



# The Bristol Yacht Club **MAINSHEET**

## **Looking Forward....To Seeing You**

New England can be a big tease this time of year – one day, you spy a flower emerging from the ground, and the next day it snows. But as March arrives with warmer weather and longer days, thoughts of boating have crept into my head. Whether it is the ritual of taking the cover off the boat or the joy of greeting long-absent friends on the docks, there is something so lovely about spring in Bristol. I’m looking forward to boating and seeing all of you again post-winter and post-COVID-19 (fingers crossed). So what do we have to look forward to in the near future?

In March, we have two social events happening. On Friday, March 11, the House Committee, in partnership with the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, will host a dinner with a guest speaker, the newly elected Chairperson of the US Sailing DEI Committee, Captain Donald Lawson. Captain Lawson is on a quest to be the fastest person, the fastest American, and the first African American to sail around the world nonstop. He will share his plans to achieve this goal and describe his lifelong work to make sailing a more accessible and equitable hobby and sport for everyone.

[Register here](#). On Saturday, March 19, the Social Committee will host a Shamrock Dinner - an evening of Irish Food and Fun. [Register here](#).

We’ll also launch our docks in March, with six of our repurposed floats going in, primarily to support early season training for the Portsmouth

Abbey School sailing team. The second larger phase of installing the docks will happen in the first two weeks of April, with the big day on April 18. That’s when all the existing docks plus new floats will be launched. Volunteers are needed for March 18 and April 18 to help on the waterfront. Contact Chris Healey at [steward@bristolyc.com](mailto:steward@bristolyc.com) if you can help with the dock launch. The House Committee also needs volunteers to serve coffee, pastry, and lunch for the crew on April 18. Contact Jane Guinther at [jsguinther@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jsguinther@sbcglobal.net) if you want to help out the food crew.

The Social Committee has planned a Sweetheart Dinner on Saturday, April 9 and a Friday Night Dinner on April 22, featuring a presentation by

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Jil Westcott and John Bell on their experiences cruising in Spain and Portugal (originally slated for January). Registration for April events will open soon. BYC's Spring Special Members Meeting will take place on April 24 and Commissioning is just a week later on May 1. Whoot Whoot!

I keep reminding myself that it could still snow for a few more weeks. I should probably temper my enthusiasm for the beginning of boating season with some realism about New England weather and all the other crazy stuff that has characterized our world for the past two years. But to heck with that.

I am looking forward to all the great things happening at BYC in the next couple of months and to seeing all of you soon. Forward!

- Barbara Petrocelli, Member-at-Large

## **March BBQ Dinner/Speaker Event, Sponsored by the DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) and House Committees — Friday, March 11, 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

### [Register here](#)

Catering for this event is being provided by Becky's BBQ. There is a choice between BBQ ribs, chicken, and veggie burgers. Adult tickets are \$15.00 and tickets for kids under 12 are \$10.00.

Captain Donald Lawson is the US Sailing DEI Committee Chairman and an accomplished racer and offshore sailor. You are invited to join the BYC House Committee and Captain Lawson at a special dinner and speaker event on March 11 to learn about Donald's lifelong mission to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion across the sailing community.

Through all of his work, Captain Lawson seeks to level the playing field by making sailing available to people who didn't envision that sailing could become their hobby or even their career.

Donald will also share his quest to sail around the world and be the fastest person, the fastest American, and the first African American to circumnavigate the globe nonstop.

This event is being co-hosted by the DEI and House Committees. This is the introduction to the work of the DEI Committee

**- Jane Guinther, House Committee Chairperson  
- Marilyn Dimson-Doyle, DEI Committee Chairperson**





As I write, Ukraine is under siege. The situation is very sad and troubling and an important reminder of how fortunate we are to live where we do. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those impacted by this war.

March marks a transition, as winter wanes, and spring waxes. A few more days of good skiing and a few good days of sun and warmth that inspire the removal of the boat cover all come in one month. A running theme in this month's Mainsheet is "looking forward." March is an excellent month to do just that.

To that end, we have two initiatives that I want to remind everyone of and encourage your participation in – the member survey and the April membership meeting.

The membership survey is about getting a sense of what works and what does not. Please take a few minutes to answer the questions and help us understand how we can improve your membership experience.

In April, we will be hosting a Spring Member Meeting. As

authored by Susan Grandpierre, the concept of the meeting is simple and smart. It is to create an opportunity for club members to tell the Executive Committee what they are thinking. We hope it will not be purely an opportunity for complaints (although they are welcome) but rather for positive input about making the Club an even better place for its members.

In our ongoing discussions about volunteerism, we have concluded that many people are in life/career situations that make a full commitment — such as participation on a committee — very difficult. Fear not; there are other ways to contribute. Jane Guinther, Rosemary Alden, and the House Committee created a "One-and-Done" campaign. The idea is you can sign up for a specific amount of work on a particular day, and that is your commitment. Make no mistake; this is bait on a hook. Once you do a day of volunteering, you will have so much fun you will come back for more! But that's up to you.



