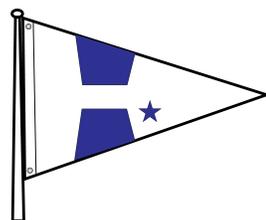


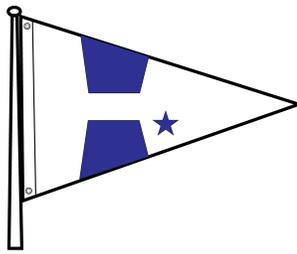
March, 2021

OVER *the* WAVES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Wickford Yacht Club



Wickford Yacht Club



Commodore's Log

“Beware of the Ides of March.” Not only did Shakespeare’s play Julius Ceasar point out that dire warning but on that same date in 1952, the World Record for Rainfall occurred. Rain fell on the Indian Ocean Island of La Reunion – and keeps falling, hard enough to register the world’s most voluminous 24-hour rainfall: 73.62 inches. That’s a day when you don’t want to see your mast boot or hatches leaking.

I am pleased to see as of this edition of the OTW some of our elder members have had shots in their arm. Keep up your patience and we will get there.

The Club is in the process of getting all the hardware and lumber ready for the Pavilion walls and BBQ platform decking. The windows and doors have now been on order for about six weeks. A couple more weeks to go and we will get started. The office upstairs looks a lot neater and cleaner thanks to the hard work of Karen Pizzaruso, assisted by Jean Tammaro. Patty Kern and Elaine Lemieux have started the task of organizing the party decorations near the Commodore’s Room and our plan is to move the computer and printers out of that room and into the office space upstairs. Kathy Brown and Erin Spear are diligently preparing the Member’s Directory. I could go on but needless to say, things are getting done.

March is one of those New England bridge months where every tenth day it’s warm enough to start working on our boats. I believe we will still have masks on going through the summer, but get your boats ready. They get you out and about, as well as, providing social distancing.

As always, please stay well,

Bob Kern, Commodore

Fleet Captain's Report



Our Spring Mini Cruise is on the weekend of June 19th and 20th. We're being hosted by Bristol Yacht Club, and we've been invited to join in their "dinghy parade". Sound like a fun time, details will be shared as we get them. We've also been getting club moorings in Newport, Jamestown, and Wickford ready.

Planning for the 2021 Summer Cruise is moving along well! Thank you to all of the folks that have attended our planning meetings-both "old hands" and first time cruisers were in attendance and all are stepping up to make it a great experience.

The 2021 Cruise Itinerary is as follows:

Sat Jul 31st | Wickford to Cuttyhunk (WP0006) - 29.8nm
[The Elizabeth Islands](#) ... a slice of life preserved from centuries past
Beach Party

Sun Aug 1st | Cuttyhunk to Marion (WP0007) - 16.4nm
Marion, MA on lovely [Sippican Harbor](#) in Buzzard's Bay
Cruise dinner

Monday Aug 2nd | Marion to Redbrook/Kingman (WP0008) - 4.1nm
Hors d'oeuvres and drinks

Tuesday Aug 3rd | Redbrook/Kingman to Quissett (WP0010) - 8.25nm
[Quissett Harbor](#) - A great sailing destination off Buzzards Bay

Wednesday Aug 4th | Quissett to Third Beach (WP0012) (2 nights) - 27.8nm
Beach party

Friday Aug 6th | Third Beach to Wickford - 17.5nm

For those of you planning summer cruising, below are a few shots of beautiful Quissett Harbor to look forward to during our summer cruise. **Please remember, all members are welcome to the social activities during this event - whether you cruise to the destination or drive there!**

Best, Rex



Sailing Activities Update



Lightning Atlantic Coast Championship Confirmed

The Lightning Class has confirmed that they will come to Wickford for their Atlantic Coast Championship over the July 24-25 weekend. Several details remain unresolved, but the event will be based out of Wickford Cove Marina with the Race Committee and support boats operating from WYC. A dinner is planned for Saturday evening at WYC, Covid permitting.

