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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:

Glenn Foberg, Sr., Bob Dabkowski, Nick Rucci, and Anneliese Larsen.

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

Michael Spazianta, CA  
Pawcatuck, CT

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

## Mother's Day Brunch to be Held on Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

Our Mother's Day Brunch will be on Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, serving from 0830 to 1100 (8:30 - 11:00 A.M.). **Mothers of members are free.**

Ticket prices are \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 12 and under. Advanced ticket sales will be held on Friday night May 6<sup>th</sup> from 2000 to 2200 (8-10 PM), as well as on Mother's Day at the door.

The food menu will offer fresh-made pastries by Chef David Miguel, surely a

treat to try. Also, there will be a buffet style serving of ham, bacon, sausage, and corned beef hash. These will be supported with French toast, scrambled eggs, toast and home fries.

Beverages available will be: juice, coffee, and tea, with Bloody Mary's and Mimosas available by donation.

We hope to see you there!

Steve & Carol Sposato  
House Committee Co-Chairs

## Homecoming Dinner Dance (aka Past Commodore's Ball)

May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005

The Homecoming Dinner Dance will be held on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005. This is a night to welcome friends back to the club for another summer season, to honor our Past Commodores, and reminisce of years past.

Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 1830 (6:30 PM) followed by salad, stuffed breast of chicken, baked potato, with a vegetable medley. Dessert will be peach crisp w/whipped cream. Dunn's Corners Market will be catering the event and **2nd Avenue** will provide music for

your listening enjoyment and to get your feet moving.

Please mark this on your calendars as tickets will be limited. Tickets, priced @\$15.00 each, will be on sale April 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> for members and May 6<sup>th</sup> for non-members.

This is one of our favorite nights at the Yacht Club, please make plans to join us.

Larry & Cherie Harland  
Co-Chairs

**JUNE Flyer  
Deadline  
MAY 10th**

## Old-Timer's Day

This year marks the return of Old-Timer's Day. While many of you remember this event (of course you do, you're an Old-Timer), most of the new members have no idea what this is all about. It's about poking fun at the regulars that have been around for years. It's about silly skits and minimal displays of talent. It's about getting together and just having a good time.

For the uninitiated, we will be showing some video (yes they actually recorded it) from past Old-Timer's days. This will be followed by a recreation of one of the more infamous skits with the

original players and/or their descendants. At the end of the day, we will crown this year's Old-Timer, who will be selected by a panel of previous Old-Timer award winners.

As always, there will be food and drink, Old-Timer drinks specials and best of all there are no tickets to buy or contracts to sign. Just come down to the Club on Sunday afternoon, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. Everyone will say that a good time was had by all.

### WESTERLY YACHT CLUB 2005 GAS DOCK HOURS

April 2005 (Starting April 9<sup>th</sup>)

Saturdays Only

9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

May 1 through 26, 2005

Weekends (including Friday evening)

Only

Friday: 4 P.M. to 7 P.M.

Saturdays: 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Sundays: 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

May 27 through September 8, 2005

Open 7 days a week!

9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

September 9 through October 28, 2005

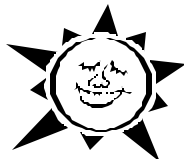
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Sundays: 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.



Summer will arrive on:

21 JUN 2005 at 0646 UTC\*  
[0246 EDT]

\*(Source: U.S. Naval Observatory)

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

*Hola!*  
**Cinco de Mayo Party**  
*Thursday, May 5th*

On the Deck  
&  
In the Main Lounge  
1600—2000

Food!

Drink Specials!

Entertainment!

Free T-shirts!

Key Chains!

Cups/Mugs!

*Viva WYF!*

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## FROM THE WETSID GANG

Here we are once again on the threshold of another boating season. Boats are beginning to occupy their slips and the docks are buzzing with activity.

I want to remind everyone once again that if you haven't submitted your up-to-date insurance and registration or documentation to the club office that you must do so prior to your boat entering your assigned slip.

Also, if you do not intend to use your assigned slip or mooring this year, I would appreciate a note from you (ASAP) stating that so we may sub-let it to another member.

Ron Lawrence  
Harbormaster 2005

As you know, Dock Day couldn't have been much worse as far as the weather was concerned. It rained all the time that we were working and didn't let up much.

Even so, it was a tremendous success because of all of you who came out and helped.

