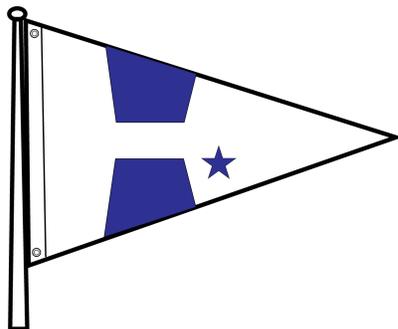


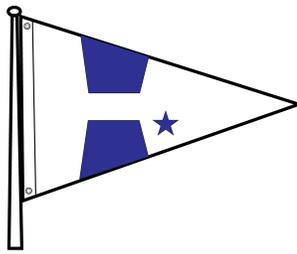
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OVER *the* WAVES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Wickford Yacht Club



Wickford Yacht Club



Commodore's Corner

Greetings!

I am pleased to announce that we will begin the process of lifting the restrictions on indoor group gatherings that was put in place last fall in response to the resurgence in Covid-19 Pandemic. Over the past month we have seen a marked improvement in the COVID-19 indicators. While we are not yet out of the woods the positive trend in the indicators allows us to plan for a return to normal club activities.

Beginning March 1st, small group gatherings, such as book clubs and Mahjong, will be free to enjoy the club's indoor facilities.

As part of the reopening, two social events are being planned.

- On Saturday, March 19th there will be March Madness/ St. Patty's Day Celebration, our first club sponsored event for 2022.
- On Friday, March 25th we will hold our Annual Meeting. This is an opportunity to meet our Flag Officers, members of the Board of Governors, and our club's Committee Chairs, who will brief everyone on the plans for the upcoming year. It will be held in conjunction with our first Friday evening "Wine Down" for 2022.

Details regarding these two events will be provided in separate communications via Constant Contact.

As a condition to reopen our club, anyone participating in a small group indoor gathering, attending a social event indoors, or using the indoor facilities, must be fully vaccinated and, if eligible, boosted. No exceptions. Masks are encouraged as they provide an extra measure of protection whenever people are assembled in close quarters. Proof of vaccination will be required for admission to club sponsored social events and other activities as may be deemed necessary by the Board of Governors.

I want to thank everyone for their patience and perseverance during the past two years. I know it has been difficult. Having the club closed for a second winter has been a burden none of us anticipated. Let's keep our fingers crossed that we will finally be able to put the Pandemic behind us.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. Know that your Board of Governors and Committee Chairs are committed to reopening our club in a safe and expeditious manner.

Looking forward to seeing you around the club.

Neil Bergh

Commodore

Rear Commodore's Report



Dear Members,

We are about to put pencil to sketchpad to start re envisioning the upstairs Members Area-if you have any specifics that you would like for the Committee to consider/include, please contact me either by email at ezrasmith@yahoo.com or by phone at 401-261-0562.

Ezra Smith
Rear Commodore



Fleet Captain's Update



The 2022 WYC Summer Cruise is shaping up nicely. After erudite discussions, careful considerations, and venting of various opinions, the planned port sequence will be:

Sat, Jul 30: Block Island, RI. Beach Party.

Sun, Jul 31: Coecles Harbor, Shelter Island, LI.

Mon, Aug 1: Coecles Harbor, Shelter Is., LI. Commodore's Cocktail Party

Tues, Aug 2: Mystic CT

Wed, Aug 3: Mystic, CT. Summer Cruise Dinner

Thurs Aug 4: Watch Hill, RI. Cocktail party.

Fri, Aug 5: Watch Hill, RI (optional second night)

Sat, Aug 6: Wickford, RI

There should be plenty of opportunity for club members who wish to join by land to meet up along the way.

Kudos are already due to the exceptional Port Captains: Suzanne and John Thoms (Coecles Hbr), Carl Bowen (Mystic), Rex Brewer (Watch Hill). Please contact me if you would like to have input or influence on the Block Island Beach Party.

We will get a formal signup out shortly, but you have to make your own Dockwa reservations. So it's recommended you do that ASAP, and we'll get the WYC list organized meantime.

Dinghy Dock fees are due March 1st, after which the latest updates to the Dinghy Dock list will be posted, and I will be happy to review availability for dock spots going forward.

Standing by for spring,

Your Fleet Captain,

Dave Lindquist



Sailing Activities Report

Frostbite Sailing Dominates a Quiet Month

The Fall Series wrapped up on January 23 with very nice day of sailing with some velocities in the medium range for a change. Neil McDermott won the day and Skip Whyte held on to win the Fall Series.

