



MAINSHEET

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE BRISTOL YACHT CLUB

JULY 2024

EVENTS CRUISES RACING AND MORE AT THE CLUB

Father's Day Clam Boil

The BYC Fathers' Day Celebration was a tremendous success and wonderful family day with over 100 participants, perfect weather and delicious food. Attendees enjoyed shrimp cocktail, cheese and crackers, clam chowder, steamed lobsters or grilled steaks, potato salad, tossed salad, hot dogs



& chips for kids, ice cream desserts and cake. Toward the end of the meal Commodore Redman wished all the fathers a happy day and cut the Father's Day Celebration cake.



Hughes (check-in) and Chris Healy who did an amazing job in assisting and cooking the 75 lobsters. A special thanks goes to Donna Glavin for chairing the event and for all her work to ensure that all went smoothly.



Thank you to the Social Committee members, and to the non-members, who worked on the event including Ed Mansur and Vin Pezzullo (grill) Chris Hughes (music) Denise Asciola and Diane Pezzullo, Vin's daughters (assisted in every aspect of the evening!) Carole Mansur seating) Kathy Rotsky (floral centerpieces) Carole and Brian McFarland, Terri Hughes, Linda Molvar, and Kathy Toohey for set-up, preparation and serving; Carole Mansur and Terri



-Article and photos
Terri Hughes

Mark your calendars for the next Social Committee event, Burgers and Blues, on Saturday July 27th!

BRISTOL HARBOR IS ON THE LIST OF THE TOP TEN HARBORS

Bristol Harbor has been listed as #4 on US Harbors 2024 List of Best Harbors



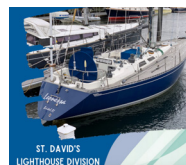
US Harbors, which provides tidal and coastal weather data, has announced the winners of their 5th annual contest to find the "Best Harbor" in the U.S. This crowd-sourced contest, open to the public for voting, is held online each year to assess the favorite harbor out of the 1500+ harbors for which US Harbors provides services.

Communities with the most passion

for where they live, boat, and fish generally end up winning the event, and the 2024 winners include several new harbors that were not previously in the winners' circle. Top 10 Results:

1. Block Island, RI (also 2024's Northeast regional winner; first time on winners list)
2. Destin, FL (also 2024's Gulf Coast regional winner; first time on winners list)
3. Padanaram, MA (2019 "Best Harbor" Grand Winner)
4. Bristol, RI (first time on winners list)
5. Shelter Cove, Hilton Head, NC (also 2024's Southeast regional winner; and Southeast regional winner in 2022 and 2021)
6. Pillar Point, Princeton, CA (2024's Pacific Coast regional winner; first time on winners list)
7. Gloucester, MA (first time on winners list)
8. Charlevoix, MI (2021 "Best Harbor" Grand Winner; also 2024's Great Lakes regional winner)
9. Brookings, OR (first time on winners list)
10. Depoe Bay, OR (2022 "Best Harbor" Grand Winner)

Congratulations to BYC member Ray DeLeo and his boat *Leonessa*



for finishing 8th in their Division in the Newport to Bermuda Race. Ray is a licensed USCG MMC Master 100GRT and has been sailing since the age of 10.

He's competed as skipper, helmsman, bow, sail trimmer, and navigator on various vessels ranging in size from 16' to 72' and has to his credit 15 Newport Bermuda Races, 4 Marion Bermuda Races, 2 Fastnet Races, 4 Annapolis Newport Races, 6 Marblehead Halifax Races, and many other local & near shore races & deliveries throughout the U.S. East Coast, Caribbean & Europe. Congratulations Ray!

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THE 4TH



SIGN UP FOR BREAKFAST AT THE CLUB

July 4 7:00 AM - 10:00 AM

It's an annual tradition to enjoy breakfast at the Club before the parade. Enjoy delicious hot pancakes flipped by the Social Committee along with bacon, yogurt, fresh fruit, juices and coffee. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults.

