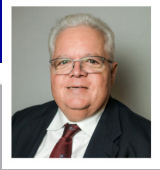




MAINSHEET



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

FROM THE COMMODORE

PAUL REDMAN

January signals the beginning of a new year. It's a time of personal reflection, resolutions, and renewal. As I look back on the past year, there is little I would change. I have enjoyed serving as your Commodore and, as I have said numerous times, blessed to have a dedicated board and a tremendous group of volunteers.

I gratefully accepted an invitation to attend the December House Committee Meeting. Betty Brito was to be recognized for her years of service managing the Club store. Betty received some wonderfully deserved praise from those in attendance, and then the subject changed to the Holiday Boatique, which was only a few days away. My head was on a swivel as committee members around the table started reporting on their event roles. Marty was doing this, Jane was doing that, and Rosemary was doing another thing, and it kept going on and on, with committee members all pitching in to make the event a smashing success. And if you were lucky enough to attend, the Boatique was indeed a smashing success.

That type of planning and volunteerism happens within all of our committees. It's absolutely what makes our Club so great, and it is so gratifying to see. And the beat goes on! The Club's 2025 event calendar is already filling up. Committee planning is in full swing. There are several events planned over the winter, and before you know it, we will be racing and cruising while enjoying fun-filled social and house events.

The Executive Committee has approved the replacement of the old section of the house roof. A big thank you goes out to Jane and Dave Guinther for coming to the rescue with buckets and plastic following last month's blow leaving portions of our roof looking like Swiss cheese. If not for their efforts, we could have incurred thousands of dollars of damage.

Bristol Marine contacted me in December inquiring about our interest in partnering with them to replace the fence between our properties. I have asked them to pull together some quotes, and we will discuss the matter with them once the facts are available. The quotes they have are at least 3 years old. Would I like to see the fence replaced? Absolutely. It is an unsightly, broken-down mess. There was some talk a few years back of us splitting the cost of the fence with them. I don't expect that to be an affordable solution. The cost of replacement 3 years ago was 60k. I am sure it hasn't gotten any less costly in the past few years. Perhaps we can leverage some volunteer labor, but even then, we are likely to exceed our 16k reserve. No one I know is in favor of that. Charlie Payne, Bob Millard, and I will meet with them once the new quotes are in, and I would welcome any input you have on the matter. Send us an email or give us a call.

A lot of work happens behind the scenes in running the Club business.

My sincere thanks go out to Peter Maloney for leading us through the 2025 budget process, the intermediate bylaw change, and the recent tax filing, which included an involved calculation of our unrelated business income, and, currently in progress, our annual insurance renewal. A number of people support Peter in these efforts, but I can't thank Peter enough for his leadership and countless hours of volunteer service to the Club.

In closing, I have been in recent contact with John Bell and Jil Westcott, who are currently in Las Palmas in the Canary Islands, preparing *Moon Shadow* for a transatlantic sail to Grenada. Peter Maloney and David Schwartz will be making the passage with them. For those new to the Club, this leg of John and Jil's journey is part of a fantastic adventure that they embarked on years ago. John and Jil are incredibly capable skippers and wonderful human beings. From our simple harbor, they have cruised extensively in Europe, the Med, and recently the Canary Islands. They have generously shared their truly remarkable journey with several of our members. We wish John, Jil, Peter, and David an easy and safe passage and look forward to seeing them all back in Bristol.

REMINDER: TIME TO PAY YOUR 2025 MEMBERSHIP DUES



Invoices were emailed on December 29th to all members and the deadline to submit your payment is January 31st. If you did not receive an invoice, email Chris Healey: steward@bristolyc.com

HOUSE NEWS

HOLIDAY BOATIQUE

On Friday, December 6th, the House Committee hosted a delightful Holiday Boatique event that filled the house with 120 guests. The evening featured 10 captivating artist exhibits and live music by the two-piece band, "Two for the Rhode." Attendees enjoyed an array of delicious hot and cold appetizers, paired perfectly with glasses



L-R Andy Brereton, Diana Kryston,
Robin Crocker, Rosemary Alden, Jane Guinther

of champagne. Special thanks go to the House Committee members for their hard work and

dedication, putting up Christmas decorations, cooking the food, organizing the artist displays and making the event a tremendous success. The festive atmosphere and wonderful company made it a truly memorable night

DON'T MISS THE CRAFT BEER TASTING EVENT!

Date: Friday January 10

Time: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Come join us on Friday January 10 for the 4th annual BYC craft beer tasting! Representatives from Craft Collective



and a local brewery or two will be on hand to sample their offerings. Participants will be able to provide feedback on their favorite beers, with the most popular ones being made available next season in the Chart Room. Light appetizers will be

provided by the House Committee and several of the beers will be available for purchase during the event.

No Reservations are required, there is a \$5.00 per person charge paid at the door.

-Steve Barron
House Committee Chair

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND TRIVIA NIGHT IS JANUARY 18TH



Form your own Team (8 maximum per Team) or join your fellow members at the Club and test your knowledge of all things trivial! Bring your own snacks or dinner and join in the fun!

\$5.00 per person at the door
Chart Room Opens at 5 PM
Games from 7 - 9 PM

FROSTBITING NEWS

"Not-to-be Called-Frostbiting" Season Ends with a Chill in The Air

The BYC 2024-25 Frostbite Fall Series ended on Saturday, December 11th under sunny skies and 5-7 kt NNW winds. Near-freezing temperatures set in for the last two race days after five warm or "not really cold" days.

28 Aero and Laser sailors completed 92 races over seven Saturdays from October 19th - December 14th. The fleet lost one day to the weather. Boats from Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and Rhode Island completed 550+ starts. The Fall fleet included men and women from high school age and up (way up!)

