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## NOTICE

### BY-LAW AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

TO ALL VOTING MEMBERS---WESTERLY YACHT CLUB

**BY LAW AMENDMENT PROPOSALS:**

As per the provisions of ARTICLE XII—BY-LAW AMENDMENTS Section 1, the membership is hereby notified by this notice of proposed by-law amendments to be voted upon at the **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2008 AT 7:30 PM**

**PROPOSAL: AMEND CURRENT BY-LAWS TO PROVIDE FOR GENDER NEUTRAL ARTICLES IN THE BY-LAWS.**

**PURPOSE:** TO ALLOW FOR FEMALE GENDER TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP

**NOTE:** DUE TO AMOUNT OF ARTICLES AND SECTIONS REQUIRING TO BE AMENDED, COPIES OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. A COPY IS ALSO POSTED ON ALL BULLETIN BOARDS IN THE CLUBHOUSE.

EVERY EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE TO COVER ALL SECTIONS. IN THE PROCESS, MALE NOUNS, PRONOUNS, OR TITLES MAY HAVE BEEN OVERLOOKED.

VOTING ON THE PROPOSAL SHALL BE BY ONE VOTE FOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL, IN THE CONTEXT THAT ENTIRE BY-LAWS BECOME GENDER NEUTRAL UPON APPROVAL.

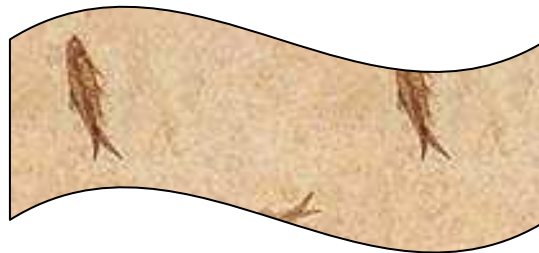
Respectfully submitted  
Sal J. Parise  
By-Law Chairman

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

FOR ANY MEMBERS WHO WERE ISSUED A TEMPORARY VISITOR KEYCARD OR POOL KEYCARDS FOR THEIR CHILDREN:

WHEN YOUR GUESTS' VACATION IS OVER PLEASE RETURN THE TEMPORARY CARDS AS WE ARE ABLE TO RE-USE THEM.

THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR HELPING KEEP COSTS DOWN.



## FISHERMEN'S BALL RETURNS ON SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>

We are back again and you don't want to miss this great meal. We will have the old favorites and be trying out some new, tempting tastes.

Be prepared for a delicious meal on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Our main course includes including Stuffies, Calamari, and more. Don't forget Coffee and Dessert.

Cost for this event is \$30.00.

Joe & Camille Martin  
Fishermen's Ball co-Chairs



Ball on Saturday, Sep-

te appetizers galore, and a whole lot more.

ed up in advance,

## Reminder from the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will accept letters of intent from members for the position of Treasurer or for the two (2) positions on the board of directors. Letters will be accepted until midnight of September 6, 2008.

All selections will be presented at the general membership meeting on Wednesday, September 10, 2008. Election Sunday is November 16, 2008.

Address all letters to:

Westerly Yacht Club  
1 Watch Hill Rd.  
Westerly, RI 02891  
Attn: Nominating Committee

Thank you,

Bob "Oscar" Pellegrino, PC – Chmn  
Larry Harland, PC  
Scott Howard  
David Miguel  
Phil Smith  
John Turano  
Ed Wirth

### SEPTEMBER BANDS

5  
RETROACTIVE

12  
JOE "VAZ" VASINGTON

13  
ILLUSIONS

19  
2<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE

26  
TBA

### SHIP'S SMALL STORES

WILL BE OPEN ON THE  
FIRST FRIDAY EVENING  
IN SEPTEMBER.

