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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:

Estelle Cryan, Jane Curran, Carol Sposato, Lucille Littleton, & Eileen Noble

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

Robert P. Koch, LM
 Westerly, RI

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

NOTA BENE

Due to the November 4th Friday Night Dinner There will be no Thursday Night Dinner in the lounge on November 3rd. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Pool Tournament & Karaoke Night

featuring
DAVE RIZZUTO

Saturday, November 12th

Competition starting @ 1900
 Karaoke begins @ 2200

Pool! Cash Prizes! Singing!
 Food! Fun!

Tournament Stipulations:
 \$10.00 entrance fee;
 16 slots available;
 First Come, First Served.

Sign-up sheet in the main lounge.

If you sign up in advance, a slot will be reserved for you. HOWEVER, if you are not here by 7:00 p.m., then you lose your slot and it becomes first come, first served, so make sure you show up. Questions?

Contact: Fred "Rocket" Koury
 @ WYC 401-596-7556

Children's Christmas Party

To make this year's Children's Christmas Party and Raffle a success, we are soliciting gift certificates and donations from members and local businesses. If you are interested in making a donation:

Please contact Co-Chairs
 Peter DiCarlo (322-1440) or
 Michael Cardente (377-7070).

Friday Night Dinner scheduled for November 4th

Please join us for another Friday Night Dinner on November 4th, 2005. Tickets will be on sale at the club from 8:00-10:00 p.m. on the Friday evenings of October 14th and October 21st (for members only) and October 28th (for members and non-members). We will only be selling 120 tickets and there will be NO TICKET SALES AT THE DOOR so get your tickets early and don't be disappointed! The cost of this dinner is \$12 per person and the meal will consist of:

- Salad
- Roast Pork with Gravy
- Mashed Sweet and White Potato
- Butternut Squash Casserole
- Rolls & Butter
- 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. We will also put a sign-up sheet in the lounge, starting on October 14th, 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! A DJ, "The Vaz" will be playing in the lounge for your dancing pleasure.

Cheryl & Tony Spino
 Entertainment Committee Co-Chairs

Western Night Steak Fry Set for November 19th

This year's event will be held on Saturday, November 19th, starting at 1830 with appetizers, then out to the barbecue pit for a juicy steak to throw on the fire. Side dishes will be served buffet style, and there will be Apple Pie ala mode for dessert with coffee.

The band for the evening is "Second Avenue", and they will be providing some very good music for all you dancers. So put on your jeans (yes, this is one of those times when you CAN wear jeans in the Banquet Hall), your cowboy boots & hats and come on down for a great steak and a fun evening.

Ticket sales and sign ups for members only will be on the Friday evenings of October 28th and November 4th. Non-members and guests can purchase tickets or sign up on November 11th. Tickets are priced at \$18.00 per person, and this is always a quick sell-out, so come down early for your tickets and get set for some great food & fun!

Tony & Cheryl Spino
 and the
 Entertainment Committee

Annual Meeting November 16th at 2000 (8:00 p.m.)

This notice is to remind you of our Annual Meeting (fourth General Membership Meeting) that will be held on Wednesday, November 16th at 8:00 p.m. As I have said in the past, it is extremely important that we have a quorum at these meetings so we can conduct our normal business as defined in our by-laws. In addition, should you want to voice your opinion, the General Membership Meeting is the forum to do so.

Several important issues will be discussed including our finances to date, a report on the status of our docks, and a report of the overall operation of the club. In addition,

the 2006-2007 budget will be presented by our Finance Committee Chairman, Rick Traskos.

This meeting will then be continued on Sunday, November 20th at 1:00 p.m., Election Sunday. Election polls close at 5:00 p.m.

Please make every effort to attend this meeting. Although attendance has been a bit better lately, we still have only had about 5-10% of our members representing the entire membership at these meetings. The board would appreciate your support in club decision making and ongoing communications!

Report of the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee presents its slate of names to be placed on the ballot for the November 20th Election:

Commodore: Larry Harland
 Vice Commodore: Doug Noble
 Rear Commodore: Alex Houston
 Treasurer: Steve Sposato

For the two seats (3-year terms) on the Board of Directors, the following members were selected:

George Gingerella
 Dave Rizzuto

Counter-nomination from the floor:

Board of Director: Ed Littleton

Commodore Reis appointed the following members to serve on Election Sunday:

Ballot Inspectors: Charlie Coburn (Chairman), Ron Lewis, Pete Przekop, and Rick Reynolds.

