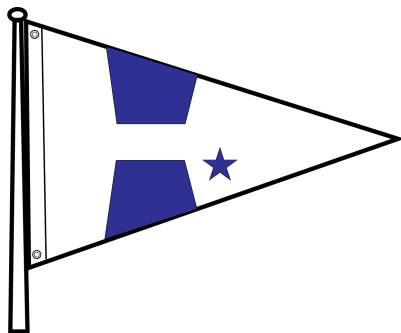


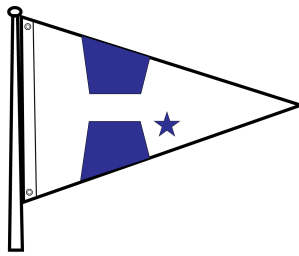
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OVER *the* WAVES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Wickford Yacht Club



Wickford Yacht Club



Commodore's Corner

Hi All,

As I write this on a rainy late September Saturday I can't help but reflect a bit on what a great season we had, (even if the weather didn't really cooperate for the first half!). Great sailing, great parties, memorable times with family and friends. I want to thank you all for your part in making my summer as Commodore of our Club a truly enjoyable and memorable experience.

To me the Cruise really distills what made it so special: Sailing (obviously!). Camaraderie-which to me is not just having cocktails together, but also working together to solve problems, figuring out tide schedules and lending a hand if a fellow cruiser needs help. Simple impromptu meet ups in a town or in someone's cockpit for lunch were the conversation can get beyond the idle small talk. And of course family-the passages and the "off" evenings where Tracy the girls and I would have dinner on board followed by board games and an early bed time.

Boating, camaraderie, family. To me that is really what the club is about.

Looking ahead, Rex and the Finance Committee are making good progress on the 2024 Budget, and the Nominating Committee is putting together the Slate of Officers. The annual Budget Meeting will be in late November, and I want to remind you all of how important it is that you vote-whether by proxy or in person. More details on all of this will be forthcoming after the October Board meeting.

See you down on Pleasant St!

Ezra

Rear Commodore's Update



The closing act of the 2023 WYC summer racing season was the Pursuit Race. And what a race. Departing in reverse order of anticipated speed, based on their PHRF rating (thank you, Bob Shore), were:

- **Sweet Pea(Capt: Pinkie Sweet-Holland)**
- **Peregrine(Capt: Rex Brewer)**
- **Encore(Capt: Dan Dyer)**
- **Chili Pepper(Capt:Cam Lewis)**
- **Bambino(Capt: Dave Lindquist)**
- **Simplicity(Capt: Richard Lemieux)**
- **Take Two(Capt: Gordon Fletcher)**

The course was shortened due to predicted light winds, and finished back at the breakwater. Despite the forecast, gusts to 20 were common. Sweet Pea was practically around the first mark by the time Take Two had her sails hoisted. Nonetheless, Capt. Fletcher's stellar crew made short work of the course. Gordon Fletcher's son captured searing action photos of hair-raising battles of priority at the marks. Despite some down-to-the-wire maneuvering by Capt. Brewer and the valiant crew of Peregrine, creating heart-stopping vortices with that barn door rudder, Take Two took top honors for the day.

While the above description is mostly accurate, what was clear was that finishing the race back at Wickford Harbor permitted a relaxed post-race gathering for all involved. It may be worth looking at re-establishing this tradition in upcoming years.

Many thanks to all who participated, making the afternoon a relaxed and fun event. And thank goodness for that afternoon sea breeze!

Your Rear Commodore,
Dave Lindquist



Fleet Captain's Report



LAST CALL FOR WYC Fall Mini-Cruise SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 BRISTOL HARBOR OVERNIGHT – 5:00 pm

MEET UP AT AIDAN'S PUB BE SURE TO BRING YOUR DINGHY! - NO LAUNCH AVAILABLE.

