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Announcing BYC's 2024 Cruising Plans



Planning for BYC's summer 2024 cruising events is well underway. Whether you are a veteran BYC cruiser or are considering joining a cruise for the first time, these group voyages always give members an opportunity to spend a little more time getting to know new people in the Club, while also visiting some of the beautiful destinations in the area.

As you start thinking about your summer 2024 plans, please take a moment to review the cruise plans outlined below and save the date for those cruises that you want to participate in. Members will be able to begin signing up for these cruises starting in April via the cruising section of the Club website. **Look for more information and**

updates as they become available in the weekly emails and in the April issue of the *Mainsheet*.

Memorial Day Weekend (5/25-27) Wickford Yacht Club

BYC will be going to Wickford for the first cruise of the year. Come join us to welcome the cruising season of 2024.
Contact: Barbara Petrocelli

Gaspee Day Cruise (6/7-9) Rhode Island Yacht Club in Warwick

The Gaspee Day Cruise takes us to Rhode Island Yacht Club to enjoy the historic Gaspee Day Parade. Like previous years, events for this cruise will include the parade itself on Saturday at 10:00 am as well as numerous social gatherings at the Rhode Island Yacht Club.

Contact: Tom Dawson

Juneteenth Cruise (6/22-23) Dutch Harbor Boat Yard in Jamestown

Join us at this lovely harbor for a fun filled weekend. We have reserved the picnic area and are planning a potluck get together for the evening of June 22.

Contact: Carole McFarland

Annual Summer Cruise (7/12-21) Heading East to Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard

The annual cruise is headed east this year, with visits to the Hyannis Yacht Club and the New Bedford Yacht Club as well as to the harbors of Third Beach, Quissett, Vineyard Haven and Cuttyhunk.

In Bay Cruise (8/3-10) Clockwise tour of the Sakonnet River and Narragansett Bay

Due to popular demand for a short-range cruise, BYC will hold our second week-long cruise that stays within Narragansett Bay. Join fellow BYC members on either a two-day cruise over the weekend or for the entire week. Port activities such as potlucks or restaurant dinners are being planned.

Labor Day Weekend Cruise (8/31-9/2) East Greenwich Yacht Club

September Cruise (9/21-22) Destination TBD

Visit the cruising section of the BYC website [here](#) for more complete information.

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-Barbara Petrocelli, Fleet Captain



Get Ready to Prep the Fleet

The Super Bowl is over, Spring arrives this month, thoughts turn to baseball, and spring training started last week. At EBSF our thoughts turn to prepping the fleet for the coming season.

It's not too soon to be planning work details and requesting your help to get the boats ready for our planned J-22 fleet launch on May 20, when the tides are high at 7 am and 7 pm. Our Mercuries will launch later, in mid-June.

We are happy to report that EBSF has instituted a new committee structure; Pete Levesque now leads Equipment and Boat Maintenance and June Bjerregaard our Volunteer Coordination efforts.

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.

This summer, be sure to take an EBSF boat out for a sail some time when EBSF classes are not in session. All members are welcome to do so. Just ask the Dockmaster and he/she will tell you how.

-Susan Grandpierre, Instructional Chair

Looking Towards Spring

It's been cold as of late in Rhode Island, but activities at the Club are heating up! Let me start with a big thank you to the House and Social Committee for organizing several great events. The beer and wine-tasting events were a big hit. Trivia night was a ton of fun and well-attended. The season's first speaker event was informative, and the buffet was delicious.

Have you seen the newly painted *Trident*? It's back on the hard in our yard and looks fantastic! The refit will be completed once the new black fenders with covers are installed, and her name and hailing port are applied to the stern. She certainly deserves a description of "Ship Shape and Bristol Fashion." Thank you, Chris, Pete, and the Waterfront Committee, for making this happen.

We are smack dab in the middle of our insurance renewal period. Our Insurance Committee, Led by our Treasurer Peter Maloney, with the support of John Bell, Denise Schrutt, Jim Salinger, Carole Mansur, and Bob Millard, has provided our agents with asset inventories and values. A ton of work goes into this, and we owe the committee a big thanks for all they do.