The Spring Series was supposed to open on January 30th but the blizzard made that impossible. After 3 Sundays in February Brett Nazareth leads the Spring Series.

1	Skip Whyte
2	Daniel Bortuzsky
3	Paul Nannig
4	Peter Greene
5	Ed Adams
6	Brett Nazareth
7	Brad Brown
8	Bob Hicks
9	Ezra Smith
10	Gary Breder

Wickford Regatta 2022 - Volunteers Needed

Wickford Regatta 2022 will be held over the June 11-12 weekend. We hope that most of last year's team will be back again but certainly need more help. WYC always does a great job and the volunteers make it happen. A good time is had by all and there is a great party on Saturday night. Contact Skip Whyte if you are interested

skip@1stplacesailing.com 401-481-2997.



Wickford Sailing Association



Summer Registrations Off to Record Start

WSA opened registration on February 1st for a 4 day exclusive opportunity for returning families. WSA received a whopping 82 registrations! Many classes were already full before registration opened on February 5th to the general public. WSA is clearly achieving one of its primary goals: retaining kids from year to year. At this writing we have 119 registrations and 11 of 21 classes are full with another 5 nearly full.

We still have some room in our Adult Class and hope some WYC members will join.

WSA Fundraiser planned for May 14th

WSA will host a **Sail into Summer – Starlight Gala** on May 14th. This will be WSA's first fundraiser in several years and we are planning to make this one a very special affair. Watch for an announcement from WSA about April 1st.

New Website Launched

WSA's new website went live at the end of January just in time for the opening of registration. The site looks great and has been very well received. WYC members are encouraged to check it out at www.wickfordsailing.org. The site is also reachable via the WSA Sailing Lessons tab on the WYC site.

Staff Hiring Still Challenging

Last year WSA had great difficulty hiring staff and we were shorthanded all season. We are well ahead of last year with 2 new local 1st year instructors coming on board, but experienced instructors continue to be a non-existent commodity in the US. However, we have been successful in attracting a number of very qualified applicants from Argentina and Ireland. We have hired Rodrigo Benvenuto as our head instructor. He brings 4 years of coaching and instructional experience in Argentina and Italy to the mission and is very excited to come to the US. We are hoping to hire one or two additional instructors from the foreign applicant pool but are struggling to find accommodations for them. Given the lack of domestic sailing instructors WSA is facing the likely need to be hiring multiple foreign instructors every year.

We would love to hear from any member who might be willing to put up an instructor for part or all of the 10 week program period.



Social Update



We made it! Finally, we can cautiously reenter the club for social gatherings after 2 winters of quarantine. Our first WYC social event of the year will be a March Madness/St Patrick's Day celebration to be held on March 19. Whether it's celebrating a great Irish holiday, watching the best of college basketball, or simply appreciating a good (green) beer, it's easy to find something for everyone. Thank you to Joe and Carrie Kolb for chairing this event! I will include details in the invite that you will soon see, but before that, I wanted to ping on one particularly important point - proof of vaccination! During this period of transition, all members & guests will be required to produce this proof at the door. You may show your vaccination card, but an even easier way is simply taking a photo of the vaccination card with your phone. Although this proof of vaccination requirement will eventually go away, during this period of transition, it is required. Following this event, we will have the first of the popular Friday Wine Down events on March 25. Coincidentally, the Annual Meeting will be that same evening. Again, more details in the invite.

Our Social Calendar for 2022 is now finalized and will be included in this posting of OTW as well as the back page of the WYC 2022 Directory.

Remember, should you have an input, or wish to help with an event, please feel free to contact me at any time. I will continue to be the point of contact for anything related to WYC event registration, PayPal, or on-line payments. Still looking for volunteers for Commissioning Day event (May 28). Please note that no prior experience is necessary.

Fair Winds, and Following Seas!

Randy Wietman
Social Chair



Membership News



Name Tag Order

This is the best way for all our new members to get to know your name.