Here are the informative links:

<https://aidanspub.com>

<https://www.bristolri.gov/departments/harbor>

<https://www.bristolri.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Bristol-Harbor-Transient-Mooring-Map.pdf>

Mooring and Dock Reservations on Dockwa.com Bristol Marina and Maritime Center – Mooring and dock availability -request proximity to Rockwell Park, put WYC Mini-Cruise in comments, dinghy needed for moorings.

Please contact Suzanne Thoms to confirm participation or with any questions.

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Thank you and we looking to seeing you!

Suzanne Thoms

Sailing Activities Report



New England Masters Championship was a Soggy Success

We thought we had used up our bad weather luck after the Wickford Regatta last June when it blew 30 with temps in the 40s, but tropical storm Ophelia served up plenty of nasty weather for the New England Masters. After flirting with cancelling the event for a few hours on Friday we decided on “Business as Usual” and nearly all of the 55 pre-registered sailors showed up Saturday morning. This year’s event drew competitors from all over the country including Hawaii, Florida Texas and even a Canadian. There were a cluster of big ILCA events scheduled in the New England region over a short time span which motivated sailors to commit to the logistics of moving their boats long distances.

The first event was the Atlantic Coast Championship in Hyannis which was cancelled by Hurricane Ian. The sailors were hungry for some action at the New England Masters!



Fortunately, the 20 -30 knot forecast proved inaccurate and racing began on schedule at noon with about 15 kts of breeze and no rain, but it was building. There were plenty of capsizes. At the end of the first race we had about 18kts and some of the sailors headed to the beach. The second race was a bit “sportier” with gusts in the 20s. There were many more capsizes and several sailors needed assistance from our WYC safety team. There was a bit more attrition and the rain started.

With the wind forecast to keep building and two good races in the books further racing was abandoned and the fleet headed for the beach. It was still early so everyone had to wait a bit for the party to begin, but the wait was worth it. Chuck Ebersole had button up the Pavilion and the atmosphere was toasty.

Friends from many decades of sailing together told sea stories filled with lies. (The stories always get better with age.) A great time was had by all.

Sailing Activities Report



Sunday was supposed to be nicer but it didn't really work out that way. The wind was a little lighter but the drizzle and rain was making it hard to get motivated. The fleet had thinned a little after day 1 but 40 ILCAs made it to the starting line as the visibility dropped as fog added to the rain. The marks were invisible from the starting line but the fleet managed to find them anyway. Three races were sailed with extremely tight finishes. Peter Shope was the overall winner with many other winners in the various ILCA Masters categories. Complete scores can be found [here](#). The Masters were gushing with their thanks and appreciation to Wickford Yacht Club for running the New England Masters for the 9th straight year and giving them an opportunity to test themselves in the challenging conditions

We had a great team for this event and they did a fantastic job in very tough conditions. Larry Hower and Cyndy Bennett were our hosts on the Signal boat and "Mosey" was a perfect platform. Tyke Loomis, Jeri Levesque and PRO Skip Whyte rounded out the signal boat team. Cam Lewis and Charlie Wolpensinger were aboard Mark Set 2, Paul Sollitto, Ted Green and Bryson Hall were aboard Mark Set/Safety 3. Gordon and Sharon Fletcher were Mark Set 1 on Saturday with Randy Wietman and Daniel Borsutzky on Sunday.

Barbara Jackson and Bob Shore scored the event. Barbara Jackson was everywhere: beach, scoring, dinner. Assisting with all matters at WYC were Peter and Clare Northrup, Bill and Mary Lou Greene and Karen Pizzarusso. Barbara Maher helped out at the beach. We had a great team.

Seminar Recap

WYC ushered in the Autumn '23 with a captivating seminar led by Mike Tamarro about his meticulous restoration of Ruckle, his 1970 Cheoy Lee Offshore 40', from bare bones and to a glorious sailing vessel. Mike's slide show demonstrated the seemingly unfathomable design challenges that he conquered with his can-do attitude, persistence, advice from local shipwrights, a zillion You Tube videos, and innate genius. Proud Mom, Jean Tamarro and Bill Heagney beamed as they reflected the thousands of hours Mike invested in this project.



