



The Bristol Yacht Club MAINSHEET

Plans Being Finalized for Prestigious Hinman Trophy Regatta Hosted by BYC September 24 - 26

Race Committee Chair Nick Cromwell Provides Updates

When the Committee Chair from US Sailing asked me if Bristol Yacht Club could host 24 teams for the US Sailing Team Race National Championship for the Hinman Trophy, I figured the difference between the originally planned 16 teams and 24 teams couldn't be that much ... right?



*Race Committee Chair
Nick Cromwell*

Well, in the planning for the event, I can tell you that 24 teams is a lot. With six sailors per team, we will host 144 sailors and will need up to 30 volunteers to run this event. I'm not certain but someone told me this will be the biggest Hinman ever.

Bristol Yacht Club is up to the challenge. With a great set of volunteers and a great venue, we will put on a great event. With the gracious support of the Bristol Harbormaster, we've moved the race course to the east side of the harbor, off the State Street dock and the Bristol Maritime Center, with racing viewable from the dock.

One of the biggest challenges will be to run enough races in three days. Pete Levesque, a member of the BYC Executive Committee, and US Sailing Principal Race Officer Shannon Bush, will have their hands full. Not only is Pete serving as event chair of the event at BYC, but he has also been a member of a Hinman Trophy winning team three times in the past.

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Labor Day
Weekend
CRUISE

*BYC Rendezvous
Saturday, September 4*

Dutch Harbor, Jamestown

*Mooring reservations:
contact Dockwa*

*If attending, contact
Rear Commodore Paul Redman
[via email.](#)*





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We will be running three races at once and with five fleets of boats on the water, choreography will be something to behold.

We'll have a tent on our Club lawn and racers and volunteers will be arriving at BYC in the morning and moving over to the race area by boat. This means parking at the Club will be tight, and we are asking the sailors and our members to carpool for the weekend.



Once racing is over each day, sailors and volunteers will return to the Club for dinner. At 6 pm, Friday, September 24, food trucks will be at the Club and members

Event Chair Pete Levesque

are welcome to join competitors for an informal event. Saturday evening, September 25, the Club will host a social event that members are invited to attend. Sunday, after racing, the award ceremony will be held at the Club.

Look for more details and registration links for the Saturday dinner in the BYC weekly e-mails, and if you want to help with running this event please reach out to Pete Levesque or myself.

– Nick Cromwell, Race Committee Chair

Report on BYC / EBSF Relationship Under Review

In response to questions raised during the long-term planning process, the BYC Executive Committee created a focus group to study EBSF, the BYC instructional sailing program, and its relationship to BYC. The group was asked to discuss five basic questions and to make recommendations to the Executive Committee.

- 1.** Does Bristol Yacht Club want to have an instructional program?
- 2.** Should the BYC's instructional program include people from outside the Club?
- 3.** If so, does the Club want to run these programs itself or have a separate entity, such as EBSF, run these programs?
- 4.** Is there enough benefit derived from EBSF being a not-for-profit entity to justify having it be a separate organization?
- 5.** Are there ways we can improve EBSF and BYC such that we improve the relationship between EBSF and BYC?

Many thanks to the members of the BYC / EBSF focus group, especially Alan Dimson-Doyle and Paul Redman, who served as chairs, for persevering through months of meetings, "active" discussions and creating a report to summarize their efforts. The report makes excellent recommendations about improving the relationship between the two entities and how best to move forward. It is now under review by the Executive Committee. This fall, the Board will schedule a special meeting to discuss the report with the BYC membership.

I believe that a robust instructional sailing program is crucial to the long-term success of any yacht club. I'm looking forward to a productive discussion.

Two other quick notes:

- The Hinman Regatta (see page one) is less than a month away. Traditionally, the hosting club provides housing for the 13 judges that manage the racing. Three families have generously offered space in their homes, but we need three or four more. Please consider offering a room for one or more of these judges. It's a great way to meet some interesting new friends. Contact me at chrisbj@cox.net to volunteer.
- Brad de Wolf has resigned his position as Fleet Captain due to family health issues. We thank Brad for many years of volunteerism and wish only the best to him and his family.

