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We're on the Web:

westerlyyachtclub.org

(That's why we have a Webmaster.)

Commodore's Ball slated for October 18, 2008

This formal event, hosted by Commodore Alex Houston and his wife Kathy, is sure to be one of the highlights of their year.

Tickets will be for sale at \$40.00 per person to **members only** on September 19 and 26. Tickets may be purchased for non-members on October 3 and 10. We ask that all tickets be paid for by October 10.

Appetizers will be served from 6:30 to 7:30. A beef dinner is planned. Please see page 7 of this flyer for details. Music for your listening and dancing pleasure will be provided by Straight Up.

Cherie and Larry Harland
Commodore's Ball co-Chairs

Fall Harvest Dinner - Friday October 3, 2008 6:30p.m.

Get your Advanced Tickets!

Menu: Roast Pork and all the traditional fall fixings....Succulent!

\$15.00 per person (\$20.00 at the Door)

Sign-Up sheet in Lounge

Members Tickets: 9/12 & 19

Guests Tickets start 9/26

Music: The Vagabonds

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.

Children's Halloween Party

Sunday October 26th

Join us on Sunday, October 26th from 1-4p.m.

This year's celebration is loaded with lots of treats (and a few tricks).

We will have a costume parade at 1:30 and prizes will be awarded for the best costumes.

At 2:30 Matt Roberts will perform his special magic show with Halloween touches and a special 'how to' magic lesson. Matt has performed on the NBC Today Show, at Mohegan Sun Casino and is highly recommended by the Make-A-Wish Foundation!

Be careful in the Haunted House, you never know what you'll find!

Hop on board for a horse drawn hayride! Bring a trick-or-treat bag for your goodies!

Please call 401-397-5117 to register your children! Leave a message letting us know your name, how many children and their ages. (This helps us have enough treats for everyone)

A \$5.00 charge per child will be collected at the door, make checks payable to WYC or cash!

Hope to see on the 26th! Remember to bring a Trick-or-Treat bag (no pillow cases please!)

Wayne and Karen Vogel co-chairs
and our AWESOME Children's Halloween Committee

If anyone is interested in volunteering or if you have any suggestions or ideas you would like to share please call Karen Vogel at 401-397-5117 or email me at Marvin342@aol.com Please include **WYC Children's Halloween Party** in the subject.

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

OCTOBER BANDS

3
VAGABONDS

10
STANDARD TIMES

17
2ND AVENUE

18
STRAIGHT UP

24
DAVE RIZZUTO

26
JOE "VAZ" VASINGTON

31
CHARIZMA

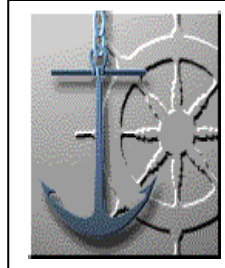
SHIP'S SMALL STORES

WILL BE OPEN ON THE
FIRST FRIDAY EVENING
IN OCTOBER.

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

FROM THE WATERFRONT *The Wetside Gang*

DOCK DAY SATURDAY



NOVEMBER 1ST 0800 – FINISHED FOOD & DRINK AFTERWARD

CALENDAR DINNER SLATED FOR NOVEMBER 15TH

WE HAVE ONLY 3 TABLES AVAILABLE TO DECORATE: APRIL, MAY AND AUGUST.

WE HAVE PLANNED A FABULOUS NEW MENU:
**ALL YOU CAN EAT SOUP, SALAD AND BREAD BAR, HAM DINNER INCLUDING SCALLOPED
POTATOES AND VEGGIES.**

DESSERTS ARE PROVIDED BY THE HOSTESSES.

THIS IS TRULY A BEAUTIFUL NIGHT AND THE TALENT SHOWCASED BY
THE WOMEN OF THE WYC IS TRULY AMAZING,
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

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, October 11, 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

COMMODORE'S CUP RESULTS

OUR ANNUAL COMMODORE'S CUP WAS HELD ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULTS:

Class 1
WILD ANGEL
Skip Hoffman

Class 2
STREET MACHINE
Rick Brown

THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE EVENT, ESPECIALLY THE RACE COMMITTEE BOAT WITH CAPT. BILL "SLAMMER" CASEY & "SHOTGUN" WILLY LITKE. WE HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT HOW THE FINISH LINE WAS ESTABLISHED OFF THE PIER AT SKIPPER'S DOCK IN STONINGTON HARBOR.....

BINNACLE LIST

David Lanphear, Keeper of the Binnacle

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

Paul Hublard, 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.

