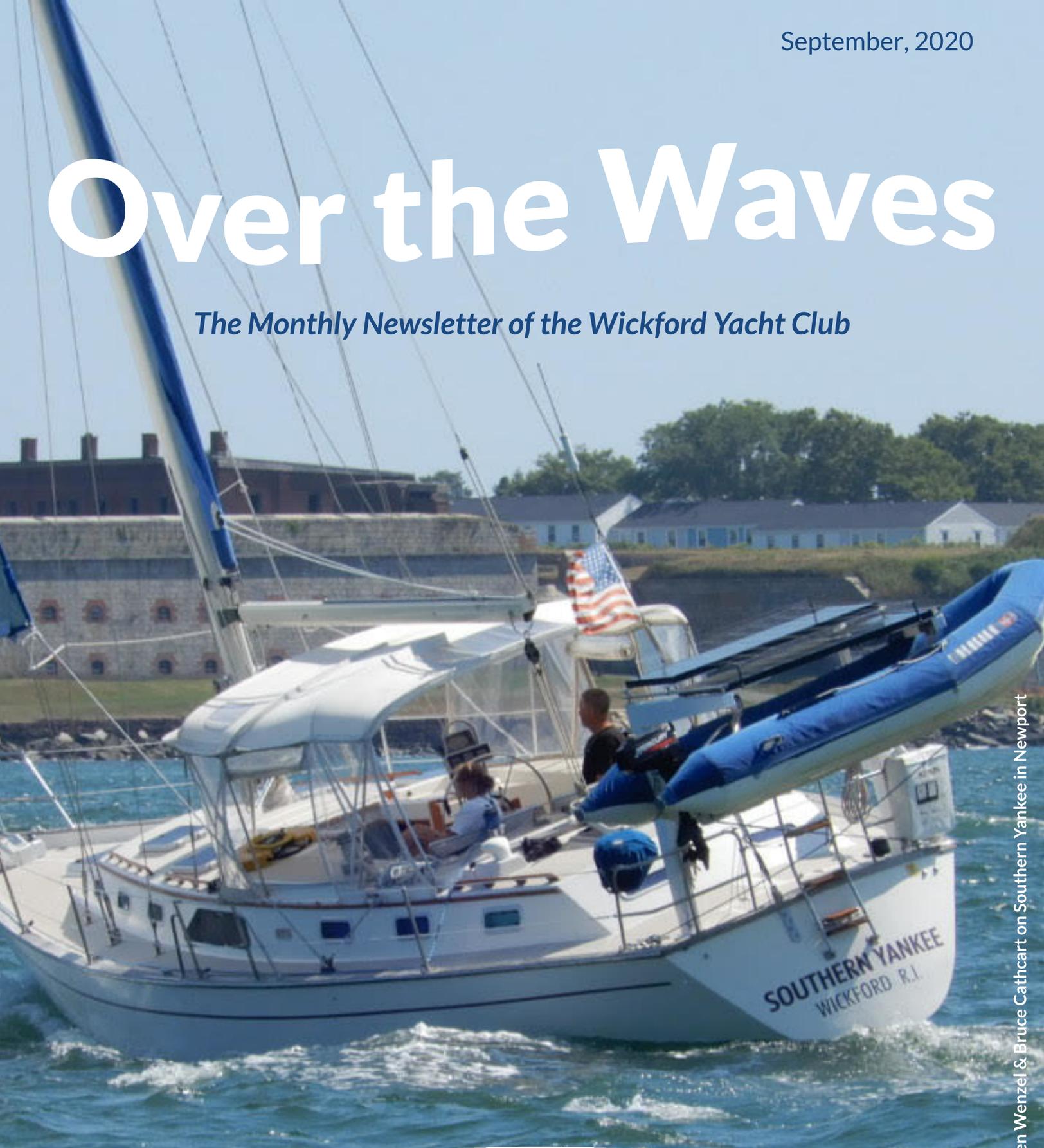


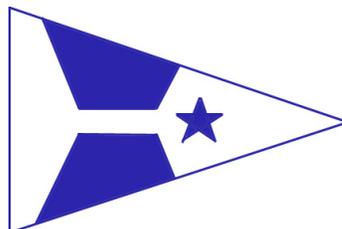
September, 2020

# Over the Waves

*The Monthly Newsletter of the Wickford Yacht Club*



Kristen Wenzel & Bruce Cathcart on Southern Yankee in Newport



Wickford Yacht Club



## Commodore's Log

It goes without saying that this summer has been strange due to Covid-19. It has impacted all events both on and off the water. August was no exception.

Our traditional August summer cruise was impacted by tropical storm Isaias which featured forecasted 40-50 knot winds and heavy rain. Once the storm passed, we were treated to Massachusetts' declaring R.I. a hot spot with mandatory quarantines if arriving from R.I. What else could go wrong?

