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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE BRISTOL YACHT CLUB

SEPTEMBER 2025

SUMMER ISN'T OVER YET! HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE CLUB

AT A GLANCE... CLUB HAPPENINGS FOR SEPTEMBER



**SEPTEMBER 5
TGIF
Heaven On Earth Catering**

**SEPTEMBER 6
EBSF FUNDRAISER
6 PM**

**SEPTEMBER 7
NBYA FALL REGATTA**

**SEPTEMBER 12
OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT
7:15 PM**

**SEPTEMBER 12
SPECIAL TGIF
Catered by Hope & Main
BEN AND ERIC HALL NIGHT**

**SEPTEMBER 13
DEI SAILING EVENT
BYC CLAM BOIL**

**SEPTEMBER 19
TGIF
ISLAND TIME CATERING
RACE AWARDS NIGHT**

**SEPTEMBER 20-21
NEWPORT FALL CRUISE**

The Friday dinners put on by the House Committee have been a resounding success this season with many packed nights and varied menu themes. If you haven't yet joined, please come and enjoy a wonderful social night out at the club with a delicious buffet meal.

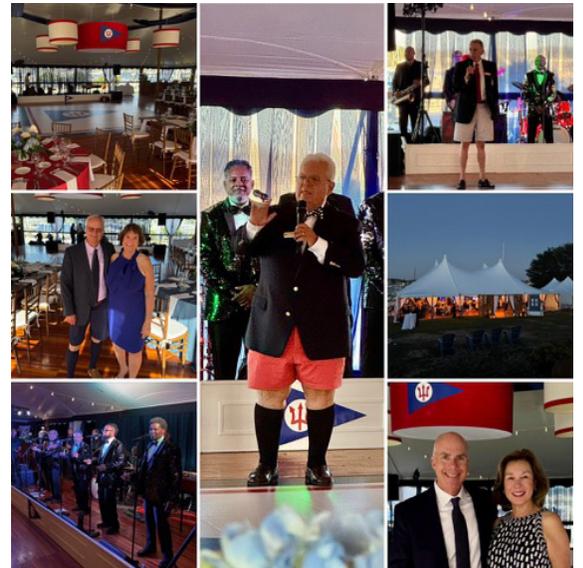
Watch the Monday emails for menu details and registration sign ups and deadlines

USE THIS [LINK](#) TO BYC EVENT REGISTRATION

GO TO [BRISTOLYC.COM](#)

COMMODORE'S BALL

On the beautiful summer evening of August 23rd, Commodore Paul Redman & Loren Redman welcomed 153 guests in celebrating the tradition and camaraderie that is the Bristol Yacht Club's Commodore's Ball. The evening started with cocktails and an array of passed hors d'oeuvres on the deck of the Club overlooking picturesque Bristol Harbor, then moved to the well-appointed and beautifully decorated tent, which boasted a hardwood floor, two bars, lovely floral centerpieces, and images of the Club burgee overhead and underfoot.



Vice Commodore Bob Millard opened the event with a brief introduction, then handed the microphone to Commodore Paul Redman, who welcomed everyone and kicked the evening off. Guests enjoyed a delicious three-course meal, prepared and served by Blackstone Catering, and danced the night away to the high-energy music of Decades by DeZyne. From the hand addressed invitations to the closing notes of Decades by DeZyne, the Commodore's Ball was an elegant, fun-filled celebration of the contributions of Commodore Redman and of the spirit of the Bristol Yacht Club community. Special thanks to Joe & Betty Brito, Kathy Toohey, Carole Mansur, and Donna Glavin for planning this wonderful event.

BURGERS N' BLUES

Burgers & Blues was a smashing success! The great weather allowed seating both inside and on the deck, so those



who were wait-listed were able to join in the fun. After a hearty dinner (burgers with all the fixings, corn on the cob, baked beans, potato salad, green salad, and ice cream treats), members and guests were



able to kick up their heels to the blues and rock & roll music of the fabulous Neal & The Vipers. A huge thank you to those who helped make the event a success, including: our BYC staff; event co-chairs Nancy Barron and Carole McFarland; all who helped with set-up, corn shucking, serving, and clean up; and, the grilling team of Steve Barron, Tom Dawson, Chris Hughes, & Bill Toohey who all wore cologne Eau d' Burger for the rest of the evening.



