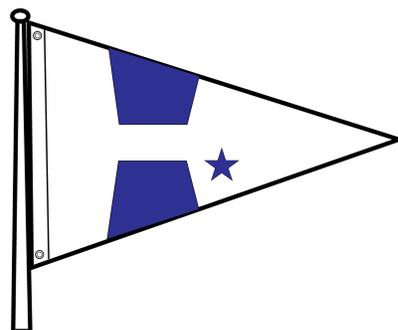
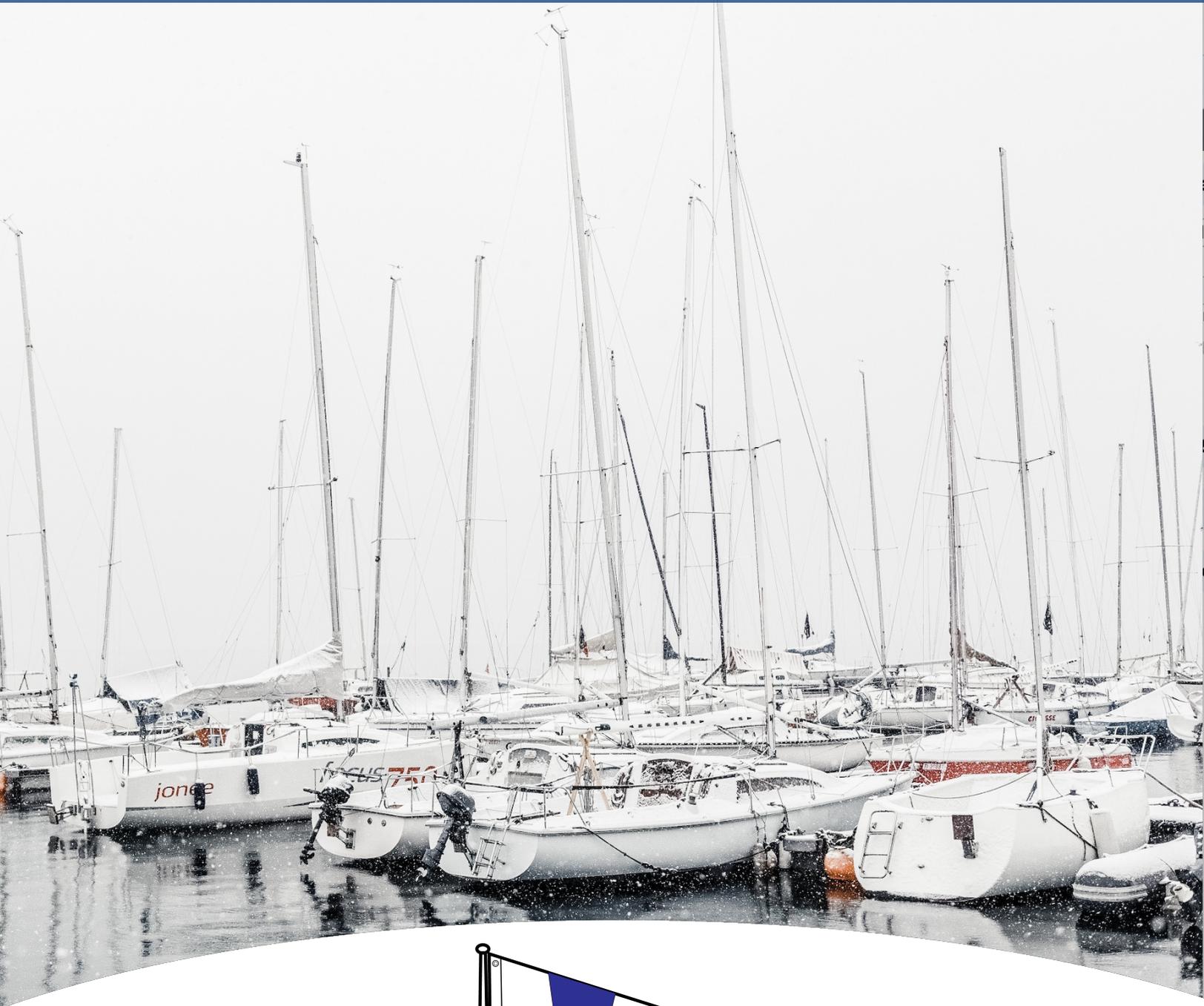


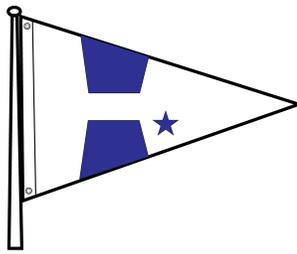
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OVER *the* WAVES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Wickford Yacht Club



