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WESTERLY YACHT CLUB 2006 GAS DOCK HOURS

Through September 7th:

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

September 8 through October 29th:

Friday: 4 P.M. to 7 P.M.
 Saturday: 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.
 Sunday: 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Hours are subject to change.

Fishermen's Ball Returns on 9 September 2006

We're back again! You don't want to miss this event! We will be bringing back some old favorites and trying out some new, tempting tastes.

Be prepared for a delicious meal once again as we present our annual Fisherman's Ball on Saturday, September 9th.

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 & crack-

ers, and a whole lot more! Oh, yes, don't forget coffee & dessert.

Seating is limited, so get your tickets early. Cost for this event is \$30.00 per person and **all tickets must be paid for and picked up in advance.** There will also be a sign up sheet in the lounge.

Joe & Camille Martin
 Fisherman's Ball
 Co-Chairs

WYC 2006 SAILBOAT RACE SCHEDULE

Commodore's Cup
September 24

[See Rick Brown for the entry forms for the above events]

Mystic Seaport
Rendezvous

September 30 - October 1

COMMODORE'S BALL ON TAP FOR SEPTEMBER 23RD

This is a time to honor our commodore and wish him the best.

Cocktail hour begins at 1830 with dinner to follow at 1930. "NEW YORK MINUTE" will provide music for your listening and dancing pleasure.

MENU
 By Dunn's Corners Market

SALAD
 PASTA
 BAKED STUFFED CHICKEN BREAST
 ROASTED RED POTATOES

VEGETABLE
 DESSERT
 COFFEE TEA

Tickets are on sale Friday evenings September 1st, 8th, and 15th and are priced at \$40.00 per person.

Black tie or formal attire is requested (but not mandatory).

Skip & Theresa Hoffman
 Commodore's Ball co-chairs

Men's & Women's Shuffleboard will begin soon

There will be a meeting of team captains soon, so be expecting a call from your shuffleboard chairs.

Missing Items

The club is still missing two items: the carved seagull donated by Bob Smith, and one of the new tables recently purchased for the deck. If you have either of these items please return it to the club immediately. Please contact the club if you have any information about where these items are located.

Just when you thought it was safe....

Save the date-September 16.

The House Committee presents a Full Spam dinner buffet. Come join us for classic favorites such as:

New England Spam Chowder
Spambalaya
Chicken Cordon Bleu(with Spam of course)
Tossed salad with Spam infused vinaigrette
and our featured dessert
Spam Brulee.

This promises to be a fun and interesting evening with dancing in the lounge immediately following. Open seating 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Ticket prices \$13.00 per person,

\$25.00 per couple. Tickets are on sale Fridays evenings, or sign up sheet at the podium.

See you there.

Dave Miguel, HC Chmn



OCTOBER Flyer
 Deadline
 SEPTEMBER 10th

**PORTUGUESE NIGHT HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO A CALENDAR MALFUNCTION, OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
 SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR!**

COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

Where did the summer go? We finally got the hazy, hot, and humid summer weather, but did it have to be 100 degrees and 95 percent humidity? The season is quickly passing but there are plenty of events left before the warm weather ends.

August events went very well. Alex and Kathy Houston completed this year's 75 Club with a wonderful dinner and awards banquet. Thanks to them and to those who assisted during the summer for making this a great year. There were a few extra gift certificates and/or tickets available each week in addition to the regular prizes.

Venetian Night was a big success. Tony and Cheryl Spino and their committee put on an amazing pasta bar for the dinner. It had to be one of the best dinners I've had at the club. Of course, pasta and seafood are favorites of mine. While the decorated boats were few this year, the decorations and themes were great fun.

The Fleet Review was held on one of the best days of the summer. We had 20+ boats participating and each boat had more than a few people on board. This year was

especially poignant with a board member, past commodore and close friends remembered during this event. The efforts of Mike and Kathy Tuttle, Walter and Shirley Stetson, and the committee were very much appreciated in hosting this function.

