

THE BYC MAINSHEET

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



BRISTOL YACHT CLUB



MAY 2019



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4th – 2019 Commissioning

18th – Flare Day

18th – Ribbon Cutting Ceremony & Eats!

23rd – Strategic Planning Meeting

25th – Memorial Day Cruise



JUNE 2019

6th – RIYC Cruise

15th – Pirate Dinghy Parade



MEMBERSHIP



A Warm Welcome to Our Newest Members!

Don & Lynne Kern, Bristol, RI

Paul Costa, Bristol, RI

Chris Grimo, Bristol, RI

David & Kathleen LeGrand, Portsmouth, RI

Paul & Tina Killion, Bristol RI

Rob & Allison Bolt, Bristol, RI

APPROVED MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION LIST

Proposed Member Name(s)	City/State	Boat Name/Make	Sponsors
Whit & Carolyn Duncan	Bristol, RI	Domino / Seacraft 18	Mark Rotsky & Bob Rude
Tim & Cheryl Ivatts	S. Walpole, MA	Maycraft 23	Tom Ferreira & Pasquale Grimo
Edward Lebens - Intermediate	Bristol, RI	No Boat	Lisa Grimo & Tom Ferreira
Chanel Miller - Intermediate	Bristol, RI	Sandy / Midland 19	Alan Dimson-Doyle & Bob Yaylalian

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!

Pirates in the Harbour! Dinghy Parade - 6.15.19 -

\$15
ADULTS

\$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!

ARRIVE: 3PM • PARADE: 4PM

DINNER SERVED: 5-7PM



Tickets available to purchase after Commissioning - Look in the Monday email!



Come one, come all to the 1st BYC Dinghy Parade!



Prepare your dinghies in full pirate form for judging and crowd approval or disapproval! Parade past the spectator fleet on land as they cheer (or sneer) at you while our panel of judges looks on. Cheering and jeering are greatly encouraged! All generations are invited to join this Father's Day weekend event to help make it a memorable fun family day. Trophies will be awarded for various categories.

Our Waterfront Committee will be on hand to ensure water safety for all. The Race Committee has put together a list of rules to give us guidelines for the event.

Please see advertisement on previous page and review the event outline below...

Dinghy Descriptions:

Any inflatable/hard dinghy under 12' and typically used as a tender to a larger cruising or racing boat. (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 and display. 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. Actions by sailors onboard the dinghies while sailing past are encouraged to help their cause in winning the various category prizes. 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. **Your ticket price will include 1 main & 1 side.** Order food any time you like between 5-7. Staggered, rotating orders will help alleviate long lines... Eat when you like!

See you there... Aarrrrrghh!

Tickets available to purchase after Commissioning - Look in the Monday email!

2019

Bristol Yacht Club Launch Hours



MAY 6TH – 23RD

9:00 AM to 6:30 pm

**MAY 24TH - SEPTEMBER 2ND
(LABOR DAY)**

8:00 AM to 9:00 PM Sunday - Thursday

8:00 AM to 10:00 PM Friday & Saturday

• **WEEK OF JULY 4TH 2019** •

7/2 Tue. 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM

7/3 Wed. 8:00 AM to 11:00 PM (fireworks)

7/4 Thurs. 6:30 AM to 9:00 PM (parade)

7/5 Fri. 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 3RD - SEPTEMBER 15TH

9:00 AM to 7:30 PM Sunday - Thursday

9:00 AM to 8:00 PM Friday & Saturday

SEPTEMBER 16TH - OCTOBER 13TH

9:00 AM to Sunset Sunday - Thursday

9:00 AM to 7:30 PM Friday & Saturday

**OCTOBER 14TH – OCTOBER 27TH
(WATERFRONT CLOSURES)**

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM All Week

**OCTOBER 29TH FLOAT HAUL-OUT
(TIDE @ 9:26)**



The Commodore's **Clambake** Saturday, July 6th!



Be prepared to FEAST on a “Real Clambake” prepared by Pare Clambakes. Mouthwatering menu includes ocean fresh steamers, New Bedford scrod, Saugy Natural Franks and assorted sausages, sweet and red bliss potatoes, onions, their famous homemade quahog stuffing, fresh sweet corn-on-the-cob and ice cold watermelon. This event is not to be missed!

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Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Thursday, May 23 at 6:30 PM.

The Strategic Planning Team (SPT) will share its progress and proposals on May 23rd at the Club, at 6:30PM. These proposals came out of the work and suggestions of the Club's various committees - Waterfront, House, Grounds, Race, etc., and given that, we are inviting the members of any of the Club's committees or other BYC volunteers to attend this meeting. Over the past two years groups have analyzed the opportunities and threats facing the club and developed a set of five Strategic Objectives that will ensure our club's viability and membership value for at least the next decade.

The objectives include financial stability, improved use of waterfront, improvements to the house and grounds infrastructure, increasing the value of membership, and improving club communications.

