rhode Island that address coastal adaptation to climate change and sea level rise.



This work involves evaluating the results of mapping exercises to clearly communicate challenges and opportunities to municipal stakeholders while collaboratively considering policies and projects that may increase resiliency in the face of potential impacts from coastal hazards and storm events. Her work employs a research and planning process that integrates the best available science with open input and involvement from a broad range of stakeholders, decision makers and the public. Teresa also has worked for non-profit regional planning commissions and for planning/design firms in the private sector.

She earned a Master of Landscape Architecture (M.L.A.) from the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse, a B.S. in Environmental Policy/Natural Resource Management from the University of Michigan and is a certified planner through the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP).

Swallow Goes to Town - by Angela Rice

Earlier this month fellow Wickford Yacht Club members David and Ellen Abell and I together with our friend Angela Rice sailed *Swallow* down to New York. Angela is the editor of the RSYC magazine, *The Yachter*, as well as the author of a book, *"The Reluctant Boating Wife"*. She wrote this account of the trip.

My favourite theory had been validated yet again - Planning, whilst essential to sailing, is rarely of much relevance to the end result. With just a week to go before I was due to fly to the US for my annual sailing trip on *Swallow*, the RSYC couple whom Skipper Richard Fernie had invited to join us were reluctantly obliged to back out. Over the years *Swallow* has gathered a group of RSYC friends who have joined us intermittently. A quick call around these offering a last minute invitation from Richard for an opportunity to sail from Rhode Island to New York resulted in expressions of wild enthusiasm, followed by grudging acceptance that cancelling the next month's commitments would let down too many people. I accordingly then threw the issue back



over the Pond to Richard. By the time I arrived he had tempted his local YC friends David and Ellen Abell to be our crew.

The demanding part was to be the overnight continuous passage from Block Island to New York. Richard's wife, my best friend Janet, is a staunch Reluctant Sailing Wife who, unlike me, has stalwartly resisted crossing to what she perceives as the dark

side. She had gleaned from the female grapevine that Ellen had mixed feelings about heading out into the ocean overnight; we were unable to assess whether this was actually the case, or whether it was a projection of the feelings of those who reported it, there being an abundance of RSWs within the local community. Ellen however had so far indicated no such reservations to us. And David being somewhat hard of hearing, it had been established on a recent club cruise with Richard that she was a necessary intermediary for communication.

Leg one of our small adventure posed no challenges. Casting off from Wickford RI in bright sunshine we appreciated getting away from the unusually high temperatures and humidity of the previous week. *Swallow* having been prepared and provisioned by means of dinghy shuttle trips from home to her mid-harbour poles mooring, on Thursday 30th August we brought her over to the fuel dock to fill up with diesel and water and pick up David and Ellen. The original plan had been to leave as soon as possible after my English friends arrived on 4th September, but we were able now to take advantage of the earlier weather window which had opened up. We cast off at 10.15, meeting the south-running tide under the Jamestown Bridge and then motoring, with

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