On October 24th, the Seminar Series will focus on Cam and Lena Lewis family's experience with the war in Ukraine. They will share a story about an unfinished journey that bridges a war torn European nation with the peaceful Village of Wickford.

Questions: Contact Jeri Levesque (jalsails@aol.com) or Winnie Hagen (winniehagen@gmail.com).



Mike Tamarro's restoration of his classic sailboat was a Master Class in the basic physics of applied force $p=F/A$ (so many clamps) ingenuity, skill, craftsmanship and perseverance.



The seminar crowd was gobsmacked impressed as slides whizzed through the transformation.



The Bravo Zulu included Runkle's appearance on the WYC dock.

Golf Tournament Recap



16 th Annual WYC Golf Tournament is Way Above Par

On a beautiful sunny day nine foursomes competed in the 16 th Annual coed golf tournament at Jamestown Golf Club. The competition was very even thanks to the pairings created by Bruce and Barbara Dawson.

Four teams tied for 1 st place and the tie was broken by “matching cards”. One team had more birdies than the three others. The team of John Smith, Richard Fernie, Jean Robinson and Jenny Bourgeois are the 2023 champions. Congratulations!

The individual winners were: Ladies Longest Drive; Barbara Dawson Mens' Longest Drive: Kyle Wilson Ladies Closest to the Pin: Grace Smith Mens' Closest to the Pin: Rick Moore Everyone raved about the event at the cookout and “prize” giving ceremonies held at WYC afterwards.



Members Update



Meet the Members

Meet Susan Harriman

Born and raised in Providence, Susan is happy to be back in RI where she intends to become a full-time resident soon. In the meantime, she is fully enjoying summers on Narragansett Bay.

Susan has spent the last 40 years or so living and working in California, as an attorney for the law firm of Kecker, Van Nest & Peters, where she is now the firm's General Counsel.

She is the immediate past president of the American College of Trial Lawyers and likes to stay active in the communities in which she lives.

Susan was the chair of the San Francisco Ethics Commission and chair of the Sausalito Parks & Recreation commission and looks forward to finding similar challenging volunteer assignments in and around Wickford.

But she is equally happy, and *honestly happier*, swimming or kayaking in Narragansett Bay and playing with her dog in her backyard on Pleasant Street. She looks forward to meeting the members of WYC and introducing them to her many siblings who frequently visit her in Wickford.



Members Update



Meet Susan Keller

I'm excited and honored to be a member of the Wickford Yacht Club.

The place and people have been so welcoming. Upon moving to Wickford in 2018, a few of my neighbors, past and present members, suggested I join. As a person who loves to be on or near the water and enjoys meeting new people, I thought it was a great idea.

Unfortunately, COVID delayed my plans for a few years, but once the world opened up again, I made it a priority to become a member.

Growing up, I always enjoyed sailing and boating on lakes in the Midwest. These childhood memories sparked my desire to own my own boat.

Coincidentally, my neighbor took me to an event at the club, where I met a fellow member who in turn helped me find my boat, a Boston Whaler. At every chance I get, I sail around the harbor, or to Newport, and enjoy the ocean with my son, daughter, and black lab, Willow, who loves the water almost as much as I do.



In my spare time, I like to garden, travel, ride my bike, or do anything that keeps me active. I also like to give back to the community by working with startup companies and women owned business. A few of the organizations I am involved with are the Advisory Board of the Center for Women & Enterprise (CWE) and StyleWeek, Providence. In addition, I am a facilitator for the Providence and Boston chapters of the Women's Presidents' Organization (WPO). Lastly, I am the co-founder of the Women's Association of Venture & Equity, a national networking organization for women in private equity and venture capital.