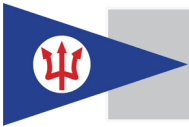
We received a risk analysis from our Carrier, Hanover Insurance, during the month. The Analysis included several essential recommendations (things we must do to keep our premium down) and general recommendations for reducing risk. Hanover gave us 30 days to respond to their essential recommendations. A copy of our response can be found by clicking [here](#).

Last month, I reported that Bristol Marine asked us to consider providing launch service to their customers. Our Waterfront Committee performed a comprehensive impact and cost analysis, resulting in a proposal sent to Bristol Marine. Based on brief conversations and emails, it appears they were hoping for a more gradual approach vs. our "all in" proposal. They postponed a follow-up meeting with us last week, indicating they were still discussing our proposal internally. The more time passes, the less likely an agreement will be reached this year. We will keep everyone posted.

An Executive Committee Orientation and Planning meeting was held at the end of January. Based on feedback from the participants, the meeting was worthwhile. The purpose of the meeting was to orient the new Executive Committee members and to identify key areas of focus over the next two years. These areas of focus include: Development of HR processes, Lead: Carole Mansur, Improvement to the Intermediate to Senior Membership transitions, Lead: Chris Brito, Cost Comparison of BYC Dues compared to other local clubs, Lead: Lee Dawson, Benefits of the J22 to BYC and EBSF, Co-Leads: Bob Millard and Bob McLaughlin, Expansion of the existing waterfront resiliency plan to include house and the emerging grounds master plan, Co-Leads: Brian Fitzgerald and Barbara Petrocelli, Building Strategic Relationships with other Local organizations, Co-Leads: Paul Redman and Brian Fitzgerald and last but not least, Improving Club Communications, Lead: Mary Beth Taylor.

Whoo hoo! The docks are going in. Charlie Payne has several projects planned for the grounds, and we are springing ahead one hour this month! If you have not yet volunteered to serve on a committee, it's not too late. Summer is right around the corner. Are you still determining where you fit or how to get started? Feel free to reach out to me or any of our Executive Committee Members, or as I said last month, just show up!

-Paul Redman, Commodore



BYC Events and Updates

Cheers to a Successful Wine Tasting Event!

On Friday February 23 the House Committee hosted a sold-out wine tasting for 50 members and guests. Representatives from Mancini Beverage poured samples of 8 different wines from California, Oregon, Italy, Argentina, and New Zealand. Participants also enjoyed fine appetizers and charcuterie catered by The Common Pub. Thanks to a partnership with 1776 Liquors in Bristol, members were able to order bottles of wine for purchase at a discounted retail price. Those who ordered wine at the event can pick up their bottles starting March 1 at 1776 Liquors. Did you attend the wine tasting event? The House Committee would love to hear your feedback and will consider bringing some of the wines into our Chart Room lineup this spring if there is demand.

-Chris Hughes, House Committee



L-R Chris Healey, Chris Hughes, Kim Wells and Shaun O'Hearn from Mancini Beverage, and Steve Barron.



Jim and Beth Flynn



L-R Kathy and Bill Toohey, Bob and Jane Magown, Camille Hamel.



L-R Angela and Ray Renaud, Rosemary Alden, Norbet Lachmann, Roger DeFelice, and Barbara Smith.



L-R Andy Teitz, Pat and Lisa Grimo, Lois Teitz, Traci DeGroen, and Judy Cambell.



L-R Chris Hughes, Bob Hamel, Ed and Carole Mansur.



Everyone attending was provided with a brief overview of the wines on offer prior to tasting.



L-R Jim Chase, Laura and Larry Tambascio, Vanessa Gifford and Jane Guinther.

Upcoming March Events



Saturday, March 9 Music Bingo Night

Part "Name that Tune"
Part Bingo, All Music!

House Opens at 5:00 PM
Game begins at 7:00PM

Bring your own snacks, appetizers or dinner to this casual event.
No Reservations Required.

Monday, March 11 Float Launch

The Waterfront Committee is calling for volunteers to launch floats on March 11. Join veteran and new volunteers for a fun day of working with a towering crane to splash floats and move them into position with workboats. We'll also reposition the new outer floats for additional work in advance of their launch the second launch in April. 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

Friday, March 22 TGIF Speaker Series #3

Preserving and Restoring Key Coastal Habitats in Rhode Island

TGIF Dinner with Guest Speaker John O'Brien, Partnership Specialist for The Nature Conservancy (RI)

Chart Room opens at 5:00 PM
Dinner at 6:00 PM
Speaker begins at 7:00 PM

Join us for the third in our series of speaker events. Be sure to watch your weekly BYC Monday Emails for updates and additional information about this TGIF event. Details about the speaker and this month's topic can be found on the BYC website [HERE](https://www.bristolyc.com/calendar).



