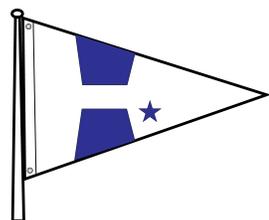


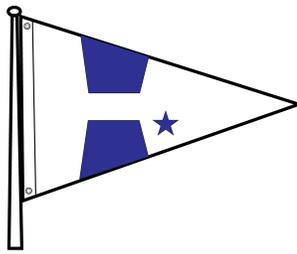
June, 2021

# OVER *the* WAVES

*The Monthly Newsletter of the Wickford Yacht Club*



Wickford Yacht Club



## Commodore's Corner

Summer is almost here and the weather has been fantastic. The best news we had in May was the relaxation of many of the COVID 19 restrictions that have impacted the social gatherings at our club. We now can enjoy the comradery of our fellow members at the club and on the water. I am sure that most folks will have their boats in the water by the time you read this issue of the OTW.

Looking ahead at the calendar for June, events will start coming at us pretty fast. Wednesday Night Racing starts with the Solstice Series (6 Wed Night Races) on June 2nd. The Wickford Regatta is June 5th and 6th and takes a lot of volunteers so don't be bashful, please volunteer. On June 19th and 20th, we have the Spring Mini Cruise headed up to the great historic village of Bristol and the Bristol Yacht Club is rolling out the red carpet for us – should be great fun. If you don't have a boat, take a nice drive on Saturday afternoon and join in on the festivities. Finally, to wrap up a robust month we have the Commodores' Event X2 – "Stars and Stripes Forever". Come and enjoy a wonderful evening with Bob & Nancy Shore and Patty & me. This will be a relaxed event that will be AWESOME!!

We have a packed summer full of events for everyone. If you have not volunteered to help out at one of the many planned events, please contact a Committee Chair or member of the Board and tell us what you would like to do – we will make sure the correct folks hear your name.

Let's go for a sail, hang out on a WYC mooring, cruise a little, sit on the WYC deck during a quiet morning and have a cup of coffee or bring dinner down and cook out on the grills; better yet, let's go to one of the many events the Social Committee has organized. Let's have some fun!!

Bob Kern, Commodore

# Rear Commodore's Report



Hi All!

It is almost time to go racing! As I write this we are just a few weeks away from our first Wednesday night racing of the season. If you have already registered, Thank You!

If not, it is not too late!

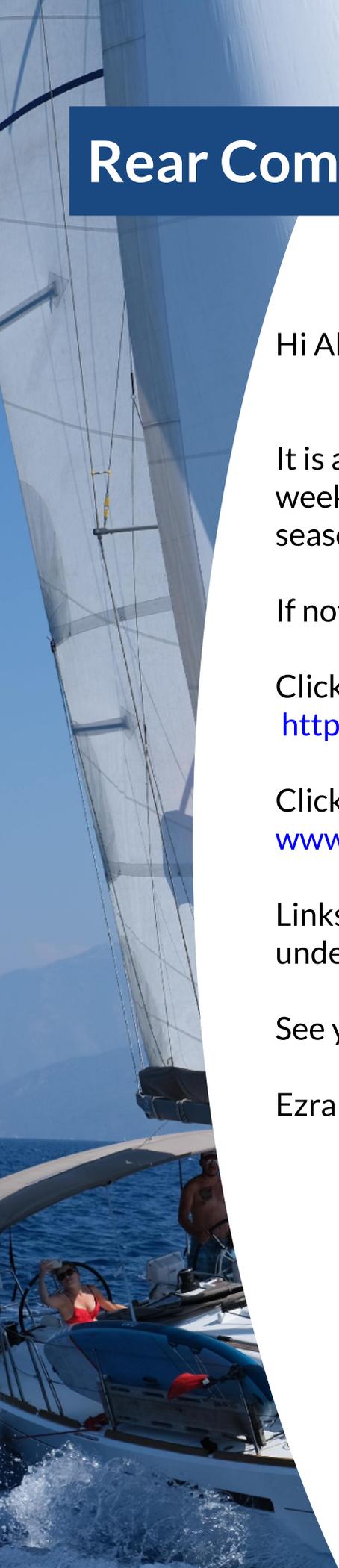
Click on the link below to register for the 2021 Solstice Series:  
[http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/22223#\\_registration](http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/22223#_registration)

Click on the link below to register for the 2021 Dog Days Series:  
[www.regattanetwork.com/event/22224#\\_registration](http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/22224#_registration)

Links and all race documents are also available on the WYC site under the "Racing" Tab.

