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The annual 75 Club banquet will be held on Friday August 1st. If you have not yet declared whether you will attend or not, please contact Mike or Debi Choquet @ 508-764-2729 or Scott or Bev Howard @ 401-596-4141, or simply drop an e-mail to debi@incentiveusa.com and we will take care of making sure that your name is added to the list. For each paid 75 Club member, two can attend the banquet.

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FLEET REVIEW – SUNDAY – AUGUST 12TH – AT 1200

Look for something new this year! It may be a non-floating event coming up!! Stay tuned!!!



Westerly Yacht Club Venetian Night – August 16th

Please plan to join us for our annual Venetian Night on Saturday, August 16. This year we will be featuring a "Carnival of Venice" theme. This will allow you to tour all of the decorated boats on our docks, while sampling authentic Italian street festival foods. The party then moves inside to a full Antipasto Table, often called a meal in itself! We will complete the night with dancing, dessert samplers and a flavored coffee bar.

Tickets are **\$20.00** per person and go on sale July 25 and August 1 for members only, August 8 for guests. As usual, plan on purchasing tickets early, as this event is always a sellout.

Thank you,

David Miguel and the Venetian Night Committee

FISHERMEN'S BALL RETURNS ON SEPTEMBER 13TH

We are back again and you don't want to miss this great meal. We will have the old favorites and be trying out some new, tempting tastes.

Be prepared for a delicious meal once again as we present our annual Fishermen's Ball on Saturday, September 13th.

Our main course includes Lobster, Corn on the Cob, and Potatoes. Also, there will be appetizers galore, including Stuffies, Calamari, Clam Chowder, Scallops, Salmon, Cheese & Crackers, and a whole lot more. Don't forget Coffee and Dessert!

Seating is limited, so get your tickets early. They will be on sale for **members only** on Friday, August 15th and 22nd. For member and guest tickets, come down on August 29th and September 5th. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the lounge.

Cost for this event is \$30.00 per person, and **all tickets must be paid for and picked up in advance**,

Joe & Camille Martin
Fishermen's Ball co-Chairs

Reminder from the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will accept letters of intent from members for the position of Treasurer or for the two (2) positions on the board of directors. Letters will be accepted until midnight of September 6, 2008.

All selections will be presented at the general membership meeting on Wednesday, September 10, 2008. Election Sunday is November 16, 2008.

Address all letters to:

Westerly Yacht Club
1 Watch Hill Rd.
Westerly, RI 02891
Attn: Nominating Committee

Thank you,

Bob "Oscar" Pellegrino, PC – Chmn
Larry Harland, PC
Scott Howard
David Miguel
Phil Smith
John Turano
Ed Wirth

AUGUST BANDS

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CARTELLS
8
COOL 'N' EASY
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LARRY PERLMAN
16
STRAIGHT UP
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2ND AVENUE
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CHARISMA

SHIP'S SMALL STORES

WILL BE OPEN ON FRIDAY,
AUGUST 8TH DUE TO
THE 75 CLUB BANQUET ON THE 1ST
FRIDAY THIS MONTH

CONTACT
STEVE OR SHERRY
SHAKESHAFT FOR DETAILS.
860-886-8386

FROM THE WATERFRONT *The Wetside Gang*

Please welcome Brent Huxley as our Fleet Captain for the 2008 season.
Don't forget to file your float plans!!

HAPPY BOATING TO ALL THIS YEAR

SPECIAL THANKS!

I would like to extend a special, long overdue thank you to a few members that have recently done so much to make the club as great as it is.

The flower pots at the entrances and the corner plot area (where the anchor is located) were installed and maintained by Mary Lee Goodwin and Barbara and Jerry Lyman. They are absolutely beautiful.

The next time you are walking around, check out the picnic table area by the "I" dock ramp. This was all done by Roger & Alice Page, Steve & Sheryl Shakeshaft, and Saverio "Sal" and Sandy Salmoiraghi. They also completely maintain this area.

Both Mike Cardente and Angelo DiSpirito gave up a vacation day to help me power wash and paint the large wooden picnic tables, the new door at the handicap ramp, and the basket- and volleyball poles. Rich Enright also helped greatly for two days with these projects.

Vic & Peg Arnold are always doing so much behind the scenes that it is too much to list right here. Thank you for all of your help.

Just think what we could have if everyone did a little something for their club.

To paraphrase the late president, John F. Kennedy, "Don't ask what your club can do for you, ask what you can do for your club." Again, thank you!!