Add to these the Pool Tournament and Karaoke night and the WYC Regatta and August was a busy month.

We will be closing out another summer activity with the Fishing Tournament Awards Picnic on September 4th. Barry and Joyce Wazer set up an entertaining year of fishing with some surprising entries in some of the categories. The Shuffleboard League starts the fall and winter season with both women and men's competition beginning in September. See Maggie Stewart and Ted and Greta Slesiona for player and team information.

Two big September events begin with the Fisherman's Ball on the 9th. Joe and Camille Martin have a varied appetizer selection and a delicious main course to satisfy even the most discerning palate. The Entertainment Committee, chaired by

Theresa and Skip Hoffman PC, has planned the Commodore's Ball for September 23rd. This formal event will be great fun, as always, so please plan to join us for the evening.

On the business side of things, the installation of the sprinkler system is on track for completion in February/March of next year. The contract has been awarded and the first phase of installing the new water line to the building will start in October. A new heating/AC unit for the dining hall arrived in August and will be installed in early to mid September. Plans for dredging and for dock maintenance are also on-going.

The heat and activity of the summer are ending but the fall and winter plans are in the offing. I hope you have all enjoyed the club during the first half of this year and will continue to do so over the next few months. Your club is waiting for you.

Larry Harland
Commodore, WYC 2006-2007



WYC REGATTA RESULTS

Class 1	1 st - "Wild Angel"	Skip Hoffman
	2 nd - "Vittoria"	Joe Thon
Class 2	1 st - "Ultimate"	Len Kaminski
	2 nd - "Street Machine"	Rick Brown
	3 rd - "Casual Lady"	Dr. John Garvey
	4 th - "BB19"	Mike Watson
	5 th - "Sassy Lady"	Ron Lawrence

Thanks to all who participated in our Regatta! We had plenty of sunshine and wind (eventually) to make for some great racing. Special thanks go to Bill Casey, "Shotgun" Willie Litke, and Leo McCarthy who served as our race committee. Also, thanks go out to Eileen A. for shining up our trophies.

Don't forget September 24th will be our Commodore's Cup race, so be prepared for another good day of sailing. Contact Rick Brown (401-596-1020) prior to that date if you wish to participate.



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

REQUIESCANT 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!!



SOMEBODY STOLE
THE CORK OUT OF
MY LUNCH!



The Westerly Sea Scouts were the beneficiary of a number of donations made in the memory of Joe Voislow, a long-time supporter of Ship Admiral H.O. Dunn. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Club members for their generosity and to extend our sincere condolences and gratitude to Michele Voislow for her thoughtful kindness. Thank you, Michele, Joe will be missed.

Mike Palazzolo, Skipper, Ship 1, Westerly

September Bands

1ST	ENNY CORNER
8TH	STRAIGHT UP
9TH	ILLUSIONS
15TH	MONDELLS
16TH	THE VAZ
22ND	MONDELLS
23RD	NEW YORK MINUTE

September 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
August 27	28	29	30	31	1 <i>Enny Corner</i>	2 Pool Tournament <i>Dave Rizzuto</i>
3	4 Fishing Tourney Picnic	5	6	7	8 <i>Straight Up</i>	9 Fishermen's Ball <i>Illusions</i>
10	11 Board of Directors	12	13 General Membership Meeting 2000	14	15 <i>Mondells</i>	16 Spam Dinner <i>The VAZ</i>
17	18	19	20	21	22 <i>Mondells</i>	23 Commodore's Ball <i>New York Minute</i>
24	25	26	27	28	29 <i>2nd Avenue</i>	30

HELP WANTED ... FROM ALL MEMBERS!