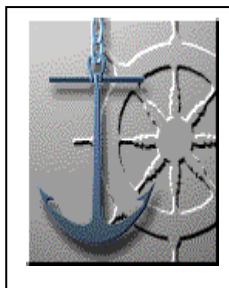
CONTACT  
STEVE OR SHERRY  
SHAKESHAFT FOR DETAILS.  
860-886-8386

## FROM THE WATERFRONT *The Wetside Gang*

It is now time to plan the closing of our marina facilities. As most of you know dock days are always a success in terms of attendance but the weather and other factors dictate that the actual dock day activities start weeks prior to and conclude weeks after the actual day of closing up the facilities.

There are always maintenance items that need attention and we once again thank all those that have helped over the last 5 months or so. In preparation for closing our marina I strongly suggest that if you see something that needs "fixing" please drop a note or call your dock captain so that he can begin to organize a crew from your dock to take care of the tasks. You can also drop your input into the mail box at the bar. The dock captains are: A-Dave Lanphear, B-Jerry Lyman, C-Jim Wilgis, D-Dan Baruti, E-Walter Stetson, F-Dave Pfau, G-Joe Martin, H-Pete Przekop, and I-Roger Page.

A note regarding the boat ramp repairs and improvements: We rebuilt the launch ramp this year utilizing members who are licensed concrete and excavation contractors plus other member labor with hand tools. Within 3 days the stones at the end of the ramp and between the slabs were washed out. So we added more stones again and repaired the end including the areas between the slabs. The slabs are connected to each other via steel straps and hardware thus keeping the overall ramp integrity intact. The ramp is adequate in length and mirrors the state boat launch across from McQuade's and Barn Island in slope. We removed the "slips" across from the ramp to help in launching. What we cannot control is those people who launch and retrieve their boats back onto their trailers by powering off and on their trailers. This action contributes to



the erosion of the stones at the end of the ramp leaving a "hole" that can be a challenge to get out of. Folks attempting to launch at extreme low tides at a full moon also find launching and retrieving their boats a challenge. So....try to launch when it is not low tide and try your best to push your boat off and retrieve by winching your boat onto your trailer. It is one thing to power onto your trailer and then shutdown but it is another to leave your boat in gear while hooking up your boat to the trailer and causing a wash behind your boat that contributes to erosion. Years ago the club put a cable across the ramp and controlled launch hours depending upon tide. We have no intention of doing this because we know that you will take into consideration the tidal movement and limitations of the club ramp. If you see exposed sand behind the boat ramp float and the float sitting on the bottom of the river it is low tide. Enough said because this has been going on for decades. For our new members please keep in mind that our operation is based on members volunteering in addition to one maintenance person for the entire club...marina, club house, pool, and 13 acres of grounds. Also, we extend a great big thank you to Brent Huxley and his assistant Jim Ferguson as they took on the Fleet Captain role for the club. If you need a slip on a temporary/transient basis you need to check with Brent, Jim or our Harbormaster George Gingerella. Please do not put your boat into a slip that is not assigned to you without first getting permission.

Dock Committee,  
J. Brennan  
L. Misto  
Bob Dionne

## 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 although the menu is still being developed and will be posted at the club when tickets are on sale. Music for your listening and dancing pleasure will be provided by Straight Up.

Cherie and Larry Harland  
Commodore's Ball co-Chairs

# FISHING TOURNAMENT NEWS



## Fishing Tournament News

Happy Fishing Tournament days officially end September 1<sup>st</sup>. The number of fish entered into the contest has been on the light side as of this writing of August 8<sup>th</sup>. However, the WYC fishing fleet has scored some nice fish. The top entries as of today are as follows:

<u>Fluke</u>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Paul Tasetano	7.9#
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bill Balzano	7.5#
<u>Sea Bass</u>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Tom Medeiros	3.05#
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lou Misto	2.20#
<u>Bluefish</u>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Lou Misto	10.35#
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dave Pfau	8.0#
<u>Striped Bass</u>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Barry Wazer	47.80#
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Scott Beal	38.05#

So far there are 97 Tournament participants, not a bad turnout, and pretty close to last year's numbers. Unfortunately, fewer women and juniors are joining in on the fun. Maybe next year there will be a better showing and they can sweep the Tournament.