Focus Group Members

John Bell
Tom Dawson
Alan Dimson-Doyle
Jim Dollins
Richard Feeny
Susan Grandpierre
Pete Levesque
Ken Madeiro
Bob Millard
Chanel Miller
Paul Redman
Mark Rotsky

Commodore's Corner

– Chris Bjerregaard, Commodore



MOHOSA Race Week Celebrates 33 Years of Competition

The 2021 MOHOSA Race Week marked the 33rd year of MOHOSA racing, bringing together some of the best competitors primarily from BYC, Tiverton Yacht Club and Spar Island Racing Association, as well as other boats from local clubs, to race in Mount Hope Bay.

The Wednesday Night Worlds held July 28 saw a light breeze, but enough to get good tactical racing off for the 34 boats ready to go. The Bristol fleet had a great showing with *Incognito*, *Audacious*, *Phase III* and *Ragtime* taking first in each of the four classes.

On Sunday, August 1, the Race Committee sensibly waited for wind to fill before starting the second day of the MOHOSA Regatta. Once the wind was in, racing got off to very challenging conditions, as the new wind couldn't quite make up its mind where to blow from. As such, the fleet of 27 boats experienced repeated and inconsistent shifts of up to 50 degrees in the first of two races, bringing competitors to and from leading or trailing positions at a moment's notice through a long race.

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Above: Ed Mansur (left) and Barry Schruett aboard Bill Campbell's *Horizon*. Left: Carl Supancic at the helm of *Phase III*.



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The fleet persevered and was rewarded with a shorter course for the second race that started late in the day. The healthy winds settled down to a more consistent heading and the fleet was able to complete racing and get to BYC for the post-race awards dinner supplied by Becky's BBQ in Middletown.

BYC racers also had a great showing on Sunday with *Alice*, *Hula*, *Horizon* and *Ragtime* winning in their respective classes, plus a Bristol boat took either second or third in each of the four classes as well.

While the Wednesday and Sunday races are scored and trophies are awarded separately, the North Sails Performance Perpetual Trophy is awarded to the one qualified boat which had the best combined outcome for the week. To qualify there must be at least five boats competing in her class. The top boat was BYC's *Alice*, skippered by Bill Barlow, who finished third on Wednesday and won both races on Sunday.

MOHOSA is fortunate to have great sponsor support from North Sails, J Boats, EBCS Marine Survey and The Ship's Store. With these sponsors we keep the entry and meal fees down while providing the racing, meals and trophies we have enjoyed.

Special thanks are extended to the BYC Race Committee with help from the MOHOSA team for running great races under some challenging conditions on both days. The quality of that team's efforts continues to be among the best on the bay.

– Mark Rotsky, MOHOSA Race Committee Chair



Photo top left: The crew of Cetacean with its skipper, Peter Maloney, at far left. Above top: Nemesi, captained by Mark Rotsky. Above middle left: Ray DeLeo's Leonessa. Above middle right: The Race Committee team aboard the Herb Farnum. Above: Class A boats in a downwind cluster. With thanks to Jim Sallinger and David LeGrand for photos.

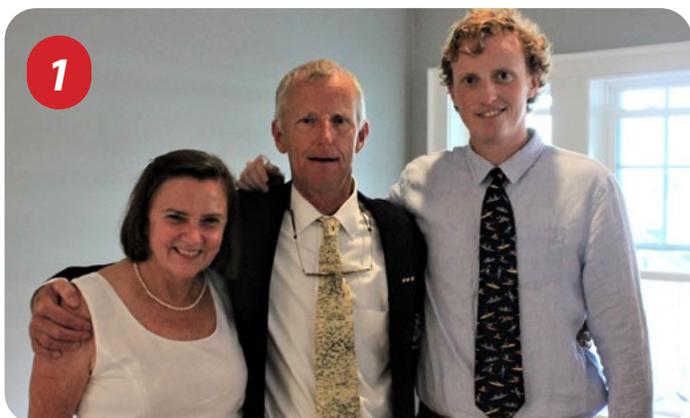


2021 Bristol Yacht Club Commodore's Ball



After a day of prepping for the imminent arrival of Hurricane Henri, members dressed their best for the 2021 Commodore's Ball to fete Commodore Chris Bjerregaard and June Bjerregaard as Chris enters his final months at the helm of BYC.

