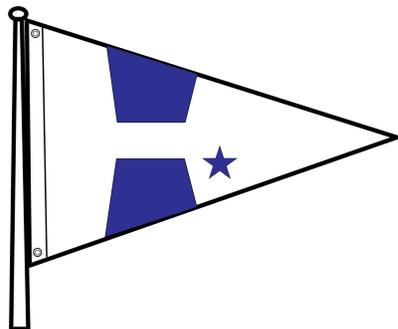
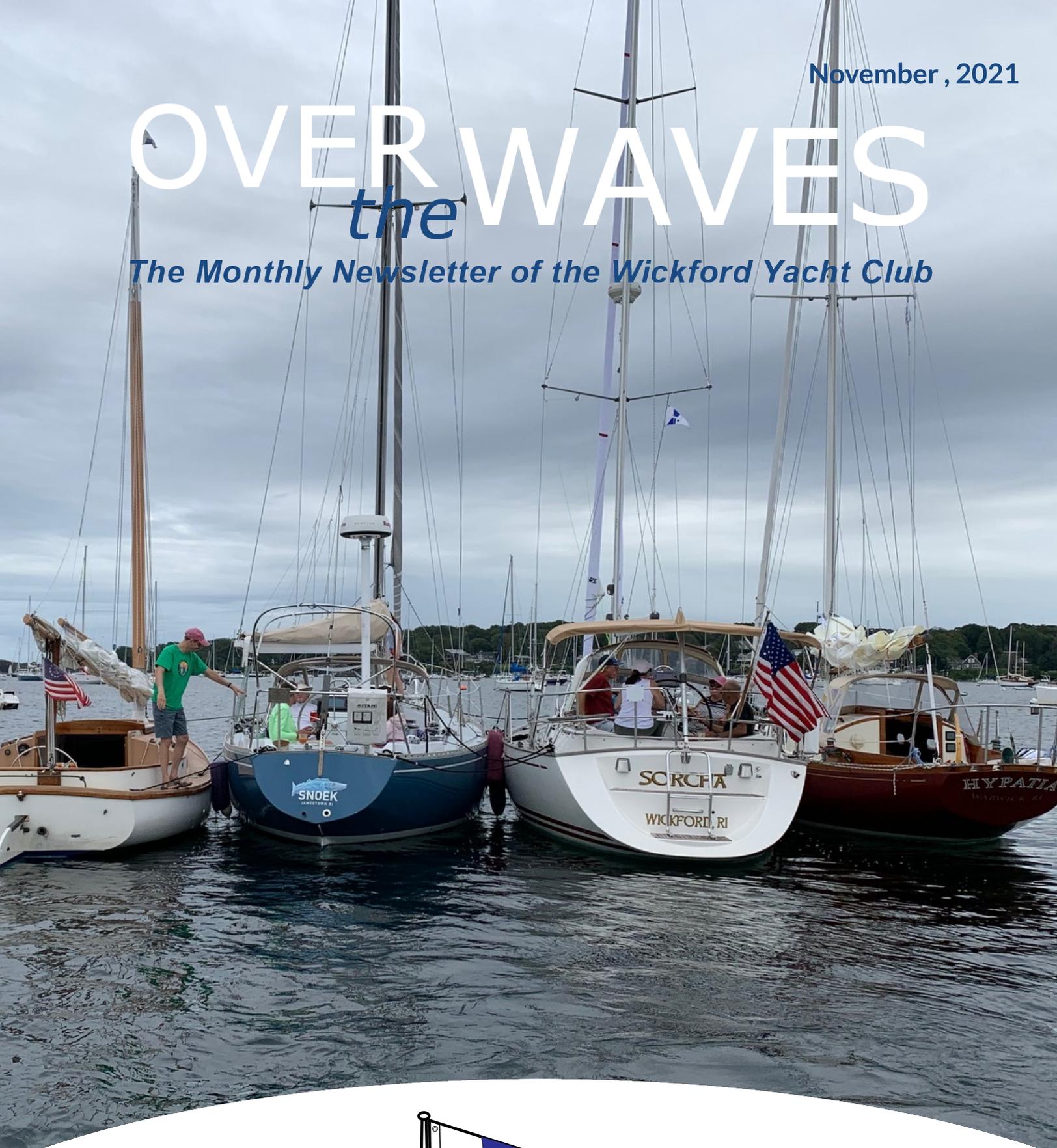


