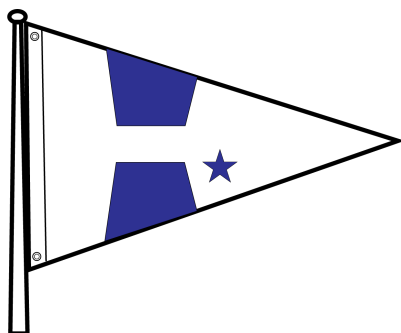


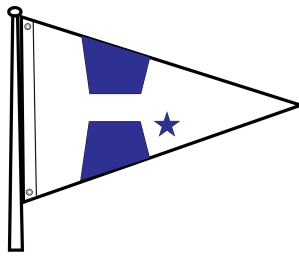
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# OVER *the* WAVES

*The Monthly Newsletter of the Wickford Yacht Club*



Wickford Yacht Club



## Commodore's Corner

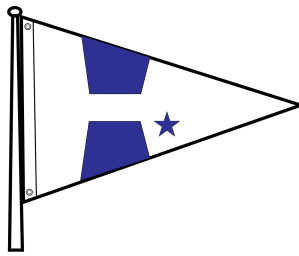
Hi All,

Wow-What a start to the season!

- Flag Raising kicked it off with a great party and I think the biggest fleet parade at least since I have been a member, not to mention flawless flag work by Fleet Captain Suzanne Thoms and her young helpers!
- We followed this up with a very windy Wickford Regatta. Skip, Barbara and the entire team of on the water and on the beach volunteers really showed the depth of experience that our club has built in regatta management, pulling off 3 quality days of sailing in some very trying conditions. Once again we received glowing praise from the competitors, who especially highlighted the friendly, positive energy of all the volunteers. Nice job everyone!
- Hats off (again!) to Fleet Captain Thoms for putting together a fun and successful Spring Mini Cruise to Newport. Ida Lewis YC was a gracious host, and participants enjoyed early season camaraderie and a great dinner at the Mid Town Oyster Bar.
- The Solstice Series is up and running, with quality racing for our fleets. If you ever wanted to try your hand at racing, contact Rear Commodore Dave Lindquist or simply come by the club around 5:15 on Wednesday nights (wear boat shoes!), there will most likely be a boat that would be happy to have you along!
- I personally want to say **Thank You** to the Commodores Clambake committee for putting together such a special evening. Tracy, the girls and I had an absolutely fantastic time. The food, music, decorations, and especially the company, were terrific!!

Up next on the calendar us the Wickford Catboat Association. They are having their annual Rendezvous and dinner on July 8, followed by Bastille Day on the Deck on the 14 and Burgers in Paradise on the 22nd.

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## Commodore's Corner

On another note-Please be sure to consider your fellow members when you park in the lot. As we all know, parking space is extremely limited, and we all need to do our part to utilize it in the most efficient way we can.

- **When you arrive, please be sure to pull all the way in**-either to the north along the bulkhead/ramp or to the east to the dinghy racks. That way others can fill in behind you.
- **Please leave your keys in the car.** The only way we are able to make this all work is if others are able to move your car so that they can get out, or you are able to move their cars so you can get out.
- **Do not park in front of the dumpster enclosure.** It is absolutely critical that we keep a wide enough path at the entrance to allow for emergency vehicles to enter.

It is important that these rules are followed not just during events but always-if cars are parked willy-nilly in the middle of the lot during the day it makes it hard for others to use the lot. If you are uncomfortable getting parked in, or don't like the idea of others moving your car, parking on Pleasant St is your best option.

See you down on Pleasant St!

Ezra

# Members Update



## WYC at Figawi

Yarrow Thorne and Chuck Allen won Class 1 at Figawi aboard Outlier, a Botin 55 owned by Harvey Jones from Palm Beach, FL. Sailing the 24 mile course in 3 hours.

Gordon and Steven Fletcher won Class 2 in dominant fashion, aboard their JPK 45, Take Two, sailing a great race.



## Brewer Family Celebration

In this family, there are were so many hugely significant celebrations, that they crossed multiple bridges to get them all in.



## O'Brien Family Wedding

Rich and Deb O'Brien's daughter, Meghan... a beautiful June bride.

# Members Update



## Commodore Smith featured in *Newport this Week*

By Newport This Week Staff | on June 22, 2023

By John Burnham

*Raised in Tiverton and now living in Wickford, Ezra Smith is chief designer at Newport Yacht Builders, based at Safe Harbor Newport Shipyard with an offsite build facility in the North End. After working for Ted Hood and Ted Fontaine and running his own architectural and marine design business in Newport, Smith partnered with Jim Thompson and Ashley Reville to do major refits and new custom builds, using a proprietary design and build process. Interiors or bare hulls are laser scanned, components designed in 3D, CNC (computer) cut, and custom fabricated to a high degree of precision before onboard installation. Newport Yacht Builders' latest project is a custom Mussel Ridge 46 tuna fishing boat.*



### **Why did you decide on yacht design as a career?**

I started drawing boats when I was about 5 or 6. I have been boat-crazy my entire life, but it was after getting my design degree at Rhode Island School of Design and landing a job with Fontaine Design Group in Portsmouth that I realized that I might actually be able to pursue my passion as a career.