Masters-at-Arms: Dave Lanphear and Sal Parise.



Don't forget, Dock Day is Saturday Oct. 29th. All boats need to be removed before then. We look forward to a good turnout as usual and hope to see you there.

You might be happy to know that the boat launch ramp is a little longer now with two (2) more cement logs added in addition to the one that was displaced. There is still a small drop-off at the end which should be fixed soon, however, with a bit of a tide it is no problem at all except for very large boats.

It is great to report that our dredging permit is in hand. All concerned parties (DEM, CRMC and the Army Core of Engineers) have approved it. Knowing that it would be a long haul to get it, we started working on it when I took over as Chairman of the Dock Committee back in March and finally, with the help of one of our members, (Glenn Miller of DEM) re-

ceived it late last month. As you can see, it is a very involved process.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those who help on the docks throughout the year fixing things that need fixing. Most stay in the background, don't say anything, aren't looking for any recognition, just do what needs to be done. Recently, we had some leaks in the water lines and folks like Glenn Foberg, Dave Pfau and Barry Contois just jumped in and fixed them. Others help out on ramps, and safety issues as well as whatever else needs to be done.

Let me simply say, thank you.

Charlie Coburn
Dock Committee Chairman

SHUFFLEBOARD STANDINGS 2005/2006

Men's				
TEAM (GMS)	W	L	TOTAL	H
WYC (8)	7	5	563	14
O.B.s (8)	7	5	475	8
White Star (8)	6	6	510	12
EZ 6-Pack (8)	5	7	554	15
J.C.s (8)	5	7	505	12

High Single: EZ 6-Pack = 100
High Double: EZ 6-Pack = 170

Women's				
TEAM	W	L	TOTAL	H
Dick's Swingers	12	3	499	8
EZ DOLs	12	3	497	14
Bob's-R-Us	8	7	387	6
Cove Ledge	6	9	393	8
WYC	4	11	433	6
Buckler's	3	12	279	3

High Single: EZ DOLs = 90
High Double: Bob's-R-Us = 144

From the Swimming Pool Committee

The Westerly Yacht Club pool enjoyed another successful and well-used season. The pool was closed for the winter on October 2nd.

Many WYC members played a big part in keeping things running smoothly during the season. Special thanks to Frank Toole and Steve Iacoi for their twice a week efforts in keeping the pool clean and checking the chemicals; Bob Dionne for his efforts in dealing with maintenance items; Roger and Alice Page, along with Jim and Barbara Con-

dike, for their help with the pool parties; Michelle Iacoi, Betty Smith, Daryl Kotyk, Bob Smith, Vic Valentini, along with Don and Ann Grant, for their help in general; plus the support of the Officers and Board of Directors. It's people like these that make the Westerly Yacht Club a successful organization.

Thank You All for Your Support!

Sincerely, Phil Smith,
Pool Committee Chairman

House Committee News

November begins with empty docks as the marina is now ready for the winter. Many thanks to all who helped on Dock Day, outside as well as inside the clubhouse, including cleaning of the kitchen and surrounding areas. Also I would like to thank Bill Casey for power-washing the clubhouse so it can be painted and stained.

Many other fixer-ups have also been done or are in the works. The handicapped ramp has been fixed by Jack Healy; Joe Voislow painted the radiators in the restrooms; all looks great. Another project that is complete is the Small Stores new location in a new storeroom in the back of the coatroom. Pete Peloquin did a great job and we thank all who answered our call for help and performed these tasks. We will

also finish the safety rail along the boardwalk, including a ladder installed so if someone falls in the water they will have a way out.

We will start our annual Turkey Shoot ticket sales in November on Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. These nights will be November 4th, November 11th, and November 18th, the night of the actual "shoot" at about 9:30 p.m. Also "Turkey Pies" will be available at the bar at the beginning of November for purchase from the staff.

Fridays will continue to be our weekend warm-up with music and snacks. Many events and meetings happen in this month such as the Friday Night Dinner on November 4th, and Western Night Steak Fry on November 19th, please see the respective

articles for the times and details. We also have a General Membership Meeting on Wednesday November 16th and finally Election Sunday on the 20th of November. The club will be closed for the day on Thanksgiving giving our staff the opportunity to enjoy the holiday with their family and friends.