The team for this event has not been assembled. Volunteers appreciated! It should be a relatively simple event to run with a signal boat and two mark boats.

Skip Whyte, Sailing Activities Chairman

Wickford Sailing Association Update

Big Changes Underway – Registration Open

It has been a busy month for the WSA board with lots of zoom meetings and calls. WSA went “live” with our 2021 program February 15th and registrations are already pouring in. We have redesigned most of our courses with huge changes in the classes for sailors in their first years. Families have responded enthusiastically to the new courses that feature a blended mix of sailing and STEM activities.

We are attempting to restructure the way we do almost everything while we are in the middle of the registration process. The road will be bumpy, but we are pressing forward. We will be implementing an online registration system that will also greatly enhance our ability to communicate with families, manage data, eventually save a lot of labor. It will mean more labor initially as we operate two systems in parallel.

A new website is under construction which will interface with the online registration. We hope to have it up and running by March 1st. It will remain accessible via the WYC website.

Early registrations are coming in with lots of Beginners and Adults. Our adult capacity is limited and we expect to be filled before mid-March. Any WYC members interested in participating need to sign up right away.

Skip Whyte, President, WSA



Sea Dog Spring Results

WYC Sea Dog Fleet 166 - Spring Season Results 2021								
	Race Day	01/24/21	1/31/21	02/07/21	2/14/21	2/21/21	2/28/2021	
	Race Committee	# of Sailors	6	Insufficient Races	9	15		
Place	Throw out every 4 days	Sail No.						
1	Chuck Allen	4	1		4	2		
2	Brett Nazareth	0	5		1	4		
3	Ezra Smith	91	7		1	6		
4	Brad Brown	100	3		2	9		
5	Daniel Bortuzsky	50	4		5	7		
6	Bob Hicks	64	7		10	1		
7	Paul Nannig	49	2		3	13		
8	Peter Greene	54	6		10	3		
9	Jay Kolyer	46	7		1	14		
10	Skip Whyte	1	7		10	5		
11	Gary Breder	57	7		7	10		
12	Doug Nannig	40	7		6	12		
13	Meredith Adams	126	7		10	8		
14	Ed Adams	15	1		10	16		
15	Gary Smith	2	7		10	11		
16	Rex Brewer	17	7		8	15		
17	Geoff Sigman	32	7		9	16		
18	Neil McDermott	34	7		10	16		
18	Francie Lewis	72	7		10	16		
18	Claire Lewis	72	7		10	16		
18	Yarrow Thorne	86	7		10	16		



Meet the New Members

Annie Lannigan

Funny how things go full circle. When I was a child, my father had a 38' Egg Harbor which he kept at Nahegian's Marina (now known as Brewer's Safe Harbor). There, he had gifted me a beautiful Dyer 7' 11" dinghy and a pair of oars. I rowed that little boat all around Wickford Harbor with my stoic dog "Liebchen" a mini-German Schnauzer, my navigator and first mate. We would return to the mother ship when hungry enough to compromise our freedom.

The next season, I convinced Dad to allow me to participate in sailing lessons at WYC. It was there that I tied my first of many bowlines and set my sites on farther horizons.

While working at a restaurant in the bustling seaport of Camden Maine, I signed up for my first "passage". It was late Nov. when we left Wayfarer, and time was running out to make our way to the Antigua. CATANIA was a dainty but capable 42' English built yawl. After a couple of harrowing cold fronts, we made landfall in Bermuda. I remember going to the phone booth in St. George's main square and checking in with my mom. It was decades later, that I could sympathize how worried she must have been knowing that her 20-year-old daughter was 600 miles offshore in an old wooden boat. But I gave her good assurance to stop up worrying as that proved to be the start of many completed passages.