At a recent Board of Director's meeting, several issues and problems were discussed regarding items brought to the Board's attention by many of our club members. One of the items involved the cleanliness or lack thereof, of several locations of the clubhouse and the surrounding property. The Board would like to ask for help from each and every one of you in keeping our facility clean. It would be greatly appreciated by everyone if you would throw your trash in our trash receptacles and bring empty glasses to the bar at the end of your stay. There have been too many instances where people have left the pool, barbeque pit, lounge and deck areas a mess for someone else to clean. It is not fair to other members to have to clean these areas before they can sit down and enjoy themselves. It is also not fair to leave your mess for the janitorial or maintenance staff to clean. If the situation does not improve, the Board is going to have to hire additional help to reconcile the issue, which ultimately will need to be paid for by all of us (an increase in dues).

Additionally, we are asking for help from our smokers. There have been many complaints that cigarette butts are being extinguished on the ground (deck and front steps) and not being placed in cigarette receptacles. Ash trays are being left overflowing thus creating an unsightly and messy condition for someone else wanting to use that area. Again, please consider helping us keep the smoking areas as clean as possible and not leaving it for someone else to take care of. The last thing the Board wants to do is to institute additional rules to take care of prob-

lems that we can and should be able to easily control.

There were also several complaints about rules violations. The Directory contains rules for our clubhouse, docks, swimming pool and playground. Please familiarize yourselves with these rules. These rules are mainly put in place so that we can provide a safe and friendly environment for all of you to enjoy. We do not expect everyone to agree with all the rules that we have. However, for the betterment of the club and to be fair to the rest of the membership, we all have to follow them. Repeated violations of our rules will lead to unpleasant consequences. The Board would appreciate compliance with our rules so that it is not put in the position to have to suspend or expel a member from our club for violating these rules.

Some issues with our staff have been brought to the attention of the Board. We will be working with the House Committee Chairman and Club Steward to address your concerns. We do have a great staff and they work very hard for us. We do need to keep in mind that we also need to treat them with respect, especially during busy times. Stress levels can sometimes run high and get the best of us. However, we need to keep our "tempers" in control and treat both our fellow members and our staff with the respect that we would expect from them.

The Board would like to thank you for your consideration with these problems and issues. We have a great club and facility and certainly want to make sure we do everything possible to keep it that way!

SATURDAY NIGHT GOURMET SPAM® DINNER COMING IN SEPTEMBER. WATCH FOR IT.

DUE TO A PRINTING ERROR TWO ARTICLES
WERE NOT IN YOUR AUGUST "CURRENT"
SO WE ARE RERUNNING THEM THIS MONTH. Ed.

COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

August is upon us, those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer. The Westerly Yacht Club is in full swing and we are finally into the hot season. You can see that by the number of members spending time at the club.

Before I recap, let me say thank you for the cards, calls, and visits while I was under the weather in June and early July. The appendicitis wasn't as bad as it's removal or the timing of it, being the day before my vacation. I'm finally feeling up to snuff after a few days in the hospital and a few weeks recuperating.

Family Day at the very end of June was another success thanks to Roger and Alice Page and the Family Day committee. No thanks to the weather, which was a little dreary, but it didn't seem to dampen the spirits of those who attended. Everyone kept busy with indoor activities until the rain let up and could get outside. Another great raffle ended the day and I even won a prize. Now when anyone tells me to go fly a kite, I can.

There were functions on almost every weekend in July, beginning with the Block and Back Race. Rick Brown and the Regatta committee set up a great weekend, although a lot of boats missed it. There were only a few boats participating, with one less at Block Island. Not sure what happened, but we may have had one boat finish at Montauk.

The annual Club Cruise/Beach Party was held on the 15th. This has always been one of the biggest parties of the year so long as the weather cooperates, and it usually does. Joe Gross volunteered to take over as chairman of this event for

the "Cruise Brothers", Ed Wirth and Bill Stuart. A long planning process and last minute ticket sales make this event a challenge but Joe and his committee pulled it off. Lots of people and all the fun, games, music, food and drink made for another great party.

