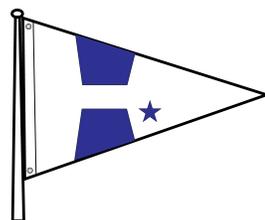


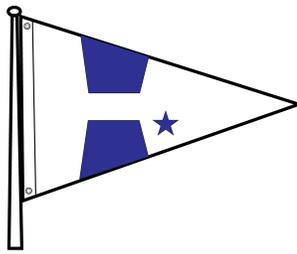
February, 2021

OVER *the* WAVES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Wickford Yacht Club



Wickford Yacht Club



Commodore's Log

Happy Ground Hog Day!!

I certainly hope everyone is staying healthy through this very long and tedious pandemic. I do know of several club members who have had an infection of COVID 19, but fortunately they came through without serious side effects – we are all thankful for that. We will continue to keep a sharp look out for Vaccine information and when we locate something pertinent, we will keep you all informed.

The club is starting to gear up for the summer months. The Fleet Captain, Rex Brewer, has had at least two cruise meetings and members are volunteering to help out getting our plans in place for our Annual Cruise. The Vice Commodore, Neil Bergh, and I are working with the new House Chair, Jim Hutchins, and Past commodore, Win Brown, to get the pavilion side walls and club driveway in much better shape than they are today.

The Social Committee Chairs, John and Linda Hughes, are moving forward with lining up leaders for the first major social events of the summer. The Membership Chair, Karen Pizzaruso, is diligently helping new members understand the workings of the club and assisting applicants work through the membership process. Needless to say, it is very busy and the volunteers are doing an excellent job.

Also, I want everyone to know we are working on getting ready for performing sailing instructions this summer through the WSA. Our new President of the WSA, Skip Whyte, is surveying folks who have been previously involved in the program to see how we might improve; and past President, Paul Nannig, is helping Skip shape the program.

If you have not volunteered to help out around the club over the past several weeks, please reach out and volunteer to do something you will enjoy. The last page of every OTW lists each Committee Chair and their email address. Our club and the comradery towards each other are so much improved with everyone pitching in to help out.

Please stay safe and healthy,
Bob Kern, Commodore

Rear Commodore's Report



As my first “official” communication as Rear Commodore, I want to say how excited I am to start this new position on the Board. As a lifelong racer, I am thrilled to work with the fantastic volunteers of the WYC Race Committee. I feel this group is one of the things that makes this Club so special—they are a dedicated group that week after week heads out on the water to deliver great racing, and from what I have seen, they have a whole lot of fun doing it! Through the uncertain times of last summer, they, along with Rear Commodore Neil, managed to figure out how to run races safely and efficiently, allowing a large number of members to get out on the water to enjoy the Bay at a time when options for fun were pretty severely limited.

Our racing this summer will start on June 2nd, with the Solstice Series running through July 7th, and the Dog Days series running from July 14th through August 25th, with no racing on August 4th due to the Summer Cruise.

I am pleased to announce that our PROs, Doug Nannig, Chuck Allen and Greg Phipps, will be leading the charge again this year. In the coming weeks I will send out a signup for RC volunteers—if you have been involved in past years I hope you will be again this year—your knowledge and skills are what makes the racing run so well! If you have not been involved before but think you might be interested let me know—no racing or RC experience necessary, just a willingness to enjoy beautiful evenings on the water with a great group of fellow Club members!

Ezra

Fleet Captain's Report



The SUMMER CRUISE planning is underway. If you missed the cruise planning meeting, no worries. The next virtual meeting is Tue. Feb 9th at 7pm, join then! Here's is a recap of the plan.

Cruise Dates: Saturday July 31st to Friday Aug 6th.