Special thanks are extended to our Social Committee for a memorable evening of cocktails, dinner and dancing.



All photos left to right. Photo one: June Bjerregaard, Commodore Chris Bjerregaard and Ted Bjerregaard. Photo two: Max and Mary Beth Taylor, Dick Dennis, and Bob and Deb Rude. Photo three: The Social Committee prepared handcrafted, summery centerpieces. Photo four: Social Committee Chair Carole Mansur, Nancy Barron and Betty Brito. Photo five: Lisa McLaughlin, Joe and Pat Jablonowski, and Bob McLaughlin. Photo six: Roland and Janet Gendreau.



July 25th Meet and Greet Hailed a Success

In spite of the pending weather, there was a great crowd for the first Hog Island/BYC gathering hosted by the Membership Committee as a way for our diverse groups of members to become better acquainted. It was a great afternoon filled with reminiscing and getting-to-know-you chats.



Samantha Medeiros enjoyed lunch at the Meet and Greet Our Hog Island Members event.

Marilyn Dimson-Doyle regaled all with her waitressing skills while the grill, staffed by Zoe Mouligne and the Membership Committee's own Bill Petrocelli, cranked out delicious hamburgers and hotdogs.

The Membership Committee extends thanks to all who attended its first Hog Island/BYC gathering and looks forward to next year's event! 



David and Nancy Lashua have a brand new Island Packet 46 and chose Invictus as her name.

IT'S ONLY A NAME ...

Have you ever wondered how a particular boat acquired its name? Peter Canzone (Commodore 2007-2009) gives us the answer.

Boat: *Invictus*, an Island Packet 46

Owners: David and Nancy Lashua

Why the name *Invictus*? David describes it this way:

"*Invictus*, meaning 'unconquerable' or 'undefeated' in Latin, is a poem by William Ernest Henley. This poem is about courage in the face of death and holding on to one's own dignity despite the indignities Life places before us. It feels an apt name for our new vessel."

Invictus

Out of the night that covers me
Black as the pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance,
I have not winced nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeonings of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the Horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds, and shall find, me unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate:
I am the captain of my soul.

*Now you know how the name *Invictus* was chosen for David and Nancy's boat. If you have a boat name you would like to submit, please email Peter at americanart1@aol.com.*

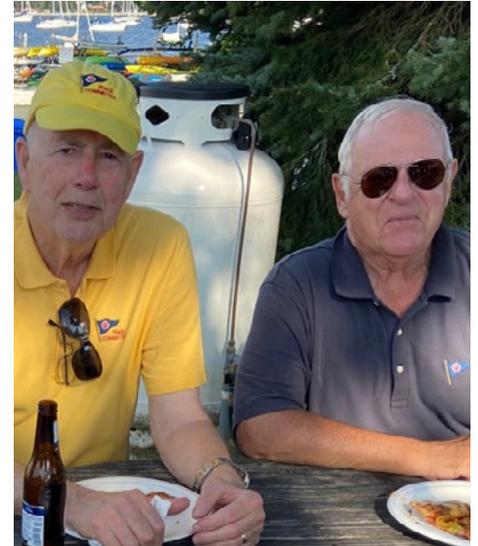


Photo left: The Sea Sprite winners circle includes (from left) Dom Messerli, third place; Bob Catani, first place; and Bob Rude, second place. Photo right: Regatta PRO Roger Carney (left) and Regatta Chair Joe Jablonowski relax post race. Photo below right, top: Bob Catani's Bramasole is pictured between races. Photo below right, bottom: Evan Ide's Phox under sail.

BYC Hosts 2021 Sea Sprite One-Design Regatta

BYC hosted the 2021 Sea Sprite Regatta July 24. Regatta Chair Joe Jablonowski and PRO Roger Carney set inflatable marks for windward-leeward courses. Two races were held, with perennial hotshot Bob Catani winning both races with a total score of 1.5 points. Second place went to BYC member Bob Rude and third place went to Sea Sprite Commodore and soon-to-be BYC member Dom Messerli.

