

THE BYC MAINSHEET

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MARCH 2019



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9th – CYC Dinner

29th – Squantum Dinner

30th – BYC Racing Open House

APRIL 2019

5th – Newport YC hors d'oeuvres & cocktails





BYC Friday Night Dinner at the Squantum Association

Friday, March 29, 2019

947 Veterans Memorial Parkway • East Providence

Please join BYC & Squantum Association Members for an elegant Italian Buffet.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29TH.

TICKETS \$30 PER PERSON

ATTIRE IS SMART CASUAL

RSVP: Virginia Syriac 401-434-8377
(Call Hours: Tues. - Fri. 9:00 - 2:00PM)

CREDIT CARD REQUIRED

RSVP no later than 12PM
Wednesday, March 27

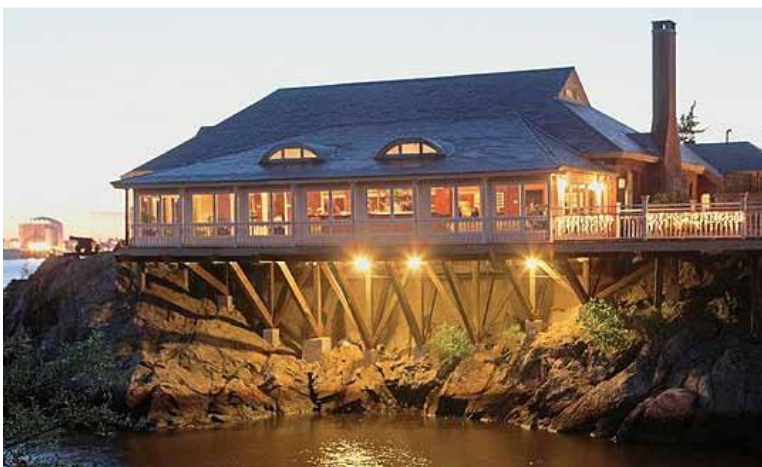
MENU:

Family-Style Tossed Green Salad w/roll
Rigatoni Bolognese
Creamy Garlic & Parmesan Chicken
Eggplant Rollatini w/ Ricotta,
Spinach & Tomato Cream Sauce
Assorted Cannoli
Coffee & Tea

Cash Only Bar Opens at 6:00PM

The Squantum Association has a beautiful waterfront setting and BYC members have reciprocal privileges. This is an opportunity to have dinner and meet members of our sister club on the Bay.

Any questions, call BYC member Bob Hamel at 401-714-2084



Cruise News

The Cruise Committee would like to thank all who completed the cruising survey. Your feedback will help shape this year's cruising program and future programs for years to come. We received great feedback on cruising destinations and ideas we hope will encourage more members to cruise with the club. It also helped us to identify those interested in volunteering to serve on the committee or as day or cruise captains.

Based on members' feedback we added two new "in the bay" cruises. The first is scheduled for early June (for those who are not quite ready for the Memorial Day cruise) and a multi-day cruise rendezvous in August to the Kickemuit. We will also be implementing an optional buddy system for those members new to off shore cruising and re-evaluating the number of and timing of 'Pot Luck' dinners during the week-long July cruise. We are currently investigating various private social media platform options for sharing photos and posting independent ad hoc cruise plans. Member feedback also indicated a strong interest in winter destination cruising. More to come on that.

You can view the survey results in their entirety by clicking on the following link 2019 Cruise Survey or by typing the following URL into your web browser. <https://tinyurl.com/y5gdbgaq>

Effective Anchoring

It's a great time of year to brush up on your seamanship and give consideration to an often overlooked but vitally important piece of equipment. No, not your corkscrew, but rather your anchor. Practical Boat Owner published a great video featuring the authors of "Happy Hooking" Daria and Alex Blackwell entitled: Seamanship – Effective Anchoring. You may notice while it was filmed in the UK, they use a chart of New Harbor Block Island as an illustration. The video can be found at the following link: <https://youtu.be/B3E90o8a714> Enjoy!

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	Westward Ho, Stonington, Long Island, Block Island
8/17 – 8/19	Kickemuit Rendezvous	Racing and Cruising Rendezvous!
8/30 – 9/02	Labor Day Cruise	Westport MA.

Paul Redman – Fleet Captain

MEMBERSHIP

BYC Open House – Big Success!

Once again the BYC community has demonstrated their camaraderie with everyone who has an interest in yachting. With a strong show of support and willingness to engage all who share the love of boating, they arrived on this sunny, beautiful day to enthusiastically participate in the Open House at US Sailing, sharing their stories of what our community means to them.

With twelve prospective members seeking a nautical home and close to thirty current members present, conversations were exuberant exchanges. Spirits were high and much laughter could be heard while everyone partook of food and beverages during their conversations. The response by all to the event was enthusiastic with several new applications being processed. Many happy faces were seen leaving the event.

