



The Bristol Yacht Club MAINSHEET

Bristol Yacht Club Joins U.S. SailGP Team's Foiling First as a Founding Partner

BYC Holds Learn to Foil Camp This Summer and Commits to Expanding Sailing Instruction to Diversity-Oriented Community Organizations

Not only is Kristin Browne Director of EBSF and Chair of the BYC Instructional Committee, she's also a mother to 13- and 16-year-old sons who are happiest when



Among the many EBSF race-team members anxious to try out foiling are Kristin Browne's sons, Ben (Opti race team) and Oliver (420 race team).

on the water. So when her boys, Ben and Oliver, heard they'd soon have a chance to learn foiling on Bristol Harbor, she went into mom-mode to manage expectations.

"While the boys were shouting 'awesome,' I was doing my best to explain that there's lots to learn and the first step was to try it out in a special clinic this summer," Kristin says.

And that's exactly what will happen at BYC July 20 and 21, when our Club and EBSF host Foiling First: Learn to Foil Camp in cooperation with U.S. SailGP Team and Melges Performance Sailboats.

BYC / Foiling First Partnership

This June, SailGP Team announced its new Foiling First initiative and that BYC and EBSF have stepped up as the founding partner for this nationwide program which aims not only to support youth foiling training but also to foster increased diversity and inclusion in the sport.

Masthead Photo: Club cruise heads to Maine at the end of July.

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***Celebrating
July Fourth!***

Fireworks Sunday, July 4
Bar Open 3 to 11 pm
Launch Runs until 11 pm
Note: No launch from 30 minutes before fireworks until conclusion

Parade Monday, July 5
Annual Pancake Breakfast
7 am to 9 am (see page 8)
First Launch Run at 6:30 am



July 2021



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"Personally, I am very excited about this Foiling First initiative and jumped at the opportunity to include BYC and EBSF as a founding partner," Commodore Chris Bjerregaard notes. "The most immediate outcome of the partnership will be the Learn to Foil Camp here in Bristol this summer. On the longer term, we've committed to forge community partnerships so that our program becomes an entry point for building diversity in sailing and foiling nationwide."

U.S. SailGP explains that the partnership is a multidimensional, long-term commitment, specifically designed to counter historic diversity barriers to entry into professional sailing. By becoming a founding partner, BYC has agreed:

- To build a fleet of foiling boats on which community members can learn to sail
- To participate in annual multi-day "Coach Clinics" conducted by U.S. SailGP Team at a national location to equip coaches to instruct foiling and collaborate on training curriculums
- To choose one diversity-focused organization in our community to work with to increase accessibility for those traditionally less exposed to sailing



Melges Skeeta foiling craft will be part of the Bristol fleet.

Building Our Foiling Fleet

Commodore Bjerregaard noted in the June issue of *The BYC Mainsheet* that "By May 2022, we will have a fleet of six foiling sailboats, an experienced coach and a plan in place to give every junior in the sailing program a chance to foil."

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Champion Athletes Coming to BYC



Jimmy Spithill is a veteran of seven America's Cup campaigns, winning the trophy in both 2010 and 2013. A Red Bull athlete and recipient of the prestigious ISAF Rolex World Sailor of the Year award in 2014, Spithill is a true waterman and multi-disciplined across several sports, most notably completing the grueling Molokai 2 Oahu (M2O) paddleboard World Championships in 2014.



Newport-native **Rome Kirby** has unrivaled experience, being the only flight controller in the league who has also helmed the F50. He first appeared on the professional scene with a third-place finish in the 2011-12 Volvo

Ocean Race competing with Puma Ocean Racing. He was the youngest member of ORACLE TEAM USA, winning the 34th America's Cup in 2013. Kirby also competes in the prestigious Moth class, placing third at the 2018 world championships, as well as actively campaigns in the M32 class.



Cooper Dressler was a teammate of helmsman Jimmy Spithill in the 2017 America's Cup, competing for ORACLE TEAM USA. He worked on the shore team for America's Cup Defender ORACLE TEAM USA in 2014. His 12-

hour days, followed by hard workouts in the evenings, got the notice of Jimmy Spithill, who invited him to join ORACLE TEAM USA in 2015. He most recently competed as a grinder with 2021 America's Cup Challenger *American Magic*.