- Sat Jul 31st Wickford to Cuttyhunk (WP0006) - 29.8nm**
 - [The Elizabeth Islands ... a slice of life preserved from centuries past \(coastalboating.net\)](http://coastalboating.net)
 - Port Captain: Tom and Kem Vassallo == beach party
- Sun Aug 1st Cuttyhunk to Marion (WP0007) - 16.4nm**
 - [Marion, MA on lovely Sippican Harbor in Buzzard's Bay \(coastalboating.net\)](http://coastalboating.net)
 - Port Captain: Scott, Annie ==dinner
- Monday Aug 2nd Marion to Redbrook/Kingman (WP0008) - 4.1nm**
 - Port Captain: Dave L ==cocktail party
- Tuesday Aug 3rd Redbrook/Kingman to Quissett (WP0010) (2 nights) - 8.25nm**
 - [Quissett Harbor - A great sailing destination off Buzzards Bay \(coastalboating.net\)](http://coastalboating.net)
 - Port Captain: John T Social event TBD
- Thursday Aug 5th Quissett to Third Beach (WP0012) - 27.8nm**
 - Port Captain: Ezra
- Friday Aug 6th Third Beach to Wickford - 17.5nm**

***distances are to start of channel. Significant distance to harbor in some cases.*

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Ports were chosen with length of passage, social events, access by land yacht, and alternate social distanced beach parties (catered or self sufficient/BYOB & food) in lieu of scheduled events if forced to that by continued pandemic.

IMPORTANT: if there's a chance you might want to join some or all of the cruise please email your social/boat info* to brewer_rex@hotmail.com. This is not a commitment, it's having a place that can be cruised/used or canceled. We want to include all interested, not turn away due to inadequate planning. **include: name, email address, cell #s during cruise, date joining/leaving cruise, boat name, boat model/LOA/beam/draft, events & number of attendees [ie dinner, cocktail party, beach party(s)], and notes/info to share [ie: this boat carries excess rum, or call for WYC ice via land yacht at location]*

We've got a great plan! Making plans early is important to reserve dockage, moorings, and venues for events in one of the world's premiere cruising areas during one of the busiest weeks of the entire season. It's easier to cancel reservations than be without space for our group.

Remember even if you missed the first meetings, all are welcome to attend the next meeting, please join to plan a great cruise in 2021! Many thanks to all the experienced voices and volunteers! We are going to have a great time! THANKS to all for being engaged and enthusiastic!!

Kindly,
Rex Brewer, Fleet Captain

2020-2021 Frostbiting Scores

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WYC Sea Dog Fleet 166 - Fall Season Results 2020-2021																
Place	Race Committee	Race Day	11/8/2020	11/15/2020	11/22/2020	11/29/2020	12/6/2020	12/13/2020	12/20/2020	12/27/2020	1/3/2021	1/10/2021	1/17/2021	Throwout 1	Throwout 2	Total
	# of Sailors						RI COVID Pause	RI COVID Pause	RI COVID Pause							
	Throw out every 4 days															
1	Ed Adams	15	1	2	1	3				1	3	19		19		11
2	Skip Whyte	1	6	1	3	2				4	1	4		6		15
3	Chuck Allen	4	1	18	6	8				3	4	2		18		24
4	Daniel Bortuzsky	50	2	7	5	12				7	9	3		12		33
5	Brett Nazareth	0	3	9	8	7				2	18	5		18		34
6	Kyle Nannig	9	16	18	7	4				6	2	1		18		36
7	Brad Brown	100	5	5	9	13				10	8	1		13		38
8	Bob Hicks	64	12	16	2	5				1	7	12		16		39
9	Neil McDermott	34	18	3	19	1				5	5	8		19		40
10	Paul Nannig	49	7	8	4	6				9	6	13		13		40
11	Peter Greene	54	8	6	10	1				17	10	6		17		41
12	Ezra Smith	91	4	10	12	10				17	18	9		18		62
13	Doug Nannig	40	13	1	13	14				12	18	14		18		67
14	Meredith Adams	126	9	13	16	9				11	11	19		19		69
15	Gary Breder	57	14	11	15	11				17	12	11		17		74
16	Francie Lewis	72	10	18	19	19				8	1	19		19		75
17	Rex Brewer	17	11	15	1	18				17	15	18		18		77
18	Gary Smith	2	18	12	14	15				13	13	16		18		83
19	Dakota Northrup	9	18	4	11	19				17	18	19		19		87
20	Jay Kolyer	46	17	14	19	16				14	14	15		19		90
21	Claire Lewis	72	17	18	19	19				15	18	10		19		99

2020 WYC ANNUAL AWARDS

The Wickford Yacht Club Awards Committee recognizes individual club members and or members of the WYC community at large for outstanding achievements or deeds worthy of acknowledgment. This normally takes place at the Annual Awards Ceremony. For 2020, the Awards Committee wishes to confer awards to these Club members.

