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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE BRISTOL YACHT CLUB

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FALL HAPPENINGS AT BRISTOL YACHT CLUB

News from the Social Committee



The month of October proved to be a busy one for the Social Committee. On October 5th the Club came alive with a spectacular Harvest Jubilee featuring a New Orleans theme, 88 lively members and the music of the Catnip Junkies. A switch from the formal Harvest Ball, the evening brought lots of fun, laughter, and dancing. The Catnip Junkies led an evening filled with lively music, songs, sing-a-longs and a closing conga line. A delicious dinner, hors-d'oeuvres, and

dessert, served by Gourmet Caterers continued the New Orleans theme; and the extensive decorations added to the glitz and glamour of the New Orleans experience.



Thank you to Kathy Toohey, Kathy Rotsky and members of the Social Committee for their creativity and attention to detail that helped make the event such a success.



Once again, Club member Mary Ann Rosenlof has provided some terrific photos that captured the fun of the evening. In addition to the photos you see here, you can view the whole gallery on her website by clicking on this link:



<https://www.rosenlofphotography.com/FamilyandFriends/Bristol-Yacht-Club-Events/n-wB4x4/2024-/2024-10-05-Harvest-Jubilee/2024-Harvest-Jubilee>

Don't forget to mark your Calendars In November for Trivia Night Friday, November 8th. Bring your own food and snacks, play on your own or form a team. more details to come.

-Donna Bettencourt-Glavin, Social Committee Chair

Bristol's own Ben and Eric Hall are 2024 Inductees to the National Sailing Hall of Fame

The Class of 2024 Induction Weekend was held October 4 - 6 at the Chicago Yacht Club. Be sure to visit the Sailing Museum's website to read Ben and Eric's profiles and for more information about the event.



Link to the website [HERE](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



Docks Out November 6th

Bristol Yacht Club 7:30 AM

Trivia Night November 8th

Bristol Yacht Club 6:00 PM

The Twenty Hundred Club November 14th

Meets at BYC 6:00 - 8:00 PM

See page 5 for more information

TGIF Speaker Series November 15th

Tales of Rescue during this year's Newport to Bermuda Race

Annual Meeting November 17th

Bristol Yacht Club 3:00 PM

Ship's Store Holiday Boatique December 6th

Bristol Yacht Club 5:00 PM

For More Information and updates to all BYC events, be sure to check the weekly emails and our website: bristolyc.com

BYC Volunteer Dinner



COMMODORE'S CORNER PAUL REDMAN

On September 28th the Annual Volunteer Dinner was held at the Club to recognize the many volunteers who provide their time and support to the many events and committees that make our boat house on the shore such a terrific place to be.

Guests enjoyed the traditional Pig Roast served up by the Flag Officers, and in a slight departure from past years, not just one, but a number of Golden Pig Awards were presented to various Club members. Here are the 2024 recipients

House Committee

Better Brito
Elizabeth Hanson
Faith Hassinger

Social Committee

Terry Hughes

Race Committee

Mark Rotsky
Dave Guinther
Pat Small
Kathy Toohey

Cruise Committee

Carole McFarland

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John Bell

NBYA Junior Race Week

David and Marty Schwartz

DEI and Technology

Marilyn Dimson-Doyle

November Notes

We are now past peak leaf-peeping season. It's hard to keep up with the leaves littering the lawn. But what a wonderful fall season it's been. The two weeks following Columbus Day may be among the best sailing days of the season. Lucky are those who left their boats in a little longer this year.

While the weather has been great in Rhode Island, my heart and best wishes go out to our members who have property in Florida. Members on both the east and west coast of the Sunshine State sustained significant damage from Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Some damage was due to flooding, while others suffered wind damage from the hurricanes or tornados. They are dealing with a terrible mess. Given their Floridian spirit and Rhode Island perseverance, I do not doubt that they will recover soon and smile in the sunshine as they read the January and February northeast forecast!

