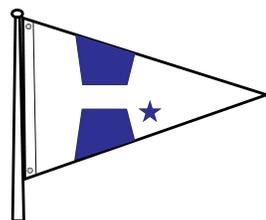
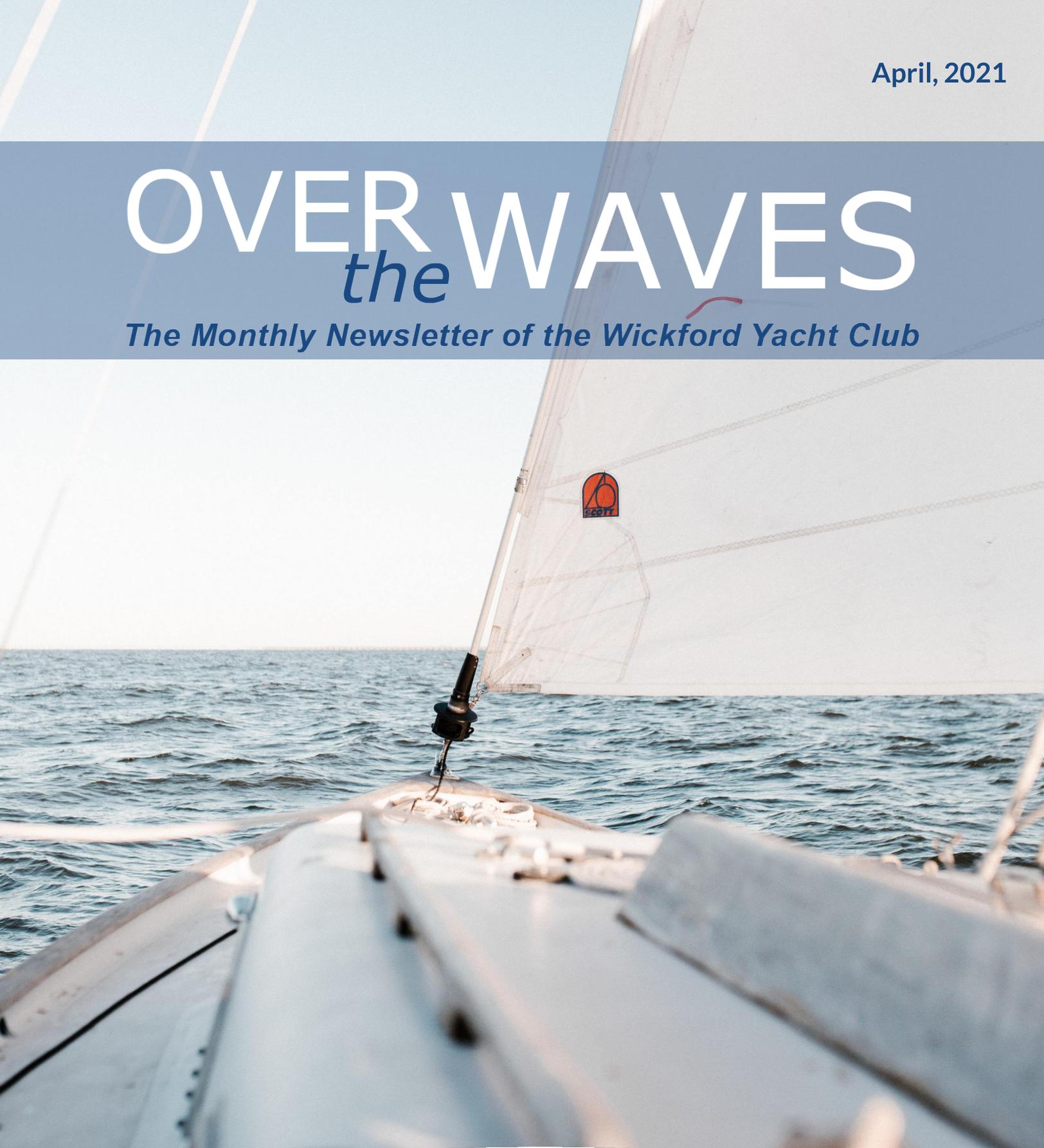