The Founder's Award: *Recognizing the Corinthian spirit of a WYC member whose yachting activities bring honor to the Club*

John G. Bradley, USN Retired

John's passion for sailing began at fourteen, in a Truant 14 foot sailing dinghy, Scotti I, on Lake Wangumbaug in Ct. Since then, he has sailed and raced numerous dinghies, including a Sea Dog in WYC's Frost Bite fleet. He began racing Ensigns in 1965 and bought his first, Scotti II, hull #232 in 1972. Sadly, Scotti II was destroyed by Hurricane Irene in 2011. Refusing to retire at such a young age, John continues sailing his latest Ensign, Genevieve #236. He is most often seen sailing single-handed, enjoying a fine day on the bay. Often his daughter, son-in-law and grandson may be on board.

John had a storied career as a US Navy aviator from 1942 until retiring as a Lt. Commander 1963. His service included flying Torpedo Bombers off various aircraft carriers as an anti-submarine hunter-killer,



pilot qualifying to pilot the Navy's "Flying Boat", serving as an intelligence officer, and a ground school instructor. He has the distinction of having spotted the last German U-boat off the US east coast of Montauk at the end of WW II.

John is an avid golfer, playing several rounds a week at Pine Crest in Richmond where he is known as the "Mayor of Pine Crest". He achieved the elusive "Hole in One" while playing in Deerfield Beach, Florida in 2012 at the tender age of 89. He's a loyal Red Sox fan and a rabid Pat's fan, often taking a portable radio on board his Sea Dog so he could listen to a game while frostbiting in Wickford harbor.

He has degrees from Hillyer Jr. College and Providence College. He ran track and played football in high school and college. John is the proud father of nine children, grandfather to thirty and great grandfather to nine.

*These highlights were excerpts from a profile by Dick Breault

John G. Bradley, USN Retired, "Still at the helm after all these years"



2020 WYC ANNUAL AWARDS

The Idle Hour Award: *For the best overall performance in the Wed. Night, Summer Racing Series*

Ted Williams and Paul Sollitto on the J22 POW

The Minron Seamanship Award: *For exhibiting acts of seamanship which aided others at sea*

Anthony Micheletti

For rescuing a sailor clinging to a life ring in the channel off of Quonset Point. The sailor was thrown overboard during a severe rain squall. Luckily, he was spotted by Tony and his crew and pulled to safety.



Outstanding Service Award: *For service "above and Beyond" to the Wickford Yacht Club*

Jean Tamaro

Jean Tamaro has long been of service to the Wickford Yacht Club. One of her most impactful roles to the WYC community has been on the Race Committee, serving as the unofficial leader of the Wednesday Night Racing Series committee boat. While the committee members may change year to year, even week to week, Jean is a stalwart, assuring that the flags are on the boat, Ollie's timers are set, the course board is ready for racers review, flags and signals are on schedule, offers guidance to the PRO, and assures boats are accurately scored with times entered before the committee boat is even back to the dock. In addition to rarely missing a race, Jean also takes on organizing the post-race community dinner for the group.

Jean taught sailing to and raced with many members of the WYC family. While those days may be part of her past, another piece of Jean's legacy of service are the race committee volunteers she has trained over the years. She encourages new race committee volunteers to learn each role, facilitating a strong sense of teamwork. Many of those committee members, using the knowledge gained working with her, support regattas and other racing events in the region, and credit Jean with their commitment to volunteering.

Sailing Activities Update

Regatta Plan for 2021

The regatta program for 2021 is mostly set, but the Covid situation could force changes. Three major regattas are planned in addition to Wednesday Night Racing and other WYC events.

After weeks of calendar bumping with other events in the area the Wickford Regatta has settled on the weekend of June 5-6 with a reserve date of September 11-12 in case Covid gets in the way. Skip Whyte will continue as Regatta Chairman. Anyone interested in helping out should contact Skip at skip@1stplacesailing.com.

WYC was prepared to host the Lightning Class Atlantic Coast Championships last July, but Covid forced cancellation of the event. We have set aside the weekend of July 24-25 for the same event this year and the class has indicated that they are excited to come. Several details need to be sorted out before it becomes official.