Andrew Campbell joined the SailGP Team in Season 2 with experience developed across two America's Cup campaigns, including with the 2017 ORACLE TEAM USA as tactician, and as flight controller for *American Magic*

challenging for the 2021 America's Cup. An active Moth sailor, he's competed across various professional classes including the M32, Pac52, Farr 40, Melges 24 and GC32.



BYC Joins U.S. SailGP's Foiling First as the Founding Partner Continued from page 2.

The foiling fleet comes to Bristol thanks to the generosity of the Brito Family that has funded three Nikki foiling crafts and three Skeeta foiling crafts, both models built by Melges.

"The Brito Family's involvement with Foiling First is an attempt to bring a new initiative to the youth of BYC and the greater community," says Past Commodore Joe Brito. "We believe that any effort to increase youth involvement in the sport of sailing is a good effort. We further believe that Foiling First will serve to introduce a broader, more-diverse and inclusive audience to what we expect will be a new era in sailing."

"Thanks to the generosity of the Brito Foundation, BYC/ESSF will be offering this amazing opportunity to our EBSF race team members and community partners, as well as BYC members who want to have a try or just come watch the fun and experience the latest advancement and the future of performance sailing," adds Kristin Browne.

It All Starts This July

The fun – and learning – begins Tuesday, July 20 when U.S. SailGP Team athletes arrive in Bristol to run a two-day Foiling First: Learn to Foil Camp. And these are pretty special athlete/instructors: Jimmy Spithill, a two-time America's Cup champion, and his teammates Rome Kirby, Andrew Campbell and Cooper Dressler (see sidebar previous page).

"Using Melges Performance Sailboats foiling boats, Jimmy Spithill and his colleagues will teach 20 to 25 EBSF race-team members the basics of foiling and get them all out on the water to give it a try," says Commodore Bjerregaard, who has given foiling a go already. "It was really taxing both physically and mentally," he says about his experience. "But, once up, the world goes quiet except for the hum of the foils, and the acceleration is amazing."

During the camp this July, participants will take part in educational workshops from the team's #RacefortheFuture partners, RISE (Ross Initiative in Sports for Equality) and World Sailing Trust. The workshops are aimed at educating athletes on racism and social justice, and advancing inclusion in the sport.

And, for the rest of the membership, there is a special dinner event Tuesday, July 20 (see notice at right). By special arrangement, Jimmy Spithill has agreed to tell BYC members more about the goals of the Foiling First program and, we hope, speak a bit about his America's Cup prowess. Register soon as it is expected to be a sell out! 



Dinner with America's Cup Two-Time Champ Jimmy Spithill

As part of U.S. SailGP's Foiling First: Learn to Foil Camp, BYC/EBSF welcomes Jimmy Spithill and his teammates – Rome Kirby, Andrew Campbell and Cooper Dressler – to Bristol.

BYC is honored that Jimmy Spithill will tell us more about U.S. SailGP and Foiling First at

Foiling First Dinner Event

Tuesday, July 20, BYC Clubhouse
Drinks 5 pm Buffet Dinner 6 pm
Presentation 7 pm

\$25 (menu on registration page)
Register by July 17. [Link here.](#)



Coffee and pastries at Neptune's Beach Bar are a new BYC tradition. Open Saturday mornings, it's staffed by our member/volunteers who, on a recent Saturday, included (from left) Denise Schruett, Jane Guinther, Marcia Turenne and Rosemary Alden.



We got a new boat!

We teamed up with the Whelans to run the *Shearwater* (Sydney 36) program for the last seven years. We had a great time optimizing the boat, racing and cruising. She was wicked fast, but still comfortable. We raced to Bermuda, Halifax and Block Island, and around the Bay.



I think we hold the record for the largest crew on a Wednesday night: 14. We actually had 18 at the dock but Joe Whelan decided that was a little much and took a crew on the powerboat. I think this is a good problem to have and in

many ways defined our program.

Now it's time

for a new adventure. This time around we want to simplify the program. We'll still race, but we want to fit in a little more day sailing and cruising.

So the new boat needs to be a little more comfortable, but still sporty. More storage, but still light. Shallower, but still quick upwind. Simpler to sail, but still efficient. Always a compromise.

So what did we choose? The Alerion Express 38 (pictured). She was named *Top Cat* and was sailed throughout New England for many years by former BYC Members Jim and Kathi Lengel.

She'll be back in Bristol by the time you read this. Please stop by and check her out.