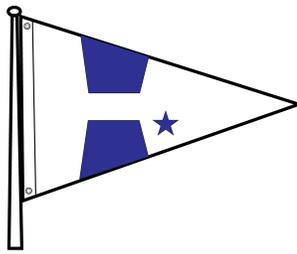
April, 2021

OVER *the* WAVES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Wickford Yacht Club



Wickford Yacht Club



Commodore's Log

Spring has sprung! We are getting there and the snow birds are starting to return back to the Tundra. It has been warm enough on a couple of days that work has started on boats. Even 45 degrees Fahrenheit feels pretty warm these days. Scarry huh?!?

The Pavillion sidewalls are up, the windows are in and the shingles have been stained gray. The Trex deck for the BBQs is complete and the inside of the Club is getting organized and cleaned up. We will get some gravel put down on the driveway before Commisioning Day!

Another sign of Spring is that the NKHS Sailing Team has requested the use of our property for their training and sailing meets. When we get their schedule, we will put it into our calendar to keep all informed.

The Social Committee and Board are keeping a close watch on the guidelines from the RI DoH to determine the requirements for conducting social events inside and outside. Right now, they are still pretty onerous for events that are catered. Hopefully, as more and more people get two vaccinations, this will somewhat ease up. Our first scheduled event is at the end of April and we will keep all informed regarding its conduct.

The annual directory is coming along just fine so make sure all your information is up-to-date and email Kathy Brown if you have any changes. In addition, look at the "Members Area" on our WYC website to check out all the beautiful faces of our members. There are still a few missing so use those iPhones to show us your smile. In that same area of our website, we have added information from our board meetings, so check it out.

Too many members to thank for volunteering their time and energy, but trust me when I say, "It Takes a Village ..."

As always, please stay well,

Bob Kern, Commodore

Rear Commodore's Report



OK-I think temps are high enough that we can sort of, maybe kind of, start thinking about sailing this summer! With vaccinations seemingly picking up some serious steam I am hopeful that we will be able to run, if not a totally normal Wednesday night racing season, pretty close to it!

- Our Solstice Series this summer will run from June 2 to July 7th, and the Dog Days Series will run from July 14th to August 25th, with no racing on August 4th due to the cruise.
- For Racers: We will have registration up on Regatta Network shortly, I will send out a Constant Contact email when it is live. If you have a boat and are thinking about racing for the first time, let me know! We would love to get some new boats out on the line and I can help you with what you need to know. If you don't have a boat, but would like to race, boats are ALWAYS looking for crew, so don't be shy-send me an email and I will start a list of interested crew looking for rides.
- For The Race Committee: We will have a training meeting in May, details to follow. I have been reaching out to our past RC Members-thank you to all who have signed up for another season! if you have not volunteered to be part of this great group before but would like to-let me know! I will be getting the sign up schedule out shortly.
- I have been working with NBYA and Save the Bay on a new regatta that they are hoping will be a Bay-wide celebration of this great place where we live, the Round the Bay Regatta, on July 24th. It will be a PHRF regatta with multiple classes, including a non spinnaker division. The fun thing about this event is there will be 4 starting areas set around the bay (Wickford, East Greenwich, Barrington/Bristol and Newport), with boats at each location all starting at the same time and racing a figure 8 course around Conanicut and Prudence Islands (shorter courses for smaller boats as well). Boats will be scored and prizes given for their respective starting areas, but also overall. Mark it on your calendars!
- We have also received word that the Rhode Island Yacht Club will be running the 2021 Ladies Cup Regatta on Saturday, June 26th. This trophy was first awarded in 1898, making it one of the oldest perpetual trophies in Women's sailing. Boats must be helmed by a female skipper, and 50% of the crew must be female. It is a non spinnaker PHRF event in the upper Bay with a course of about 13 miles. If anyone is interested in putting a team together let me know!