- Terri Hughes
articles and photos



COMMODORE'S CORNER PAUL REDMAN

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

If you missed the Commodores Ball, you may have missed one of the very best parties ever held at the Bristol Yacht Club. Thank you to Joe and Betty Brito for ensuring this was an extra special event, and to the core planning team, including Donna Glavin, Kathy Toohey, and Rear Commodore Carole Mansur, for managing all the many details associated with the event. According to Joe, we did receive five complaints. The complaints were the same; the party ended way too soon! Thank you to all for attending. Loren and I had an absolute blast!

The second edition of Boat House on the Shore will be going on sale in September. The book serves as an excellent history of the Bristol Yacht Club from the beginning up to the present day. Author George Sylvia added new chapters, picking up where edition 1 left off, including chapters on the fire and COVID. George also went back and edited some of the first edition chapters, following some post-first edition publication fact-checking. While these edits are relatively minor, George could not live with anything less than perfection. Thank you, George, for the months of hard work that went into this new edition. For the first three weeks, the book will be offered for \$35 a copy. After that, the price will jump to \$50, so keep an eye out for the weekly email and reserve your copy as soon as it becomes available.

Thanks to a restricted donation to EBSF, the BYC burgee will be proudly flying during the Royal Yacht Club Double Handed Offshore Race. Jesse Fielding, who has a BYC application in progress, has been chosen by US Sailing to represent the US in the 2025 Double Handed World Championships hosted by the Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC), being held this month in Cowes, UK. Jesse's partner in the double-handed competition is Leah Sweet of New Hampshire. Leah has a top-notch sailing resume and is also an international leader for advancing the growth of women's sailing. Mary Beth Taylor has developed a special event-specific logo which will be displayed on all the teams' marking and promotional materials featuring EBSF and the Bristol Yacht Club. I am personally very excited about this and will be sure to share with you ways to watch the race on YouTube as that information becomes available.

Recently, we had a rental event on a Sunday afternoon. One of our members came to the Club for cocktails but left after finding non-members who were attending the rental event were up on the "members' only" upper deck. The member reached out to me and with the assistance of Steve Barron, the issue was easily resolved. We learned a few lessons from this incident, including but not limited to the need for signage on the second-floor door to the deck indicating Members Only. In addition, this is your Club. If you see someone acting outside of the rules, I encourage you to politely but confidently inform the person of the rule, and if they don't take corrective action, notify Chris or the Staff person assigned to the event.

Summer is transitioning to fall, but we have a lot more to look forward to this month. Please support our instructional sailing program by attending the EBSF fundraiser. We have a late-season cruise planned, and we will also be honoring Eric and Ben Hall for their induction into the Sailing Hall of Fame. Additionally, we have a clam boil planned for the very next day. September is going to be a great and fun month. Register now to avoid missing out.

-Paul Redman, Commodore

BYC Honors Ben and Eric Hall's Induction to the Sailing Hall of Fame

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12

Save the Date and Register Now
for a Special TGIF on
September 12

Use this [LINK](#) to the BYC web
page for more information and to
reserve your place.



For more Information on Eric and Ben, follow this [LINK](#) to the
Sailing Hall of Fame

Your Summer Photos are THE BEST...So why not share them with your BYC friends?



BYC's fall photo contest is fast approaching, so take a moment now to pick one or two of your pictures from the 2025 calendar year to submit for the competition. Categories include nature; people, family and friends; boats; and boating places. You can submit your nominations [HERE](#).

Be sure to deliver your printed pictures to
the Club on or before Friday, October 10th,
at 5:00 PM.

On that evening, all the pictures will be on display on tables throughout the Clubhouse. We'll have a TGIF dinner with a guest speaker, Matthen Cohen, a professional photographer with a special interest in boats and lighthouses (www.cohenphotography.com). Everyone attending the dinner will also receive a ballot, allowing them to cast their vote for the best picture in each category. Each category will be recognized with an Expert's Choice Award Winner (selected by our guest speaker) and a People's Choice Award Winner (chosen by our ballots).

The winners will be announced towards the end of the gathering. Any questions? Contact Barbara Petrocelli at 516-313-0263 or petrocellib@gmail.com.

