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THE WESTERLY CURRENT

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BINNACLE LIST

David Lanphear, Keeper of the Binnacle

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

Phil Smith, Joe Ballato, Ted Slesiona, Robert "Oscar" Pellegrino, Eileen Noble, and Tony Tunila.

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

IN MEMORIAM

George French, LM
 Boynton Beach, FL
 Catherine Balzano
 Charlestown, RI

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

JANUARY '06 Flyer
 Deadline
 DECEMBER 10th

COMING IN DECEMBER "WYC DELI"

We will be open for lunch on Monday thru Wednesday from 1100-1400

Sandwiches, Soups & more.

Come to the Lounge for lunch!



COFFEE DRINKS

Are now available in the Lounge.

Specialty coffees such as:

Spanish
 Irish
 And more!!!

Or, say, you could have just a regular cup of java.

SPECIAL!!

WYC Thermal Mugs @ \$10.00

Election Results of Sunday, November 20th

The Westerly Yacht Club elections were held recently with a total of one hundred sixty four ballots cast. Of these 164 ballots, there were two rejected as invalid, leaving 162 legal ballots.

The results of the election are as follows:

Commodore: Lawrence Harland
 Vice Commodore: Douglas Noble
 Rear Commodore: Alexander Houston
 Treasurer: Stephen Sposato

For the two seats (term expires in 2008) on the Board of Directors (BoD):

*David Rizzuto (144)
 *George Gingerella (88)
 Edward Littleton III (79)

Congratulations to those who won office and seats, and to all who stood for office or the BoD. Thank you for your participation in the workings of this organization.

Thank you to all who worked and voted on this important occasion.

* (Won 3-year seat on BoD and were nominated by the Nominating Committee)

Egg Nog Party set for December 17th

Our annual Egg Nog Party is being held on Saturday, December 17th, starting at 7:00 p.m. As always, this event is for members only! Guests are simply not allowed at this particular party, unless they are your "significant other". We certainly want you to enjoy the holidays with your "loved one" and are not considering "significant others" to be guests for this event. Therefore, feel free to bring your spouse or "significant other" to this event. Please keep in mind this does not mean that you can bring a casual friend, business associate, or other family member (non-spouse).

For new members and those who aren't aware, this party is a celebration of the Christmas holidays. There is no "ticket cost" associated with this party as our dues subsidize the cost and there are many volunteers who help to organize and run the party. The Flag Officers serve "spiked" Egg Nog for everyone to enjoy.

We will have non-alcoholic Egg Nog for those that do not wish to drink the alcohol-based version. We also serve "munchies" during the course of the evening. There will be bands playing in both the lounge and in the dining room.

This is one of the most popular functions of the year and is usually one of the most highly attended. Parking can be a problem so do your best to find a parking space and please do not block any emergency routes! Most people do like to dress somewhat formally for this event. For those that do not like to dress formally, casual dress is acceptable. However, jeans and other "informal" attire are not appropriate!

We look forward to celebrating the Christmas holidays with you. In the meantime, enjoy the Thanksgiving Day holiday and good luck on your Christmas shopping!

"HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS!"

WHEN: Sunday, December 11th

WHERE: The Westerly Yacht Club

TIME: **Entertainment & Refreshments at 12:00 p.m.**

SANTA ARRIVES AT 1:45 p.m.

AGES: 1 through 8 Years Old

Please return your registration form as soon as possible and **NO LATER THAN Thursday, December 1, 2005, to Pete DiCarlo, Chairperson**, at the Westerly Yacht Club. This will ensure that there will be a toy in Santa's bag for every boy and girl who is eligible.

Parents & grandparents are required to send \$10.00 for each child to help defray the cost of your child's gift.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PLANS TO BE GREAT FUN !

THIS YEAR, AS LAST, WE WILL BE FED BY RAFTERS AND ENTERTAINED BY "THE ILLUSIONS".

OUR MENU WILL INCLUDE SERVED APPETIZERS (CHICKEN KABOBS, SHRIMP, MUSHROOMS STUFFED WITH SEAFOOD, ASPARAGUS WRAPPED WITH ROAST BEEF, TO MENTION A FEW). WE WILL THEN BE SERVED SALAD AS A FIRST COURSE, FOLLOWED BY ZITI. NEXT, WE WILL VISIT THE CARVING TABLE WITH TURKEY, HAM, ROAST BEEF; FOLLOWED BY THE VEGETABLE TABLE, THE STARCH TABLE (SMALL RED & WHITE POTATOES), AND THE FISH TABLE WITH SALMON IN A GINGER SAUCE. IF YOU HAVE ROOM LEFT, A DELIGHTFUL DESSERT WITH COFFEE OR

TEA WILL BE SERVED.