To Register and for more information [CLICK HERE](#)

HOURS OF OPERATION FOR LAUNCHES CHART ROOM AND WATERFRONT

LAUNCH HOURS

Week of July 4th 2024

7/2 Tuesday 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM

7/3 Wednesday 8:00 AM to 11:00 PM (9:30 PM fireworks)

7/4 Thursday 6:30 AM to 9:00 PM (parade)

7/5 Friday 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM

CHART ROOM HOURS

Week of July 4th 2024

7/2 Tuesday 3:00 PM to 9:30 PM

7/3 Wednesday 4:00 PM to 11:00 PM (fireworks)

7/4 Thursday 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM (parade)

7/5 Friday 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM

IN THE PARKING LOT AND ON THE GROUNDS

Please park as close to the next car so we can maximize parking

Carpool if at all possible

Staff has removed as many trailers to create more space

REMINDER: per club liquor license no alcoholic beverages to be consumed off the dock unless purchased from the club. There will be 2 security personal here on July 3rd patrolling the parking lot and grounds.

ON THE WATERFRONT

Please assemble your crew or pick up on dock to minimize launch trips

There are 20 or so visiting yachts staying with us for the period

Tie up on outside of dock is already set at the 20 minute rule for the period

Both launches are staffed open to close for the period to maximize passenger movement

Fireworks on Wednesday: The harbor entrance will be closed and all movement stops at 8:30 PM **INCLUDING** launches till post fireworks, please plan ahead

July 4th Parade launch service to Independence Park dock will depart BYC 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM and return 1:15 PM - 2:15 PM to either boats or BYC dock

The BYC Mainsheet is published monthly.

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



Help Out During Junior Race Week



BYC is the host club for a special Junior Regatta to be held at Bristol Town Beach August 5 through the 8th . Over 100 local sailors will be racing each day. Our Club will organize the shore-side of the regatta and run a cook-out for the kids and their parents on the 6th. We need volunteers on a one-and done basis herding kids (and their boats) on land, picking up food for

all helpers, handing out awards, as well as serving and clean up at the cook-out at our Club. For our efforts, NBYA will be reimbursing us for all expenses plus a stipend of about \$2500 that will go to the BYC general fund.

[CLICK HERE](#) to go to the handy-dandy on-line service that shows the schedule of what needs to be done and when. It allows you to sign up for as may slots as you want to. You can even ask questions through the service. (Sorry for the ads on the site but it is free for us to use and I don't want to be wasting our funds.) Thanks in advance for signing up. Contact me with any questions.

*-David Schwartz
Event Coordinator*

SUMMER MUSIC SERIES

SUMMER SUNSET MUSIC

SERIES AT THE HERRESHOFF MARINE MUSEUM

WEEKLY ON THURSDAYS FROM JULY 11 TO AUGUST 29, 6-8PM

July 11: Neal and the Vipers

July 18: Johnny Hoy and the Bluefish

July 25: Alexis Lee

August 1: Catnip Junkies

August 8: Dan Moretti and the Hammond Boys

August 15: Paul Del Nero

August 22: Greg Abate

August 29: Roomful of Blues

TICKETS: HERRESHOFF.ORG/MUSIC

Members: \$25 | Non Members: \$35 | Full Series Pass: \$150



Food Trucks & Caterers will be present at all shows.
BYOB welcome. Please drink responsibly.

JOIN OUR
PIRATE DAY

July 13th 11am-2pm

Pirate Treasure Hunt
Water Battle
Crafts & Lunch

RSVP by July 8th

Email Rachel Braun with any questions - Rpokorny00@gmail.com

A Note from Our Race Committee Chair, Bob McLaughlin:

BYC members helping US Sailing run the U.S. Youth Championship Regatta that was held recently: "I love it when you hail the tanker coming down the bay heading for the middle of the fleet and the captain says "I see your weather mark, I'll go around it."



Look very closely and you can see the mark at the tip of the arrow

CRUISING NEWS



COMMODORE'S CORNER
PAUL REDMAN

BYC's two June cruises were a great success - see below. We have 27 boats joining the Annual Summer Cruise (July 12 - 21), which will travel east towards Cape Cod and the Vineyard. In August, the In-Bay Cruise (Aug. 3-10) will travel throughout Narragansett Bay and the Sakonnet. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about the In-Bay cruise and sign up. The Cruise Committee is looking for members who want to help organize the Club's two fall cruises, the Labor Day Weekend Cruise - August 31 - September 2, Destination: East Greenwich Yacht Club; and the September Cruise - September 21 - 22, Destination: TBD. If you want to help organize those cruises, please email Barbara Petrocelli at petrocellib@gmail.com.