– Chris Bjerregaard, Commodore

Commodore's Corner



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: *Gypsy Soul*, a Beneteau 37

Owners: Kate Clough and Jon Flaks

Why the name *Gypsy Soul*? Kate describes it this way:



"Our boat was named *Saltaire* when we purchased her but we've changed the name to *Gypsy Soul*, even though we've yet to get a new name decal.

"Jon has played in bands forever and one of his favorite artists is Van Morrison. We had

music playing when I first bought the boat and 'Into the Mystic' came on, and we heard the line *I want to rock your gypsy soul*. I thought that was really pretty and that it evoked our wish to wander."

Now you know how the name Gypsy Soul was chosen for Kate and Jon's boat. If you have a boat name you would like to submit, please email Peter at americanart1@aol.com.



Getting to Know Our New Race Director

By David LeGrand, Race Committee

Bristol Yacht Club continues to invest in a sustainable racing program that is attracting sailors with all skill levels and interests. To support the program, our Race Committee has added judges (those being able to officiate team match races or the dreaded "room" encounters) and Club PROs.

RACE Committee

Plus, we are happy to announce another addition

to our growing community: Kayla Kowal, who has joined the team as Race Director.

The Race Director position was introduced to:

1. Ensure all race equipment is working and in its place (ever had to find that mushroom anchor borrowed five consecutive times and now hidden under the Lasers?) and
2. Run races when the Race Committee cannot or needs extra experienced hands.

Let's get to know Kayla:

Why do you sail?

Kayla: "Outdoor freedom, and the sense of peace. I don't sail to race anymore. I sail to sail."

When did you start to sail?

Kayla: "I started when I was eight - my first boat was naturally an Opti. I remember its name as 'Bob' - yes as 'Bob the Builder'."

What's the funnest boat you have ever been on?



Kayla Kowal, BYC Race Director

Kayla: "Funnest? I'd say a Hobie-16 sailing in St. Thomas. It's the fun Hobie with a bit of spice added."

I understand you are a sailing instructor at Tiverton Yacht Club.

Kayla: "When I'm not going to school at RWU, yes, I instruct at TYC. Sailing on the Sakonnet is a challenge. I love teaching kids, as they are like sponges."

I see you wear a lot of branded, cool foul-weather gear. Who gave you it?

Kayla: "I earned it. As a youngster I was a serious racer and participated a lot. My dream is to take a TP52 to Bermuda, as foredeck or navigator."

Look for Kayla Kowal around the Club, specifically on Thursday nights when she's augmenting Bob McLaughlin's J/22 PRO contribution. 



Meet and Greet Our Hog Island Members

Sunday, July 25
3 to 5 pm

Have you ever wondered about the beautiful little island we pass at the entrance to Bristol Harbor?

Did you know there are about 150 cottages and homes on the island?

Did you know BYC is fortunate to have 31 members who are Hog Island residents?

BYC's Membership Committee is hosting a cookout July 25 at our Club for all members to meet and greet our Hog Island fellow members.

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be complimentary. Attendees are asked to bring a potluck side or dessert.

Come join in the fun! Meet other members and learn about this special little island.

[Register here.](#)

Please RSVP by July 21.



**BRISTOL
YACHT CLUB**



Commissioning & New Member Reception 2021



Although the day was grey and rainy, spirits were high as BYC celebrated both its 123rd Commissioning and a welcome reception for new members May 29. Pictured top left: Commodore Chris Bjerregaard (right) and Membership Committee Chair Alan Dimson-Doyle raise glasses of champagne in a toast to new members. New members attending included (top right) Nicole and Kevin Martel with baby Killian; (lower left) Sarah and Adam Krajewski with Adeline and Amelia; and (lower right) the Monaghan family, including Sarah, Sharon and John.

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At BYC Commissionings, the spouse of the Commodore traditionally not only offers tea to the assembled members but also provides a reading. This year June Bjerregaard (pictured) selected to read a poem that resonates with all who enjoy time on the water.

Sea Fever

By John Masefield

I must go down to the seas again,
to the lonely sea and the sky,
And all I ask is a tall ship and a star
to steer her by;
And the wheel's kick and the wind's
song and the white sail's shaking,
And a grey mist on the sea's face,
and a grey dawn breaking.