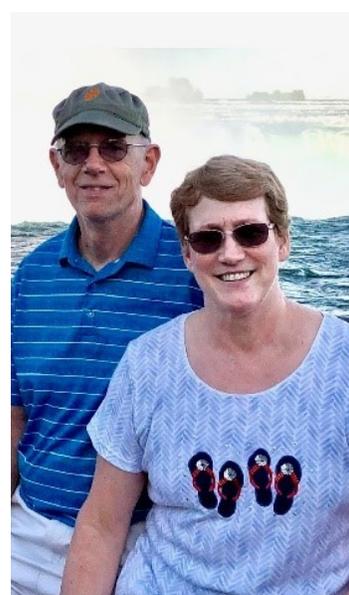


Since then, I have logged upwards of 80k miles in a boat, most of which were sailed on TeMana, a 65' aluminum cutter designed by Chuck Paine.

Boats permeated the marketing/sales work which I did. I am sure you recognize some of the names... Lyman-Morse, Dyer, Cabo Rico, Ted Hood, Shannon, Kanter, C Raymond Hunt, which all lent to my boating knowledge. What I came away with is that adage is true. It does not matter what it is that you get out on the water in, just get out and do it!

I have managed to pass my love of the sea onto my two girls, who are both accomplished sailors. I am looking forward to enrolling my grandchildren in the Wickford sailing program in a couple of years, so it is with that in mind, that I am most humbly grateful that the Wickford Yacht Club has accepted me as a member. I look forward to giving back and spending time with new and old friends on the water.

Jeanne and Mike Garr have been sailing together since they started dating in 1979. Married in 1980 in Upstate New York they moved to Rhode Island that year to attend Graduate School. Racing a Snipe in Newport until soon after having their first of 3 sons, they took a hiatus from much active sailing until recently. Jeanne retired from Teaching in 2020, Mike from Navy Sonar Research in 2019.



With all three sons on their own and out of their house in Kingston, they are ready to renew their love of Sailing with an 18ft Catboat, purchased from their swimming friends Ezra and Tracy Smith. Mike and Jeanne are avid swimmers, both competing in Masters swimming, and ski and play golf as well. They are looking forward to being a part of the social, racing, and working party aspects of the Wickford Yacht Club as a major component of their retirement years to come.

New Member Postings

Kathleen and Carl Bowen

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(c) 401-742-3875 | Kathleen@Bowen.com

Returning to the WYCFAMILY MEMBERSHIP

Cigatoo 36' Grand Banks Classic

Sponsors: Paula and Peter Fahlman

Chuck Allen

Bruce and Barbara Dawson

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Peter and Maureen Galster

151 West Main Street

Wickford, RI,02852

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

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(c) 401-419-6551 MaureenGalster@gmail.com

Granny Carr 27' Brownell

T/T12' Sturdee Skiff

Sponsors: Chuck Allen

Rex Brewer

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Deborah Moukawsher

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Warwick, RI, 0886

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

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Sponsors: Board Interview and offer from John Hughes & Linda Oliver Hughes

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

CONNECTIONS

Pleasant St. TIDINGS...send yours to Karen, Membership pkpizz@verizon.net



Get that wee life preserver ready, Dan. Baby James is planning on some summer fun.

Oh...and here is a flashback for you, Allison Piascik.



Mike and Terri Browne, had their daughter Julie, husband Matt, the dog, (a yellow lab), the three boys: Tommy 9, Charlie 6, and Robby 4, living with them for 6 months while they house hunted.

That's breakfasts, snacks, lunches, suppers, baths. Oh, and Ted worked from their 83 Terre Mar home, and the kids were all home-schooled. ~Phew.

But look at those faces.

How does this end? Everyone is still speaking, because the party of five, and the dog, just bought 230 Prospect Avenue. WELCOME to the neighborhood.



Gentle Reminder if you haven't already done it

Members Only PHOTO GALLERY

Send your individual or couples photo to Kathy Brown.

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Patty Kern recommends Netflix's 2012 award winning, beautifully photographed, Norwegian film, "KONTIKI". Storms, a shark attack, a close encounter with a whale, a deadly reef, all on a balsa wood raft.

