

Over the Waves

The Monthly Newsletter of the Wickford Yacht Club
March 2018

More information about our club can be found on our website | www.wickfordyc.com

COUNTRY & WESTERN NIGHT AT THE WICKFORD YACHT CLUB SATURDAY MARCH 24, 2018

Saddle-up and mosey on down to the Wickford Yacht Club for Country & Western Night!

Wear your two-steppin' duds, enjoy full open bar, a BBQ dinner & country dance lessons.

6 - 10 PM | \$28 PER PERSON

**IT'S GOING
TO BE A
FISTFUL
OF FUN!**



Click the boots or this link to register:
<https://tinyurl.com/WYC-country-western>



COMING UP AT THE CLUB...

Every Friday: Social Hour, 6 PM

Every Thursday: Morning Coffee, 10 AM

March 8: Seminar - TIMEZERO Expert, Matt Taylor

March 13: Board Meeting

March 24: Country Western Night

March 26 - April 3: Great Room Closed for Maintenance

April 21: Commodore's Reception

April 28: WSA Fundraising Dinner

May 26: Commissioning Day!



Connect With The Club:



COMMODORE'S LOG



Rich Lemieux

Dick Breault is just one of many unsung volunteers performing services without being asked that are vital to the operation of this club. What does he do? Many of our newer members may not realize that Dick has served as Commodore in years past, but what I want to acknowledge are his ongoing contributions. Every time we have a snow event, he faithfully brings his snow thrower and shovel to the club and clears the walkway to the club entrances. So, if you ever wondered how the path got cleared, now you know. We all owe Dick a huge thank you - Job well Done!

Patty and Bob Kern deserve a special note of thanks for a fabulous Valentine's Party. They were assisted by Ben Rice, Betsy Moody, Nancy Shore, and Elaine Lemieux and did a marvelous job with decorations that enhanced the ambiance for a most enjoyable evening. The catered meal and hors d'oeuvre's were sumptuous and then topped of with Katie Connell's special Valentine deserts. Good music, dancing and just the right adult beverages, what more could one ask. Great Job by All, and I do mean All. At the conclusion of the evening so many people participated in the clean-up process that it was accomplished in short time. It was great to see so many pitching in to help!

At our financial meeting last November, I promised to keep you informed regarding the status of our building projects. The following is a brief update of what has transpired. At the time of our proposal for funding we were assuming that the roof above the patio could be left in place or at least saved during construction. After much discussion and deliberation with our engineer it was deemed either too expensive or too dangerous to complete construction with the roof in place. The Construction/Building committee has reviewed the recommendations and options our engineer has presented and is in the process of selecting an architect to develop plans for the patio replacement. Plans are one thing required for permitting with both the town and CRMC.

At the same time, our upper deck roof replacement considerations have been taking place. The committee had determined the type of membrane to replace the existing roof and was in the process of awarding a contract to insure completion prior to opening the club in May. Upon closer inspection of the roof the contractor withdrew his bid due to several issues, among them liability of damage that may be caused by demolition of the lower roof above the patio. His recommendation is to due both projects at the same time. As you can see, things are quite unsettled, but we are moving forward!

On a positive note, the damage to our North dock caused by a Fall storm has been repaired. Spring is getting closer, days are getting longer, thoughts of pre-launch boat prep are beginning to enter my thought process.

See you on the Docks!!

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FLEET CAPTAIN



Bob Kern

At the February Board of Governors meeting we had a drawing for season rental of two of the five WYC moorings in Wickford Harbor – Congratulations to Jeff & Julie Cook and Jon & Sue Colby for their winning the drawing.

We have now had two 2018 Summer Cruise meetings. It has been decided to go Westward with the following ports being considered:

- Block Island
- Montauk Lake
- Three Mile Harbor
- Coecles Harbor on Shelter Island
- Stonington Harbor for our Cruise Dinner on Thursday evening August 9th. If you can't make the cruise, drive down to Stonington and have dinner with us – put it on your calendar.

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help out.

The Spring Mini Cruise is scheduled for June 16th & 17th with a trip up to Bristol, RI – start getting those boats ready while the weather is great.

REAR COMMODORE



Bob Shore

Spring is approaching and the planning has begun for the 2018 Wednesday night racing season. Our goal is to make this years racing as successful, competitive, and fun filled as possible! This year's race dates are:

Solstice Series:

May 30 July 11
June 6 (no race July 4)
June 20

Dog Days Series:

July 18 Aug 15
July 25 Aug 22
Aug 1 Aug 29

(no race Aug 8 due to WYC cruise)

Stay tuned for more info!