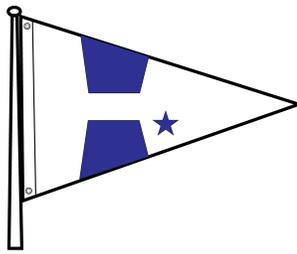
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OVER *the* WAVES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Wickford Yacht Club



Wickford Yacht Club



Commodore's Corner

I am writing to you on the morning after the Oktoberfest event. And yes, my head is a little fuzzy but not so much so that I don't remember what a great time we had last night. The Bavarian food was delicious, the band and dancing were amazing, and the weather was ideal. Credit goes to our Social Committee, John and Linda Hughes, and the event leaders Hans Kresinski and Rosalind Newton. Also, much thanks go to their WYC team that spent several days preparing the food and facility for the event. It was a fabulous time at our Club. Well done - Bravo Zulu!!

We have scheduled the Fall Clean Up and winterization of the Club docks for Saturday, October 30th, at 0830. So please put it on your calendar and get your gloves out and be ready to have a cup of coffee and probably about two hours' worth of effort if enough folks show up to help out. Although it's always sad to put our Club away from a great season, the comradery that occurs at these work parties is always terrific. Our House Chair, "Hutch", will have the task list ready to go when we all show up.

The Board is keeping a close eye on the COVID situation and with the counsel of our trained medical members we will advise the scenario for future indoor events at the Club. The good news is the COVID cases and hospitalizations in the country, and more specifically locally, are trending downward. Please consider getting the booster vaccination if you are in the applicable group.

Finally, I am pleased to state that the WYC is doing very well from a financial point of view. Another calendar entry you should make is our annual Budget Meeting and Board of Governors election for 2022 which is scheduled for Tuesday, November 30th, at 7PM. The Finance Committee is currently wrapping up the proposed budget for next year and we will be publishing it shortly.

Enjoy this fine fall season and I look forward to seeing you at the Club.

Bob Kern, Commodore

Rear Commodore Report



Our final racing event of the season, the Dutch Harbor Pursuit Race and Mini Cruise, took place on September 25th. Despite a grim forecast of no wind and rain showers, 10 intrepid teams set out on the B (short) course with a fair tide, hoping for the best. As it turns out, fortune favored the well, I don't know what we are, but it favored us, with a light but steady following breeze all the way down to the island. Jay and Anne Kolyer in their Marshall 18 Mugsy never looked back after passing Sweet Pea shortly after the start, finishing nearly 13 minutes ahead of the Fletchers on GiJima. After the race many of us rafted up to the club moorings to celebrate one last day on the water with Rex's famous rum punches and some great hours devours, and the odd rain shower or two. The Breder's aboard Hypatia were the only ones to spend the night, so it was truly a mini cruise! Full results were:

1. Mugsy-13:20:28
2. GiJima-13:33:14
3. Papa13:34:00
4. Hypatia-13:35:27
5. Peregrine-13:36:20
6. Snoek13:37:15
7. Joyride- 13:39:20
8. Grimace 13:40
9. Sorcha-no time recorded
10. Sweet Pea-no time recorded

Ezra Smith, Rear Commodore



Fleet Captain's Report



We've had a wonderfully warm fall that has delightfully extended our time on the water. Our fall mini cruise and pursuit race was met with very light air and flat water. Congratulations to Jay Kolyer in MUGSY a Marshall 18 catboat that won the race. Awards and post race fun were done rafted to a WYC mooring in Dutch Harbor.

We are in the usual fall preparation for winter, docks and mooring have been surveyed, and repairs will be made as needed. An updated dinghy assignment/wait list will be published to our web site in the near future.

Our annual drawing of 2 mooring in Wickford harbor were won by Rich & Deb O'Brien, and George & Jeri Levesque. Congratulations! I hope the use of the mooring provides great enjoyment.