BYC RACING NEWS

Register for the NBYA Fall Regatta



Who said racing is over? Not us! The NBYA Fall Regatta (run by BYC) is Sunday, September 7 and includes spinnaker and non-spinnaker divisions.

Registration deadline is September 4. The Starting line is near Halfway Rock with the first warning at noon and consists of easy Windward/Leeward courses of 1.5 mile legs.

Come get in another race day with the terrific early warm fall weather and a chance to win one of these fabulous trophies.

For Full Information and to Register go to: Clubspot: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta>

-Bob McLaughlin, Race Committee Chair



2025 Season Recap



The August 15th Annual Youth Awards Dinner marked the end of EBSF's 2025 Youth Instructional program. The 2025 program included 39 days of sailing camp, and 161 junior sailors taught by our 17 instructors. Participants raced in four 420 regattas, and six Opti regattas. The students marched with their epic float in the July 4 parade, and sailed to Hog Island on three occasions. Camp was attacked by pirates 4 times, a total of 16 watermelons were consumed along with enough freeze pops to get through two heat waves. At this year's dinner, when youngsters were asked if they had fun this year, the room exploded with cheers and shouts. It was great to see these kids from all backgrounds getting their paper plate awards recognizing their accomplishments and their foibles.



NBYA Junior Race Week: Friday's dinner capped a very busy week for EBSF and Barrington YC who shared duties hosting NBYA Junior Race Week at Bristol Town Beach. Dinner was hosted Tuesday night at BYC for racers and parents, funded by NBYA with food from the Common Pub. Kristin Brown and Emily Augello did a fabulous job leading EBSF's volunteers (thank you if you were one of them!), managing land activities while Barrington ran things on the water. We are grateful to both of them for leading this huge event and hope they got a chance for a nap the following weekend.



Adult Sailing: This summer marked the first year Emily Augello oversaw adult sailing and started classes for women. Fortunately we had more volunteer instructors this year; that helped cover women's classes. They taught 55 coed adult students and 21 women student sailors. This year's students included couples and friends, some new to sailing and some getting back to sailing after 20+ years away. Everyone got in 6 sessions on the water; they sailed in all conditions—some days they had to reef. Evenings started with chalk talks on the back deck. One Thursday night was too rough to sail, so students practiced on the deck, learning to pass the tiller behind them when coming about. Ray Renaud donated a man-overboard dummy that was used both by youth and adults to practice recoveries. The kids named him Frank and he now lives in the basement. EBSF and all adult sailors are grateful for the generosity of our volunteer instructors, whose long experience adds a dimension to instruction that's invaluable.



The August 2 **Women's Social Sail** was a big success with 44 women signing up and despite light breezes, everyone had a good time. All skill levels were represented, from beginners to women boat owners, and two who had their Masters Licenses. One gal remarked "It was great! I went out with two women I had never met before, we had a good time, and now we know all about each other."

That evening, following a light dinner, the women met and decided to find new ways for NB women to get more access to education, sailing, and opportunities to socialize with other women sailors. They shared details and NORs of upcoming women's regattas— Barrington YC's Old Ladies Trophy (BOLT) on August 11 (attended by two boats from BYC); and another to be held at RIYC on September 6.

Next steps will involve recruiting women from the attending clubs to expand our outreach to women at other NB yacht clubs; developing programming for the upcoming off-season and events for next summer; and building a technical infrastructure that will support communications among these women and their clubs with information about events open to NB women. NBYA has offered to host our new website in their system, so we will build it there. David Schwartz has been an enormous help to get this NBYA support, as has Cathleen Blood, Webmaster of WOWLIS, who shares advice on how to support the new organization's activities.

Time to haul the fleet: By the time you are reading this, our fleet of Mercuries will have been hauled. Once J22 racing finishes on September 3, they will come out, too. We hope you will respond to our call for help when the hauling dates are scheduled and announced.

BYC and EBSF are proud to sponsor an international offshore racing team: With funds from an anonymous restricted grant, EBSF and BYC will co-sponsor a team to represent the US in the prestigious Royal Ocean Racing Club's Offshore Double Handed World Championship. This event is for mixed-gender teams and will be held from September 22 to October 1 in Cowes, Isle of Wight, using Sun Fast 30 One Design Boats. Our team, Jesse Fielding and Leah Sweet, both experienced, well known ocean racers, will be the only team representing the US. We wish them good luck and fair winds.



