THE BYC MAINSHEET

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

BRISTOL YACHT CLUB — JUNE 2018

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ON THE HORIZON

JUNE 2018

8th – Friday Night Dinner

17th – Annual Father's Day Lobster Feast

22nd – Friday Night Dinner

25th – EBSF Classes Begin

Check for Racing Dates Inside!

JULY 2018

4th – 4th of July Pancake Breakfast

7th – Commodore's Clambake

13th – Annual Summer Cruise

Check for Racing Dates Inside!

EBSF

Progress!

EBSF is pleased to announce that our propeller guards have arrived and are installed on most of our motorboats. 2 more guards needed to be ordered at new sizes for new engines. Up next: Bottom painting and more fleet prep for the coming season.

REGISTER NOW for summer sailing with EBSF

- Take the CRUISING CLASS with your first mate and learn navigating, docking, sail trim and lots more on a variety of member boats. Expand your sailing prowess – learn about cruising basics and much more.
- Or maybe you want to help! EBSF is seeking good sailors who are BYC Adult members to help instruct our Adult Sailing Classes. Please contact Peter Maloney if you can help. Volunteer instructors help make our Adult Sailing Program great. We teach using a US Sailing Curriculum for small boat sailing. Join us on the water as a student or as an instructor.
- Register at **www.eastbaysailingfoundation.org**
- We launched the J/22 fleet this week and Mercurys are next! It's great to see our adult J/22 sailors chip in and help get the boats in the water.

Youth Sailing Regatta

BYC is hosting the **US Sailing Area A Qualifier for the Sears Cup**, a youth sailing championship regatta for sailors aged 13-18. Each area sailing organization (ours is NBYA) from the New England "Area A" can send a team to race for the single area A spot in the Sears Cup. Our qualifier regatta will be held at BYC on **June 23-24** in the J/22s. Please help welcome these New England top sailors to our club and to this prestigious event. BYC will also be hosting the event in 2019.

Kristin Browne – EBSF

IN OTHER NEWS…

Green Initiatives... for a Greener BYC

The Bristol Yacht Club is a community of sailors, powerboaters and kayakers: people who love to be on or near the water. It's safe to say that we all care about the environment that surrounds us, especially the harbor, bay, and ocean. We'd like to put together a small group of BYC members to work on projects focused on taking care of the environment as best we can.

This team will identify BYC related **"green"** projects, gather facts, propose solutions, run cost to benefit analyses, make the appropriate changes (or not), and share the results with members.

Please contact **Chris Bjerregaard** at **chrisbj@cx.net** if you are interested in joining the team.

FLEET

BYC August Cruise

BYC is planning an overnight cruise to Battleship Cove in Fall River **August 12-13**. We will leave BYC Saturday morning and return Sunday. We will have a group of moorings reserved in the shadow of the Battleship Massachusetts. For those who want to come by land or smaller boat and stay overnight, we have arranged for accommodations aboard the Battleship Massachusetts. Additionally, all attendees will have access to tour the entire fleet of military vessels. We are planning appetizers with a drink of the day event for late Saturday afternoon aboard a couple of the larger boats who will be rafted up.

This is a great opportunity for an in-Bay cruise with a unique and exciting destination!
Perfect for smaller boats or those new to cruising.

For those without boats but who want to travel down by boat, we will be offering passage on several of your fellow BYC members' boats who are heading down. Please contact cruise director Tamara Barney at **tbarney@me.com** to indicate your interest in attending so we can begin to gather numbers.
Please let us know if you need a mooring, and/or want to sleep on the battleship.

