

THE BYC MAINSHEET

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BRISTOL YACHT CLUB. PROVIDING MEMBERS WITH ALL THE GOOD STUFF.



BRISTOL YACHT CLUB



JUNE 2019



ON THE HORIZON

JUNE 2019

- 6th – RIYC Cruise
- 15th – Pirate Dinghy Parade
- 28th - Car Exhibition



JULY 2019

- 4th – Pancake Breakfast
- 6th – Commodore's Clambake
- 13th - Burgers & Blues
- 20th – Summer Cruise Starts



Pirates in the Harbour! Dinghy Parade

\$15
ADULTS

- 6.15.19 -

\$10
10 & Under

Deck out your dinghy in full pirate fashion or come & join the spectator crowd as we cheer on a lively contest among BYC ship mates!

Music • Food Truck • Prizes & FUN!

RSVP June by 7th • ARRIVE: 3PM

PARADE: 4PM • DINNER SERVED: 5-7PM



Dinghy Descriptions:

Any inflatable/hard dinghy under 12'. Optimist dinghy qualifies.

Dinghies can be propelled by sail, motor, oars, or paddles. If by sail, the conditions and rig must be appropriate such that the dinghy will be fully controlled at all times.

Parade Rules:

Dinghies will be located on the outer docks for final preparation. Each dinghy is required to travel north of the outer docks, and then towards the club grounds in a clockwise circle near the dinghy docks so that the on-shore spectators can observe. "Interaction" between dinghies and spectators is encouraged. Dinghies are required to return to the outer docks where participants can then observe and cheer or sneer other participants.

Safety:

Safety of the participants is the top priority. Overloading the dinghies and attaching unsafe items must be avoided. All children who are required to wear life jackets on the docks must also do so in the dinghies at all times. Each dinghy must have at least one adequately responsible person on board to keep it safe. Contact between dinghies should be avoided.

Food:

Provided by **Rocket Fine Street Food Truck**. Offering gourmet hamburgers and hotdogs with sides and House desserts. Order food any time you like between 5-7. **Staggered, rotating orders will help alleviate long lines... Eat when you like!**

Tickets: <https://www.bristolyc.com/events/pirates-in-the-harbour-dinghy-parade>

APPROVED MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION LIST - POSTED MAY 20, 2019

Proposed Member Name(s)	City/State	Boat Name/Make	Sponsors
Bill Desmarais - Senior	Wrentham, MA	None	Robert Yaylaian & David Jacobs
Michael Gemperline - Intermediate	Bristol, RI	None	Pete Levesque & Nick Cromwell
Mariah Leffingwell - Intermediate	Bristol, RI	None	Colleen Titmas & Garrett Titmas
Chase Quinn - Intermediate	E. Greenwich, RI	J/22 (Unnamed)	Nick Cromwell & Ralph Kinder

The Membership Committee has reviewed and approved applications for the proposed members listed above. Once the applications have been posted for 30 days, the proposed members will be presented to the Executive Board for review. During the 30 posting days, members are encouraged to provide any additional information based on first-hand knowledge or experience with the individuals seeking membership. Please forward comments to:

Membership Chair, Alan Dimson-Doyle – bristolycmembershipcommittee@gmail.com. Thank you!

COMMODORE'S QUARTERS

**We are open!**

May 4th was a great day for the 121st Commissioning of the Bristol Yacht Club under the tent. The food was delicious and plentiful, the Beach Bar was incredible (and the perfect addition to our summer home) and the company was spectacular. Festivities began with a reception for our New Members, spearheaded by Alan Dimson-Doyle and assisted by the Membership Committee. The New Members had the opportunity to meet the Executive Board and learn more about each committee and, in turn, the Board had the opportunity to learn more about our new members. For the flag ceremonies, our Executive Board was joined by 10 BYC Past Commodores as well as Commodores from the Tiverton, Rhode Island and Newport Yacht Clubs. Many thanks to Chris Healey, his staff and all the volunteers who made the Grounds and Waterfront shipshape in Bristol fashion for our Opening Day!