The small teams did a tremendous amount of work to develop concepts and proposals to achieve these objectives, which fall into two categories: Board Actions and Capital Projects. To date, recommendations for Board actions were given to the Board last fall for consideration, adoption, and/or implementation.

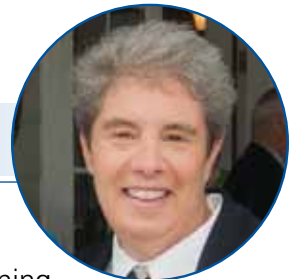
Subsequently, initial concept development occurred for the Capital Projects including preliminary design concepts, cost ranges, and benefit to the club. The SPT will share the projects at the May 23rd meeting and seek input on the prioritization of the projects and their benefit to the club. The proposals include a pavilion for the use of the members, an expansion of the dock system, relocation of the heads, a boat maintenance workshop, widening the boat ramp, adding a 2-ton crane, and more.

While the clubhouse fire has presented many problems that need attention and solutions, now is a good time to find out what other ideas and investments can benefit the club, in terms of facilities design and use.

No decisions or project selections will be made at this meeting; no projects will go forward without membership vote. All Strategic Planning proposals and initiatives will follow the rules established by the Club By Laws for implementation. Following the prioritization of the Capitol Projects a plan will be developed and presented to the BYC Board and the Membership.

Now is a good time to discuss the opportunities that are available to us as we move forward with plans to rebuild the clubhouse. Possible synergies and improvements might result from taking these on in conjunction with the rebuild of our house. We appreciate all of the support for this effort and look forward to presenting the results in the coming months.

*The BYC Strategic Planning Steering Committee –
Susan Grandpierre, John Bell, Chris Bjerregaard, Peter Maloney, Nick Cromwell (Chair)*



COMMODORE'S QUARTERS

Commissioning...

Commissioning, I must say, is my favorite event of the year! It always signals to me a new beginning and a fresh start. It's a time of rekindling and rejuvenation. This year, more than any I have experienced in my 35 years as a member of the Bristol Yacht Club, I am ready and eager to welcome our Commissioning.

This season our Club will obviously be a slightly different environment for us all. It will take some adjustment to find that sweet-spot in mind and spirit and I am reminded of the Jimmy Buffett song, "Changes in latitudes, changes in attitudes." But, as I have said before, the Bristol Yacht Club is more than a building, we are a community. We will work through this together and we will persevere.

So please join me on May 4th at 3:00PM as we open our 2019 season and start anew, as we welcome new members and reconnect with old friends. AND, we have a brand-new Beach Bar... proof that all is well!

See you at Commissioning!

Ruth E. Souto – Commodore



Our Glorious New Beach Bar is On Site!

Did you see it?! Do you know they did it? Can you believe they transported this two thousand pound baby from the isolated woods of Touisset, up to Child Street in Warren on March 31, 2019 at about 0730 hours? Cars full of committee members and builders led the parade while other cars trailed the caravan as the BYC truck carefully wound onto Metacom Avenue heading all the way to Bristol. At the entrance to Colt State Park there was a close encounter with some bull's horns, however, it was maneuvered skillfully and cleared by inches. This parade ran through the park to Poppasquash Road and a waterfront ride to the entrance of the Bristol Yacht Club. What looked like the transport of a "Tiny House" was actually the moving of our BYC Beach Bar. The BBB is finally HOME!

Are we finished yet? Not quite. Our building and painting teams have been putting finishing touches to the interior and exterior. Just this week Bill Toohey brought over the shelving that his wife Kathy has been painting. Bill also finished installing a Microwave Box for our future Popcorn nights. Ray Renaud has been tweaking his original TIKI Bar design, first imagined when he and Peter Canzone met at Aiden's. Moving from a small temporary bar to a unit which could withstand the weather and be used year after year, made the TIKI Bar concept grow to an actual Beach Bar. This Bar can also relieve some of the inside bar crowding on busy race nights in the future. Any summer activity could use an outside Bar backup, thus our current iteration.

Club members from all committees and general membership had a hand in building this. Originally Mark Rotsky, David Schwartz, Glen Petaja, Gary Warner, Bill and Kathy Toohey, Jane Guinther and Ray Renaud managed to get the building going. Now members who were away for the first wave are helping with the finishing touches. Peter Canzone and Peter Maloney are back from trips and helping to complete the final phases.

Once the docks are in and the tent is up we will move the BBB to a final throne for the summer. We expect this project to be a focal point for fun and entertainment all season long. Our thanks to every member who has taken the time to transform a casual conversation into a tangible working part of our club.

Rosemary Alden – House Chair

Beach Bar Hours 2019 - NOTE: Hours may adjust due to poor weather conditions.