WYC has hosted the Seidenberg New England Laser Masters Championship for many years and the 2021 date will be October 9-10.

Skip Whyte
Sailing Activities Chairman



Wickford Sailing Association Update

New Board Named – New Goals Set

WSA met on January 18 and named a new board including naming Skip Whyte as the new president. Former president Paul Nannig will remain on the board as well as John Hanus, Doug Nannig, Mary Thorne and Matt Bourgeoise. Kathy Brown is stepping down after decades of dedication to WSA. The new board is feeling the impact of her loss but is determined to move WSA forward and to Raise the Bar in all aspects of the program.

Jamie Verdi, who was on the board in 2020, will stay onboard as Treasurer. Many others will remain active in various roles including Mark Bamford, Gordon Fletcher, Dawson Hodgson, Ezra Smith and Ted Williams.

The program is facing many challenges, not the least of which is restarting after losing the 2020 summer due to Covid 19. Outreach has started and we already have a number of eager families in the wings. Attracting quality instructors is always difficult and hugely important, but the process is underway. Skip is planning to act as a mentor to the instructors to boost both their skills and motivation to be the best instructors possible. He wants to turn kids on to sailing.

WSA has substantial power and sailboat assets, but their condition is a bit uncertain. We know there is plenty of work to do. WSA is planning a progressive maintenance upgrade of all assets which will begin immediately and continue through the summer and into the fall. WSA is reaching out to the membership for help in this project. Most tasks will not demand much of experience, just effort. Board members and WSA staff will organize the effort but is requesting your help. Any and all contributions will be greatly appreciated. Anyone interested in helping should contact Skip at Skip@1stPlaceSailing.com.

Many thanks in advance!



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Binge twinge is the condition caused by lack of sleep because of extreme binge-watching. Jim and Sharon **Seymour** report their bingeing on "Borgen", a Danish series on Netflix. "Strong female Prime Minister of Denmark. Interweaves parliamentary politics, personal/family stresses, Danish culture and Copenhagen sights. Wonderfully done. Each episode is informative and entertaining in a European world that is so different from ours."



Linda and John Hughes "We listen to online courses and lectures, find new places for hikes (Nyatt Point was a recent one) we've amped up our fitness routine at home." Linda says, "I now have every closet and cupboard purged and organized!" (I now have a major slug reaction to that. KP)

Deb and Rich O'Brien: Our daughters, Erin and Meg, are moving out of their apartment outside of Boston and building a house right down the street from us in Reynolds Farm! They are looking to move in hopefully in the next few months....dogs and all.



Filed under Jeri & George Levesque's, "Might As Well Take It With You" their new BATmobile.

George has big plans for his brand new Big A\$% Truck for towing his 17' Boston Whaler, and loading the BAT with a couple of kayaks, Jeri's Hobie Adventurer + it's gear, with his Vespa 150 strapped snugly and the six grand daughters riding on a pile of sail bags, finished off with two sets of golf clubs and a push cart in the back seat.

Wickford is going to ride shotgun.



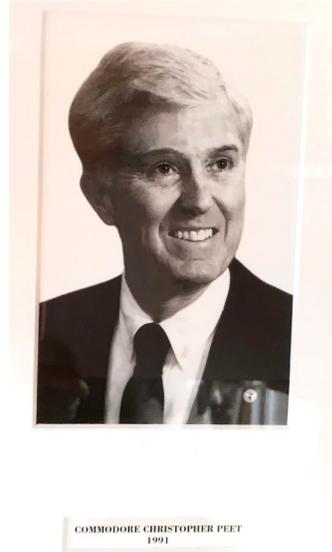
Lynn Viera Horne and Mom, Jane Viera, hoofing it up with a bubbly libation at Nestlenook Farm Resort. Bob would approve.

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30 year look back with Chris Peet, 1991

“The one thing I remember from my Commodore year was the big no name storm that blew eighteen boats up on the WYC sea wall. As with all storms, the WYC survived. Our best to all”. Anyone have WYC pictures from this Perfect Storm?



Ohhh it was a cruncher on December 30 when Cynthia Carpenter put her car in reverse. Yup, she smacked into a “very nice man” who assured her that his rental was covered. Phew Turns out, it was the personal injury legal eagle, Mike Bottaro. Then it was on to the RI game of “do you know?” Ted Williams you win!