We want to thank Hollis and Karen McKee, and all those who assisted them, for setting up the one day Charlie Coburn Memorial Striper Classic. This was a very successful tournament which added a little spice to the summer fishing schedule, along with some great food, and lots of fish stories. Most of all, the day honored a great friend to us personally, and to our Club. Charlie's friendship, dedication and reliability are sorely missed. It was truly a privilege to pay tribute to his memory by way of the Striper Classic. This was a difficult day for Charlie's three daughters, and we'd like to thank

them for graciously attending the picnic and awards ceremony. The winners are 1<sup>st</sup> place Tom Krivickas and team, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Chris Wazer and his crew. Congratulations to both teams.

Just a little side note, a Club member's son, Dan Hochman who is one of the top free divers in the U.S. speared a record 68.4# striper in his secret spot out at the Block. Too bad the big one hadn't nibbled on my line first!

One more little **reminder**: The Fishing Tournament officially ends midnight, September 1, 2008. A "big fish" awards ceremony and picnic will take place on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1:00 p.m. Attendance is free for Tournament participants. Guests and walk-ins will be charged \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 years of age and under. All are welcome.

Wishing you great fishing.

Barry and Joyce Wazer,  
Fishing Tournament Committee Co-Chairs  
(401)596-2718.

# 75 CLUB COMES TO AN END FOR 2008

The 75 Club has just wrapped up another successful and exciting season. Thanks go out to all who helped to make it a success and especially to Co-chairs Scott & Bev Howard and all of the businesses who contributed to the success:

- Cove Ledge Liquors
  - Dick's World of Wines
  - Edna Sager
  - EZ Midway Liquors
  - Nigrelli's Jewelry
  - Pleasant Acres Flowers
  - Tebo Photography
  - THE GRANITE THEATRE
  - The Westerly Yacht Club
  - Winnapaug Country Club
  - WOODMANSEE'S GIFTS & BOUTIQUE
  - 84 High Street Café
  - Alterations by Rosa
  - Bea Smith's
  - Black Magic Car Wash
  - Brustolon Buick Pontiac GMC
  - Chen's Village Restaurant
  - Famous Pizza
  - Fantastic Sam's
  - Midway Pizza
  - Peek-A-Boo'Tique Children's Clothing
  - Polly and Wogg's
  - The Devine Touch-Aphten Aluzzo Colechia
- We look forward to a new and fun filled season again next year.
- Thanks again,  
Mike & Debi Choquet

## BINNACLE LIST

*David Lanphear, Keeper of the Binnacle*

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

Frank Ravanelle

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

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SEPTEMBER		
7	Fishing Tournament Picnic	1300
10	General Membership Meeting	1930
13	Fishermen's Ball	1830
14	Commodore's Cup Race	TBD
OCTOBER		
03	Harvest Dinner Night	TBA
18	Commodore's Ball	1830
26	Children's Halloween Party	1300



September:

Sun. 07 Fishing Tournament Picnic  
Wed. 10 General Membership  
Sat. 13 Fisherman's Ball  
Sun. 14 Commodore's Cup Race

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  
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  
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 September

Ahoy! I'm writing this letter from my beach chair as I watch the summer wind away. Wasn't it just last week that we were welcoming summer? Wasn't it just yesterday that we celebrated the 4<sup>th</sup> of July? Now, we're winding down the summer and kids are getting ready for school to start, boaters are planning those last summer trips and looking forward to annual fall pilgrimages. (And my wife is crying about having to go back to school next week!) Oh well, life does move on.

We have had a busy summer here at the club. The Sandy Point Beach Party was a HUGE success this year. Dave and Shelley Delisle, Bob Bradley, and their amazing committee did a fantastic job!! Over 500 people came to the point and partied with us. Many stayed over to watch the bonfire and spend the night on their boats. My thanks to EVERYONE who had a part in making this day so very successful. It's probably the toughest party to prepare for, and hats off to all who had a hand in it. Great job, guys!