Joe Whelan – Fleet Captain

PAST COMMODORES

Past Commodores' Dinner

The annual Past Commodores' Dinner was held at Roberto's in Bristol with a great attendance of 13! Commodores with dates of when they were Commodore are as follows:

Front Row left to right: David Schwartz (2013-15), Craig Lippman (2011-13), Peter Maloney (2005-07), Jim Holland (1989-91), Bill Mayer (1973-75)

Back Row: Ray Renaud (1995-97), Bob Hamel (2009-11), Peter Canzone (2007-09), Anne Quigley (1999-2001), Jim Dollins (1987-89), Dick Boldt (1991-93), Joe Brito (2015-17), Herb Browne (1977-79)

Summer BYC Regattas & Hosted Racing Events

Commodore's Cup Regatta – Friday, July 6th

Bristol YC boats 23 through 45 feet starting and finishing south of mooring field and racing around Hog Island, bringing youth and adult students from BYC Sail Training Classes onto big boats for the experience of big boat racing. **Open to all BYC Member boats.**

Sea Sprite One Design Regatta – Saturday, July 28th

Inviting all Sea Sprites from the bay and beyond to come join in the Sea Sprite Regatta. One design action in a boat very popular to the club and the bay.

Double Dutch Regatta (BYC MEMBERS ONLY) – Saturday, July 28th

This is a new race for BYC, designed to give opportunity to those interested in trying some casual racing as well as the seasoned club racer. This is a pursuit style regatta with timed starts for each boat, so no need to find space on a crowded start line. Day 1 finishes Saturday in Dutch Harbor with a party and Day 2 finishes at BYC with a cook out. Don't have a PHRF rating? Don't worry, we will give you one. A great opportunity to sail with the club members for sport and for fun. Limited amount of reserve moorings available; don't forget Dutch Harbor is a great anchorage.

MOHOSA Wednesday Night Worlds – Wednesday, August 8th

40-50 boats in 4 classes. Boats from Bristol YC, and Tiverton YC starting at 6:30 pm in Mt Hope Bay. Depending on wind direction may finish in Mt Hope Bay, or with southern wind, will sail under Mt Hope Bridge, southwest of Hog Island to RG"SP" FL-R Bell, and finish at R"2" nun SW Bristol Point.

MOHOSA Sunday Regatta – Sunday, August 12th

35 boats in 4 classes. Boats from Bristol YC and Tiverton YC starting at 11:00 am and finishing in Mt Hope Bay, racing 2 races for each class.

NBYA Junior Race Week – August 13th,14th & 15th

This is an invitational regatta which will bring children together to race. Parents and coaches participate to run the races and provide many safety boats on each racing circle.

J/22 Narragansett Bay Championships – August 25th& 26th

Inviting all J/22's from the bay and beyond to come join the BYC for a J/22 Regatta. One design action with two days of competition. A must if you're a J/22 fan. Charter J/22 boats are available.

BYC Team Race – September 29th & 30th

J/22 class boats racing in team format off the BYC docks. Multiple short course races throughout two days of competition. Several surrounding Yacht Clubs with highly competitive programs come to join us here at BYC.

Racing at BYC Summer 2018

Weekday Racing!

Come and join in the weekday fun with starts around 6:00 P.M. For details and contact information visit the BYC One Design & PHRF web pages at the BYC Website

- **Mondays**: Team Racing series J/22. **Started May 28th and runs until August 27th.** Team racing in 2V2 or 3V3 formats with 2-4 crew on boats. Great fun to participate as crew, learn close quarters maneuvering and Team racing rules. Multiple starts held each night.
- **Tuesdays**: Dinghy racing series in Lasers & Aero's. **Starts June 5th and runs until August 28th.** Single handed Dinghy sailing in two highly technical dinghy classes of Laser & RS Aero. Multiple starts held each night. If you don't mind getting wet... you're going to love it!
- **Wednesdays**: Millard Series PHRF & Sea Sprite one design. **Started May 30th and runs until August 29th.** This is our biggest series with the most participants every year. 6 fleets with boats sizes 22 to 50 feet length in spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes. 35 to 45 boats participate. Wednesday evenings starting at 6:00 P.M. and finishing south of mooring field.
- **Thursdays**: J/22 one design racing. **Started May 31st and runs until August 30th.** J/22 Class boats starting at 6:00 P.M. and finishing south of mooring field. Great competition with this fast growing fleet. Multiple races per night.