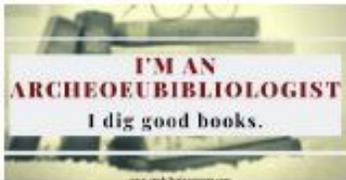
Still intrigued after you watch ?

After Thor Heyerdahl's 1948 bestseller was published, in 1950 he did a black and white documentary on their 4,300 nautical mile journey across the Pacific from Peru to the Polynesian islands, using film he shot with a single 16mm camera.

You can view that on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=22RvS372DIQ>

From Jon Colby "Books I've liked lots"



Around the World in 80 Trees, by Jonathan Drori. You don't have to be a tree hugger to savor a tree or two a day. Happy to lend ours, but we'll want it back.

Lincoln by Gore Vidal

Passage to Juneau by Jonathan Raban - A page turner for sailors needing a little vicarious experience.

Jon Colby's "Flicks and other streaming vid's"

- Justified about U.S. Marshal Raylan Givens who's known to take a short cut to solve a problem. Biggest disappointment: realizing you've seen the last episode. Watched on Hulu.
- The Newsroom. Super cast, fast paced, great dialog. Ditto the final episode disappointment. HBO
- Das Boot. Seriously well-done redo about a Nazi sub's crew. Only one problem: the end of Season 1's last episode's a total cliff hanger and I got no f'ing way to see Season 2. Stinkin' hulu!!
- Space Force on Netflix. Don't miss it. Steve Carell and John Malkovich are super in this nutsy farce.
- Two of many shows seen on Kanopy, free from your library membership. The Rules of the Game (French) and Working with Einstein.

From yours truly, KP: The Dig a 2021 Netflix British film reimagining the events of the 1939 Anglo-Saxon excavation of Sutton Hoo.



Martin Scorsese loves characters, and New York's curmudgeon, Fran Lebowitz, has him doubled over in giggles in Netflix's 7-part series, "Pretend It's A City".

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One of our newest members, Jay Kolyer, is looking out for us so we won't be surprised with unexpected light or heavy conditions when heading out on the water.



This link (also shared with the WSA) can be "added to Home Screen" for easy app-like access.

The location is the southern shore of Mill Cove, adjacent to Wickford Marina. Wind direction and speed readings are from a rooftop mast approximately 50' above low tide and unobstructed in all directions.

All other readings (temperature, pressure, humidity, precipitation) are registered five feet above ground level.

<https://www.weatherlink.com/embeddablePage/show/1615080a192447a6be106815da683c88/summary>

Wrapped up in January, *Remedy*, the O'Brien's Grady White is having a winter restorative snooze.



Deb O'Brien recommends a FREE GPS hiking & biking trail
App to download

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/alltrails-hike-bike-run/id405075943>



Louise Heard has been revisiting her photo travel memories from a Globus tour she took with John. This is from a moment she captured in Poitiers, France.

There's a story going on here.

Pam Bockoven: *"I have spent my quarantine time reading about 4 books a week. Sorry, I'm a retired librarian and I can now read what I want to."*

ANNIVERSARY LOOKBACK

Thirty Five Years Ago 1986 Commodore Douglas Levasseur

A major Capital Improvement project had been in the planning stage for over a year. In December 1985, the members, by a 2/3 majority, approved an increase to their dues of \$35.00

