



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:

Bob Dionne, Jane Curran, John Garvey, Alex Houston, Carol Sposato, Erwin Wirth.

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

Anneliese L. Larsen, LA
 Westerly, RI

Mary Agnes Manfredi, LA
 Westerly, RI

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

2005 RALLY AT THE SEAPORT

October marks the return of the Regatta Cup Race, coupled with a rally at the Mystic Seaport for all to attend. On October 8th the Regatta Cup race will be held in the waters of Fishers Island Sound. After the race, participants, observers, distinguished guests and fellow WYC members will meet up for an overnight weekend rally at the Mystic Seaport. Last year's impromptu overnight at the Seaport was a hit among all who participated. The Seaport rally is open to all boating types. We have reserved 20 slips at the Seaport for this event so please sign up early. Please check the Mystic Seaport web-site for



slip fees.

At the seaport the regatta committee is working on setting up festivities and a pot-luck dinner. For those who don't do well in the regatta race, this will be your chance to show your fellow competitors you may not sail well but can cook up a storm.

To sign up for this event please contact any of the Regatta Committee members, or simply fill out the form located in the plastic holder near the Guest Logbook.

Sincerely,

Alan Ascare and the Regatta Committee

WYC Burgee: TV update!

In regards to our burgee being on TV (please refer to the article in September's newsletter), we received a thank you note from the cast and crew of "The OC". Its contents are reprinted below for you!

August 22, 2005

The Cast and Crew of *The OC* would like to thank you for volunteering your burgee as set decoration for our new yacht club set. Please accept the enclosed burgee, designed for "The Newport Bay Yacht Club", as a token of our appreciation.

"The Newport Bay Yacht Club" will make its debut on September 8th at 8 PM on FOX during the season three premiere of *The OC*. Again, many thanks and best wishes.

Regards,
 Paul Sciarrotta
 Assistant to David Calloway, Producer

Although you may have missed the first couple of episodes of *The OC*, our burgee may be displayed on several of the other episodes this season!

Regards,
 Joe Reis
 Commodore

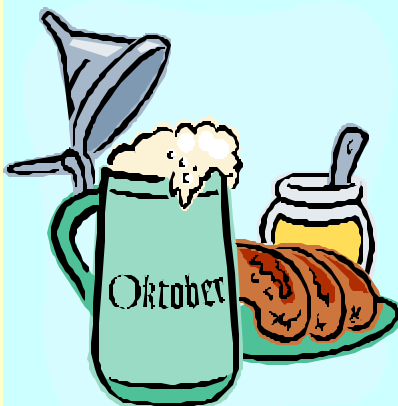
OKTOBERFEST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15th

ACHTUNG! ACHTUNG! ACHTUNG!

Our annual Oktoberfest is being held on Saturday, October 15th. We will serve our fine German fare which includes a grilled lunch and full dinner. Oktoberfest Beer specials will be available throughout the day. The *Vagabonds Band* will entertain us all afternoon.

Tickets will be sold at the club on the following Fridays: September 30th, October 7th, and October 14th. Tickets sold in



advance will cost \$25. Tickets may also be purchased "at the door" for \$30. Please help the committee better plan the event by buying them in advance, if at all possible.

This event will start at 1300 (1:00 p.m.). Dinner will be served at 1830 (6:30 p.m.).

Prosit!

Willy Litke,
 Oktoberfest Committee Chairman

Report of the Nominating Committee

At the last membership meeting held on September 14th, the Nominating Committee presented its slate of names to be placed on the ballot in November. Their slate consists of the following members:

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

After a motion was made and seconded to accept the report of the NomComm, the floor was then opened for counter-nominations with the following result:

Board of Director:

Ed Littleton

Commodore Reis appointed the following members to serve on Election Sunday, November 14th:

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

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

WESTERLY YACHT CLUB 2005 GAS DOCK HOURS

Through October 28, 2005
 Weekends Only
 (including Friday evening)

Fridays: 4 P.M. to 7 P.M.
 Saturdays: 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.
 Sundays: 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.

FROM THE WETSID GANG

Dock Day this year will be on Saturday October 29th. Please have all boats out by EOD (end of day) on the 28th. I'll be looking forward to seeing you there and thanks in advance for your help.

Some of you might have noticed the signs on the Fish Cleaning Stations stating that ALL fish carcasses and skins need to be put in plastic bags and placed in the dumpster. The BOD have received complaints from a number of folks complaining about fish on the bank as a result of fisherman throwing racks and skins in the water and when the tide goes out the carcasses and skins are left on the rocks to rot and stink or for birds to take them on the docks or boat tops to feed on. So please take the time to bag them and throw them in the dumpster.