Wickford Yacht Club



Commodore's Corner

Hi All,

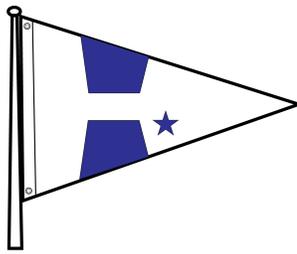
I hope you all had a peaceful and healthy Holiday Season. As we enter the New Year I would like to take a moment to reflect on the year just passed. 2022 saw us able to return to some sense of normalcy after the worst of the Pandemic, with a full social schedule, fantastic cruise, active Jr Sailing program, and lots of activity around the Club. Strong new member numbers, along with solid fiscal planning over the years has allowed us to look to the future, planning and now implementing the revitalization of the Members' Area. The Club is vibrant, a fact that is a true credit to our Membership. We are a member run organization, and it is the work that all of us put in that makes this such a special place. While there really are too many people to mention in this letter, I would like to call out a couple folks for their efforts this past year.

Commodore Bergh steered the ship masterfully, and I look forward to drawing on Neil's advice and experience as I take the helm for the coming year. Bob Kern, our Past Commodore, was always available for advice and provided the experience and continuity that keeps the long term picture in focus.

Karen Pizzaruso continues to be an incredible ambassador, and her tireless work promoting the Club to potential members has had a massive impact on the Club, both in its financial stability as well as in bringing in the next generation of members.

Randy Wietman took on the Social Chairmanship this past year and worked tirelessly with his volunteers to bring the social schedule back to its pre-pandemic levels. I think all would agree that it was fantastic to be back down on Pleasant St, enjoying again the parties that we know and love. Randy has passed the torch for the coming year to Scot Jones and Sue Smith, but plans to stay involved and has some great ideas for the coming year-Thank You Randy for all your hard work!

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Commodore's Corner

Jim Hutchins' hands-on approach as House Chair had the Club looking better than ever. Though he has decided to step down for the coming year, he plans to stay involved, overseeing the Members' Area project and helping incoming House Chair Charlie Costa with special projects. Thank you Jim for your tireless efforts to make our club beautiful!

Peter Fahlman, as he has for somewhere around 25 years, once again spearheaded the budget process. Peter's work over the years has been absolutely critical to the financial health of our Club, and I am indebted to him for his work this past year on the budget and for giving me insight into the financial planning that has kept our Club on such solid ground.

I would also like to thank the Members' Area Planning Committee for their efforts in bringing this project to fruition. Charlie and Donna Costa, Elaine Lemieux, Linda Hughes, Linda Gustafson, Suzanne Thoms, Nate Fague, Gordon Fletcher and Jim Hutchins all contributed their various expertise and ideas to help make the final plan a well thought out space that I believe will serve the Membership well.

Lastly, I want to thank our incoming Vice, Rear and Fleet Flag Officers, Rex, Dave and Becky for raising their hands and volunteering their time and talents to help steer our Club. I am thrilled to have you guys as my team this coming year!

Here's to a great 2023. I look forward to seeing you all around the club and on the water!

Ezra

Sailing Activities Report



Wickford Regatta 2023

Wickford Regatta 2023 will move to a 3-day format with the 505 New England Championship June 2-4. The remainder of the classes will continue with the traditional 2-day format. The 2023 dates are a week earlier than last year to avoid a conflict with the New York Yacht Club Annual Regatta.

The regatta team is coming together but there is plenty of room for new members to get involved. Those interested should contact Skip Whyte at skip@1stplacesailing.com or 401-481-2997.

Next year the Waszp class will return and join the 505s, F18s, I-420s, 29er, Lasers, Finns and maybe the I-Canoes. There is also a chance that our local J22 fleet will make an appearance!



Sea Dog Worlds

The Wickford Frostbite season got underway in early November. The fleet had 4 Sundays of practice in varied conditions to get ready for the Sea Dog Worlds which were at Sachem's Head YC in Guilford, CT this year. WFA sent a squad of 12 boats packed into a UHaul for the big event held on December 10th in ideal frostbite conditions with 10-15 kts of breeze and temps in the high 30s. Jay Mills from Sachem's Head won for the second consecutive year with Neil McDermott and Alex Bowen tied for 2nd 3 points back. Neil was leading going into the last race but got stuck outside a big shift and finished 14th. Wickford Frostbite easily won the team competition which is the combined score of the first 10 boats from each fleet. WFA had 6 of the top ten in the fleet. Complete scores on the next page with WFA sailors in **blue type**.