Shout out to Cate Brown, Win & Kathy Brown’s daughter who has a great surfing photo on page 36 of Rhode Island’s Ocean and Coastal Magazine, Fall 2020 41

REMINDER: Send your Individual, Couples or Family photos to Kathy Brown, wickfordbrowns@gmail.com

Jeri Levesque is generating spontaneous connections during tidal times with her blog, Jalsail's Blog. Enjoy her blog at <https://jalsails.com/>.

Enjoy a Sea Shanty soundtrack at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gtf1M2cM7yY>.



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So many stories in the upstairs office.....



Large parking area at side of residence



Two abutting properties have private beach



Living room has lovely panelling

Peninsula Location with 420' Shorefrontage Docking Space On 12' Channel Narragansett Bay, R.I.

The valuable Bay frontage included with this unusual real estate offering has a total of 9 slips, providing 240' of docking space altogether. Two additional parcels, each with a residence and 40' of frontage and private beach abut the property; available for separate purchase, these two properties would afford expansion facilities for a private concern, such as a yachting club with marina. The residence alone provides an ideal summer or year-round home for the yachtsman and his family.

Once an old oyster house, the residence has been converted into a luxurious modern home with all conveniences, and the peninsular location provides lovely water views

from all rooms and porches. The interior includes a charming efficient electric kitchen with dining area, a living room with fireplace, and a sitting room with an 8' glass door overlooking the water. The house has wall-to-wall carpeting in every room, and more than ample closet and storage space for visiting yachtsmen. The master bedroom has its own bath and dressing room, and additional sleeping space is provided by a second bedroom and bunkroom for 4. There is a carport large enough for 5 automobiles, plus a 2-car garage and workshop in the basement.

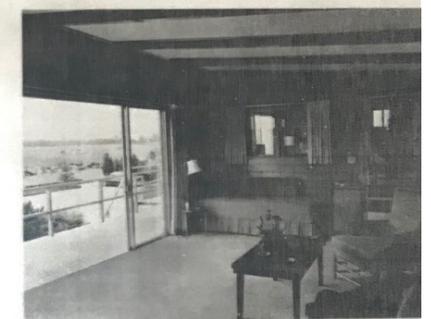
This is a superb offering, whose docking space and frontage on Wickford Harbor can only increase in value.



Harbor view of residence



Wooden deck overlooks harbor



Window wall in bedroom leads onto deck



Efficiency kitchen has dining area

OTW Editor

Hi! I am Erin Spear, the new OTW editor. I hope that you have been enjoying the newsletters these past few months. I want to thank Kyle Wilson, who did a wonderful job managing the newsletter the last few years.

If you have any suggestions for the newsletter, please send along to zalewski.erin@gmail.com.

I hope to see everyone at the club soon!

Erin



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2021 Events Calendar

Monthly (2nd Monday)

April 24 (Sat)

May 29 (Sat)

June 2–July 7

June 5 - 6 (Sat & Sun)

June 15-18 (Tue - Fri)

June 19-20 (Sat & Sun)

June 26 (Sat)

July 4 or 5 (Sun or Mon)

July 14–August 25

July 17 (Sat)

July 31–August 6

August 21 (Sat)

August 28 (Sat)

September 6 (Mon)

September 18 (Sat)

September 25- 26 (Sat & Sun)

October 9- 10 (Sat & Sun)

October 16 (Sat)

November 13 (Sat)

December 11 (Sat)

December 19 (Sun)

December 31 (Fri)

January 1, 2022 (Sat)

WYC Board Meetings

Commodores' Reception

Commissioning Day

Wed Night Racing – Solstice Series

Wickford Regatta

505 N. Amer. Champ. (Tentative)

Spring Mini Cruise

Commodore's X2 Ball

Family Fun Sailing & Cookout

Wed Night Racing – Dog Days Series

Cheeseburgers Party

WYC Annual Cruise (No Wed Night Race on 8/4)

Lobsterfest

Frost-biters' Pig Roast

Labor Day

Cocktails on the Deck

DI Pursuit Race & Fall Mini Cruise

Laser Seidenberg Regatta

Oktoberfest

Annual Mtg & Awards Dinner

Holiday Party

Children's Holiday Party

New Year's Eve Party

New Year's Day Brunch



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