

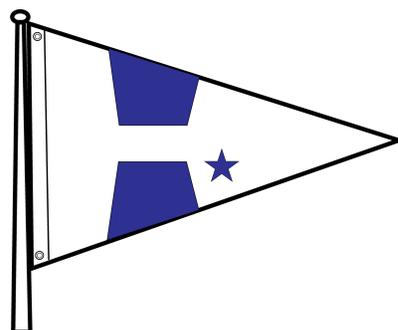
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OVER *the* WAVES

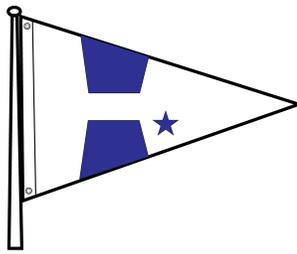
The Monthly Newsletter of the Wickford Yacht Club



Photo from
September Swing by
Linda Oliver Hughes



Wickford Yacht Club



Commodore's Corner

The conversations around the Club have all of a sudden changed to, “When are you hauling?” and we all know what that means. Basically, the boating members are looking for that one week of ‘Indian Summer’ to cruise before winterizing their boats. But that’s okay because we have really had a great summer on the water. The winds could have been a little more robust but the water was warm and the sun was out a lot. It was an AWESOME Summer!!

September saw the 15th Annual Golf Tournament canceled twice due to rainy weather, but we had a fun event in the Pavilion with a BYOE Awards Ceremony where I thought maybe if I attended, I could get a prize since we didn’t play golf – NOT!! ‘September Swing’ was a wonderful event with around 130 members registered and the evening weather was beautiful with an almost full moon surrounded by the planets of Mars and Venice – doesn’t get any better than that.

So, what lies ahead? By the time you read this note we will have completed the Dutch Island Pursuit Race and Mini Cruise. The Club will be getting ready to support the Laser Seidenberg Regatta on 9 -10 October. And Hans’s Oktoberfest with a world famous ‘Oompah Band’ will be held on Saturday October 16th – get ready for a German jump up. I am sure it will be a fantastic event.

Unfortunately, COVID 19 is still on our minds. Your Board has asked the present and past medical professionals, who are presently Club members, to give us some sound recommendations so that the Club membership can follow practices that will lower our risks of infection. After all, it is going to start getting cooler in the months ahead and that means more indoor activities. If you have for some reason not had a COVID Vaccination, please re-consider and get a shot.

The month of October is what New England is all about. Get outside and enjoy the fresh air. Go for a sail, play a round on golf or meet up with family and friends at the Club for a friendly BBQ Cookout. Enjoy Life!

Bob Kern, Commodore

Board Nominations



Dear Members,

Believe it or not, it is that time of year again for presenting the new Board of Governors for next year. The current board voted to accept the new slate at our recent September Board meeting held on 9/13/21. The membership will be able to vote on the proposed new Board for 2022 at our annual Budget meeting which will be held in late November or early December.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or any member of the current Board.

Respectfully,
Bob Shore
Past Commodore/Nominating Committee Chair

Proposed 2022 Board of Governors

Commodore-Neil Bergh
Vice Commodore-Ezra Smith
Rear Commodore-Rex Brewer
Fleet Captain-David Lindquist
Secretary-Rich O'Brien
Treasurer-Ben Rice
Member-At- Large-Agu Suvari
House Committee-Jim Hutchins
Past Commodore-Bob Kern

Sailing Activities & WSA Report



Sailing Activities Report: Lightning Atlantic Coast Championships

WYC provided the race management for the Lightning Atlantic Coast Championships over the July 24-25 weekend. 31 boats competed and treated the WYC team to some excellent viewing by a very experienced fleet.

New members Genko and Leah Genev aboard “Discoteque” served as signal boat captains extraordinaire. Skip Whyte as PRO with Chuck Ebersole, Doug Nannig, Barbara Jackson, Michael and Stephen Fletcher, Pinkie Sweet-Holland, Bob Shore and Tyke Loomis rounded out our team with additional help from Larry Colantuono and friends from Safe Harbor.

We had to wait a while for wind on Saturday but Narragansett Bay finally delivered and two excellent races were run. Sunday was full on with winds gusting into the high 20s and several capsizes. The final race was shortened to limit the carnage. Next up is New England Masters Championship over the October 9-10 weekend.