Bill Casey
House Committee co-Chairman

Notice to all members!!!

Save October 18, 2008 for the Commodore's Ball

This formal event, hosted by Commodore Alex Houston and his wife Kathy, is sure to be one of the highlights of their year. An elegant dinner including excellent appetizers, a delicious dessert, along with music and dancing will keep everyone out past midnight.

Look for more details in September's flyer. Tickets will be for sale to members only on September 19 and 26. Tickets may be purchased for non-members on October 3 and 10.

Also, one couple from our committee was inadvertently omitted from the directory. Our thanks to Joe and Cathy Maher for assisting us with this event.

Cherie and Larry Harland
Commodore's Ball Chairs

FISHING TOURNAMENT NEWS



The fishing tournament is well underway with fish being caught by our skilled, or lucky, anglers. As always fluke are being targeted as the number one challenge. Paul Tasetano has 1st place so far with a fluke weighing-in at 7.9#. Bill Balzano has 2nd with a nice 7.5# entry. Jim Wilgis is 3rd with a 7.15# catch; he bested Paul Tasetano's 7.15# fish by a difference of 1/2 "in length. Additional entries in the fluke category are Dave Pfau 5.3#, Jack Callahan 4.95#, Hollis McKee 4.45#, Joe LaBozzetta 4.4# and 3.75#, and Mike Sabolik 3.55#.

In the striper category Jeff Hetu is currently in 1st place with a 24.75# entry. Joe LaBozzetta skillfully landed a 14.90# striper to get 2nd place. In my personal favorite category, sea bass, the only fish to be entered is the

2.20# fish caught by Misquamicut Fire Chief, Lou Misto. In addition, Lou is in the 1st place spot for bluefish with his 10.35# catch and Dave Pfau holds 2nd at 8.0#.

As of this July 8th writing, we have 80 Tournament participants, only slightly lower than other years. However, boat activity in general seems on the light side. It appears the economy is affecting our boating activities. We're hoping as the summer goes on activity will pick-up and our beautiful ocean becomes full of fellow boaters.

The Tournament sign-up form and rules will appear again in this month's Current. Forms can also be found in the Club lounge amongst the file folders on the knee wall near the shuffleboard. Weigh-in forms can be found at the gas shack and in the

lounge as well.

REMINDER: The Fishing Tournament officially ends September 1, 2008. A "big fish" awards ceremony and picnic will take place on Sunday, September 7th beginning at 1:00 p.m. The picnic is free for Tournament participants. A fee of \$8 for adults and \$4 for children will be charged to walk-ins. All are welcome.

Fish-on,

Barry and Joyce Wazer,
Fishing Tournament Committee,
Co-Chairs
(401)596-2718.

Important Proposed By-Law Change

The By-Law Committee recommended (unanimously) that a Gender Neutral By-law change be adopted, and at the July 14th Board of Directors meeting, the Board unanimously approved this recommendation from them.

This by-law change would allow women to join the Westerly Yacht Club. A full description of these changes will appear in the September Current, and be posted in the clubhouse.

This initiative was last proposed in 2001 and lost by only 1 vote. A 2/3 majority is required for approval. This proposal will be a part of our regular General Membership meeting on Wednesday, September 10, 7:30pm.

BINNACLE LIST

David Lanphear, Keeper of the Binnacle

At this time, the following crew members have been posted to our Binnacle List:

Commodore Alex Houston, Rick Sorensen, Bill Casey, Hans Oppelt, and Jan Sokolowski.

If you know of any member who is ill and would like to receive one of our big "Hello" cards, please let us know via note, phone call or e-mail, or dropping by the clubhouse and informing the steward on duty.

Also, if there has been a death of an out of town member, we'd appreciate hearing about this as soon as possible so we can make our arrangements.

IN MEMORIAM

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AUGUST		
1	75 Club Dinner	1830
16	Venetian Night Street Fest	1830
17	Fleet Review	1200
23	WYC Regatta	TBD
SEPTEMBER		
7	Fishing Tournament Picnic	1300
10	General Membership Meeting	1930
13	Fishermen's Ball	1830
14	Commodore's Cup Race	TBD



CALENDAR DINNER SLATED FOR NOVEMBER 15TH

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START THINKING ABOUT THE CALENDAR DINNER. SIX (6) TABLES ARE ALREADY TAKEN, WHICH MEANS THERE ARE ONLY TEN (10) LEFT. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE NEW TO THIS DINNER, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS PICK A MONTH OR SEASON, DECORATE THAT TABLE ACCORDINGLY, THEN INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO A DELICIOUS MEAL PREPARED BY OUR FAMOUS WESTERLY YACHT CLUB CHEFS.