It was something to see that as each person found something that needed to be done; they simply did it without regard to the task itself. This included everything from removing hoses, lines, sticks and fixing plumbing to moving furniture. You might have noticed that it took only roughly 2 hours to get all of that done with approximately 78 willing and able folks. This allowed the marina to be opened that day. Good work and we want to thank you very much (even for the pre- and post-work).

Reminder: We will have a Boaters Meeting this year. It will be on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM in the clubhouse. Thanks again.

Charlie Coburn,  
Dock Committee Chairman

## Junior Sailing Program Update

Preparation for the JSP is moving along nicely. Young sailors are signing up and the finish touches are being put in place for this year's program. There will be JSP Committee members at the club on Friday nights during the month of April from 7:30 to 8:30 PM to answer questions and collect forms. You can also drop off the forms at the bar. Please mark them Junior Sailing Program.

A reminder to the parents---- A change of clothes is a good idea, shoes that can get wet such as old tennis shoes or beach shoes are a necessity. Please

no flip-flops.

This year we are requesting that the children wear their JSP Tee Shirts every week since they will be different colors to help identify beginners, intermediates, and instructors.

If you wish to help and we can always use extra hands; contact Galen Hoffman 401-596-9380, Len Kaminski 401-348-1816, or any of the other Committee members.

Galen Hoffman and Len Kaminski  
JSP Co-Chairs

## Club Cruise July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005

On Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005, the Westerly Yacht Club will enjoy its annual trek all the way to Sandy Point.

The party starts around noon and goes all afternoon. Back by popular demand is "New York Minute", who are still proud of their "Best Band on the Island" prize from last year.

This year will again feature a grilled lunch and dinner. Fred is already polishing his blenders for the frozen drink bar. He recently admitted that he still has dreams of coconuts (although I person-

ally have never seen a real coconut tree on the island).

Once again, we are planning a great time and sincerely hope you can join us.

We are always looking for committee members interested in helping us for this very busy party. Please contact us via email or phone so we can count on you for help.

Your Cruise Directors:

Ed Wirth & Bill Stuart  
[clubcruise@westerlyyachtclub.org](mailto:clubcruise@westerlyyachtclub.org)

## Sandy Point Reduced Price Membership

Once again, the Stonington Como has generously offered the Westerly Yacht Club family, reduced priced annual membership to Sandy Point.

For \$35, you can enjoy family privileges for unlimited use of Sandy Point for the 2005 season. This commitment from the Como comes with the understanding that we will continue to enjoy and abide by the rules while at the nature preserve. They continue to request that pets stay on your boat, no open fires, and no camping on the island. They would like

us to help them with the philosophy of taking nothing but pictures, and leaving nothing but footprints, so that we may all continue to enjoy Sandy Point.

The \$35 fee also helps the Como in many of its important functions to promote quality life in Stonington and the area. The Como also continues to support the WYC Club Cruise to Sandy Point.

Please consider picking up a membership application at the club and sending it in with your check to the Como.

## Pool Tournament Karaoke Night

featuring  
DAVE RIZZUTO  
Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>  
Starting at 1900.

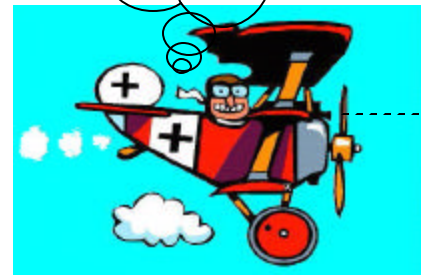
FOOD, MUSIC & FUN

- ⇒ 16 Slots @ \$10.00/entry;
- ⇒ First come, first served;
- ⇒ When it's full, it's full!

Contact: "Rocket" Fred Koury  
(or else....)



AAHH,  
MAY !!



## A LETTER OF THANKS:

*"Thank you to all who participated in the benefit for Peter Marchesi. A special thanks to the committee for organizing the function, to those who donated raffle prizes and food, to all the members who so generously contributed donations, to all members and non-members who attended the delicious dinner, and to the club officers.*

*The benefit was a huge success, and raised over \$5,000 for Peter's continuing health care needs. Words are not enough to express how grateful we are to have such supportive friends. God Bless You All,*

The Marchesi Family "

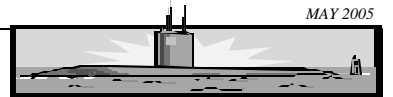
We accept only MasterCard® and Visa® cards for payment of beverages, dues, boat slips, clothing, and gasoline. Cash and checks are also welcome.