Finances: As of 31-July we've booked \$200k in program revenue and expect more charter revenue, so we are on track to meet our forecast revenue of \$202K. Pete Levesque's Maintenance Committee and Program Director Emily Augello will be reviewing R&M spending needs over the winter. We plan to set up an audit committee this fall with Bob Elder's guidance in order to perform an audit during the quieter winter months. We have a lot to do in September and October including setting tuition rates and creating a budget for the next fiscal year.

Join us for EBSF's fundraising gala on September 6 at 6 PM at BYC!! We're counting on you and a good turnout to fund next year's programs and scholarships. There'll be a tent on the lawn, plenty of food, and dancing to the Catnip Junkies. There are exciting live auction items: Charlie Enright has donated an afternoon or evening sail or race on the winning bidder's boat; Steve Eddleston who joined BYC this year, owns the 12 m *WEATHERLY* and he is donating an afternoon sail for the winning bidder and guests. Martha Brown has offered a week at her Cayman Island condo; and the Providence River Boating Company is donating a river tour of Providence. Also on offer is 5 nights at a Riomar, Vero Beach, Florida home. There are more

silent auction items to bid on, too. To purchase tickets, visit eastbaysailingfoundation.org/gala. If you are unable to attend but wish to donate, you can do so online at our website: www.eastbaysailingfoundation.org/ways-to-give We look forward to seeing you on September 6 to celebrate this beautiful summer before it slips away!

—Emily Augello, Stephanie Boutillier and Susan Grandpierre

Save the Date: BYC DEI committee invites you to volunteer at a sailing event!

On Saturday, September 13th, the BYC DEI committee, in collaboration with Dr. Safie Sagna, Director of Diversity and Outreach at the RWU School of Law, will host a group of first year law students that are first generation college and graduate students at an Open House and sailing event at BYC.

The day's activities will begin at 10:00 with an Open House and breakfast followed by a sail of approximately 2-3 hours in Bristol Harbor and Narragansett Bay starting at 11:00/11:30. We are soliciting BYC members with sailboats that are willing to participate in the day's activities and share their boats, themselves and their love of sailing with these individuals. The last 2 years we have hosted a similar event with the Brown University Medical School Justice, Equity and Inclusion association and had a fun day with over 35 members of this association participating and 15 BYC members and their boats.

Please sign up so that we can welcome many of the members of this group and their spouses/partners. Please click this [LINK](#) and complete the registration. If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Dimson-Doyle.



BYC's Annual Clam Boil is Saturday, September 13



Dinner includes: New England clam chowder, steamed clams, sausages, potatoes, corn, and seafood stuffing. You can also choose BBQ chicken in place of the clams with sides. The Registration deadline is Tuesday, September 9. Here's the [LINK](#) to Register

Neptune's Beach Bar

Morning Mimosas and more – join us on September 20



We have had an amazing summer with Mother Nature cooperating on Saturday mornings and our Beach Bar volunteers baking, serving, and painting and many regulars as well as visitors chatting and solving the problems of the world, or at least of Narragansett Bay. Janet Gendreau, is this week's featured artist. From her website, JanetGendreauArt.com, "Our beautiful coastal region offers an abundance of painting inspiration. I am always drawn to the effects of light and atmosphere especially on the quiet beauty of

marshes and coastal landscapes."

In addition, visit JossyLownes.com for an introduction to more of Jossy's work. Thank you to both Jossy and Janet for taking the time to share their talents.

Now it's time to celebrate this great season!

All are welcome! Mark your calendars for 9/20, 0830-1100 for Morning Mimosas and Irish Coffee along with our famous fare of coffee, espresso and pastries. At 1000 hours we will introduce and thank our BB crew, those you see every week and those behind the scenes.

-Carol Gaffney

Family Movie Night



GET READY FOR A NIGHT OF FAMILY CINEMATIC DELIGHTS AT OUR OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT!

- 09/12
- Movie starts @7:15 pm
 - Bring your favorite blanket or chair
 - Drinks and snacks provided
 - Movie: TBD



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