NOVEMBER 15, 2008

CALL ESTELLE CRYAN @ 596-2394 OR BETH HORBAL @ 596-9156 FOR MORE INFO.

August:

Fri. 01 75 Club Dinner
Sat. 16 Venetian Night Street Fest
Sun. 17 Fleet Review
Sat. 23 WYC Regatta

September:

Sun. 07 Fishing Tournament Picnic
Wed. 10 General Membership
Sat. 13 Fisherman's Ball
Sun. 14 Commodore's Cup Race

October:

Fri. 03 Harvest Night Dinner
Sat. 18 Commodore's Ball
Sun. 26 Children's Halloween
Party

November:

Sat. 01 Dock Day
Fri. 07 Friday Night Pasta Dinner
Wed. 12 General Membership
Sat. 15 (Calendar) Party
Sun. 16 Election Sunday
Fri. 21 Turkey Shoot

December:

Sun. 14 Children's Christmas
Party
Sat. 20 Eggnog Party
Mon. 22 Employee Christmas Party
Wed. 31 New Year's Eve Party

January:

Sat. 17 Snowflake Dinner
Fri. 30 Friday Night Spaghetti
Dinner

February:

Sun. 01 Super Bowl Party
Wed. 11 General Membership
Sat. 14 Sweetheart Ball
Sun. 15 Daytona 500 Party
Sat. 21 Women's Shuffleboard
Banquet
Fri. 27 Farewell Alex Dinner/
Party

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS for August

A terrific summer is underway at your club. I only wish it could last longer!

The attendance at the club house has been fantastic. Remember, when you spend your entertainment dollars at your club, you're the winner.

As many of you know, I had some sinus surgery at the beginning of July, but I'm much better now. It's not often that the Vice Commodore has to step in for an extended period of time. Kathy and I would like to thank Steve Sposato and Carol for taking good care of the club while I was out. Our Keeper of Binnacle, Dave Lanphear, must have been making people write funny, witty things on my get well card. Thank you all for your kind wishes!

Fred Koury (your club steward) with Bill Casey and Willy Litke (your House Committee chairs) has been trying to make the club experience more enjoyable. Next time you're down, check out our new high top tables and stools. Fred has set a dedicated walk-up area for bar service on Friday nights. You don't have to order over someone's shoulder. Best of all, we haven't raised your drink prices this year! So, why not come on down and enjoy yourselves any time of the week? We have the best sunset views in town!!

We finally have a Fleet Captain! Brent Huxley has agreed to take over the reins and his able assistant, Jim Ferguson, has agreed to watch his back. Call them with any issues regarding transient slips etc.

Well, they finally got me to go to Family Day. After 27 years

as a member, I broke down and checked it all out. What a great day! Everyone seemed to be having a ball! Bob and Edna Sager and their committee did a wonderful job! There were lots of smiles and happy people. I even won a lot of raffle prizes. I am now the proud owner of two unbelievable works of art: an Alice Page and an Edna Sager original!

We all had fun at the "Fourth of July Eve" Party that was put on by Phil & Betty Smith and the gang. It was a great evening, alfresco, with good drinks, food and music. Thank you for the party!

The 75 club is in full swing. Don't forget, the banquet is Friday August 1st. As of this writing, I heard they were still gathering up some more great prizes. The Choquets and the Howards have really stepped up big for us. This committee is one of the most time-consuming and difficult jobs in our club. Next time you see them, thank them for a job well done.

I am writing this just before the Club Cruise (aka Sandy Point Beach party), so I'll tell you all about that in next month's flyer. I know the committee has worked hard to try some new things and still keep your old favorites.

Plans are being made for our annual Venetian Night party. This year, we're going to try something a little different. We plan to spend a good part of the evening outside! We're calling it a "street festival!" We'll have lots of food, music, and a bar set up outside around the docks. People will have time to wander

around and look at all the decorated boats, visit with friends, and enjoy a carnival-like atmosphere. Then, we'll go inside for a great meal and more dancing. Dave Miguel and committee are working to bring you a wonderful experience for a very reasonable price. The tickets will be only \$20.00 per person, so more people will be able to enjoy the festivities. I want to encourage you to come out and play with us on August 16! Boaters, we know it's a lot of work to decorate those boats, but it is such a beautiful and fun evening when we have lots of lights and decorations. I urge you to please participate in the event by decorating your boats. Maybe everyone on the dock can get together and create a dock theme? The more who participate, the better the evening! Remember, it doesn't have to be an Italian theme. Be creative! Use your imagination and have some fun!