Alan Dimson-Doyle – Membership





It's Time to REGISTER for Summer Sailing with EBSF

Young and old alike love spending summers on the water with East Bay Sailing Foundation.

Under the direction of our new Program Director, Michael Zonnenberg, Junior Sailing classes and the EBSF Race Team will be off to a strong start. The summer calendar is filling fast. Register now for the best class selection.

Adults love learning to sail with us OR stepping up their game or confidence. Learn to fly a spinnaker or just sail on and off of the mooring. One design racing, team racing and ladies sailing are just a few of the opportunities with EBSF to sail and race our J/22s. Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced Adult sailing lessons are weeknight staples with a curriculum that keeps the sailing fun and exciting, too.

Come sail with us. Register now with our NEW Registration system at: www.eastbaysailingfoundation.org



Charter a J/22 for a Fun Summer of Racing in Bristol Harbor

Come race a J/22 this summer! Charter a boat for Wednesday Night racing in either spinnaker or non-spinnaker class with the BYC fleet. Race on Thursdays in exciting one-design races with fellow charterers. Sign up now before we open boat availability beyond BYC membership. BYC members can use the J/22's on weekends and on the rare other occasions when the boats are not in use. Take one for a spin this summer and see what all the buzz is about! The most FUN you can have at 22-feet!

Reserve your J/22 ASAP at:

www.eastbaysailingfoundation.org

Kristin Browne – EBSF

BYC Race Open House Saturday March 30th 2019

The Bristol Yacht club will be holding an open house to the membership and the public for all those interested in participating in the wide variety of racing events we hold throughout the summer.

As you may know, race participation is open to members and non-member alike and we ask for you not only to consider participating in racing this summer as a member but to reach out to those you think could be interested. It is often through participation in racing that we attract the next new members to join the club.

In 2019 , there will be more racing going on than ever, with weekly race series on evenings Monday through Thursday all summer with Team racing , Dinghy, PHRF and J/22 sport boats.

Additionally, for those interested in race participation but not in boats, we are actively recruiting Race Committee (RC) to support our Wednesday nights and, with enough interest, to participate in some of the other weekday race series offered. So if you would like to join BYC RC, come and learn what race management is about at the Open House.

With our club facilities being freshly renovated, US Sailing has come forward to offer us their facility, located on the Roger Williams University campus and host our open house. So come and join the fun, learn about BYC racing and perhaps we will find you this summer on the layline!

Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm at US Sailing facility

Location: US Sailing at 1 Roger Williams Way, Bristol, Rhode Island 02809

Contact/ information: Curt Mahlstedt at cmahlstedt@fullchannel.net

COMMODORE'S QUARTERS



March is such a teaser month, snowing one day then a sunny 50 degrees the next.

While the Vernal Equinox nudges out winter and ushers in spring (at least on the calendar), sometimes it's just a cold and lonely month. Stopping at the clubhouse the other day, it seemed cold and lonely too, so we sat together for a while. The old girl is doing well, and ready to be restored. If you've been following along in the Weekly Updates, you know that we have begun the process of soda blasting and sealing the smoke damaged interior wood. Bids for the restoration are out and by the end of the month we anticipate selecting a contractor to begin the next phase. Looking ahead to the boating season, we have secured a tent for our summer home, and the House Committee is building us an outdoor Beach Bar so we will be ready to roll (literally... it's on a trailer) when the season arrives. So if March gets you down, remember that Commissioning is May 4th, only a few short weeks away. And if you want to really lift your spirits, come join us for the events that Social and House are putting together. If we can't be in summer mode just yet, we can at least talk about it.

Ruth E. Souto – Commodore



Bristol Yacht Club - Racing Open House



Saturday March 30th, 2019



**1:00pm - 3:00pm at US Sailing facility
1 Roger Williams Way; Bristol, Rhode Island 02809**

Come see how you can join in racing this Summer!



Team racing Mondays in J22

"Bustin' Ours to kick yours!"



Dinghy Race Tuesdays / Laser or Aero

"We all know it's the dinghy that makes the sailor"



Wednesday Multi Class Big boat racing.

Go BIG, or stay home!



Sport Boat J22 Thursdays

"If you have to ask... no.. There are no cup holders"



Race Management

"I don't sail the course, I rule it"

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: CURT MAHLSTEDT - cmahlstedt@fullchannel.net



A Warm Welcome to Our Newest Member

Sarah Underwood, of Riverside, RI
has moved from being a Junior Member
to Intermediate Member!

APPROVED MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION LIST

Proposed Member Name(s)	City/State	Boat Name/Make	Sponsors
Don Kern	Bristol, RI	<i>Fireball / C&C 35</i>	Mark Rotsky & Bob Rude
Paul Costa	Bristol, RI	<i>Katie Mae / SeaRay 26</i>	Tom Ferreira & Pasquale Grimo

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 – bristolymembershipcommittee@gmail.com. Thank you!

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