See you on the water!!

Ezra



# Fleet Captain's Report



My boat is starting to look better and will launch soon, hope yours will too. These are the few weeks of the year that owning a boat is a bit overwhelming, but launch is coming. Many boats are in! I am jealous of them, excited for our upcoming season, and enjoying the warmer weather.

Our annual Commissioning Day Ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 29, 2021. We will join the flag officers who will conduct our traditional flag raising ceremony at 4 p.m. We are having our traditional Fleet Parade, it is a great way for us as a community to do what we love to and to have a positive, visible presence in the community. Lead by our Harbormaster, the plan is to rendezvous at the harbor entrance bell at 4:30p.m. We will parade into town up to the town dock, proceed past the Club into Mill Cove, and then all will return to their respective moorings. All efforts shall be made to dress ship, and crew themes would not be frowned upon!

Many of us are looking forward to our Mini Cruise to Bristol on the weekend of Jun 18-20. Moorings are being held for us by Bristol Yacht Club. Please get your mooring on Dockwa. Please specify requesting Bristol Yacht Club and mention "Wickford Yacht Club Mini Cruise". If you have a mooring reserved in Bristol or are just interested, please email me at [brewer\\_rex@hotmail.com](mailto:brewer_rex@hotmail.com) so I can keep us informed on the weekend's itinerary/plans. The fun on Saturday at Bristol YC is a pirate dingy parade, see [this flyer](#) for fun details. For more information and to register for Bristol YC dinner (pay at the dinner) please click here: <https://www.bristolyc.com/event-registration-2>

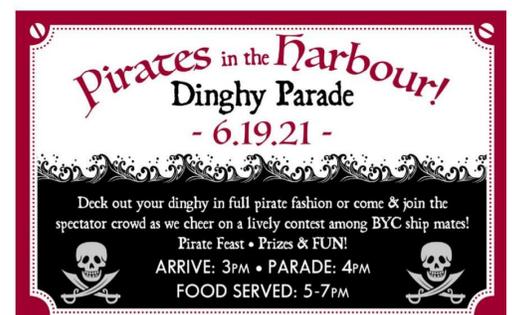
The summer cruise continues to grow in participants, planning, and excitement. Look for a Constant Contact email to get social event details and make dinner and cocktail party reservations in advance by credit card. Very sorry that late requests and cash payments can't be honored due to commitments required by our venues and chefs. If you missed the cruise itinerary please review back issues of Over the Waves.

Finally, a reminder, please review the dinghy storage policy in club directory. Many of us have slowly drifted away from completely fitting into the guidelines, let's start slowly drifting into compliance as the opportunities arise. These guidelines, made by us, for our club, are made in the best interest of everyone. If there's a difficulty please contact me and I will work hard to resolve.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the club!

Kindly,

Rex



# Sailing Activities Update



## Wickford Regatta Registrations hit 70, The Party is Back

With 3 weeks to go and 70+ registrations in hand in 9 classes, it looks like we are headed for record participation. Following the appeal in OTW last month Jim Seymour stepped up to assume the venue captain role. He has already done a great job assembling a team. It will be challenging this year with the expanded new playground facility at Cold Spring Beach consuming more of the footprint.

With Covid restrictions melting away we made the call to have a dinner at WYC on Saturday of the Wickford Regatta. The regatta volunteers will be treated in full or in part depending on their level of commitment. We are looking forward to showing the competitors our beautiful new pavilion.

The Lightning Atlantic Coast Championships remains on the calendar for July 24-25. Skip Whyte will be PRO but the rest of the team and the needed support boats are not secured as yet. Volunteers appreciated. It will be a relatively easy event to run with only a Signal boat and 2 mark boats needed.

Skip Whyte, Sailing Activities Chairman

## Pre-Season Preparations Continue

The power boat commissioning has been moving along but has hit a few potholes. The venerable Queen is back in the water and running fine but still looking for a radio. Several water pumps were bad but have now been replaced. All the boats are getting new prop guards. It all takes time and money. It has been costly so far.