## Commodore's Corner

The One-and-Done concept takes me to the volunteer spotlight of the month.

Last summer, a group of members volunteered to launch and staff the newly created Neptune Beach Bar Coffee Shop, offering coffee and pastries on Saturday mornings. This group included Kate Clough, Nancy Barron, Sharon Monaghan, Pattie Valencia, Faith Hassinger, Diane Miller, Barbara Fallon Walsh, Jim Flynn, Jossy Lownes, Leslee Lippman, Denise Schrutt, Marcia Turenne, Arlene Hartwell, Betty Brito, Anne Quigley, Rosemary Alden, and Jane Guinther. What an excellent addition to the Club! Rumor has it Jim Dollins and Steve Cornwall made it every Saturday for their second breakfast of the day.

**- Joe Whelan, Commodore**



Congratulations to Steve and Nancy Barron for coming forward to be our First "One-and-Done" Volunteers of 2022.

On Saturday, during Frostbite sailing, Steve served up House Committee Soup and even baked corn muffins for guests and sailors alike. Great job and thank you for your effort.

**— Rosemary Alden, Member-at-Large**



# The Interesting History and Untapped Potential of BYC's Prudence Island Property

**Many of you have enjoyed the Club moorings near Potter Cove, but do you realize how the Club can offer these to our members?**

“Prudence Island Station,” near the BYC moorings off Prudence Island, was built by the Rhode Island Yacht Club (RIYC) and opened in 1905. With its handsome stone fireplace, large dining hall, ladies’ private dining room, meeting hall, and five bedrooms, RIYC used the Station building as an outpost to host club parties. Dana Rice acquired the building in 1950 after a long period of inactivity. The large stone fireplace and chimney are all that remain on the property today.

Four separate parcels, totaling about 4 acres, are jointly owned by the Barrington and Bristol Yacht Clubs thanks to a bequest from the Estate of Dana Rice in 1977. Our moorings are available for use by BYC members due to this gift. In 2011, representatives from the two Clubs met on Prudence to inspect the property and determined that it had been significantly neglected. As a result, the Prudence Island Committee, a joint committee of the two Clubs, was established to plan and manage the improvements to the property. The property’s condition has significantly improved thanks to a small group of volunteers working with a limited budget.



On January 8, the Committee held a meeting via Zoom with about ten participants from each club. We agreed to explore improving the property to make it more useable for both organizations. Greg Aikman from the Bristol Yacht Club and John Ratcliffe from the Barrington Yacht Club have been working together to develop plans, which will be presented at Bristol Yacht Club on Saturday, April 24 at the Spring Member Meeting. A workday is also planned for later this year.

In the meantime, the Prudence Island Committee is looking for volunteers for four task forces:

1. Additional Moorings: Understanding the possibility of adding new moorings to the property, in addition to the four that are now available to the Clubs (two each). Andy Teitz, who is a member of Bristol Yacht Club, is leading this effort.
2. Land and Water (Surf and Turf): Seeking to maximize the value of the four separate parcels, which is primarily determined by water availability
3. Joint Ventures: Explore partnering with outside groups (e.g., state agencies, conservation groups) to offset the cost improvements to the property in exchange for conservation easements. Ralph Kinder, who is the current Fleet Captain at Bristol Yacht Club, is leading this effort.

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4. Construction: Calculating this construction estimate entails estimating the cost of construction and materials and the availability of volunteers from both Clubs. Between the two Clubs, there are 750 members, so we're optimistic that finding volunteers will not be a problem.

If you are interested in working on any of these four task forces, please contact me, Greg Aikman, at [aikmang@gmail.com](mailto:aikmang@gmail.com). I will provide you with a link to the Committee's drive with all our documents, memos, photographs, etc.

The Prudence Island Committee feels this property is a great asset for both of our Clubs. We are hopeful that through our efforts, we will be able to make some meaningful improvements to the property within a few years, and hopefully before 2027 – the 50th anniversary of the gift!

— Greg Aikman, BYC and Prudence Island Committee Member

## 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:** *Cetacean* is a Sabre 36.

**Owners:** Peter and Susan Maloney

Why the name *Cetacean*?? The answer is best described in Peter's own words:

It started in Maui. 1994.

We were sitting on the beach and could watch the humpbacks close to shore. Our view was even better with binoculars. We were thrilled! After a few days, we decided that we wanted to get closer, so we rented a kayak and paddled out to Molokini. On our way back, a humpback surprised us by surfacing just behind us. We were totally hooked on whales!



Since then, we have seen grey whales off Baja, orcas by British Columbia and the San Juan Islands, belugas in the St Lawrence River, and of course, humpbacks off of Cape Cod. So the name we chose was *Cetacean*, the genus name for whales, dolphins, and porpoises. And the new name lent itself to a pretty neat logo.

So.....Now you know how the name *Cetacean* was chosen by Peter and Susan for their boat. If you have a name you would like to submit, please email me Peter Canzone at [americanart1@aol.com](mailto:americanart1@aol.com).



