

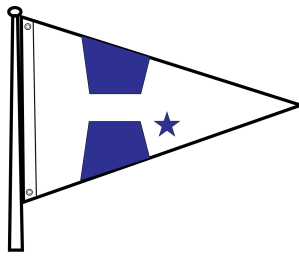


April 2024

OVER *the* WAVES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Wickford Yacht Club





Commodore's Corner

Hi All,

It is starting to feel like Spring! The high school sailors are out on the water, the frost biters are planning an end of season party, the sailing school is preparing in earnest, some of our snow bird members have been seen at the club, and I'm having that "I really need to start thinking about working on the boat" feeling again!

Our busy off season social calendar, planning for the season, the cruise, racing, and all the volunteer work that keeps us going is moving right along. You likely have received a letter with your 2024 Membership Card. Your card is your proof that you are a Member in Good Standing and will allow you reciprocity at many other clubs. If you didn't get yours yet please let me know.

For those of you thinking about volunteering, there is still time. Letting social committee leaders Scot and Sue know of your interest to help/volunteer will give you the opportunity to meet many members and make lasting friendships. We are a club that relies on our volunteers. The spirit and vitality of our club depends on it. Watch Over the Waves for the great bios on our new members. Note too, that the number of children coming on board is increasing. That is great for our club. Finding the right activities that allow them to feel they are part of our club is important. Parents express interest to me so we can again employ a teenaged member to keep kids entertained at the club during events that don't have kid friendly theme's. After all, kids and cocktail parties usually don't go together well for anyone, but let's include everyone! :)

I am excited for our rapidly approaching season and seeing each and every one of you down at our club. The Commodore's reception is Saturday April 20th, come! We are a great bunch of friends and there are memories to be made!

Sincerely, Rex

Vice Commodore's Update



Right, so spring training is in full swing. I was down in Clearwater, Florida last week. Sadly, it was not to watch any professional baseball teams limber up, nor to lie on the Gulf Coast beaches, but to brush up on the use of ultrasound in the emergency department.

Yet it was not all dark rooms and LED screens. There was a venerable community sailing center next to my hotel, and I managed to get out for a long morning's sail before the wind faded in the midday heat. Seeing the pelicans diving and the dolphins porpoising was therapeutic, helping me to forget I was surrounded by hi-rise buildings.

I was inescapably reminded of how beautiful a sailing and boating venue we live next to. The bare trees and empty harbors of pre-season have an austere serenity, and beckon on these milder days. (Yes, Frostbiters, you already know this.) The empty stretches on the Bay invite contemplation of long sojourns. Even the windless days suggest hours of peaceful paddling. As I proofread this, I can tell I am getting a little landsick, despite my brief fix last week. It's about time to break out the drysuit, and get to kayaking, paddle boarding, and rowing. Before long, the weather will be warm enough for bottom painting, and then the wonderful dilemma of sail or prep boat will ensue.

Your newly formed Building Committee is gathering to lay out a strategy in concert with the Finance Committee for immediate and long term maintenance and repairs. This arrangement should provide for a forward thinking and proactive approach to keep our club sound and safe. As more details emerge, the membership will be updated in these pages.

To Commodore Brewer's comments I will add my own expression of appreciation to Erin Spears, who has been the producer behind OTW for so many years. Many thanks, Erin, for all of your time and effort, your patience, and for establishing a standard we will endeavor to maintain. We wish you all the best.

Your Vice Commodore,

Dave Lindquist



Rear Commodore's Report

Happy Spring All!

Plans for Wednesday Night Racing at WYC are progressing well! I had a wonderful talk with Doug Nannig, our Race Committee Chairperson. Thank you, Doug, for your years of service to the WYC racing community! Your knowledge and willingness to help are very much appreciated!

We have a call for help for three dates for our summer racing series. We need a committee boat; July 3rd, July 24th, and August 14th. Please send me a text, email, or give me a call. If anyone wishes to be a backup for any other race dates (see dates below), it would be terrific to have that help in place too. We are looking for mark boats for both race series. If anyone is interested in volunteering for this opportunity, please reach out to me.

We will have the one and only Race Committee Meeting on Wednesday, May 22nd at 4:30, one week before the Summer Solstice series starts. If you are on the race committee, would like to be on the race committee, or are race committee curious, please make a point to be there! Please let me know if you have a big conflict with the 22nd and would like to be on the race committee, we will see what we can do to help.

For all the early planners out there, the Wednesday night racing dates are as follows:

Summer Solstice Series – start 6:15pm

May 29 – Captain's Meeting 4:00
June 5
June 12
June 19
June 26
July 3

Dog Days Series – start 6:00pm

July 10 – Captain's Meeting 4:00
July 17
July 24
August 7
August 14
August 21

We will have sign-ups for the series via Regatta Network soon. Please keep an eye out.

