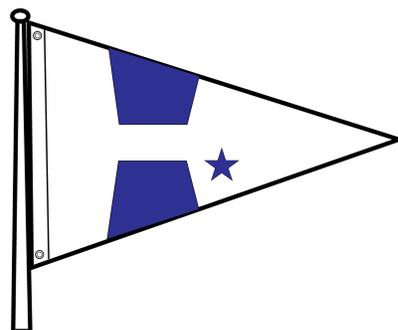


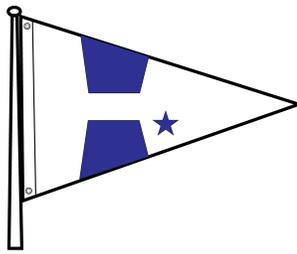
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OVER *the* WAVES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Wickford Yacht Club



Wickford Yacht Club



Commodore's Corner

It's great to see the bustling of activities at the club. Boats are being launched and we look forward to a terrific season.

Many thanks to everyone who assisted with this year's spring cleanup. Joan and I were away on a family commitment and were unable to attend. I do, however, appreciate all the effort made to ready our club for the upcoming season. A special thanks to Chuck Ebersole and Jim Hutchins for organizing the activity.

One other important activity worth noting is the replacement of the piling system on the Work Dock and Dinghy Dock. For those of us unfamiliar with the piling system, it is a series of steel pipes, spaced along the seawall, which keep the docks in place. Two of the steel pilings have recently failed leaving the docks vulnerable to a future storm. More failures are likely, and we are moving with a sense of urgency to complete the replacement. The steel pilings have been in place for 44 years, they have served us well, and it should come as no surprise that their replacement is now due. Funding for the replacement will come from the club's capital reserve fund. There will be no impact on the club's 2022 budget.

Speaking of 44 years, that is exactly the number of years of service that was represented by the 19 Past Commodores who attended this year's Commodores' Reception. We owe them a debt of gratitude for shaping WYC into the great club we enjoy today. It was a wonderful event, well attended, and a fun time for all. Patty and Bob Kern, and Randy Wietman, did a spectacular job pulling the event together.

See you on Commissioning Day!
Neil Bergh - Commodore

*Join the celebration as Wickford Yacht Club honors
Commodore Neil Bergh & his Norwegian heritage.*



2022 Commodore's Event

Saturday, June 18 — 5:30pm

\$65 pp

Enjoy full bar, hors d'oeuvres and buffet
offering traditional Norwegian dishes - lapskus, potato
pancakes, eplekaka - plus other options.

Dance to the music of Pat Cottrell

Members Only Event

Attire: Yacht Club Smart

Past Commodores please wear your blazers.

Neil's great grandfather, Nils Christian Nilson, captained the
clipper ship Thyra, pictured above, which sailed under the flag of Norway.

(All attendees are required to provide proof of COVID vaccination.)

Fleet Captain's Update



The spring season is upon us. Thanks to many volunteer hours, scraped knees, and sore backs, the dinghy docks are newly striped and numbered. We now have wider, but fewer spaces. The spaces are 62" wide. Please factor that in to any future dinghy purchases.

If you had a dinghy dock spot last year, odds are your number has changed, although your physical location is essentially the same.

Please contact me if you feel there are dinghy dock list discrepancies.

We will continue to pursue modifications of the kayak rack with the goal of creating additional spaces.

As was described in a recent email, the club is contemplating the purchase of an electric launch to provide service to moored boats.

While there are logistics and regulations to be addressed, the first question to the membership is whether there is sufficient interest to justify pursuing the concept.

Please email me with your response to the survey recently released: dglindquist@gmail.com

Thank you for everyone's responses thus far. My Inbox overfloweth.



Fleet Captain's Update (cont.)



Spring Cruise, June 4-5:

Destination: Newport Harbor, c/o Ida Lewis Yacht Club.

We will have use of the ILYC facilities, although the bar will be occupied by their New Members' welcome party. Emissaries from ILYC have offered to meet us at the bar of The Black Pearl, where we'll later be having dinner. We'll be paying our own way, but perhaps we challenge ILYC to bowline races.

Old Port Marine can provide launch service to the Newport piers, or those with dinghies can use the public dinghy docks.

Summer Cruise, July 30-Aug 6:

Still on track for a fantastic adventure.

Block Island, Shelter Island, Mystic, Watch Hill, and home.

After Block, we will spend two nights in each harbor, permitting recovery, reconnaissance, and re-provisioning.

Social events include beach party on Block, Commodore's reception in Coecles' Harbor, Cruise Dinner in Mystic, and the ultimate Wine Down in Watch Hill.

We will be finalizing the contracts with hosts/restaurants shortly, so if you plan to join either of these cruises and have not notified me, please do so ASAP.

Many thanks for everyone's hard work and support.

Your Fleet Captain,
Dave Lindquist



Social Update



As of this writing, we've just completed our WYC Spring Clean-Up, in preparation for a full summer schedule of events. The club looks nice and it's great to have the opportunity to fully utilize our new pavilion for many of our summer social activities.

