



# MAINSHEET

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE BRISTOL YACHT CLUB

DECEMBER 2024

## NEWS AND EVENTS AT BYC

### Special Meeting on December 7th



**Date - December 7, 2024**  
**Time- 10:00 AM**  
**Location - Bristol Yacht Club House or via Zoom**

Please use this [LINK](#) to register before the meeting

#### Purpose of Meeting

As you may recall, during the Annual Meeting, our membership passed a Bylaw change raising the maximum age of our Intermediate members from 29 to 34. Since then, the Executive Committee has developed and approved a new intermediate dues schedule.

According to our Bylaws, annual dues to be paid by all categories of Club members shall be proposed by the Executive Committee and approved by the Club members, driving the need for a meeting.

Senior dues were presented and voted on as part of the budget. However, we should have mentioned updated Old-Salt Dues or, as previously mentioned, the updated Intermediate dues, hence the need for the following agenda.

#### Meeting Agenda

1. Review and vote on the new Intermediate dues structure  
[LINK TO DUES STRUCTURE](#)
2. Review and vote on the new Old Salt dues (50% of Senior Dues per Bylaws)

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Ship's Store Holiday Boatique December 6th

Bristol Yacht Club 5:00 PM

Deadline to Register is December 4th

### Fall Grounds Clean Up December 7th

Bristol Yacht Club 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Bagels, Juice and Coffee at 8:30 AM

Bring a rake and leaf blower if you can!

### Special Meeting December 7th

Bristol Yacht Club 10:00 AM

**For More Information and updates to all BYC events, be sure to check the weekly emails and our website: [bristolyc.com](http://bristolyc.com)**

## BYC DEI WALKING TOUR



The BYC DEI committee sponsored the Bristol and Slave Trade Talk and Walking Tour hosted by Linden Place Museum educators, on Saturday, November 2nd at 10:00am. 20 BYC members attended this tour of Linden Place and downtown Bristol. The tour included the history of Linden Place, Bristol's DeWolf and Colt families and their multi-generational journey from the dark days of the slave trade through the boom times of the Industrial Age. Since 1810, Linden Place's owners have faced reversals of fortune, praise and scandal, disgrace and redemption. Beyond being the seafarers responsible for Bristol's initial prosperity and later financial decline, they ended up capturing some of the country's most dynamic industries.



Our tour guide was incredibly knowledgeable and shared fascinating stories and historical information. The BYC members were mesmerized by the beauty of LindenPlace and its history. The BYC DEI committee hopes to offer this tour again in the spring.

**The BYC DEI committee is seeking new members to join our group. If you are interested in learning more about our mission and planned activities and would like to help us continue to build a more inclusive community, please reach out to Marilyn Dimson-Doyle.**

*-Marilyn Dimson-Doyle  
BYC DEI Committee*



## EBSF NEWS

The fleet is buttoned up for the winter, and EBSF is busy preparing for next season, examining our course offerings and comparing rates with other sailing schools in the Bay. Junior Sailing registration will open in early January 2025, first to BYC members and returning EBSF students, then to the public. Adult sailing registration will open February 1st.

EBSF conducted two surveys this fall: one to measure customer satisfaction for youth and adult sailing instruction; the other to gather information from BYC member women to gauge their interest in getting out more on the water.

Both youth and adult sailing class attendees gave high marks for EBSF's courses this year and offered some suggestions we will use to improve student experience.

The Women's survey revealed their interest in having sailing lessons taught by women. They are interested in other activities with a social component, too. They have formed a Women's Sailing Group with three co-chairs: Linda Cunningham, Nancy Clarke and Abby Cook, who led their first meeting November 12th at BYC. Next meeting is Tuesday Jan 28, 2025. EBSF stands ready to support this new group with our boats and instructors. In response to this new demand, EBSF will add women's beginner and intermediate courses on Monday evenings to adult sailing offerings this summer.

**Acquisitions:** This winter we plan to replace our old instructional 420s with good used ones we hope to find at universities that are updating their fleets. We are also looking for a good, used 17' Boston Whaler with outboard and trailer. We could also work with a good used hull that we can repower. We decided to standardize on 17' boats; our 13' boats are proving ineffective in heavy weather in the harbor. If you hear of one, please let us know.

**Skunk Works:** EBSF has a grant from 11th Hour Racing to upgrade the design of our experimental PowerCat, the coach boat that runs on electric power. Chris Bjerregaard leads that project and plans to improve the efficiency and maneuverability of PowerCat by adding foils and other items, and is asking for some help with some wood and composite work, installing foils, installing outboard controls and display, rewiring the trailer—some basic maintenance, some new stuff. If you want to be part of this exciting project, contact Chris at [chrisbj@cox.net](mailto:chrisbj@cox.net) to find out more.

Next season we plan to offer scholarships to youngsters from Bristol and Warren in addition to the ones to kids from the East Providence Boys and Girls Club. This December 3rd is Giving Tuesday. Your donations will help us expand our reach to kids in our local community. Thank you for your generosity this year. All of us at EBSF wish you and your families the happiest of holidays.

