



# MAINSHEET

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE BRISTOL YACHT CLUB

AUGUST 2024

## THERE'S STILL LOTS OF SUMMER LEFT!

### News from the Social Committee



A sellout crowd for Burgers n' Blues at BYC  
-Dave Guinther photo  
-Terri Hughes, all other photos

Burgers and Blues was back on July 27th with over 150 participants thanks to the beautiful weather allowing for outside seating. Neil and the Vipers were the main attraction with a delicious bill of fare that included Burgers (of course!) and a plethora of yummy summer sides. Carole McFarland and Nancy Barron



planned and hosted the event along with the Social committee and many volunteers.



A special thank you goes out to Steve Barron, Carole Mansur, and Marilyn Dimson Doyle for assistance in managing an extensive waitlist.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming New England Clam Boil on August 17th. Registration for this event can be made through the BYC website. Click on the link here for more information: [LINK](#)

Prepare for Murder and Mayhem in "Murder Among the Mates" on September 14th. Details coming soon.

The Harvest Ball, on October 5th, will take on a unique feel, calling it the "Harvest Celebration, featuring a more relaxed theme, featuring music by the Catnip Junkies. It's sure to be a fun evening.



By popular demand, Trivia Night will return on November 9th. Be sure to check the [BYC website](#) for updates and registration details for all of our events.

-Donna Bettencourt-Glavin, Social Committee Chair

### Were you at the 4th of July Breakfast?

Check Out the photos courtesy of fellow member Mary Ann Rosenlof. View the full gallery of event photos taken by Mary Ann that she shares on her website for all members to see. The link is available to all BYC Members, thanks Mary Ann!

[PHOTOS 2009 - 2024](#)



### UPCOMING EVENTS



New England Portuguese Clam Boil

#### August 17 Clam Boil Dinner

Bristol Yacht Club 15:00 PM - 8:00 PM



#### August 17 Family Day Carnival

Bristol Yacht Club 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM



#### August 21 Steak and Sword Dinner

Millard Post Race Dinner 7:30 - 10:00 PM

REGISTER AT  
<https://www.bristolyc.com/event-registration-2>

## BYC Volunteer Event



BYC DEI committee invites you to volunteer at a sailing event! On Sunday, September 15th, the BYC DEI committee will host the [Brown Medical School JEDI \(Justice, Equity, Diversity and inclusion\) Faculty Association](#) and their spouse/partners/children at an Open House and Sailing event. This is the second year that the BYC DEI committee will be hosting this event.

The association is comprised of physicians and leaders from all medical specialties. The mission of the association is to provide a place of support and growth for under-represented in medicine faculty.

The day's activities will begin at 9:30 with an Open House followed by a sail of approximately 2-3 hours in Bristol Harbor/ Narragansett Bay starting at 10:30/11:00. We are soliciting BYC members with sailboats that are willing to participate in the day's activities and share their boats, themselves and their love of sailing with these individuals. Last year, we had 13 boats participating with over 30 faculty members and their families. The day was a fun adventure for all.

Please sign up so that we can welcome many of the members of this association and their families. We are reaching out early so that you can save this date on your calendar and so that we have a better idea about the number of faculty members that can participate in the sailing. Please [Click this Link](#) and complete the registration.

-Marilyn Dimson-Doyle, DEI Chair

## RACING CREW BANK

Looking for Crew? BYC's website, under Racing, About Racing, at the bottom of the page has a link to our "Crew Bank". People looking to sail are encouraged to complete the form to share their experience, age, availability etc. Any skippers looking for crew can contact either Bob McLaughlin or Mark Rotsky and we will send you the latest version of the list. There are some well-qualified sailors looking to get out on the water! Here's the [LINK to the Crew Bank Sign Up](#)



## COMMODORE'S CORNER PAUL REDMAN

### It's August Already!

*I can't believe I am writing the Commodores Corner for the August Mainsheet. The summer is flying by! But what a summer it has been. Please let me know if there is a better place to be on the 4th of July than Bristol. The night of the fireworks was magical. The Club buzzed with energy as families and friends filled the lawn and upper and lower decks. Loren and I hung around until about 11 pm and drove straight home without any traffic or delays. I was too lazy to get up for the pancake breakfast (Loren is still not happy with me for that), but I understand it was a huge success. Thank you to Peter and the pancake crew for what I know was a record crowd and a great time. Next year, for sure, please plan on making more batter!*

*The Executive Committee and several past Commodores had the pleasure of hosting the Bristol 4th of July Committee Reception Honoring our Military and Town officials. The Bristol Yacht Club has been a part of the Bristol Community for the past 147 years, but we never feel more part of the community than when we have the honor and privilege of hosting this event. Thank you to Gina Campbell for choosing us for your venue.*

*Our committees continue to fire on all cylinders. Our house and grounds are in pristine condition. Cruising, racing, social, and house events are all enjoying great seasons. On Saturday, July 13, I arrived at the Club to find we were invaded by pirates! While small in stature, they appeared to be cold-blooded and quite fierce as they fired water cannons at each other while chowing down pizza! Thank you, Rachel Braun, for pulling this off despite a less-than-ideal forecast.*

*Capping off the month was Burgers and Blues, featuring a great RI blues band, burgers cooked to perfection, and a capacity crowd! It was a magical night. We owe a big thank you to coordinators Nancy Barron and Carole McFarland and the volunteers who made this happen.*