Curt Mahlstedt – Race Chair

Photos by Mary Jo Finkenstaedt

HOUSE

Calling all new members!

Our House committee would love to have you participate with us to make our "House on the Shore" all that it can be. Currently Betty Brito is looking for help with our Ships Store. Contact Betty at **egbrito@aol.com** or **401-497-5964**. Our Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00PM. Contact Rosemary Alden at **rosemaryalden@cox.net** or **401-247-0229** for more information or just join us next month.

Bermuda Race Dinner

On **June 8th**, the House Committee will pay tribute to all our Newport to Bermuda racers for 2018. Our club has four boats participating. At our June 8th Members Dinner we would love to have pictures from past Newport to Bermuda adventures to share with everyone. If you would email or send pictures to Rosemary Alden we will try to place your shots in a video format to share with members.

Thank You!

Thanks to all House Committee Members who volunteered their time to clean windows, woodwork, appliances and all portions of our house to make it shine for our Commissioning. Congratulations to the Social Committee for providing a spectacular event. The weather was perfect, the food was delicious and the company of all our fellow members was the perfect way to start our boating season.

Rosemary Alden – House Chair

MEMBERSHIP

New Member Wait List

Last updated May 15, 2018

1. Anthony & Kimberly D'Aiello, Wrentham MA. (Reinstatement)
2. Gary Warner & Catherine Murray, Bristol, RI

APPROVED MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION LIST

Proposed Member Name (s)	City/State	Boat Name/Make	Sponsors
Sean & Sandra Rosser	Bristol, RI	In the market for a boat	N/A - Reinstatement

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, Paul Redman – pwredman@gmail.com. Thank you!

BYC's "The Voice" Event!

Our first Karaoke Event was held on Saturday, May 19th. D.J. Brandon Clark and Leo Sage set-up with great sound and light systems. We had nine performers signed up... who knew we had such great talent at BYC?! Everyone caught the fever and singing lasted the entire night. Trophies were awarded for outstanding performances. Everyone had a great time and it was a great success. We have been asked by many to repeat this event next year. Consider yourself invited and you can start practicing your favorite song now!

Kathy Rotsky – Social Chair

Photos by Ed Mansur

COMMODORE'S QUARTERS

New Members
Class of 2018

Photo by Mary Ann Rosenlof

Commissioning Success!

May 5th was a gorgeous day for the 120th Commissioning of the Bristol Yacht Club. Approximately 200 members and guests reveled in good food, reacquainted with old friends and welcomed our newest members.The festivities began with a reception for our New Members, spearheaded by Paul Redman and his 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.

Throughout the event, we enjoyed the soft piano sounds of Diane Gualtieri as she provided a great soundtrack to our day. For the flag ceremonies, our Executive Board was joined by 10 BYC Past Commodores as well as Commodores from Tiverton, Newport, Marion (MA) and Conanicut.

Many thanks to Chris Healey, his staff, and all the volunteers who made the Grounds, House and Waterfront Shipshape and Bristol Fashion for our Opening Day.

There are numerous opportunities for you join in the fun. Check the Mainsheet and the BYC Weekly email newsletter for updates; we have something for everyone. I am very excited to have the season underway and looking forward to spending more time at the Club. Come join me!

Ruth E. Souto – Commodore

2018 COMMISSIONING

Colors Ceremony

You hear three short whistle blasts, a loud cannon and the shout "COLORS!" Then suddenly everyone around you stops their conversation, stands up or stops walking and faces the flagpole. What's going on? It's sunset at the Bristol Yacht Club, and that means it is time to lower the American flag for the evening.

So what are Colors?

Morning and evening colors refer to the raising and lowering of our national flag. Every day at 8:00 A.M. we honor the American flag and hoist it high on our flag pole. Every evening at sunset, we perform a Colors ceremony and retire the flag for the night.