**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 is a R.I. State Law, and fines apply.  
Thank You!!



## COMMODORE'S CORNER



Greetings again! The year is well underway with many, many activities going on at the same time. Now that Mother Nature is starting to cooperate a little more, the marina is starting to fill up again! In addition, we are also starting to see more activity in our clubhouse. Our annual spring cleanup took place last month and I would like to thank the many, many members (and some guests!) that participated in the preparation of the docks and cleanup of the clubhouse and grounds. Due to the weather conditions we encountered during Dock Day (April 2<sup>nd</sup>), we had to extend our preparation and cleanup schedule by an additional Saturday. In addition to helping those two Saturdays, some of these helpers starting preparing for Dock Day the preceding Saturday. Therefore, many of our helpers pitched in on more than one occasion and I would like to thank them for their help on behalf of the entire membership. The marina is now set for action, the gas dock is open, the grounds have been "spruced up" a bit, the kitchen has been thoroughly cleaned, and the remainder of the clubhouse is constantly being cleaned and straightened out. A special thanks to Bob Dionne (Maintenance), Charlie Coburn (Dock Committee Chairman), and Carol & Steve Sposato (House Committee Co-Chairs) for organizing the above events. To the 100 or so members that helped out with the above projects, a special thanks from all of us.

We had a very successful Ham Shoot on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Carol Sposato led a charge that raised some much needed funding for the Children's Easter Egg Hunt. Thanks for all those that participated and congratulations to the winners! A special thanks to the House Committee for helping with this event.

On Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, our Children's Easter Egg Hunt was held. This time, I would like to thank Mother Nature for holding off the rain long enough for us to have our Easter Egg

Hunt outside. There were many, many eggs found in the area behind the gravel parking lot! In addition, the kids enjoyed being entertained by a magician. There were also plenty of snacks for the children to enjoy after the entertainment. Thanks to the efforts of Karen & Wayne Vogel, the committee chairs, along with the efforts of their committee, the children had a very enjoyable day!

The first of two West Marine Nights was held on Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Yes, Mother Nature did it to us again ... it snowed this time! Although the turnout was somewhat light, we did manage to spend a LOT of money! West Marine's management was gracious enough to arrange for a second West Marine Night on April 6<sup>th</sup>. I'm hoping that everyone was able to at least shop on one of those two occasions. I would like to thank West Marine's management for allowing us this opportunity. The discounts sure help as everyone knows who owns a boat, it can be a rather expensive toy!

On Good Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, our Entertainment Committee held its first Friday Night Dinner of the year. The dinner was a great success. The committee served us a wonderful meal and it was great to see a sellout crowd come to the club to enjoy it. A special thanks to Cheryl & Tony Spino, of Dunn's Corners Market for their generosity in providing such a wonderful meal at a very reasonable cost. In addition, I would like to thank their committee for helping cook, serve and cleanup after the meal. This committee does such an awesome job and these dinners are a great way to have members come down to enjoy our club.

I would also like to thank our staff for all the help and services they have provided the club. Fred Koury, our Club Steward, has organized Pool Tournaments, the latest held on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Pool Tournament was a great success. What is normally a quiet Saturday evening in the lounge turned out to be a very busy and enter-

taining evening. Thanks Fred and thank you to the staff for providing us with some great ideas on how to improve business and allow the membership to enjoy the club in many different ways. I would also like to thank Dave Rizzuto for providing "music and vocals" for this event!

On Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, our Annual Photo Shoot was held. Please refer to a separate article in this newsletter for the details. A special thanks to my wife for organizing the event and to Linda & Mike Logan for being there! Now, if we could only get Bobby Dionne to take a new picture!

Lastly, last night (Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>), the Change of Command was held. It was a special evening for me, my wife, the officers and their wives, and the new Board members and their wives. In addition to the ceremony, we had a wonderful meal and great entertainment. I was very honored and I am very grateful that Ann & Mike Alu chaired this event, especially since it fell on their 28<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary! I would again like to thank Ann & Mike, along with their committee, for providing such a memorable evening for all of us to enjoy. A special thanks to Ron Lawrence, Sal Parise, Cheryl & Tony Spino, Mary & Mike Levkowich, Rick Muller, Lucy & Jeff Onorato, and Dottie & Fokie Theriault for your contributions to a special day and evening!

There are many other events coming up within the next couple of months. Please refer to the various articles throughout this newsletter, as well as the two distinct calendars at the end of this newsletter for additional information about the events.