Sailing Activities Report



Sea Dog Worlds Sachem's Head Dec 10, 2022 Results													
29 Racers													
6 races													
		sail no.	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	totals	place	Tie breaker
Mills	Jay	99	5	2	4	4	11	3			29	1	
McDermott	Neil	34	10	1	2	1	4	14			32	2	more 1st places
Bowen	Alex	91	8	9	3	6	1	5			32	3	
Schutz	Harcourt	25	6	6	13	5	2	4			36	4	
Nanning	Paul	49	9	11	1	8	3	7			39	5	
Whyte	Skip	1	16	3	6	11	5	2			43	6	
North	Taylor	116	3	23	10	2	12	1			51	7	
Borsutzky	Daniel	50	13	8	7	15	9	10			62	8	
Gibbs	Brad	75W	15	5	15	9	7	12			63	9	
Schutz	Ike	13	2	4	12	16	15	16			65	10	2nd place higher best score
Peterson	Whitney	117	7	24	8	10	10	6			65	11	
Wallace	John	10	1	17	5	3	17	27			70	12	
Allen	Chuck	4	4	7	14	13	16	17			71	13	
Nanning	Doug	40	19	12	11	7	14	9			72	14	
Gladstone	Bill	33	20	10	16	19	8	8			81	15	
Brown	Brad	100	17	13	21	12	6	19			88	16	
Keogh	Maria	43	11	15	22	22	18	11			99	17	
Walden	Shane	52	12	16	24	18	13	25			108	18	
Fisher	Dan	27	28	14	9	20	26	18			115	19	
McNiff	Mike	3	14	21	17	21	22	23			118	20	17th higher than 18th
Kolyer	Jay	46	18	27	18	14	20	21			118	21	
Kraus	Albert	2	22	19	23	17	19	24			124	22	
Brown	Joel	55	26	22	20	25	21	15			129	23	
Braccio	John	6	27	18	19	26	23	22			135	24	
Barden	John	75SH	24	20	26	27	27	13			137	25	
Sigman	Geoff	32	23	26	27	23	24	20			143	26	
Brewer	Rex	17	21	25	25	24	25	26			146	27	
Sandmann	Jake	7	25	30	28	28	30	30			171	28	
Sowa	Mike	44	29	30	30	30	30	30			179	29	
Sachem's Head top ten boats points total					756								
Wickford top ten boats points total					620 v								

WSA Report



International Staff Members for 2023

WSA has hired two supremely qualified instructors from Argentina. Rodrigo Benvenuto was our intended head instructor this year, but he was injured in a car/bicycle accident in Argentina only days before his intended departure for Wickford. We are delighted that he is fully mended and will finally make to Wickford in 2023.

Irina Pineyrua has a resume almost as strong as Rodrigo's and she will join our team to mentor our 420 sailors 3 days a week and support our other class the other days.

Both Rodrigo and Irina will need housing for the summer. We may have a solution for Irina but are still looking for Rodrigo. If Anyone willing to help out for all or a portion of the summer, please contact Skip Whyte.

David Berson will be returning in 2023. David was a Junior Instructor in 2021 and an Instructor in 2022. He has always done a great job and we are confident he will only be better next summer. We expect several more members of last summer's staff will also be returning.

Changes in the WSA Board

WSA welcomed several new board members at our annual meeting in November. Kerri Bamford joined the board as treasurer, taking over for Paul Nannig who has devoted many years to WSA in multiple roles including President. Paul will be missed, but we still know where he lives in case we hit any potholes! Mark Bamford has also stepped down from the WSA Board but will continue to assist at tax time. Charlie Wolpensinger has joined the board replacing Mark.

Wickford Sailing Association Board of Governors

Skip Whyte President and Director John Coghlin Secretary
Kerri Bamford Treasurer and Director Doug Nannig Director
Cam Lewis Director Greg Grande Fundraising
Charlie Wolpensinger Director Jeri Levesque Fundraising
Kim Quagan Director Sue McDowell Fundraising
Chris Moore Director

Registration Opens in February

We plan to open registration on February 1st to WYC members and returning WSA families for a 5 day preferential window before opening to the rest of the public on February 6th. Last February we did the same and filled a large percentage of WSA's capacity in those first days.

