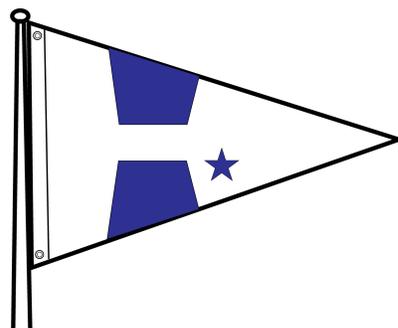


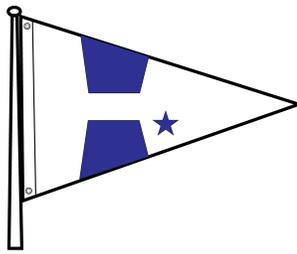
August, 2022

OVER *the* WAVES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Wickford Yacht Club



Wickford Yacht Club



Commodore's Corner

I hope this edition of *Over the Waves* finds everyone having a great summer. The weather has been cooperating. So much so, we have not had a cancellation of any of our Wednesday night races. Let's keep our fingers crossed that the trend continues. The club has been bustling and it is wonderful to see everyone having a good time.

I have received some feedback from members about adherence to our House Rules. Now that we are approaching the halfway mark to the summer season, it is a good time to serve up a reminder of what we can expect from each other when using or club

SECURITY: After 4 pm every member is responsible for ensuring that all doors are locked when they leave the club. These include the sliding doors on the second floor.

PARKING: Parking in the WYC lot is for members only. Cars in the lot may not be locked and keys must be left in the car so that other members can move the car if needed.

DOCKS: Our docks are for use by members only. Horseplay or running on the docks is not allowed. Family members and guests under the age of 12 must wear a flotation device while on the docks. Swimming and fishing are not allowed. It is important to note that the strong current alongside the docks can be deceptively swift during periods of ebb and flood in Wickford Harbor. Parents of young children should be mindful of this hazard and take heed while on the docks with their children.

GUESTS: Guests are welcome at our club and should be viewed as potential members. Members are responsible for making sure that their guests always adhere our House Rules.

Let's pull together in making sure these expectations are honored. By doing so, I'm sure we can agree our club will be a safe and enjoyable place to relax, have fun, and enjoy each other's company.

Be well. Be safe.

Sincerely,

Neil Bergh - Commodore

Fleet Captain's Update



The summer cruise is almost here!

Many thanks to everyone who has been stepping up with last minute planning details, providing experienced insight, and assisting with the sharing of (more accurate) information.

We are looking forward to enjoyable times at Ram's Head Inn in Coecles' Harbor, Latitude 41 in Mystic, CT, and Watch Hill YC, Watch Hill, RI.

If you plan on attending any of these, and have not yet signed up, please do so!

Social director Randy Wietman has sent out registrations via Constant Contact, and can resend upon request.

The Block Island event will be a raft-up. We will coordinate as we converge on New Harbor. Several boats anticipate arriving early, and when their locations are established, we will broadcast them. Keep your cell phone charged, and monitor VHF 78.

Hope everyone is successfully getting their boats to the level of function needed to enjoy them, whether it's on the cruise, or around the Bay!

Your Fleet Captain,
Dave Lindquist



Sailing Activities Report



Sailing Activities Report for OTW

It has been a quiet month on the regatta front. Our next regatta will be the ILCA (aka Laser) New England Masters Championship September 24-25.

Wednesday Night Racing has been running smoothly, but we would like to see more participation from our membership.

Skip Whyte
Sailing Activities Chairman



Wickford Sailing Association



WSA Celebrates a Successful First Half of the Season

The first 4 weeks of the WSA season wrapped up on Friday, July 22. Despite the loss of our intended head instructor to a bicycle accident, Caoimhe Sheehan has stepped into that role and done a terrific job. She is both a great instructor and an excellent mentor for our first year instructors.

There were a few tears on Friday as the kids realized that their WSA summer was over. Parents and kids were both expressing their eagerness to return next summer. It is rewarding for the staff to see how much their efforts are appreciated.

Most classes are full and we are looking forward to an excellent second half of the season.

WSA will be running one of the course circles for the NBYA Junior Race Week which will be sailed from Compass Rose Beach at Quonset August 15-17. For those who can break away during the week there should be some fun action to see right outside of our harbor. Skip Whyte

Skip Whyte
WSA President



Social Update



As of this writing, we've just completed our most recent social event, Cheeseburgers in Paradise. It was our largest event of the year, and for good reason – what's not to love! Great food, great music, beautiful setting, and of course, lots of opportunity for comradery among fellow members, and for those who worked the event as it is very "hands-on" with roughly 60 volunteers involved its planning and execution. It is so nice to see so many members thoroughly enjoying their club, via the many opportunities to attend and engage at the social events offered at WYC.

There are so many to thank, and I'm afraid that I may miss some but here goes, Tom & Ellen Grennan, Sue Smith & Scot Jones, Elise & Christophe Massenet, Will & Marsha King, Neil & Joan Bergh, Kate Church, Joann Hutchins, Barbara & Tom Halavik, Jean & Paul Robinson, Donna DuFault, JoMarie Mccann, Carole Stone, Rob Zimmer, Suzanne Mancini, Ezra Smith, Bruce Dawson, Jeri & George Levesque, Sarah Bliven & Rick Naegle, Chuck Allen, Bob Shore, Rex Brewer, Kathy & Win Brown, Barbara Wipprecht, Cindy Wilson, Candice Cogean, and Mark Callahan, as well as another small army of bartenders. Thank you, all! Lastly, I must point out the rather extraordinary ability that Linda Gustafson brought to this event, in volunteering (again) to chair this event. She is not only superb at juggling all the moving parts of an event of this size, she is absolutely tenacious in her determination to make right. She did, indeed! Yet another event for the record books!