Wickford Sailing Association Report

The 2021 Summer Season is now in the rear-view mirror and we look back on a summer full of happy parents and kids. Despite staff shortages and early instructor departures all programs ran smoothly with the help of some volunteer heroics. We have already heard from many parents eager to sign up early for next year.

This summer two new programs were added to the WSA course offerings. Beginner Plus and Minnows made their debut in the last weeks of the program and were a huge success. Beginner Plus was a two week program like Beginner and designed to build upon Beginner for kids wanting more than a two week summer program. We started small this year, but the results were impressive. WSA is planning to run Beginner Plus classes throughout the summer next year to accommodate the 2021 Beginner graduates.

The Minnow classes were for kids 5-7.5 and intended as a low key, fun first exposure to sailing in a short 5 day, 2.5 hour per day format. We had many more applicants than we could accommodate and hope to find ways to add sessions next summer.

We did not have an Opti program this year, but our 420 program was fully subscribed and everyone in the class made great strides. Competition was limited to 2 NBYA 420 events and Junior Race Week. (continued on next page)

Wickford Sailing Association



One WSA team showed great promise in the first event and kept getting better by leaps and bounds. Marykate Hanus and Alice Newmeyer went on to a 2nd place finish at the NBYA Junior Race Week in the under 16 division and were 8th overall. Their performance was the best by a WSA team in recent years.

It became clear in the early days of the summer that our Pram fleet needed far more attention than we could provide. The Prams are used for Beginners and tend to take a bit of a beating. Ours are very old. Much of the rigging was in very poor shape and many sails needed replacement. A number of the hulls had leaks that were not evident when they were inspected in the spring. As a result, several of our Prams were out of service all summer. We made do, but we need to be much better in 2022.

We are planning to recondition all of the rigs for the Prams and Optis, replacing most of the rigging and standardizing the gear so that rigs are guaranteed reliable and easily transferrable between boats. We will replace about half of our sails and transfer some of our older Opti sails to the Prams. With reliable rigging and improved sails the Prams will perform MASSIVELY better which will enhance the fun and learning for the kids.

This project is scheduled for November and we are looking for some volunteers to participate in a few work parties. All of the purchasing will be done before November so the task will be mostly removing and replacing old stuff. We plan to do the work in the Junior Room. Special skills not required, but volunteers should be comfortable with drills and small hand tools. We can organize the work parties at the convenience of the volunteers. There will be other work parties dedicated to our power boats.

We are planning some structural repairs as well and have contacted Jibe Tech in Portsmouth, the builder for our Sea Dog fleet, about coming to WYC for a few days in October to do the work on site. When these projects are completed our Pram Fleet will be top notch!

We are also considering adding a few new boats to our fleet to accommodate older and larger Beginners. Our prams are great for kids 120lbs and under but are too small for most of the Beginners over 12 and we had a number of them. We have tested the RS Tera and it looks promising.

All of these projects will come with a cost and WSA is in the early planning phase for a fundraiser. WYC has hosted fundraisers for WSA most years, but we have failed to launch in the Covid era. We are forever grateful for all of the support extended to WSA by WYC and its members. We hope we can earn your support going forward.

Skip Whyte
Sailing Activities Chairman & WSA President

Membership News



Past Commodore, Vinnie Cerbo 2015, delivered the California Yacht Club burgee to Commodore Bob Kern.

Assisting are Maya and James Cerbo, whose parents are members of the CYC.



NEW MEMBERSHIP POSTING



Kim Cavros
Michael Cavros
Family Membership
16'5" Catalina

Sponsors: Rex and Pam Brewer
Bob and Patty Kern

Judith (Judi) Sheehan
Robert (Bob) Sheehan
Family Membership
Sheehanigans 40' Silverton
Sponsors: Vickie and Don Farrell
Kem and Tom Vassallo

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

Membership Opportunities



Gentle reminders

Share your beautiful face with our members. Please send your individual or couples headshot to Kathy Brown to go into the *protected password* Members Area on our web site.



Missing your 2021 WYC Directory book?
It could be in the foyer.



Ukulele plinkers have been contacting Peggy Scully and Mike Kraynak.

There is still time for you to get a lesson or join the group.