As you can see, it has been a busy time. Please take advantage of the many opportunities your club provides. This is a great place to have fun and there is a variety of activities that you can take pleasure in enjoying, especially now that the warmer weather is here!

Joe Reis  
Commodore

### House Committee News !!!

May is now upon us and our club and marina are starting to liven up. The docks are open and eager boaters are docking up. Many thanks to all who helped brave the "VERY DISMAL CONDITIONS" on our Spring Dock Day; it was done in record time. Also I would like to give a special thanks to the guys who helped G.I. our kitchen as well as cook for all the hard workers outside. The kitchen looks great!!!

Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup>, starts the outside deck season with the Mexican Spring Holiday event Cinco de Mayo, which promises to be a fun filled evening with food, fun, prizes & great drink specials. It all happens between 4:00 - 8:00 P.M. so come on down and enjoy.

May continues to bustle with our annual Mother's Day Brunch on Sun-

day May, 8<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 until 11:00 A.M. Please refer to a separate article in this newsletter for complete details on this favorite event.

Thursday May 19<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 - 9:30 P.M. (1900-2130), Dave Miguel will be hosting a Wine Tasting Party to benefit the Dunn's Corners School Computer Fund. Please contact Dave at 1-401-322-0833 for tickets and other information for this worthwhile night.

The summer season really kicks in on Memorial Day Weekend. The pool opens, boaters start boating, and our annual Dock Party / Pig Roast happens on Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup>. The House will really start to Rock at 1:00 P.M. with "**Johnny and the East Coast Rockers**", who will play until 5:00 P.M.!!!! This promises to be an

exciting day with a top notch band like Johnny, along with our outstanding food menu for the day. Johnny will also be performing in our lounge during the summer season, so keep an eye on the newsletter and board at the club for those future dates.

Fridays will again become more fun as all our boater friends are back for the summer season and the lounge will busy as the 75 Club starts on the Friday of Memorial Weekend, May 27<sup>th</sup>, so come on down and enjoy the evening with a chance to win some prizes.

Thanks to all of you for your hard work and continuing participation in our Club, second to none!

Steve & Carol Sposato  
House Committee Co-Chairs

**General Membership Meeting  
June 15<sup>th</sup> at 2000 (8:00 PM)**

This is an advance notice of our second general membership meeting of the year. There are two very important items on the agenda for June's meeting.

1. The Board of Directors is requesting that the membership approve the transfer of \$12,209.21 from the Club Contingency Account to the Club Operating Account. The amount of money represents the cost of installing a new heating system during 2004, including fixing the heating system in the men's room. The replacement heating system was not budgeted for last year. It was originally thought that we could absorb the cost of this item within last year's budget. However, based on the club's end-of-year report for 2004-2005, the money being requested is necessary to balance last year's budget.

2. The Sea Scouts have been evicted from their previous dwelling due to a change in ownership. They are in need of a place to have meetings in as well as to perform maintenance on their boats. At this meeting, Pete Caulfield and the Westerly Sea Scouts will be presenting a plan to erect a building on club property. This will have an impact on our club both from a facility and cost perspective.

In addition to the above items, our accountant, Bill Sisco, will be presenting the details of last year's finances. Due to the importance of the items described above, the Board of Directors is requesting your attendance at this meeting.

**Please make every effort to attend.**

Coming soon on Friday nights.....  
**75 CLUB**

.....at the Westerly Yacht Club

*75 CLUB 75 CLUB 75*

Summer is almost here! Time to pick your lucky number and head down to your club on Friday nights! Here's how it works: You register your number, then for 10 consecutive weeks (starting on May 27<sup>th</sup>) if we draw your name you win! Cash prizes will be awarded each week. We will also hand out some great gift certificates to local establishments.

On Friday August 12<sup>th</sup> we all get together to enjoy a great dinner for two, dancing, and a chance to win the big money prizes. All this for only \$75.00!

A sign up board is available in the main bar at all times. All you need to do is sign your name, pick your number, and make full payment on Friday evenings before the first drawing. If you haven't paid by then your name will not go in the drum. All the proceeds help your club defray the cost of our children's parties. So why not come down, support a good cause, and maybe you'll be a lucky winner!

Alex & Kathy Houston  
Co-Chairs

**M**EMBERSHIP

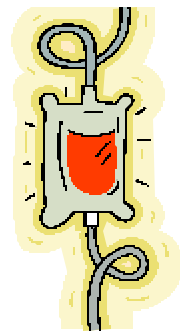
From the Membership Committee

Below please find a listing of applicants for membership to the club for your information.