Also, I have received complaints about folks leaving beer cans, bags, and general garbage around the fish cleaning stations as well. Please put them in the plastic bags you use for the fish if you would and that will go a long way toward keeping our docks and grounds neat and clean.

Finally, we have had a good safe boating season so far and it is because of your continued assistance and cooperation.

Thank you.

Charlie Coburn
Dock Committee Chairman

Fishing Tournament results

The tournament concluded on Labor Day with the following winners:

Striped Bass:

- 1st 41.35 lb. Chris Wazer
- 2nd 35.60 lb. Ray Beaudry

Blue Fish:

- 1st 17.65 lb. Bob Dabkowski
- 2nd 9.05 lb. Chris Wazer

Fluke:

- 1st 8.15 lb. Bob Dionne
- 2nd 7.70 lb. Bob Dionne

Sea Bass:

- 1st 4.10 lb. Edna Sager
- 2nd 4.00 lb. Bill Stuart

Congratulations to all the winners! And to all of us "also-rans", thanks for participating and we hope you have better luck next year.

By the time you read this we will have had our awards picnic (18 Sept.), and I am sure it was a great day and we all had a great time sharing the stories of the ones that got away.

I would like to thank all the fishermen for entering and the F.T.C. members for their help in making it a success. See you next year!

Jim Wilgis
Fishing Tournament Committee Chairman

HELP WANTED !!!

The House and Maintenance Committees are looking for assistance with several projects that need to be done over the next few months. The clubhouse needs to be pressure-washed and stained in some areas, the lower portion of the handicapped ramp needs to be replaced, a new Small Stores closet needs to be built, the kitchen needs to be cleaned again, the dining room rug needs to be cleaned, etc.

Three of our members that used to do a lot of carpentry work at the club are no longer available. They have since moved away either temporarily or permanently. Therefore, we are looking for other members who could do carpentry

work or have other talents that can help us with some of the above identified projects.

Since we are trying to keep our expenses down to a minimum, we are looking for volunteers to help! Please contact Carol or Steve Sposato, our House Committee Co-Chairs or Bob Dionne, our Maintenance Committee Chairman. Any assistance you could give us with some of these maintenance and construction projects would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you!
Joe Reis
Commodore

Notes of Thanks

WYC friends:

Thanks for the beautiful flowers, the many thoughtful cards and every single word of encouragement.

I am blessed with wonderful friends and I thank you all.

Janie C.

Bob and I would like to thank the committee of "Let's Dance" for all their hard work to make this evening a success. The band was great and the food prepared by Tony was excellent. Once again we extend our personal thanks to the committee and the Westerly Yacht Club staff.

Linda & Bob Bongiolatti

SHUFFLEBOARD STANDINGS 2005/2006

Men's

TEAM	W	L	TOTAL	H
O.B.s	2	1	129	2
J.C.s	2	1	126	4
White Star	1	2	114	3
EZ 6-Packers	1	2	112	2
WYC				

High Single: O.B.s = 75
High Double: O.B.s = 129

Women's

TEAM	W	L	TOTAL	H
EZ DOLs	3	0	122	3
Dick's Swingers	2	1	91	1
Cove Ledge	2	1	72	2
Buckler's	1	2	73	1
Bob's-R-U's	1	2	65	0
WYC	0	3	100	1

High Single: EZ DOLs = 71
High Double: EZ DOLs = 122

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

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 and welcome to the start of our autumn season. One can only hope that the weather continues to be good to us so that we can extend our boating (and beach) season for a few more weeks. If only the gas prices would cooperate!

As in the past, there are a few more "unsung heroes" that I would like to thank for helping the club to continue to operate smoothly. Mike Whitford once again spent several hours of his time repairing an air conditioning system for the lounge. We have three units cooling the lounge and Mike has now repaired two of them. Hopefully, the third unit will hold up! Barry Con-tois and Dave Pfau have also been a big help at the docks as well as with other maintenance items. Charlie Coburn has also been pitching in for the injured Bobby Dionne and Rick Muller. Brad Johnson has been continuing to work hard keeping our website cruising along and Carol Canova has assisted us in getting more of our club members' e-mail addresses into our database. Without the help and cooperation of all of you, this club would be more costly to operate and less fun to belong to.