As I mentioned in my remarks, flexibility is the keyword for the season. Things might be different at the Club on any given day. What we know for certain is that the waterfront is open and operational, the tent is up with tables and chairs, and the bar is open. What more do we need?!

There are lots of events planned for the season so be sure to check the Mainsheet and the BYC Weekly email newsletter for updates regularly; we have something for everyone! If you are a new member, join in and meet some new folks. If you are a seasoned member, invite a new member to join you.

It is exciting to have the season underway and I am looking forward to spending more time at the Club now that the weather is warming up. Come on down and join me at the Beach Bar!

Ruth E. Souto – Commodore



BRISTOL YACHT CLUB

CAR EXHIBITION



GATE OPENS AT 6 PM

DRIVE-INS PREFERRED
LIMITED ROOM FOR TRAILER QUEENS

JUNE

ENTRY
\$5

28TH

BYC Members possess many passions beyond boats. For many, that includes restoring, maintaining, and driving special cars. Here is your chance to share that passion with the membership by bringing your cherished car to our exhibition for all to see and enjoy. Cars will be displayed on the club property. Come share your car's history with others! There will be multiple categories for "creative" judging based on vehicle entries. Cars in all states of repair welcome. Limited space is available.



Pirates in the Harbour Dinghy Parade - June 15th

Please join us on Saturday, June 15th for the "Pirates in the Harbour Dinghy Parade." Come as you are or dress in pirate costume to watch the festivities. We encourage you to dress up your dinghy in classic buccaneer fashion and enjoy the fun on the water with your dinghy and crew. The more dinghies we have the more fun it will be. This should be great family fun for all ages. Prizes and Awards will be given out. Arrive at 3:00PM if you have entered a dinghy. The parade will begin at 4:00PM.

Please register your dinghy with Kathy Rotsky at kerotsky@hotmail.com.

We will have a food truck serving dinner for the event from 5-7PM. Please purchase dinner tickets online. You can register and select meals by visiting the BYC website Social page at:

<https://www.bristolyc.com/events/pirates-in-the-harbour-dinghy-parade>

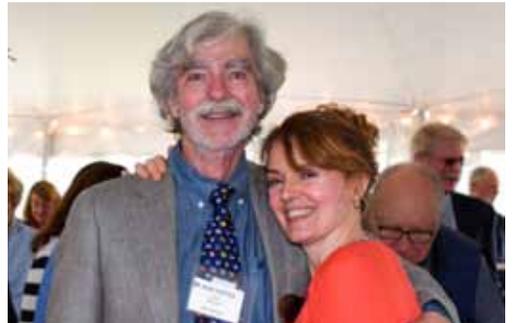
Classic & Exotic Car Exhibition - June 28th

Bristol Yacht Club is proud to announce a classic and exotic car exhibition by its members. All the cars that you will see are proudly owned by club members. Reminisce and enjoy. The cars will be displayed on the lawn outside the tent for informal viewing and judging. If you own a special car, we welcome and encourage you to enter it for display. Please join us for this special social event. There is a \$5.00 entry fee for each car, however admission is free for all spectators. There will be food available and our famous Beach Bar in full service. **Food truck dinner tickets will be available for purchase prior to the event - look in your BYC emails for details and links soon!**

If you are entering your car, you may register your car there as well. Thank you and we hope to see you there.



COMMISSIONING 2019





Building Update Recap

Although I have provided regular updates in the Monday BYC Weekly email, I felt it was time to provide a recap of what has been happening over the winter. As you know, we have been extremely fortunate to have a dedicated group of members who have been working tirelessly to ensure that all is going according to plan. The BYC Building Committee, led by Joe Brito and comprised of members Architect Douglas Kallfelz, Steve Cornwall, Rosemary Alden, Pat Crawford, Chris Healey, Joe Whelan, Chris Bjerregaard, and myself met frequently (often weekly) during the winter months to ensure plans stayed on target. Here is what has happened to date:

JANUARY:

A Special Meeting of the Membership was held to review the architectural plan to rebuild the Clubhouse. After approval, Douglas and his team began preparing the specifications and formal plans for contractors interested in bidding on the project.