I was so proud to learn that Eric and Ben Hall were inducted into the National Sailing Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony took place on October 4th – 6th and was hosted by the Chicago Yacht Club. This is cause for celebration for sure. Ben is in Florida until June, so we decided to hold off until he returns to Rhode Island before having a celebration. When you have a chance, look at this years and past years inductees. <https://thesailingmuseum.org/hall-of-fame/2024/> It reads like a "who's who" in sailing, Congratulations Eric and Ben!

I am also very proud of our Frostbite racers. Dave Guinther shared with me during decommissioning that he had 17 boats racing the day before. I am sure the 70-degree temperatures helped, but 17 boats is beyond fantastic. As I mentioned last month, many clubs struggle to get 20 boats in their summer season. Thank you, David, and the entire Frostbite race committee for spearheading this effort.

We're eagerly looking forward to the annual meeting. The Executive Committee is diligently preparing their reports and presentations and working with Peter Maloney on the 2025 budget. Maintaining adequate reserves is a challenge, especially given post-COVID inflation rates. While the incremental inflation rates have slowed down, the cost of building supplies and other consumables remains high. Peter will provide more details at the annual meeting, but it's a tricky balancing act to keep our dues low while ensuring we have sufficient reserves.

Our decommissioning was wonderful. I was happy to see so many of our past Commodore's present for the ceremony. I often brag about the great leadership team we have within our Executive Committee, but we owe much of our success to those who have come before us. I owe a special thanks to Carole and Ed Mansur, who chaired the event and made sure every detail was perfect. Thank you!

-Paul Redman, Commodore



BYC 2024 PHRF RACING SEASON REVIEW



2024 turned out to be a terrific racing season for the Wednesday night Millard Series. 51 boats signed up to race in 6 Classes in a season of ideal racing conditions; no races were cancelled due to the weather. This year's participation was well balanced; each class having 8 - 11 boats registered. There were 11 new boats in the series, which is indicative of how healthy this program is. We averaged 36 boats on course for the season, hitting a high of 41 on course twice. Additionally, 41 boats raced at least 7 races to qualify for season trophy consideration, and 9 boats raced all 12 scheduled races.

2024 Trophy Winners

Class A – Large Spinnaker

First – **Incognito** – Joe Brito
Second – **Mischief** – David Schwartz
Third – **Blue Devil** – Bob McLaughlin

Class B – Medium Spinnaker

First – **Hope** – Chris Bjerregaard/Joe Whelan
Second – **Alice** – Bill Barlow
Third – **Audacious** – George Lima/Ken Madeiro

Class C – Large Non-spinnaker

First – **Phase III** – Carl Supancic
Second – **Solveig** – Paige Baeder
Third – **Horizon** – Bill Campbell

Class D – Small Spinnaker

First – **Cover Girl** – Phil Kinder
Second – **Hula** – Mike Allen
Third – **Good Trouble** – Steve Clark

Class E – Small Non-spinnaker

First – **Ragtime** – Tom Ferreira
Second – **Solitaire** – Bob Millard Jr.
Third – **Adelina** – Jim Spiro

Class F – Sea Sprites

First – **Oasis** – Bob Rude
Second – **New Hope** – Dom Messerli
Third – **Bramasole** – Bob Catani



This year's **Millard Trophy Winner** awarded for the best season record in all Classes went to Tom Ferreira's **Ragtime**. Congratulations to the crew for winning all 12 races for Class E.

A BYC tradition, the **Commodore's Cup Race** was open to all BYC members and encouraged adult and junior students to participate by crewing in the various boats during the Fourth of July week. 22 boats participated with the following trophy winners

First – **Hope** – Chris Bjerregaard/Joe Whelan
Second – **Good Trouble** – Steve Clark
Third – **Hula** – Mike Allen

In late July BYC hosted the **MOHOSA** races which included racers from our neighbors in Tiverton YC and Spar Island Racing Association. A total of 38 total boats signed for two days of racing in 4 classes; including 21 boats from Bristol that captured 13 of the 23 trophies awarded. (Yes, some boats received trophies for both days.)