The big event since our last update was a very successful Wickford Sailing Association fundraiser called "Sail into Summer - WSA Starlight Gala." Funds generated from this event will go to support the WSA sailing program. I want to thank the chairs for this event, Greg Grande and Sue McDowell, who truly did a superb job from start to finish, and whose attention to detail was seen in every aspect of the event. It still would not have been possible, however, were it not for a small army of magnificent volunteers who did everything from venue set-up, food service, bartending, auctioneering, item presentation, collection of money, clean-up, etc. A truly impressive effort over a period of many days to make this event the incredible success that it was!

WYC's Newcomers Meet & Greet will be on May 22 for all new members from the class of 2020, 2021, or 2022. This is an informal event meant to answer all your questions, as well as provide an opportunity to meet fellow newcomers, and board and committee members. Hope to see you there! The Commissioning Day event follows on May 28 to officially open the club for the season. Only a few days remaining to sign up if you haven't already. That, in turn, is followed by the more formal Commodore's Event on June 18. Details and invitations for both events have been sent out.

Until further notice, verification of vaccination status still applies to our social events. You may show your vaccination card, or simply show a photo of the vaccination card with your phone.

Remember, if you're looking for an opportunity to volunteer, we still need help with various events. Lastly, if you're looking for something to do on a Friday evening, there is always the weekly Friday "Wine-Down" event. We are now on the upper level above the pavilion. No better way to enjoy the fabulous view of the bay!

Fair Winds, and Following Seas!

Randy Wietman
Social Chair

Wickford Sailing Association



WSA Fundraising Gala

The Sail into Summer Gala on May 14th was a smashing success thanks to the generosity of WYC members and other sponsors who donated items for the Silent and Live Auctions and the many members and friends who attended and bid for the 100+ items. Greg Grande and Sue McDowell are the WSA fundraising chairs and they “hit it out of the park” assembling the team and executing the plan. Grey Sail Brewery in Westerly came aboard as a corporate sponsor with a \$1000 contribution plus several styles of their great craft beers. Skip Whyte and Barbara Jackson donated the wine. Kathy Brown organized all of the donations and provided a massive wealth of institutional memory and effort that made all go smoothly. Sue was inspirational leader and prime producer of the kitchen team that made all of the absolutely awesome food over two days. Everyone was raving about how good it was. Paul Browne reprised his legendary role as auctioneer and raffle master. Skip Whyte took a little too long explaining WSA’s mission and long-term objectives. The crowd was receptive and responded with a final surge of bidding for the silent auction. Social Chairman Randy Wietman helped in many ways, not the least of which was obtaining a temporary replacement refrigerator for the club frig that bit the dust. It was a team effort all the way and everyone had a great time.

The final tally isn’t in yet, but WSA should clear about \$15,000.

Yarrow and Mary Thorne STEM Donation

Yarrow and Mary Thorne have been the prime driving force behind our blended sailing and STEM curriculum. They have made a major financial commitment to furthering the STEM program with a 3 year funding commitment at \$5000 per year. This pledge will transform the program.



Wickford Sailing Association



Coachboats Out of the Parking Lot

WSA wants to thank WYC for allowing us to keep our powerboats in the club lot over the winter. WSA was able to avoid paying storage charges which would have been substantial. Two boats have already been launched and the others have been moved so there are no boats in the lot now. We still have some small projects to complete before the remaining boats are launched and there may be brief periods when one boat at a time may appear in the lot before launching. We are working hard to keep our footprint as small as possible.

Staffing Complete

We are happy to report that staffing is complete for the season. I hope that many of you will have an opportunity to get to know our staff. They are:

Instructors

Rodrigo Benvenuto, Head Instructor from Mar del Plata, Argentina

Caiomhe Sheehan, Beginner and Beginner Plus leader from Cork, Ireland

Molly Coghlin, NKHS grad and UC Santa Barbara Sailing Team skipper

David Berson, NKHS Sailing Team member, soon to be grad and 2021 WSA Junior Instructor

Dmitriy Ovren, Incoming RWU freshman and 2021 WSA instructor from Bonita Springs, Florida

Assistant Instructor

Will Hanney, Rocky Hill student and 2021 Junior Instructor

Junior Instructors

Tim Rapoza, Bishop Hendricken student and 2021 Junior Instructor

Whitman Bressler, NKHS Sailing Team member and 2021 WSA 420 sailor

Brianna Sheahan-Nguyen, NKHS Sailing Team member and 2021 WSA 420 sailor

Jackson Palmer, Foxborough native, summer Wickfordite and continuing WSA 420 sailor

Skip Whyte

President

Wickford Sailing Association



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Trinity Repertory Company
US Sailing Foundation
Viking Tours, Matthew Oakley
West Marine Narragansett
West Passage Brewing
Whalers Brewery
Wickford Catboat Assoc.
Wickford on the Water / JB's On the Water
Wickford Package Store
Win & Kathy Brown



