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POOL PARTY – ADULTS ONLY – JULY 3RD

The Westerly Yacht Club and WYC Pool Committee will hold a "Night Before" the Fourth" pool party on Thursday, July 3rd from 6:00 p.m. until???? Fourth of July dress is sug-

gested, swimming attire is optional. Admission is **free**; the only requirement is that members and guests bring a dish to share. Freddie & Karen will be serving up their delicious summer drinks

and Dave Rizzuto will be back to provide the music for the evening.

Sandy Point Beach Party (a.k.a. Club Cruise) Saturday, July 19, 2008

YOU DO NOT NEED A BOAT!

Our annual Beach Party will be held on Saturday July 19, 2008 at Sandy Point. All members and guests are welcome! If you don't have a boat we will help find you a ride!

As usual you can expect plenty of food, drink, music and fun. The action starts with the same grill lunch as always featuring chowder, dogs, burgers, sausage and more. Music will be provided by "New York Minute" playing all of your favorite summer and beach tunes.

Our master mixer, Ed Wirth is preparing his famous Tidal Waves along with a few other "Tropical Concoctions" to wet your whistle. Can't you just taste the beach/boat drinks all ready! Cold kegs of beer and also award winning thirst-quenching Ten Penny Ale by the Olde Burnside Brewing Company will be available. This special tasting will wet your parched throats along with the other remedies. Later in the day we will be bringing out a few special surprise entrees from super chefs Mike Cardente and Dave Miguel. And of course there will be activities for young and old all day long!

Advance tickets will be \$25 for adults and \$10 for children and will be on sale Friday nights in the Lounge. The price "at the door" goes up \$5.00, so reserve your space soon!

There will be a sign up sheet in the lounge both for attendees and helpers. Please sign up any children (under age of 12) early so we can plan the kid's activities. We really need all the help we can get this year, so don't be shy, chip in, help out and get acquainted. It's a great way to add to the Fun in the Sun!

REMEMBER: YOU DO NOT NEED A BOAT to attend this party! We will put a sign up sheet in the lounge both for people needing a ride or who can offer a ride.

No one gets left behind!

See You There!

Dave Delisle, Shelley Delisle and Bob Bradley,
Club Cruise Co-chairmen and Commanders of Fun in the Sun!

SHIP'S SMALL STORES

NORMALLY OPEN IN THE
LOUNGE ON THE FIRST
FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH.

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



Nominating Committee appointed at last GMM

This year's Nominating Committee was selected by the Commodore at the June 11, 2008 meeting:

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

They will be accepting letters of intent from any member who would like to stand for the position of Treasurer or one of two Board of Directors chairs that will be vacated at the end of our fiscal year in February. The committee will select candidates for Election Sunday, November 16, 2008.

More information to follow in future club flyers.

FROM THE WATERFRONT *The Wetside Gang*

The weather is improving and the numbers of boats are increasing both at our docks and in the river. Enjoy your time on the water but above all else be safe. If you do have an accident please be sure you comply with state regulations regarding reporting. Also, if you have an accident while coming and going from our docks you are responsible for contacting the boat owners that you have hit and the WYC if you damage the docks. All systems at the docks are working well. If you find something that is not working or needs attention, please contact the dock or maintenance committee chairman, Bob Dionne. Keep in mind that the entire club gets a lot of use during the summer months so "stuff" will happen.

Please note that the Dock Committee members are John Brennan (Chairman), Bobbie Dionne and Louis Misto. Our Harbormaster is George Gingerella. The Maintenance Committee is Composed of Bobbie Dionne and Rich Jedlicka (Co-Chairmen), Dave Pfau, Joe Labozzetta, Joseph Lanouette, Brent Huxley and Steve Hamerlin.

Our Safety Committee will be adding rescue poles with hooks to the mid-point of each dock. This will provide an additional tool to assist in the rescue of those who fall into the water. The count for persons falling into

the water is five (5). All of those that fell in are safe and sound; however, we all know that we could have easily suffered a tragedy.

Please keep the docks clear of obstructions. Your boat bowsprits and anchors are to not hang over any part of the docks. Be sure to hang your hoses and cords on the hangers where provided. Where hangers are not available please be sure to coil your hoses, lines, etc. neatly so that they do not cause anyone to trip. Members and guests carrying coolers do not always see the obstacles on the docks. Please do not use hardware such as hose rollers.

A note for those of you operating your inflatable with an engine: your inflatable must be registered with the state (CT, RI, NY, MA, etc.). Please put your name somewhere on your inflatable or hard bottom dinghy so that in an emergency we can contact you. Last year we had inflatable boats upside down, blown down or up the river, filled with water, deflated and more and we were unable to locate the owner because the dinghy was not registered with the club and there were no identifying markings to determine ownership. It is a requirement of the WYC that your dinghy be registered with the WYC.