# Share Your Thoughts in the First Annual BYC Member Input Survey

Complete the survey, and you will be entered to win a \$50 bar credit at the Club

Why do you enjoy being a member of Bristol Yacht Club?

There are as many answers to that question as there are members.

Happily, no matter what “floats your boat,” the Club probably offers programs you’ll enjoy. From racing and instructional programs to cruising and social events, each season the Club’s staff and volunteers put forward an impressive range of activities to delight and engage every member.

And we want to keep it that way. Towards that end, we are launching an annual BYC Member Input Survey. Our goal is to get input on members’ overall satisfaction and feedback on specific programs and operational aspects of the Club. We are launching this survey now and will collect responses until the end of March. We will share the results at the Spring Member Meeting on April 24 as well as through Monday emails and the May *Mainsheet*.

**Click on [this link to complete the survey.](#)**

Key things to know about this survey:

- **Your answers will be anonymous**, unless you choose to share your contact details.
- **This survey is short**. — 23 questions total. You can skip those questions that don’t apply to you.
- **The survey is easy to complete**. Lots of multiple-choice questions, plus places where you can provide longer answers if you want to.
- **You could win a prize – a \$50 bar credit for the Chart Room** — if you complete the survey. An alternate prize is available if the winner is a minor or does not patronize the Chart Room.

Again, [here is the link](#) to complete the survey. Questions, comments? Feel free to contact me, Barbara Petrocelli ([byccomms@gmail.com](mailto:byccomms@gmail.com)) or Susan Grandpierre ([susang.nai@rcn.com](mailto:susang.nai@rcn.com)). We are the co-leaders on this initiative.

— Barbara Petrocelli, Member-at-Large

— Susan Grandpierre, BYC Member



## The East Bay Sailing Foundation is accepting applications for a Program Director.

Necessary qualifications include executive skills to run a program, the desire to help others learn, and a love for sailing. For more information about the EBSF visit <https://www.eastbaysailingfoundation.org>. Interested applicants should send a cover letter and resume to EBSF Board Chair Richard Feeny at [Richard@Feenysail.com](mailto:Richard@Feenysail.com).



## Sweetheart Dinner with Wine and Chocolate!

**April 9, 2022 - 6:30 PM**

Featuring Chef Alcina Reis

~Three Course Plated Dinner  
with Wine Pairings

Details to Come!



## Volunteer Opportunities at BYC

At Bristol Yacht Club, volunteers matter! By volunteering, members get to know each other and have fun. Their efforts also ensure a “smooth-running machine,” and lower costs (and membership dues). Here are some volunteer opportunities with a couple Committees that might be right for you.

### Waterfront

The BYC Waterfront Committee’s focus is on providing access to the water. Our goal is to ensure that our members, whether kayakers, day sailors, power boaters, racers, or cruisers, have well-maintained and efficient facilities that make their boating experience enjoyable.

- One-and-Done Volunteer Opportunities: Build and maintain floats, piers, and other projects. Spring float haul-in and fall float haul-out.
- Longer-Term Volunteer Opportunities: Subcommittee work, such as ongoing dock expansion/replacement program.
- Meeting Day: Second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm at the Clubhouse and on Zoom
- Chair: Glen Petaja, [glenpetaja@gmail.com](mailto:glenpetaja@gmail.com)

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## Racing

As highlighted in last month's *Mainsheet*, the BYC Racing Committee organizes various racing events and formats throughout the season. We are always looking for volunteers who can help just once or twice or in a more extensive way — across a season-long racing series, at a larger racing event, or as part of the Race Committee. Contact [BristolYCRace@gmail.com](mailto:BristolYCRace@gmail.com) to learn more about Race-related volunteering opportunities at BYC.

- One-and-Done Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteer at one or more race events this summer and help the Club support racing. We'll find you a job you feel comfortable with and teach you how to do it.
- Longer-Term Volunteer Opportunities: Get certified as a US Sailing [Judge](#) or [Principal Race Officer](#). These seminar-style courses, run by US Sailing, are a great way to get the tools needed to run races.
- Meeting Day: First Thursday of the month at the Clubhouse and on Zoom.
- Chair: Nick Cromwell, [nccromwell@gmail.com](mailto:nccromwell@gmail.com)

— Rosemary Alden, Member-at-Large

## Shamrock Dinner A Night of Irish Food & Fun!

March 19, 2022 – 6:30 PM

Catered by The Common Pub  
Guinness Shepherd's Pie  
Irish Chicken  
Potatoes O'Brien  
Irish Soda Bread  
& Something Sweet!

Registration Deadline March 13, 2022

[\*\*Register Here\*\*](#)



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Please consider registering soon, before any classes fill up and to take advantage of 2021 pricing, which will be available until March 21.

[Learn more here.](#)



The Bristol Yacht Club Team Race Squad represented the Club well on the road and at home, with multiple podium finishes during the 2021 campaign. If you're interested in getting involved and learning more about team racing, please fill out this Team Race Interest form: <https://bit.ly/3gbTrrS>

If you have questions, please reach out to TR Chair Amanda Callahan, [acallahan@rwu.edu](mailto:acallahan@rwu.edu).

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