The Tuttles are busy preparing for the annual Fleet Review. We are discussing making a few changes to the annual boat parade, due to the high cost of fuel this year. It's a beautiful and special event for our club, but we realize the costs for many of the larger boats can be tremendous. If you have any ideas or thoughts on this, please let me know.

Well, that's it for this month. You can still find me by email at:

commodore@westerlyvachtclub.org

Alex Houston.

Commodore

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL FAMILY DAY RECAP

The weather cooperated to make Family Day 2008 a great day for everyone this year. Thanks to all who attended and had a great time with us and our committee. We would like to thank everyone who helped by supporting the raffle by purchasing tickets and donating the wonderful gift items. Again the raffle was a big success this year.

We can't thank our committee enough for working so hard all day and helping us to set up and run all the events of the day. It is a busy day for everyone, and you all worked so well together and give more than 100% of your time and energy. We really appreciate all you did for us and the club, and enjoyed working with all of you.

The cooking and serving crew did a wonderful job this year! We heard a lot of compliments for our club chefs. Everyone seemed to enjoy the new ice cream sundae bar this year. The door and raffle ticket sales were handled well bringing in extra money for the club, thanks to that great crew. Everyone running games inside and out did a great job and helped the children have a lot of fun. The bead booth, face painting, tattoo, and spin art booths were a big hit and were run by great people. We also can't forget the great help we had at our two gigantic moon walks.

So many people really helped to make this event the success it was. Our sincere thanks and appreciation goes out to all our committee members and volunteers. It was a pleasure working with you.

Bob & Edna Sager
Family Day Co-Chairs

REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY (REVISED)

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) encourages the maritime public to report information concerning suspicious activity to their local Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) Office, <http://www.fbi.gov/contact/fo/fo.htm>, or to other appropriate authorities. Individuals can contact the DHS Watch and Warning Unit at (202) 323-3205, toll free at 1-888-585-9078, or by e-mail to nipc.watch@fbi.gov. The U.S. Coast Guard reminds the maritime industry that they may also report information concerning suspicious activity to the National Response Center (NRC) at 1-800-424-8802.

WHAT "SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY" SHOULD I LOOK FOR?

Though you are the person best suited to identify a behavior or activity as "suspicious" in the area you're most familiar with, the following list contains some issues you may want to consider in making such a determination:

- People appearing to be engaged in surveillance of any kind (note taking, shooting video/photos, making sketches, or asking questions).
- Unattended vessels or vehicles in unusual locations.
- Lights flashing between boats.
- Unusual diving activity.
- Unusual number of people onboard.
- Unusual night operations.
- Recovering or tossing items into/onto the waterway or shoreline.
- Operating in or passing through an area that does not typically have such activity.
- Fishing/hunting in locations not typically used for those activities.
- Missing fencing or lighting near sensitive locations.
- Anchoring in an area not typically used for anchorage.
- Transfer of people or things between ships or between ship and shore outside of port.
- Anyone operating in an aggressive manner.
- Individuals establishing businesses or roadside food stands near sensitive locations.
- Small planes flying over critical locations.
- People attempting to buy or rent fishing or recreational vessels with cash for short-term, undefined use.

Additional information is available online at <http://www.americaswaterwaywatch.org>.

(Reprinted from District 1 Local Notice to Mariners.)

Pool Update

On July 14th the Board of Directors decided to dissolve the Pool Committee, due to the increasingly difficult job of members policing the actions of fellow members. From this point on, there will be a hired employee who will be responsible for monitoring the pool. To the members of the pool committee, we thank you for your years of service and dedication to your club. To all of the members who are using the pool, please note that all of the pool rules still apply. If our employee reports a member or guest for rule infractions, that member will be called before the Board of Directors. Please continue to be responsible adults and treat our pool as if it were your own, and our employee with courtesy and respect.

Per order of the Board of Directors
Westerly Yacht Club
Alex Houston, Commodore

Junior Sailing Program

The JSP has completed another great year. We had a total of 18 very enthusiastic sailors who appeared to have a good time. As in years past the JSP Committee has offered to accommodate any sailors who wish as opportunity sail during the summer.