I must go down to the seas again,
for the call of the running tide
Is a wild call and a clear call
that may not be denied;
And all I ask is a windy day
with the white clouds flying,
And the flung spray and the blown
spume, and the sea-gulls crying.

I must go down to the seas again,
to the vagrant gypsy life,
To the gull's way and the whale's way
where the wind's like a whetted
knife;
And all I ask is a merry yarn
from a laughing fellow-rover,
And quiet sleep and a sweet dream
when the long trick's over.



*Commissioning &
New Member Reception
2021*

Amazing sailors are training at and graduating from Roger Williams University and we are lucky that several have recently chosen to join Bristol Yacht Club as Intermediate Members. Gathering at the May 29 New Member Reception were these recent RWU alums: (from left) Abby Cook, Mikey Gemperline, Megan Roach, Jimmy Kennedy, Mark Gargula and Beccy Anderson. Welcome!



Last season, Emilie Berg was a foredeck/spinnaker crew member on the Guinther's Skipper's Gift during Millard Series races, having gained sailing skills and confidence in EBSF's Adult Program where Peter Maloney was her instructor.

Peter bet Emilie that she would spend a moment in the drink before the racing season was out and put \$10 on the line to support his assertion. However, to Peter's dismay, Emilie stayed dry every race night. A man of honor, Peter paid up at the start of the 2021 race season with a framed, crisp ten-dollar bill.



The BYC Independence Day Pancake Breakfast!

MONDAY
July 5th
7AM - 9AM

Enjoy hot pancakes
freshly flipped by our
Social Committee pancake chefs!

Served with:
Bacon ★ Fresh Fruit
Yogurt ★ Juice & Coffee

Come one!
Come all!

\$7 Per Person
Kids Under 5 Free

Complimentary launch
service across the harbor!

ADVANCE
REGISTRATION
APPRECIATED!





BURGERS & BLUES

Saturday, July 31, 6 pm

Burgers and Sides — \$16 per person

Music by The Dave Richardson Band

Brought to You by Our Social Committee

In 2018, our Bristol Fire Department went above and beyond to contain our Clubhouse fire. To thank these dedicated professionals, we've invited them to join us for this event. Registration details coming soon in the Club's Monday email.

Classic Car Show and Picnic Friday Night Dinner August 13, 5 to 9 pm

Join the BYC House Committee for a summer picnic and car show! Shake out your blanket and find that picnic hamper for a great family event. It's an opportunity to view fellow members' favorite toys other than their boats ... wonderful antique cars. And if you don't want to pack your own picnic dinner, watch for news on dinner baskets for purchase. Details soon.



Kathy Rotsky and Rosemary Alden have shined up this classic Triumph and found their picnic hamper in preparation for August 13.



BYC Cruisers Celebrate Gaspee Days

The weekend of June 11 to 13 found BYC cruisers enjoying the hospitality of Rhode Island Yacht Club as the two groups joined in the annual celebration of Gaspee Days. Was the highlight the Gaspee Day Parade or was it the rollicking post-parade barbecue at RIYC? Pretty hard to decide!



Left: Janet and Roland Gendreau (standing) and Bob and Camille Hamel parade watch. Below left: Did Bob and Camille grab the chairs at the parade so they'd be rested up for some post-parade dancing? Below right: Doug Laroche, Steve Barron and Carole McFarland waited until after the parade to take some chairs back at Rhode Island Yacht Club.

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BYC Cruisers Celebrate Gaspee Days

Above: The BYC contingent watching the parade (left to right): seated - Lee and Tom Dawson, and Roland and Janet Gendreau; standing - Doug and Julie Laroche, Carole McFarland, Nancy Barron, Bill and Kathy Toohey, Pat and Joe Jablonowski, Denise and Barry Schruett, Steve Barron, Bob and Camille Hamel, and Holly and Harold Knight.



Left: Joe and Pat Jablonowski enjoy lunch with Marina Pascucci at Rhode Island Yacht Club. Below left: Taking time to relax with a bit of wine aboard *Two Knights* are (from left) Carole and Brian McFarland, Harold Knight, and Roland and Janet Gendreau.



**CRUISE
Committee**



Saturday, August 7

Relay Races for Kids & Adults (5 pm) • Prizes!
Awards • Dinner • Silent Auction
Help support East Bay Sailing Foundation!