The Gaspee Days Weekend Cruise 2024 was once again enjoyed by all who attended. A slight chance of rain held off on Saturday to allow Pawtuxet Village to host yet another "Mini-Bristol" Fourth-Of-July-Themed Parade,

enjoyed by numerous Bristol Yacht Club members pictured above. A notable highlight was that one of our own, Barry Shrutt, a decorated Vietnam veteran, was a banner-holder and marched in the parade! He received huge support as he passed our membership as a tribute to all veterans participating in the event. Later in the day, we enjoyed dancing and fellowship with our outstanding hosts, the RIYC - Rhode Island Yacht Club, to which we are eternally grateful for yet another successful event as our reciprocal yacht club. Although Sunday morning rain saw many of our members return home early, those who stuck around enjoyed a breakfast buffet and the traditional blessing of the fleet.



The Late June Cruise to Dutch Harbor was a great success despite some rainy weather. Eight hardy boats sailed or motored down to Dutch on Saturday in some rain, some fog, and some sun, where they were joined by crews



from another seven boats who drove down to attend the potluck supper. The rain held off until the party was over, and everyone made it back to their boats and cars before the skies opened up. Sunday delivered an excellent and fast sail back to Bristol with 15-20+ knots of wind from the south starting at 9:00 am. Many thanks to Carole and Brian McFarland, who did an outstanding job organizing this weekend and ensuring we all enjoyed a picture-perfect potluck get-together.



-Barbara Petrocelli Article
-Terri Hughes Photos

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

You don't need a calendar to know the time of year. Graduation parties, weddings, and family gatherings compete with Club events. There are so many options and so many difficult decisions to make. Aren't we lucky to have such a problem?

Thanks to our committee chairs, volunteers, and staff, our Club is already in mid-season form. The Father's Day Lobster Boil was phenomenal. The social committee worked very hard on this event, and as a result, it was one of, if not the best, events of the year.

The house was near capacity and smiles and sounds of laughter were everywhere. Donna, the Social Committee, and the staff deserve a big thanks for pulling off this fantastic event.

In other news, Bristol Harbor was ranked # 4 in the country in the Best Harbors Annual poll. This recognition is a testament to the hard work of our Harbor Master, the Town of Bristol's Harbor Commission, and our staff. Their welcoming smiles, accommodating spirit, and commitment to safety have a direct impact on how visiting yachts view their time here in Bristol. Whether it be on the dock, launch, bar or house, they all have contributed in some way to this recognition and deserve our congratulations.

Our first two cruises of the year saw record attendance, and we're excited to announce that the summer cruise is shaping up to be fantastic. The Millard series is in full swing, Team Racing is starting up, children are rigging boats and playing on Charlie's wonderful new lawn, and adult sailing classes have begun. With all these activities, it's clear that peak season has arrived!

Given all the activity, please be careful when on the grounds, on the water and wherever your travels take you this summer. Summer 2024 has arrived!

Enjoy!
Paul

-Paul Redman, Commodore

For Event Information
and Calendar events visit:
<https://www.bristolyc.com/calendar>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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.

[Dr. Tracie Guthrie](#), chair of the JEDI association shared the following thoughts for the association and the day: "The September event with the Bristol Yacht Club will provide our members with an opportunity to explore the multiple benefits of being on the water. Access to the many miles of beautiful coastline in RI is not always readily available to people of color, even if they have the financial means, they may not feel welcomed. This event will provide both groups with an opportunity to dispel myths and create opportunities for friendship. We hope that the Brown JEDI Faculty Association Members will explore opportunities to learn to sail, explore boating, or be considered for membership at the BYC in the future. We are grateful and excited to embark on this shared experience with all of you!"

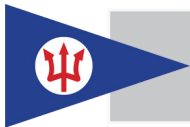
For more information about this event, contact Marilyn Dimson-Doyle, BYC DEI Committee

PHOTOS FROM THE BRISTOL 4TH OF JULY COMMITTEE PHOTO CONTEST



BYC Member Terri Hughes has shared her photos from this year's contest. Her photo on the right, "At the Starting Line" won first place in the Bristol Category and was taken during one of last season's Millard Series Races. "Old Glory" took third place in the Patriotic Category and features the flag outside the home of BYC Members David and Laura Jacobs. You may view Terri's and all of the other photos at the Bristol Public Library.