Social Update



As of this writing, we just finished our WYC Holiday Party. This was a wonderful party, that was also well attended! Rich and Elaine Lemieux hosted this event and, as expected, it turned out to be one of the more memorable events of the year. The team decorated the hall very nicely. The hors d'oeuvres and food stations were by way of our favorite caterer, and with a full bar and festive club members, you have the makings of a great party.

I wish to thank Sue Colby, Bob & Nancy Shore, Donna & Nancy Costa, Erin Casey, Cindy & Larry Hower, Jeff & Julie Cook, Carrie & Joe Kolb, Patty Kern, Deb Moukawsher, Peter & Paula Falhman, Linda & John Hughes, Will & Marsha King, Sue Smith & Scot Jones, and Mike & Jeanne Garr. Of course, a very special thank you to our chairs, Rich & Elaine who, again, did a superb job! It is the leadership of specific event chairs, as well as the help of so many volunteers, that make these events so very special.

As we finish up a busy social calendar for 2022, my tenure as Social Chair comes to a close. It is with a great deal of gratitude that I thank the board and all WYC members for the opportunity to serve you in this manner. I very much enjoyed this past year and look forward to other opportunities within the club. For 2023, the club is indeed very fortunate to have an incredibly capable couple taking over the Social Committee. Please welcome Sue Smith and Scot Jones in their new role as the Social Chairs. They are very engaged in the community in so many ways, and this commitment to a great community logically extends to their passion for the vitality of this club.

Lastly, although we have the basis for a very busy 2023 social calendar already, I know Scot & Sue will continue to solicit your input for new ideas.

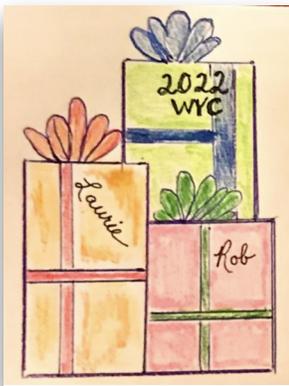
Thank you, again! Fair Winds, and Following Seas!
Randy Wietman, Social Chair



Members Update



With the pending construction at the club impacting the foyer, all remaining directories are now with Kathy Brown. Please reach out to her if you would like to pick up your 2022 directory.



Tucked under the tree in December's OTW were two more of our newest members. In 2023, we look forward to celebrating our 60th year with our founders, legacy families, and those who have joined us over the decades.

Our peripatetic word traveler, Rick Nagele, and his intrepid navigator, Sarah Bliven, have embarked on a ticket, and/or armchair Flâneur site for people who enjoy the journey for what it is – As Rick says, “slow down, take the side roads, and bring a cooler.”

Check out www.WorldFlaneur.com



Our protected password page has great head shots of many of our members. If you haven't sent in your individual or couples photo to Kathy Brown, please put it as #1 on the New Year's Resolution list.

Sponsoring a new member? Application and instructions are on our web page under **Join WYC**.

Meet the Members



Kevin & Debbie Saremi

We have had a home in Poplar Point, Wickford for the last 17 years. It is here we discovered boating. We have a 28 foot SeaRay which we love to drive around Narragansett Bay.

We have two adult children and 2 grandchildren who visit us often. We are hoping to introduce the grandchildren to sailing soon here at WYC.

We are interested in learning more about boating and the local and not so local water. We look forward to meeting and getting to know each of you.



Events Calendar

Upcoming Events

1/9 Board of Governors Mtg.

1/21 Awards Dinner and Passing of the Flags

Weekly events

Monday: 13:00 hr. Mahjong

Thursday: 10:00 hr. Coffee Hour

Friday: 18:00 hr. Happy Hour wine down



WYC Board of Governors

Commodore	Ezra Smith
Vice Commodore	Rex Brewer
Rear Commodore	David Lindquist
Fleet Captain	Becky Allen
Member-at-Large	Agu Suvari
Secretary	Rich O'Brien
Treasurer	Ben Rice
House Chair	Charlie Costa
Past Commodore	Neil Bergh

WYC Committee Chairs

Awards	Anne Cunic
Social	Sue Smith and Scot Jones
Club Rental	Agu Suvari
Communications	Rich O'Brien
Sunshine	Pinkie Sweet-Holland
OTW Editor	Erin Spear
Website	Kyle Wilson
Yearbook	Kathy Brown
Finance	Rex Brewer
Frostbiting	Chuck Allen
Membership	Karen Pizzaruso
NBYA Rep.	Doug Nannig
Nominating	Neil Bergh
Race	David Lindquist
Regatta Activities	Skip Whyte
WSA Grants	Kerri Bamford
Seminars	Yarrow Thorne
WSA	Skip Whyte

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