What's next? Lobsterfest on August 20 chaired by Bruce and Barbara Dawson, Fall Fling/Cocktails on the Deck, and Oktoberfest. All wonderful club favorites. I will have much more detail on those events in the coming weeks.

Remember, if interested in helping out on any social event, you may contact me, or the specific chair for any particular event.

Lastly, we still have COVID concerns and so, accordingly, will continue to ask for proof of vaccination. You may show your vaccination card, or simply show a photo of the vaccination card with your phone.

Fair Winds, and Following Seas!

Randy Wietman
Social Chair



Members Update



Vessel Safety Checks

The United States Power Squadrons participates in the Vessel Safety Check Program through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOA) between the organizations involved. The Vessel Safety Check Program is owned by the United States Coast Guard Office of Boating Safety and administered and managed by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

The purpose of a Vessel Safety Check is to ascertain that your vessel meets all Federal and State safety requirements (requirements such as current registration information on board, visual distress signals, personal flotation devices, navigation lights, etc.). You will receive a decal to place on your vessel that will alert authorities that your vessel has met the safety requirements. This will not prevent your vessel from being boarded, but it will indicate that you have made every effort to comply with the safety regulations.

If you do not pass the Vessel Safety Check you can ask to have your boat rechecked after you correct the items that did not meet requirements.

There is **NO CHARGE** for a Vessel Safety Check.
Your information is kept confidential.



Maryanne Boettjer has been a certified examiner for the United States Power Squadron (aka America's Boating Club) since 2002. *"Preparing for an inspection of my own vessel each year makes me check my flares, my fire extinguishers, my navigation lights, etc. (which I should do anyway, but the decal is the added incentive!) Should you wish to have a VSC, I would be happy to perform one on your vessel at a mutually convenient time."*

You can reach Maryanne by email at mboettj@gmail.com or by phone (page 9 in the Directory). If you would like to see the official form used for the inspection, she can email you a copy.

Members Update



The handsome Don Stone (member since 1974) and the dapper Paul Robinson (member since 1990) taking a late afternoon Summer spin around Cornelius.

Sitting in the RED LIGHT district Jean Tamaro and Bill Heagney (1976). Bill was Commodore in 1988
Jean's kids all taught sailing through the WSA



REMINDER:

Pick Up Your 2022 WYC Member Directory

Many 2022 WYC Directory Yearbooks remain unclaimed. If you haven't yet, please pick up yours as soon as possible.

They are 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.

Meet the Members



Meet our newest members, Melissa and Eric Thorkilsen



Having just moved to Wickford in late December 2021, Eric and I feel so lucky to be part of this village and are so happy to have become a part of the Wickford Yacht Club Community. We have been made to feel so welcomed and especially by our sponsors, Sue and Rick Moore and Siobahn O'Bara. A huge thank you to them for opening this door for us.

Eric and I have spent the past 26 years living in New Canaan, Connecticut and raising two boys. Our boys have grown into men (Chris 26 and living in Atlanta, Nick 24, living in Charlotte, NC) and decided like so many others it was time to downsize. Eric had spent his summers growing up on the water in Wakefield at a cottage on Jerry Brown Farm Road. His daughter Erin lives in Wakefield with her husband, Justin, so searching for a house in this area seemed like a good place to start. We had the good fortune to fall in love with our house on 115 Main as soon as it came on the market and make it our own. We've never looked back as we have been so warmly embraced by all of our neighbors and completely charmed by the history of the area.

We both enjoy spending time on the water. Sailing in our Beetle Cat in the summers on Point Judith Pond has been something we look forward to doing every year and will continue to do so until we can find a mooring in Wickford Harbor. Eric hopes to participate in the Cat Boat races when that happens. We have spent many years sailing on our Little Harbor 54 until last fall when we decided to let her go and try the Power Boat world instead. We were fortunate to recently find a Sabre Express 42 which we look forward to cruising in this summer. We have named her Lightkeeper and we will look forward to participating in the cruises organized by the club.

Eric is mostly retired, but he spent many years in the media world most recently at This Old House. Melissa left her job as a Children's Book Buyer and Manager at Elm Street Books in New Canaan, but has recently started a job at Charter Books in Newport working as the Events and Outreach Coordinator. One other member of the family is our eleven year old Wheaten Terrier, Rookie, who enjoys his walks around town and playing with the neighborhood dogs.

Moving to Rhode Island has been one of the best decisions we have made. We will look forward to getting to know the WYC community both on and off the water and participating in the many activities planned in the months ahead.

Events Calendar

7/29- 8/6 Annual Club Cruise

8/1 Commodore's Reception (Cruise) Shelter Island, N.Y.

8/3 Cruise Dinner (Cruise) Mystic, CT.

8/4 Cocktail Party (Cruise) Watch Hill Yacht Club

8/20 Lobster Fest

Weekly events

Monday: 13:00 hr. Mahjong

Monday: 18:00 hr. WSA Adult Sailing Instruction

Wednesday Night Sailing 8/10-8/24

Thursday: 10:00 hr. Coffee Hour

Friday: 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
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House Chair	Jim Hutchins
Past Commodore	Bob Kern

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