Again, thanks to all who help to maintain our club's appearance, as perception is how something appears to people and as members of the Westerly Yacht Club. We can all be proud of the conditions and appeal our Club has through your hard work and dedication.

Steve & Carol
House Committee Co-Chairs

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:

- Sunday, October 30th from noon to 4:00 p.m. (Children's Halloween Party)
- Friday, November 4th from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

- Sunday, November 20th from noon to 4:00 p.m. (Election Sunday)
- 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

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! Between the time I write this article and the time you get a chance to read it, there will be a mass exodus of over 200 boats from our marina! It is that time of year (a sad time for the boaters) when the boats are put away and the marina is prepared for the winter. Before we know it, Thanksgiving will be upon us, the Christmas shopping will begin, and the club will be decorated for the Christmas holiday.

It is time to take you back a bit to some of the previous functions that took place in September to thank those members that helped organize functions. On Saturday, September 10th, our second Sea Scout Dinner of this year took place. The Sea Scouts have two fund-raisers at our club each year to help them raise funds for their annual operating budget. The turnout for this function was a bit low but I would like to thank all those that attended for supporting this organization. I am hoping that, in the future, our members will come out in force to show their support. I would like to thank Mike Palazzolo, Pete Caulfield, Carl Maxwell and all the other members of the Sea Scouts that put together this dinner. We had a wonderful meal and danced to the music of "The Vaz" afterwards.

We also had a Pool Tournament held on Saturday evening, September 10th, in the Lounge. These pool tournaments have been a welcome addition to our club and I would like to thank Fred Koury, our Club Steward, and his sidekick, Karen Turano, for organizing these events. I would also like to thank Dave Rizzuto for keeping us entertained at these events with music and Karaoke. The Pool Tournament is an additional way that members can come down to our club and enjoy themselves. These tournaments have been a great success and a few more are being planned during the remainder of the year.

On Sunday, September 11th, our second annual Haggispalooza celebration took place. Although the turnout for this event was low, it was a wonderful way to spend a Sunday afternoon outside at the club, listening to music, and enjoying some great fish & chips, burgers, hot dogs, etc. I will have to thank Mother Nature for, once again, giving us a nice day to celebrate this event outdoors. A special thanks to Rick Muller and Sally Hanson for organizing this event and to their committee in preparing and cooking the awesome food!

Our third General Membership meeting of the year was held on Wednesday, September 14th. We had about 65 members attend this meeting. Reports were given by various committee chairs on the overall operation of the club, the finances, and the status of the dredging and repair of our marina. We have our fourth General Membership meeting of the year scheduled for Wednesday, November 16th. This is an important meeting and I hope you all will consider joining us on this day and the continuance of this meeting on Election Sunday, November 20th.

The Annual Fishing Tournament Picnic was held on Sunday, September 18th. This year, we had wonderful participation in the fishing tournament and I would like to thank all those fishermen for the "slightly exaggerated fish stories of the one that got away"! A special thanks to Jim Wilgis for chairing this committee for us. Jim did a great job in promoting the tournament and also organizing the picnic. A special thanks to the cooks (Charlie, Joe, Mike, etc.) and to Barry Wazer for leaving some food for the rest of us to enjoy! Once again, the weather was wonderful and allowed us to enjoy the picnic and acknowledge the winners of the tournament, whom are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

The Fisherman's Ball took place on Saturday, September 24th. This was one function that I regretted being on a diet and attending! The turnout was great; the food even better, and the dance floor was packed all night! I would like to thank Camille and Joe Martin, as well as their committee, for all the hard work they put into this function. There is a tremendous amount of effort required to prepare and cook all the seafood, etc. that was served that evening. Not only did the committee do this with perfection, but they also seemed to have a lot of fun in doing the work and finding the time to participate and enjoy the function as well. Great job and thanks again!

Unfortunately, the weather finally caught up with us! Our schedule Regatta/Rally with an overnight stay at the Mystic Seaport had to be cancelled due to rain and wind. Therefore, we had to hold a Regatta/Rally "cancellation party" on Saturday, October 8th, at the club. We had plenty of food and, of course, our favorite beverages! I would like to thank Alan As-

care for his efforts this year in organizing our boating events (Block Island & Back Race, Commodore's Cup Race, and the Rally/Regatta). In addition, I would also like to thank his committee for assisting with these events.