It was a beautiful Narragansett Bay sailing day with the first race starting in light air and then building into a perfect 12 knot southwesterly. The racing was close with the highlight being Dom Messerli's *New Hope* beating Bob Rude's *Apsaras* across the finish line by less than a foot after dueling throughout the downwind leg.

The finishers, in order, were:

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| 1 - Bob Catani - <i>Bramasole</i> - BYC | 6 - Jerry De Rham - <i>Swallow</i> - Unaffiliated |
| 2 - Bob Rude - <i>Apsaras</i> - BYC | 7 - Andrew MacKeith - <i>Vexatious</i> - BYC |
| 3 - Dom Messerli - <i>New Hope</i> - BYC | 8 - Evan Ide - <i>Phox</i> - American YC |
| 4 - Mark Rotsky - <i>Oasis</i> - BYC | 9 - Joe Picard - <i>Destiny</i> - Team Destiny |
| 5 - Ray Renaud - <i>Fur Elise</i> - BYC | DNF - <i>Bella Infante</i> - <i>Grayling</i> - Herreshoff SC |

After the regatta, a pizza party and awards dinner for sailors, crew and their families was held by the beautiful fire pit on the BYC grounds. Innumerable episodes from the race course were shared and lessons learned from the day were bandied about.

The next big regatta for Sea Sprite sailors is the September 11 Race Around Hog Island, always a low-key and fun event. Buy a Sea Sprite and join the fun!

As one visiting yachtsman said, "You can't sail across Bristol Harbor without bumping into one of those beautiful little Sea Sprites!"

— Bob Rude





Classic Car Show and Picnic

A gorgeous 1939 Bentley Park Ward MA Pillarless Coupe took "Best of Show" honors on August 13. The car is owned by Jay Miller, in red shirt at far right. Admiring the car to Jay's left is Harold Knight.



Hats seemed to be a "thing" at the Car Show and Picnic. From top: Bill Toohey, Kathy Rotsky and Susan Rotblat-Walker

Friday the 13th Picnic and Car Show ... Oh, What a Night!

**HOUSE
Committee**

Remember the song "Oh, What a Night"? Well, that's an apt description of Friday, August 13, when our Club's House Committee presented a Car Show and Picnic.

Dianne Miller, one of the House Committee's newest members, co-hosted the event along with House Committee Chair Rosemary Alden. More than 100 members and guests attended, with all ages of family members. Thirty members purchased picnics and the rest brought their own.

Many folks came just to see the classic cars. We had such a selection of cars, thanks to Kathy and Mark Rotsky who organized the car show. They recruited 17 beautiful vehicles of all types from hot rods to antique gems.

The evening started out very hot, weather-wise, but settled into a beautiful New England breeze, allowing everyone to be outside viewing and voting for their favorite classic cars.

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A generous member donated a clever toy backhoe and trailer for sale, with monies raised earmarked for EBSF. Two-year-old Angelo Joseph Russo (pictured at right) showed up with a \$100 dollar bill in hand and, despite his tender age, bought his first truck. AJ peddled around the grass with other little ones in the tow cart. Yes, all ages participated in this car show!

Plus, our Ship's Store was present with Betty Brito leading her crew to a banner evening of sales.

So much good food, lovely cars and member participation ... thanks to everyone for your support!

– Rosemary Alden, House Committee Chair



Classic Car Expo Winners

Most Exotic

1934 Ford Roadster
Owners: Chris and Stephanie Boutilier

Best Maintained

1942 Ford Pickup
Owners: Chris and Stephanie Boutilier

Best Make-out Car

1953 MG TD
Owner: Ray Renaud

Most Beautiful

1988 Jeep Wrangler
Owner: Steven Toohey

Car You'd Most Like to Own

2010 Ferrari California
Owner: Joe Brito

Best in Show

1939 Bentley Park Ward MA
Pillarless Coupe
Owner: Jay Miller

The rest of the great cars on display:
1941 Plymouth • 1968 Triumph TR 250 •
1977 Corvette • 1977 MGB • 1979
Mercedes Benz 35D • 1979 MGB •
1988 Jeep Grand Wagoneer • 2000 BMW
Z3 • 2003 Mercedes Benz 500SL • 2010
Corvette • 2012 Aston Martin Vantage