Parts and materials needed for the sailboats have been ordered and mostly received. Once the power boats are finished, work on the sailboats will get underway.

Registrations have continued to come in. The 420 class is now full with a waiting list and all but 1 of the Adventure sessions is full. Opti registrations continue to lag.

The staff is coming together with 5 Junior and Assistant instructors signed up. Several more will be needed including some substitutes to cover when regular staffers are away at camp or other family obligations.

Skip Whyte, President, WSA



# Member News and Announcements

## Volunteers Needed to Deadhead the Flower Boxes

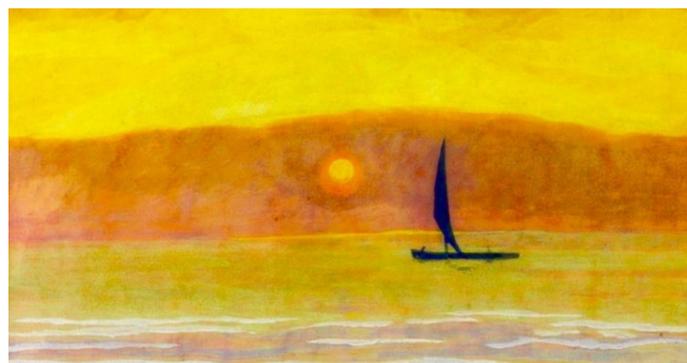
The flower boxes have been filled thanks to an enthusiastic group of members. Over the summer, we need to have volunteers sign up to deadhead the flowers twice a week. Please sign up for a week or 2 on the sign up sheet at the club. Questions - ask Jenny Bourgeois 413-218-4616.

## Crossing the Bar

Virginia Micheletti  
April 13, 2021

Virginia, in all her connectedness, left us stunned and saddened with her sudden passing. She moved through her different worlds of friends and work from her home in Connecticut, to ours in Wickford. Serving at a social event, hers was the infectious laugh we heard; friends called her their Dancing Queen. Virginia knit love and her family together, and we are grateful that she was part of ours.

[Obituary.](#)



# Member News and Announcements

## Member Directory



The WYC 2021 Membership Directory will be available to members starting on Commissioning Day (May 29, 2021), and in the foyer afterwards. They are labeled - one per individual membership and two for family. The Individual and single Senior members are in a separate bin since they are single copies, other member copies are paired for easier pickup. Please check the labels to ensure you're picking up the correct copy(ies). Feel free to pickup for a neighbor or family member, just make sure they know! You can pick up your copy at the Club at your convenience.

## Yachting Club of America



This year Wickford Yacht Club joined the Yachting Club of America (YCA). Member clubs are listed in their 168 page directory. The directory lists member yacht clubs located in the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii and the US Virgin Islands. Most clubs listed in the directory offer reciprocity privileges to members of other clubs listed in the directory.

YCA reciprocal courtesy cards are going to be made available starting Commissioning Day (Saturday, May 29, 2021). Cards will be located in a box next to the Membership Directories (also available starting Commissioning Day inside the Door to the Club). **Please take one card per family.**

You can use this card and/or your WYC membership card at participating YCA member yacht clubs to obtain your reciprocal privileges. All WYC members are encouraged to log onto their website and view the directory.

You can access the directory by going to <https://www.ycaol.com/> and clicking on "Members Only" or by clicking the link below and entering the following user ID and password after : <https://uso-ufo.com/>

User ID: club1040 | Password: y100446c

If you have any further questions, please feel free to call me at 401-369-5333 or email me at [obrien524@yahoo.com](mailto:obrien524@yahoo.com). Thank you and here is to a great summer!

Rich O'Brien, Secretary, Wickford Yacht Club

# New Member Posting

**Lawrence (Larry) Hower and Cyndy Bennett**

233 Seabreeze Drive  
North Kingstown, RI 02852  
(c) 401-935-6734

[reddogfly@cox.net](mailto:reddogfly@cox.net)  
[cyndybennett designs@cox.net](mailto:cyndybennett designs@cox.net)

**WYC FAMILY MEMBERSHIP**

Mosey31' Mount Desert Island  
Sponsors: Paula and Peter Fahlman  
Renee and Jeffrey Wadovick