We wrapped up the program this year with a picnic hosted by the JSP Committee. Our thanks go out to Bruce Lindstrom for approving the supplies and acting as Grill Man. The committee appreciates the efforts of all the parents who take an active part in the program.

Our thanks to the parents and grandparents, who helped the launching, retrieve and chase boats. Your help and interest makes the program easier to manage.

For the record there is an error in this year's WYC Directory. The JSP Committee listed is for a prior year. This years Committee is Pete Esposito, Dave Rizzuto, Kathy Siswick, Ron Lawrence, John Tunila, Skip Hoffman and Charlie Koulbanis

Last but not least a special thank you to our Junior Instructors, Emily Tunila and Ed Hynes. Their help was greatly appreciated.

Galen Hoffman and Len Kaminski
Junior Sailing Co-chairmen

CONNECTICUT AND LONG ISLAND SOUND – PORT AND VESSEL SECURITY

The following restrictions apply to ALL VESSELS operating within the COTP Long Island Sound Zone, including all recreational vessels. These restrictions are located at 33 Code of Federal Regulations, section 165.153. Violation of these regulations subject the vessel operator to civil and criminal penalties:

Bridges: Any vessel operating beneath a bridge must make a direct, immediate and expeditious passage beneath the bridge while remaining within the navigable channel. No vessel may stop, moor, anchor or loiter beneath a bridge at any time. No vessel may approach within a 25-yard radius of any bridge foundation, support, stanchion, pier or abutment except as required for the direct, immediate and expeditious transit beneath a bridge.

Commercial Vessels: No vessel may enter within a 100-yard radius of any vessel engaged in commercial service while that vessel is transiting, moored, or berthed in any portion of the Long Island Sound Marine Inspection and COTP zone, without the express prior authorization of the vessel's licensed operator, master, COTP, or the designated on scene representative.

CFR – TITLE 33, PART 70 – INTERFERENCE WITH OR DAMAGE TO AIDS TO NAVIGATION

No person, shall take possession of or make use of for any purpose, or build upon, alter, deface, destroy, move, injure, obstruct by fastening vessels thereto or otherwise, or in any manner whatever impair the usefulness of **any** aid to navigation established and maintained by the United States. Recently several offshore NOAA data buoys parted their moorings and became adrift due to excessive strain on the mooring. These navigational data buoys collect valuable on scene weather data for all mariners. These buoys are anchored to the seabed, and some have a watch circle radius of over 1 nautical mile. Once the mooring is parted and the buoy is adrift only certain Coast Guard resources can reset the aid back on its intended station. Coordinating of resources to retrieve the buoy, and place it back on station is time consuming and sometimes take weeks, thus valuable weather information cannot be obtained and relayed to mariners in need of it. Mariners are advised not to interfere with these aids to navigation and report any sightings of vessels tied off to them to the U.S. Coast Guard. Interference with or intentional damage to Aids to Navigation is a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine not exceeding the sum of \$500 for each offense (33 CFR 70.01).

2008 WYC OFFICIAL FISHING TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM Please Print all Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____ **Telephone #:** _____

Junior Category? (yes) _____ (no) _____

Sponsoring member's name: _____

Telephone #: _____

Entrance Fee: \$10.00 per angler

Make checks payable to: Westerly Yacht Club (Fishing Tournament), 1 Watch Hill Rd., Westerly, RI 02891, Attention: Barry or Joyce Wazer

Membership Database Form

(Please fill out and return to the WYC office so we can update our database. Thank You)

1. Name: (First Name, Middle Initial (if used), Last Name):

2. Primary Address:

a. Name of Association (if any): _____
(E.g.: Crestview Apartments, Bishop's Cove, Villagewalk of Bonita Springs, etc.)

b. Street: _____

c. Apt or Unit Number (if any): _____

d. City: _____

e. State: _____

f. Zip: _____

g. Phone Number: _____

3. Secondary Address:

a. Name of Association (if any): _____
(E.g.: Crestview Apartments, Bishop's Cove, Villagewalk of Bonita Springs, etc.)

b. Street: _____

c. Apt or Unit Number (if any): _____

d. City: _____

e. State: _____

f. Zip: _____

g. Phone Number: _____

4. Date of Birth: _____

5. Spouse's Name: _____

6. Business Phone Number: _____

7. Cell Phone Number: _____

8. Primary E-mail Address: _____

9. Secondary E-mail Address: _____

10. WYC Sponsor's Name (if known): _____

11. Newsletter Copy in US Mail (Yes/No): _____



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www.westerlyyachtclub.org