Aside from my volunteer work, my professional life consists of running my own company that helps companies grow their business. My team and I provide on-site, senior level talent and experience. I truly love meeting and working with entrepreneurial people on a daily basis.

Living so close to the Yacht Club. I hope to be at events often and I look forward to meeting each and every member!

Members Update



Meet Sandrine Amiel and Tomas Wiemer

We are happy to be joining the Wickford Yacht Club as new members. After calling New Jersey home for many years, we recently moved to this area; although we share our time between here and the Catskills mountains, in Hunter NY.

Sandrine grew up in France close to Bordeaux's notorious wine country, however, Tomas' background includes a few more turns. Despite being educated in French schools, his German parents raised him between Argentina and the Ivory Coast. We each eventually settled in the US, where we've called home for over 25 years. Together we have 6 boys, our own Brady Bunch, along with 2 granddaughters, and 1 more on the way in December. Everyone lives in the US across Texas, New Jersey, and Washington DC.



Sandrine had a long sales career in the food industry and now works for a Spanish sea food company. She's never lived in area with so much fresh seafood and is being tested more than ever! In her private time, she loves to cook and test new recipes with the help of a cooking assistant robot named "Thermomix". Sandrine also enjoys gardening, looking out for new small trees, bushes, flowers and chasing the crabgrass! Tomas' job is to move stones and dig the holes for all of Sandrine's new additions.

Tomas has been in the corporate world for over 35 years and specializes in Procurement global leadership transformation programs with suppliers. He has been spent his last four years with Juniper Networks.

We both grew up close to the water and have always been around boats, with both our families owning power boats and sail boats. Back in the early 1980's, Tomas's uncle even did a sailing world tour from Germany to Africa, where he passed the Cap Horn during winter without any electronics! On a much smaller scale, Tomas recently passed his power boat license in Wickford and joined the captain rental club with Wickford Boat Rentals. He's excited to sharpen his newfound skills in the bay.

We are very happy to now be part of the WYC, and look forward to getting to know everyone.

Members Update



Meet Barbara Maher

Hi, I'm Barbara Maher. I moved to Wickford 4 years ago, and I love the town, the proximity to the water, and of course the yacht club. When I first moved here, I was invited to WYC's New Year's Eve party. The members were welcoming, and the party was fun! I wanted to join.



I learned to sail in southern California at summer camp. We sailed small Sabots around Balboa and Lido Isle. I also sailed a Sunfish on Lake Geneva in Wisconsin during many summer vacations. When my family moved to Connecticut, we joined Noroton Yacht Club. My father sailed a Tempest, and my brother raced a 420. My sailing should have continued, but it came to a halt as I focused on school, my career, and then my family. It's been a while, but I have recently challenged myself to sail again. I'm beginning with a new Laser or ILCA boat.

Some fun facts- I was married to an Olympic swimmer for a while. I have 3 grown children who are married and live out of state. I also have 3 lovely grandchildren. Although I like staying home, my favorite trip was to Saint-Cast-le-Gildo in France. It's a quaint town on the sea with adorable shops, cafes, and great wine. I still enjoy my career, but when my sailing improves, I'll consider retiring!

Members Update



Flashback 60's cocktail nibbles:



Three of the *many* woman whomadehistory at the WYC, and now contribute as the club's historians. Betsy Steinman , Tyke Loomis, Cynthia Carpenter



Photo boards made by Barbara Dawson:

Members Update



Double Take!