In early September the Narragansett Bay Yachting Association (NBYA) sponsored their Fall Regatta combined with the Yacht Club Challenge. **The Yacht Club Challenge** is a team race for both Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker boats. As the previous year's winner of the Spinnaker Class, Bristol YC hosted the event. Once again, Bristol prevailed, this time in both divisions against Barrington YC and East Greenwich YC. Our Spinnaker team consisted of **Incognito, Mischief, and Hope**, while our non-spinnaker entries were **Audacious, Phase III and Horizon**.

It would not have been such a successful racing season without the wonderful efforts of 21 Race Committee volunteers who supported all of the above races and more throughout the season. They were lead on the water by Pat Small who ran most of the Millard races as the Principal Race Officer, and by Kathy Toohey and Joe Jablonowski who did most of the coordination efforts to make sure the Committee boats were always manned for each race.

-Mark Rotsky, PHRF Fleet Captain



EBSF NEWS

By the time you read this, fall instructional sailing on Monday and Wednesday afternoons and Saturdays will be over, completing EBSF's 2024 program. EBSF had a great season: 124 juniors and 59 adults received instruction, supported by 67 BYC Volunteers; 23 adults sailing instructors and 44 who helped maintain, launch and haul our fleet. Thanks to you all who came out to help, including our EBSF committee members who manage the gazillion tasks of running the program. We couldn't do it without all of you.



In addition we had the great good luck to find Program Director Emily Augello, who kept everything on track and under control. You'll be glad to know that she has promised to return next season.

Glance at the parking lot and you'll see the fleet neatly stored and ready for winter weather. We have transitioned into maintenance mode, taking sails and covers to be mended and boats and rigs to be fixed. The generous response to the September fundraiser has made it possible for us to tackle a backlog of deferred maintenance, rehabbing some Mercuries, replacing a coach boat, and purchasing reduced-area sails so youngsters can sail safely in Bristol Harbor breezes. This winter, we hope to find six good used 420s to replace the ones we use for instruction, which are worn out from a dozen years of use and are years older.

It has become more difficult for all instructional sailing programs to find experienced, qualified instructors and providing housing is becoming a standard feature of employment. If you would consider hosting a young instructor for 8-10 weeks next summer, and would like to know more, please let us know.

This year we learned that women sailors are the fastest growing segment of the sport, just as we received the grant from Truancy-Simmons Outreach Fund to support getting more women out on the water. In September we held a meeting attended by about 20 BYC women and learned of their diverse interests: to learn to sail, to race, to sail the family cruising boat, a desire for instruction from women and just getting out together to have a good time. We learned about WOWLIS: Women on the Water on Long Island Sound, an organization of 400 women from 15 LIS yacht clubs who get together for social events, education, regattas, to share resources and have a good time on the water. We offered a survey on the interests of BYC women attached to October's Mainsheet and again to a Weekly Update. We hope you were able to respond. If any of these ideas or activities interest you, please plan to attend the next meeting on Tuesday, November 12 at 7 pm, when we'll have a chance to socialize, share the results, and continue to develop these ideas. To receive notice of future meetings, send your name to susang.nai@rcn.com. Help us plan these new, fun activities!

-Susan Grandpierre, EBSF Chair

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 15, you can donate on-line using this link:

<https://www.bristolyc.com/holiday-staff> or send your check, payable to BYC, to 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.

Should you wish to send a special thank you to individual staff members, here are their addresses.

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37 Opechee Drive
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TGIF Speaker Series off to a Great Start



The first evening of our off-season TGIF speaker series drew a large crowd hungry to learn about the history of female pirates of the Atlantic. Professor Charlotte Carrington-Farmer, RWU Professor of History, engaged those attending with her presentation of this most elusive subject. She entertained the members with her wit and knowledge of Atlantic and Caribbean pirates of the early 1700s and surprised everyone with her pirate myth busting. Apparently pirates were more egalitarian than most thought with a “democratic” written code of ethics. Will we see Anne Bonny and Mary Read on the big screen someday telling their side of the pirate story?