Overall, things are going well this year but there is still much more to do before the winter weather sets in. I would like to thank the many members that have stepped forward to donate their time and talents in response to the "Help Wanted" article that I put in the last newsletter. It is a great help to our organization when so many of our members are willing to help. There are numerous projects that need to be done to maintain or improve our facility. Again, many thanks to those that volunteered to help!

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge and thank some of these members who have stepped forward and helped with various projects regarding our facility. I first would like to thank Bill Casey for his help around the docks and for power-washing a major portion of our clubhouse. I would also like to thank Joe Voislow for painting the radiators in the men's room; Arthur Smith for continuously providing drawings for various construction projects we have done and are planning for our facility; Pete Peloquin (and friend) for constructing a new Small Stores storage closet; Bob Dionne and Jack Healey (along with Jack's friend Butch) for rebuilding the lower portion of the handicap ramp; and Gary Latz for doing a great job in recording meeting minutes for all the Board and General Membership meetings. Lastly, I would like to thank Vero Morrone for bringing his construction equipment down to the club to help with repairing the launch ramp. Vero and his crew of: Chris Beck, Charlie Coburn, Bob Dionne, Joe Gross, Rick Reynolds, Mike Sabolcik, and Chris & Justina Wazer were very helpful in rebuilding and extending the launch ramp.

There are many more members that have signed up to help and hopefully, I will be able to acknowledge them in the next newsletter. For now, a special thanks to all those that are helping and my sincerest apologies if I have missed acknowledging anyone at this point. Enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday!

Joe Reis
Commodore



To the Haggispalooza Gang and Attendees

We would like to thank our committee members and all the volunteers that helped make this year's 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.

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

Rick Muller & Sally Hanson
Co-Haggis Head Chairs

Sports Entertainment News

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?

We are going to have Monday night football at the WYC this year. There will be food and drink specials, so come down and have a great time; bring a friend and cheer on your favorite team.

We will also be having World Series events; keep an eye on the bulletin board and also the web site for updates.

Skip Hoffman
SEC Chairman



By-law Change Reminder

Article VIII, Membership Fees, Dues & Assessments, Section 2 – Dues, now reads:

- (a) The Club dues shall be set by the Board of Directors, and dues schedule shall be presented to the membership at the November Meeting. The dues shall not be more than \$500.00 per annum.

Please make note of this change. The budget for 2006-2007 will be presented at the Annual Membership Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, November 16th at 8:00 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP

From the Membership Committee
Bob Raby, PC, Chairman

As of July, '05, all vacancies in membership were filled by the Board of Directors. Applications for membership will be available in the clubhouse in January, 2006, for renewals and new applicants. There are currently 117 applicants on the list, who will be sent renewal applications in early January. They must complete the 2006 renewal application, have the sponsor sign it, and return it to the Commodore, in order to remain on the waiting list. Applications that are not completed in full, legibly, will not be accepted. Remind your applicants that we require complete information, including addresses and telephone numbers. The renewal applications will be sent to the address of record that we have on file.

Below, please find a partial list of applicants for your consideration. We shall begin the 2006 year using some of these applicants. If you have anything negative to say about a particular applicant, kindly do so in writing, or contact the Chairman for an appointment with the committee. All comments will be held in confidence.

The Committee uses the date of the original application to prioritize the waiting list. Exceptions are reinstatements, and sons and sons-in-laws of members.