-Susan Grandpierre  
Chair, Instructional/EBSF Committee



## COMMODORE'S CORNER PAUL REDMAN

### Thank You

*Thank you to everyone who attended this year's annual meeting. We kept the meeting well under two hours while providing the membership with a comprehensive overview of the Club's financial standing and activities during the past year. The executive committee was pleased with the outcome of the by-law change, which increased the intermediate age to 34. The icing on the cake was Ray Renaud, who was announced as this year's Enright Offshore Sailing Award recipient. Ray received a well-deserved standing ovation, and we look forward to celebrating Ray's achievements later this year.*

*What I found most gratifying during the executive committee presentations were the "thank you" slides. The names on the slides speak to this club's real strength: our willingness to volunteer. Our focus on being a sailing club, along with our spirit of volunteerism and camaraderie, is at the core of our Club's success and what sets us apart from other clubs. All our collective contributions resulted again in a great year and a wonderful, fun-filled summer. We should all be proud of what we accomplished together.*

*I also shared at the meeting the potential sale of a land-locked lot near the Ferry Dock on Prudence Island. The lot, as well as a separate waterfront lot near Potters Cove, is co-owned with the Barrington Yacht Club. The owner of a lot that abuts our land-locked lot has expressed interest in purchasing the property to expand their existing footprint.*

*I have recruited a team to explore this further. Bruce Cox, Diana Kryston, Bob Millard, Ralph Kinder and I will serve on an initial committee. Moving forward with the sale of this property would require an agreement with the Barrington YC and approval of our membership. We have a meeting with Barrington to discuss this further. Watch for updates as discussions progress in the Mainsheet and a planned Spring Meeting.*

*I am very excited about the energy around women's sailing. Thanks to Susan Grandpierre and Jane Guinther for getting the ball rolling and to Nancy Clark, Linda Cunningham, and Abby Cooke for agreeing to be co-chairs. There's some powerful energy and skill sets among the women in our club. I can't wait to see where this goes.*

*It's hard to believe I am still wearing shorts most days, but I know that is about to change, and I can no longer procrastinate on changing the plug and gassing up the snow blower! The calendar doesn't lie. The holiday season is upon us. It's time to thank and appreciate our loved ones and those who have supported us during the year.*

*I am very grateful to our staff, executive committee, and volunteers who have made my first year as Commodore so exciting and fulfilling. I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming Holiday Boutique and encourage you to show your appreciation to the staff via the Staff Holiday Fund.*

-Paul Redman, Commodore

# FALL “DOCKS OUT” HAULS RECORD NUMBER OF FLOATS



A team of forty-seven volunteers arrived at 7:30 a.m. on a sunny and warm November 6th for coffee and pastries in advance of a planned 8:00 a.m. crane arrival. Alas, a DoT permitting snafu delayed the crane's departure, which trapped the crane in morning traffic resulting in a 10:45 arrival.

Nevertheless, tightly choreographed teams of disconnectors, on-water re-positioners, hookers and stackers hauled 39 BYC floats plus 11 storage customers' floats and “splashed” the frostbiters' shack over the next 5 hours.

Several volunteers commented that the customary rounds of beer in the Chart Room after hauling was completed felt especially well-deserved.



-Brian Fitzgerald  
Waterfront Committee Chair



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**NEW YEAR'S POT LUCK AT THE CLUB**  
January 1st at 12:00 PM

**Look for more information in upcoming emails**



## Saying Thank You to Our BYC Staff

As we move into the Holiday Season, please express your thanks to our BYC staff for their many contributions this season by contributing to the 2024 Staff Holiday Fund. Prior to December 15th, you can donate on-line using this link:

<https://www.bristolyc.com/holiday-staff> or send your check, payable to BYC, to Bristol Yacht Club, PO Box 180, Bristol, RI 02809.

Please make a note on the memo line “Staff Fund.”

Funds collected will be distributed to staff during the holidays.

Chris Healey, Chief Steward  
46 Sowams Road  
Barrington, RI 02806

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### Launch Drivers

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# Zephyrus

*Have you ever wondered how a particular boat acquired its name?*



Peter Canzone asks this question each month to a BYC member and provides the answer in this column.

*Zephyrus is a 35ft Catalina owned by Mary Ann and Rob Rosenlof  
Why the name Zephyrus ???*

*Zephyrus is a 2003 Catalina 350 owned by Rob & Mary Ann Rosenlof. This is their second boat named Zephyrus, the first being a Catalina 36 that they owned from about 2002 to 2008. In Greek mythology, Zephyrus is the god of the west wind, which seemed appropriate for a sailboat name, and was also meaningful in that it was the first name of Rob's maternal grandfather (although with a different spelling). Rob's grandfather worked on Greek merchant ships in his younger days before emigrating to the US, where he married, raised a family, and enjoyed boating and fishing on Long Island Sound.*

So.....Now you know how the name *Zephyrus* was chosen for MaryAnn and Rob's boat. If you have a name you would like to submit, please email me, Peter Canzone at [americanart1@aol.com](mailto:americanart1@aol.com)

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