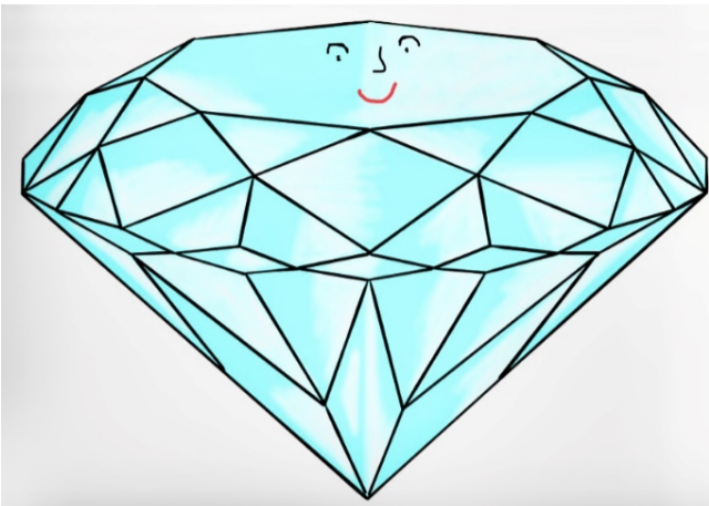
Randy Wietman's daughters were married within 6 months of each other.

Amelia on 3/31/2023 to Daniel Gardiner at the Athenaeum Library in Boston..Amelia has been employed as a Critical Care Nurse in the ICU at the Boston VA. She is now in school to be a CRNA (anesthesiology).



Erin on 9/9/2023 to Austin Randall in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Asheville NC. They live in Charlotte NC. Erin is an architect with Pursley Dixon Architecture.

Randy's proud look says it all.



If you haven't already, please send Kathy Brown your head-shot to be included in our **Members Only** Page as we celebrate WYC's 60th Diamond year.

WYC Parking Stickers are essential.

Contact Membership.



Social Update

OMG...What a month ...

Lobstah-fest ... with legendary support from Bruce and Barbara Dawson, brought a crowd home after Labor day. Shared apps at tables under the pavilion created a heart-warming friendly story-sharing buzz before dinner. In short order, it was such fun having the “long-serving” team backing the newbies at the boiling pots, keeping lobstahs and corn moving warm to the tables. It was a great sign that folks lingered into the night catching up on the Summer and making plans for Fall activities. Thank you for those who dug in to help: Jean and Paul Robinson, Jocelyn Metivier and Eugene Wante, Cam Lewis, Rob and Laurie Zimmer and Suzanne Mancinni, in particular, along with a long list of helping hands.

One week later, it was all about Cocktails at 60 celebrating the Club. There was a raw bar by Capt Steve to celebrate the heritage of the building as Wickford Oyster with local oysters and littlenecks. There were no bowls but plenty of pitchers of Manhattans and Sours to reminisce about 60 years as a Club.

True to the spirit of the Club, we ignored the threat of a storm and were rewarded with a spectacular September sunset as a backdrop to cocktails, conversation, and contests.

Ezra Smith, current Commodore, and Bruce Dawson, earliest serving Commodore (not oldest), thanked Past Commodores for their dedication and service. We all had a laugh at the stories by Tyke Loomis, who grew up at the Club, Cynthia Carpenter, one of the earliest members, and Barbara Dawson. Betsy Steinman was recognized as the most senior current member – all 60 years!

Thank you to all those who volunteered, particularly Paula Fahlman, Sarah Browne, and Cynthia Carpenter, John & Kyle Wilson for bringing forward the rich history of the Club in stories and pictures. Greg Grande and Sue McDowell were super supportive Co-Hosts. We had an awesome assortment of apps representing those dishes we grew up with entertaining. Remember Spaghetti – o’s and Velveeta cheese? I had flash-backs tasting the onion soup dip with rippled chips! So many good memories on a tray.

Stay sharp for a Club-wide survey next month to get feedback on Social and general club questions.

Guess what ... Next month is Oktober... Mark your calendar for Oktober Fest Friday October 20.



Events Calendar

Upcoming Events

10/10 Board of Governors' Mtg.

10/20 Oktoberfest

10/22 Witches of Wickford Rally

10/28 Fall Work Party

10/29 Halloween Trick or Treat (Town Dock)

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

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