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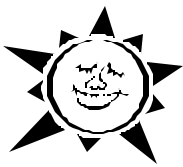
THE WESTERLY CURRENT

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WYC Burgee to be on TV!

The O.C., a Warner Brothers Television Production on the FOX network, sent us a letter stating that they were designing a yacht club set to be featured in their third season. The producers want to decorate this new set with burgees from distinguished yacht clubs from around the world. They stated that they would be honored if we would allow them to display our burgee on their yacht club set.

We honored their request by sending them a burgee and replying that we would be delighted to be part of their yacht club set. For those of you that are interested, the series starts airing in **September**. We will keep you posted if and when we hear of any more details!



Autumn will arrive on

22 September 2005 at 2223 UTC*
 [1823 (6:23 p.m.) EDT]

* (Source: U.S. Naval Observatory)
<http://aa.usno.navy.mil>

OCTOBER Flyer
 Deadline
 SEPTEMBER 10th

SEA SCOUT DINNER/DANCE SLATED ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th

Members of Sea Scout Ship #1 are in the preparation stages of their next Dinner/Dance to be held on September 10th, beginning at 1830.

The menu for this September's Dinner Dance is as follows:

We begin the evening with our famous and fabulous hors d'oeuvre table, followed by the main repast of chicken w/ mushroom sauce served over a bed of rice, green beans, salad, and rolls.

Tickets will be on sale Friday evenings in the latter part of August and

early September. Donation is \$15.00 per person.

We hope to see many of our club members and friends here on the 10th, so mark your calendars now to save this date.

Thank you all for your support in the past and looking forward to the future.

Mike Palazzolo, Skipper
 S.E.S. Admiral H. O. Dunn
 Ship #1, Westerly

"HAGGISPALOOZA" IS COMING 11 September '05

Last call for the official opening of the Pawcatuck River Haggis Hunt for wae bairns, lassies and adults. We'll be having a great time on Sunday, 11 September for all ticket-holders starting at 1300 with the arrival of our guest bands "SCOTCH ON THE ROCKS" and "TARA'S THISTLE".

Children's activities will be taking place on the grounds during the afternoon, and these include a Pipers Parade, Highland Ath-

letics, Face Painting and Crafts.

Of course, food will be in the feasting meadow (served 1400—1600) including Fish & Chips, Burgers & Chips and Hot Dogs & Chips (now, that's a lotta' chips!) And, for the hearty of appetite with a distinct lack of taste buds (just kidding!) there'll be a bit of that elusive Haggis about for your pleasure.

Those who tried it last year really liked it!

Remember 11 September 05 for 'HAGGISPALOOZA!' We go on rain or shine!

Tickets will be on sale Friday eves August 26th and September 2nd. Last date for ticket purchase or sign-up is Monday, September 5th. You may sign up on one of our sheets in the lounge.

Advance tickets \$15.00 adults & \$8.00 children 12 and under. Tickets at the door are \$20.00 adults & \$10.00 children's. Please sign on early as there is limited Haggis at this time of year!!

Yours aye!

Rick Muller & Sally Hanson
 Co-Haggis Heads 2005
 Slainté



The Fishermen's Ball is Back Again With Seafood Delights on September 24th

Be prepared for a delicious meal once again as we present our annual Fisherman's Ball on Saturday, September 24th.

Our main course includes lobster, corn on the cob, and potatoes. Also, there will be appetizers galore, including stuffies, calamari, scallops, clam chowder, salmon, mussels, cheese & crackers, and a whole lot more! Oh, yes, don't forget coffee & dessert.



Seating is limited, so get your tickets early. Tickets go on sale *for members only* on Friday August 26, and September 2. For members and guest tickets, come down on September 9 and 16. The price for this evening has been set at \$30.00 per person.

Joe & Camille Martin
 Fisherman's Ball
 Co-Chairs

WESTERLY YACHT CLUB 2005 GAS DOCK HOURS

Through September 8, 2005

Open 7 days a week!
 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

September 9 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.