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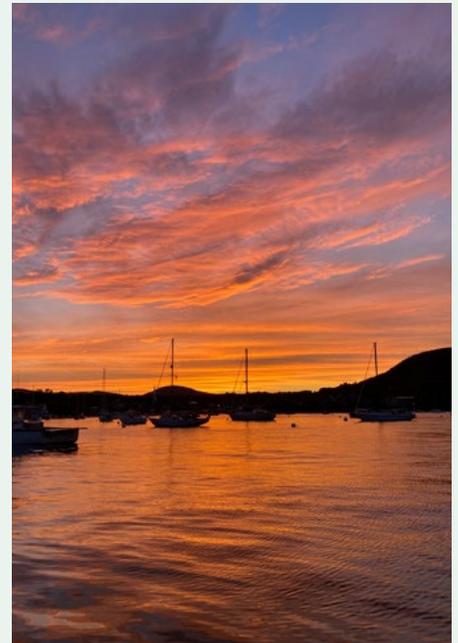
Maine Cruise Scrapbook



BYC members enjoyed the beauty of Maine in early August. You can share in the experience with these pages of photos that our cruisers captured.



Top: After an overnight offshore passage to Maine, many cruisers gathered in Rockland to enjoy a cocktail on Jil Wescott's new Rockette. Middle: The next night cruisers enjoyed cocktails on the lawn of the Camden Yacht Club. Bottom: At Camden YC, from left, Sean Petaja, Marsha Petaja, Kathy Toohey, Susan Maloney and Julie Englund. Photo right, top: Camden Harbor sunset. Photo right, bottom: Lighthouse entering Burnt Coat Harbor, Swan's Island.





Maine Cruise Scrapbook



Top left: Dick Dennis enjoys the sunset from the cockpit of MANDATE. Bottom left: MANDATE, again, with Linda Burns and Dick Dennis sailing the Eggemoggin Reach. Top right: Criehaven Library on the remote Ragged Island is open 24/7 and the crew of Blue Moon visited. From left: Ed Weisberg, Warren McGrath, Dennis McKay and Steve MacQuarrie. Middle right: Hardy and Arlene Hartwell pose while visiting the Wooden Boat School. Bottom right: Cruisers enjoyed cocktails on the Barron's Blessings while visiting Stonington, Deer Island.



Maine Cruise Scrapbook



Top left: Peter Maloney (foredeck) and Craig Lippman leave Castine in the rain on Peter's Cetacean. Top right: On another day, Cetacean encountered Maine's quintessential fog. Left: At the Torrey Islands get-together, Peter Maloney shares time with Arlene Hartwell (center) and Leslee Lippman. Bottom: Cruisers gather for cocktails on the Torrey Islands, Eggemoggin Reach. The visit to the Torreys aligned with the Eggemoggin Reach Regatta, giving BYC cruisers the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the region's classic yachts under sail.





Maine Cruise Scrapbook



Top: John Bell aboard Rockette, a new, 28-foot Axopar, displaying lobster buoys that had washed up on the shore of Merchant Island. Middle row: The last official cruise night (many cruisers continued to explore Maine on their own) found BYC members gathered at Burnt Coat Harbor, Swan's Island. In right photo, Leslee Lippman (left), Arlene Hartwell (center) and Barbara Petrocelli enjoy cocktails on the island's rocky beach. Bottom right: Bill Petrocelli with a Swan's Island playmate. Bottom left: Making it to shore.



The Social Committee team hit it out of the park with its July 31 Burgers and Blues event featuring The Dave Richardson Band and burgers cooked to perfection by Ed Mansur and his sous chefs.

**SOCIAL
Committee**

This event was held not only for the merriment of our members but also to invite members of the Bristol Fire Department as a belated (due to COVID) "thank you" for responding to our Clubhouse fire in October 2018. Ruth Souto, Commodore at the time of the fire, along with current Rear Commodore Paul Redman, were on hand to express our deep gratitude to these local heroes.