BYC News and Events

J/22 KOI POND MATCH RACE REGATTA



Bristol YC ran the Koi Pond J/22 Match Race Regatta and Clinic Saturday and Sunday June 22 & 23, with eight teams competing. Saturday offered up frustratingly light winds of 5-8 kts by the mid afternoon and we were able to compete 12 starts. Sunday made up for the light winds with a steady 20kts and fog until about 2:30pm when it started to quickly build, cancelling the remainder of the racing. Fortunately we were able to complete another 12 starts and the SIs defined a scoring methodology allowing us to score an incomplete regatta. The regatta included on the water umpires recruited



and organized by club member John Mooney, following each pair of boats resolving protests in real time. A real treat was the inclusion of Cole Brauer who was helping make the calls in one of the umpire boats and attended the dinner Saturday night.

Results: 1st place George Hidham, 2nd place Ausgar Jordan, 3rd place Cory Serti.

-Bob McLaughlin, Race Committee Chair

EBSF NEWS



EBSF's summer is off and Sailing! We had a beautiful evening for the Youth orientation for Parents on June 14th. The large crowd enjoyed learning about what to expect this summer of sailing. Instructors were introduced, and topics were discussed on what to bring each day, drop off procedures, swim tests, and many others.

Our Mercury Sailboats were launched in the early morning of June 17th. Thank you especially to Tom Hagan, Bob Millard, Bruce Millard, Peter Maloney, Emily Augello, Micum McIntire, Kathy Yorks, Dave Guinther, Sherre and Keegan McCarthy, Tim Furman, Kristin Browne, Brad Haverly, Susan Grandpierre, Liam and Owen Barry for doing some heavy lifting!



Instructor training was last week and they are excited and ready to provide some fun safe sailing for the kids! The instructors focused on safety, emergency drills, rigging boats, and practicing chalk talks. Adult sailing also began last Tuesday evening, June 18th on a very windy night. It's been a busy few weeks!



Last, but not least, June 24th was the start of the youth sailing lessons! We have a full summer planned, so stop by, meet our many new and returning instructors, and watch some fun activities happening right here!

Don't forget about our EBSF Gala this fall! We have changed the date from August 24th to September 6th . Ticket prices are \$125, so expect an evening of dinner, dancing, and fundraising. Our Gala event is very important to EBSF as most years fees don't cover the cost of the program. Donations help us maintain the boats and keep them in shape for youth and adult sailing lessons and BYC team racing. Our boats get a workout every season by the students, racers and our afternoon southerlies. If you can' make the event, but would still like to help, Silent Auction items are being sought from family and friends. Please contact Paul Norton at paulnortongmail@gmail.com if you would like to help with the gala or donate an item.

-Stephanie Boutilier
EBSF

Anna Mary



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.

Anna Mary is a Gray 32 owned by Mike and Denise Martel

Why the name *Anna Mary*?

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

Built in 1928 by Gray Boats in Thomaston, Maine, and currently named *Anna Mary* after our first grandchild (we have 5 now), our 32' single screw motorboat was designed by the late, noted mid-coast Maine designer Albert E. Condon. She is 'Maine' through and through; her design is called a 'Lobster Cruiser', incorporating some design elements that are characteristic of working lobster fishing boats of the Maine coast. We aren't sure of her original name, but until recently she was known as *Tuva*, and under her most recent owner, *Tollie*. She is powered by a Ford Lehman 120hp 6 cyl. Diesel of 1970s vintage.

With 5 grandkids, 2 of them grandsons and the other 3 granddaughters, the question arose as to how we could be fair to all of them? We realized that we don't have a big enough transom to represent all of their names, so we simply decided to name the boat after our first grandchild and leave it at that.

Anna Mary is now on her mooring in Bristol Harbor and my plan is to run a little charter service with her, taking 6 passengers around the harbor and upper Narragansett Bay during the summer. These short 90-minute trips are intended to be relaxing tours of the sights and points of interest in the area, viewed from a graceful antique boat, originating at the Bristol Town Dock and, for the time being, ending there. We will also have hour-long sunset cruises. We are calling our enterprise BRISTOL CLASSIC CRUISES and have secured the domain BristolClassicCruises.com, which is a great start, but it is only the beginning, and we have much work to do.

Now you know the history of *Anna Mary*. If you have a name you would like to submit, please email Peter Canzone at: americanart1@aol.com

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