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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE BRISTOL YACHT CLUB

SEPTEMBER 2024

A SUMMER OF CRUISING

BYC Members participated in five great cruises this summer, including three weekend cruises to Wickford, Dutch Harbor, and the Rhode Island Yacht Club in the spring, and weeklong cruises in July to the Cape and Vineyard and around the Bay in August. Many thanks to the Cruise Committee members and day captains who organized these trips and to all the BYC members who joined in. Happy Sailing!



Cockpit Camaraderie!



House Committee Chair Steve Barron and his wife Nancy get treated to hot coffee off the stern of Allegro, hosted by Tom & Lee Dawson



Leaving Quisset Harbor, MA



a view of Castle Hill sailing from Cuttyhunk to Newport



Rafting Up in Wickford photos courtesy of Bill Barlow, Tom Dawson and Barbara Petrocelli

LITTLE BOATS CREATE BIG BUZZ

Our Club ran a great regatta for the junior sailors on Narragansett Bay a few weeks ago. Over 30 volunteers from the Club joined by on-the-water support provided by Barrington and Edgewood Yacht Clubs gave 120 kids the chance to race in a three day event out of Bristol Town Beach. And race they did!

Yes, in rained buckets. Yes, the winds were lighter than ideal. But yes, the Optis, Lasers and 420's got 12 races in. And YES the grins and excited chatter from the 8 to 18 year olds all during the event made all our efforts worthwhile. And, we earned over \$3000 from NBYA for our efforts.



Junior Race Week is the final event of the season among the many run by Narragansett Bay Yachting Association. For some of the kids, it was the first regatta they had ever raced in. For others, it was the final and bittersweet ending before leaving for college of their 10 year "career" racing on the bay.

Two highlights that I wanted to share. The first typifies the spirit and grace of our Club. Over 100 kids and parents enjoyed a very tasty meal of freshly cooked burgers and dogs after racing on Tuesday. This is the kind of welcoming, low-key event that makes BYC special. You all should be proud to hear that more than a few parents came up to tell me that our club was the best one on the bay that they had been to.

The regatta ended with a social and prize giving at the park. I have never seen 30 pizzas and 120 ice cream sandwiches disappear so quickly but that is not the second highlight that I wanted to share. The biggest prize of the entire season is the Peggy Read Award and it was won by Christian Petersen of Saunderstown YC. Although many in the room were hoping they might win, the spontaneous, enthusiastic cheer that erupted when the winner was announced was startling. Seeing sportsmanship and comradery in such a young group really warmed my heart.

-David Schwartz
Event Organizer

UPCOMING EVENTS AT BYC

SEPTEMBER 14
MURDER AMONG THE MATEYS

OCTOBER 5
HARVEST CELEBRATION

OCTOBER 20
DECOMMISSIONING

NOVEMBER 9
TRIVIA AND MUSIC BINGO



BYC Events and Updates

IMPORTANT NOTES

FUEL STORAGE RULES

Fuel or combustible materials are not allowed to be stored on the premises including lockers.

FROM THE GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The Grounds Committee recommends a clean-up of the area by the waterfront along the north fence. This includes moving the garbage dumpster west along the fence to an enclosure for it and the recycling bin. In addition to eliminating its unsightliness, this would allow better access to the boat ramp.

However, we wonder whether this would create an inconvenience for folks dropping off their garbage. Their option would be to drive it around to the drop-off on their way out.

Please submit your comments to: byc.grounds@gmail.com



CALLING ALL CRAFTERS AND ARTISTS

This year's Holiday Boatique will be held on December 6th at BYC. We will again feature our Ship's Store fully stocked for holiday shopping. Any members interested in having a table to sell their crafts are welcome to participate. Please contact Steve Barron at: sbarron0724@yahoo.com to learn more or sign up.

ADVENTURE SAIL DAY AT BYC



On Sunday August 15, the BYC's DEI committee and East Bay Sailing Foundation held, for the third year, Adventure Sail Day under the sponsorship of the National Women's Sailing Association (NWSA). This event has been a jewel in the crown of NWSA for over two decades and BYC/EBSF were pleased to participate again this year.

Twelve enthusiastic girls from East Providence Boys' and Girls' Club attended the event and for many it was their first time on a boat of any kind. The day began with a brief onshore lesson, fitting of life jackets, a getting acquainted game and then heading out on the launch to go for asail on the J22's. EBSF instructors Maggie

and Niamh Whelan and EBSF Director Emily Augello expertly provided the instruction for the day. Thanks to these fine instructors for hosting and instructing the girls so well! It was a low wind morning but there was enough wind to get the J22's cruising along. The girls enjoyed learning about



sailing and by the end there their smiles and confidence on the water shone through. Two of the girls had participated in Adventure Sail Day in prior years and this year were taking advantage

of EBSF 2-week sailing camp scholarships through the Truancy-Simmons Outreach Fund which was established to foster young women and girls to sail. We hope that more of the girls experiencing Adventure Sail Day will be able to take advantage of these scholarships in future years.