News from the Fishing Tournament

The 2005 edition of our tournament is rapidly drawing to a close as another summer is unofficially coming to a close with Labor Day on the horizon.

Those of us who do not have a fish entered for consideration of a prize will have to fish harder and faster to get one in by September 5th, as the tournament officially ends on Labor Day. Good Luck!

Our tourney had a respectable number of participants, and we look forward to a well attended awards picnic. The picnic will take place on Sunday, September 8th this year, at 1300 (1 p. m.), and is free to all who participated in this contest. Come on down and cheer for

the ones who were luckier than we were this year. Pick up some tips so that next year you can challenge them.

The menu will be hot dogs, hamburgers, salads, and an excellent clam chowder. We will also have door prizes. It will be an enjoyable afternoon with a few stories of the ones that got away, I'm sure.

On behalf of the yacht club and the tournament committee, we would like to thank all the fishermen that participated to make this a great contest.

Jim Wilgis
FTC Chairman

*** CANCELLATION NOTICES ***

Please make note of the following cancellations:

Friday Night Dinner, September 2nd
Portuguese Night, October 1st

As you may or may not know, we schedule our functions many months (sometimes over a year) in advance. Sometimes, as these events approach, events happen that force us to make changes. This is the case with the two functions listed above. We are hoping to reschedule the Friday Night Dinner later on in the year. Most of the committee

that prepares our Friday Night Dinners will not be available on September 2nd, the start of Labor Day weekend.

Portuguese Night is being cancelled due to an outside commitment for most of the committee members. Since there are many other events planned for the month of October, we could not find an appropriate date to reschedule this event. Therefore, it is being cancelled for this year.

Our apologies for having to cancel these two events but we will do our best to make sure there are plenty of other functions for you to attend.

General Membership Meeting September 14th at 2000 (8:00 p.m.)

This notice is to remind you of our third General Membership Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, September 14th 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 an update of the first half of this year's finances, a report on the status of our docks, and a proposed by-law change. In addition, the Nominating Committee, headed by Charlie Coburn, will be announcing the candidates for the various Flag Officer and

Board of Director positions that will become open as of March 1st, 2006. Nominations for these positions will also be taken from the floor. In addition, we will have an update from one of our House Committee Co-Chairs, Steve Sposato, on the status of the overall operation of the club.

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

Last Chance to sign up for the WYC Winter Directory

Listings have been pouring in to have member's names listed in our new Winter Vacation Directory. This helpful directory will list members winter addresses at their winter or vacation home when it is different from their normal full-time WYC Directory listing. It will be of value for friends or summer acquaintances to locate you at an address or phone number not in our regular yearbook. We also use it to notify people about our Florida Members Get-together each year; a fun and exciting event.

If you haven't already signed up for this supplemental directory, you better act fast. Listings will only be accepted through September 15th. After that, well, you'll just have to wait until next year's edition.

Fill out the form that is located on another page of this flyer.

Dave Blanchard
Winter Directory Coordinator

Pool Tournament & Karaoke Night

featuring
DAVE RIZZUTO

Saturday, September 10th

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 PM 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

**OKTOBERFEST IS
IN MY SIGHTS!**

15 OKTOBER 05



BINNACLE LIST

David Lanphear, Keeper of the Binnacle

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

None to report.

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

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

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

Hello again! It is hard to believe that half of "our" year has gone by already! The children will be starting school shortly and it is already time to start thinking about preparations for putting the marina to bed for the remainder of the year. Before we all start getting depressed, there still are a couple of months of decent weather to go boating, walk the beach, and catch up on yard chores! In addition, there are many events planned for the next few months so please considering joining us at one or more of them. Details for most of these events can be found within this newsletter.