Ezra

Fleet Captain's Report



Hello friends!

I am encouraged by our reduced COVID numbers and increased vaccinations, keep staying safe and following the guidelines, we are getting there! Our summer may have opportunities to see old friends someplace other than a computer screen!

The dinghy dock shuffle is complete except for dinghy racks. It's so nice to see folks that have anxiously awaited a dinghy spot finally get one. We are planning to resume hosting the North Kingstown High School Sailing team this spring.

Our cruising plans are in full swing. We're cruising at a popular time of year, ports will likely fill up, if you are considering the spring mini cruise on June 19-20 and the summer cruise the first week of August please see the notes for securing dockage or moorings below. Please be sure to mention you are WYC members when making reservations, some facilities are temporarily holding space for WYC boats. Don't miss the fun due to "no space". If you are unsure of your plans make a reservation and cancel later if needed.

The cruise schedule and list of cruise participants are on the following pages. This list helps us plan and has been requested by hosting facilities. If you are considering coming please email me at: brewer_rex@hotmail.com to be included. Again this is a plan, not a commitment, planning is better than no space at the dock/mooring later. Please include vessel name, model, length, width, draft, email, & cell phone you'll use during the cruise.

There are social activities in all ports, everyone is welcome. (no mooring reservations req'd for land yachts!). Please see previous editions of OTW for detailed plans. Start your boat prep! Spring is coming!

Very best,

Rex, Fleet Captain

Cruise Updates



Our Spring Mini Cruise is on the weekend of June 19th and 20th.

We're being hosted by Bristol Yacht Club. The BristolYC Dockwa page is open for reservations and as folks reserve have them put "**Wickford YC**" or "**WYC**" in the comments as we are not taking reservations other than you folks that weekend.

Reserve through Dockwa here:

<https://dockwa.com/explore/destination/g9c155-bristol-yacht-club?form=transient>

The Summer Cruise is scheduled for July 31 - August 4 and the itinerary is as follows:

Sat Jul 31st | Wickford to Cuttyhunk (WP0006) - 29.8nm

- Cuttyhunk moorings are available on a 1st come, 1st served basis. There are no reservations for moorings.
- Docks can be reserved on Dockwa now.
- Moorings are \$50.00/night/boat
- Town Mooring Collector, Dale Lynch, will collect in the Town Boat, cash, checks and credit card accepted

Sun Aug 1st | Cuttyhunk to Marion (WP0007) - 16.4nm

- Beverly yacht has requested a tentative list of boats with owner, name, length and draft, to provide to the club and Burr Bros. for advance planning. Dockwa does not open until April 2 at Burr Bros. but an advance request may result in an early call about mooring.
- In the final analysis, it will be the captain's responsibility to contact BYC Annette Martel amartel@beverlyyachtclub.org or Burr Bros. Katie gasdock@burrbros.com. In addition, the Harbor Master is Isaac Perry (508)748-

Monday Aug 2nd | Marion to Redbrook/Kingman (WP0008) - 4.1nm

The flotilla should expect to divide itself up between these neighboring sites.

Parker's Boat Yard in Red Brook Harbor:

508-563-9366

Patti (mom) Patti@Parkersboatyard.com

Whitney (daughter)

Whitney@Parkersboatyard.com

Reservations via Dockwa are open

Parker's has 12 transient moorings; may have access to 3-4 additional, but not guaranteed.

Moorings: \$50/night

No rafting on moorings due to swinging limitations.

Launch service for moorings: 0800-2000.

There is nearby anchorage. (cont)

She did say dock space may be available; only 30 amp; no 50 amp hookups.

Kingman Yacht Center:

508-563-7136

Website states reservations open 4/5/2021

Moorings: \$60/night

Launch service available for moorings.

Dock \$4-\$6/ft, with electric hookup

Red Hook Harbor Harbormaster:

508-759-0623

Cruise Updates (cont.)