[\*\*READ THE ENTIRE INTERVIEW HERE\*\*](#)

# Members Update



## NEW MEMBERSHIP POSTING



Sandrine **Amiel** and Tomas **Wiemer** *Family Membership*  
Sponsors: Christophe & Elise Massenet and Rob Zimmer

Chip **Buckley** and Anita **Buckley** *Family Membership*  
Sponsors: Carl & Kathleen Bowen and Peter & Maureen Galster  
Boat: *Alibi* 54' Riviera

Kenneth **Prignano** and Carmel **Absi** *Family Membership*  
Sponsors: Carl & Kathleen Bowen and Charles & Donna Costa  
Boat: *Puffin* 27' mini-tug Tusker (UK)

Any WYC Member wishing to comment may contact the 2023 Board of Governors

### Parking Sticker

Front window,  
passenger side,  
lower corner.

Need one?  
Contact Karen, Membership



WYC member,

**Boettjer**, is a certified examiner for the United States Power Squadron (aka America's Boating Club) since 2002. At a mutually convenient time she'll check your flares, fire extinguishers, navigation lights, etc.

**Maryanne**

Contact Maryanne by email or by phone (page 9 in the Directory). She can email you a copy the official form used for the inspection.

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



Addendum information, (emails, phone and addresses) for our newest joining members are sent out in Broadcast emails.

Look for: Barbara Maher; Pat and Michael Morgan; Cynthia and Paul Waxman

# Mary Grace's

## DIARY

### WYC FIRST CRUISE OUT OF THE BAY

The Wickford Yacht Club's first "out of the Bay" cruise left Wickford early on a Friday morning in mid-June 1973. The three boat flotilla was made up of Al Henry's Pearson 30 "Wanderjar" with Al and Bob Ferry aboard; John and Mary DiMartino on their Cheoy Lee 26 "Alle Del Mare"; and Barbara and Bruce Dawson sailing on their Morgan 22, "PUFF"(with a 6hp outboard assist). Destination: Cuttyhunk Island, 28 miles away.

After an uneventful "crossing", the boats arrived at Cuttyhunk Harbor in mid-afternoon and set anchor in a three-boat raft. At that time, the only moorings in the harbor were resident moorings in the northern section of the pond as well as pilings adjacent to the docks. Following a pleasant night's sleep and a less than hardy breakfast, the crews set off to explore our newly discovered "Treasure" island.

Cuttyhunk's location between Vineyard Sound and Buzzards Bay was an ideal location for an early warning site for German ships and submarines. Remnants of the embattlements still stand today. The island today is a convenient stopover for boats heading from the mainland to Martha's Vineyard. Moorings inside and outside the harbor were an important improvement to the stopover. In the early years, the afternoon entertainment was watching people try to set an anchor and then having to fend off boats that dragged in the middle of the night.

The island is serviced by a ferry that runs several times a day from New Bedford. Departures were celebrated with youngsters diving off the ferry dock pilings, a tradition that continues today. Years ago, "Stormin Norman" Gringrass flew a seaplane to Cuttyhunk from the mainland and landed in the anchorage area. Departures and arrivals were enjoyed by the youngsters who would chase Norman in their dinghies as he was landing or taking off.

Cuttyhunk became the first stop for WYC cruises, with a party on the channel beach. A fire pit was created by scavenging driftwood from the shore. Everyone brought their own food from a simple hot dog dinner and roasted marshmallows to a lobster feast! Meals and drinks in those days were always "do it yourself." Entertainment was provided by Jim Latimer and John Wilson playing guitar. They always sang "American Pie", or as John's father called the song, "Chevy on the Levy and Dead Skunk in the Middle of the Road."

We never could have expected that three boats (the largest just 30 feet) venturing out of the bay without benefit of modern electronic devices would become the start of such a wonderful WYC cruise tradition. Come back with your guitar, John Wilson, and lead us in "Dead Skunk" again.

# Events Calendar

## Upcoming Events

7/10 Board of Governors' Mtg.

7/12 WYC Ukelele Group Mtg.

7/14 Bastille Day on the Deck

7/22 Burgers In Paradise

7/26 WYC Ukelele Group Mtg.

7/29 Annual Summer Cruise (7/29-8/4)

## **Weekly Events**

Monday: 13:00 hr. Mahjong

Wednesday Night Races- Solstice Series: 5/31-7/5

Thursday: 10:00 hr. Coffee Hour

Friday: 18:00 hr. Happy Hour wine down





# WYC Board of Governors

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