The Lobster Fest fed over one hundred tasty crustaceans to our members and guests. Bob and Corinne Rossi put this event together again and with the help of their committee we were able raise the money that helps fund our children's parties. Additional thanks to Dick and Cindy Trayner for their generous donation that helped with the funds raised by this function.

The entertainment committee chaired by PC Skip Hoffman and his wife Theresa gave us a great event to end July. The annual 50's/60's dance was held on July 29th. This was followed on the 30th by the now infamous Dinghy Poker Run chaired by George and Jane Gingerella. Look for the details of these in next month's flyer.

Don't forget to fill in your calendar with these events scheduled in August and early September. The Westerly Yacht Club Regatta, for all us sailors, will be held on August 19th. See Regatta chairman Rick Brown for details and race documents. Venetian night will be held on August 12th. Get your boat decorating ideas ready and talk with your dock mates for ideas on themes for each dock. Tony and Cheryl Spino will be chairing this committee. This is always a sellout so watch for ticket sales and purchase them early. Also for boat owners, plan on participating in the annual

Fleet Review. See Mike and Kathy Tuttle, who are chairing this event again this year, for details. Barry and Joyce Wazer will be wrapping up the fishing tournament on September 4th, and the Fisherman's Ball, led by Joe and Camille Martin, will be held on September 9th.

Look for news from the Junior Sailing Program headed by Galen Hoffman Sr. and Len Kaminski. Under their leadership this program has grown in both scope and participation. This year they will be adding new boats to the fleet.

As we approach the mid-point of the fiscal year, I'd like to thank those people who provide ongoing support to the club. These people give a lot of their time to make sure we are running smoothly and I depend on them greatly. House Chairman Dave Miguel, Finance Chairman Rick Traskos, Dockmaster Charlie Coburn, Harbor-master Ron Lawrence, Fleet Captains Hans Oppelt and Jim Ferguson.

Also a quick thank you to the fulltime staff who work very hard during these hot summer months. They are the best crew and I have enjoyed working with them these first few months, though I'm not sure the reverse is true sometimes. Thanks to Bob Dionne, Rick Muller, George Bedard, Fred Koury, and Karen Turano. They, along with the other part time staff, have really gone above and beyond in their service to the club.

Until next month, fair winds and following seas.

Larry Harland

Commodore, WYC 2006-2007

CALENDAR SUPPER UPDATE

We still have tables to be reserved. We are looking for a few more talented people to reserve tables. You decorate the table and provide a dessert according to the month or season that you have selected.

Ticket prices will be announced in next months flyer along with our menu. Right now we are working closely with a 'famous' WYC chef to plan the menu.

To date, this is the list of people who have reserved their tables/months/seasons:

JAN—Trish Banker
FEB—Shirley Armstrong
MAR—Shelley Delisle
APR—Donna Casey
MAY—Carolyn Sposato
JUN—Janet Weeden
JUL—Linda Logan
AUG—open
SEP—open
OCT—open
NOV—Jini Wydler
DEC—Patty McKinney

SPRING—open
SUMMER—open
AUTUMN—open
WINTER—Corinne Rossi

For information, please call:

Estelle Cryan 596-2394
Beth Horbal 596-9156

EINE DEUTSCHE OKTOBERFEST

will be held on

OCTOBER 14

Our annual Oktoberfest is being held on Saturday, October 14th. 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 29th, October 6th, and October 13th. 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



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SEPTEMBER 2006		
2	Pool Tournament	1900
4	Fishing Tournament Picnic	1300
9	Fishermen's Ball	1830
11	Board of Directors	2000
13	General Membership	2000
16	Spam Dinner	1830
23	Commodore's Ball	1830
24	Commodore's Cup Race	TBA
OCTOBER 2006		
14	Oktoberfest	1300
21	Sea Scout Dinner/Dance	1830
29	Children's Halloween Party	TBA