Tuesday Aug 3rd | Redbrook/Kingman to Quissett (WP0010) - 8.25nm

- First come, first served, no reservations for moorings
- Quissett Harbor Boatyard, Inc. (cash or check, no credit cards) suggested first boats to arrive put a dinghy on another mooring to hold for late arrivals.
- Rafting allowed on moorings (weather permitting)
- Anchorage not allowed in mooring field
- If unable to get mooring.....anchor west of mooring field

Quissett Harbor Boatyard request individuals refrain from calling, Fleet Captain will call coordinate

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

Here is a link to the Middletown Harbormaster page: [LINK](#)

There are 12 moorings available, but the majority of folks that overnight there anchor-it is very good holding.

CURRENT LIST OF PARTICIPANTS (Please notify Rex if you plan on attending all or part of the cruise)

NAME	PORTS ATTENDING	VESSEL NAME	POWER/SAIL	TYPE
Bob and Patty Kern		Serenity	power	Grand Banks 47
Rex and Pam Brewer	all	In Context	sail	Lucia40 (catamaran)
Bob and Nancy Shore		Flagship	sail	Catalina 42 MkII
Ezra and Tracy Smith		Snoek	sail	Pearson 36
Win and Kathy Brown		Papa	sail	Nonsuch 30
Matthew & Kristen Smith		Tumbleweed	sail	Nauticat 321
Rich & Elaine Lemieux		Simplicity	sail	
Jeff & Julie Cook		GiGiB	sail	Beneteau 345
John and Grace Smith		Sweet P's	power	Eastern 31
Bruce and Jill Mulford			power	Mainship Pilot
Ben Rice & Betsy Moody	all	Frolic	sail	Island Packet 35
John & Cindy Wilson		Haven	power	O'Day 30
Dan and Mimi Dyer				
Paul and Sarah Browne		Osprey	power	Nordic Tug 37
Larry&Joan Ehrhardt, Doc	Clarke	Aleria	power	Bunker & Ellis
Carl & Kathy Bowen		Cigatoo	power	Grand Banks 36
Mark Callahan & guest			power	Parker 25



Sailing Activities Update



Wickford Regatta Registrations Underway

Registration for the Wickford Regatta opened March 1st and entries immediately came pouring in. The Finn Class had planned to join the Wickford Regatta cast of classes last year but were shut down with Covid. They are determined this year and are leading the pack with early registrations. A total of 11 classes are invited and we expect this to be the largest Wickford Regatta to date.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to host the traditional regatta dinner due to Covid. We will likely host a smaller celebration for the regatta volunteers at WYC.

Skip Whyte, Sailing Activities Chairman

Wickford Sailing Association Update

100+ Registrations in the First Month!

The response to WSA's outreach has been amazing with over 100 registrations in the first month. Adult and Beginner sessions are fully booked with waiting lists. All other sessions have registrants, but are less than 50% full, which was expected given the WSA did not operate last year.

The new online registration system and new website are both about to go live, but hit a bump in the road when Matt Harrington, our volunteer web developer, suffered a heart attack. Matt is back home and mending. The site may be live before OTW reaches the membership.

As spring is about to become official are planning a series of work parties to assess and improve the condition of the WSA fleet. We will be looking for volunteers to assist and will put out a request via Constant Contact when the schedule is determined. We will also be doing radio installations on all of our power boats and could use a hand from a competent techie.

Staffing for the summer has been challenging but we are close to nailing down 3 positions.