Congratulations to Flip Myerson, Eric Aker, and Jeff Curtis (pictured at right) for finishing 1-2-3 in the Aero fleet.



These three sailors all had PERFECT ATTENDANCE for the entire series, sailing all 48 races.

And a second thank you to Flip Myerson for imagining and then running the Fall Opener "Stuffie Regatta" which drew seven Aeros and ten Lasers. David Crawley, Adam Langerman and Sterling Worrell won honors in the Laser Fleet Fall Series. This season saw close, single-point-difference finishes on many days, as evidenced by eight Laser racers who scored "bullets" in one or more races (six in the Aero Fleet.)



Will Pierce (pictured here on the left) has been on the line or in a safety boat for BYC Frostbite for nearly 4 decades. We thank him for his support.

Many BYC members have volunteered for races this season. Nancy and Ian Clarke, Dave Guinther and Dom Messerli have volunteered as PRO. Frank Munro, Sam Patterson and Bob Yaylaian have driven



safety boats on days when Pete Turenne was busy putting BYC to bed in early Fall. SUPER THANKS to Steve Crocker, Peter Maloney and Charlie Payne for spending nearly every Saturday this Fall driving the safety boat, helping with scoring, mark setting and picture taking. These volunteers were on

the water so Frostbiters could be on the racecourse.

The BYC Frostbite Winter Series starts on Saturday, January 11th and runs through Saturday, March 29th. If you are interested in volunteering as a safety boat driver, helping with mark set, or have other questions contact:

Fleet Captains Dave Guinther (dave.guinther@yahoo.com) or Flip Myerson (aero2896@gmail.com).

-Dave Guinther
Frostbiting Chair

The BYC Mainsheet is published monthly.

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

RACE COMMITTEE AND GROUNDS NEWS

John Mooney Attains International Judge Certification



Congratulations to race official and BYC Club member John Mooney who was approved for international certification as an International Judge at the World Sailing Annual Conference last week in Singapore. World Sailing oversees the certification of International Judges and International Race Officers to ensure fair and proficient race management globally. It's an honor to have such experience at Bristol YC.

What is International Judge Certification?

An International Judge ensures fair competition by resolving disputes, assisting in race management, and upholding the integrity of the sport. A candidate for first appointment as an International Judge must have, within the four years:

- Attended a World Sailing International Judges Seminar, demonstrating good participation and receiving positive references from the instructors
- Passed the World Sailing examination for the discipline
- Served as a member of a protest committee for at least four principal fleet racing events. At two of these events, the candidate must have been a member of an International Jury (excluding umpired fleet racing events). One of these four events must have been outside the candidate's Member National Authority (MNA) or World Sailing Group
- Obtained at least three completed and positive reference forms from relevant officials, team officials, coaches, or hosts

Additionally, candidates are expected to:

- Maintain appropriate relationships with competitors and support persons at events
- Declare any conflict of interest before accepting a protest committee invitation, in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 34

An International Judge is responsible for adjudicating protests and requests for redress, resolving conflicts between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, enforcing Rule 42 on the water when Appendix P applies, and conducting Rule 69 hearings.

*-Bob McLaughlin
Race Committee Chair*



TAKE THE BYC CRUISING SURVEY

BYC's Cruise Committee wants your feedback on several aspects of our club's cruising plans, including the Club's 2025 cruise to Maine and the possibility of a

NEW cruise in the fall of 2026 up Long Island Sound and the Hudson River. Thank you for taking a quick moment to share your thoughts and interests. Click [HERE](#) to take the survey.

Freezing Wind Chill Temps Are No Match for the Fall Cleanup Crew!

On Saturday morning, December 7th, eleven volunteers gathered with rakes and leaf blowers in a below-freezing wind chill.*



Working diligently, they removed an astounding amount of leaves. Twelve trips to the Bristol transfer station with various trucks and trailers were required to dispose of the harvest.



Thank you for those few and mighty!

*-Charlie Payne
Grounds Committee Chair*

***There is no bad weather.
Only bad clothes! (Norwegian saying)**



New Year's Day Pot Luck at the Club



The annual tradition of a New Year's Day Pot Luck at BYC carried on; members gathered for lunch and the chance to ring in the new year on a delicious note. Ask

anyone who attended, and they will be sure to tell you that the food was great!

Thanks to Mary Ann Rosenlof for this photo of past and present commodores Ruth Souto and Paul Redman along with Pat Crawford and Loren Redmond.



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.

Hope is a 2003 Caliber 40 LRC SE owned by Stacy and EJ Dochoda. Why the name *Hope*?

According to Stacy, "We purchased the boat in 2023. She was built in Largo, Florida as a long-range sailing cruiser, with a conservative long fin underbody, cutter rig, and significant tankage in her keel. She took her prior owners to the Bahamas, Caribbean, Columbia, Panama, and Granada.

Hope is our eighth boat; the first one that we renamed. We chose the name *Hope* from the Rhode Island State Flag. We are from Florida and had never seen the Rhode Island flag until we visited in the summer of 2019. The first time we saw it, we didn't know it was the state flag, we just thought it was a cool flag and we liked the motto, *Hope*.

Hope is currently docked in St. Petersburg, Florida. We plan (hope) to go to the Bahamas in the Spring and then to Bristol for the Summer. After we finished our renaming ceremony, one of our dock neighbors in St. Pete dropped by. He wanted to give us a flag that he found on his boat with the word *Hope* on it. It was the Rhode Island Flag. We think it was a sign that she was meant to be."

So.....Now you know how the name *Hope* was chosen for Stacy and EJ's boat. If you have a name you would like to submit, please email me, Peter Canzone at americanart1@aol.com

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