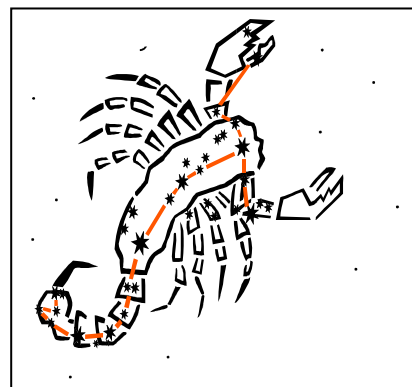
Also, if there has been a death of an out of town member, we'd appreciate hearing about this as soon as possible so we can make our arrangements.

IN MEMORIAM

Paul M. Kearney, LM
Westerly, RI

Emil Mistrik, LM
Westerly, RI

OCTOBER		
03	Harvest Dinner Night	TBA
18	Commodore's Ball	1830
26	Children's Halloween Party	1300
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



October:

Fri. 03 Harvest Night Dinner
Sat. 18 Commodore's Ball
Sun. 26 Children's Halloween Party

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 October

Fall is here! It's almost time to take the boats out of the water and prepare the club for winter. I'm not sure why this summer flew by so quickly, but it certainly did! Maybe it's because we were so busy here at the club?

Every time I sit down to write this column, I'm reminded of the wonderful people we have here at the WYC. Committees work tirelessly to prepare for and run exciting parties and events for us, groups meet in the lounge for cocktails and friendship, the bar is full most every afternoon, and laughter rings out from every nook and cranny of the place. No matter what anyone else may say, the WYC is a happy place. Have we made changes? Yes. Do we have room for improvement? Absolutely! Are we all working constantly to make this place better? Definitely! We are blessed with a great location, warm, caring, hard-working members and staff, and a board and flag of dedicated people. If we stay the course and continue to work together, WYC will be even better in the years to come.

I extend to all of you my sincerest gratitude for the support you have given me through a very trying time in our club's history. It was very difficult to listen to some of the things being said about us and not respond. Taking the "high road" and saying nothing is often difficult, but is usually beneficial.

We have much to do here at our club, and we are working on it. But we work on it in OUR way, in OUR time, for the good of OUR membership. I thank you for your continuous support of your flag officers, your board, and your club. Together, we will continue to chart a course that we can navigate.

In every election process, many people will get exactly what they want, while others will get exactly what they do not want. We must allow the process to work. Those who are not pleased with the results will continue to work for another opportunity, and possibly, the results will go more in their favor. But, rest assured, ALL of our voices are heard at this club. We have a very good thing here. Let's keep working to make it even better for all of us!

There were many committees at work through September that need to be recognized. The Fishing Tournament concluded with a picnic and recognition of accomplishments. My thanks go to Barry and Joyce Wazer and their committee. Joe and Camille Martin, and committee, did an amazing job once again for Fisherman's Ball. It was a sell-out event and the food was delicious. The band fed off the energy of the crowd and held many of us here till the very end! Great party!! Rick Brown and his committee hosted a fun filled Commodore's Cup race. Special thanks to Barnacle Bill Casey for

captaining the committee boat and shotgun-toting Willy Litke for scaring everyone to death! Congratulations to the winners.

Committees are already hard at work in preparation for the Children's Halloween Party, the Commodore's Ball, Harvest Dinner, and more. Watch for ticket sales in the lounge and sign up early. These are sure to be sell-out events!!

In another section of this month's flyer, you will see a notice to withdraw funds from our contingency fund. We have over \$105,000 in this fund. We are asking that you approve a withdrawal of up to \$40,000 to renovate the hall men's and ladies' rooms as well as continue our revamp of the lounge with butcher block tops for the tables and a few new pieces of furniture. I am sure if you take a close look at these facilities you will see the need to go forward with this project. A full presentation will be made at the November General membership meeting. Please join me on Nov. 12th to support this needed and necessary update to our club house.

That's all for now! Please come down and support your club!

Alex Houston
Commodore

commodore@westerlyyachtclub.org

Fisherman's Ball Recap

We would like to thank everyone who attended the Fisherman's Ball on September 13th, and hope everyone had a great time. We would also like to give a big thank you to:

Marc & Diane Nicol
Dave Handrahan
Frank & Marion Leddy
Brad & Marie Johnson,
Ken & Cindy Cardinal
Bill & Brenda Smyth
Wally & Lisa Rapoza
Steve Wells
Nancy Martin

Without this help, this party would not have been possible.