Skip Whyte, President, WSA
401-481-2997

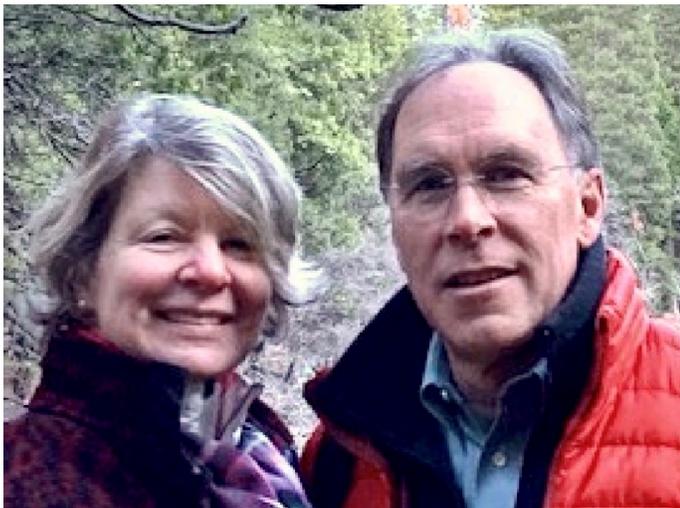
Meet the New Members

Scot Jones and Sue Smith

Water has always been an important part of our lives. When it is time to think, to socialize or to exercise, we gravitate to, into, or onto water at the shore or on a lake. Yesterday, at my camp in Maine, with the thermometer at 32 degrees, we built a fire and sat admiring the end of day, missing the stowed boats and dock where we can watch the sun set with friends. Near the new old house on Main Street, we would like to find a friendly place to enjoy being by and on the water in RI.

I grew up sailing Hobie Cats on a lake, got a taste for saltwater sailing at the URI Sailing center, and rowed for a few years at Narragansett Boating Club. We had signed up for a coastal navigation course (pre-covid) in preparation for more time in the Bay. We are looking for ways to get safely out on the Bay and commune on water's edge.

We prefer to belong to organizations that are passionate about their missions, have a warm, engaged group doing the work, and where we can pitch-in to contribute. We look forward to getting to know members, supporting club events, help crew, and perhaps look for a weekender to sail.



Pete and Maureen Galster

We have lived in Wickford Village since 1983, raising our two kids, Maggie and Tommy, in our home on West Main Street. Both kids grew up sailing on Narragansett Bay, and sailed competitively in high school and college. Happily, they both still live in Rhode Island and they are "off the payroll".

I'm originally from upstate New York, sailing and boating in the 1000 Islands and on Lake Ontario. I worked for a major food manufacturer for 35 years and I'm now retired. Maureen grew up in Massachusetts and currently tutors students at St. Michael's Country Day School in Newport.

Over the past 35 years, we have been active boaters in Wickford and very involved in the catboat scene over at Pleasant Street Wharf. Past boats include a Marshall 18 catboat, a Tripp Angler 22, and a Marshall 22, all named ONTARIO. Each boat was in the family for about ten years. Most recently, we are the proud owners of GRANNY CARR, a custom 27' Brownell bass boat.

Having been on the Wickford waterfront all these years, we have many friends who are members of WYC. We are looking forward to participating in all the boating and social events offered by the club.

See you on the docks!

Meet the New Members

Jay and Anne Kolyer

Since 1994 Jay and Anne Kolyer have sailed their catboat "Mugsy" out of Mill Cove, where they currently reside. They lived in North Kingstown between 1988-1998, then split time between Wickford and Maryland before recently settling back in as year-round residents.



We both grew up in Stony Brook and Jay spent childhood summers in Southold; each of these Long Island shore areas encouraged our love for the water.

Jay works in the field of endowment investment management and Anne is retired from teaching elementary grades including art. Our daughters Kelly and Lane live in MD and RI, respectively. Kelly and husband John have a wonderful son Ty, age 3.