After the sail, the girls came back to the club for a lunch of burgers and hot dogs cooked on the grill, by our Grill Master, Tom Dawson. Tom also brought his sailboat Allegro to the dock so that the girls could experience visiting a "yacht" (as they called it). This provided to be another highlight of their experience. Thanks to Suzie Holloway for helping and bringing floats for the girls to play on during their swim off the beach. Thanks to Patrick Monaghan who was our expert rescue boat driver. The girls were sent home with some nice swag provided by the committee and NWSA. All in all, the day was a success in getting more girls on the water and sparking their interest in sailing. Many of girls expressed that they hoped to come back next year and sail again.



-Marilyn Dimson-Doyle
(for the DEI Committee)



EBSF JUNIOR SAILING SUMMER RECAP

It has been a jam packed summer filled with fun and a lot of sailing! Below is a look at how our summer has shaped up.

2024 EBSF Junior Sailing By The Numbers:

- 8 Weeks of Programming
- 125 Students Ranging from 6 - 17 Years Old
- 13 Instructors
- 60 Sailboats in the Fleet
- 11 Regattas Attended by our Race Teams
- 1 Laser Regatta Hosted by EBSF
- 4 Day Trips to Hog Island
- 4 Days of Pirate Fun
- 25+ Watermelons Shared
- 4 Visits from the Del's Truck
- Countless Freeze Pops Consumed



Throughout the season, our sailors had the opportunity to learn valuable skills on and off the water, from basic sailing terminology to teamwork and problem-solving. We learned to name the parts of the boat, how to rig a boat, how to trim our sails properly for each point of sail, how to tack and gybe, how to hike hard in windy conditions and how to be patient in the light air, how to tie bowlines, eight knots, square knots and cleat hitches, and how to safely navigate traffic on the water. Our racers honed their boat handling skills, learned the racing rules of sailing and how to present their case in a protest room, they improved their racing tactics and had many opportunities to practice loading and unloading their boats on and off the trailers while traveling to regattas. Overall, watching our sailors learn to appreciate the sport of sailing,

grow their confidence and find a sense of independence on the water while building new friendships has been the best part of the summer.

We finished the season with an awards barbecue at the Bristol Yacht Club. It was a rainy evening, but everyone rallied to pull off another wonderful event. Many thanks to the board members and their spouses for turning out to set up, shop, prepare, grill, assemble, serve, celebrate, and clean up for this happy

occasion. Special thanks to the guys who grilled in the breezeway during the evening's massive downpours, and to Chris Healey for his support to figure out how to make this all possible. We fed over 120 kids and adults! And it was great to see the happy kids as they received their awards.

On one last note, I would like to thank the amazing instructors that helped me through my first season at EBSF. Many of them have grown up in the program and are here because they love sailing, but more importantly because they love the time that they spent at EBSF as kids and want to continue on that tradition. Here is our staff lineup from this season: Maggie Whelan, Niamh Whelan and Lola Silva from Adventure Sailing, Liam Barry and Arden Wilkes from Intermediate Sailing, Mara Machado and Owen Barry from Beginner Sailing, Gus Macaulay, Chris "Topher" Chwalk and Maya Mills from our Race Teams and Liam "King Bob" Reich, Liam "Frosty" Caldwell and Marley Mills who all shared time between each of the different classes. This summer was fantastic because of the energy that they brought to the program everyday, rain or shine. And last but not least! Thank you also to the BYC members and staff for their continued support of this amazing program.

Thank you once again for a fantastic season.

-Emily Augello, Program Director
East Bay Sailing Foundation



COMMODORE'S CORNER PAUL REDMAN

It's happening all over again...

The sun sets earlier each night, and sweatshirts and running lights are now required for late afternoon and early evening outings on the bay. Astronomical fall begins September 22 with the autumnal equinox, but we don't need Google to tell us that; you can feel it in the air. Our boating season is not yet over. Many, including yours truly, think fall is the best time to be on the water. Westerlies, autumn colors and magnificent sunsets make this the best time of the year for many.

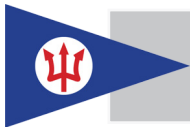
What a fantastic summer it has been, all thanks to the hard work and dedication of our committee chairs, volunteers, and staff. The Bristol Yacht Club has been alive, offering a diverse range of on-water and social activities for our members. From racing and cruising to instructional sailing and social events, the club has been buzzing with life. I am eagerly looking forward to the volunteer dinner this month, where we will celebrate and express our heartfelt thanks to the individuals who make the BYC the incredible club that it is.