Details & Registration Info to Come



EBSF FUN RAISER



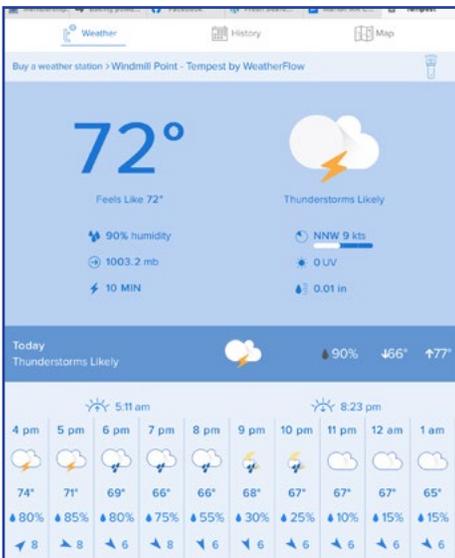
Safe Powerboat Handling Course

Saturday/Sunday, July 24/25

- Presented by EBSF's Head Instructor Jaimie Bartlett
- Obtain a RI Boating License, NASBLA certification, and US Powerboating certification.

[Learn more here.](#)

Sea Sprite Sailors Share the Wind



It's not often sailors are given a free gift. Sometimes the unexpected comes true though, and this time it's thanks to the kindness of Sea Sprite Skipper Dom Messerli and his crew, Josh and Rachel. Dom owns *New Hope*, a black Sea Sprite moored just off the Windmill Point condos at the north end of Bristol Harbor.

Dom, Josh and Rachel are providing all BYC skippers and crew access to their Tempest weather station located at the head of the harbor. You can download the link by setting a bookmark on your search engine (Safari, Google, etc.): <https://tempestwx.com/station/50962>

Thanks to the skipper and crew of *New Hope* for their generosity and willingness to share the latest (and extremely accurate) Bristol Harbor weather.

– Bob Rude, Skipper of *Asparas*, a 23-foot Sea Sprite



Commodore's Cup Wednesday, July 7

This race is an invitation from the Commodore to BYC members to introduce new and youth sailors into the world of keel boat racing at Bristol YC.

[Link here](#) for full details and to register.

2021 Sea Sprite 23 Regatta Saturday, July 24 • Bristol Harbor

Registration closes July 22. [Link here to learn more.](#)



ART

Show and Sale ... and Dinner!

Our Artist/Members shared their creativity at an early June Friday Night Dinner and the result was magic. Many thanks to the artists and to our House Committee members for hosting.

Top left photo: Jane Guinther (left), Jossy Lownes (middle) and Robin Crocker were the organizing force behind the event.

Top right photo: Jan and Anke Moritz.

Middle photo: Artist Howard Rotblat-Walker (left) and Dennis McKay.

Below left: The walls were hung with a range of artwork including these sailboat photographs by Jim Sallinger.

Below middle: Artist Leslie Jarbeau (left) and Laura Collins.

Below right: Artist Bill Ohley with his wife, Margie Bucheit.



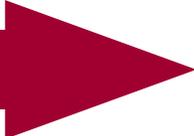


Pirates in the Harbour!

Dinghy Parade

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MORE PIX 



**SOCIAL
Committee**

Pirates raided Bristol Harbor June 19 and a good time was

had by all! Thanks go to the Social Committee for planning this BYC traditional event, and a particular shout out to organizers Kathy Rotsky and Donna Bettencourt-Glavin, who are pictured in the top photo.



Pirates in the Harbour! Dinghy Parade





Watch Club Communications for Updates.



Chart Room / Beach Bar Hours 2021

Watch for "Open" flag at Beach Bar to determine which bar is open.

Thru Labor Day September 6

Note: See July 4 Weekend Below

Monday – 4 to 9 pm
Tuesday – 4 to 9:30 pm
Wednesday – 4 to 11 pm
Thursday – 4 to 9:30 pm
Friday – 4 to 10 pm
Saturday – 3 to 9 pm
Sunday – 3 to 9 pm

September 11 thru Decommissioning October 17

Friday & Saturday – 4 to 8 pm
Sunday – 3 to 7 pm

July 4 Weekend

Fireworks July 4; Parade July 5

Friday, July 2 – 4 to 10 pm
Saturday, July 3 – 3 to 10 pm
Sunday, July 4 – 3 to 11 pm
Monday, July 5 – 4 to 9 pm