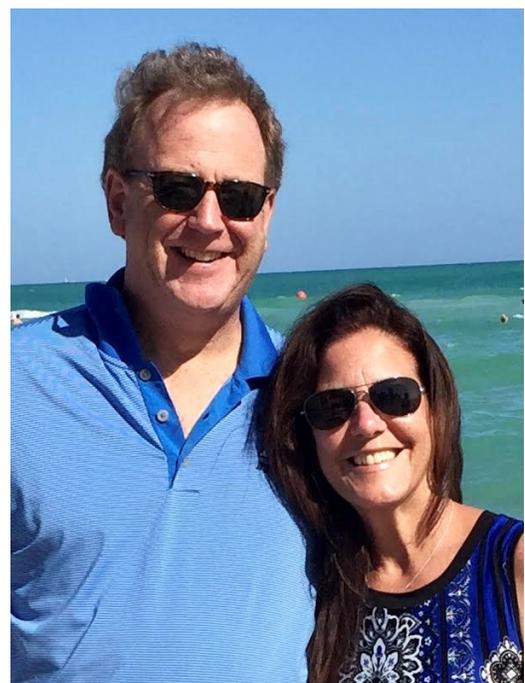
Besides our catboat we enjoy a Pioneer Islander 20 center console motorboat. Jay also recently added a Seadog dinghy and joined the WFA frostbite fleet to extend the sailing season and sharpen skills with a terrific group of sailors. We look forward to connecting with old friends and meeting new ones as WYC members.

Greg and Suzanne Mancini

The Mancini's have been residents of North Kingstown for 23 years, the past 10 in Wickford. They raised their 3 children, Quentin 24, Giuliana 23, and Griffin 21 here. All attending North Kingstown public schools. They are very vested in this community.

Suzanne is a local business owner. She owns the Sew-Op on Philips Street in Wickford. Greg is an attorney and is in his 2nd term as town council president. They can often be seen strolling down Main Street with their kayaks in tow before they put them into the water. They enjoy spending time paddling their kayaks around the harbor, clamming, and swimming in the bay. Greg also tries to golf.

Although they do not sail, they have enjoyed being passengers on sailing excursions and enjoy the social aspects of the Wickford Yacht Club. Although COVID has put a damper on that, they hope this summer they will be able to enjoy socializing with their fellow yacht club members.



Meet the New Members

John and Jayma Coghlin

By way of background, my (John's) connection to WYC goes back decades to when I first learned to sail and eventually became a WYC Sailing Program instructor for several years. In addition to teaching me seamanship and sportsmanship, those early days at WYC fostered a life-long passion for being on the water.

A number of years ago, we joined WYC as a family with two young children and very much enjoyed the experience. When a career opportunity presented itself, our plans changed and we moved back to New York City. Unable to fully participate in WYC activities, we surrendered our membership. Fast-forward to today, we are re-settled in Rhode Island, our daughters, Juliana and Marisa, are now 15 and 17 years old, and we believe that WYC would be ideal for our next chapter.



We are fortunate to already know many members of WYC and would enjoy getting to know more members and participating in the WYC activities. Our daughters share our passion for the water and would be thrilled to be part of the WYC community again. My parents, Tom and Betsy, are passionate about WYC and we would be pleased to have three generations of our family enjoying and contributing to WYC.

Having recently sold our Boston Whaler, we have recently purchased a North Coast 285 and look forward to continuing our adventures on Narragansett Bay and Rhode Island Sound. So we would envision enjoying the comradery of WYC members on and off the water!

