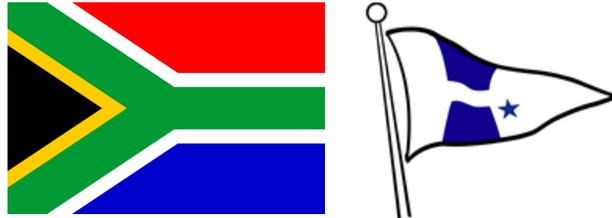


Over the Waves

The Monthly Newsletter of the Wickford Yacht Club
July 2019

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



You are cordially invited to attend the
Wickford Yacht Club
Commodore's Safari
on July 20, 2019 at 6 PM
In Honor of
Commodore and Mrs. Gordon Fletcher

Appetizers, Raw Bar, and Dinner will feature
traditional favorites from the Commodore's
hometown of Durban, South Africa

Creative safari attire is very welcome, but optional

Dancing to the Commodore's favorite local band

Tickets are \$65 until July 10th, \$70 after that time. Ticket sales close on July 15th, no kidding, so make sure you get your travel voucher! Click this link to register: www.tinyurl.com/wycsafari

We've planned a distinctive Durban menu in honor of our Commodore's home town. Discover your inner bunny chow (no it isn't rabbit!) and Boerewors sausage. Plus, enjoy appetizers, dinner, dessert, table wine and full bar. Of course, there's fantastic music and dancing.

Reservations are limited to 95 members and provisional members and their significant others. Reservations for non-members will be accepted, space permitting.

Connect With The Club:



COMMODORE'S LOG



Gordon Fletcher

Summer has finally arrived....we kick started the season with the traditional Cheeseburgers event. Even though it was little earlier this year, we hopefully were able to continue the Grennan's tradition with a few little changes. Many thanks to the Kerri and Mark Bamford and their team for pulling this all together. Good food, frozen drinks and music, made for a great event.

We are continuing efforts to recruit new members and make our guest policies more inclusive. The intent is to implement this at least for a trial period and hopefully members will then work to recruit their guests to join. We have amended our House Rules, as follows:

- Guests are welcomed at the Wickford Yacht Club and should be viewed as potential members.
- Members may bring guests to any club event that is not restricted to members only. The event fee for a guest may be higher than for a club member.
- Guests are encouraged to volunteer to help with various club events.
- A guest should be with a member at all times on club property with the following

exceptions: Wed Night Racing, WSA events, Regattas sponsored by the WYC, WYC Board approved events where this is allowed (e.g. Open Houses or Sailing Clinics)

- The member is responsible for making sure that the guest is aware of and observes the WYC House rules at all times.

Furthermore, we have been working on changes to the By-Laws for the Intermediate Membership status, and will be presenting these together with a building project update at a membership meeting in the near future. In terms of the latter, we have received three quotes and are working with each contractor to confirm scope etc.

Also, working with WSA, the Junior Yacht Club will be returned to its intended use, as year round space for the kids. Storage for WSA equipment will be in a trailer adjacent to the shed, which will be removed off season and stored off site to make space for the on land boat storage.

See you at the club. ~Gordon

COMING UP AT THE CLUB...

July 2019

Wed Jul 3	All day	Family Day
Mon Jul 8	7:00pm - 8:00pm	WYC Board Meeting
Sat Jul 20	6:00pm - 10:00pm	Commodore's Safari
Sun Jul 28	3:00pm - 6:00pm	Hoffman's Celebration of Life

September 2019

Tue Sep 10	7:00pm - 8:00pm	WYC Board Meeting
Sat Sep 14	6:00pm - 10:00pm	Awards Mixer and Taco Bar

August 2019

Sat Aug 3	All day - Fri Aug 9	Summer Cruise heading East (Ne)
Thu Aug 8	All day	Possible Club Rental
Mon Aug 12	7:00pm - 8:00pm	WYC Board Meeting
Sat Aug 17	6:00pm - 10:00pm	Sailing, Kayaking, and Barbecue
Fri Aug 30	6:00pm - 10:00pm	Lobsterfest

Visit the WYC Online Calendar
or
Download the TeamUp mobile app
iOS Devices | Android Devices
Use the key below:
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REAR COMMODORE



Bob Kern

As I write this we are getting ready for the fourth race of the Solstice Series and the 18 boats registered are having a great time on the water.

The Race Committee, made up of WYC Volunteers, are doing a stellar job of getting the races off on time and conducted in a very Corinthian manner. As they say, it takes a village to run the Wednesday night races and everyone from the club should be proud of the folks involved. It takes a minimum of ten WYC Members and three WYC boats to conduct each race – thanks to all of you engaged in the Wednesday night racing!!