Social Updates

Since the last issue of Over The Waves, over 130 members enjoyed a very successful SEPTEMBER SWING. Everyone enjoyed dancing under the light of a full moon and the hor d'oeuvres were delicious! Martha Parks and her committee deserve everyone's thanks.

Invitations have already gone out for our next event, OKTOBERFEST, on October 16. Hans Kresinski, chairman of that committee, has been hard at work already buying supplies, hiring a German band and making sure that the Club's kegerator is working properly!

The Club's ANNUAL MEETING AND AWARDS DINNER is scheduled for November 13. Paula Fahlman and Sarah Browne have graciously offered to chair the committee for that event. Please contact either us, Paula or Sarah if you would like to help with that committee.

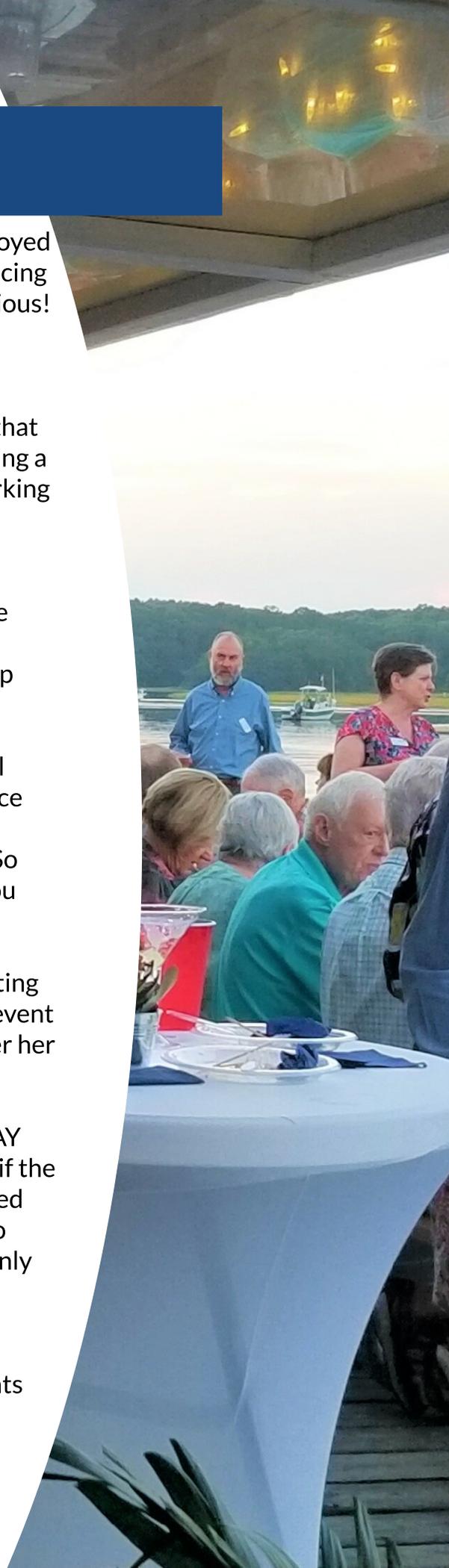
December as the final month in this year's calendar has several events scheduled; two of which still require chairpersons. Bruce and Jill Mulford have offered to chair the HOLIDAY PARTY on December 11, but they need volunteers for their committee. So please contact either Bruce and Jill or us to let us know that you would like to help put on that event.

Likewise, Erin Spear has agreed to co-chair the committee putting on the CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY on December 19. This event will too need volunteers to assist them, so please contact either her or us if you would like to help.

Finally, the NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY and the NEW YEAR'S DAY BRUNCH currently have no chairpersons. We need your help if the Club is going to have these events this year. As the Help Wanted signs say, "no experience necessary"! We will help anyone who volunteers to chair one of these remaining two events to not only plan the event, but also recruit other members to staff their committee.

So please volunteer to chair one of these remaining three events today!

Linda Oliver Hughes and John Hughes
Social Committee.



October Calendar

10/9 & 10/10 *Seidenberg Laser Master's Regatta*

10/11 *Columbus Day; end of the Club's "Summer Season"*

10/16 *Oktoberfest*

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 3	Harbor Parade & Town Fireworks
July 4	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 20 (Fri)	"Lobsta"fest
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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