*It hasn't been all rainbows, puppies, and sunshine. I was sickened by the recent spoofing attack when someone posing as me contacted members requesting that they purchase gift cards. Similar attacks have occurred, but this one was far more sophisticated. It started with a simple text that said in a friendly tone, hey, this is Paul; message me when you can; I need your help, followed by several additional texts. Devious.*

*It's important to note that neither I nor any member of the Executive Committee will ever contact you requesting that you purchase gift cards or send money. You are likely to receive future fraudulent requests. We will periodically send out a reminder to keep you informed and secure.*

*We also had reported numerous accidents during the month resulting from collisions in the mooring field. The accidents occurred during the daytime instructional sailing classes, the adult sailing class, and an incident following the Millard Weds Series race. The EBSF leadership team is performing a root cause analysis on the two incidents involving their vessels. The third incident did not directly affect the Club; unfortunately, it impacted two of our member boats. In each case, experienced sailors have been involved. It can happen to any of us. Let's be careful and attentive out there!*

*Be safe and have fun!*

-Paul Redman, Commodore

The BYC Mainsheet is published monthly.

Club members are encouraged to submit story suggestions and photos. Contact Mary Beth Taylor, editor.



## 110 ATLANTIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIP

The Bristol Yacht Club is delighted to play host to this year's 110 Atlantic Coast Championship on Saturday, August 17th and 18th. We are expecting ten boats to participate. Launching will occur on Saturday from 9 AM to 10 AM and haul out between 4 PM to 5 PM on Sunday. Our dock staff will closely monitor progress and, if necessary, temporarily shift club launch operations to the H dock if there is too much congestion. You may find traffic on the grounds busier than usual during these times. We are also exploring the possibility of launching some boats on Friday. Stay tuned for more information on the regatta via the weekly email.



## EBSF NEWS



August. Summer is a-flying by, with EBSF's instructional sailing program more than half over and slated to end on August 16. It's been fun to see suntanned young people on the lawn at the end of each day, intent on their tasks, putting away boats and gear after a day on the water. We are planning an awards barbecue on August 15 at 6 PM and all participating



parents and sailors are invited to join us. Please let us know if you are coming so we can be sure to have enough food on hand. Email EBSF's Program Director Emily Augello at [programdirector@eastbaysailingfoundation.org](mailto:programdirector@eastbaysailingfoundation.org) with the number in your party.

The last instructional session that starts August 5 will include about 12-15 scholarship students from the East Providence Boys and Girls club. We are able to bring more youngsters this year: about eight girls will be the guests of the Truancy-Simmons Outreach Fund and a similar number of boys will be hosted by EBSF. We have had a number of other scholarship students earlier this season; it's nice to help kids become real sailors and racers, to see them develop their love of the sport.



Diana Kryston helps direct spending for this fund and in addition to giving underserved youngsters a chance to learn to sail, she also wants to encourage all women to sail and race. She decided to fund BYC's September women's team racing regatta, which will now be called the Cynthia Simmons Perpetual Women's Team Racing Regatta with an eponymously named perpetual trophy. She's also funding charter and regatta fees for

### SAVE THE DATE

2024 EBSF GALA AUGUST 24 2024

ENJOY AN EVENING OF  
DINNER, DANCING AND FUNDRAISING  
TO SUPPORT EAST BAY SAILING FOUNDATION

BYC women to campaign two J22 teams. The regatta will be held September 7 and 8, with a blowout party and awards dinner for women teams from all over New England. We're being cautiously optimistic; BYC's own Amanda Callahan coached her RWU women's team racers to the national collegiate championship this spring. Go BYC women!!!

**SAVE FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH** for EBSF's annual gala. It's going to be a fabulous and fun event, with great food, a silent auction and dancing afterwards to your favorite songs spun by our DJ. We've been collecting some interesting items and fun opportunities to bid on. If you have

something you can donate for this worthy cause, please contact Cathleen Whelan at 401-529-4602.

Casey Henschman has been our representative to BYC's Resiliency planning group that for months has been mapping out the sequence and locations for all the boats and floating docks that need to be hauled and stored before a major storm. We hope it won't be necessary this year, but as a precaution, EBSF will be hauling its nine Mercury sailboats once the instructional program is over.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!! Wishing you fair breezes.

# Saratoga II

## *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.

Saratoga II is a Tartan 37-C owned by Brian Fitzgerald and Julie Englund

Why the name Saratoga II?

The answer is best described in Brian's own words:

Julie and I purchased Saratoga, a Tartan 37-C, in December 1998, after 14 years sailing our Tartan 34. She was named by the previous owner to honor the WWII Lexington-class aircraft carrier on which his uncle, a pilot, served. While new owners often consider changing the name, we felt that that would be bad form, since Julie's mother, Irene, served as a WWII pilot in the Women's Airforce Service Pilots from 1943 to 1944. That choice was fortuitous.

Five years after her death in 2002, her grandson graduated from Virginia Tech and received his commission in the U.S. Navy. He was selected to fly FA-18s and later for Top Gun school. Today, he commands an "Adversary Squadron," which trains Navy pilots in air-to-air combat. He served aboard the aircraft carriers USS George Washington and the USS Carl Vinson.

He sails with us regularly and often reflects on the boat name and the family tradition of flying for the military. And while Saratoga II does not have nearly as many miles under her keel as the USS Saratoga did, she has served us well in costal cruising and carried us from the Chesapeake to the Canadian border many times.

Now you know how the name Saratoga II was chosen for Brian and Julie'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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