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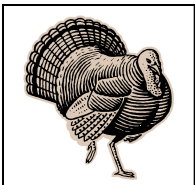
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westerlyyachtclub.org

(That's why we have a Webmaster.)

NOTICE TO VOTING MEMBERS:

ELECTION SUNDAY
VOTING HOURS HAVE
BEEN CHANGED FROM
1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM TO
12:00 NOON TO 4:00 PM.



TURKEY SHOOT

Friday
November 21st
Start time to be posted

SEA SCOUT PASTA DINNER/DANCE FRIDAY, 07 NOVEMBER 2008

Come join the Westerly Sea Scouts for a fabulous *Pasta Bar AND Ice Cream Sundae Bar*.

The Sea Scouts have had a fun-filled summer with Pete Caulfield and Carl Maxwell sailing to Long Island, and now it is time again to share the fun and food with you on Friday, November 7, 2008 - beginning at 1830 (6:30 p.m.).

Following the fantastic Pasta and Ice Cream Sundae Bars, there will be music and entertainment to round out your evening.

All of this for a small donation of **\$15.00** per person.

So come on down and enjoy an all you can eat Pasta and Ice Cream Bar with the Sea Scouts.

Thank You for your continued support!
The Westerly Sea Scouts of Ship #1 – Admiral H. O. Dunn

CALENDAR DINNER SLATED FOR NOVEMBER 15TH

WE HAVE ONLY 1 TABLE LEFT, "AUGUST". WE HAVE PLANNED A FABULOUS NEW MENU, ALL YOU CAN EAT SOUP, SALAD AND BREAD BAR, HAM DINNER INCLUDING SCALLOPED POTATOES, VEGGIES. DESSERTS ARE PROVIDED BY THE HOSTESSES. THIS IS TRULY A BEAUTIFUL NIGHT; THE TALENT OF THE WOMEN OF THE WYC IS TRULY AMAZING. TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE OCT 31, NOV 7 AND 14. THERE ARE A LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS AVAILABLE, SO IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND PLEASE LET US KNOW. PLEASE HELP US MAKE THIS A SELLOUT.

CALL ESTELLE CRYAN @ 596-2394 OR BETH HORBAL @ 596-9156, FOR MORE INFO.

THANKS IN ADVANCE

ESTELLE CRYAN AND COMMITTEE

November General Membership Meeting

The General Membership meeting for November will be held on Wednesday, November 12th. This is considered the club's Annual Meeting.

Please note all of our regularly scheduled GM meetings now begin at 7:30 p.m.!

We will be presenting the budget for 2009-2010, a potential withdrawal from house contingency for clubhouse improvements, as well as reports from some of our committees. Your attendance and support are important at these meetings and it's the best forum for information about your club.

Thank You!

Alex Houston, Commodore

Report from the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee meeting on September 10, 2008 nominated the following officers and board of directors:

Commodore: Stephen Sposato
Vice Commodore: Dave Rizzuto
Rear Commodore: Dave Miguel
Treasurer: Scott Howard

Board of Directors:
Alan Ascare
George Gingerella

*Mike Cardinal, PC
*Steve DePerry, PC
*(Nominated from the floor)

Please remember that Election Sunday will be held on November 16, 2008.

Thank you,

Bob "Oscar" Pellegrino, PC – Chmn

NOVEMBER BANDS

7
BEFORE & AFTER

14
2ND AVENUE

15
STRAIGHT UP

21
MONDELLS

28
CHARIZMA

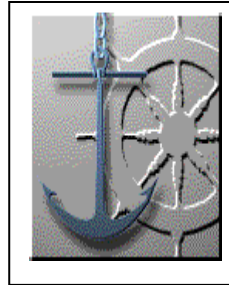
SHIP'S SMALL STORES

WILL BE OPEN ON THE
FIRST FRIDAY EVENING
IN NOVEMBER.

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

FROM THE WATERFRONT *The Wetside Gang*

DOCK DAY
SATURDAY



NOVEMBER 1ST
0800 – FINISHED
FOOD & DRINK AFTERWARD

WYC WEE BOAT REGATTA

The WYC Small Boat Regatta was held on Saturday, October 4th and the committee would like to announce the results of this fun event.

The races were contested in our Picos™ (Class I) and Sunfish™ (Class II). Due to the fact that some of our competitors were seen imbibing prior to the races, it was quite exciting.

The race course was set out west of the gas dock, making the spectacle available to anyone who cared to watch the fun taking place on the mighty Pawcatuck River.

There were four (4) races completed in the series to determine a champion sailor for the day, or until the next time we do this. Alan Ascare was taken to the hospital after the second race for a knee injury, and Dick Brown dropped out before leaving the pier because he capsized the boat and almost drowned on the spot. In the end, Skip Hoffman won in Class I and Rick Brown won in Class II. Joe Thon and John Yanusas received honorable mention.