The event was an opportunity to thank the Bristol Fire Department, represented in the above photo by (from left) Lou Mascola, Clerk and Former Deputy Chief; Jim Viera, Battalion Chief; Danny Cheatom, Assistant Chief; Barry Carinha, Assistant Chief, and Drew Lombardo, Deputy Chief. Photo right, top: Enjoying good food, good music and great company are, from left, Ann Marie Dubuque, Tom Pasqual, Jo-Ann Pasqual and Carol Greenwood. Photo right, bottom: The prep crew for the event included Social Committee members Kathy Toohey (foreground) and (background from left) Marsha Petaja, Carole McFarland and Committee Chair Carole Mansur.





Getting to Know BYC Racers: Tom Dawson Says “I Wish I Walked Over Sooner”

Walking down the dock on a typical Wednesday race night, you can't miss Tom Dawson's 6' 1" smile and enthusiasm as you make your way to the launch or to the Race Committee's boat, the Herb. I've had the pleasure to see that smile and anticipation of the upcoming Wednesday night race for the last three summers.

RACE Committee

Tom and I have a couple of shared experiences here at BYC: we were both in the new member class of 2019 and we both got to know existing members first under the “Big Top” tent while the Clubhouse was being rebuilt and then during 2020 with COVID. When I was asked to provide a perspective on racers here at BYC, I naturally turned to this new member/racer.

Along with seeing Tom at the Club with his oversized smile and personality, you might have seen him walking near the Herreshoff Museum with his wife, Lee, and the most friendly five-year-old golden retriever, Teddy – yes, as in Teddy Bear and, yes, all 100 or so pounds of fun and fur.

I sat down with Tom for the following conversation.

– David LeGrand, Race Committee

David: Tom, why did you join the Club?

Tom: I started sailing pretty late in life, in 2012. I keep my coastal cruiser *Shearwater* out in the mooring field and used to take the Bristol Marine launch to my boat. I could hear all the activities going on at BYC and it was my impression that the Club fit the stereotype of that old and stuffy country club atmosphere. I'd watch from a distance, but never really got the urge to understand more or meet the people. But, boy, was I wrong.

David: You were wrong? How so?

Tom: In January of 2019 I went to an event sponsored by BYC at Mount Hope Farm. I met Joe Brito, Peter Maloney and a host of other long-standing members. The warmth and welcoming Lee and I received were unlike any experience I had before. I look back now and see that I wasted five or so years, as I should have joined sooner.

David: Since you joined in '19, how have you gotten involved in the Club?

Tom: David, much as you have embraced the Race Committee, I embraced large boat racing. My first ride was on *Blue Devil* with Bob McLaughlin and this year I'm crewing for Dave Jacobs on *Oops!*

David: Wow, two really hot boats. What makes you good crew?

Tom: At 59, I am still fit and have the experience and maturity from running my own architecture business that I don't always feel I need to be in charge, and you can't hurt my feelings. Being a new racer, I'm not the most experienced on the boat, but I am the one who wants to learn and listen the most. I'm there to take direction, or step up and direct as needed.

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MUSIC ON THE PORCH

As a new Club member this year, talented musician Jon Flaks knew he could contribute to BYC by bringing an evening of classic rock and a little reggae to our Clubhouse porch on a July evening. And a crowd of 100+ turned out to listen, while sipping cocktails and watching kids of all ages rollick on the BYC lawn. And Jon's generosity continued, as he donated the \$200 or so in his tip jar to EBSF. Yeah, Jon!



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David: What's your next step in racing? What do you want to do and where do you want to go?

Tom: All sailors need two "toys" and I'd like to get a more racy boat with a larger cockpit. I have Bermuda Race aspirations and know it's going to take hard work and a lot of sailing to build that experience that some people at the

Club have accomplished over decades. For now, I'll be out there on Wednesday nights and for other Bay races.

David: If you could give your 25-year-old self advice, what would you have said to yourself nearly 35 years ago?

Tom: Start sailing now, don't wait. It takes a really long time to get good at sailing and you need to put in the time. It's a sport a lot like golf: it looks easy but,

in fact, it is not. Years of experience are needed to meet the challenges that arise with the weather, gear failure, new crew and the like.

David: Tom, it was good speaking to you. When you get your new boat, we'll be watching for you at the starting line as first to cross after the gun goes off. Until then, see you around the Club with Lee and Teddy.