Thank you to our volunteers for the WSA Sail into Summer Starlight Gala

Fundraising Chairs

Auction Team

Greg Grande and Sue McDowell

Kathy Brown, Team leader

Paul Browne, Auctioneer

Win Brown

Tyke Loomis

Julie Cook

Suzanne Thoms

Rachel Lawrence

Kitchen Team

Sue McDowell, Team leader

Danielle Huck

Erin McDowell

Barbara Jackson

WYC Social Chairman

Randy Wietman

Online Registration

Barbara Jackson

Men Friday

Chuck Ebersole

John Prince,

JT Thoms

NKHS Sailing Team

10 Super Team Members plus

Jim Seymour as leader

Bartenders

Scot Jones and Sue Smith (plus
as hosts for visiting volunteers)

Ian and Taylor Crouse

Nancy and Ed Sherman

Members Update



2022 WYC Member Directory Distribution

By Commissioning Day, the 2022 WYC Directory Yearbooks will be available for distribution.

They will be labelled and sorted by Last Name. One per member, which means 2 for Family memberships. The Individual and single Senior members will be 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 starting over the Memorial Day weekend.



Parking Stickers

Ahhh...that new car smell.
Just remember to get a WYC parking sticker to place on the passenger side window.

NEW MEMBERSHIP POSTING

Eric & Melissa Thorkilsen

Main Street, North Kingstown, RI, 02852

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

Sponsors: Sue & Rick Moore and Siobhan O'Bara



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

Meet the Members



Meet Chris and Erin Casey

Chris and I are newly married, in our mid-fifties. (We really enjoyed hosting a cocktail party at WYC the night before our wedding last September – amazing!)

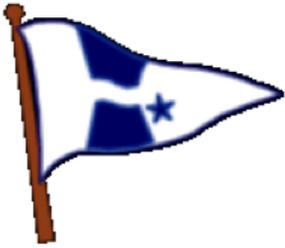
We grew up and currently live in East Greenwich. Both of us have enjoyed boating/sailing throughout our lives. Growing up, Chris spent his summers with family in Matunuk – surfing and boating. (son/stepson of members, Elaine and Richard Lemieux) I enjoyed sailing lessons and Wednesday night races at EGYC as a kid, summers at Bonnet Shores.

Emma (19) is finishing her freshman year at Bryant University. PJ (17) is a hockey and lacrosse player at EGHS, finishing up his junior year. They also love the ocean and enjoy surfing. We also have two young German Shepherds – Bauer and Dakota.

Eyes are focused on a power boat but we are working thru plans for a major kitchen/family renovation on a 300+ year old house and managing college tuitions.

We look forward to meeting you at upcoming WYC activities – happy to join!





Wickford Yacht Club Burgee

The Wickford Yacht Club Burgee can be described as a triangular flag with a white field and blue device. The device consists of two quadrilateral blocks arranged vertically about the center of the flag. A five point star is positioned opposite the lower block of the device towards the pointed flag.

Symbolism

The blue device of the burgee represents the two areas of the outer breakwater of Wickford Harbor. In this connection, the blue star represents the beacon which stands outside the southern breakwater.

The blue device of the burgee also represents the “**ford**” that in the early days of the seaport of Wickford apparently existed. Some authorities claim that this is how the seaport got its name, while others insist that the town is named after Wickford, England. Whichever theory is correct, the symbolism is appropriate.

With Wickford Harbor having several different coves, the device represents the entrance to these coves. For Wickford Cove, the device would represent the town dock and the Wickford Shipyard; for Mill Cove, the device would represent Cornelius Island and the end of Pleasant Street; for Academy Cove, it would be the Brown Street bridge.

Bylaws

ARTICLE XI: SIGNAL CODE AND YACHT ROUTINE The signal code and yacht routine shall conform to that of the New York Yacht Club.

Section 1. The signal of this Club shall be a triangular pennant with a hoist of two-thirds its fly, and bearing argent, in chief a pyramid inverted coupé dark blue and in base a pyramid coupé dark blue, and in base dexter a mullet dark blue. For a more particular description, reference is made to Lloyd's Register.

Section 2. The seal shall be such as the Board of Governors may determine.

Section 3. The arms of the Club are as follows: azure on a fess undy argent in base dexter a mullet azure.*

Section 4. The Secretary shall place on file in the Club records a pictorial representation of the pennant, seal and arms.

* A type of heraldic description of the Wickford Yacht Club Burgee: Azure = Blue Sky, Fess = Band, Undy = Wavy, Argent = Silver/White, Base Dexter = Lower Right Hand Corner (blue on white on the right corner), Mullet = 5 Pointed Star

June Events Calendar

5/28	Club Commissioning Day
6/1 -7/6	Wednesday Night Racing Summer (Solstice series)
6/4 & 5	Spring Mini-cruise
6/11 & 12	Wickford Regatta
6/13	Board of Governors Mtg.
6/18	Commodores' Ball
6/27-8/1	WSA Adult Sailing Instruction (MONDAYS)

Weekly events:

Mondays: 13:00 hr. Mahjong

Thursdays: 10:00 hr. Coffee Hour

Fridays: 18:00 hr. Happy Hour wine down



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

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

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