A slip holders meeting was held on Saturday June 7th at

0900. A lot of information was disseminated and a good exchange of ideas regarding improvements to safety took place. If you have input regarding safety, please contact the WYC Safety Committee Chairman Ralph Mele.

Our CRMC permit to put additional pilings off of the G dock "T" was approved and the work is done. We are aware that one more piling that is broke is in need of replacement or removal.

The new steel doors and frames for the Gas Shack are installed and Jim Ferguson has volunteered to paint the doors and frames. Thank you, Jim.

I want to extend a big thanks to all of our volunteers that have contributed to the maintenance of the docks and especially our Maintenance Committee that works diligently to keep up with the fixes that are needed. Please continue offering your help to Bobbie Dionne and the volunteer Maintenance Committee members over the summer months. Enjoy our world class facilities.

WYC Dock Committee

JULY Bands

3
DAVE RIZZUTO
4
STANDARD TIME
11
RETROACTIVE
18
2ND AVENUE
19
NEW YORK MINUTE
25
CHARISMA

FLEET REVIEW – SUNDAY – AUGUST 12TH – AT 1200

The WYC Fleet Review will again be held on Sunday August 17th at 12 noon. This year any boat leaving the dock and joining the review will not only receive a token gift from the Fleet Review committee but also receive a WYC gift card. We will also have a raffle for those participating boats. As usual we will also be having a light buffet at the conclusion of the review.

We will need all boats to sign up prior to the review. A sign up sheet will be available in the club beginning August 1st. Any questions please do not hesitate to call Mike and Kathy at 508-439-2935 or 860-923-3795. You can also stop by E dock and see us on the "Kathy-Ann". We look forward to this event and hope to see great membership participation.

Sincerely:
Mike and Kathy Tuttle
Kathleen Tuttle CNMT
Nuclear Specialist
Home Office:
860-923-9983
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Cell: 203-687-7689

FISHING TOURNAMENT NEWS



It is June 9th, 95 degrees inland and in the 80's here in Westery, great fishing weather! The Tournament is well underway; however, the number of fish entered so far has been low compared to other years. We're not sure if its cool temperatures, or gas prices that has led to the slow arrival of boats and fishermen this year. This dramatic change in climate may well bring out a few more boaters.

Fluke have dominated the Tournament entries with Dave Pfau's 5.3# fish in the lead. He is followed by Hollis McKee with 4:45#, Joe LaBozzetta with 4.4# and 3.75# along with Mike Sabolcik's 3.55# catch. A real nice 9.2# fluke was also caught

be a fellow on 'C' dock, too bad he hadn't entered the Tournament in time to post his fish. Better look out fellow flukers, he's entered now!

In the bluefish category Dave Pfau has the only entry, a nice 8.0# fish. No stripers have been entered as of this writing. There are reports of small to medium size fish being caught on local reefs in the evening with some blues mixed in. Winnapaug Pond is also reported to be producing keeper bass in the West end of the Pond.

"Fishing in upcoming months is projected to be the best - EVER - for big fish." (No comment from this reporter, let's just say someone close to me

may have dreamed this projection, can't say I've seen the quote myself.)

Well, we're hoping for lots more fish reports next month. Remember you can still join the Tournament. Applications and rules are available in the Club lounge and in this newsletter, the costs is still \$10.

Yours truly,

Barry and Joyce Wazer,
Fishing Tournament Committee,
Co-Chairs

PARKING AND SECURITY @ THE WYC

As many of you are now aware, we have been maintaining a security presence at our front gate on week-ends. Since we have not done this consistently over the past few years, many members have become complacent. You need to attach your 2008-2009 stickers to your vehicles. If you don't have a sticker you will be asked to park in the gravel lot. Your cooperation and courtesy to our employee is appreciated. If you need a sticker or have lost it please see Pam in the office.

On weekdays and off hours you may get a red "ticket" on your car reminding you to add your sticker. We have had reports of non-members attempting to use our pool especially on weekdays when they feel no one is watching. If you are in the pool please be vigilant and wary of people without membership cards.

We have also recently had a vehicle broken into. Credit cards were stolen and thousands of dollars were charged before the theft was discovered. It is now more important than ever to lock your vehicle on club grounds and keep valuables out of sight. Thieves tend to return to the scene of "easy pickings". Don't let the next one be you!

BINNACLE LIST

David Lanphear, Keeper of the Binnacle

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

None to report at this time.