In spite of all this, our Fleet Captain, Ezra Smith, and his Padanaram port captain, Rex Brewer, pulled off a great cruise dinner at the New Bedford Yacht Club before the storm was scheduled to arrive. It was a great evening for all who attended. After the storm passed, WYC boats gathered in various locations to complete the cruise. Ezra Smith did an outstanding job navigating these unexpected issues!!

Our traditional August LobsterFest event had to be canceled. The caterer had a minimum requirement of 50 people which we could not reach. John and Linda Hughes have been doing an outstanding job of trying to create events that comply with the restrictions surrounding Covid-19.

Our Wednesday Night Racing successfully completed the Dog Days series after having to cancel the Solstice series.

We are still hoping to host the Siedenbergh Laser Regatta on September 12 & 13 assuming it can be done in a safe manner and the annual fall pursuit race/mini cruise to Dutch Island is in the planning stages.

I look forward to seeing you at the club!

Bob Shore, Commodore



## Updates from the Vice Commodore

Here we sit writing our inputs to the September 2020 OTW – Gosh, where did the summer go? I just received an email from my marina requesting information on winter storage – brrrr. The one thing that Patty and I have missed most about the summer of 2020, is our ability to have social gatherings with friends and fellow sailors at the WYC. But we all must do our part in getting this awful pandemic contained and behind us. Let's keep up the good fight.

Looking forward, we are starting to plan our financial budget for calendar year 2021. This year we are making an attempt to put a longer-range Capital Plan together that will go out 5 to 10 years. This will allow us to plan ahead and put monies aside from our normal dues payments and try to avoid future surprises and unplanned assessments. If you think there is a major change to our property that you believe would benefit all members, please forward your ideas directly to me, preferably by email to [r.kern12@verizon.net](mailto:r.kern12@verizon.net). Any ideas to assist in creating this plan would be greatly appreciated.

It is also that time of year when we look forward to filling committee and WYC Board positions. As mentioned by our Commodore in last month's OTW, if you would like to volunteer for a specific position please make that known to our past Commodore, Gordon Fletcher, and / or any current Committee chair or Flag Officer. Good help is always appreciated and to keep our club costs down, we are always looking for folks to roll up their sleeves and keep the club a great place for all of us to gather.

Bob Kern, Vice Commodore

# 14th Annual WYC Golf Tournament *September 10*

The 14th Annual WYC Golf Tournament will be held Thursday, Sept. 10th at Jamestown Golf Club. The format will be a 9 hole combination scramble/individual ball play. Teams will be arranged by the WYC golf committee. First tee time will be approximately 12:00.

The usual "Bring Your Own Everything" awards ceremony at the Yacht Club following play will be determined by the Covid-19 guidelines in effect at the time. Come and join us.

Please contact Bruce Dawson to sign up.  
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## Club Updates

WYC new password secured Members Only Area:

We have finished the transition to a password protected member's area of the WYC website. This is an element that we've utilized in the past and enables us to protect the club's more sensitive documents and information.

When you click on Member's Area at the top of the main home page, you will be prompted to enter a password. Please check your email for this password.

Within this area, you can access the new WYC Photo Directory, which will be periodically updated.

Photos, individual head shots or a family picture, are welcome and can be emailed to Kathy Brown at [wickfordbrowns@gmail.com](mailto:wickfordbrowns@gmail.com) at any time.

### LobsterFest Canceled

Due to the low number of registrants, LobsterFest has been canceled. We hope to be able to schedule some great social events in the near future!



# WYC CRUISE WEEK 2020

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Brown's Papa back  
in Wickford