I would also like to thank Alex and Kathy Houston for doing such a wonderful job promoting and running the

Seventy-Five Club this year. We had over 100 members participate this year. There were also several prizes awarded each Friday evening. A special thanks to Cove Ledge Beer, Wine & Spirits, Dunn's Corners Market, E-Z Midway Liquors and our Small Stores for their contributions for these drawings. In addition, thank you to all those members who also contributed prizes along the way. The Seventy-Five Club Dinner Dance was held on Friday, August 12th. We had a great meal provided by Dunn's Corners Market and then awarded monetary prizes to several lucky winners. Alex, Kathy and their committee deserve many thanks from all of us who were lucky enough to participate!

On Saturday, August 20th, our Let's Dance Party took place. Bob & Linda Bongiolatti, along with their committee, once again provided us with a very tasty meal and a great band to dance the evening away. It was great to see so many people staying for the "last dance"! This committee always does a wonderful job and their many years of service for this party are greatly appreciated. Thanks again to Bob & Linda for bringing us back to the 50's, 60's and 70's!

The annual Commodore's Cup Race was held on Sunday, August

28th. The race started off very slowly due to the lack of wind, but picked up rather nicely towards the mid-point in the race. I would like to thank Alan Ascare for organizing the race and festivities after the race. In addition, his committee did a great job assisting during the race and preparing the food afterwards. A special thanks to our committee boat, Jingo (Derek Musgrave) and to Joe Thon for letting Dale and I crew on his boat! In addition, I would like to congratulate our winners of the race: Skip Hoffman (Class A & Overall) and Len Kaminski (Class B).

Towards the end of this month, we will be preparing the docks for the winter. I would like to remind all the boaters that their boats have to be removed from the marina prior to Dock Day. Please refer to the Dock Committee article elsewhere in this newsletter.

Lastly, we still have many events prepared for the next couple of months so please continue to frequent the club and attend some of the great times we have planned.

Thank you!
Joe Reis
Commodore



COMMODORE'S CUP RESULTS

With the commodore sporting traditional yachting attire aboard the s/v VITTORIA, the Commodore's Cup race was held on Sunday August 28th to much fanfare and celebration. Despite the early doldrums and threat of rain, the wind picked up and the rain held off to provide an exciting finish for the competitors.

The results of the race were:

CLASS A

- 1st Skip Hoffman – WILD ANGEL
- 2nd Tom Briemann – ARABELLA
- 3rd Joe Thon – VITTORIA

CLASS B

- 1st Lenny Kaminski – ULTIMATE
- 2nd Rick Brown –
STREET MACHINE
- 3rd Ron Lawrence – SASSY LADY

Skip Hoffman and Lenny Kaminski will have their names engraved on the Commodore's Cup.

Congratulations to all the racers and thanks for your participation. I would like to thank the entire Regatta Committee for all of their hard work and efforts in making this a great event.


Sincerely,
Alan Ascare

House Committee News

October is here with the annual transition to fall; the days are warm with crisp nights. Boaters wind down a great year from the weather point of view and we start to get ready to put our boats to sleep until the spring.

September had some nice events such as the Sea Scout Dinner which was a fun filled night and great home cooked meal; thanks to all who helped and supported the Scouts.

Haggispalooza had great weather, making the Scottish/Celtic day enjoyable with music and food; a fun day for all, Scottish or not. Thanks to Rick and Sally for the hard work.

We also had another pool tournament on Saturday September 10th. Fred and all  shooters are continuing to

make these nights a new club favorite. Again, as always, we continue to have Friday night entertainment and Munchie table in our lounge and hope you all come down and enjoy.

Columbus Day weekend is the unofficial end of Boating Season and we hope for good weather as many people like to take a year-end cruise to enjoy the cool fall weather and sights.

Dock Day is on Saturday October 29th at 8:00 a.m. (0800), when we will put the marina to sleep for the winter. The House Committee will also clean and regroup the Kitchen and Clubhouse from all the use from the busy summer season. So come on down and help as we have a few maintenance projects that we can use some help with. Finally, October ends with

the start of Daylight Savings time on Sunday October 30th; see respective article for times and contacts.

Finally, we will start our annual Turkey shoot ticket sales starting in November on Friday nights at 8:30 p.m. These nights will be November 4th, November 11th and November 18th, when will have the "Shoot" on the 18th of November during the evening. Also we will have "Turkey Pies" at the bar starting the beginning of November for purchase from the staff.

Thanks for all of your hard work and help this year.

Steve & Carol Sposato
House Committee Co-Chairs

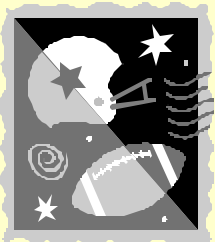
Sports Entertainment News

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



MIXED SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE

We will be having a Wednesday Night Mixed Shuffleboard League Starting in early October through February 2006.