Kindly review the list, and make any positive comments to any committee member. Negative comments must be in writing to the Chairman of the committee, or presented verbally at a meeting of the full committee. Any negative comments will be held in confidence.

The committee members are: Robert F. Raby, P.C., Chairman, George Gingerella, Galen "Skip" Hoffman, P.C., Gary Latz, P.C., Ron Lawrence, P.C., and Bob "Oscar" Pellegrino, P.C.

Applicant	Address	Sponsor
Stuart Carter	408 Greenhaven Rd. Pawcatuck, CT	James Walsh
Daniel Halpren-Ruder	6 Sea Gull Rd. Westerly, RI	Ralph Mele
Arc Ferraro	16 Center St. Westerly, RI	Nick Stenhouse
Jonathan Savastano	5 Courtney La. Hopkinton, RI	Christopher Beck
George W. Markham	150 East Ave. Westerly, RI	Richard A. Mitchell
Richard H. Lilly	118 Castle Hill Rd. Pawcatuck, CT	Fred Vocatura
John B. Severance	6 George St. Westerly, RI	Louis Thavenet



**Blood Drive slated for  
June 10th from 1500 to  
2000**

Save this date and time for our second scheduled Blood Drive here at the Westerly Yacht Club. Our last outing brought in 35 pints, a very good amount for the first time in a long time.

As we all know, we never know when we will need blood or its components.

If anyone would like to bake some goodies for our donors, please contact Estelle Cryan @ 596-2394.

Thanking you in advance,  
Estelle Cryan  
and  
Debbie Spaziante

**THIRTEENTH ANNUAL FAMILY DAY - SUNDAY, JUNE 26th**

Next month will be our thirteenth annual Family Day at the club. It will be held on the last Sunday of June, which is June 26th. It will be a fun-filled day for the whole family, starting at noon. Make a point to join us for a day that has something for everyone. There will be entertainment, a DJ for your enjoyment and a singing juggler that was a big hit last year. There is a new golf course for you to test your skills. Our popular bead booth is back, along with spin art and a super moon walk.

Our great club chefs are back by popular demand. Food will be served from noon to 1600 (4:00 PM). We are lucky to have the ice cream roll back. Plans are under way for our large raffle

that will be held from 1600 to 1700 (4:00 - 5:00 PM). There are many great gifts for all ages. Donations for the raffle are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the club Friday nights in June.

Tickets again will be only \$8.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door. Children four and under are free. The first fifty people paying for tickets can get a ride on the Trayner Yacht, "Fox II". Tickets will be on sale Friday evenings in June, so we'll see you there.

Roger & Alice Page  
Family Day Co-Chairs  
401-322-0826  
[familyday@westerlyyachtclub.org](mailto:familyday@westerlyyachtclub.org)

### Dockside Cable TV Signup !!!

Television cable service will be available again this year for Docks "D thru I".  
The price will be \$70.00 for the season.  
(Last year's price did not quite cover our expenses.)

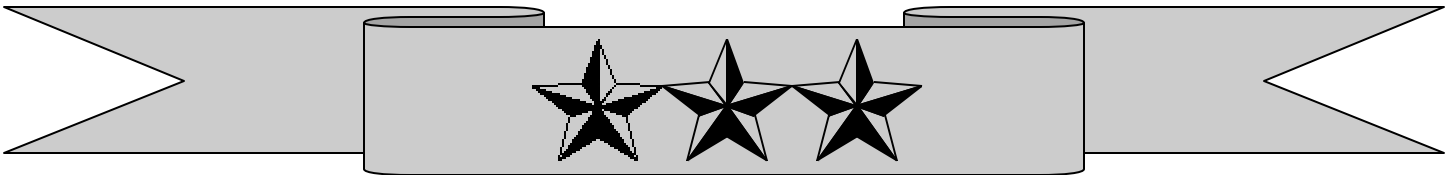
Applications must be in for billing by June 1<sup>st</sup>

Contact Foxy Theriault (D-19) or send application to:  
**WYC Cable Committee c/o Club.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dock/Slip #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



### WYC FISHING TOURNAMENT 2005 EDITION

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND thru LABOR DAY— 28 MAY thru 05 SEPTEMBER  
AWARDS PICNIC to be held on 18 SEPTEMBER

Members and immediate family: Spouse, parents, children, and grandchildren

Tournament Species: Striped Bass, Bluefish, Fluke, and Sea Bass

Fish from Shore or Boat (rod & reel only)

Fish must be of legal size and must be weighed on a certified scale and witnessed by another member of the WYC or the WYC gas dock attendant.

