

# Over the Waves



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## COMMODORE'S LOG



Bob Shore



By the time you read this our construction project will be completely finished. We now have a patio roof that does not leak, new stairs on both the North and South side, both with new up-to-date railings, and a new pavilion slab that will never sink and is not a danger to walk on. Once the final numbers are in, we will be providing the membership with an updated report on the project and a review of the finances.

At this writing, COVID-19 is still with us and restrictions on our ability to fully use the club remain in place. The Wickford Regatta has been postponed, Wednesday night racing has been postponed, and WSA has made the difficult decision to not hold sailing lessons this summer. I know this is not great news, but better days are ahead and present club restrictions will begin to moderate as state guidelines allow.

We will continue to look at pushing popular activities to later in the season when conditions may permit them to occur.

Stay Positive! -Bob



## FLEET CAPTAIN



Ezra Smith

I write this the day after the Club has officially opened, and though we had to do it a bit differently this year it felt great to finally kick off the 2020 season (it felt even better to get the flags raised without any tangles or snafus!!). Thanks again to Yarrow and Mary Thorne for setting up the livestream of the ceremony! I also want to thank everyone who came out for the boat parade—we had a fantastic turnout both on the water and off, with members (and non members) cheering on the parade from various points along the route. Once again we had the NK Harbormaster Jim Broccoli leading us along the route, and he commented afterwards what a great event it was, and asked if we wanted to do it again next week!

As with many things this year, we are going to have do things a little differently for our Spring Mini Cruise, which is scheduled for June 20-21. We all know that going out on the water is a fantastic way to get away from everything, and with a little foresight I believe that, unless guidance comes from the State that tells differently, we can have a successful and fun outing that does not break any of the distancing guidelines currently in place. That being said, as the situation develops, we may have to alter, or even cancel, our plans, and I ask that you all please bear with us!

For this year, rather than visiting a Club, we are going to go to a more remote venue with no formal on-land activities. Think: cruising alone, together. Despite the lack of close contact between boats, I feel this event will be a great way to get our community together doing what we love in these uncertain times.

As for the destination, because we do not need to make arrangements with a club or marina, we are going to have a number to choose from, with the final destination to be determined a few days before, depending on the weather.

Options include:

- Potter Cove, Prudence I.
- Potter Cove, Jamestown
- 3rd Beach, Middletown
- Fogland, Tiverton
- Dutch Harbor, North End (Zeke's Creek)
- Mackerel Cove, Jamestown
- Kikemuit River, Warren

## REAR COMMODORE



Neil Bergh

### Wednesday Night Racing Update

We are still facing challenges with the Covid-19 requirements that prompted the postponement of our Wednesday Night Racing series.

After posting our club's guidelines, the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management imposed a requirement that only immediate family members who reside in the same household can be on board a recreational vessel. Clearly, our Committee Boat cannot meet this requirement, and neither can most of the race boats.

We have also learned that, in the hierarchy of requirements, social distancing remains the predominant hurdle. The six-foot rule holds firm above all else. Having a cloth face mask on your person does not provide any relief when the number of people on board creates a situation where the six-foot rule cannot be met. Discussions are underway with state personnel to resolve these challenges, and I will provide updates on progress. Until we have certainty about these requirements however, it will be difficult to identify a date for our first race.

Thanks again for everyone's patience.

Despite not being able to have any formal on land activities, I think we can plan some fun events, whether it be a navigational race to our destination, dinghy races, or a dressing ship contest. I would love your input on fun ideas!

I think we could all use some fun on the water—lets do as sailors do and adjust our sails to the wind and make this a great event!

A formal announcement will be sent out in the weeks ahead.

Ezra

# WICKFORD SAILING ASSOCIATION



Paul Nannig

## WSA Summer Program 2020 Announcement

It is with deep regret that we have made the difficult decision to not hold sailing lessons this summer. We understand this is a big disappointment and an inconvenience to many.



Be assured we did not come to this decision lightly. As more information and regulations surrounding Youth Sports and Summer Camps has continued to be made available by the state, and the practical limitations of an on the water program, the board felt that there was no choice but to cancel the 2020 program due to Covid-19. Refunds will be sent as soon as possible to those impacted.

Thank you for your continued support of Wickford Sailing Association and your patience as we continue to work through these uncertain times.

As we begin in earnest to plan for the Summer of 2021 we will be preparing a survey to assess the program as a whole, but at anytime please feel free to send us feedback.

The WSA Board

### Wickford Sailing Association Auction Thank You

A big THANK YOU to the membership for your support of the Junior Sailing Program during the Online May 1st-3rd Auction! We raised close to \$8,500 which is less than usual, but as you know we had to cancel our Dinner and Auction event scheduled for mid-March due to Covid-19. The in person Live Auction with Member donated experiences tend to be our most popular items, we will just have to wait until next year to get dinners and boat rides again! We could not run our program without the generous support of the WYC membership. So please look through this list of Donors - WYC Members, Member Businesses and other Marine related Businesses - next time you see or visit one of them, please thank them for their continued support. As we often say during our auctions, "It's all about the kids"!

