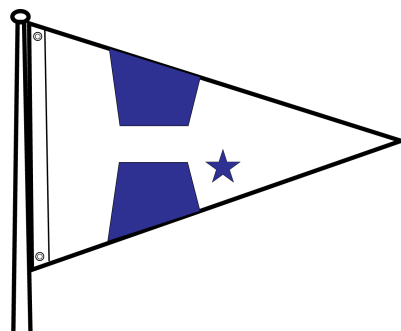


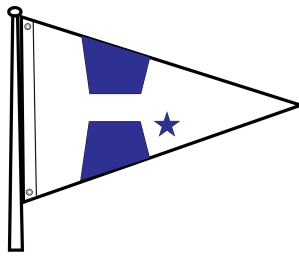
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OVER *the* WAVES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Wickford Yacht Club



Wickford Yacht Club



Commodore's Corner

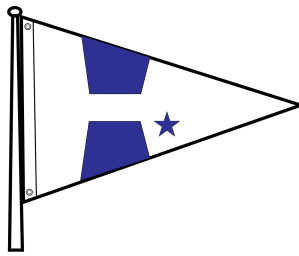
Hi All,

Your Board has been busy this past month with a number of important issues for the Club. Hopefully without stealing the thunder of any of the other Flags, I wanted to give a quick overview of what we have been up to.

·The Budget. The Finance Committee has been working hard to crunch the numbers to develop the 2024 Budget. A big thank you to VC Rex Brewer for guiding the process and Ben Rice for keeping an accurate accounting of the Club's books throughout the year! A huge thank you goes to Peter Fahlman and Jay Collier as well. As many of you may know, Peter has managed the budget for the Club for around 25 years. What you may not know is that over that time, Peter has developed an incredibly detailed and thorough spreadsheet to manage the process. Peter and his work are a big reason why the Club is on such solid financial footings. While Peter officially stepped down from his role developing the budget last year, he agreed to get Jay, his replacement up to speed. They have worked tirelessly to put together this year's budget, by all accounts, the Club is in very capable hands with Jay taking over moving forward. Thank you Peter for all you have done, and thank you Jay for taking up the mantle of keeping our Club financially strong.

·After a lot of discussion and research, the Board (again led by VC Rex), has authorized the Treasurer to open a Fidelity investment account, and we have begun transferring Club funds from our checking accounts into it. While keeping our funds extremely liquid, we are able to earn over 5% on the Club's money, whereas we earned basically nothing before in the checking accounts. All investments are lowest risk Government T bills and such, and early withdrawal fees are nominal (we are also keeping a healthy balance in our checking account for day to day transactions). This way all of the capital that we have put away in the dock and dredging sinking fund and Capital fund will be working for us, earning money, until the day we need it.

·We are planning some major work to the Dinghy docks. Fleet Captain Suzanne Thoms met with Mike Miller, who has worked on our floats in the past, to assess the condition of the dinghy docks. He had some recommendations for replacement, and VC Rex, House Chair Charlie Costa and Chuck Ebersole pulled some decking boards to have a look at the underlying structure. Based on their findings we will be coming up with a plan-likely a lot of re-decking and maybe some hardware replacement, and possibly replacement of at least one float. The re-decking work will take place this fall, so if you are done with your dinghy for the season, please plan to move it off the dock at your earliest convenience.



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·During Mike Miller's visit, he expressed concern about the condition of the seawall, noting that it looked like there was some undermining at the NW corner. He recommended hiring a diver to have a look. Our plan is to hire a professional engineer and a diver to do an assessment of both the patio and seawall, with the goal of determining the present condition as a baseline moving forward, as well as a potential timeline and scope for repair. We have received quotes from both the diver and engineer, and are including the cost to undertake this important study in the 2024 budget.

·Slate of Officers. Thank you to Past Commodore Neil Bergh for assembling the 2024 Slate of Officers. This year Neil put out a call to the Membership for people interested in joining the board, which we have not done in the past. We had a number of people raise their hand, or suggest someone, which was very helpful both in making the choice this year, but also because it creates a "bench" of folks that we know have interest in serving, but maybe aren't ready for whatever reason to do so this year.

As a final note, the 2024 Budget Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 16th, where we will be voting on the 2024 Budget and the 2024 Slate of Officers. Please be sure to vote either in person or by proxy.

See you on Pleasant St!

Ezra

Vice Commodore's Report



If you read the Commodore's article you know what has been keeping us busy. Whew!!