MEMBERSHIP



Karen Pizzarusso, Chair

WYC Parking Stickers

- These replace last year's so scrape off the old one and place this one on the upper corner of your car's passenger side window. If you haven't received your Membership card(s) and Parking sticker(s), remember that March 19 is the deadline for dues payment and inclusion in the 2018 WYC Directory.



Membership Posting *Potential New WYC Member*

Randy Wietman

Sponsors: Bill Greene & Jon Colby
Primary Residence: 40 Sanford Avenue, NK, RI
Boat: Purchasing in the Spring

Individual Membership

Any WYC Member wishing to comment may contact the Board of Governors

SOCIAL COMMITTEE



Betsy Moody & Ben Rice

Thanks and kudos to Bob and Patti Kern for organizing a fabulous Valentine's Day party—the evening was great fun, the Great Room was transformed to a magical place, the appetizers and dinner were delicious, and Kati Connell's cake for dessert was to die for! We especially wish to thank—with apologies to those who we failed to mention as so many helped!—for set-up: Elaine Casey Lemieux & Nancy Shore; for bartending, Sheila & Mike McGauvran, Cindy & John Wilson, Joan & Larry Erhardt, Jenny & Rich Bourgeois, Lori & Tom Heald, and Sue & Jon Colby, as well as Linda Mitchell for purchasing liquor and Carrie Mitchell for organizing bartenders; for cleanup: Joe Kolb & Carrie Mitchell, Bob & Nancy Shore, Tom & Lori Heald, Chuck Ebersole & Pinkie Sweet Holland. Pinkie helped save the club money by laundering the table linens herself, as has Kathy Brown in the recent past as well!

We would like to help the club be as user friendly as possible for all members. Some ideas include offering babysitting at the club at some of the events for a nominal cost so parents may more cost effectively attend. If you think you would like to avail yourself of these services please let us know so that we can make arrangements.

Any other ideas and suggestions for meeting the needs and interests of all club members are appreciated. If any of you are interested in becoming a member of the Social Committee, please let us know.

Betsy Moody: bemoody26@gmail.com

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WICKFORD SAILING ASSOCIATION



Paul Nannig, President

WSA Registration Is Now Open!

The website has now been updated with the 2018 Summer Registration Information and Forms, click on Sailing Lessons from the home page or visit www.wickfordsailing.org.

Classes start Monday, June 25th and will end on Friday, August 17th (also Awards Night). Adult classes will also start on Monday, June 25th and run for 6 consecutive weeks.

As members, the junior program can offer a discount, please contact us for more details.

Renew your US Sailing Membership as a MVP Partner of WSA. WSA belongs to the US sailing MVP Partner Program where discounted membership rates apply. If you sign-up or renew your US Sailing membership as a MVP with WSA selected, WSA receives credits towards educational courses and materials. Please visit www.ussailing.org or **click here** to head right to the membership page. Select the MVP Program button and then select Wickford Sailing Association from the drop down list.



Sunday, May 6th - Mother's Day - Annual Quonset Pt. 10 Miler and 5K Run / 2 Mile Walk - come and run seriously or walk for fun with friends before a visit to Mom's in support of WSA and the Migraine

Association. If you don't want to run or walk, volunteers needed for course marshals. Please reach out to Gordon Fletcher at or to register visit:

<http://migrainedisorders.org/events/mothers-day-race>



Save the Date - March 8

Matt Taylor, TIMEZERO Expert

Training session: Using TIMEZERO Software for State-of-the-Art Navigation

Wickford Yacht Club, 165 Pleasant Street, Wickford RI

Doors open at 7:00 pm The public and guests are invited. No charge.



Yachting –Using TIMEZERO electronic navigation with a focus on charting for various travels. Integration and utilization of radar, AIS, weather data and more to improve situational awareness and decision-making.



Fishing –Utilize features with PBG (personal bathymetric generator) to create high resolution ocean mapping.

This session will be delivered live via best-practice remote technology.

About the speaker:

Matthew Taylor has been in the marine electronics arena for 20 years. He has a degree in Geography and Mapping from the University of Oregon.

In this session, he will ask: How do we map today? How do we navigate? How can we move beyond the era of “fixes” of stellar navigation and plotting? He will demonstrate a better way.

NEW JR. YACHT CLUB MEMBER!



Members Kaitlin & Kyle Wilson welcomed Maeve Alexandra on February 28. Maeve's grandparents are John & Cindy Wilson. Your editor and the rest of the Wilson women couldn't be more excited.

She'll be told to stop throwing rocks and not to run on the docks before we know it...!



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