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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE BRISTOL YACHT CLUB

APRIL 2024

GET READY FOR SPRING AT BYC

TGIF SPEAKER SERIES RECAP FOR MARCH

On **March 1**, Tim Murphy, staff editor for Cruising World and author of "Adventurous Use of the Sea", was our guest speaker at the TGIF dinner attended by 56 members and guests. Tim captivated the audience with exciting stories of classic boats and voyages around the globe. The event included a delicious buffet dinner catered by Vic's Galley.



Diners on **March 22**, found fish on the menu, although not necessarily on the plate. In addition to the yummy food some 40 members listened to John O'Brien, a guest speaker from The Nature Conservancy, who talked about some of the restoration projects that The Nature Conservancy has been instrumental in launching Internationally, nationally and specifically in Rhode Island. His subject focused on fish ladders; their locations, restorations and the differences as to the abilities of the fish that need the ladders in order to spawn. John captured everyone's attention with an excellent presentation filled with humor and brevity of specifics. A tasteful conclusion to a tasty dinner.



In case you missed it, the March 30th issue of the *Providence Journal* ran an article written by Tom Mooney, that provides more information about fish ladders that were the focus of John's presentation at BYC. Watch for a link to the article in an upcoming Monday Morning email.

-Leslee Lipman

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday Night Fun at BYC! Mark Your Calendars Now

Here are the dates for upcoming Friday night events for April 2024

More details to come for each event as the date approaches, but mark your calendars now to save the dates

April 12 SHIP'S STORE GRAND OPENING and PRIME RIB AND STUFFED SHRIMP DINNER

April 26 TGIF BUFFET and SPEAKER FROM THE BRISTOL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

DOCKS IN ON APRIL 11



C'mon, join your friends to help get the Club ready. Who wouldn't want to have fun and work with these guys?

Join veteran and new volunteers for a fun day to get our Waterfront ready for the season. Upon sign-up, details will be provided to you. Questions can be directed to Brian Fitzgerald, Waterfront Committee, or Chris Healey, Club Steward. To Sign Up, email Chris Healey at: steward@bristolyc.com

SPRING CLEANUP APRIL 13

Once the docks are in, help us with our grounds cleanup. Sign-in, with light breakfast of coffee, juice, bagels and doughnuts at 8:30 AM and work begins at 9:00 AM. If you have them, please bring a lawn rake and gardening gloves. To volunteer, please contact Grounds Chair, Charlie Payne or Chief Steward, Chris Healey for more information.

Additional information can be found here: [LINK](#)

FLARE SAFETY DEMO APRIL 13

The Waterfront Committee will be conducting a Flare Demo on the docks at 9 AM. Be sure to check the weekly Emails for more information.

EBSF NEWS

EBSF WORK DAYS Sign Up and Volunteer to Help Get the Boats Ready



Work weekends are planned for **April 15, April 22, May 20 and May 30**. Other dates

may be added if the weather doesn't cooperate, but we are keeping our fingers crossed. The tasks required involve cleaning, polishing, sanding and painting our Mercs and J-22s, as well as applying bottom paint to the powerboats. Some rigging work (windexes, telltales, travelers, etc.) will also be required.

Volunteer for one day, four days, a couple of hours or more, it's up to you, any and all volunteer efforts are greatly needed and appreciated. Work Teams are comprised of 3-6 people, led by 1-2 EBSF committee members, with targeted tasks for the day. Start time is usually 9 am. We supply the tools, materials and lunch. Come for a fun, productive day.

Please contact June Bjerregaard at juneb@cox.net to sign up, and indicate which tasks you are interested in. We would be grateful for your help.

-Susan Grandpierre, Instructional Chair



Do You Have photos or news you'd like to share?

Here's a photo from Jayne Magown (center) with Suzette Stephens (L), and Alison Pardee at Attitash. They call themselves the "BYC Women's Ski Club." If you have photos to show us how you spent the winter, and would like to submit them for publication, send an email to Mary Beth Taylor.



COMMODORE'S CORNER PAUL REDMAN

April is Upon Us...

April is upon us, spring is in the air, and to steal a phrase from Past Commodore Bruce Cox, it's time to start "messaging with boats"! It was an incredibly busy month at the Yacht Club; besides the things you see, such as the social and house events, there is much going on behind the scenes. Last month, our insurance renewal was at the top of our list.

We owe a big thanks to our Insurance Committee: Peter Maloney, John Bell, Jim Salinger, Denise Schruttt, Carole Mansur, and Bob Millard. Our premiums this year will increase modestly from \$61,336 to \$66,941. A couple of years back, our premiums for less coverage were more than 90k! A ton of work goes into the insurance renewal, and I am very grateful to the committee for their hard work and great results.