The committee boat was "womaned" by 3 beautiful Loreleis that we hope will be back for next year's big show!

IMPORTANT NOTICES for the MEMBERSHIP

House Contingency Fund Withdrawal Request

In accordance with WYC By-Law Article XVII, section 1(f), the membership is hereby notified that expenditure from the House Contingency Maintenance Fund in the amount of up to \$40,000.00 will be presented. This expenditure will be for the purpose of renovating the men's and ladies' hall bathrooms, replacing lounge tabletops and furniture. A presentation to the membership on this proposal will be made at the November 12th General Membership meeting that begins at 1930.



Alex Houston
Commodore

Notice of 2009-2010 Capital Assessment

In accordance with WYC By-Law Article VII, section 4(c), the membership is hereby notified that the Capital Assessment for the year 2009/2010 will be presented at the November 12th General membership meeting. The 5 year planning committee, the finance committee and the BoD are still working diligently on next year's budget. A detailed breakdown of the assessment components will be published in the November flyer.

Alex Houston
Commodore

POOL TOURNAMENT & KARAOKE NIGHT

Featuring
DAVE RIZZUTO
Saturday, November 8, 2008

Competition starting at 1900
Karaoke begins at 2000

Tournament Stipulations:

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

Sign-up sheet in main lounge

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

Contact "Rocket" Fred Koury at the club
401-596-7556

NAUTICAL DAFFYNITIONS

(As seen in Blue Water Sailing magazine.)

Beating to Windward: Method of flogging crew to increase upwind performance when racing.

Bunk: 1) Small uncomfortable area for wet sailors to attempt sleep;
2) Location to store unused sails.

Emergency Mooring Lines: Old ropes too rotten to use regularly but too good to throw away.

Flag: Any of an number of signaling pennants or ensigns, designed to be flown upside down, in the wrong place, in the wrong order, or at an inappropriate time.

BINNACLE LIST

David Lanphear, Keeper of the Binnacle

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

George Krivickas, Lucy Onorato, Dick Brown, Herb Smith.

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

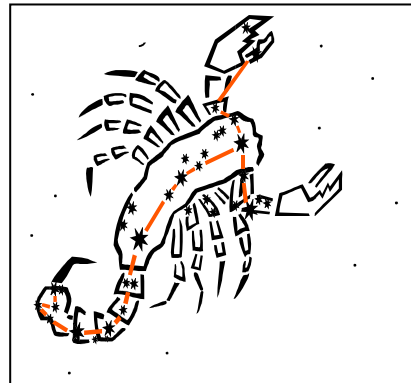
Kenneth J. Maine, LM
Port Orange, FL

Susan Shakeshaft, LA
Stonington, CT

Paul Hublard, CA
Westerly, RI

Anthony J. "Nails" Serio, CA
Westerly, RI

NOVEMBER		
01	Dock Day	0800
07	Sea Scout Pasta Bar	1830
12	General Membership Meeting	1930
15	Calendar Party	1830
16	Election Sunday	1200
21	Turkey Shoot	TBA
27	HAPPY THANKSGIVING	
DECEMBER		
14	Children's Christmas Party	1200
20	Egg Nog Party	1900
25	MERRY CHRISTMAS	
31	New Year's Eve Party	1900



November:

Sat. 01 Dock Day
Fri. 07 Sea Scout Dinner/Dance
Wed. 12 General Membership Mtg.
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 Mtg.
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 November

It's always sad to see the docks empty...it means that summer really did end and we're into the fall and on our way to winter. Don't let those empty docks fool you! We still have plenty of fun activities planned for our club. Never a dull moment at the WYC!

The Sea Scouts Friday Night Dinner, the Calendar Supper, and our world famous "Turkey Shoot" are just a few of the activities that you can find at YOUR club. Look for the articles in this flyer to get the details.

I know I've said it before, but doesn't it just make sense to spend whatever discretionary income you have to support something that you already "own" a part of? We still have a band in the lounge every Friday night and the new gas fireplace will be on for your comfort and enjoyment. Come on down!

Our next General Membership meeting is November 12. We will be presenting the plans and estimates to upgrade the hall restrooms, finish the tabletops in the lounge, and purchase some needed furniture.

November 16 is Election Sunday. Please remember to come down and vote for our slate of officers and Board of Directors. Don't forget to stop by the table and make your \$5 donation to the Change of Command program booklet. Treasurer Dave

Miguel will be waiting for you!

As always, I have many people who need to be recognized and thanked for their tireless efforts in bringing us great times at the WYC. Willy Litke and crew did a wonderful job on the Harvest Dinner. (The Friday night change of venue for Oktoberfest.) Everyone who attended enjoyed a great meal, good conversations and company. Great job!