FEBRUARY:

The Building Inspector and Fire Marshall gave their approval for us to proceed as planned. Plans and specs were then made available to prospective contractors.

MARCH:

Enviroclean began soda blasting the exposed interior wood. Bids from contractors were received at the end of the month.

APRIL:

The Building Committee carefully reviewed and evaluated all submitted bids, and selected J2Construct from Middletown, RI to rebuild the Clubhouse. I signed the contract at the end of the month. Enviroclean finished soda blasting and coated the exposed wood with shellac to seal in remaining odor.

Looking forward, J2Construct is projected to begin work in May after a walk-through with Building Committee members. I expect we will be seeing action by the time this Mainsheet goes to print.

Noteworthy Items:

If you haven't seen it yet, we have a new Beach Bar located near the flagpole just outside the tent. The bar will be staffed during normal times of operation (check time listings in the BYC Weekly email).

The Chief Steward's office is located in a mobile trailer along the south wall. You can find him there (when not on the grounds, or on the docks, or on the launch) during normal hours of operation. Phone and email are working as well.

There are a lot of moving parts during this time, and things are changing constantly. We appreciate your flexibility and support. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Ruth E. Souto – Commodore



The Commodore's
Clambake

Saturday, July 6th!



JULY 6th, 6:00PM ★ RSVP JULY 1ST

Join us for a traditional clambake under the tent. Bakemaster Bob Pare and crew will be serving up ocean fresh steamers, New Bedford scrod, saugies, assorted sausages, sweet & red bliss potatoes, onions, their famous homemade quahog stuffing, fresh sweet corn-on-the-cob and ice cold watermelon! The bake will be cooked on the shore, so come down early if you want to watch them putting this together. Tickets will go fast; be sure to get yours now!

Register here:

<https://www.bristolyc.com/events/commodores-clambake>

THIS EVENT WILL SELL OUT. NO WALK-INS WILL BE PERMITTED.

Proposed By-law Amendments

Following the Annual Meeting in November 2018, several members, led by John Bell and Peter Maloney, came forward with proposals for by-law changes that address (i) management of reserves, and (ii) more in-depth financial reporting at the Annual Meeting. The Executive Committee agreed with these principles. After a series of productive meetings, we are putting forth the proposed amendments. Below is some additional information concerning these proposals. The proposed amendments will be voted on later this year. Supported by the Executive Committee, the Club intends to operate under the guidelines of these amendments even before the vote, as it supports sound financial management. In addition, the Executive Committee has created an ad hoc Finance Advisory Committee for the purposes of supporting the Treasurer, improving committee-level accounting, and financial transparency.

Explanation of Proposal

We are proposing a by-law change that calls for more disclosure of year-to-year changes in the Club's income and expenses, capital expenditures, and changes in reserves. Over the last few years we have been very fortunate to build meaningful reserves. Managing those reserves has become more important as they have become significant assets of the Club. In support of this proposal, below are explanations to what we believe will be the most likely asked questions.

Who is in favor of this Amendment?

The Flag Officers, the Executive Committee, as well as the Audit, House, and Waterfront Committees have all endorsed the concept of this amendment.

Why is this being proposed?

First and foremost, because the Bristol Yacht Club's members are heavily invested in the well-being of the Club, and want to know more about our financial status. Financial transparency is good for everyone involved. We now have meaningful reserves and members should get good information about how and when they are spent. Having meaningful financial information in advance of the Annual Meeting will allow members to understand the finances in advance of the meeting.

Are we asking future Treasurers and Executive Committees to undertake extensive work?

No. The Treasurer and Executive Committee have already thoughtfully analyzed the financial results, capital expenditures and reserves in the preparation of the budget prior to the Annual Meeting. The changes simply require footnotes for line items with significant variances.

The Bristol Yacht Club is a tiny non-profit; why such extensive reporting?

These changes do not require expansive financial statements that you might expect at a large corporation, just short explanations of significant variances and a reasonably detailed analysis of our capital expenditures and reserves. As noted above, we are not as "tiny" as we once were, considering our \$630,000 of revenues and \$500,000 in reserves.