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BYC Fall Cruise to Join RI Yacht Club's Oktoberfest - October 2



A fall cruise to Rhode Island Yacht Club is being planned for October 2 to join RIYC's annual Oktoberfest celebration. The plan is to sail up the Bay on Saturday, spend the night at RIYC, enjoy dinner and join in the Oktoberfest festivities. Details are still to be worked out. If you are interested in attending (no commitment at this point), please reach out to Rear Commodore Paul Redman. Paul will confirm details as soon as available, including cost of moorings and slips, dinner menu and event activities. Paul's email is pwredman@gmail.com.



Photo top left: EBSF race team members and coaches enjoyed the August 7 “fun” and “fund” raiser. Photo top right: Junior Race Week was held in August. Photo bottom left: The cooks in the kitchen for the August 7 event included (from left) Kristin Browne, Caitlin Caldwell, June Bjerregaard, Carol Scanlon, Cory Kallfelz, Bob Millard, Steph Boutelier and Chris Boutelier. Photo bottom right: The 420 race team prep boats.

Fundraiser Wraps Up Successful EBSF Season

August 7 was a perfect evening for relay races and sailboat rides when EBSF welcomed another sell-out crowd to its annual fundraiser. The race team kids hosted sailboat rides on the Mercurys and kids ashore challenged each other to fun relay races on the lawn. The Learn to Sail kids received certificates and the race team members were hilariously recognized by their coaches in funny “Paper Plate Awards,” with Oar Trophies for the MVPs, Most Improved Skipper, and Crew and Coach’s Awards.

2021 was an amazing season for EBSF with donations (mostly from the Brito Family) that gave EBSF a top 420 fleet with three new boats, plus safe, dependable coach boats at work on the outer and inner harbor, and travelling away to our local NBYA regattas. Once again it was a safe and successful summer, again meeting EBSF goals and serving close to 200 sailor “sessions.”

The race team was big and talented and it had a great summer with top results around the Bay at NBYA regattas in Opti, Laser and the 420 fleets.

EBSF hosted more than 100 sailors at NBYA Junior Race week at the Bristol Town Beach and had two great days of racing with a lot of help from BYC members. The “two Bobs” – Bob Millard and Bob McLaughlin – ran the green fleet circle with great success. The Kallfelz’s were a mark boat, Margaret Bailey helped finish boats, Cathleen Whelan and June Bjerregaard were standby first aid, and lots of other BYC members and EBSF families chipped in to make it a big

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Learn more about this summer's Foiling First Camp by linking to a YouTube video (simply click on above image) and by reading the article on the next page, reprinted from the Bristol Phoenix.

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success on and off the water. It takes many, many hands to pull it off and we did it!

The highlight of the summer, of course, was the opportunity to foil with SailGP Foiling First. Having the SailGP pro sailors like Jimmy Spithill, Andrew Campbell and Rome Kirby at Bristol Yacht Club was a phenomenal experience. They were hands on with the kids and were elated at their skill level and passion for not only sailing but also learning to foil as well. EBSF is excited to see how we can integrate foiling clinics and lessons into our programming. This is the future of sailing. We owe tremendous thanks to the Brito Family for bringing us this opportunity.

Our leadership team has been so bolstered by the outpouring of support for EBSF and our mission to make sailing accessible to our community. We have had great leadership guiding us these past three years with Mike Zonnenberg at the helm. Z is moving on and he leaves big shoes to fill. We wish him well and thank him for helping to make EBSF better.

Fall sailing is around the corner and we expect to have an active fleet again with Lincoln High School, Bayview and the EBSF Co-op. If you know a middle schooler or high schooler interested in fall sailing, please email programdirector@eastbaysailingfoundation.org.

Thanks for another super season.

– Kristin Browne, Instructional Chair

Let's Keep This Pastime from Becoming a Thing of the Past

The sport of sailing comes with so many benefits and means of enriching one's life, and for that reason sailing should be accessible to everyone, especially our juniors. This accessibility, however, can be hindered by lack of proper equipment and the funding for it.

I had the good fortune to begin sailing in EBSF boats in elementary school, enjoying my first season with Tiller Tots on the program's Mercurys at five-years-old. As I got into my early teens, the natural progression from Optimists to the 420 racing circuit took place, and today I enjoy racing keelboats as an adult – all due to EBSF programs.