Observing colors is a time-honored tradition steeped in military history. Morning and evening colors have been a tradition since 1843 when the U.S. Navy borrowed the tradition of morning and evening colors from the British. According to the Royal Navy National Archives, the present ceremony of hoisting colors each morning was instituted by Lord St. Vincent in 1797. The custom has changed a little since then, and yacht clubs around the world have put their own touches on it.

Colors at BYC is a short ceremony, lasting only a minute or two. We respectfully ask that everyone on the premises follow the Colors etiquette when you hear the cannon or the call "COLORS!"

Colors ceremony etiquette:

- Stand and turn toward the flag
- If you are walking, stop where you are and turn toward the flag
- Cease all conversation

When the flag is completely unclipped from the halyard, the flag is considered lowered. The call, "As you were," is announced and you are free to resume your activities.

Help spread the word. If you have guests with you, explain our practices. Colors is a great teaching opportunity for adults and children alike.

Ruth E. Souto – Commodore

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The BYC Annual Father's Day Lobster Feast!

Sunday, June 17TH at 4:00PM

RSVP BY SUNDAY, JUNE 10th

Adult Menu:

1 1/2 lb. Lobster OR Grilled 10 oz. Rib Eye Steak,
Clam Chowder & Raw Bar
(Little Necks & Shrimp Cocktail)
in addition to an assortment of sides & dessert

Children's Menu:

Choice of Hot Dog or Hamburger,
Watermelon, Chips & Ice Cream

Adults: $38/each
Kids (12 & Under): $8/each
Kid's Lobster: $15/each

Children 3 and Under: FREE

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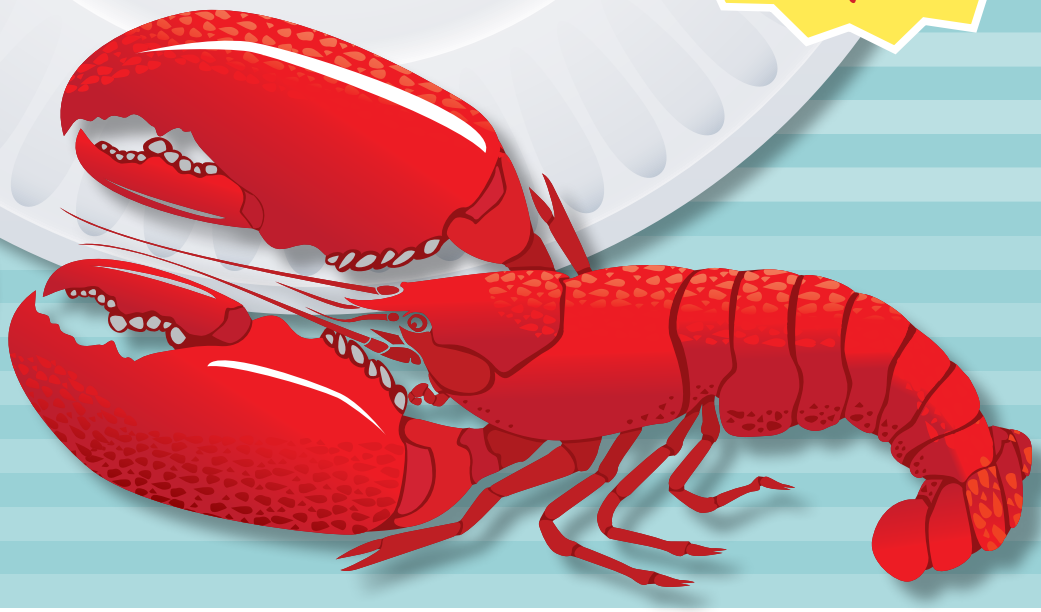
This event WILL SELL OUT. Make your reservations EARLY!



SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY **JULY 7TH**

The BYC Commodore's

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you don't want to miss this!
Details to follow.

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