This month, I would like to start with thanking more of our members who are not in the spotlight, but certainly deserve some recognition for helping us operate and maintain the club: Mike Whitford for repairing our lounge air conditioner; Dick Brown for repairing the large awnings over the deck; Bill Casey for installing several dock boxes; John Brennan for assisting our Maintenance Committee Chairman, Bob Dionne, with many maintenance tasks; Frank Toole and Steve Iacoi for cleaning our swimming pool every day; Steve and Sherry Shakeshaft (and their committee) for doing a wonderful job with the Small Stores this year and the House Committee for their commitment in keeping the club in shape and for feeding us on the many Friday evenings we have enjoyed. All of these members I have acknowledged have donated their time and, in some cases, materials to help us keep costs down and the club operating smoothly. There are still many others to thank and hopefully, over the next few months, we can continue our acknowledgement of them as well.

Now moving along to some of the major functions we just enjoyed, I would like to thank Ed Wirth and Bill Stuart for the many years they have chaired the Club Cruise. This year's Club Cruise (i.e., their retirement party) was held on Saturday, July 16th.

Mother Nature was kind enough to give us a nice summer day to enjoy the festivities. Over 500 people, including the committee, enjoyed a fun-filled day of food, music and pirate activities. The committee did a wonderful job serving both lunch and dinner; both of which were very tasty and filling! A special thanks to Fred Koury and Karen Turano for making sure we pirates were well hydrated and to the entire committee for pulling off another awesome way to spend a summer day!

On a bit of a "downer", our Block Island and Back Race scheduled for July 23rd and 24th had to be cancelled due to the lack of participants signed up for the race. However, I would like to thank Alan Ascare for his efforts in trying to organize this event. Alan did everything he could to try and rally our "senior" sailors but, for various reasons, it was not meant to be this year.

On July 30th, we had our second annual Dinghy Poker Run. George and Jane Gingerella, the Committee Chairs, prepared a fun day for us "dinghies" to enjoy. We "raced" up to C.C. O'Brien's for a snack and a cocktail or two, made our way to Prime Time Café, and then all hell broke loose when we started down the river towards Gray's Boatyard and Avondale Marina. I do not believe there was one participant that stayed dry, including our beloved Hans Oppelt, who decided to submerge himself before we even left the dock at the club! After the boating festivities took place, all participants enjoyed burgers, dogs, chowder and clam fritters! Thanks again to George, Jane and the entire committee for providing another great way to spend a summer day!

On Saturday, August 6th, our annual Venetian Night celebration took place. Dave Miguel and his committee put on a wonderful (and memorable!) Italian feast for all to enjoy. The appetizer table was a work of art and the meal was unbelievably awesome! I would also like to thank those that par-

ticipated by decorating their boats this year. Although participation in decorating was low, all of these participants were winners and received prizes for their efforts. It was a beautiful evening to walk the docks, judge the decorated boats, and enjoy a wonderful meal, with music and dancing afterwards. A special thanks to Cheryl & Tony Spino, JoAnn & Glenn Foberg, and Mary & Mike Levcowich for helping with the decorations, meal, wine, and prizes!

Our annual Fleet Review was held on Sunday, August 7th. Once again, Mother Nature held up her end by providing us with a nice summer day to enjoy while parading to Stonington Harbor and back via the many boats that participated. Kathy and Mike Tuttle, and their committee, organized an awesome flotilla of boats that made their way to Stonington Harbor to pay our respects to the many members who our no longer with us except in memory. After returning from the memorial service, the participants were treated to a tasty buffet and exciting raffle of prizes. Thanks again to Kathy, Mike and committee for their many years of organizing this event for us to enjoy! A special thanks to Cindy & Dick Trayner for inviting the officers, Board members, and special guests on their boat and for leading the flotilla to Stonington and back. Lastly, I would like to thank the 24 boats and many guests that participated in honoring our past members.

Thanks again for "listening" to me and I hope you enjoy the remainder of the summer and start of autumn. Please support the club as best you can by participating in some of the wonderful functions we have or by volunteering your time and skills to help us maintain our facility!

Joe Reis
Commodore



House Committee News

September is now here; where did the summer go? We were all able to enjoy a very warm, dry summer season at the club. Also luck was with us as we had no major rainouts which led to very successful functions.