Prizes will be awarded to first and second heaviest fish of each species.  
(Any weight ties will be broken by overall length.)

Junior Division: Contestants 12 years or younger as of 05 September.

Junior Division Species: Fluke, Sea Bass, and Porgy/Scup.

Prizes will be awarded to the heaviest fish of each species.  
(Any weight ties will be broken by overall length.)

Entrance Fee is \$10.00 per angler— Includes Awards Picnic on 18 September.

Entry form and entrance fee must be submitted at least one (1) day prior to entering a fish in the contest.

JIM "BIG HOOK" WILGIS, Fishing Tournament Chairman

### OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM WYC FISHING TOURNAMENT 2005

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

Any Additional Anglers: \_\_\_\_\_

And their relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

(If Junior Division, so indicate) \_\_\_\_\_

Fee: \$10.00 per angler—Make checks payable to the Westerly Yacht Club Fishing Tournament

Submit to WYC, Attn.: Jim Wilgis, Fishing Tournament Chairman

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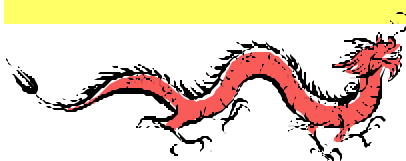
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5 <b>Cinco de Mayo Party 1600</b>	6 <i>ENNY CORNER (!)</i>	7 <b>Pitch League Banquet</b>
8 <b>Mother's Day Brunch 0830-1100</b>	9 <b>BoD Meeting</b>	10	11	12	13 <i>KEVIN CRANDALL BAND (!)</i>	14 <b>Homecoming Past Commodores Ball</b> <i>2ND AVENUE</i>
15	16	17	18 Power Squadron Meeting	19	20 <i>SUBSTANDARD (!)</i>	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 <b>75 Club starts</b> <i>THE CARTELLS (!)</i>	28 <b>Pool Tournament Karaoke Night 1900</b>
29 <b>Dock Party / Pig Roast 1200-1900</b> <i>JOHNNY &amp; EAST COAST ROCKERS</i>	30 <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> (Observed)	31	JUNE 1	2	3 <b>75 Club</b> <i>MONDELLS</i>	4 <b>Commodore's Ball</b> <i>ILLUSIONS</i>

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

Please join us for another Friday Night Dinner on June 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be having a barbeque dinner! This will be a great way to kick-off the Father's Day weekend! Tickets will be on sale at the club from 8:00–10:00 PM on the Friday evenings of May 27<sup>th</sup> and June 3<sup>rd</sup> (for members only) and June 10<sup>th</sup> (for members and non-members). The cost of this dinner is \$14 per person and the meal will consist of:

- Salad
- Barbeque Chicken Pieces
- Barbeque Ribs
- Barbeque Pulled Beef
- Rice Pilaf
- Corn on the Cob
- Corn Bread
- Strawberry Short Cake

Dinner will be served any time between 6:30-8:00 PM. You do not have to be there at 6:30 to be served. We will also put a sign-up sheet in the lounge,



starting on May 27<sup>th</sup>, for those members who can't stop in to pick up their tickets on the Friday evenings noted. Please join us for another wonderful meal and

fun night at the club!

**Cheryl & Tony Spino  
Entertainment Committee Chairs**

**New TVs & Sound System!!!**

We have some new additions to our clubhouse! In the lounge, we now have three new televisions, including a 42" Plasma that is located where the ship's wheel clock used to be. These have been a great addition to our lounge and I have received many, many compliments about them. I would like to thank Alex Houston for heading up this project and the Board of Directors for supporting it. The picture quality of these sets (High Definition – HD) is awesome!

We have just recently completed the installation of a new sound system. With this sound system, we will be able to provide music throughout the clubhouse. In addition, it will be used as an intercom and paging system. The previous system we had was inoperable in some areas of the clubhouse (the lounge) and did not perform well in others (the dining room). I would like to thank Sue & Kevin Clark for both heading up this project and for their donation of equipment. Sue & Kevin donated about \$3,000 worth of new equipment (an amplifier, microphones, stands, etc.) to help reduce the cost of the project.

I would also like to thank the Board for supporting this project as well.