As a reminder don't forget to let me know if your interested in obtaining a small boat from the WSA for the race on Wednesday June 26th – it should be great fun and everyone is invited to go racing.

Member-At-Large

Harry Church, (401) 527-6646

December Club Rental Requests

We are starting to get requests for renting the club in December. The social committee has pinned down their dates for December events. Next in the pecking order are member hosted events.

If you are planning or would like to plan a December event involving the club rental, then this is the time to get your application in to me, now.

The club rental application forms are available on the website. And as always if you have any questions about club rental, please get in touch with me.

FLEET CAPTAIN



Neil Bergh

Spring Mini-Cruise to Bristol

Some came by land. Some by sea!

Turnout for our spring mini-cruise to Bristol on June 22nd was excellent with 35 members in attendance. Eleven boats made their way up West Passage for the event Saturday evening at the Bristol Yacht Club. Twelve members opted to drive. We were fortunate to avoid the hailstorms that descended upon Newport and East Greenwich. The rain and thunder that passed through Bristol was gone by the time we assembled on the lawn at BYC. A one-hour cocktail party stretched to three; a testament to the good time had by all.

Many thanks to the good folks at BYC for their gracious hospitality. We wish BYC the best as they continue with their efforts to rebuild following last year's devastating fire.

Next stop is Westport on Saturday, August 3rd to kick off our summer cruise. You'll be seeing a cruise package outlining the details on the club website shortly.



Skip Whyte

Wickford Regatta 2019 Report

The eleven edition of the Wickford Regatta in the Modern Era (the 20th overall) was a smashing success thanks to the great leadership of the Captains and PROs and the massive club effort put forth by WYC members and the NKHS Sailing Team. We were blessed with beautiful weather AND beautiful wind, even if we had to wait for it a bit on Saturday. This was a more than welcome change after such a miserable spring. Extra thanks to all the members that made their boats available to run the regatta despite the weather that made spring commissioning particularly trying this year.

We had 100 competitors in 10 classes, nice symmetry there! This was a touch below last year but still an awesome turnout. Full results can be found here. WYC members reached the podium in two classes with Neil McDermott, Jamie Verdi and crew winning the J/22 class and Skip Whyte and crew 3rd in the F-18s. We hope for more WYC participation on the racecourse next year.

The party at the club was a huge success and the competitors raved about the food and ambiance of our club. As we know, it's a special place. The après regatta informal dinner at the club was a spontaneous success, too.

I am delighted to report that the sailors I see at many other events over the year frequently go out of their way to say how much they love the Wickford Regatta. I must say that I agree. We do a great job in every department. Wickford Regatta hats are worn proudly all year long.

I need to give extra special kudos to our course captains and PROs who put in the most effort over a long period. Jeff Cook was back again as course Captain on Alpha and Bob Shore stepped in to do double duty as Bravo Captain and chief scorer. The Captains are responsible for recruiting the teams and the boats to make it all happen. We couldn't make it happen without their efforts. Doug Nannig and Greg Phipps have been the Alpha and Bravo PROs for many years. They make a very challenging job look easy.

Pinkie is probably the most popular captain for being the hospitality queen. She has done an awesome job arranging and organizing housing for many competitors. And huge thanks to all WYC members who opened their homes to Wickford Regatta participants.

We always need to bring new people into the regatta management team and Pete Colby joined this year as Venue Captain. Good venue management is essential to the life of the Wickford Regatta. As guests at Cold Spring Beach we need to be good citizens and good event managers at the same time. We did both this year. Thanks Pete!

And finally, special thanks to Barbara Jackson for doing almost everything. Wickford Regatta plans, debates, suggestions for improvement and occasionally friendly arguments are daily topics in our house all year long. BJ won the discussion about a second hat color this year and it was super popular. I got several compliments from moms at the US Youth Champs today about the coral color! BJ does flags for the RC, all the meal planning, scoring, most of the permitting, and so much more. Thanks BJ!

And finally, thanks to all the above, the Wickford Regatta generates a very nice profit for the club even after paying for almost all event management expenses for all club events (marks, anchors, tackle, flags, etc.) A final tally isn't available yet, but it amounts to multiple additional memberships.

Plans are already underway for Wickford Regatta 2020. Please let me know if you would like to be involved.

Skip Whyte

Wickford Regatta Chairman



Please be sure to stop by and meet our WYC assistant steward, Dixon Wixted.