Name	Town	Sponsor
Fran McCullough	Newtown, PA	Ray McConnell
Robert L. Weaver	Charlestown, RI	Wm. Weaver
Joseph C. Manfredi	Westerly, RI	TBD
Chris Meyers	Groton, CT	George Myers
Gerald Hyland III	East Longmeadow, MA	Gerald A. Hyland, Jr.
David A. Volpe	West Hartford, CT	Americo Volpe
Kevin Emery	Westerly, RI	Al Antoch
Christopher Madeira	Falls Church, VA	Joe Madeira
Gene J. McNamara	Danbury, CT	Gene S. McNamara
Robert M. Bradley	Beacon Falls, CT	Doug Noble
John B. Severance	Westerly, RI	Louis Thavenet
James E. Lavery	Bridgeport, CT	Paul Russo
Michael J. Pinto	Westerly, RI	Ron Gulluscio
Darren A. Fiore	Westerly, RI	David Miguel
Joseph J. Maher	Charlestown, RI	Michael Logan
Jos. Cascio, Jr.	Stonington, CT	Mark Nelson
Stephen E. Nix	Westerly, RI	Peter Peloquin, Jr.
John Seremet	Stonington, CT	Richard Kovacs
Jeffery Walker	Pawcatuck, CT	Gary Vogel
Kieth Renner	Ashaway, RI	Robert Laudone
Anthony Patrizzo, Sr.	Westerly, RI	Steven Dabkowski
Frank Woycik	Ashaway, RI	Richard Brown, Sr.
John Ferraro	Chicopee, MA	Joe Agostino
Jamie Aluzo	Westerly, RI	Michael Lynch
Russ Amoruso	Westerly, RI	David Robertson
Joseph Lanouette	North Haven, CT	Skip Hoffman
Paul Capuano	Stonington, CT	Joe Pellegrino
Joseph D. Mann	Westerly, RI	James McKeough
David H. Larson	Westerly, RI	Harry Buckley
Scott Beal	Westerly, RI	Steven Dolan
Joseph Riordan	Westerly, RI	Peter DiCarlo
Robert Rioux	Manchester, CT	Donald Mlodzinski
David Gardner	Westerly, RI	Fletcher Wason
Richard Loomis	Putnam, CT	James Algieri
Joseph Viola	Londonderry, NH	Richard Perrin
Thomas Powers	Westerly, RI	Stephen Dauphinais
John Crowley	Westerly, RI	Ed Littleton
William Conway	Vernon, CT	Peter Prezkop
William Von Glahn	Tulsa OK	Chris Von Glahn
Bruce Randall	Westerly, RI	Arthur Smith
Phillip Goodwin	Westerly, RI	Charles Lyman
Christopher Falzarine	Westerly, RI	Ignatius Cataldo
Robert Gingerella, II	Westerly, RI	Galen Hoffman, Sr.
Arvid Johanson, Jr.	Valhalla, NY	TBD
Danny Zeng	Westerly, RI	Richard B. Brown
Timothy M. Murray	Westerly, RI	Edw. Lallo, III
Tony Restivo	Westerly, RI	Peter Peloquin, Sr.
Gilbert Bricault	Wood River Jct.	Edward Seeley
Thomas Gaffey	Amston, CT	Hollis McKee
Gary T. Gibson	Westerly, RI	Robert K. Smith
Dominic DiFazio	Westerly, RI	Ray DonFrancesco
James Kumiege	Chicopee, Ma	Barry Contois

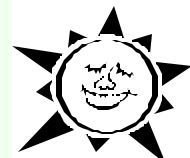
DECEMBER Flyer
Deadline
NOVEMBER 10th

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>



November 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
October 30 Children's Halloween Party 1300	31 Halloween	1	2	3	4 Friday Night Dinner 1830-2000 THE VAZ	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 MONDELLOS	12 Pool Tournament 1900 DAVE RIZZUTO 2200
13	14 Board of Director's Meeting 1930	15	16 General Membership Meeting 2000	17	18 Turkey Shoot 2130 COOL 'n' EASY	19 Western Night Steak Fry 1830 2ND AVENUE
20 Election Sunday (Voting from 1300 - 1700)	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving (WYC closed)	25 DAVE RIZZUTO	26
27	28	29	30	December 1	2	3

WYC Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund

The Westerly Yacht Club is starting a Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please make your check payable to the Westerly Yacht Club and put "Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund" in the memo portion of the check. In addition, you can send the check to:

Westerly Yacht Club
Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund
One Watch Hill Road
Westerly, RI 02891

We will be collecting funds through the end of November. During this time, will be determining one or more charities to which to give the money to and will post them in the November newsletter. We will then send a check from the Yacht Club to an appropriate agency that will insure the funds go to those that need the help! It would be great if we could get them these donations in time for the Christmas holiday. Thanks in advance for helping those in need!



Children's Halloween Party!!! Sunday October 30th 1- 4 p.m.



Come join us for some tricks and treats!, laughs and scares!
We have many surprises for a fun-filled afternoon!!!!

\$3.00 donation per child.
Call 860-535-8482
(this way, we are sure to have enough treats for all attending!!!)



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	October 2005	
29	Fall Dock Day	0800
30	Children's Halloween Party	1300
	November 2005	
4	Friday Night Dinner	1830
16	General Membership Meeting	2000
18	Turkey Shoot	2130
19	Western Night Steak Fry	1830
20	Election Sunday (Polls open from 1300–1700)	1300
	December 2005	
11	Children's Christmas Party	1300
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 Year's Eve Party	1830