Stay warm and hope all your winter preparations go without a hitch.

Kindly,

Rex

Rex Brewer

Fleet Captain WYC 2021



Sailing Activities & WSA Report



New England Laser Masters Championship

WYC hosted the New England Laser Masters Championship over the October 9-10 weekend for a spirited fleet of 31 Laser sailors spanning 5 decades in age. The Laser Masters all race together with their choice of Full or Radial rig and have an age handicap system that spots sailor 1 point per race per decade of age. WYC has been hosting this event for the past 8 years. Peter Seidenberg, a very youthful 83 year old and one of three Laser Master Legends (75 and over) in the US, is the Energizer Bunny of the Laser Masters in the US and a terrific sailor who has won the Laser Masters World Championship in his age category many times. Eight years ago Peter and Barbara Jackson collaborated to bring the Laser Masters to Wickford Yacht Club and the event has been hosted by WYC ever since. The sailors love to coming to Wickford and plan to return as long as we will have them. WYC and the Laser Masters make a great team.

The skies were gray all weekend, but the wind was near perfect with a rare and wonderful easterly wind in the 10-15 knot range. Following 4 races on Saturday there was a burger and dog cookout at WYC with most of the fleet attending. After three more races on Sunday the fleet returned to Cold Spring Beach just in time to pack up their boats and eat some pizza during awards just before the rain came. Great Grand Master Peter Vasella took overall honors ahead of Grand Masters Rob Hallawell and Peter Shope with Apprentice Master Christine Shope top woman in 9th overall. Complete scores can be found at https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/22800#_newsroom+results.

Regatta Chairperson Barbara Jackson assembled a great team of WYC volunteers. Skip Whyte was PRO aboard Larry and Cyndy Hower's MDI Cruiser. Larry and Cyndy are new members and this was their first race management experience. They had a great time, learned a lot, and pledged to do it again sometime soon. Veteran RC members Pinkie Sweet-Holland and Tyke Loomis were great managing flags and finishing. Chuck Ebersole and Pinkie's nephew, Henry Scheinhoff manned Mark Set 2 with Jeff Shapiro on Mark Set 1 with Christophe Massenet on Saturday and Peter Greene on Sunday. Barbara Jackson and Bob Shore did the scoring. Barbara organized all the provisions for RC lunches, the Saturday dinner and Sunday pizza. Martha Parks assisted with lunch spread. Vinnie Cerbo helped out at the beach. It was a superb performance by all.

Wickford Frostbite Season Opens November 7th

The Wickford Frostbiters and chomping at the bit, eager to get the season going. November 7th is the first day of the Fall Season that runs through early January. The Spring Season follows immediately and goes through mid-April. The fleet has grown a lot over the last 2 years due to the success of the "modern Sea Dog" that is far friendlier to the body and can be self-rescued.

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Sea Dog Worlds in Wickford December 4th

The Sea Dog “Worlds” will return to Wickford on December 4th. For those unfamiliar, there is another fleet of Sea Dogs that sails in Sachems Head, CT. Wickford and Sachems Head have been competing annually since the 60’s and feel strongly that the super spirited competition deserves the status of a World Championship. It is always tons of fun. Excellent spectating from the comfort of WYC.

[Wickford Sailing Association](#)

Off Season Projects Underway

WSA has a number of initiatives planned for the off-season period. The power boats have been spruced up and will be winterized shortly. We expect they will be problem free come springtime. The planned reconditioning of the Pram/Opti rigs is underway. A few volunteers are needed for a few hours in early November. Special skills not required, but volunteers should be comfortable with drills and small hand tools.

RS Tera Purchase

WSA has ordered 3 RS Teras from Zim Boats in Bristol. They will give WSA an appropriate platform for young sailors that start a bit later than most beginners and are too big for the Prams or Optis.

Changes in the WSA Board

John Hanus and Matt Bourgeois have been on the WSA board for a number of years. Matt’s daughter left the program 3 years ago and it became time for him to move on. John’s son and daughter are still in the program but expanded professional obligations have force him to step away. Their shoes will be hard to fill, but we are happy to report that Cam Lewis has agreed to join the board. His two daughters started in the program this year and he has been a contributor all year. We are looking for another non-member parent to join the board.