MIDNIGHT WILL BRING US BACK TO THE DESSERT TABLE WITH A SURPRISE DESSERT. NOISE MAKERS, PARTY HATS, FUN MUNCHIES & CHOCOLATE MINTS WILL BE ON THE TABLES TO ENJOY WHILE WE DANCE.

TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE BEGINNING DECEMBER 2nd AND WILL BE OPEN TO FRIENDS AND RELATIVES ON THE 17th OF DECEMBER. COST IS \$60.00 PER PERSON. THERE WILL BE A LIMIT OF 120 CELEBRANTS.

RESERVATIONS CAN BE SENT TO THE WYC, ATTN: NEW YEARS EVE PARTY. ALL QUESTIONS CAN BE ANSWERED BY CALLING **PAT HOCHMAN @ 860 535-8482.**



**From The Harbor Master
Important Information for
2006 Boating Season**

Unfortunately, many boaters have failed to provide the required registration and proof of insurance with their dock application this past year (2005).

Be advised that no application will be accepted for the 2006 boating season without copies of both insurance and registration.

**Ron Lawrence
Harbormaster**

Dock Committee News

Dock Day this year was once again, a great success. We had a tremendous turnout and everyone, once again "outdid themselves". Thanks to all who turned out and helped, es-

pecially Bob Dionne (as usual) who got everything pre-planned and ready and let us all know what needed to be done; Pete Przekop who did the hose and line labeling (as well as a bunch of other things) and provided direction to make the job much easier; and a special thanks to Ken Cardinal for providing the donuts and muffins, as well as the guys in the kitchen who made the coffee and provided the great meal.

You might be interested to know that now that we have our dredging permit in hand, we are looking at various dredging possibilities, as well as resolving launch ramp and dock issues.

Well, thanks again for all of you help and cooperation. Have a good winter!

**Charlie Coburn
Dock Committee Chairman**

SHUFFLEBOARD STANDINGS 2005/2006

Men's

TEAM (GMS)	W	L	TOTAL	H
WYC (24)	15	9	1150	21
EZ-6-Pack (24)	14	10	1109	28
White Star (24)	12	12	1021	19
J.C.s (24)	11	13	1007	24
O.B.s (24)	8	16	768	15

High Single: WYC = 121
High Double: EZ 6-Pack = 170

Women's

TEAM	W	L	TOTAL	H
EZ DOLs	22	8	989	26
Dick's Swingers	20	10	1086	19
Bob's-R-U.s	18	12	971	17
Cove Ledge	13	17	934	15
Buckler's	9	21	819	16
WYC	8	22	991	16

High Single: Bucker's = 101
High Double: Buckler's = 157

**WYC LADIES SHUFFLEBOARD
banquet date 02/04/2006
(original date).**

"New Member's Night" Steak Dinner Saturday, January 21st

For those of you who do not know, New Member's Night is an opportunity for all of our new members that joined the club in 2005, along with their spouses or significant others, to be formally introduced and to join us for dinner and dancing. This year's event will be held on Saturday, January 21st, 2006. Appetizers will be served starting at 6:30 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner of juicy beef and side dishes. Last but not least, dessert and coffee will be served. All new members will be sent a separate invitation that includes more details regarding this event.

If you are not a "new" member and would like to join us, ticket sales and sign-ups for "members only" will be on sale the Friday evenings of December 30th and January 6th. Non-members and guests can purchase tickets or sign up on January 13th. Tickets are priced at \$18.00 per person. This is always a quick sell-out so come out and welcome the new members and have some fun!

**Tony & Cheryl Spino
and the
Entertainment Committee**

House Committee News

December begins the biggest holiday season of the year. The Club is decorated and is ready to host our annual festivities. We have two of the Club's favorite parties, the first being the Children's Christmas Party on December 11th with Santa arriving and passing out gifts to the little ones, in addition to fun and entertainment for all who come on down. Please see the respective article for times and sign-ups. We also will feature our annual Egg Nog

Party on December 17th, when we will celebrate the Holidays with our biggest member turnout event of the year. We can all toast each other a "Happy Holidays" greeting with cheer served by our Flag Officers.

On Christmas Eve, the Club will close at 5:00 p.m. and will be closed for the day on Christmas, December 25th so all can enjoy the day. Fridays will continue to have music and munchies as there will be a lot going on for all during this busy sea-

son with the holiday season finishing with New Year's Eve on Saturday December 31st. So come on down and celebrate the end of a great year and the beginning of another! As always, thank you all for your help and commitment for the betterment of our club.