In August we were treated to an outstanding Venetian Night feast as Dave Miguel and his crew put together an awesome Italian menu second to none. We all enjoyed a walk on the docks to see all the boats that were festively decorated and voted for our favorite theme. On Sunday we had the annual Fleet Review and Boat parade topping off a great weekend in style.

Everything else in the house is in

good order, with the Lounge being very active and enjoyable. Many thanks to our hard working and dedicated staff for their diligence during the busiest time of the year. An extra thanks to Ed Wirth, Bob Dionne, Rick Muller and our whole bar staff for a job well done on the big July wedding. With 225 plus at the wedding, along with our weekend boaters and pool crowd, we encountered no major problems thanks to their hard work and your patience.

We extend our personal thanks to all who have worked so hard and helped so much this year to make the yacht club as successful as we have been. Again, as members, we all ex-

emplify what an all volunteer club can accomplish when we all put our talents and energy together for a common goal.

Remember that we will continue to have our Thursday night dinners and on Fridays will continue to have entertainment to kick off our weekends.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Club and thanks for your help and support.

Steve & Carol Sposato
House Committee Co-Chairs

Sports Entertainment News

Well, summer is winding down and the Red Sox are still doing well. *(In first place the last time we looked)*

Keep an eye open in the lounge and on the web page for information about upcoming events. We will put food out for special baseball games and Nextel cup races (car races, drive fast—turn left).

The football season is coming soon and we will have Monday Night Football with food and drink specials.

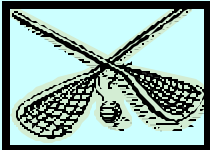
If anybody has a special sporting event that may attract members to the club such as arm wrestling or chess, (under the ice mud hockey in the winter??) contact a SEC member with your idea.

Skip Hoffman

SEC Chair-
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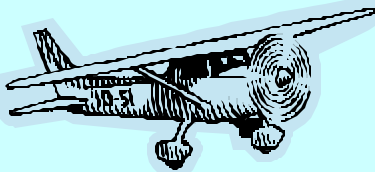


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SKYDIVING?



MERCY FLIGHTS



Tom Brielmann is once again offering his piloting services free of charge, based on availability, to members who experience an emergency while boating and need to be flown to Westerly. Limited to three passengers. He can be reached at 401-348-6664.

Thank You From the Fleet Review Committee

The Fleet review was again a success. Mike and I would like to thank our committee who worked very hard to put this function together. Bill and Susie Brown, Walter and Shirley Stetson, Art and Angie Smith. A big thank you to our boat guests who also helped, Jerry & Patty McKinney. Thank you to all boaters who participated and showed support for our Yacht club.

We would also like to say thank you to the merchants who donated this year. It is a long list.

Whistle Stop
McQuade's

Amanda's Pantry
Rafters

Cooked Goose
Warehouse Liquors
Captain Tim's Galley
West Marine
Modesto's
Cove Ledge Wine & Liquors
Kitchen Emporium.com
Sandy's Food Emporium
Jezzabelle's

Vetrano's
Bea Smith's
EZ Liquors
Norwest Marina
Pleasant Acres

Mike & Kathy Tuttle
Co-Chairs

2005 RALLY AT THE SEAPORT

October marks the return of the Regatta Cup Race, coupled with a rally 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, and distinguished guests 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. Please watch the Westerly Current for more details as they become avail-



able. So far we have reserved 20 slips at the Seaport for this event so please sign up early.

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

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.).

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Willy Litke,
Oktoberfest Committee Chairman

WYC Winter Directory Database

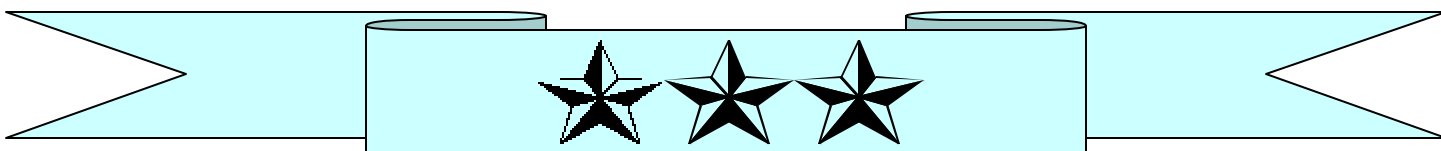
Please complete and return to WYC to have your winter vacation Address included in our new upcoming Winter Address Directory.