75 Club Dinner was a big hit. Scott and Bev Howard and Mike and Deb Choquet, along with their committee, put together a great meal and a fun evening filled with a huge supply of gifts to be given out. Lots of people went away with prizes that night. (Ok, I didn't win anything, but the food was good and the company was great!) My thanks go to the Howards, the Choquets, and the committee for a job well done. This committee starts working in April and works through till August...that's a long commitment and I appreciate the time and energies given.

Venetian Night Street Festival was an amazing feast of food, music, and fun! Dave Miguel and his committee did an outstanding job with more food

than we could have ever imagined. If anyone went away hungry, it was their own fault! I've never seen so much food! It was all delicious and you couldn't beat that ticket price! It's a shame we didn't have more room. The event was a sellout. My thanks to Dave and all the workers who spent so much time preparing, serving and cleaning up! Well done!!

Many boaters got into the spirit and decorated their boats. It was so much fun to walk around outside, wandering from dock to dock, sampling great food and drink, and listening to laughter ring out all around our club. It's one of the things that makes our club so wonderful...that good friendships and laughter that is always here. What an amazing place!

As for the boat decorating: THANK YOU to all who participated. I know that it is a lot of work, and can be a large expense, and I appreciate all of you who got into the spirit of the event and made the night special for all of us. Prizes were awarded to:

Best of Show: CinSanRob (Ron and Myrna Ross & company)

Most Original: Sassafra (Jim and Paula Algieri and family)

Most Humorous: Der Butzel (Hans and Daisy Oppelt)

Best Dock: I Dock

The votes were close in a couple of categories, and there were several that should be mentioned. There were several votes for "Sweetie's Boat" (ARLEO), "Bent Shaft" (Steve and Sherry Shakeshaft), "Fiesta" (Roger and Alice Page) and for "Masked Lady in Sparkly Red" (Angie Smith and her wonderful mask). Again, thank you to all

who got into the fun and made the night memorable.

Sunday's Fleet Review was larger than I had dared to hope for, with the prices of fuel so high this year. My sincerest thanks are sent to all the boaters who left the dock for the parade, wreath-laying, and fleet review. It's a special tradition for our club and one that always makes me proud to be serving. Also, my thanks go out to Mike and Kathy Tuttle for organizing the event, and to the boaters and members who participated. It was a fun day. A special thanks to Rick and Claudia Traskos for providing the lead boat for the parade, and for the hospitality shown to all the members onboard. It was a great day.

Upcoming events are mentioned elsewhere in the flyer. Look for the notices and get your tickets. Our parties have been selling out quickly! Don't be left out.

September 10 at 7:30 p.m. is our next General Membership meeting. The By-Law Committee will be presenting the Board-approved recommendation for a Gender-Neutral policy for our club. If you have an opinion, for or against, be sure to be there to make your voice heard. We will also be accepting the report of the Nominating Committee for next year's Officers and Directors.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Well, that's it for this month. You can still reach me by e-mail at:

[commodore@westerlyyachtclub.org](mailto:commodore@westerlyyachtclub.org)

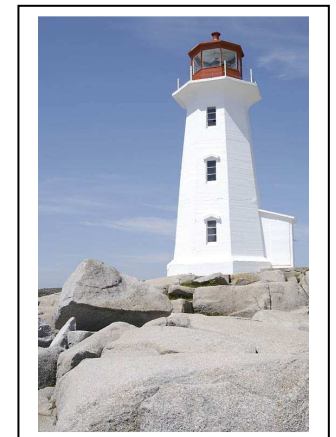
Alex Houston  
Commodore

## CALENDAR DINNER SLATED FOR NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START THINKING ABOUT THE CALENDAR DINNER. SIX (6) TABLES ARE ALREADY TAKEN, WHICH MEANS THERE ARE ONLY TEN (10) LEFT. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE NEW TO THIS DINNER, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS PICK A MONTH OR SEASON, DECORATE THAT TABLE ACCORDINGLY, THEN INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO A DELICIOUS MEAL PREPARED BY OUR FAMOUS WESTERLY YACHT CLUB CHEFS.