Speaking of volunteers, I would like to give our Ship's Store Crew a special shout-out this month. While you often see them at social events, they work hard twelve months a year, supporting online sales and keeping us all looking good in our BYC swag. A big thank you to the team led by Betty Brito and includes Karen Livingston, Elizabeth Hanson, Becky Levick, Brenda Munro, Barbara Smith, Mary Van Deventer and Web Master Marilyn Dimson Doyle.

Thanks to Bob Hamel and George Sylvia, the Executive Committee has approved a proposal to publish a second edition of *The Boat House on the Shore, A History of the Bristol Yacht Club*. The new edition will include central club events post-2011, including the fire and COVID-19. Look for additional details soon.

As we transition to fall, we have an exciting lineup of events planned, including the EBSF Gala, Race Awards, and Murder Mystery dinner. These promise to be fun-filled and memorable experiences. I look forward to seeing you there, and as always, I wish you just enough sunshine, just enough salt spray, and a whole afternoon ahead on the water.

-Paul Redman, Commodore



RACING NEWS AND EVENTS



Race Awards night for the Millard Series and the One-Design Series will be held on Friday September 20th. Look for more information and registration details in upcoming emails from BYC

The 2024 BYC Wing Foil Series included 25 participants and sailed 33 races over five Saturday afternoons during the summer. Club member Mark Wilcox took 1st place, followed by Michael Zonnenberg earning 2nd, and Satchel Douglass taking 3rd place. Awards were handed out on Saturday August 25th. Pictured are Michael Zonnenberg on the left, Mark Wilcox center and George Hadril, standing in for Satchel Douglas.

*-Bob McLaughlin
Race Chair*



House Committee Needs Your Feedback on Vic's Galley TGIF Dinners

The House Committee has been working with Victor Gomez to improve our dining experience at the TGIF dinners. We feel that the implementation of the Table Time Reservation system has helped manage the flow of orders to the kitchen to produce a much more reliable service of food, however, we have noticed the number of diners has dropped significantly from last year and has been waning over the past 4-5 weeks.

Please give us your feedback in this brief survey so we can improve the experience and make it the place you want to be on Friday nights. [LINK TO THE SURVEY](#)

CLAM BOIL AT THE CLUB



A successful and delicious clam boil was held at the Club on August 17th. close to 100 members attended and were treated to

a delicious meal prepared by "head chef" Bob Hamel.



A round of thanks goes out to the Social Committee and all of the volunteers whose efforts made the night a great success! be sure to visit the BYC web page and look for the weekly email updates for all of the upcoming events.

-Holly Knight Photos



JOIN US FOR THE NEXT SOCIAL EVENT

MYSTERY DINNER

September 14 5:00 - 9:00 PM

Join your fellow Club members for an interactive fun night of mystery and intrigue while enjoying a dinner prepared by Pomodoro Pizzeria and served Family style! The Pirate Guests will take on various roles (be prepared to have fun) and will play those roles throughout the night. Sign up now to be one of the 20 Pirate Guests. As a Pirate Investigator you will be challenged to put together the clues to find the murderer. There will be 50 Pirate Investigators..

For more information and to register visit the BYC Website via this [LINK](#)

Tomfoolery

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.

Tomfoolery is a Tartan 101 owned by Chris and Steph Boutilier

Why the name *TOMFOOLERY*?

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

Chris and Steph Boutilier began their search for their next boat in the fall of 2022 having sold their boat in the fall of 2020, and were ready for the next adventure. They were mostly interested in a racer/cruiser sailboat, which can be challenging to find - a sailboat that can be competitive in the racing community, but also have enough amenities to be comfortable on a week-long cruise. They finally found an interesting option - a Tartan 101. But it was located in California - a little too far away. But a few months later, one popped up in Cleveland, Ohio. So they took a road trip! The Tartan 101 certainly seemed like it was the one for them. It was 33 feet long, had an open stern, a large wheel, and a comfortable salon with plenty of head room. It was also painted blue, which was a nice change from the normal white. The best part, however, was the name - Tomfoolery! No name change needed! They didn't have a Tom in their family, but they remembered that their good friends Tom & Peggie Perrotto had a sailboat named Tomfoolery. And they felt it was a sign from Peggie, that this was to be their new boat. Prices had definitely gone up since 2020, so after visiting Cleveland, they waited a couple months to see if anything else popped up on the market - or if prices would drop. Nope, Peggie was still giving them the sign, so they bought Tomfoolery and brought the Tartan 101 to Bristol.



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

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