**Thanks again!
Steve & Carol Sposato
House Committee Co-Chairs**

**Another Friday Night Dinner
Sponsored By
Your Entertainment Committee**

Please join us for another Friday Night Dinner on January 27th, 2006. Tickets will be on sale at the club from 7:30-10:00 p.m. on the Friday evenings of January 6th and January 13th (for members only) and January 20th (for members and non-members). Get your tickets early and don't be disappointed! The cost of this dinner is \$10.00 per person and the meal will consist of:

- Salad
- Pasta Bar
- Dessert & Coffee

It will be open seating with dinner being served any time between 6:30-8:00 p.m. You do not have to be there at 6:30 to be served. Please join us for another wonderful meal and fun night at the club! Music will be provided in the lounge after dinner for your listening and dancing pleasure.

**Tony & Cheryl Spino
Entertainment Committee Chairs**

We accept only MasterCard® and Visa® cards for payment of beverages, dues, boat slips, clothing, and gasoline. Cash and checks are also welcome.

A reminder to all smokers....
Smoking (cigarettes, cigars, or pipes) is **NO LONGER PERMITTED** at any time, anywhere in the **clubhouse**.
Please be aware that this a R.I. State Law, and fines apply.
Thank You!!



COMMODORE'S CORNER

Greetings and welcome to the start of our holiday season! Although the holidays can be somewhat stressful, the Board of Directors, House Committee and I will try to make the club a festive place for you to enjoy yourselves. So please stop by the club, relax and enjoy this busy time of year.

Although swimming may seem a distant memory at this time, I would like to thank the Swimming Pool Committee and Chairman, Phil Smith, for their hard work in preparing, maintaining, and closing of the swimming pool during the past summer season. The pool has brought joy to many of our members and guests. Maintaining the pool and ensuring that things go smoothly on a day-to-day basis is quite a task. The job of the chairman and committee is not an easy one and sometimes is unappreciated. However, things have gone relatively smoothly at the pool the last few years and it is certainly a tribute to this committee that things have gone as well as they have. A special thanks to Bobby Dionne, Frank Toole, and Steve Iacoi for maintaining the pool on a daily basis.

Our annual Oktoberfest celebration took place on Saturday, October 15th. The committee, chaired by Willie Litke, provided a wonderful lunch for us to enjoy, while enjoying some of our favorite German beer and listening to authentic German music provided by the Vagabonds. In addition to the afternoon activities, the committee also provided us with an awesome dinner during the evening. This committee always does a wonderful job for this event. Cooking two meals and providing the quality service that they do is no easy task in the short amount of time they have to prepare each meal.

Thank you again for providing us another wonderful way to spend a sunny Saturday afternoon in October!

Our first, organized motorcycle ride of the year was held on Sunday, October 16th. On a warm but somewhat breezy day, about 18 people (10 bikes) participated in a 100 mile ride that covered Southeastern Connecticut and Southern Rhode Island. The group stopped for lunch at Mews Tavern in Wakefield, RI and made its way back to the club for some refreshments. I would like to thank our first Motorcycle Committee Chairs, Ann & Mike Alu, for volunteering to provide yet another way for our members to enjoy the camaraderie of each other.

On Saturday, October 29th, our autumn Dock Day was held. One of the many things that makes this club special was apparent during this event. We had about 100 volunteers help prepare the docks for the winter and clean the kitchen, the "PIT" (outside barbeque area) and around the dumpster area. Refrigerators and freezers were cleaned out and washed, the PIT was pressure-washed, gas grills were scrubbed and cleaned, broken tree limbs were cut up and disposed of, another air conditioning unit was repaired, and the aeration system was installed on the docks. It was amazing to see that many people contributing to the maintenance of the club and the coordination of the entire effort. My sincere thanks to all those that contributed during this event and also to those that spent several other days before and after Dock Day to prepare the marina and clubhouse for the winter!

On the following day, Sunday, October 30th, our annual Children's Halloween Party was held. The committee,

chaired by Pat Hochman, did an awesome job in decorating and organizing this event. Mother Nature provided us with a great day to enjoy the hayride that left the club, circled around Timothy Drive and made its way back to the club. The children (over 100 of them!) enjoyed the many activities that the committee prepared, including the music spun by our DJ, Count Dracula (the Vaz). I would like to extend a special thanks to all the committee members that "dressed" for the event and to Glenn & JoAnn Foberg for passing out candy along the hayride route. It was a wonderful party and a great way for our children to enjoy Halloween!

We had another well-attended and delicious Friday Night Dinner prepared by our Entertainment Committee during the evening of November 4th. Over 100 people enjoyed a roast pork dinner prepared by Dunn's Corners Market and served by the committee. These dinners have been a great addition to the many events that we provide the membership throughout the year and I would like to thank this committee and especially, Tony and Cheryl Spino, the committee chairs, for continuing to provide us with the opportunity to have a nice meal at a great price.