Does this amendment overly constrain the ability of the Executive Committee?

No. The amendment would grant Committees the flexibility of moving a portion of their reserves from one project to another within the Committee's domain. Also, this amendment would not constrain the ability of the Executive Committee to use either the existing operating or emergency reserves as needed.

The BYC Executive Board voted unanimously to endorse the proposed changes at the December 2018 meeting.



2019 Commissioning

Commissioning, our Yacht Club's most exciting time of the year. Commissioning means to "Put into active service" our club and all the planned activities for another season. This is happening without a club house. A fire may have taken our building out of commission but our members and our committees have heeded a "Call to duty." We are all working together to produce a summer residence under a giant tent. Many members have worked for months to produce a Beach Bar which will function for this summer and the many seasons to follow.

At least half our active members attended this wonderful affair on May 4th along with a large group of new members who were inducted into our ranks. Bristol Yacht Club is truly a vibrant living entity. We are so fortunate to have leaders who have spent the winter and this spring working to keep our activities alive and working. Our Commodore has made every effort to keep members informed of our progress in the arduous task of rebuilding our structure. That rebuilding is underway. This is our opportunity to reinvent how we look at the use of our building and our future activities. Bristol Yacht Club has always been a wonderful warm home, making our summer dreams come true. Now we will have everything old becoming new again. These are certainly exciting times and every member has a part in this.

In March and April, members from throughout our club gathered together to assure we would have a gathering place this summer, resulting in our newest addition to our club grounds, the Beach Bar. Our Beach Bar became a focal point of activity during the recent Commissioning. The window flaps were opened and members flocked to meet our new bartenders and to enjoy a cool drink on a beautiful afternoon. We could not have ordered a more perfect day. Now we are ready for full utilization. We have ordered more sunshine, less rain, and the chance to be on the water. The Bristol Yacht Club is ALIVE and WELL! Welcome aboard from your House Committee!



Best Wishes to Ann Hollands McGovern on her Recent Retirement

In recognition of her 24 years of service, Ann's employer, The State of Rhode Island Department of Transportation, gave Ann a beautiful cake. Ann wanted to share this amazing cake with our membership on the day of our Commissioning. It was our honor to be a part of your retirement celebration. Congratulations, Ann!

Rosemary Alden – House Chair

BEACH BAR
GRAND OPENING



Memorial Day Cruise

Registration closed on 5/21. If you missed it, don't fret, Gaspee Day registration is still open, but don't delay, register today!

Gaspee Day Cruise – Friday, June 7 - Sunday, June 9

Join us for a weekend Cruise up the Providence River to the RI Yacht Club to celebrate the Gaspee weekend events. Gaspee weekend celebrates the brave colonists from Rhode Island, who, in 1772, burned the British revenue schooner, *HMS Gaspee*, during what has come to be recognized as the first violent uprising of the American Revolution.

Activities include:

- Friday Night – Dinner at RIYC
- Saturday Morning – Walk to downtown area to view parade which starts at 10am
- Saturday Afternoon – Cookout and live music at RIYC. Visit the colonial encampment in the park following the parade.
- Sunday Morning – BYC gathers for breakfast at the RIYC
- Sunday afternoon options:
 - BYC members are invited to participate in the Gaspee Day Regatta where boats will race to Prudence Island
 - Witness a symbolic burning of the Gaspee at 4pm
 - Enjoy a leisurely sail home

BYC Cruise and Gaspee Regatta information and registration can be found at Bristolyc.com under the cruise tab or by clicking on <https://www.bristolyc.com/summer-pocket-cruise>

Special Summer Cruise Meeting Friday – June 28th

Plan on attending a special Cruise meeting on Friday, June 28th after the scheduled BYC Friday night dinner to review the summer cruise itinerary, meet day captains, have an opportunity to ask questions and share any concerns you might have. In addition to being informative, this will serve as a wonderful opportunity to meet and mingle with members of our ever expanding BYC cruising community. Everyone planning on attending the summer cruise is encouraged to attend. For more information on the summer cruise click on

<https://www.bristolyc.com/annual-summer-cruise> or go to Bristolyc.com to click on Annual Summer Cruise.