Joe & Camille Martin
Fisherman's Ball Co-chairs

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

FISHING TOURNAMENT NEWS



Here we go--the final 2008 WYC Fishing Tournament report. The Tournament ended September 1st with 99 participants, 72 adult males, 19 adult females and 8 juniors. Only one woman, Sharon Pfau, entered a fish this year along with 4 juniors and 20 men. The *Flukers* certainly kept the competition lively with many entries and some really nice fish. Tournament winners were honored Sunday, September 7th at the annual awards ceremony and picnic. Congratulations to all of the junior and adult prize winners listed below:

Junior Category:

Nathan Mitchell	Porgy/Scup	2.15#
Connor Halloran	Bluefish	6.35#
Connor Halloran	Sea Bass	4.00#

Adult Category:

Mike Sabolcik	Fluke	11.05#
Mike Sabolcik	Fluke	9.25#
Ed Curran	Bluefish	11.70#
Lou Misto	Bluefish	10.35#
Tom Medeiros	Sea Bass	3.05#
Lou Misto	Sea Bass	2.20#
Barry Wazer	Striper	47.80#
Keith Bilodeau	Striper	39.30#

Due to space constraints all those who entered fish in the Tournament are listed on the WYC web site. We want to thank everyone who participated in the Tournament and especially those anglers who entered their catch.

We want to acknowledge Fred DeGrooth and Ron Mitchell, both WYC members, for their donations to the Tournament raffle; Lou and Christine Misto for joining the committee and providing much assistance. Most of all we thank our committee for their ongoing support. Thanks to the "clammers", especially Tina, for the hours they gave to dig and shuck so Bill Bazydlo's kitchen acumen could shine through in his great chowder and fritters. Thank you Camille for the great potato salad, Joe Lanouette for the homemade baked beans and George for coming through with the delicious corn, with the help of Sal Salmairoghi (who isn't even on the committee). Thanks to all the committee members who carried out the million little things that make this awards picnic such a success.

Last year we ended the Tournament by paying tribute to our dear friend Charlie Coburn. As many of you know a special one day memorial Striper Tournament was held this summer in honor of Charlie. The profit from the Memorial Tournament was donated to the Fishing Tournament Committee, a committee Charlie served on for many years. It is the decision of the Fishing Tournament Committee to contribute these funds to the memorial fund held by the Club in Charlie's name. This memorial fund is to be distributed at the family's discretion.

On behalf of the Fishing Tournament Committee we thank all the members of the WYC for the continued support and for being such great friends. *WYC is one super Club.*

Bill and Bonnie Bazydlo, George Gingerella, Joe and Paula LaBozzetta, Joe & Karen Lanouette, Joe & Camille Martin, Roger & Alice Page, Jim & Tina Preskar, Wally & Lisa Rapoza, Mike & Terry Sabolcik, Chris & Justina Wazer, Jim Wilgis, and co-chairs Barry & Joyce Wazer.

(Full results are on the website)

Sandy Point Beach Bash – The incriminating evidence!!

Aerial Photographs
By Greg Gulino

If you are interested in viewing the aerial photos of our Sandy Point Beach party please go online and log on to www.gulinophotography.com. There is no obligation to review the photos.

Click on the "milleralbumlogin" button at the bottom of the home page
You will then be asked to type the Event Code: 34785WWYCBEACHPARTY
Follow the "sign in" instructions and you're in!
Pictures are available for purchase directly from the website.



Cell phone numbers go public! (Sent by Groton Lodge of Elks to its members)

All cell phone numbers are being released to telemarketing companies tomorrow (September 16th) and you will start to receive sale calls.

YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR THESE CALLS.

To prevent this, call the following number from your cell phone: 888-382-1222. It is the National DO NOT CALL list.

It will only take a minute of your time. It blocks your number for five (5) years. You must call from the cell phone number you want to have blocked.
You cannot call from a different phone number... HELP OTHERS BY PASSING THIS ON TO ALL YOUR FRIENDS.



**Commodore's Ball
October 18th, 2008**

Cocktail Hour from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Dinner served at 7:30 pm
Entertainment Will Immediately Follow Dinner

- Appetizers:** Italian Vegetables, Imported and Domestic Meats and Cheeses, Sun Dried Tomato Hummus, Distinctive Cracker Assortment, Ciabatta Bread Points and Balsamic Oil
- Salad:** Fresh Baby Greens Salad w/ Sweet Mustard Vinaigrette
- Entrée:** Oven Roasted N.Y. Strip Steak with Gratin Potato Wedge and Haricot vert Squash Ring w/ Béarnaise Sauce. Meatless alternative available upon request (Chef ' s choice)
- Dessert:** Apple Crisp served warm with Sorbet

Music by:
Straight Up

Tickets: \$40:00 per person
Last day of ticket sales is Friday, Oct 10th.
We asked that *all* tickets be purchased by that date.
Cherie & Larry Harland, PC – Co-Chairs