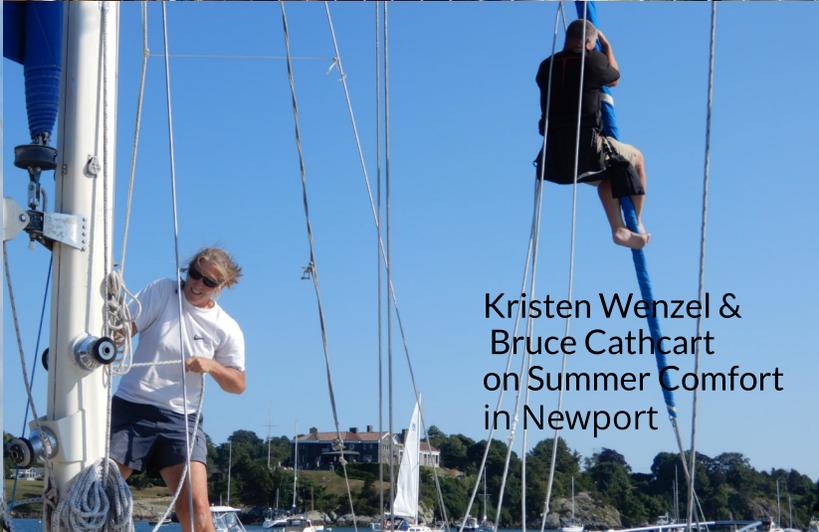
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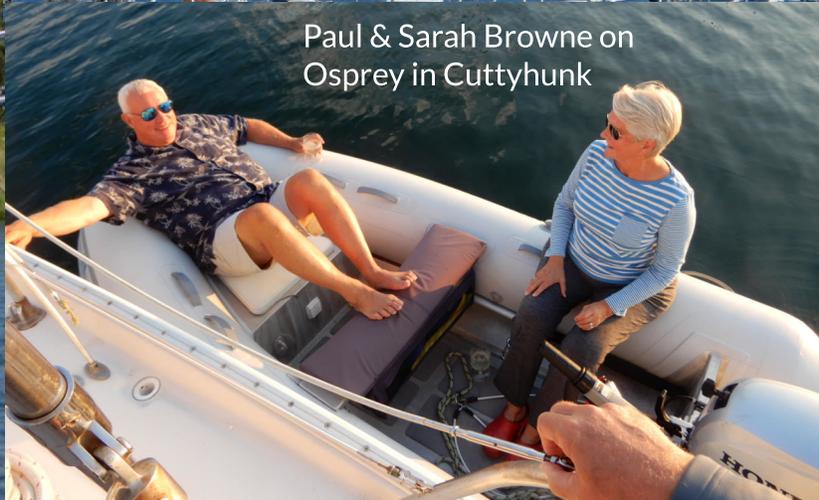
Sheila & Mike McGauvran on  
Southern Comfort in Newport



Kristen Wenzel &  
Bruce Cathcart  
on Summer Comfort  
in Newport



Paul & Sarah Browne on  
Osprey in Cuttyhunk





## News from the Rear Commodore

The WYC will combine the Fall Mini-Cruise and the Dutch Island Pursuit Race this year on the weekend of September 19th & 20th. The Dutch Island Pursuit Race will start Saturday at 12 noon. Prior to the start, we will designate one of two possible one-way courses to Dutch; one for moderate to heavy wind or another for light wind.

Both courses will end at or near Dutch Island. Should Governor Raimondo lift her restriction on group settings to a number greater than 15 we may be able to have a post-race gathering on shore near the Dutch Harbor Marina. We will keep everyone posted as this develops.

Those planning on spending the night will have the option of dining at one of the restaurants on Jamestown or going back to their boat. Those not planning on staying are free to sail back to Wickford at their discretion.

We plan on having a Captain's meeting at the WYC on Saturday morning, Sep 19th, at 0900. The course to be raced will be given out at that time. Additional information will be forthcoming via Constant Contact.

Neil Bergh & Ezra Smith

## PADANARAM CRUISE DINNER



# Fleet Captain's Report



I am happy to report that, despite Covid 19 and Tropical Storm Isaias, we still managed to pull off Summer Cruise 2020! Sort of. After months of adjusting and reworking our plans to respond to the constantly changing pandemic situation, the final straw was a big tropical storm tracking up the coast.

Undeterred, everyone secured their boats and hopped into their cars to meet up at the New Bedford Yacht Club, who had informed us about a day prior to NOT COME TO PADANARAM BY BOAT!! Luckily, they held off taking their tent down long enough to host our dinner, which was a wonderful time with great food. Thanks Rex and Pam Brewer for organizing our Padanaram visit-it was a lot of work with a constantly changing situation but really was a highlight of an otherwise pretty isolated summer.

After the storm blew through on Tuesday, many WYC boats headed out to various points, some staying within the Bay, others still heading east, even managing an impromptu gathering on Cuttyhunk on Thursday. Thank you to all who participated, both for your flexibility and understanding in dealing with a rather strange year, and for your support in giving suggestions and advice on how best to proceed.

I am happy to report that we have the dinghy crowding situation under control on the west dinghy dock-Thank you Kristen Wenzel and Bill Heagney for alerting me to the problem and offering some good data points on how to solve it, and thank you to Chuck Ebersole for ultimately coming up with a fix for the rest of the season.

Mark you calendars for the Fall Mini Cruise/Dutch Island Pursuit Race, which will be held on September 19-20. As we have for the past couple years, we will race down on Saturday in a pursuit style race, with slowest boats starting first. If Covid restrictions allow, we will have a cocktail gathering on the wharf at DHBV after the race, and boats can then spend the night or head home.

See you on the water!  
Ezra

## PADANARAM CRUISE DINNER



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