Skip Whyte

Sailing Activities & WSA

Membership News



WYC Lady Golfers (Way Above Par!)

The WYC Lady Golfers ended its formal five-month season on Oct 13 with 18 players teeing off at Kings Crossing and celebrating with lunch and awards afterwards at Sonoma Grill. During the season 24 different ladies played as we rotated among many nine hole courses in the area. It mattered not that all levels of play were observed – we just enjoyed each other’s company, the great outdoors, and always lunch afterwards!



WYC lady golfers, Barbara Dawson, Donna Dufault, Patty Kern, Sue Moore, Martha Parks, Betty Sue Reed, Grace Smith, and Sue Smith, had their annual trip where “*what happens on the Cape, stays on the Cape.*”

But there is this exception: Patty Kern not only had her first birdie, but also a chip in on the first hole at Blue Rock golf course.

David and Ellen’s second great grandchild, Elizabeth (Bizzy) Laird, visited them at their new address.

Note the Abell change in your directory:
186 Jerry Browne Road #6210
Mystic, CT 06355



Cyndy Bennett wrapped up after a very chilly volunteer day at this year’s 2021 Seidenberg Laser Masters Regatta. Blue ensemble complete with a stylish coordinated blanket.



Membership News



**I bid hail !! Aeolus and Poseidon !
And seek your benefaction upon this vessel**

And so this happened on October 18 when newest members Kim & Michael Cavros used bubbly fizz to christen "Poppy".



Final chance for 2021 Name Tag Order:

Need a stocking stuffer, or a tag replacement?

Please e-mail me exactly the way you would like your name (*hyphenated, nickname or alias*) to appear.

The badges come with a heavy-duty magnetic backing, so they won't puncture your clothing. Tags may be conveniently stored on the magnetic board in the WYC coat closet.

If you would like to include your boat name below yours, just add it.

I'll be placing the order on **Monday, November 1, 2021.**

Tags are **\$8.00 each**. I'll let you know when yours comes in.

With appreciation,

Karen, Membership Chair
pkpizz@verizon.net



Membership News



NEW MEMBERSHIP POSTING



Ann Haas

Annie Feeney

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

Boat: "Canvasback" 26' Nordic Tug

Sponsors

Former Commodore Richard Breault

~ ~ ~

Former Commodore Richard Breault

Siobhan O'Bara

~ ~ ~

Nathan Fague

Corey Snelling

INTERMEDIATE

Boat(s) 26' Balboa 21' Cobia 16' Hobie

Sponsors

Anne Cunic

Ezra Smith

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

Meet the New Members



Maryanne Boettjer

I was born and grew up in Norwalk, CT, and then spent 10 years studying at Columbia University and teaching at the Horace Mann School. When my husband, Siegfried, and I got married, we settled in the outskirts of Philadelphia, where I spent the next 42 years. We decided that boating was an interest we would like to pursue together, so we took sailing lessons at the Annapolis Sailing School in 1979 and purchased our first boat--an Essex 26--in the spring of 1980. We kept her (Sigma) on the Bohemia River in the northern Chesapeake Bay.

When our son came along in 1987, we began to think about getting a more seaworthy vessel. We purchased a Bristol 27.7 and moved to a marina in Rock Hall, MD. At that point, we were interested in joining a group that would afford us the opportunity to sail with other people, especially families with children, and we joined the Main Line Sail and Power Squadron. We took many of their boating classes and participated in their weeklong cruise each summer. I am currently their Chairperson for the Vessel Safety Check committee and am charged with shepherding people through the training program as well as handling the data entries for all inspections done by our six inspectors, a job I plan to maintain "long distance."



My current boat is an Island Packet 35 that we purchased in 2001. My husband passed away in 2017. When my son Eric married a young woman from Rhode Island in 2019, I agreed that moving to RI made a great deal of sense for me as well, so I could be near them and my first grandchild, Madeline Brooke Boettjer! I purchased a condo in Cedarhurst last fall, and Voyager came up from the Chesapeake in June. She is now berthed in Safe Harbor Wickford Marina and I will be looking for crew to sail her with me next season!!