I will close for now since our Editor, Rick Muller, will be threatening my life if this article gets any longer. Please have a safe and enjoyable time during the holiday season!

Joe Reis
Commodore

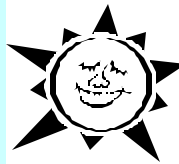


Winter Solstice will arrive on

21 December 2005 at 1835 UTC*
[1335 (1:35 p.m.) EST]

*(Source: U.S. Naval Observatory)

<http://aa.usno.navy.mil>



To the Haggispalooza Gang, Attendees, & Donors

(Note: Due to a timing glitch last month, we are rerunning this article to include some more donor thanks. RM)

We would like to thank our committee members and all the volunteers that helped make this years Haggispalooza run smoothly and efficiently. Without them, well, we couldn't make the party work.

Also, thanks to all who attended our gig. We hope you enjoyed the mu-

sic of "Scotch on the Rocks" pipe band led by George Martin, and Bruce and Sandy Hedman of "Tara's Thistle". Once again, the Address to the Haggis went over well, this "rite" being the highlight of the afternoon with all of its ceremony and words of praise from Scotland's own bard, Robert Burns.

A large tip of the tam goes to the wonderful people who donated items for our raffle, and to John Smith for the gas Fryolator™ and Doug "Up yer kilt,

Laddie" Fraser of E. Osterman Propane.

The weather cooperated fully and hopefully we'll be back again to do it next year.

Rick Muller & Sally Hanson
Co-Haggis Head Chairs

December 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 27	28	29	30	1	2	3
					STRAIGHT UP	
4	5 Finance Committee	6	7	8	9	10
					MONDELLS	
11 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY 1200	12 Board of Directors	13	14	15	16 <i>NO BAND Music Provided By Our Sound System</i>	17 EGGNOG PARTY 1900 HIDDEN DRIVE
18	19	20	21	22	23 <i>NO BAND Music Provided By Our Sound System</i>	24 CHRISTMAS EVE Club Closed at 1700
25 CHRISTMAS Club Closed HAVE A MERRY!	26	27	28	29	30 <i>NO BAND Music Provided By Our Sound System</i>	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE ILLUSIONS

From the Gas Dock

I write this in an attempt to express my sincere, positive appreciation to all the people I had the privilege of interacting with at the gas dock this year.

First, I want to say thank you for purchasing fuel at the WYC gas dock; it really does help the club.

Also, I'm very grateful to the people that helped me to keep the blue-green monster snake we call the gas hose under control. You have no idea how much I appreciate the assistance.

Along with the gas hose help, I must extend a large thank you to those who helped to tie up or untie boats at the dock. Most folks don't realize how long the gas dock is until they have to travel it in 90°+ temperatures and 100% humidity.

Thank you for not making me wear armor

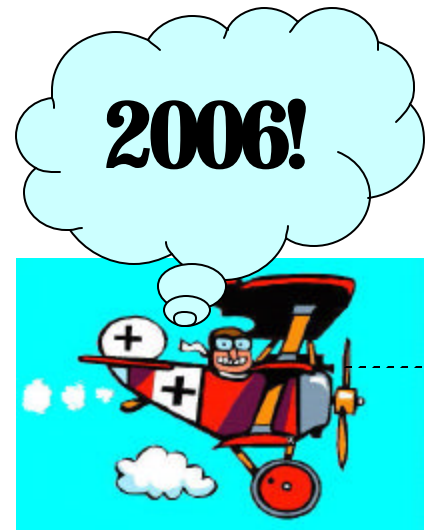
plate when being asked, "How much is gas?" At times some people did appear to be upset at the cost.

Both my wife (Greta) and I would like to offer a thank you for the gifts of excellent fish and clams.

There are so many positive events that I cannot identify them all (such as offers of food and drink), so let me close wishing one and all the very best of health and happiness in the future.

Ted Slesiona

P.S. I must include a thank you to all of you that offered prayer and good luck toward the outcome of my recent surgery. They seemed to have worked well.



Small Stores News

With the holiday season close at hand, the Westerly Yacht Club Small Stores Committee has set the following schedule to accommodate members who wish to purchase clothing, hats or that special something for that special Captain or First Mate:

- Friday, December 2nd from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Note: No special orders for Christmas will be taken after Sunday, November 20th.

Thanks for your support,
Steve & Sherry Shakeshaft
Small Stores Co-Chairs

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December 2005		
11	Children's Christmas Party	1200
17	Egg Nog Party	1900
21	Winter Solstice (1835 GMT)	1335
24	Christmas Eve (WYC closes at 1700)	
25	Christmas Day (WYC closed)	
31	New Years Eve Party	1830
January 2006		
1	New Year's Day	
21	New Member's Night Dinner	1830
27	Friday Night Dinner	1830