Member Reminders

NAMETAGS

Replacement nametags \$8.00

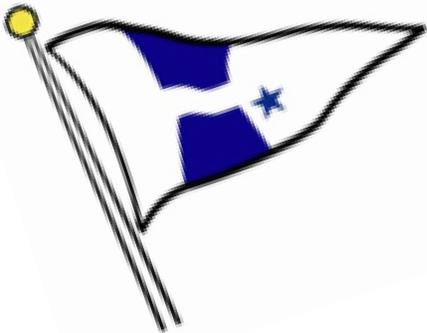
Child nametags \$8.00

Past Commodore (year) nametags \$8.00

Nick-name , hyphenated name, and if you wish, your boat name

Order by April 4,2021 pkpizz@verizon.net

Payment to Wickford Yacht Club

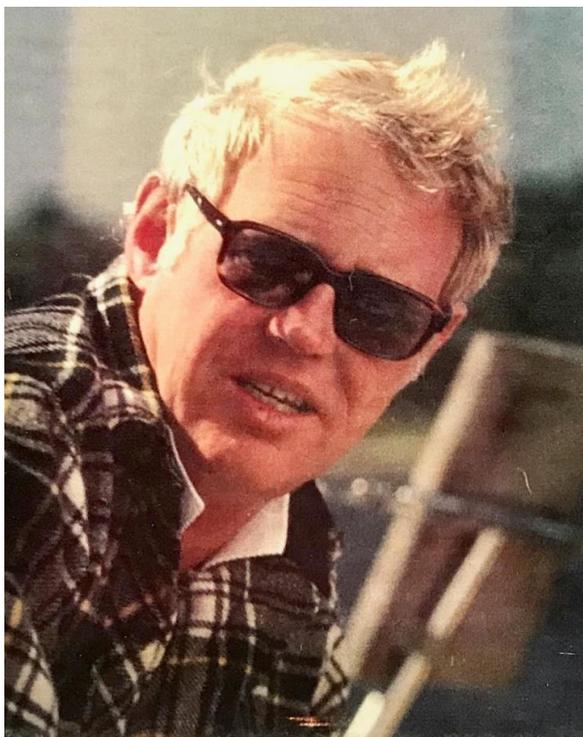


SAVE THE DATE

Please save the date for the
Commodore's Reception on
Saturday, April 24.

Invitation with details to follow.

CONNECTIONSLOOKBACK



1988 Commodore William “ Bill”

Heagney introduced the first assessment to the WYC.

The docks were in bad shape, threatening accidents and badly needing repair. Al Henry injured his ankle when he got caught between two boards.

As Bill circumspectly recalls, “there was a high degree of exasperation” on the \$100.00 one time per family billing.

Bill navigated the stormy sea of lively “discussion” that ensued, but eventually, a calmer prudent plan was made for future capital infrastructure projects, and improvements.

BTW : that first \$100.00 assessment in 1988 would be the equivalent of \$226.00 today

CONNECTIONSLOOKBACK

Legacy kids remembering the WYC: From Cam Lewis

Sailing for the first time on Bill Heagney's Columbia-22 and then begging my parents to sign me up for sailing lessons. At the time, I never knew my Dad had been a sailor and he was thrilled I wanted to learn. This was the late 70's and the entire family joined the club. Later, when looking around upstairs and looking at old photos on the wall, my dad stopped. There was a photo from the late 30's or early 40's of my dad sailing a dinghy in Wickford harbor. He knew it was him because of the type of boat in around 1940, he knew he was the only person in Wickford with that type of boat.

Tuesday night 420 racing against Paul Nannig and, sorry, I can't remember who else but out of three 420's, I always came in third. Both skippers had about 2 years of sailing on me, but I wouldn't quit. One year, WYC decided they had to award 3 trophies even though only 3 boats were racing because I never stopped trying. It was my first trophy ever.

Cruising to Cuttyhunk on Good Vibes, my parents Irwin-25. Gentle wind, wing on wing. BBQ's on the beach and visiting the "massive" 40 some foot yachts of other members. But a huge memory is, while on the cruise, I was walking past some of the Maxie yachts docked in Martha's Vineyard when one of the crew stopped me. I was about 11-12. He asked my weight. I answered about 110. He then recruited me for mast racing. They crews of the various Maxie's were seeing how fast they could get a person to the top of their masts. Most crews had their girlfriends who were in the 100-110 lb range but one boat didn't. So, I was recruited and ended up going to the top of a Maxie's mast in about 4 seconds. Not sure Mom would have been happy.

Although I lived in California for 21-years and was a member of Monterey Peninsula, Alamitos Bay and Richmond Yacht Clubs, I always carried my WYC Card and registered my boat as being from WYC. Happy to be back and looking forward to my girls learning at WYC and helping out, especially with the Junior program. Cam



Ice Cream Sandwiches

Cate Brown in life jacket, Kate Wilson Berneike in middle & current member Amalia Dimartino Mullaney.



Water Balloons

Doug Nannig in blue shirt; Chris Peet in red shirt

Kyle Wilson & probably Greg Nannig picking up balloon. Chris Nannig, August Dimartino in foreground

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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