For Event Information and Calendar events visit:
<https://www.bristolyc.com/calendar>

Charlie Enright is Named Rolex 2023 Yachtsman of the Year

On Thursday, February 1, 2024, as part of US Sailing's National Sailing Programs Symposium, the best U.S. sailor athletes of 2023 were honored among family, friends, peers, competitors, and contributors to the sport of sailing.



Read the full article from US Sailing by clicking this [Link](#)

Here's a Recap of Our TGIF Dinner and Speaker Event "Protecting Our Oceans"



Barbara Petrocelli, Fleet Captain introducing Emily Conklin.

Emily Conklin, Program Director for Sailors for the Sea, was our guest speaker at our February 9th TGIF dinner where 55 members and guests attended. After highlighting some of the key challenges facing our oceans today, Emily addressed how we as individual boaters can take steps to restore our oceans' health – from preventing pollution and adopting eco-friendly products, to reducing our carbon footprint and protecting marine ecosystems and species.

A delicious buffet dinner was catered by Victor Gomes/Vic's Galley

-Steve Bannon, House Committee

Trivia Night at BYC

Ten Teams put on their thinking caps at the Trivia Night event held on February 3rd. Over three rounds and dozens of questions, one team emerged victorious. Team Northern Light is pictured below.



Seated L-R: Marina Pascucci, Camille Hamel, Mary Beth and Max Taylor, Judy Campbell. Standing: John Bausch, Bob Hamel, Hardy and Arlene Hartwell, Steve MacQuarrie and Kate Martin.

The well-attended event was a casual, bring your own snacks, appetizers, or dinner venue. Next up is Music Bingo Night on March 9th. Look for updates and details in the weekly BYC emails delivered to your inbox on Mondays.

Volunteer Opportunity

AD HOC HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Do you have experience in Human Resources?

Have you been looking for a way to contribute to the Club but don't want a permanent position?

The Executive Committee is forming an Ad Hoc Human Resources Committee to review the Club's job descriptions, compensation and benefits, training and health and safety protocols and other documents.

For more information, please contact Chris Healy via email at: steward@bristolyc.com

From the BYC DEI Committee



The BYC DEI committee would like you to note that an exhibit at Linden Place exploring Black History through dolls is being held in celebration of Black History Month. A

collection of dolls from North Attleborough's newly opened National Black Doll Museum of History and Culture will be displayed. The exhibit will run from March 1 - March 16, 2024, 10 AM - 4PM. You can purchase tickets at the door. Click [Here](#) to learn more about the exhibit

-Marilyn Dimson-Doyle, DEI Committee



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Ella Bella



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 in this column. Owned by Charlie Payne, *Ella Bella* is best described in Charlie's own words.

I am happy to reveal the origin of my boat's name, albeit rather simple: This last season, my refurbished Schock Harbor 20 arrived from the factory unnamed. And the choice of her name was pre-ordained. Having named her predecessor, an Island Packet 40, the Lucy Loo, after my youngest grandchild, the only choice was to follow the tradition. So the vessel got the name of Lucy's older sister, Isabella, known as Ella—hence S/V Ella Bella.

I knew Ella to be beautiful and smart, if not a bit shy. On her first few outings in light air, Ella Bella appeared to be the same, easily single-handed, drifting around the harbor without much concern. However, I learned that when the breeze kicks up, Ella Bella demands your complete attention.

This discovery was reminiscent of my granddaughter when she had very shyly asked to take the helm of my little Boston Harbor 15. On this, her first visit to Rhode Island, her mother had warned me to take it easy with Ella, thinking she would be scarred. However, after one minute of cruising at 5 knots, she asked if we could make it go faster. Not long after, she was doing figure eights with the throttle down.

I can't wait for Ella's next visit to get her shy-self out on her namesake, Ella Bella.

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



Ella at the helm of the Whaler 15

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