Hope we are all enjoying the last nice days on the water and preparing for winter. The first Frostbite sailing is the afternoon of Sunday November 5th. If you have the gear to stay warm come out and borrow a Seadog!

Please do not leave any dinghies or Seadogs on the east end (spots 1-10) of the dinghy dock as it will be resurfaced during a work party on Saturday Nov 4th. Join the work party if you can make it.

Our calendar is full of great social events, they are all fun and run by volunteers. Don't hesitate to contact the social chairs and volunteer to help set up, serve, tend bar, or clean up. It's a great way to feel connected and get to know other members.

Although we have cleaners come in regularly, the person that cleans up or picks up between cleanings is likely another member, so please endeavor to always leave the club the way you'd like to find it.

Sincerely, Rex

Rex Brewer
Vice Commodore
mobile: 401 261-7974



Rear Commodore's Update



Racing continues this month, but now it's more about getting in a last few good days on the water before the weather closes in. Below are the hard fought, hard won results of the 2023 summer racing series. Kudos to all the captains who raced, getting their boats and crews in shape for the season, and making it an exciting season for all.

Again, tremendous thanks to the Race Committee, the PRO's, and all who showed up each week to produce the races, adjudicate the scoring, and support the process every step of the way.

Solstice Series Results- Final Results

Spinnaker 1

1-Triple Play

2-Impish

3-Joy Ride

Spinnaker 2

1- Triple Threat

Cruising

1- Flying High

2- Papa

3- Storm Petrel

Congratulations to all!

Your Rear Commodore,

Dave Lindquist

Dog Days Series Final Results

Spinnaker 1

1-Triple Play

2-Impish

3-Spray

Spinnaker 2

1-Triple Threat

2-Storm Petrol

3-Dragon King

Cruising

1-Flying High

2-Rogue

3-Chili Pepper



Fleet Captain's Report



As we prepare for our end of season repairs and hauling, I'd like to take a moment to thank you for making this a special year! We have had a great season cruising at WYC!

Our fall cruise was such fun! We had 14 boats initially signed up for the cruise. Due to weather, we wound up with seven boats sailing to Bristol. It was a rainy sail/ drive over, yet there were no dampened spirits to be found. Aidan's welcomed us warmly, land and sea cruisers alike. We were a happy group of 30. A pint of Guinness and a hearty meal served us all well. It was a quiet night in Bristol Harbor with the wind coming out of the East, swinging to the Northeast in the morning for a lovely run home to Wickford, a great way to wrap up the season!

Sitting on the dock of the bay: After meeting with Mike Miller of OSM Marine, Jay Kolyer and I happily learned that most of our docks have some life left in them. Thanks to knowledge and leadership from Chuck Ebersole, Charlie Costa, and Rex Brewer, we will be re-decking two of the docks this fall. M Dock, the dock that the ramp extends to from the parking lot near the grills, will be the only replacement this winter. Work will begin on the dinghy docks on November 4th, 10:00 a.m. If you have woodworking skills, we would love your help!

All dinghies must be removed from the docks before the first weekend of November, as our frostbiting season begins on Sunday, Nov. 5.

Regarding our sea wall, as Commodore Smith has stated, a concern was raised while examining the docks and assessing dredging needs by Mike Miller, who has recently built docks and dredged for WYC. His concern was the visible loss of material below the northwest corner of the great room and porch outside of that room. Commodore Smith and Gordon Fletcher met with the engineering firm who had most recently evaluated the sea wall for the pavilion project. Neil Bergh and I, reached out to those who ran the club and projects fortifying the sea wall and structure after the damage sustained from Hurricane Sandy - consulting all of their research, notes and information from that time. We have learned it is time for an engineering study to see how our sea wall is faring now.

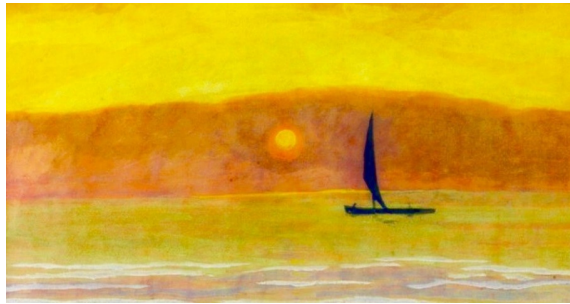
There is a consensus amongst the Board of Governors and former commodores from that period, that this is an important and necessary step. We cannot allow our sea wall to fail. One can look to other local yacht clubs who have found themselves dealing with years of permitting, and big money, due to sea wall failures.