My best to all for a terrific Spring,
Suzanne Thoms
WYC Rear Commodore
suzythoms@gmail.com
(401) 932-3306

Fleet Captain's Report



Winter only lasts forever in the Game of Thrones. Hello, Aries, the first Zodiac sign that embodies energy and action as the ram reminds us to be patient as our hemisphere slowly tips closer toward the sun's warmth.

Time to do an inventory of the boating equipment we stuffed away when decommissioning, pitch worn out items and start checking sales for items you need to replace. It's time to part with the nice marine stuff you don't use any more and donate it to WSA's Starlight Gala.

Plans for the upcoming cruises are proceeding, with 26 boats registered for the summer cruise. Our port captains have gathered information and planned events for each of the ports of call; Cuttyhunk, Randy Wietman, (7/27); Quissett, Mike Tamarro (7/28), Red Brook; Cruise Cocktail Party, John & Linda Oliver Hughes, (7/29-30); Padanaram (John Thoms (moorings), Sue Smith & Scot Jones (Cruise Dinner), 7/31-8/1, and Aquidneck 3rd Beach, Ben Rice & Betsy Moody (8/1).

As we move toward spring commissioning, please review the updated Dinghy Storage Policy and Space Storage Roster

(<https://www.wickfordyc.com/members-area/>). It is very important that all crafts (dock, in-water, and rack) bear an ID sticker this year and comply with the dock size limitations. I'll be reaching out with stickers in May.

We have a few of kayaks with no identification left on the racks over the winter. We have new space holders not sure what do with the kayaks in their space. Please retrieve yours if you've declined the space ASAP so others can take advantage of Aries' energy and take advantage of early spring weather.

Best,

Jeri

Jeri Levesque, Fleet Captain

Sailing Activities Report



Wickford Regatta.

Things are shaping up nicely for the June 8 th & 9 the Wickford Regatta.

We have our beach permits from the Town and the USCG permits are in the pipeline. We have begun to talk with the classes about their expectation around participation, and we even have our first registrant!

We will be meeting with the various team Captains soon – Venue, Race Office, Alpha, Bravo, Accommodations and Shoreside Support/Hospitality. If you are a veteran worker, please let your Captain know if you will be returning. We will post a list of openings by category as soon as we get the list of vacancies. Just want to volunteer – send BJ an email at Barb@JacksonWhyte.com



Can't volunteer but have room on your couch for a guest? Let Pinkie know at pinkiesweetholland@gmail.com and she'll connect you with a sailor.

See you on the Beach!



Members Update



Potential WYC Member



Fisher, Douglas and Kathleen

Boat(s) 17' Sunfish; 12' Amesbury Dory 9hp
Sponsors: Rich Lemieux
Skip Whyte, Barbara Jackson

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

How to celebrate
(1) dance (2) serve cake
Congrats to Siobhan



Luncheon Meeting *South*: Vinnie & Pat Cerbo, Don & Vickie Farrell; Betsy Moody & Ben Rice
Deep Lagoon at Casey Key, Osprey, FL.

Members Only



1) Parking Lot Stickers. Contact Membership- pkpizz@verizon.net

2) Name Tag Order : Deadline is
APRIL 17, 2024
Please contact Membership

WSA Report



New Co-Head Instructors

It has been a huge challenge to build a staff comparable to last year's great team. Rodrigo Benvenuto and Michael Fletcher took full-time positions and David Berson will be taking an internship in Philadelphia this summer. They had been the leaders on the staff and hard to replace. We are happy to announce that we have surpassed our goal and will have an even better staff in 2024.

After an extensive search and many interviews of almost exclusively international applicants WSA has hired two very experienced instructors to lead our program this year. Calvin Lamosse and Craig Keenan will be co-head instructors this summer.

Calvin is currently a Junior at the University of Vermont and is the Captain and A Division skipper of their sailing team. Calvin is from Minnesota where he grew up sailing and has been instructing for three years in Minneapolis, MN, Plymouth, MA and Lido Isle, CA. Calvin will lead the 420 classes and support the Beginner and Beginner Plus classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We are very fortunate to have Calvin on the team.



Craig hails from Auckland, New Zealand years where he has been coaching for 5 years in a broad range of Dinghy's and Skiffs, specializing in advanced Optimists, 29ers, RS Feva, Open Bic/Skiff, and 49er. He has a Marine Biology degree which will be a huge asset for our STEM program. Craig will lead our Opti program and support Intermediate and Adventure.

Calvin and Craig will both need a place to stay this summer and we are asking WYC members to consider putting one of them up for the whole or a portion of the season.