Thirty years later, I still sail with EBSF, and all year look forward to the summertime Thursday J/22 One-Design Series with more enthusiasm than ever.

This is why Past Commodore Joe Brito and I are pleased to do what we can to make enhanced access a reality. I was asked to put pen to paper, hoping to build momentum for the spirit of giving to our junior programs.

Just as we age, so does the EBSF fleet. In particular, we recently learned that three 420s were getting tired and we thought we could help by having them replaced in order to keep young sailors in the front of the pack, and hopefully to enable future generations to keep the tradition alive. We would love to see EBSF continue in its mission, and understand that donor contributions are key.



A special thanks to those at the helm of the EBSF programs who are the heart of its viability. Let's do all we can to support EBSF and keep this pastime from becoming a thing of the past.

– Christopher Brito



New Skeeta and Nikki foiling platforms, designed to allow new foilers an easy transition between traditional sailing and foiling, were provided by Melges Performance Sailboats.

"The other athletes and I couldn't help but smile all day," said US SailGP Team helmsman (and two-time America's Cup winner) Jimmy Spithill, in a statement. "When you see the next generation get their first taste of foiling, it takes us back to our first time taking off and flying above the water. We see this as a starting point to fill the American talent pool and we want to be sure we're casting a wider net and helping to advance inclusion and diversity in our sport."

"I heard kids come off the water saying 'this was the most fun they've ever had sailing,'" said Kristin Browne, EBSF chair. "We can't wait to continue in our partnership with the US SailGP Team."

It wasn't just fun for the young sailors — their instructors, many of whom learned to sail themselves through EBSF, enjoyed the SailGP Team visit.

"The foiling clinic was awesome," said instructor Ella Hanley. "The kids absolutely loved trying the boats out and working with such accomplished sailors, and I'd say the same for the instructors. It was just so cool and something completely new and exciting for the program."

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Junior sailor Freida Milner gets expert instruction from United States Sail GP members Jimmy Spithill (left) and Cooper Dressler.

Young sailors reach new heights

'Foiling First' introduces junior sailors to the future of the sport

Bristol Yacht Club and East Bay Sailing Foundation welcomed world class sailors to town over two days in late July for a unique experience that some lucky young sailors will remember for a lifetime.

SailGP is an international sailing competition using high performance F50 foiling catamarans – boats equipped with wing-like hydrofoils mounted under the hulls that, at speed, actually lift the boats up and out of the water.

This year, the US SailGP Team hosted its inaugural Foiling First: Learn to Foil Camp, an athlete development program created to advance diversity and inclusion in the sport as it builds the first-ever professional pathway to foiling in the US. And they chose the East Bay Sailing Foundation's junior sailors as their first students.

One of Foiling First's goals is to use foiling as a catalyst to advance change in the sport of sailing; expanding the talent pool, educating young athletes and coaches about the importance of inclusion and equity in sailing, and including communities that may have previously been excluded from the sport. To that end, members of the US SailGP Team partnered with RISE, a national nonprofit working to eliminate racial discrimination through sports. Junior sailors participated in an educational workshop put on by RISE senior director of curriculum Dr. Collin Williams, who discussed how advancing diversity and inclusion benefits teams and the sport more broadly.

US SailGP Team athletes Jimmy Spithill, Rome Kirby, Andrew Campbell and Cooper Dressler delivered safety briefings, equipment overviews, and on-shore instruction to 35 local sailors over the course of the two-day program. Out on the water, each sailor had the opportunity to get two individual hour-long, on-water coaching sessions.



BYC racers participating in team racing for the Morgan Cup at New York Yacht Club placed sixth (tied for fifth) of 10 teams. Sailing was held in Newport in NYYC Sonars the weekend of July 30 to August 1. From left: (front row) Nick Cromwell, Josh Dochoda, Chase Quinn, Jimmy Kennedy, Mackenzie Bryan, Kate Bjerregaard; (back row) Stephanie Hudson, Amanda Callahan, Spencer Cartwright, Abby Cook, Megan Roach, Mike Campbell.

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