At the insistence of our carrier and to minimize our premiums, we have created a Health and Safety Committee, chaired by our Vice Commodore Bob Millard. We have also banned the storage of flammable fuel in what was our fuel shed and lockers, improved smoking area signage, and updated our waivers with third-party vendors, transferring risk away from the BYC.

Insurance for our docks and pier is a significant challenge. We can't get replacement cost on floats older than seven years old, which are covered based on an agreed-upon value, taking into account depreciation. In the event of a major storm and total loss of our waterfront, our current insurance coverage results in a shortfall of \$344k. Having a storm preparation plan in place has never been more critical.

Fortunately, last year, our Waterfront Committee began putting together a resiliency plan, with the priority being major storm preparation. According to Brian Fitzgerald, URI storm models indicated that our front paved parking area would be underwater in a 100-year storm. This places our house basement mechanicals, outside generator, and any docks stored on the east side of the house at risk.

In response, our resiliency plan this year is being expanded to include the house and grounds, and the waterfront committee is looking at the feasibility of storing the docks on the west side of the house in the event of a major store. Brian Fitzgerald and Barbara Petrocelli are leading this effort, with the support of our staff and the waterfront, house, and grounds committees. Stay tuned for more information.

During the month, the Executive Committee approved updated and new policies for Authorizing Disbursements, Guiding Financial Principles, and a Policy on Health and Safety. Given that we have nine new Executive Committee members this year, having a common understanding of these financial policies is essential.

These are just a few things going on behind the scenes. While not mentioned in detail this month, our Chief Steward, and staff along with our grounds, instructional, house, social, cruise committees are all busy planning for what promises to be a busy and fun season ahead.

Do you have questions, suggestions, or comments? Mark your calendar for Friday, April 19th. We are scheduling a spring membership meeting. The agenda will be simple: I will do a brief "State of the Union" type summary, and we will then open the floor for questions and comments.

Most importantly, Commissioning is May 5th! Save the date!

The BYC Mainsheet is published monthly.

Club members are encouraged to submit story suggestions and photos. Contact Mary Beth Taylor, editor.



COMMISSIONING IS MAY 5

MEET THE NEW EBSF PROGRAM DIRECTOR



EBSF has a new Program Director! Emily Augello has accepted our offer to lead EBSF's Instructional Program, and starts as soon as the obligatory background check comes through. Emily outshone our other candidates and her references are beyond glowing. Since Emily lives aboard her Beneteau 57, we'll need to find her a mooring. Please contact Bob Millard if you know of one in the harbor.

Emily fell in love with sailing at a young age on the Great Lakes. She

grew up racing 420s and J/22s and continued on to sail for the University of Vermont. At 17, she began coaching the 420 race program at her home club before becoming the Nantucket Yacht Club's Head Instructor, teaching youth and adult sailing, and later managing the nonprofit Nantucket Community Sailing's harborfront sailing center. After moving west, Emily became an active member and volunteer instructor with Park City Sailing Association.

Professionally, Emily worked as the Marketing and Events Manager for Dartmouth College Athletics and most recently she served as the Vice President of Marketing for Summit Sotheby's International Realty in Park City, Utah. After several successful years in her career, Emily fulfilled a lifelong dream to expand her knowledge of the sport and try her hand at offshore sailing and cruising. She is currently living aboard her Beneteau 57, Après, and is looking forward to spending the summer in Bristol Harbor as East Bay Sailing Foundation's new Program Director.

BYC 2023-24 FROSTBITE SEASON FINISHES IN THE DIAMONDS



The last official race of BYC 2023-24 Frostbite Season was sailed March 16th, a "diamonds" day, in SSW 9-12 kts. This year's 30 Laser and Aero racers

from Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Maine, New York and Washington state, tallied 1,000+ starts over the course of the 16 day, 159 race season. Mother Nature dealt generally warm, moderately windy days, frequently with "diamonds" over the course of the Fall and Winter series. Participation in the winter series, slower than the Fall in past years, was up 45% this year.

The season ended on March 30th with for-fun races, pizza, awards and, most importantly, giving thanks to the volunteers who enabled BYC Frostbiters to enjoy racing in Bristol Harbor.

Again this year, Will Pierce PRO'd our races, as he's been doing since 2008 following his "retirement" as frostbite crew for his father David (they began Penguin frostbiting in 1994). Safety is priority #1 in all sailing, especially frostbiting, and hats-off to our dockmaster Pete Turenne who launches and retrieves HERCULES each week and drives most weeks. With an active Laser fleet and growing Aero fleet, two races are generally underway at any time.

