

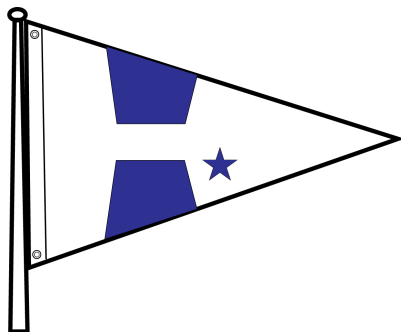
December , 2021

# OVER the WAVES

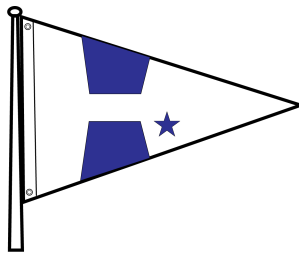
*The Monthly Newsletter of the Wickford Yacht Club*



Image: Throwback to Children's Holiday Party, 2019



Wickford Yacht Club



## Commodore's Corner

I am writing to you for the final time in 2021. As I reflect back on my year as Commodore of the WYC, I have nothing but wonderful thoughts and fond memories. With the help of a terrific Board of Governors, super Committee Chairs and a membership that is always willing to roll up their sleeves and pitch in, it is not at all surprising that I currently feel the way I do. I thank all of you for allowing me to serve in this capacity; it has truly been an honor.

On November 30th at 7PM, we will conduct our Annual Budget Meeting. The budget for 2022 has been posted in the Members Area of the WYC website. If you have not had a chance to examine the numbers, please take the time to look them over and ask any questions that may arise after your perusal. In addition, we have posted the proxy form on the WYC website and also left plenty of copies in the Pavilion at the Club. If you cannot attend the meeting, please take the time to vote on the 2022 Board of Governors, the 2022 Budget and the purchase of a new galley gas stove out of our capital funds.

We are unfortunately still dealing with the COVID pandemic. Your Board and the medical folks in our membership continue to carefully monitor the local RI situation and take action when necessary. Please see my current email regarding events at the Club and please abide by the guidelines which are considered prudent:

- Get vaccinated and, if eligible, get a booster
- Practice social distancing when at the Club
- Wear a mask when social distancing is not an option

I realize everyone is tired of hearing these guidelines, but your Board is dedicated to keeping the WYC Membership healthy.

Finally, a quick note of appreciation; Dan and Mimi Dyer have graciously provided a new stainless-steel cover for one of our outside grills. No one asked them to do it but they asked, "How can we help out at the Club?" and they made it happen. To Dan & Mimi – Thank You!!

Bob Kern  
Commodore



# Rear Commodore Report



Although the regular racing season is long past, I can report that the Wickford Frostbite season is in full swing. WYC will be hosting the Seadog Worlds on December 4th this year, after a hiatus last season due to C 19. Come on down and watch folks sail tiny boats in cold weather!!

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the WYC community, and our Race Committee volunteers in particular, for making my year as Rear Commodore truly enjoyable. I look forward to serving you all in the new year as Vice!

Ezra Smith  
Rear Commodore



# Membership News



2021

Anne Haas Anne Kolyer

Annemarie Lanigan Annie Feeney

Bob Sheehan Carl Bowen Charles Costa

Corey Snelling Cyndy Bennett Deborah Moukawsher

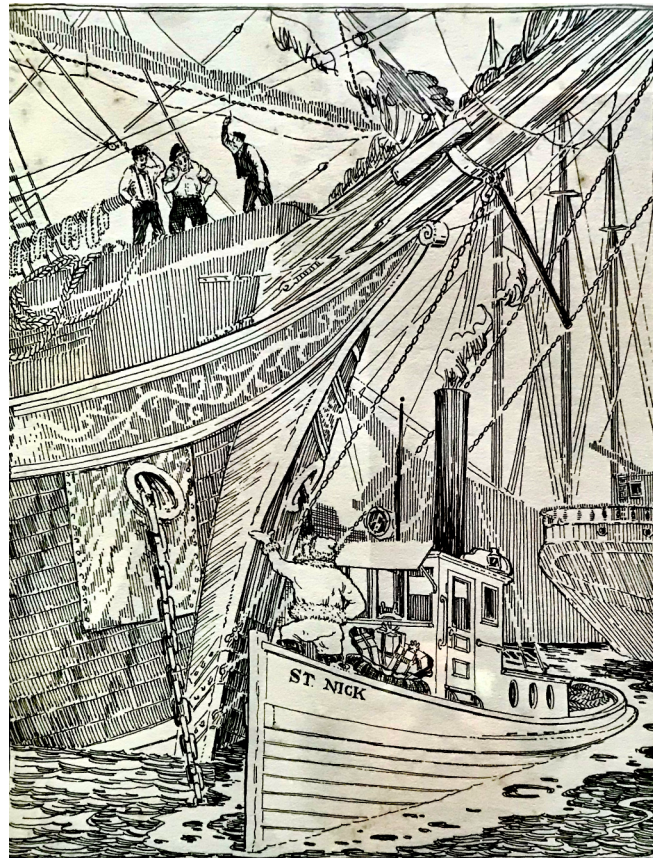
Donna Costa Genko Genev Jack Regan Jay Kolyer Jayma Coghlin

Jeanne Garr Joan Regan John Coghlin Jo-Marie McCann JT Thomas Judi Sheehan

Kathleen Bowen Kim Cavros Larry Hower Leah Genev Maryanne Boettjer Maureen Galster

Michael Cavros Michael Garr Nate Fague Peter Galster Scot Jones Sue Smith Suzanne Thoms

The heart of the WYC  
community family bade  
good-by to dear friends  
and welcomed 34 new  
members who brought  
enthusiasm and talents.



