

THE BYC MAINSHEET

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



BRISTOL YACHT CLUB



OCTOBER



It might be a little chilly but there's still more out there to sea!

ON THE HORIZON

OCTOBER 2019

- 11th – Friday Night Dinner
- 20th – Decommissioning
- 19th – Karaoke Night!
- 29th – Dock Haul-Out



NOVEMBER 2019

- 8th – Friday Night Dinner
- 17th – BYC Annual Meeting
- 22nd – Friday Night Dinner





Labor Day Weekend Cruise

Saturday Night – Quonset Davisville Navy Yacht Club

Sorry if I sound like a broken record but, to my surprise and delight, our night with QDNYC in Allen’s Harbor was amazing. We were invited, at no cost, to join in with about 150 of their members under a tent with a DJ for a wonderful BBQ. The only request they had was for us to bring a dessert, but were quick to add, if you don’t have one, don’t worry about it! 4 boats made the trip and 3 land cruisers. I was asked to say a few words, Burgees were exchanged, and a short time later a member of the Social Committee got up and bellowed from the mic, “Come on, Bristol, get your butts off the chair and dance!” I believe without exception everyone was up and moving. The next morning, those staying the night were invited to a breakfast for the cost of a small donation. While all of the above was wonderful, the thing I was most impressed with was all of the members, whether they be in the tent, on the docks or in the parking lot, approached us with big smiles, introduced themselves and welcomed us to their club. (And that was before they broke out the Jell-O shots!) I have never experienced anything like that before. A fantastic time was had by all.

Sunday Night – Wickford Yacht Club

So how do you top Saturday night? Simply put, you don’t. Our time at the WYC was a nice, mellow way to end the weekend. 14 members (a different 14 from the night before) enjoyed Dave’s Market pizza, salad and cookies. Janet Gendreau made one of her delicious desserts and we enjoyed a lovely evening on WYC’s outdoor pavilion.

Paul Redman – Fleet Captain



BYC Coach Boats for the Sailing Programs

On September 6th we had the pleasure of Guest Speaker, Jack Gierhart, CEO of US Sailing, joining us for our Friday Night Dinner Series. Most of you may know that US Sailing has provided our club with a roof over our heads this past year when we needed it the most. This organization was one of the first to call the Commodore after our fire and ask what they could do to help. A special thank you to Jack and his organization. Participating club members enjoyed and shivered as we watched his presentation about his winter cruise to Antarctica.

Bob McLaughlin was our dinner manager for this week. He introduced our committee to the delicious food provided by the Common Pub. Several thoughts have surfaced regarding the Friday Night Dinners. We request that members preregister and pay for their dinner by the Wednesday prior to our Friday Night Dinner. Members may not be aware that caterers require our club to guarantee them a specific number of dinner participants. They prepare food for the number we give them that Wednesday. That is the number we agree to pay them for feeding. This summer our Dinner Managers have attempted to be flexible and have ordered a few extra meals to cover an occasional walk in. Our goal is to accommodate everyone who wants to spend the evening. Lately we have had a rather high number of members wishing to come to dinner without a registration. This means we need to manage the food service very carefully for all the members who have preregistered to assure they will be well taken care of. Our goal is to provide as many dinners as possible, but we respectfully request that all members watch the dinner announcements in the Monday Blast and pre-register to join us for all the fun. We love your company!

Rosemary Aldenn – House Chair

GENERAL INTEREST

Volunteer of the Year

Saturday, September 21 was the Volunteer "Thank You" dinner, served by myself as well as Vice Commodore Chris Bjerregaard, Rear Commodore Joe Whelan and Fleet Captain Paul Redman.

This year was unique and presented challenges not faced in many decades. It was at times both frustrating and heartwarming, but mostly it was rewarding. So many things happen at this Club by the generosity of our members. It was volunteers who launched a new website, brought in new members, taught people how to sail, and continue to oversee our Clubhouse being put back together, to name a few. Members pulled together this year like none other in recent memory. We had an incredible Executive Committee whose individual committees all focused their efforts on making this the best year we could have. No house? No problem! We have a "summer home" by the water, with a fully-stocked bar for our enjoyment. Summer parties? Absolutely! And really, who wants to be indoors when it is so beautiful outside?

Every volunteer contributed in some way to the Club, whether it was to serve on a committee or to take the lead on a project. You have all made a difference. You answered the call for help, and did so selflessly.

I have never been prouder of all of our volunteers and what the spirit of community has accomplished. After the fire I said, "The Bristol Yacht Club is more than a building. We are a community and will work together to overcome this unfortunate circumstance." You are all proof that this statement is true.

I thank you all for being there through these turbulent times and for helping make our Club a better place to be.

For donating your time and efforts, you ALL are Volunteer of the Year!

Ruth E. Souto – Commodore

Did You Know?

After a successful summer teaching over 200 kids and adults the pleasures of sailing, the EBSF board is taking the winter to work on fostering, recognizing and improving the relationship between EBSF and the yacht club. There seems to be a lot of misunderstanding about who we are – about what we do, what we get from BYC, and what we expect. We aim to clear that up over the coming months - and we'll start with a Thank you to all of the amazing BYC adult sailing instructors who volunteered their time to teach sailing. They are a shining example of what makes EBSF work, what makes us awesome, and what ties us to Bristol Yacht Club.