MEMBERSHIP



Karen Pizaruso
Chair

MEMBERSHIP POSTING: Potential New WYC Members June 2019

Matthew & Kristen Smith

Son of John & Grace Smith

Children: Petranea, Pyper

Sponsors: Neil Bergh & Grace and John Smith

Primary Residence: 225 Howland Road, East Greenwich, RI, 02818

(H) (401) 884-3517 | smithmj@mac.com | kristenbs@mac.com

Boat: "Tumbleweed" 32'10" Nauticat 321

FAMILY Membership

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

WYC Directory Updates Kathy Brown, Chair

Please check your directory, do you have the O'Brien's? The labels are on the back of the directories and are in the WYC Foyer for pick-up, in alphabetical order. Do note that Family memberships receive two copies and they are nested together. If you mistakenly picked up the O'Brien's please reach out and let them know.

Corrections

Kerri & Mark Bamford:

Their cell phones are switched.
Mark (401) 524-1569
Kerri (401) 837-6689

Dan Borsutzky: Email

correction - please add a k
near end of his last name
dmborsutzky@gmail.com

Bruce & Barbara Dawson:

They have dropped their house
phone, but other contact info
is correct.

Annette Dwyer: added an
email address:

AnnetteSoundoftheSea@gmail.com

Ted Williams: His email needs
a 9, correct one is:

TedRWilliams9@gmail.com

Meet the Members!

Michael and Dianne Desabris

We have lived in North Kingstown for 25 years. We have twin boys who live in Jackson Hole, WY and a daughter who lives in Palo Alto, CA.

Mike is an executive at IBM and Dianne works in Athletics and Recreation at Brown University.

One of the reasons we joined WYC was to help us become better sailors and eventually sail the BVIs!

Please add them to your membership directory:

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Dianne Email: ridianne@yahoo.com | (401) 742-8559

Boat Info: 'No Worries' 23' O'Day



SOCIAL COMMITTEE

July 3 – Fireworks and More

- July 3 is the fabulous concert and fireworks display at our town beach. We're serving family fare all day long. Ice cream floats starting at 3 pm, S'mores starting at 5 pm, and great viewing starting at dark. Bring your own lunch, dinner, and beverages and join us! It's a free event for members and your accompanied guests.
- Rumor has it that the Quests will be rigged and activities are organized starting at 1 pm.... just ask Chuck Allen for more info.

Cheeseburgers Wrap-up

- Were you one of the 152 guests at Cheeseburgers this year? If not, where the heck were you? It was fantastic! The burgers were really delicious, even the veggie burgers (not always known for their memorable good taste); the "frozen concoctions" (650 of them were served) were slushies from a different world!

- And the band ... what can you say when the band's name is Glen Miller other than GREAT MUSIC! We owe a debt of thanks to our rookie members of the year, Kerri and Mark Bamford, who took up this challenge and pulled it off without an observable bump in the road.
- Thank you's go out to Kerri and Mark Bamford, Bruce Dawson and Pinkie Sweet-Holland for fantastic creating clam cakes, Chuck Ebersole for keeping things in their place, Carrie Mitchell and all of her bartenders, all of the servers, Patti Kern for helping with decorations, and all of you who came early and stayed late. MANY THANKS!!

Galley Cuisine
Cooking with Kem

Artichoke Bites

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|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2 cans | Small artichoke hearts packed in own juice (7-8 hearts per can) |
| 1 jar | Stonewall Kitchen Roasted Garlic Aioli |
| 1 lb package | Thick Cut Bacon (I like Wrights) |
| 1 small package | Crumbled Blue Cheese |
| 1 package | Shredded Parmesan Cheese |
| 1 box | Toothpicks |

Pre heat oven to 350 degrees. Line baking dish with parchment paper (makes for easy clean up). Drain and cut in half (length wise) the artichoke hearts. Cut bacon in four pieces per slice. (You should only need around 8 slices.) Put a dollop of aioli on top of each flat part of heart. Sprinkle crumbled blue cheese on top of aioli. Wrap each piece with bacon, securing with toothpick. Place in baking dish as you assemble. Sprinkle tops with parmesan cheese and bake until bacon is done, about 40 minutes.

Yields approximately 32 pieces



Kem Vasallo's famous artichoke bites!



A Blast From the Past
WYC Cruising Recepte Cards!

WYC Logo Products

Hundreds of polo shirts, tee shirts, caps, hats, jackets, vests, and fleeces are available at our on-line store. It is hosted by My Locker and you can get there by clicking on WYCGear.

Select the type of item you want, choose the type of logo, add any personalization, like your boat name, sail number or message. You can even upload your own logo or design. There is no fee or minimum. Check it out!

- Visit the link below or find more information in the members section of the WYC Website.
- <https://www.mylocker.net/shops/wickford-yacht-club>



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