-Steve Barron, House Committee

The Twenty Hundred Club

<https://twentyhundredclub.org> and Bristol Yacht Club will host an **East Bay Sailors Social at Bristol Yacht Club on Thursday, November 14th from 6-8 pm**. The social will be free to members of Twenty Hundred Club, Bristol Yacht Club, Barrington Yacht Club, Tiverton Yacht Club, and Spar Island Racing Association. This casual event will focus on bringing together sailors, potential sailors, and their friends and family to meet one another, rejoice about the season past, and hopefully to plan for future adventures. You can bring your own food.

It is our hope that this regional social will benefit all of the invited clubs, will increase participation on the water, and will benefit the camaraderie of fellow sailors. Keep an eye out for similar events to be held in the West Bay and Newport regions.

The Twenty Hundred Club is a virtual yacht club (meaning it has no physical club building) that runs six navigator-style regattas in and around the Narragansett Bay and adjacent waters and a perpetual award for the fastest elapsed time around Aquidneck Islands. Race destinations include Cuttyhunk and Block Island. The Twenty Hundred Club prides itself on the Corinthian Spirit and bringing together sailors both on and off the water with regular social events. If you are interested in learning more, don't hesitate to reach out to Vice Commodore Tim Grimes email: grimes.timothyj@gmail.com or by cell 617-699-1494.

Zim Stuffie Regatta Launches 2024 - 2025 Frostbite Season

17 Aeros and Lasers Sail 13 Races Under Sunny Skies



-Laser mark roundings were crowded and challenging in the early races with light winds and strong ebb tides.

Nine Aeros and eight Lasers kicked off Bristol Yacht Club's 2024-25 Frostbite Season on Saturday, October 19th. Mother Nature served up building, southerly winds under sunny skies for the first annual Zim Stuffie Regatta.

Sailors from New England and New York were welcomed with a variety of “swag” and awards courtesy of Zim

Sailing, the regatta's sponsor. The two fleets sailed a combined 13 races.

Marc Jacobi, Flip Myerson and Ralph Kinder finished 1-2-3 in the Aero fleet with Jeff Curtis winning the 7m division. Tight competition; bullets to five racers in the Aero fleet. David Crawley, Faye Flam and Sterling Worrell topped the Laser Fleet.



-Racers from Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York enjoyed BYC hospitality

The light early winds built into a solid southerly as racing continued. Tired sailors enjoyed the downwind sail to the ramp. Back on land and derigged, sailors gathered for results and snacks, featuring RI Stuffies, the namesake of the regatta! Three of our travelling sailors had their first one ever at BYC!



-Frank Munro and Charlie Payne, aka Mark Set and Photo, kept marks aligned in the oscillating southerly.

“We want to thank all the travelling sailors who made the trek, including the Aeros from CPYC whose numbers helped us break our record for most Aeros racing at Bristol YC”, said Flip Myerson, BYC Fleet Co-Captain and regatta chairman. “Thanks also to all the RC members and a big thank you

to Dave Guinther who stepped up last-minute Saturday morning to PRO the regatta.”

If you are interested in volunteering as a safety boat driver, helping with mark set, PRO or have other questions contact Fleet Captains Dave Guinther at: dave.guinther@yahoo.com or Flip Myerson at: aero2896@gmail.com

-Dave Guinther, Frostbite Fleet Captain

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.

CurtisSea is a 40ft. Catalina owned by Clifford and Susan Curtis
Why the name *CurtisSea*?

The answer is best described in Susan's own words:
My family always named our boats after the family.
For example, *SuJeWaPeJaBoLo* is short for Susan, Jeff, Warren, Peter, Jane, the pup Bonnie and Lorraine. This family quickly said NO to that idea.
We were motoring to Newport in our bowrider, contemplating the idea of a sailboat, and looking at all the boat names in Newport Harbor. I forget the exact name I saw, but think it was *Curtsy* when the idea of *CurtisSea* popped into my head. "That's it!" I said.
Cliff told me later that if I were to name the boat I would eventually agree to buying a sail boat and learning the tipsy element of sailing more quickly.

Well maybe not, I'm still learning to tip! It's all been fun though!

So.....Now you know how the name *CurtisSea* was chosen for Clifford and Susan'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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