Larry and Cherie Harland and committee created a beautiful and memorable evening for our Commodore's Ball. The room was beautiful and elegant, the food delicious, the band was great, and of course, the company could not be better! Kathy and I want to thank all of you for everything you did to make this a special evening for us.

What can I say about Wayne & Karen Vogel and their crew? The Children's Halloween Party is always one of my favorites. I think it's a favorite for the kids, too! A lot of time and hard work goes into the planning and execution of this event. My sincere thanks to all who helped out!

The Dock Committee, House Committee, and volunteers worked to get our club ready for the winter on Dock Day. It's always great to see so many members show up to pitch in and get the work done quickly. This is yet another time when I look around and am reminded of what

a great group of people we have here. Thank you, Bobby Dionne, John Brennan, Bill Casey, Willy Litke and committees and volunteers!

While I have space in this column, I'd like to take a minute to recognize some of the "Unsung Heroes" of our club. Behind the scenes, our House Committee (led by Bill Casey and Willy Litke) and our Maintenance Crew (led by Bobby Dionne) are always at work to keep the club running smoothly and the grounds impeccable. Our resident magic elves (Vic and Peg Arnold) flit around the place while no one is looking and perform all kinds of little miracles...sprucing up, planting flowers, finding things that need doing. Our Club Steward ("Rocket" Fred Koury) juggles many hats to keep all the schedules and staff running efficiently. Rick Muller keeps our facilities neat and clean, and gets this newsletter together every month. Dave Lanphear, the Keeper of the Binnacle, makes sure that all our get-well wishes, sympathy cards, and flowers for funerals get taken care of. I cannot even begin to tell you how invaluable our Office Manager (Pam Fish) is to me and this club! Our Harbormaster, George Gingerella and Dock Masters (Brent Huxley, Jim Ferguson, and John Brennan) along with the watchful eye of Bobby Dionne, keep our docks filled and managed carefully. And, then there's every single committee member who has given of his/her time to make events more enjoyable for all of us. When you see any of these people, be sure to stop and say "Thank You" for what they do for us.

As always, you can find me at commodore@westerlyyachtclub.org

Till next time,

Alex Houston
Commodore

COMMODORE'S CUP RACE REDUX

(This is the article that slid through the scupper during the last jibe set and didn't resurface in time for the October flyer.)

On Sunday, September 14th, our club sailors and crews braved the soggy weather for the annual Commodore's Cup in honor of our illustrious commodore, Mr. Alex Houston.

Complete results of the race are as follows:

CLASS I

1. WILD ANGEL - Skip Hoffman
2. ARABELLA - Tom Brielmann
3. VITTORIA - Lenny Kaminski

CLASS II

1. STREET MACHINE - Rick Brown
2. KITTYWAVE - Len Kaminski
3. SHENANIGANS - Pete Caulfield/Sea Scouts

Special thanks go to our Race Committee with "Barnacle Bill" Casey, Leo McCarthy, and "Shotgun" Willy Litke with Commodore Alex Houston aboard. We really appreciate your help!

Thanks to all who participated and we look forward to your involvement next year.

Children's Christmas Party

Sunday, December 14th

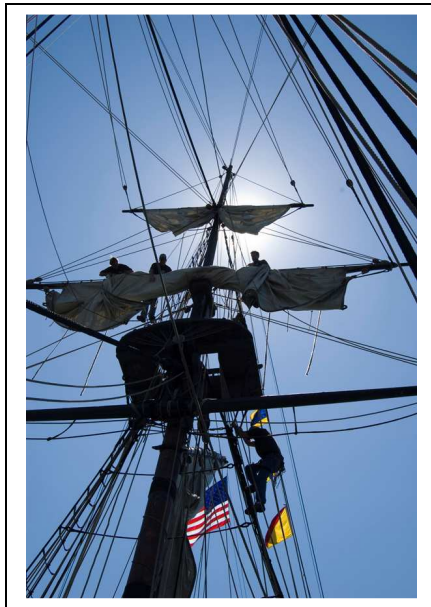
12:00 Noon

The WYC Children's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 14th. The day will begin at 12:00p.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive with gifts for all good girls and boys ages 1-8.

It will be a magical, old-fashioned, fun filled day that will include games, Santa's workshop, magic show and a bagged lunch for the kids. Tickets and sign-up sheets will be arriving in your mailbox shortly. Please note that there will be a limit of 120 children this year. It will be on a first come first serve basis, so get your registration in early.

This is a fun party to work on and many elves will be needed.

Please contact Cherie Harland @ 860-599-2297 or
Tara Holdredge @ 401-348-6549 if you would like to help on the committee



"SURPRISE"
(ex- HMS ROSE)
in San Diego

(Former homeport was Newport, RI)
Westerly Sea Scouts were involved
with this vessel in the early 1970s for
the filming of the ABC Television
movie
"Man Without A Country"