\$8.00 payable to Wickford Yacht Club

Anyone who needs a name tag

or wants a back-up set,

E-mail your name

(hyphenated, nickname or alias)

before March 3, 2022

Some folks add their boat name

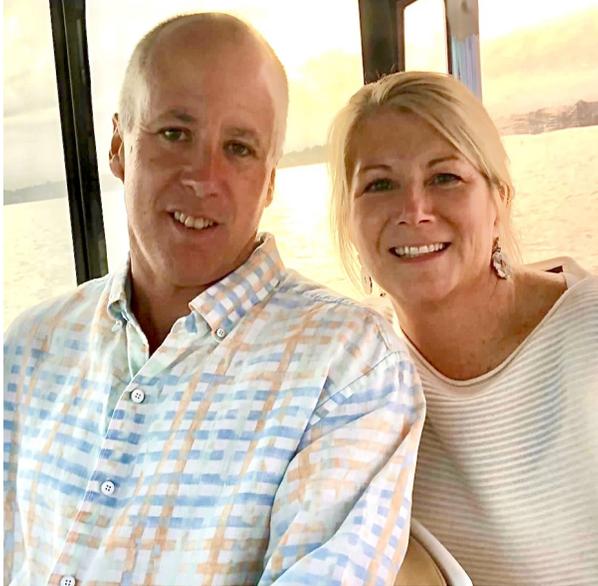
Karen Pizzaruso

Membership

pkpizz@verizon.net



Meet the Members



Meet the Davis Family

Jamie (young 50ish) Kath (even younger 50ish), Sophie (22), Amanda (19). We all grew up sailing and cruising the Elizabethan Islands.

Today we have gone to the dark side and have a powerboat – *Dark N Stormy*. (26 Glacier Bay Catamaran) – yes if you raft up with us, we will have the Bermudian favorite available!!

We keep *Dark N Stormy* at Safe Harbor Wickford and try to spend our weekends out on the water anchored off and around Dutch Island or Bissel Cove. If you see us feel free to stop by. We will have dock lines and fenders ready. Looking forward to catching up with friends and making new ones .

Meet the Members



Meet Dennis and Linda Kamerzel

We moved to Rhode Island from Sanibel, Florida in 1985 when Dennis took a job with the Navy in Newport. We live in South Kingstown and raised our children, Bryan and Kathleen here. They both love to be on or near the water whenever possible. Bryan lives in Charleston, SC where he enjoys boating on his Sea Hunt 22.5 and Kathleen lives in Seattle where she works as a Physical Therapist. We have a CAL 33 sailboat that we have owned for over 20 years and keep in Dutch Harbor in Jamestown. A recent addition is a 21 ft. Sea Hunt center console that we use in SW Florida in the winter months.



Over the years, we have loved sailing with our family in Narragansett Bay and surrounding areas & now look forward to re-exploring the waters of SW Florida.

I taught for over 30 years at Peace Dale School in South Kingstown and am now happily retired with more time to enjoy sailing, reading, traveling, and going to the beach. I grew up on power boats in Ohio and loved to water ski. By the time I was a senior in college at OSU I had fallen in love with the beach and a Florida boy named Dennis, whom I married after college graduation. My first teaching years were in Fort Myers, FL where we spent many hours sailing and enjoying life on Sanibel Island.

Dennis grew up in a boating family and spent time on the water in South Jersey and Chesapeake Bay. After moving to Fort Myers, Florida in his early teens he and his brother taught themselves to sail and soon got exposed to racing. He continued to race in college at FIT in Melbourne, Florida and then participated in many other sailing events around Florida and the great lakes. An oceanographer by degree, he accepted a position in Newport in 1985. For the first few years we didn't have a boat but he was able to race in NBYA and WYC events after meeting Carl Bowen. He still races out of Newport on Tuesday nights in the summer. We eventually got a JY15 that he raced some and more importantly taught our children to sail. When the kids were in their early teens we got the CAL 33 and enjoyed many hours sailing in our area as a family. Dennis is a licensed captain and hopes in retirement to use that a bit more. He presently works as an engineer for Purvis Systems in Middletown and is looking forward to retiring in the near future.

We are very excited about becoming part of the Wickford Yacht Club and participating in a community that shares our love of the water and boating.

Looking forward to a great summer on the water!

2022 Events Calendar

January 01	NY's Day Brunch
February 19	Craft Beer/Wine Festival
March 19	March Madness/ St Patrick's Day
March 25	Annual Meeting/Passing of the Flags
April 23	Commodores Reception
May 14	Sail into Summer – WSA Starlight Gala
May 28	Commissioning Day
June 18	Commodores Ball
July 16	Cheeseburgers in Paradise
August 20	Lobsterfest
September 24	Fall Fling/Cocktails on the Deck
October 22	Oktoberfest
October 30	Halloween Kids Trick-or-Treat
November 12	Annual Meeting & Awards Dinner
December 10	Holiday Party
December 31	New Year's Eve Party



WYC Board of Governors

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Rear Commodore	Rex Brewer
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