May 3rd thru May 26th

Friday & Saturday 4:00-9:00 PM

Sunday 3:00-7:00 PM

May 22nd 4:00-10:00 PM

(Millard Practice Race)

May 27th 3:00-8:00 PM

(Memorial Day)

May 28th thru June 16th

Tuesday & Thursday 5:00-9:00 PM

Friday & Saturday 4:00-9:00 PM

Sunday 3:00-8:00 PM

Wednesday 4:00-11:00 PM

June 17th thru September 2nd (Labor Day)

Monday 4:00-9:00 PM

Tuesday 4:00-9:00 PM

Wednesday 4:00-11:00 PM

Thursday 4:00-9:00 PM

Friday 4:00-10:00 PM

Saturday 3:00-9:00 PM

Sunday 3:00-9:00 PM

Week of July 4th 2019

7/2 Tuesday 4:00-9:00 PM

7/3 Wednesday 3:00-11:00 PM

(fireworks)

7/4 Thursday 3:00-9:00 pm (parade)

7/5 Friday 4:00-10:00 PM

September 6th thru October 13th (Decommissioning)

Friday & Saturday 4:00-8:00 PM

Sunday 3:00-7:00 PM



Cruise News

Memorial Day and Gaspee Day Cruises – Registration opening soon. Keep an eye out for registration details inside the Monday morning email blast.

This Month's Video...

While most of us rarely use sound signals underway, when in fog conditions or entering or leaving an area with limited visibility, it is essential that we do so. The National Safe Boating Counsel provides the following short video on sound signals. <https://youtu.be/gLGYNNgafM8>

2019 Cruise Calendar

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!

2019 Memorial Day Weekend Cruise

The 2019 Memorial Day Weekend cruise this year heads to East Greenwich Yacht Club for Saturday, May 25 and Sunday, May 26, returning to Bristol on Monday.

On Saturday evening we will gather on the Yacht Club's deck to enjoy drinks and dinner. We will have use of the club's grills so bring something to grill and a side dish to share with others. Drinks will be available for purchase at the club's bar. On Sunday evening cruisers can go to one of the many restaurants in town for dinner.

Since many of our members do not have their boats in the water by Memorial Day, all are welcome to join the evening activities traveling by car.

Moorings are \$40. If you're going by boat, please send Bob the name of your boat, length, and draft and he'll forward info to EGYC. Once we have a list of people wishing to participate, we will share the list to work out any details.

Please email Bob Hamel: hamel4@cox.net by Tuesday May 21 if you plan to attend by boat or car.

Paul Redman – Fleet Captain



The Summer Sailing Season is Fast Approaching

All of us at EBSF have been busy hiring, planning and preparing. We have two “fancy” containers set up as our 2019 summer home base and we plan to make it home and own it – making it our own little compound for summer camps and the Adult and J/22 sailors as well.

The industrious board members of EBSF have been busy sanding and painting A Cats and Mercs, as well as fixing J/22s. Michael Z has been busy getting all the coach boats and charter boats ready and even upgraded and tightened up. We have a few charter A cats and will welcome back the fleet for Tuesday nights this summer. It's already a topic amongst many of the America's Cup sailors in town building the Cup boat – they want to come race A cats at BYC on Tuesdays. Thanks to Richard Feeny for resurrecting this fun class. We can't wait to welcome these hotshot sailors to BYC.

It Takes a Lot of Work...

Maintenance on our big fleet of boats is constant and we are making a concerted effort this summer to really raise the bar on the maintenance of the entire fleet.



Still Time to Register!

Summer classes are filling up for adults and for kids. We appear to have a strong showing for Wed night J/22 racing and we hope you'll consider chartering one if you're between boats or longing for some spinnaker work – or maybe you just want to learn how to fly a chute. Chartering a J/22 or taking lessons with us aboard one (Monday ladies sailing and Thursday advanced classes) is a great way to spend time learning the ropes.

SAVE THE DATE for our Season Opening on Friday June 14th

EBSF will host a season opening at the club. We will BBQ and welcome all of our summer sailors, young and less young. Also on Saturday, July 20th EBSF will have our 25th Anniversary FunRaiser Regatta. Plan your team now or sponsor one. It's sure to be a blast!

Register now for summer sailing with us and thanks!

eastbaysailingfoundation.org

Kristin Browne – EBSF



Visit the NEW bristolyc.com!

If you haven't been to our website in a while, give it a click. You will be pleasantly surprised. It's been a long time in the making and we had a number of hurdles to overcome. Please keep in mind, this is still a work in progress, and more developments are coming, but overall it's a huge improvement!

There is a Members Only section where you can find the 2019 Yearbook/Directory. To get there, click on **About** on the menu bar and then click on the **Members Only** link from the dropdown. On your initial visit, click the **Sign-Up** link. Enter your email address (the one that is in last year's BYC

Yearbook) and create your own password – this will get you there. You can use this email and password for future visits. If you have any problems logging in, please email Marilyn Dimson-Doyle at mkdimson@gmail.com and provide her with the email that you are trying to use for login.

There were many volunteers who worked, and continue to work, on this project. Most especially, I would like to thank: **Mike Brito, Marilyn Dimson-Doyle, Bill O'Neil, Sarah O'Neil, Marti Schwartz, Bob Elder and Paul Redman** for their tireless efforts in bringing this to fruition.

Ruth E. Souto – Commodore



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