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**JoMarie McCann**

80 Tower Hill Road  
North Kingstown, RI, 02852  
(c) 516-849-0091 | [jpm list@gmail.com](mailto:jpm list@gmail.com)

**WYC Individual Membership**

Sponsors: Martha Parks  
Chuck Ebersole & Pinkie Sweet-Holland

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**John (Jack) Regan and Joan Regan**

340 Seaside Drive, Jamestown, RI, 02835  
Secondary: 18 Old Farm Road, Milton MA, 02186  
(c) Jack 617-721-4226 | [Jack.regan18@outlook.com](mailto:Jack.regan18@outlook.com)  
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**WYC FAMILY MEMBERSHIP**

Sponsors: Linda & Vincent Mitchell  
Joseph Kolb and Carrie Mitchell Kolb

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

# Social Updates

Long awaited social events for the season are off to a great start at WYC. Saturday, May 29 is Commissioning Day. We expect enthusiastic participation by Club members. The Commissioning Day Ceremony by the Flag Officers begins at 1600 followed by the Parade of Ships. This will be followed by the more social aspects of Commissioning Day with a cocktail hour and dinner catered by West Bay Gourmet. Many thanks to Gordon and Sharon Fletcher, Kerri and Mark Bamford and Joe & Carrie Mitchell Kolb as well as all the volunteers for their work on this event.

On June 26, the Club will hold the Commodores' X2 Event, honoring last year's Commodore, Bob Shore and our current Commodore, Bob Kern. Don't miss this premier event, it promises to be twice the fun! Elaine Lemieux is the chair of the committee which has been working for several months planning this wonderful event. With most of the social restrictions now behind us, we expect to have an extraordinary turn out, sign up early!

On July 17, the Club will hold its Cheeseburgers Party, a traditional summer favorite. Planning for this event is in the beginning stages and members willing to participate on the committee are most welcome. Please let us know if you would like to join the Cheeseburgers Committee, or any future event.

Thank you,

See you at the Club!

John Hughes and Linda Oliver Hughes  
Social Committee



# June Calendar

May 29 (Sat)	Commissioning Day
June 2–July 7	Wed Night Racing – Solstice Series
June 5 - 6 (Sat & Sun)	Wickford Regatta
June 14	Board of Govenors Meeting
June 19-20 (Sat & Sun)	Spring Mini Cruise
June 22 & 24 (7-8:30pm)	WYC Orientation
June 26 (Sat)	Commodore's X2 Ball
June 28, 6pm-dusk	Adult Sailing (every Mon. 6/28-8/2)

## **Weekly events**

Monday: 13:00 hr. Mahjong

Thursday: 10:00 hr. Coffee Hour

Friday: 18:00 hr. Happy Hour wine down

# 2021 Events Calendar

Monthly (2nd Monday)	WYC Board Meetings
April 24 (Sat)	Commodores' Reception
May 29 (Sat)	Commissioning Day
June 2–July 7	Wed Night Racing – Solstice Series
June 5 - 6 (Sat & Sun)	Wickford Regatta
June 19-20 (Sat & Sun)	Spring Mini Cruise
June 22 & 24 (7-8:30pm)	WYC Orientation
June 26 (Sat)	Commodore's X2 Ball
June 28	1st Day of WSA classes
June 28, 6pm-dusk	Adult Sailing (every Monday 6/28-8/2)
July 4 or 5 (Sun or Mon)	Family Fun Sailing & Cookout
July 14–August 25	Wed Night Racing – Dog Days Series
July 17 (Sat)	Cheeseburgers Party
July 31–August 6	WYC Annual Cruise (No Wed Night Race on 8/4)
August 19	WSA Awards
August 21 (Sat)	Lobsterfest
August 28 (Sat)	Frost-biters' Pig Roast
September 6 (Mon)	Labor Day
September 18 (Sat)	Cocktails on the Deck
September 25- 26 (Sat & Sun)	DI Pursuit Race & Fall Mini Cruise
October 9- 10 (Sat & Sun)	Laser Seidenberg Regatta
October 16 (Sat)	Oktoberfest
November 13 (Sat)	Annual Mtg & Awards Dinner
December 11 (Sat)	Holiday Party
December 19 (Sun)	Children's Holiday Party
December 31 (Fri)	New Year's Eve Party
January 1, 2022 (Sat)	New Year's Day Brunch

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