First Name	Initial	Last Name	Spouse
Winter Street Address		Apt./etc	City
Area Code	Phone #	Ext./other	Email & Other Info

Please fill out and return to: Dave Blanchard, Winter Directory Committee/ Westerly Yacht Club/ 1 Watch Hill Road/ Westerly, RI 02891

September 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
August 28	29	30	31	September 1	2	3
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
HAGGISPALOOZA 1300 SCOTCH ON THE ROCKS TARA'S THISTLE	Board of Directors 1930		General Membership Meeting 2000		ENNY CORNER	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Fishing Tourna- ment Picnic 1300					SECOND AVENUE	Fishermen's Ball 1830 ILLUSIONS
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					MONDELLS	



NOTICE

TO: ALL VOTING MEMBERS - WESTERLY YACHT CLUB
BY-LAW AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

AS PER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE XII - BYLAW AMENDMENTS SECTION 1, THE MEMBERSHIP IS HEREBY NOTIFIED BY THIS NOTICE THAT A HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2005 TO ACT ON THE AMENDMENTS HEREON:

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VIII – MEMBERSHIP FEES, DUES, & ASSESSMENTS

SECTION 2 - DUES

PURPOSE: TO INCREASE THE CAP ON THE DUES FROM \$400 TO \$500

CURRENTLY READS:

Section 2 - Dues:

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 **\$400.00** per annum.

AMEND TO READ:

Section 2 - Dues:

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.

Respectfully submitted,

Sal Parise
By-Laws 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.

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	August 2005		
28	Commodore's Cup Race	TBA	
	September 2005		
10	Sea Scout Dinner/Dance	1830	
10	Pool Tournament & Karaoke	1900	
11	Haggispalooza!	1300	
14	General Membership Meeting	2000	
18	Fishing Tournament Picnic & Awards	1300	
24	Fishermen's Ball	1830	
	October 2005		
8/9	WYC Regatta & Rally at Mystic Seaport	TBA	
15	Oktoberfest	1300	
29	Fall Dock Day	0800	
30	Children's Halloween Party	1300	
	November 2005		
4	Friday Night Dinner	TBA	
16	General Membership Meeting	2000	
18	Turkey Shoot	TBA	
19	Western Night Steak Fry	1830	
20	Election Sunday	1300	

Dinghy Poker Run revisited

A great time was had by all at our first "official" Dinghy Poker Run. Mother nature cooperated for us with perfect weather, not that rain would really matter for this event.

The cruise upriver was a rather dry event, but once we boarded our dinghies for the trip back downstream, all heck broke loose. I don't think there was a single participant that stayed dry.

When we eventually returned to the yacht club, most of us looked as if we just came out of the swimming pool.

These committee members helped

out to make this event a great time. Thanks a heap to:

Darryl Kotyk & Skip Hoffman who towed the raft up the river to establish a safe landing behind C.C. O'Brien's. They made that slow trip very enjoyable;

Betty Smith & Barbara Condikey who came out of the swimming pool, leaving their floaties behind, to register all attendees and hand out the bright Dinghy Poker Run t-shirts;

Nick Shakeshaft & Mike Alu for working the grill preparing hamburgers and hot dogs;

Bill Bazydlo who donated many of

the ingredients for the sensational chowder and fritters;

Bill B. & Ernie Campbell who spent the afternoon preparing all the chowder & fritters while the rest of us were out playing;

And to all the rest that prepared the side dishes that were appreciated by all.

I'm already looking forward to next year's event. By then I'll know what poker hand beats what!

George Gingerella
DPR Chairman