# WYC Covid Action

Dear Members;

The WYC Board of Governors met on Thursday 11-18-2021 to discuss the conduct of all social activity on the premises of our Club. It has been decided, by a vote of the Board, to immediately suspend all WYC social gatherings until further notice. This was not an easy decision and the discussion consumed a considerable amount of time. However, in the interest of health and safety for our membership, we feel this to be a necessary action.

By way of clarification the words above, “all WYC Social Gatherings” includes the following:

- Member sponsored and Member Hosted Events
- WYC Social Events
- Friday night cocktails
- Mahjong, book clubs, coffee get togethers, etc.

Why? The rate of COVID cases in the state of RI, and more importantly in Washington County, is showing a sharp increase in numbers as the weather gets colder and people move indoors. According to the RIDOH COVID website, the number of RI COVID cases in November increased from 141 per 100,000 to 222 per 100,000 and the positivity rate from testing jumped to 3.1% from 1.9%. Even more concerning, as of November 13, Rhode Island has had 12,810 “breakthrough” cases, including 83 breakthrough deaths. The new COVID variants are also exasperating this situation.

In addition, the input from a recent meeting of our medical members is as follow: “The Committee of Medical Professionals convened this evening to revisit the recommendation that was presented to the WYC Board of Governors back in September. Following the Committee’s last meeting, steady improvement in the trend data began to show hope that some relief from the recommendation may be possible. Unfortunately, recent trend data now shows we are once again experiencing high community transmission and accelerating infection rates. This abrupt reversal in the trend data suggests we are not out of the woods yet. It remains clear however, that the risk for transmission of the virus and breakthrough infections is most severe whenever people are assembled in an enclosed, indoor environment.

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In light of the reversal in the trend data the Committee stands by its recommendation that the club refrain from indoor social events and other indoor group gatherings where adequate social distancing cannot be achieved. Any large indoor assembly of people, where there is limited circulation of fresh air, presents a potential for transmission of the virus that is, in the opinion of the Committee, not worth the risk to our fellow club members.”

The CDC guidelines remain consistent over time - indoor events should be avoided where social distancing and mask wearing is not practical. I think we all realize that at WYC social gatherings, amongst long term yachting friends eating, drinking and carrying on avid conversations, it is extremely difficult to maintain social distance and keep one’s mask on.

Your Board is very saddened to have to make this decision. Our current plan going forward is to continuously monitor this situation with an eye towards returning to normalization as soon as possible. The journey to full recovery is taking longer than expected but with time and patience we remain confident it will soon be behind us.

Bob Kern  
Commodore

# December Calendar

December

ALL EVENTS CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Weekly events - ALL CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Monday: 13:00 hr. Mahjong

Thursday: 10:00 hr. Coffee Hour

Friday: 18:00 hr. Happy Hour wine down



# 2021 Events Calendar

Monthly (2nd Monday)	WYC Board Meetings
April 24 (Sat)	Commodores' Reception
May 29 (Sat)	Commissioning Day
June 2–July 7	Wed Night Racing – Solstice Series
June 5 - 6 (Sat & Sun)	Wickford Regatta
June 19-20 (Sat & Sun)	Spring Mini Cruise
June 22 & 24 (7-8:30pm)	WYC Orientation
June 26 (Sat)	Commodore's X2 Ball
June 28	1st Day of WSA classes
June 28, 6pm-dusk	Adult Sailing (every Monday 6/28-8/2)
July 3	Harbor Parade & Town Fireworks
July 4	Family Fun Sailing & Cookout
July 14–August 25	Wed Night Racing – Dog Days Series
July 17 (Sat)	Cheeseburgers Party
July 31–August 6	WYC Annual Cruise (No Wed Night Race on 8/4)
August 19	WSA Awards
August 20 (Fri)	"Lobsta"fest
September 6 (Mon)	Labor Day
September 18 (Sat)	Cocktails on the Deck
September 25- 26 (Sat & Sun)	DI Pursuit Race & Fall Mini Cruise
October 9- 10 (Sat & Sun)	Laser Seidenberg Regatta
October 16 (Sat)	Oktoberfest
November 13 (Sat)	Annual Mtg & Awards Dinner
*December 11 (Sat)	Holiday Party
*December 19 (Sun)	Children's Holiday Party
*December 31 (Fri)	New Year's Eve Party
*January 1, 2022 (Sat)	New Year's Day Brunch

\*Cancelled





# WYC Board of Governors

Commodore	Bob Kern
Vice Commodore	Neil Bergh
Rear Commodore	Ezra Smith
Fleet Captain	Rex Brewer
Member-at-Large	Agu Suvari
Secretary	Rich O'Brien
Treasurer	Ben Rice
House Chair	Jim Hutchins
Past Commodore	Bob Shore

# WYC Committee Chairs

Awards	Anne Cunic
Social	John & Linda Hughes
Club Rental	Agu Suvari
Communications	Rich O'Brien
Sunshine	Pinkie Sweet-Holland
OTW Editor	Erin Spear
Website	Kyle Wilson
Yearbook	Kathy Brown
Finance	Neil Bergh
Frostbiting	Chuck Allen
Membership	Karen Pizzaruso
NBYA Rep.	Doug Nannig
Nominating	Bob Shore
Race	Ezra Smith
Regatta Activities	Skip Whyte
WSA Grants	Mark Callahan
Seminars	Yarrow Thorne
WSA	Paul Nannig

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