NOVEMBER 15, 2008

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



## SIXTEENTH ANNUAL FAMILY DAY RECAP

The weather cooperated to make Family Day 2008 a great day for everyone this year. Thanks to all who attended and had a great time with us and our committee. We would like to thank everyone who helped by supporting the raffle by purchasing tickets and donating the wonderful gift items. Again the raffle was a big success this year.

We can't thank our committee enough for working so hard all day and helping us to set up and run all the events of the day. It is a busy day for everyone, and you all worked so well together and give more than 100% of your time and energy. We really appreciate all you did for us and the club, and enjoyed working with all of you.

The cooking and serving crew did a wonderful job this year! We heard a lot of compliments for our club chefs. Everyone seemed to enjoy the new ice cream sundae bar this year. The door and raffle ticket sales were handled well bringing in extra money for the club, thanks to that great crew. Everyone running games inside and out did a great job and helped the children have a lot of fun. The bead booth, face painting, tattoo, and spin art booths were a big hit and were run by great people. We also can't forget the great help we had at our two gigantic moon walks.

So many people really helped to make this event the success it was. Our sincere thanks and appreciation goes out to all our committee members and volunteers. It was a pleasure working with you.

Bob & Edna Sager  
Family Day Co-Chairs

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## Sandy Point Beach Bash Recap

By the time you read this, your tans may have started to fade and another summer will have come and gone! Along with it, our 2008 Sandy Point Beach Bash (SPBB) and Club Cruise is now just a memory. This year, somewhere around 500+ people enjoyed the food, music, fun and libations. This made it one of the biggest parties we've had at the "The Point". A great time was had by all. As Commodore Alex Houston put it, "If you had a bad time at that party you just don't get it!"

We owe it all to a great committee who worked tirelessly and selflessly to make sure everything came off without a hitch. Great job everyone! The list is long so we can't print everyone's name here. You know who you are and you all deserve a tremendous "Thank You" from the club and your committee chairs.

The T-shirts were a big hit and we ended up running out by the day's end. Several people have asked us if we could get more shirts. So, if enough of you would like to be "stylin" in one of our custom designs, we'll put in another order. Please give Shelley a call at 860-529-6516 or drop a note to: [webmaster@westerlyyachtclub.org](mailto:webmaster@westerlyyachtclub.org). Stay tuned for next year's design. Also, the SPBB Chairs highly recommend water shoes for next year (oh, those aching feet!).

Again, BIG thanks to all our committee members, helpers and attendees. Has anyone seen the aerial shots yet?

SPBB over and out!

Dave Delisle, Shelley Delisle and Bob Bradley  
2008 Club Cruise Committee Co-Chairman.

## 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](http://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.

**"Thanks"**  
**Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut**  
**MYSTIC MUDHEAD BENEFIT CUP**



**"Wild Angel"**

We won both races in the regatta and are one of the top 3 boats for raising money. We have raised \$2300 so far and have until September to add to that amount.

Thank you for your support,

Skip & Theresa Hoffman

**RI-PAWCATUCK RIVER-UPRIVER CAFÉ PIER-CONSTRUCTION**

Work is underway on the pier and building substructure of the Upriver Cafe in Westerly, RI on the Pawcatuck River Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. through November 15, 2008. Work on the existing pier and the substructure of the building will be conducted from a barge which will be located outside of the channel, alongside the pier in position 41-22.37N 071-49.53W.

The Project Manager from Cherenzia Excavation, Mr. Ben Vreeland may be contacted at (401) 569-3436. The U.S. Coast Guard Sector Southeastern New England may be contacted by calling Lieutenant John Suckow at (508) 457-3242 or [john.p.suckow@uscg.mil](mailto:john.p.suckow@uscg.mil). Mariners are advised to monitor Marine Safety Information Broadcasts on VHF-FM channel 22 for the latest safety related information.

LNM: 34/08





# Westerly Yacht Club



***Proposed By-Law Change***

## **Gender Neutral Membership**

*By-Law change VOTE to take place during the*

*General Membership Meeting*

**Wed., Sept. 10, 2008**

**7:30 pm**

*Exercise your Membership right*

*This is your chance to express  
your opinion and to vote  
to accept women as  
Regular WYC members*

### **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 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

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