The rest of the WSA staff is in place and we are happy to welcome Jake Demos who has been instructing at URI for three years and was eager to move to a more comprehensive program. He will lead the Intermediate group and join Craig in Optis. Dawson Chambers is a freshman at Roger Williams and will be getting her Level 1 this spring and joining returning instructors Will Hanney and Tim Rapoza. Finally, Whitman Bressler and Jackson Palmer were JIs last summer will be getting their Level 1. Kathryn McQuesten will return as a JI.

Record Registration Since February 1st

WSA registration opened on February 1st with two days of priority registration for WYC members and returning WSA families. We received 124 registrations in those two days which was a great testimony to WSA's ability to retain its customers year after year. By February 4th WSA had received 155 registrations and many classes were full.

Growing Participation by WYC Families

To date WSA has received a record number of WYC registrations with 12 member kids, 10 grand kids and 5 adults, who signed up for a total of 33 classes.

Skip Whyte
President, Wickford Sailing Association

Social Committee Update

A Huge Thank you to Suzanne & Greg Mancini, and Siobhan O'Bara, for Championing the St Patrick's Day Event, as well as to all the volunteers who helped make this event possible. We missed being with you to Celebrate St Patrick's Day!! Who knew they celebrated St Patrick's Day in Honduras (minus the corned beef)!

April 20th, we look forward to the WYC Commodores' Reception. We hope to welcome Commodores from area Yacht Clubs. Registration will be sent out soon, as well as the Sign-up for volunteers.

Spring seems to be popping through, as we see the sweet daffodils open their bonnets to welcome the Spring Sunshine!!

Scot & Sue



Seminar & Swag Update

THE
UNIVERSITY
OF RHODE ISLAND
GRADUATE SCHOOL
OF OCEANOGRAPHY

How to be **Green** on Narragansett Baywith URI

Dr. Paula Bontempi, Dean of College of Oceanography

Dr. Tatiana Rynearson, Professor of Oceanography

Mr. Brian Caccioppoli, Small Boats Captain

Think global, act local, and join us to learn more. Bring your (age 14+) family and friends!

Register: winniehagan@gmail.com

April 11, 2024 6-7:30 pm

WYC 165 Pleasant Street

SWAG UPDATE

Need a Coat?



Go to [Wickford Yacht Club – We Make Gear](#)

If you need the password it's WYC2023

New styles on sale...both are wind and water resistant!

House Committee Update



Our Spring cleanup day at the Club will be
Saturday, May 4th at 9:00 AM.

Please welcome Mike Tamaro to the House Committee. As always, you can contact Mike, Pete Galster or myself for any questions, problems or suggestions. You can also use the suggestion box in the front hall.

Alice will be returning this year as assistant steward.

Happy Spring,
Charlie Costa

WYC Directory Reminder-Last Call

WYC Directory edits are continuing to be made, but work is wrapping up. If you have any last minute changes to your contact or boat information please feel free to forward to me ASAP. Contact Kathy Brown at wickfordbrowns@gmail.com. We will go to press the end of April in time for WYC Commissioning Day distribution. Thank you!





PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN ELEGANT
EVENING BENEFITING THE
WICKFORD SAILING ASSOCIATION

Sail into Summer Gala *A Cruise Through the Mediterranean*

SATURDAY, MAY 11
6 O'CLOCK 'TIL LATE
WICKFORD YACHT CLUB

DRINKS AND MEDITERRANEAN TAPAS
LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION

TICKETS PRICED AT SIXTY DOLLARS PER GUEST
REGISTRATION OPENS EARLY APRIL

ANNOUNCEMENT



SAIL • NORTH JAMBALAYA 2024!

JOIN US FOR A FABULOUS
MARDI GRAS THEMED DINNER
SUPPORTING NKHS SAILING

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

Wickford Yacht Club



Two seatings at 5:30 & 7:30 pm

\$30 includes 3-course dinner & non-alcoholic drinks

NK sailors will be your waitstaff for the evening!

TICKETS AT WWW.SAILNORTHRI.ORG



Events Calendar

Upcoming Events

4/8 Board of Governors Mtg.

4/11 WYC Seminar: How to be Green on Narragansett Bay

4/20 Commodore's Reception

4/27 NK Sailing Team Spring Event

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	Rex Brewer
Vice Commodore	David Lindquist
Rear Commodore	Suzanne Thoms
Fleet Captain	Jeri Levesque
Member-at-Large	Agu Suvari
Secretary	Rich O'Brien
Treasurer	Ben Rice
House Chair	Charlie Costa
Past Commodore	Ezra Smith

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Regatta Activities	Skip Whyte
WSA Grants	Paul Nannig
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