We are Bristol Yacht Club's sailing instruction and we have been since it was called simply "BYC Jr Sailing." It was run by the BYC who staffed and ran the sailing classes, and those classes were open to the public. In 1993 the instructional program became a non-profit foundation, in part to help the yacht club, and also to further expand the abilities of the program. It enabled EBSF to accept donations and removed some of the liability and responsibility from the club. It let EBSF concentrate on only offering sailing instruction and let the yacht club rid itself of the intense stresses of running a junior program. (It's stressful.)

Most every yacht club in the world has an instructional or junior program and the lucky ones also teach adults, plus some power boating, maybe windsurfing, high performance sailing, or other leading edge parts of our sport. We have been doing the same and we are sailing with and creating some of the region's top sailors, and it's all in the name of Bristol Yacht Club/ EBSF.

There is history to how and why we got here and we plan to explain that in the coming Mainsheet articles and possibly even with a special meeting. We want to have an open conversation with all who wish to take part, to those who question our goals, or our books, and mostly to ensure each and every BYC member that we are here to make our yacht club better by increasing the number of people who can learn to love sailing and boating through our program and our own efforts.

EBSF's board is comprised of many BYC members and hard working EBSF volunteers who think it's worth the time and considerable effort it takes to make your instructional sailing program shine. Whether or not you use EBSF, it's an important part of your club and as such we want you to understand, and hopefully appreciate and support our efforts.

More on this soon! Until then... enjoy some of the finest sailing days on one of the best harbors you'll find. 420s are heading out with high school sailors, 29ers are sailing on the weekends (want to try one out? let us know) and J/22s are just finishing another strong Team Race season and BYC hosted Invitational Regatta. This time next year we'll hopefully be regaling our first summer in the new clubhouse and recalling the great sailing the summer of 2019 delivered. Thanks for sharing in our mission of making the most of our great club.

We can't wait to make it all even better!

Kristin Browne – EBSF



BYC Coach Boats for the Sailing Programs

The first Step of the BYC / EBSF / 11th Hour Racing sustainable Coach Boat project is testing. We have been busy.

STEP 1

What are the performance characteristics of the Power Cat with her current engine: Yamaha 15 hp, 2 stroke, gasoline engine?

- Max speed with 1 person aboard = 19.3 mph
- Max speed with 2 crew = 18.6 mph
- Max speed towing a 420 (1 crew on the P Cat & 1 on the 420) = 12mph
- Maneuverability is about the same as a Boston Whaler
- The Power Cat knifes through waves with no slamming and is comfortable. The layout could use some work.

STEP 2

How will the P Cat perform with an electric engine of equivalent horsepower?

- We plan to run this test in late September.

If you'd like to get involved in the process of developing a Coach / Recreational boat that combines minimal environmental impact with practicality, please contact Chris Bjerregaard at chrisbj@cox.net.

Chris Bjerregaard – Vice Commodore



MEMBERSHIP

APPROVED MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION LIST

Proposed Member Name(s)	City/State	Boat Name/Make	Sponsors
Fred Acciaro	Barrington, RI	<i>Resilient</i> - Olympic Carter	Cindy Elder & Warren Specht
Randy & Becky Johnson	Pointe Verdra Beach, FL	<i>Explorer</i> - North Coast 325	Peter Brown & Richard Dennis
Robert & Myra Page	Bristol, RI	No Boat	Bob McLaughlin & Marti Schwartz
Kenneth Romano	Portsmouth, RI	<i>Stalker</i> - Pro-Line 17	Ted Maher & Herb Browne



A Warm Welcome to Our Newest Members

George & Judy Shoemaker, Bristol, RI



THE VOICE BYC EDITION

KARAOKE CONTEST, OPEN MIC & DANCING!
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH ★ 6-10PM

★ KARAOKE CONTEST ★

Winners receive the coveted BYC "The Voice" Trophy

Top Female/Male Artist • Top Duo/Group

Top Rock Artist • Top R&B • Top Boy/Girl Artist

★ OPEN MIC & DANCING BEFORE & AFTER ★

★ CREATIVE THEME ATTIRE ENCOURAGED ★

Dinner will be brought to us by
The Common Pub of Bristol.
Food will be served at 6:30PM

TICKETS
\$25

music by

DJ Terrell

COMMODORE'S QUARTERS



Winding down. But wait... there's more!

The days are getting shorter and the warm breezes of summer are a memory, but what a summer it was! I have truly never been so proud to be a BYC member as I was this year. The House Committee did a fantastic job with our "summer home" and every event there was welcoming and comfortable. The Social Committee decorated our tent spectacularly and hosted fun, creative outdoor events! I have long since lost track of how many compliments on the Beach Bar I have heard. Together these committees made this Club a hoppin' place this summer. There was racing Monday through Thursday, and the Club was alive with sailing activity, which always makes my heart sing. Thank you to the volunteers that contributed your time and efforts this year; they were appreciated by all.

October brings a different kind of energy and excitement to the BYC. Karaoke Night on October 19 and Decommissioning on October 20 are two great ways to keep the party spirit alive a bit longer. And if you are not ready to put sailing away just yet, consider joining our Frostbite fleet which will be starting up again real soon. It is a great group and they are always ready to welcome new sailors.

Thank you all for a summer to remember!

Ruth E. Souto – Commodore

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