BYC is fortunate to have a very enthusiastic group of members who help run an average of ten races each day. Nancy and Ian Clarke stepped up to PRO two race days. Peter Maloney is a regular, driving or helping on the safety boat and race photographer. Charlie Payne and Steve Crocker have also helped over the entire season. Bob Yaylaian, David Stephens, Doug Larouche, Jim Flynn, Sue McKay and Tom Hagan have all spent time in the



BYC Frostbite Shack or onboard HERCULES to support FBS. Racers Dave Guinther, Laura Bell and Sean Hogan, and "family" members Ed Schmidt, Nick Fontela and Parker Schmidt are also to be thanked.

A special call-out to frostbiters who supported the Zim Laser project. Some supplied used gear, others contributed directly. The frostbite fleet raised \$525 for EBSF in support of the project.

While camaraderie, sailing on Bristol Harbor, learning, and "Talking Sandwiches" far, far outweigh fame and fortune, in the BYC FBS fleet, we do keep score. Congratulations to Laser fleet winners:

William DeLong, Adam Langerman and Faye Flam in the Fall Series, and Flip Myerson, David Crawley and Faye Flam in the Winter Series. Aero honors go to Eric Aker (kudos on sailing 100% of the Aero races), Patrick Chokron and Jeff Curtis in the Fall series and to Eric Aker and runner-up Jeff Curtis in the Winter match race series.

See the BYC Frostbite page for individual race and season results. The first race of the BYC 2024-25 Frostbite Season will be Saturday, October 19th. Hope you can join.

—BYC Frostbite Co-Captains Dave Guinther and Flip Myerson
BYC FBS photos courtesy of Peter Maloney and Charlie Payne



ON APRIL 6TH THE SURVEY SAYS.....
It's the
ALL HANDS ON DECK FEUD

Come bring a team, join a team or just enjoy the laughter while teams battle it out!

Saturday, April 6, 2024

Chart Room Opens at 5:00 PM Games Begin at 6:00 PM

A Light Fare (Subs and Chips) will be served.

Reservations are Requested - \$10 in advance or \$12 at the Door
Come and Play or be Part of the Audience!

Use this [LINK](#) for more information and to register



APRIL 2024 TGIF Dinner/Lecture Series and RACING NEWS

Our Winter Speaker Series is winding down, but you have one more chance to enjoy a catered buffet dinner, provided by Chef Vic, followed by a presentation and discussion. Please consider signing up for the April 26th presentation presented by Catherine Zipf of the Bristol Historical and Preservation Society. The Chart Room will open at 5 PM, dinner will be served at 6 PM, and the presentation will begin at 7 PM. Prior-registration is not required. Members interested in attending the presentation but who do not wish to purchase dinner are welcome to attend at no charge. If you have any questions regarding this dinner/lecture series or specific presentations, please contact House Committee Chair Steve Barron at: sbarron0724@yahoo.com.



Gales, Storms and Hurricanes: Historic Weather Events in Bristol

Friday, April 26 - Presented by Catherine Zipf, Executive Director of The Bristol Historical and Preservation Society

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-Barbara Petrocelli, Fleet Captain



SIGN UP FOR THE BOATING SAFETY SEMINAR PRESENTED BY THE BETTER BAY ALLIANCE

Wed April 17, 6-8pm
Bristol Yacht Club

Open to BYC members and the boating community

Sign Up to attend the Boating Safety Seminar, presented by The Better Bay Alliance. Whether you are a seasoned sailor or a beginner, this event is perfect for anyone looking to enhance their boating knowledge and skills. Expert speakers will cover a wide range of topics, including safe navigation, emergency procedures, and life-saving techniques.

There will be a presentation of LIVE CHART, which is a (free) interactive Google Map of RI waters. Through a clear chart-like view of all boating activities on RI waters, LIVE CHART enhances safety through its use by allowing all boaters, including those in paddle sports, to plan a safe day of boating activities.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn from the best in the industry and ensure your boating adventures are safe and enjoyable. For more information, go to the Better Bay Alliance website:

<https://betterbayalliance.org/news-updates/free-seminars-on-boating-safety/>

BYC 2024 RACING

Bristol Yacht Club has one of the most diverse and active racing programs on Narragansett Bay. Our racing program offers week-day summer series racing with Team Racing, Wingfoil Board racing, as well as One-Design and PHRF handicap races. In addition to our series racing, BYC hosts numerous regattas: the Sea Sprite Regatta, the Bristol Yacht Club Women's Team Race Regatta and a WingFoil Regatta. We will also be supporting the U.S. Junior Women's Championships for the Lieter Trophy (doublehand) and Ida Lewis Trophy (singlehand) in conjunction with US Sailing.