Calendar of Events 2021

July 5: Annual Pancake Breakfast
July 7: Millard Series Commodore's Cup
July 10 – 11: Women's 2 v 2 Team Race
July 10 – 12: 29er Nationals @ RWU
July 10 – 19: Annual Summer Cruise
July 20: Foiling First Dinner
July 20 – 21: Foiling First Camp
July 24: Sea Sprite Regatta
July 24 – 25: Safe Powerboating Class
July 25: Hog Island Meet & Greet
July 28 & August 1: MOHOSA Regatta
July 31: Burgers & Blues Event
July 31 Launch: Maine Cruise
August 7: EBSF Fundraiser
August 7 – 8: Bristol A-Cat Regatta
August 7 – 8: VJ Weekend Cruise
August 13: Car Show/Friday Night Dinner
August 14 – 15: J/22 NB Regatta
August 20: Commodore's Ball
August 27: Friday Night Dinner
September 4 – 6: Labor Day Cruise
September 11: BYC Volunteer Dinner
September 18: British Themed Social Event
September 19: Swanson Cup
September 24: Friday Night Dinner
September 23 – 26: US Sailing Team Race Championship for Hinman Trophy
October 2 – 3: J/22 Fall Team Race
October 17: Decommissioning
October 22: Friday Night Dinner
October 30: Costume Party
October 31: Waterfront Closes
November 5: Float Haul Out
November 12: Friday Night Dinner
November 14: BYC Annual Meeting
November 20: Murder Mystery Dinner



Launch Hours 2021

Thru Labor Day September 6

Note: See July 4 Weekend Below

Sunday thru Thursday – 8 am to 9 pm
Friday & Saturday – 8 am to 10 pm

September 7 thru September 19

Sunday thru Thursday – 9 am to 7:30 pm
Friday & Saturday – 9 am to 8 pm

September 20 thru Decommissioning October 17

Sunday thru Thursday – 9 am to sunset
Friday & Saturday – 9 am to 7:30 pm

October 18 – October 31

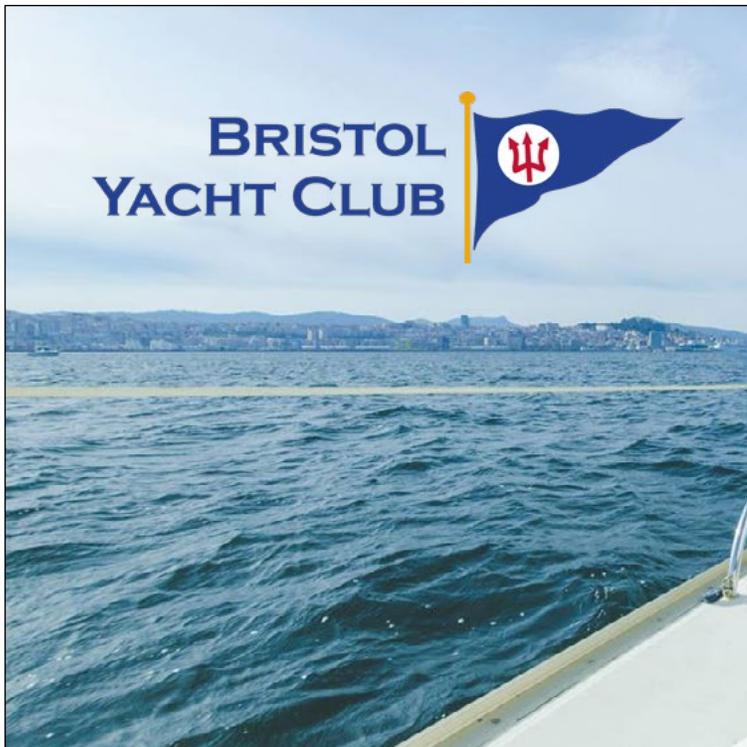
Waterfront Closes October 31

9 am to 5 pm

July 4 Weekend

Fireworks July 4; Parade July 5

Friday, July 2 – 8 am to 10 pm
Saturday, July 3 – 8 am to 10 pm
Sunday, July 4 – 8 am to 11 pm
Monday, July 5 – 6:30 am to 9 pm



2021 Commodore's Ball

- Save the date!
- Friday Evening, August 20, 2021
- **Please note the date change.**
- Dinner by Russell Morin Catering
- Dancing to the tunes of
The Kim McHale Band

Stay tuned for further information!

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