I am a snowbird, and spend half of the year in Vero Beach, FL. However, I plan to be an active member of the Wickford Yacht Club when I am in Rhode Island. I have thoroughly enjoyed all of the events I have attended so far and I feel like I am already a part of the wonderful WYC family.

Meet the New Members



Bob & Judi Sheehan

We are **Bob and Judi Sheehan**, owners of the 40' Silverton power boat, **Sheehan'igans**. Bob hails from Jamestown (NKH 1976) and Judi from Smithfield ('79).

After Judi graduated from Syracuse University we moved to Connecticut and raised two children. Now we spend quality time with our two grandchildren (ages 5 and 8) who enjoy boating, kayaking and jet skiing with us.

In Connecticut, Bob worked in the HVAC field as a project manager for a commercial construction company and became owner of the company with Judi in 2005. Judi is an Occupational Therapist and owns another business involving orthotic fittings (braces) for patients with disabilities rendering them unable to move their body/joints.

She conducts on site visits to skilled nursing facilities and private homes with travel throughout CT with her daughter, also an orthotic fitter.

Judi has also served two terms each as President and Vice President of the CT Occupational Therapy Association and has guest lectured at all of the OT and OT Assistant Colleges and Universities in the state.

We are still working and trying to keep up two houses and a boat. In 2017 we purchased a cottage right around the corner from the WYC. We completely renovated the cottage in preparation for our future retirement. It's a lot, but worth every minute!

We're beginning to start business succession planning and house downsizing to extricate ourselves out of our businesses and spend more time in RI over the next few years. We hope that by joining WYC we can further immerse ourselves in the boating community, the club cruise, and take advantage of the friendships and activities offered in such a vibrant club! Thank you for such a warm welcome!

Social Updates

Since the last issue of Over The Waves, Wickford Yacht Club members enjoyed a very successful OKTOBERFEST. Hans Kresinski and Rosalind Newton, chairpersons, along with the members of their committee, not only put in a tremendous amount of work in preparing for the event, put also displayed commendable resilience in dealing with the various restrictions necessitated by the current pandemic. Accordingly, everyone who attended OKTOBERFEST enjoyed themselves immensely while eating delicious Bavarian themed food, drinking German beer and wine while listening and dancing to a wonderful German band. Thanks again to Hans, Rosalind, and their committee! You outdid yourselves and all were thankful that the weather cooperated, we were truly transported to a genuine Oktoberfest!!

The Club's ANNUAL MEETING AND AWARDS DINNER is scheduled for November 13. The Fahlman's and the Browne's are chairs. Planning for this event is "on hold" while we await the recommendation by the Club's medical subcommittee regarding indoor events. That recommendation should be received very shortly, stay tuned!

December as the final month in this year's calendar has several events scheduled; two of which still require chairpersons. Bruce and Jill Mulford are chairing the committee for the HOLIDAY PARTY on December 11. Preliminary planning for the HOLIDAY PARTY has begun, on the assumption that by December, events may be held in the Great Room. Obviously, that assumption is subject to change based on the recommendation of the Club's medical committee. Hoping that it doesn't, Bruce and Jill would be delighted to hear from anyone willing to assist them in planning for the HOLIDAY PARTY.

Likewise, Erin Spear is chairing the committee putting on the CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY on December 19. She too needs volunteers to assist her, so please contact either Erin or us if you would like to help. Again, planning for the CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY is proceeding assuming that by then, events can be held in the Great Room.

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 last two events this year. We will help anyone who volunteers to chair one of these remaining events to not only plan the event, but also recruit other members to staff their committee.

Please volunteer to chair or be on the committee of one of these remaining events today, as always, no prior experience is required.

Remember, we are a working club and need our members to participate in order to be a viable club.

See you at the CLUB!

Linda Oliver Hughes
& John Hughes
Social Chairs



November Calendar

November

11/8 Board of Governors Meeting

11/13 Awards Dinner

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



WYC Board of Governors

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Fleet Captain	Rex Brewer
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