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

| JULY | | |
|--------|----------------------------|---------|
| 3 | Pool Party | 1830 |
| 19 | Sandy Point Beach Party | All Day |
| 26 | Block Island & Back Race | TBA |
| AUGUST | | |
| 1 | 75 Club Dinner | 1830 |
| 16 | Venetian Night Street Fest | 1830 |
| 17 | Fleet Review | 1200 |
| 23 | WYC Regatta | TBD |

IN MEMORIAM

Ernest A. Arnold, LM
Sebastian, FL



POOL NEWS

The WYC swimming pool opened for the 2008 season on Memorial Day weekend. Special thanks to the entire pool committee for their efforts in setting up the furniture, etc.

With the price of fuel for boats going through the roof, many are expected to use the pool as an option on the hot days of summer.

Please remember that it is a Rhode Island state law that requires a shower before entering the pool. Please comply with this directive. We would also like to request that towels be used on the new chaise lounges.

Thank you,

Phil Smith, Chairman
& the Pool Committee

Calendar for
Commodore Houston 2008/9

July:

Thu. 03 Pool Party
Sat. 19 Sandy Point Beach party
Sun. 26 Block & Back Race

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 July

I can't believe it is July already. Time is passing me by. We went from 60 degrees right to 90. The typical version of spring in New England! The marina is now full and it sure is great to see our club come alive.

On Memorial Day weekend we had beautiful weather and a well attended Dock Party. Committee chairs George Armstrong and Mike Cardente made sure our bellies were full and that a great time was had by one and all. A special thanks to the Mystic Highland Pipers for making our Memorial Day flag ceremony very special. It also was a great opportunity to thank our many veterans who are also club members.

The Past Commodore's dinner was held on Saturday June 7th. We had one of the best turnouts in years for this function. A sellout is a nice way to thank our past commodores for all they have done. Tony and Cheryl Spino and their committee served a magnificent turkey dinner with all the trimmings. We also took an 80th anniversary picture of all the commodores in attendance. It will be

added to the photo gallery in the main lounge.

On the same night we presented the "Old Timer of the Year" award to one of our most colorful and loved members, Walter Stetson. Walter and Shirley were both touched by the honor. I personally couldn't think of a better choice!

On June 8th we had an informative boaters meeting. Dock Committee Chairman John Brennan gave us an update on marina and safety issues. Safety Chairman Ralph Mele and harbormaster George Gingerella also addressed the group. Please read and follow your dock rules. They are there for your safety.

The 75 Club is underway and new committee chairs Mike and Debi Choquet and Scott and Bev Howard have added some great new prizes and of course, your old favorites. If you're a member, you need to be in attendance to win most prizes. Don't forget to be there on Friday nights. It all climaxes with the grand prize dinner on Friday August 1st. (From what I've heard, the grand prizes this year are

going to astound you!)

By the time this goes to press we will have had our annual Family Day. I'll give you an update on that event in next month's flyer.

Elsewhere in this month's flyer you will see a reminder on security and parking. PLEASE attach your parking stickers! Visitors park on the gravel lot. If you don't have a sticker you just became a "visitor".

The Sandy Point beach party will be here before you know it. This is a major undertaking and the club can use all your help. When you are preparing to leave in the morning, why not stop by the kitchen and see if you can help by hauling out an item or two. We can always use some young strong backs as well when they begin staging and loading.

Well that's all for now. Enjoy your summer and don't forget to patronize "your" club!

Alex Houston
Commodore

Friday nights.....

.....at the Westerly Yacht Club.....

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The 75 Club is in full swing now for the summer of 2008. Win cash and prizes every Friday night at 9:30 p.m. Come and be part of the fun! You must be present to win.

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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Westerly Yacht Club Venetian Night

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 \$25.00 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.

Joe & Camille Martin
Fishermen’s Ball co-Chairs

Hospice Southeastern Connecticut MYSTIC MUDHEAD CHARITY CUP

We are supporting Hospice Southeastern Connecticut by racing in the Mudhead Charity Cup on July 19th and would ask for your donations and support.

You can donate any amount by contacting Skip & Theresa Hoffman at 401-377-9064 or go to our web site which is simple, fast and totally secure. The web site is www.firstgiving.com/wildangelwyc.

Thank you for your support,



Skip & Theresa Hoffman

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

**CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE FOLLOWING
SECTIONS IN THE
2008 DIRECTORY**

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*****UNUSED BOAT SLIPS/MOORINGS*****

*****SLIP DISPOSITION UPON SALE OF BOAT*****

*****DOCK/MOORING REBATES*****

*****DOCK USAGE BY TRANSIENT BOATERS*****

**PLEASE GIVE YOUR ATTENTION TO THESE AREAS OF
IMPORTANCE**

**THE FLAG OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND DOCK
COMMITTEE**

The Westerly Current

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