#### WSA Auction Donors:

America's Cup Charters  
Ben Rice and Betsy Moody  
Boston Red Sox  
Boxed Water, Lori Vassallo  
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# HOUSE COMMITTEE



Elaine  
Lemieux

Chuck  
Ebersole

## Summer is here!

The club commissioning ceremony has been done. The harbor parade is complete! These are all good things. However, the club still remains closed while we figure a way to open it within the State COVID-19 guidelines.

Several things have been done that you should be aware of. First, an outside hand washing station has been installed near the seawall. This is provided to allow washing of hands as often as required without entering the club. Just keep in mind that the drain only goes on the ground. It is not a suitable place to clean anything except hands. Additionally, several hand sanitizer stations have been setup under the pavilion. Another has been installed on the upstairs deck. Be sure to check them out because there will be a test later.

Work parties are being planned to accomplish those tasks normally done during the large work party in more normal years. First several people (Bob and Nancy Shore, Bob and Patty Kern, Dick and Elaine Lemieux, Jean Robinson, Carole Stone, and several others that I was unable to identify under masks!) have gotten together to freshen the place up with flowers and gardening. Thanks to all of you even if I could not ID you.

The next smaller work party will be to paint the railings on the upper deck. Several people have volunteered and I will be contacting you with a date and time. It more than likely will be this week. Our railings are much different than the previous set. We have stainless wires that are bolted to the posts. Several of the wires pass through the posts at different locations. I do not want mess these up by

getting stain on them. Therefore we will be doing a lot of preparation to prevent stain splash over. This will included unbolting the connectors, taping wires, taping hand rails, and etc. There will be more prep work than staining. I have acquired the necessary rollers, brushes, pans, and etc. And let's not forget the TAPE! It won't be necessary to prep all of the wires as I was able to stain some of the wood before they were installed in some locations. I look forward to the work.

We also will be installing the gas piping to the grills and heater soon. Measurements have been taken and a parts list put together. We intend to install 1" pipes all the way to the grills to ensure that there is sufficient supply to run all of the grills. This should occur in the next week or so.

Several people will be asked to help with doing some normal tasks such as reinstalling dock hoses, fire extinguishers, and etc. These always need to get done to make the club functional. Other tasks that need to be done are moving furniture from the trailer to deck and etc. We will be moving some of the tables under the roof of the pavilion as soon as we determine the separation that is required.

We are also looking into obtaining some stone to fill in the parking lot a little. A number of things there need to be cleaned up also. Stay tuned and we will get it done.

Ok, here is the test. Don't look back, now. That is cheating! How many hand sanitizer stations are there?

# MEMBERSHIP



Karen Pizaruso

## Couples and Individual Photos!

They will be going on our password protected Wickford Yacht Club web site.

Send yours to Kathy Brown at [wickfordbrowns@gmail.com](mailto:wickfordbrowns@gmail.com)

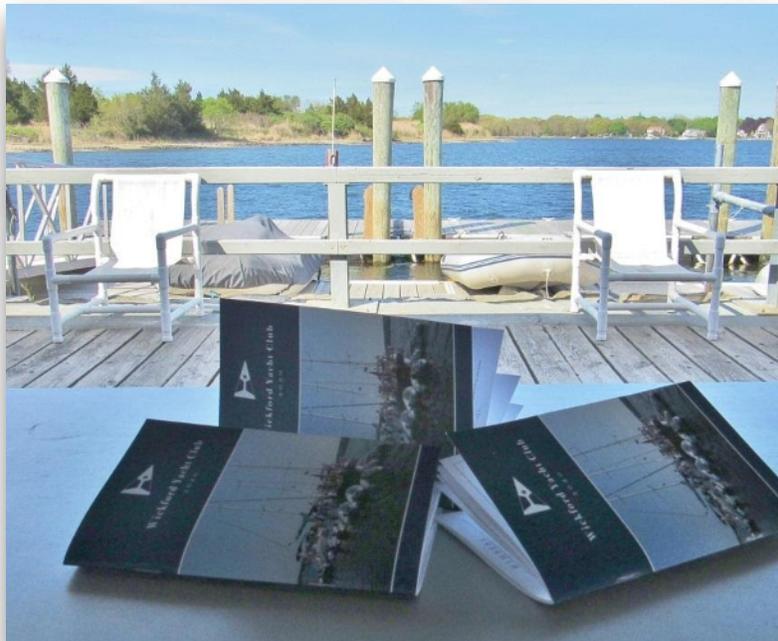


## 2020 WYC Member Directory books available for pick-up

If you are picking up a friend's book, note your name on the check-off sheet next to theirs. Contact Membership, Karen Pizaruso if you are out of the area and need to have yours mailed.

### Corrections:

- **Wenzel** - Bruce Cathcart's email should be [b.cathcart@sbcglobal.net](mailto:b.cathcart@sbcglobal.net)
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# 2020 Parade of Ships Photos



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