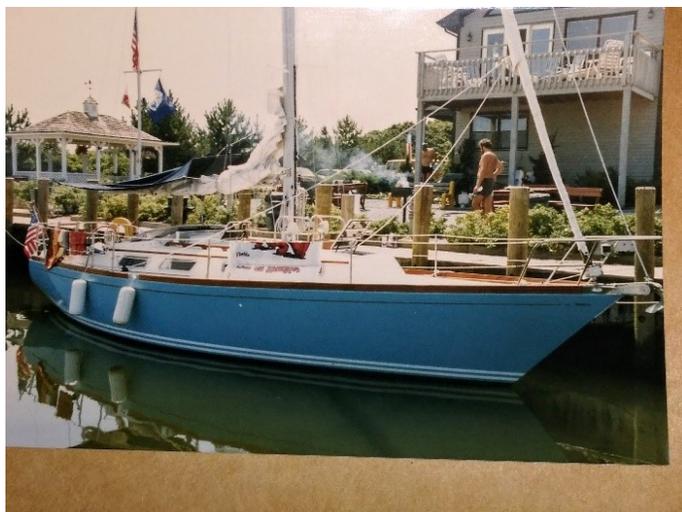
Finally, in January 1986 Doug signed for a \$70K loan from East Providence Credit Union at 11.5% for a 15 year term.

Usage of club facilities was disrupted for 4 to 5 months, but when the project was completed there was

- (1) New entryway, lobby and coatroom
- (2) A remodeled kitchen
- (3) An expanded Great Room
- (4) The first floor kitchen galley had a new heating system
- (5) A new roof deck went over the kitchen, hall and bath areas
- (6) Two stairways were built to the second floor
- (7) The upper deck got a waterproof, rubber membrane underlayment with a surface of concrete pavers.



Doug & Pat with friends, the Day's



No wonder that Summer cruise was a relaxing high point. Doug and Pat chartered "Williwaw" from Peter Greene for the annual cruise to Long Island Sound. The cruise had stops in Montauk, where the Levasseur's held the Commodore's Cocktail Party at Snug Harbor Marina, before continuing onto Shelter Island and Dobson's Marina in Stonington.

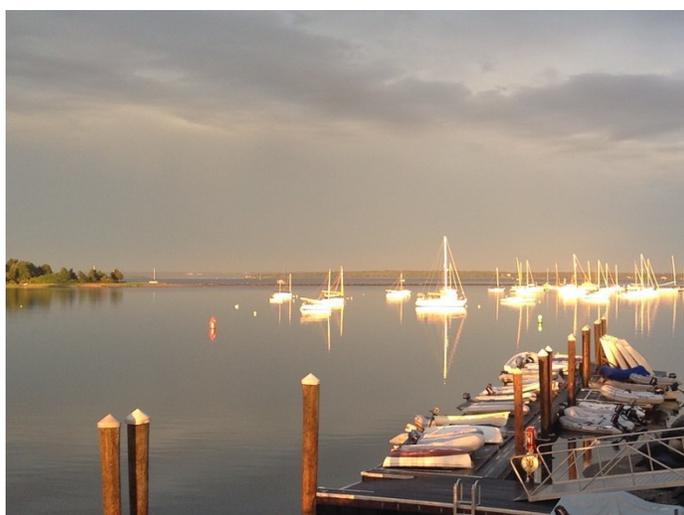
ANNIVERSARY LOOKBACK

Twenty Years Ago 2001 Commodore Peter Fahlman

Under Commodore Peter Fahlman, Nelson Weiderman introduced our website with the help of Peter Andrews and Ray Lambert.

Bruce Ferguson organized the Summer Cruise, remembered for the “best ever” in-the-water cocktail party off the stern of Fernald’s *Surefire*, with 15 dinghies’ tied off, and temperatures in excess of 100 degrees.

Barry Dufault’s Lobster Thermador and Beef Wellington Dinner with course Wine Tastingahhh.



Ramp Photo Credit, former Commodore, 2010, John Wilson.

Peter’s most memorable accomplishment as Commodore was the replacement of the old narrow wooden East Dinghy Dock Ramp and the Dock Ramp Float with the new wide aluminum ramp that can accommodate a dinghy/small boat (Opti, 420, etc.) and its dolly.

“This project went toward achieving the primary purpose of the club, to foster the sport of yachting, and to provide suitable facilities and activities for its members”. PF

ANNIVERSARY LOOKBACK

Ten Years Ago
2011 Commodore Win Brown

FAVORITE MEMORY:
FAMILY DAY



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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