Thanks again for a wonderful sailing season with WYC!

Suzanne



Members Update



Crossing the Bar

Alan James Jacobsen died peacefully October 13th , 2023 in Stuart Florida with his wife Pamela of 61 years by his side. He was born to Elmer and Adele Jacobsen on July 6, 1936 in New York City. His aunt and uncle, Florence and John Bradshaw, fostered his love of classical music and supported him graduating from St. Louis University in 1956.

Alan met his wife Pamela Morgan Dunlap in Norfolk, Virginia. In Pensacola, Florida, he trained as a Naval carrier pilot, logging hundreds of aircraft carrier landings. Alan raised his family in North Kingstown, Rhode Island, enjoying many days sailing from the Wickford Yacht Club with longtime friends. He joined the Yacht Club in 1975.

As a Pan American pilot, Alan traveled to dozens of countries and was based in Berlin, Germany for several years. Later in life, Alan and Pam moved to Stuart, Florida where Alan enjoyed many Saturday lunches at Frank 'n Stein.

He is survived by his wife, Pamela Dunlap Jacobsen; three children, Karen (Drew) Brent, Chris (Tracy Ramos) Jacobsen, and Eric (Elaine) Jacobsen; and five grandchildren, Alex, Emily, Amy, Julia, and Alan.

Al will have a military funeral in Pensacola Florida at some time in the future. Cards may be sent to Pam at 309 NE Golfview Circle, Stuart, FL 34996.



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What Al's Obituary Didn't say..... according to his friends.

Pan Am was only one phase of Al's flying career....

At one point he flew plane loads of dairy cows to South Korea on Korean Air.

At another stage of his flying career Al shuttled Sheik Ahmad Zaki Yamani, who was Saudi Arabian and minister of OPEC, to places around the world.

While piloting a commercial cargo plane, the engine failed and Al had to crash land. He suffered multiple injuries and was in a full body cast for months. Leg injuries caused him to become shorter and bow legged!

After his flying ended, Al traveled far and wide in his RV, usually camping on a seaside military base. The RV was destroyed in a hurricane while in storage.

Sailing was also his passion. His first sailboat was a \$100 Snark made of polystyrene and claimed to be unsinkable. He replaced it with a 17-foot day sailor so he could safely sail to Cuttyhunk.

His favorite meal aboard – Spam

His favorite boat repair item – duct tape

Al loved to read, watch WWII films and play Cribbage.

He loved everything German – the beer, bratwurst, and the WYC Oktoberfest where he wore his leather Lederhosen.

Then there was FRANK N' STEIN's in Jenson Beach. Every Saturday it was always two Beck's, a Brat, a Sausage, bag of chips and a Nutty Buddy. The establishment knew him so well when they saw him drive up, his order was ready by the time he walked in. NEVER CHANGED!

The stories are endless – just ask anyone who knew him!

Members Update



Retro Social Media

WYC's Buy/ Sell/ Offer/ Bulletin Board in the pavilion is papered with opportunities.
Check it out.



And our official **Members Only** Facebook page:

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WYC member, **Jeff Shapiro**, the originator of the *Witches of Wickford Paddle*, started this as an additional add to his 28 years of fund-raising for the North Kingstown Food Pantry. For us, Jeff opens his home to visiting Regatta sailors and volunteers as an active committee member.

But wait...there's more. Jeff also sponsors the Wickford Harbor Lights, and the Histwick House Tours. You'd think he'd be sporting wings instead of horns.

This piece on John is well worth the read:

<https://www.historynet.com/john-bradley-interview/>

Happy 100th Birthday, John Bradley



Members Update



Rescheduled Seminar Event 2023

From Ukraine to Wickford and Back Again

Thursday, December 7, 2023 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM EDT

You are invited to hear Cam and `lena `lewis Share their Family's compelling Ukraine Story in a symposium-style seminar. Be inspired by the courage of one family caught in this terrible invasion.

See you there! Register now for this free seminar with light snacks:

Sign Up Now!



Events Calendar

Upcoming Events

- 11/3 Stairlift Presentation
- 11/11 Wine pairing event
- 11/13 Board of Governor's Meeting
- 11/16 Annual Club Meeting

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	Suzanne Thoms
Member-at-Large	Agu Suvari
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House Chair	Charlie Costa
Past Commodore	Neil Bergh

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