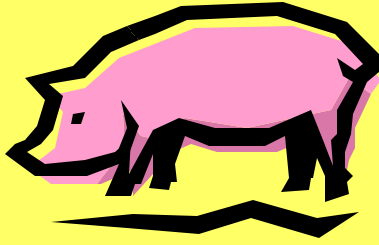
In addition, we have received several hundred dollars worth of donations towards these two projects. Although, we are trying to cover the cost of these projects under the current budget, the budget is extremely tight with these additional purchases. I would like to thank Sue & Rick Reynolds, Daisy & Hans Oppelt, Maria & Ken Fontaine, Ella & Erwin Wirth (in memory of Mike Spaziante) and Ed Wirth (in memory of Mike Spaziante) for their contributions to these projects.

If you would like to make a contribution to these projects, please send a check (made out to "Westerly Yacht Club") directly to the club, attention Office Manager. Please note on your check that it is for the "TVs & Sound System". Thanks again for thinking of ways to help the club! Your contributions are always appreciated.

Joe Reis  
Commodore

**DOCK PARTY - PIG ROAST**

SUNDAY, MAY 29,  
2005  
NOON - 7:00 PM



**LUNCH @ NOON**

BURGERS, HOT DOGS  
& CHOWDER

**LIVE BAND @ 1:00 PM**

JOHNNY &  
THE EAST COAST ROCKERS

**BUFFET DINNER @ 6:00 PM**

FRESH ROAST PORK  
BAKED BEANS / ROASTED POTATOES / COLE SLAW  
APPLE SAUCE & DESSERT

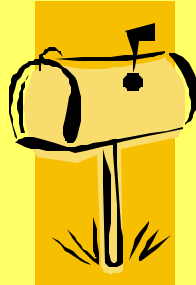
**TICKETS - BEFORE 5/29:**

ADULTS: \$18.00  
KIDS UNDER 12: \$ 8.00

**TICKETS - ON MAY 29TH:**

ADULTS: \$22.00  
KIDS UNDER 12: \$10.00

**ZAN MILLER & FRIENDS**



**2005 WYC DIRECTORY UPDATE HOORAY!!**

First of all a super-sized thank you to *all* of our members, advertisers, and Committee Chairs for their contributions to the 2005 Directory!!! (...because some folks don't read more than the first line of any article)

The advertising section raised *more than 10% over our goal* thanks to many returning and many new advertisers. We truly appreciate your support and hope that you find your investment to be well returned in business from yacht club members and friends. We will have close to 100 advertisements this year, please reference them once you have your directory!

The Patron's Page will contain more than 75 contributors this year and will feature many members, friends, boats,

and pets!

In addition we have, with the help of the entire membership, made a valiant attempt to obtain missing phone numbers, addresses, and spouses' names to make the member data base as complete and accurate as possible.

We had almost 40 Committee Chairs, Fleet Officers, Board Members, and Operations Staff come in for photographs on April 2<sup>nd</sup>; and believe it or not, all committee lists were turned in on time! Thank you!

Publication is scheduled to begin May 1<sup>st</sup> and we are hoping to mail the booklet out to members and advertisers (half and full) page as soon as they are ready. So watch your mail box, keep calling Pat Gibbens with any more updates to your demographic information, and thank you again for your support to put the 2005 Directory on secure financial and content footing!

**Dale Reis**  
Directory Committee Chair

**COMMODORE'S BALL IN THE WORKS**

We hope you save the date! June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005 will be a wonderful evening for dining and dancing at the Commodore's Ball.

Dinner, catered by Rafters, will include Hors d'Oeuvres, Salad, choice of Prime Rib or Rafter's Stuffed Chicken, Coffee & Dessert.

The cost of tickets will be \$45.00 per person. They will be on sale Friday evenings May 13th, 20th, and 27th. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the club prior

to these dates for those wishing to reserve their seats.

Postprandially, you will be enjoying the music of the *ILLUSIONS*, who always provide great music for dancing or for your listening pleasure

Please feel free to contact your co-chairs for this evening, Gary and Sue Latz at (401) 348-0034 if you should have any questions.

Don't miss out on what will surely be a very special evening.

**US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY VESSEL SAFETY CHECK**

Members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will be available during Safe Boating Week (May 21st through May 27th 2005) to provide Vessel Safety Checks. The purpose of the Vessel Safety Check is to insure that each boater has the required safety equipment on board and this the equipment is up to date.