This Month's Video

"Man overboard" is the one hail that none of us ever wants to hear. Having a victim recovery plan in place and practicing the plan are essential skills for every sailing family. Peter Isler, on behalf of US Sailing, published a wonderful overview of a proper man overboard recovery procedure.

You can find the article at the following link: <https://tinylink.net/tSDUe>

In the article, Peter refers to a demonstration of the Naval Academy's overboard recovery variations aboard their 44ft sloop. Follow this links to view a couple of different recoveries. Single handed:

https://youtu.be/akvdg_OQeHQ and MOB Quick Stop <https://youtu.be/88kq6iZMNM4>

Paul Redman – Fleet Captain

5/25 – 5/27	Memorial Day Rendezvous	East Greenwich Yacht Club
6/08 – 6/09	Rhode Island Yacht Club	Gaspee Day Parade Weekend
7/20 – 7/27	Annual Summer Cruise	Stonington, Long Island, Block Island
8/17 – 8/19	Kickemuit Rendezvous	Racing and Cruising Rendezvous!
8/30 – 9/02	Labor Day Cruise	Planning in Progress!



JUNE 7 - 6:00 PM

EBSF Opening Day

BBQ & FAQ Night

6:00 PM Info Session

6:30 PM Dinner

\$5 + Dinner Contribution

Join us for a BBQ on the patio as we welcome our junior and adult sailors and families for EBSF Opening Day.

This promises to be a fun evening with ping pong, lawn games, a BBQ and the answers to all the questions you have about sailing this summer.

Come for the BBQ or Info only. Meet Mike Z, our new Program Director, as well as some of the coaches and instructors for the summer.

ADULT SAILING – ADVANCED, TOO!

Send your First Mate or grab a friend and come join the Adult Sailing program. Get out on the water on a schedule and hone those sail trim and tiller skills. We use the J/22s, Mercs and even BYC member boats. It's a great commitment to have to keep for a weekly sail during the short summers.

Advanced students might be BYC members looking to do some Wed night spinnaker racing on the J/22s.

Women's sailing is fun for a low-stress evening on the J/22s learning the ropes of sailing. Monday nights on Bristol Harbor is the perfect way to start your week! Grab a friend and come sail or send your spouse and some friends to become more confident skippers and have fun in the process.

CONFIDENT CRUISING

The Cruising Class on Tuesday nights is a great class for a spouse who needs some cliff notes on navigation, getting on and off the mooring and out of the mooring field, on basic systems aboard, using your GPS and more! This handy class is offered using BYC member boats to give you the ultimate experience on different kinds of cruising boats.



REGISTER FOR KIDS CAMPS

For 2 week sessions or full summer race team programs, we have some great instructors who are excited about sailing this summer. BYC Jr Member and EBSF instructor, Antoine Mouligne, was one of the instructors who went to US Sailing REACH Training for info about their amazing STEM and Sailing program called REACH. We can't wait to use some of the REACH programming on shore when it's too windy to sail.

A big shout out to Mike "Z" who has been absolutely impressive in his first months with us. We can't wait to see what his energy brings to a summer with us.

Please welcome our great sailors & instructors when you see them at the club so they see the amazing sailing community we have and how much you love sailing and the amazing sailing community we have!

Kristin Browne – EBSF

WELCOME!



A Warm Welcome to Our Newest Members!

Left to right: Gary Warner & Catherine Murray, James & Moffarah Forsythe, Jay Miller, Paul Costa & Tracy DeGroen, Paul & Tina Killion, Bill Ohley & Margie Bucheit, Don & Lynne Kern, Sean & Sandra Rosser, Steve Kloeblen, David & Kathleen LeGrand, Tom & Lee Dawson, Stan & Ursula O'Marra.

Not in photo: Kieran Draper & Dara Gough, Jeffrey Allard, Chris Grimo, Alison & Robert Bolt, Anthony & Kimberly D'Aiello, Whit & Carolyn Duncan, Tim & Cheryl Ivatts, Kathy Kloeblen, Edward Lebens, Chanel Miller.

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