

2009 Cruise, Race, Rendezvous Committee News

“Fly Your Burgee Fishers Island Fireworks Rendezvous” July 11th

Look for other WYC boaters burgees, raft up for these informal rendezvous, and watch the fireworks displays. If you are staying local, the **DuPont Show** is in West Harbor, Fishers Island **July 4** weekend.

The **Official WYC “Fly Your Burgee Rendezvous” is July 11th with the New London SailFest Fireworks starting @ 9:25 pm.** You can easily view the fireworks from West Harbor, Fishers Island. This is a family day rendezvous to raft up, swim, blade, bike on Fishers Island, watch evening fireworks & later possibly head to the Pequot Inn for drinks/ dancing. Take the easy way through Fishers Island Sound, but check your charts for reefs or cruise the outside of the island. Either way club members not there will miss out on the fun.

Block and Back Cruise, Race and Rendezvous August 1st & 2nd

This event is open to sailors and power boater alike. Sign up will be on Friday nights in the Club, or see Dante Gulino, John Yanusas, Alan Ascare, Skip Hoffman, or Joe Thon for an entrance application.

This WYC event offers **“Something for Everyone”**. It's an overnight visit to Block, some food and fun on shore, and a trip back to the Club for some more food, gifts and sailing trophies. A \$25 boat entry fee includes:

- A fun sailboat race over to Block Island & Back to Watch Hill.
- A long distance poker run for both powerboaters & sailors.
- Poolside party on Block Island, with free Beer & Wine.
- A 25¢ per foot discount on dockage fees if staying at Champlin's.
- Use of Champlin's facilities for the Sat. evening party.

The committee has arranged for discounts on Aldo's rented bikes, mopeds and bumper boats for Club Members arriving early (likely all the Powerboats).

The Sat. evening WYC Island Party is being catered by Champlin's near their swimming pool area & kids playground. The meal includes:

- Chicken wings & fingers plus sausage & peppers for appetizers, barbequed chicken, hot dogs & hamburgers, Corn on the cob, potato salad, pasta supreme, cole slaw, Champlin's signature mixed green salad for dinner, plus watermelon for desert.

Adult meal cost is \$25 per person, and kids are \$11. Please note the regatta committee is providing free beer, wine & soda (until it runs out) to get the evening social going. On Sunday morning, for those interested in eating ashore, the committee has arranged for a (\$ 10.95 all you can eat breakfast at the Narragansett Inn or Champlin's Harbor Terrace restaurant.

To conclude the 2-day event an awards ceremony for the race, poker run and anything else the committee dreams up will be Sunday, Aug 2nd, with free pizza & libations at the Club for all participating boats.

Small Boat Regatta Cup Series Wed. Evening Aug. 5th, 12th, 19th

These just for fun small boat races take place off the Westerly Yacht Club gas docks. This event is open to anyone (adults & juniors) interested in sailing the WYC small boats in some quick beer can races. Come down to the gas dock and watch the entertainment or join in the fun with a beer/ soda and tiller in hand. Grilled food & beverage available.

Commodores Cup Regatta August 29th,

The WYC needs your sailboats ready for the Commodores Cup regatta off Stonington Harbor break wall. This informal race in Fisher Island Sound is designed for both cruiser & racer to have fun. Post Race **all yacht club members are welcome to join us for Skip Hoffman's infamous 6:00 pm barbeque and post race awards ceremony.** Not only the wind, but also the currents can play a role in how you do in this fun race around Fisher Island sound. Don't forget to clean the barnacles off your bottom.

Cruise/ Rendezvous to Essex, CT Sept. 19th and 20th

Our boating events will conclude with a rendezvous at Essex Island Marina open to both power boaters and sailors. Visit Essex Island Marina home page at <http://www.essexislandmarina.com/default.asp> or their Rendezvous Planning page <http://www.essexislandmarina.com/rendezvous.asp> Off Season, dockage rates are going to be available and festivities are being coordinated.

Any WYC boaters interested in receiving info on these events or some of the other local regattas should contact the cruising, race, rendezvous regatta committee co chairs John Yanusas (phone 596-3895; e-mail jsyhorizon@aol.com) or Dr. Dante Gulino (phone 741-3224; e-mail drgulino@sbcglobal.net) to be kept abreast of the details. Have a great sailing/boating season.