The following equipment is re-

quired to be on board:

1. Visual Distress Signals
2. Fire Extinguisher(s)
3. Bilge Ventilation System
4. Backfire Flame Arrestor
5. Sound Producing Device
6. Navigation Lights
7. Pollution Placard
8. MARPOL Trash Placard

9. Marine Sanitation Device
10. Navigation Rules
11. Proper Registration/Documentation
12. Proper Numbering
13. Overall Vessel Condition

If you would like a member of the USCGA to perform a VSC, you may sign up in the clubhouse.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Boat For Sale**

1973 Slickcraft 23'5" Cuddy hull Interlux epoxied OMC I/O Chevy 350/245 h.p. recent installation  
Extra outdrive, electronics, PortaPottie Aluminum tandem trailer 15 h.p Johnson kicker w/bracket Many other extras!

Asking \$10,000

Call Bob Koch  
401-348-8488

**Swimming Pool News!**

Tentative opening is set for Memorial Day weekend, weather permitting. New tables will be in place. Pool passes for children of members between the ages of 16-21 will again be available. Details for obtaining these passes will be posted in the May newsletter.

Committee Chairman  
Phil Smith

**Still missing ...**

1—50 amp Fryolator from the kitchen storage area.

If you know its whereabouts, please return it or let Bob Dionne know.  
Thank you!

**A Letter From Sea Scout Ship Admiral H. O. Dunn, Ship 1, Westerly, RI,  
to the Members of the Westerly Yacht Club**

(This letter was sent to the Board of Directors and dated 13 March 2005)

Gentlemen:

For many years. The Westerly Sea Scouts have been blessed with some very supportive friends. The Clachrie family shared Greenhaven Marina with us, providing a base of operations and a home for all our vessels and activities, while the Westerly Yacht Club has assisted us financially as well as allowing us the use of Club facilities to augment our budget with fundraising activities.

A few years ago, for health reasons, Phyllis Clachrie was forced to sell the marina. As the new owners developed their plans, we have gradually seen our presence there diminished to a single summer mooring. Now, nearly eighty years of photos and Ship's records (including correspondence with congressmen as well as former U. S. presidents) are being stored at various Scout leader's homes and our gear is as widely dispersed.

As you know, the Westerly Yacht Club has been our chartering organization since 1928. Recognizing our long-standing relationship, the Sea Scouts are now asking permission to construct a building on Yacht Club property that would allow us to once again house all of our tools, supplies, records, library and other archival materials and activities in one location.

We believe this building would greatly facilitate our ability to run a more effective Scouting program, as our files and library would be on hand to better conduct our business and educational meetings. When it is time for a work detail, we could trailer our boats out of the weather and into the building where we keep our tools and safety equipment. It is our intention that all of our activities be conducted in and restricted to the confines of the building so as not to interfere with any of the Club's functions. Should the need arise for the occasional boat to be kept outside the building, we will, of course, comply with Article 14 of the

Docking and Mooring rules as we will strive to comply with all Yacht Club rules and procedures.

Further, we have designed the building to accommodate the Yacht Club's Junior Sailing Program by providing much needed dry storage for their vessels and equipment, and invite them to conduct their educational activities indoors during periods of inclement weather.

We believe the construction of this building would be advantageous to improving the quality of the youth education programs currently supported by the Club.

The Sea Scouts need your help. Could you please attend the June General Membership Meeting and vote in favor of a Sea Scout clubhouse. With Westerly Yacht Club support, this clubhouse will be built using Sea Scout fundraising (monies) at no cost to the Westerly Yacht Club.

Thank you,  
The Westerly Sea Scouts

The Winter Directory blurb goes  
in here.....

# THE WESTERLY CURRENT

westerly yacht club, inc.  
 1 Watch Hill Road  
 Westerly, RI 02891

	<b>April 2005</b>		
30	Junior Sailing Begins	TBA	
	<b>May 2005</b>		
5	Cinco de Mayo Party	1600	
8	Mother's Day Brunch	0830 - 1100	
14	Homecoming Dinner Dance	1830	
15	Old Timer's Day	1300	
27	75 Club Begins	-	
28	Pool Tournament/Karaoke	1900	
29	Dock Party/Pig Roast	1200	
30	Memorial Day celebrated	-	
	<b>June 2005</b>		
4	Commodore's Ball	1830	
5	Boater's Meeting	0900	
6	Board of Directors Meeting	2000	
14	Flag Day		
15	General Membership Meeting	2000	
17	Friday Night Dinner	1830	
19	Father's Day		
26	13th Annual Family Day	1200	