All interested players are requested to use the sign-up sheet in the Lounge or contact Carol Sposato @ 1-860-599-1498.

We need at least 20 people to have 4 teams, so please sign up to have a fun time in the middle of the week during the off-season.

By-law Change Approved

At the general membership meeting held on Wednesday, September 14th, the membership approved an increase in the cap for dues/assessments to \$500.

Therefore, 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 pre-

sent 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.

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.

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!

Joe Reis
Commodore

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

Relay for Life for Cancer report

I have been waiting for the final report, and the good news is that Westerly (RI) raised a quarter-million dollars for cancer. So, now I would like to thank the Westerly Yacht Club for sponsoring our team and all of you who participated in this great weekend endeavor.

To George Armstrong who racked up the most mileage, and to our lady behind the bar, Mary Lou McCabe, who donated her long blonde hair so someone on chemotherapy could have a wig made. Thanks also to the Ross family and the

Paivas, who set up our camp area.

We had a great time and a lot of fun. That was the good news. But, now the bad news. The good lord willing, we will be back next year to bug you again (for donations, your time, your participation) and hope you can join us next year; it is worth it!

To all who are with us, thank you.

Barbara Lynch & Myrna Ross, Co-Chairs

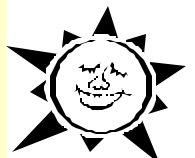
NOVEMBER Flyer
Deadline
OCTOBER 10th

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>



October 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
September 25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7 <i>CARTELLS</i>	8 WYC Regatta & Rally
9 WYC Rally @ Mystic Seaport	10 Columbus Day (observed)	11	12	13	14 <i>The VAZ</i>	15 Oktoberfest VAGABONDS
16	17 BoD Meeting	18	19	20	21 <i>ENNY CORNER</i>	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 <i>HIDDEN DRIVE</i>	29 Dock Day 0800
30 Children's Halloween Party 1300 <i>Daylight Savings ends 0200</i>	31	November 1	2	3	4 Friday Night Dinner (serving from 6:30—8:00 p.m.)	5

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!



A "Humorous" Article Re-printed from Boat/U.S. Magazine of September 2005

askcap'ndrew

Dear Cap'n Drew: I recently became commodore of a large boat club on the Chesapeake. I never realized how much work would be involved with the job! Before becoming commodore, I served on the board of directors of the club, but I still never got the full picture of how labor-intensive the "big job" would be. Being at the head of a 100+ member boat club is like being president, judge, complaints department and bottle-washer all rolled into one. Whenever anyone has a problem; whether it is about another member, the cleanliness of the pool, or the condition of the dock, they run directly into me.

Don't misunderstand me; I love the job and the members of my club. However, I

believe that people should understand that it is inappropriate to approach the commodore of their club with complaints when the commodore is sitting on his/her boat with family and guests. I think that you should write a handbook for commodores and an etiquette handbook for boaters. Your direct and devastatingly honest approach would really set the rules straight.

Commodore John (name changed)
From the Chesapeake Bay

Dear Commodore John: You now know the most closely held secret of the "Loyal Order of Really Annoyed Ex-Commodores" (LORAEC). While the role of commodore appears to be glamorous and right out of Hollywood (it seems this way because of those cute little "Mr. Howell"

hats), the truth is that the job can be extremely frustrating. I have never heard someone who has held such a post say, "I used to be a commodore. Boy, I wish I could do that again."

Statistically, more people re-enlist for combat duty than re-up for a commodore's job. Being commodore is boating's version of corporate middle management – you catch grief on all sides. It is a job that requires you to deal with a lot of crap. That is why it is named after a commode. When you finish your stint, and the local chapter of "The Loyal Order of Really Annoyed Ex-Commo-dores" approaches you to join, be sure to sign up. They have great benefits and they support each other through lots of heavy drinking.

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	October 2005		
8/9	WYC Regatta & Rally at Mystic Seaport	TBA	
15	Oktoberfest	1300	
29	Fall Dock Day	0800	
30	Childrens 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	1300	
	December 2005		
11	Childrens 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 Years Eve Party	1830	

**SIGN-UP IN THE LOUNGE OR CALL
PAT HOCHMAN
860-535-8486**

Another Friday Night Dinner Sponsored By Your Entertainment Committee

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 band (TBA) will be playing in the lounge for your dancing pleasure

Cheryl & Tony Spino
Entertainment Committee co-Chairs