One Design Racing

J/22's race on Thursday nights and can be chartered for the series from East Bay Sailing Foundation. Pete Levesque runs the J/22 one-deign race program. The Wednesday night Millard Series has a dedicated fleet for Sea Sprites. Dom Messerli leads the Sea Sprite fleet.

PHRF Racing

The Bristol Yacht Club Millard Series is our summer PHRF series on Wednesday evenings. There are six separate classes for spinnaker and non-spinnaker competitors with more than 50 boats participating. BYC will also run the PHRF Sid Clark Offshore & Overnight Regatta in July and the PHRF Mount Hope Bay Sailing Association Regatta (MOHO-SA).

Contact Mark Rotsky regarding the Millard Series, MOHOSA and Sid Clark races. (J/22s may be chartered from EBSF for the Millard Series)

Team Racing

Using the EBSF fleet of J/22s, the Club hosts a Monday Night Team Race Series all summer and a Women's 2v2 Team Race Regatta in September. No boat needed- just come join the team racers. Contact Amanda Callahan or Sam Paterson regarding Team Racing opportunities

Foil Racing

Bristol Yacht Club's Foil Racing Series is open to all foil boards and windsurf foil boards. This series will run on six Saturdays over the season along with a weekend regatta. The program is designed to be fun and open to all, including those just getting into the sport. Michale Zonnenbreg leads the foil racing programs

2024 Race Schedule for May 2024

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| Wednesday May 15 | Millard Skipper's Mtg |
| Saturday May 18 | Foiling Board Series race 1 |
| Wednesday May 22 | Millard Practice Race |
| Wednesday May 29 | Millard Series begins |
| Thursday May 30 | J/22 One Design Series begins |

The Racing Calendar at BYC is extensive. Be sure to watch for additional information in the coming issues of the MAINSHEET for events and schedules for June-September, and in the weekly emails. Additional information can be found on the BYC website:

<https://www.bristolyc.com/racing>

Many volunteers are needed to run the above events (on the RC boat, helping to set marks, helping with registration and meals) with many positions not requiring deep race experience. Please contact Bob McLaughlin, BYC Race Chairman, if you can support one or more of the events.

-Bob McLaughlin, Race Committee Chair

What's in a Name?

Dos Amigos



Have you ever wondered how a particular boat acquired its name?

Peter Canzone asks this question each month to a BYC member and provides the answer. This month, Peter is providing all of the answers!

Dos Amigos is a Sabre 28 owned by Ray Renaud and myself.

Why the name Dos Amigos???

The answer is best described in my own words:

One day a few months ago Ray and I were lamenting about having recently sold our boats and the void that existed in our boating lives. I had an empty mooring for the upcoming summer and Ray had an itch to acquire another sailboat. Having shared many sailing experiences together, including the Newport to Bermuda race and sailing from Key West to the Dry Tortugas I knew it would be a great partnership. What started as a search for a Sea Sprite ended with a Sabre 28 in New London CT. The next dilemma was what to name the boat. A few names were batted around, Double Trouble and Cocoon were mentioned with Ray's wife Angela coming up with the recommendation of Dos Amigos, which is the perfect name for two great friends owning a sailboat together. And the Adventure begins....



2010 Newport to Bermuda race crew alumni in the Dry Tortugas 2022. L to R Peter Maloney, Ray Renaud, Peter Canzone, Dave Sherman.

Now you know the history of Dos Amigos. If you have a name you would like to submit, please email Peter Canzone at: americanart1@aol.com

Are You Ready to Race?

2024 Millard Racing Series is Open for Registrations

Daylight is finally lasting longer than darkness, so, of course, it must be time to start thinking about Wednesday night racing. The Millard series is coming off one of the most successful seasons in years, with a record total of 56 boats registered to race. Registration is now open for the 2024 season.

Use this Yachtscoring link to register:

<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16614>

Please note that new this year, **you must certify that you have adequate third party insurance in order to race** by scrolling down in your Yachtscoring Registration page to the "Event Specific Questions" where you are now required to load in your Insurance Policy Carrier, Policy Number, and Expiration Date. You must also check that you read and accept the Skipper's Waiver. And yes, fees have gone up. Some things you just can't help. Use the link below for fee payment:

<https://www.bristolyc.com/product-page/millard-race-series>

PHRF is also open for business so you can apply for your 2024 rating certificate at <https://PHRF-NB.org>

Hopefully you will find their new website easier to navigate.



It's time to get your crews together and get your boat race ready for another great season. And, if you have folks who want to be involved in some way but are not inclined to actually race, the Race Committee is always looking for new people to help out on the water where all the action is. Just

let me or any other race committee member know of their interest and we can arrange to get them involved.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all around the club soon.

-Mark Rotsky

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