

# The Bristol Yacht Club MAINSHEET



## Our Fragile Good Fortune

This month's events in Buffalo and Uvalde make me realize – again – how fortunate we are but how fragile that fortune is. We get concerned with small things that feel like big things in the moment, and then these tragedies happen. Our problems feel like quibbles at the edge of paradise. Racism, gun control, mental health: these are REAL problems that need our attention.

Will we be bystanders for eternity, or will we do something to bend the curve? It's a very hard question, but at times like this, it feels disrespectful to not ask it of ourselves. As a club focused on leisure, it is particularly easy to ignore these issues. We are, after all, here to relax and enjoy a common interest and time away from work. But even in that context, I believe we need to take steps toward doing the right thing. The formation of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee is such a step. It will not change the Club or sailing overnight, but it is a positive step -- hopefully one of many that will follow.

And that takes me to the volunteer shout-out for this month. Marilyn Dimson-Doyle was one of the members that drove the formation of the DEI committee. She has also been a cornerstone of the Cruise Committee and the Technology Committee, not to mention her dedicated and ongoing work as our Webmaster. She does all of this with a great smile, a chuckle, and “do not mess with me” resolve. Thank you, Marilyn!

We had two notable events this month. The Thank You party for and with Barrington Yacht Club was a great success, long in the making. Thank you to Carole Mansur, the Social Committee, the House Committee, and Past Commodore Ruth Souto for leading the way.

### June Events @ BYC

- 6/1 Millard Series Race 1
- 6/4 Murder Mystery Dinner
- 6/6 J/22 Racing Begins
- 6/9 One Design Racing Starts
- 6/10 Youth Sailing Orientation
- 6/11-12 Gaspee Cruise
- 6/18-20 Juneteenth Cruise
- 6/24 Luau and Pig Roast

Another success was the Sail GP Foiling First leader training this past weekend. This kind of event helps us fulfill our commitment to the future of sailing. Bristol has a proud tradition of leading the way toward the future. A visit to the Herreshoff Marine Museum or to one of the many production facilities on or around Broad Common Road makes it clear that Bristol does not wait for the future of sailing to come to it but takes the future of sailing to the world. Thank you Rich Feeny and the EBSF team for leading the way.

— Joe Whelan, Commodore

## Commodore's Corner



JUNE 2022



## Six Big Weeks for EBSF

Saturday, May 14, dawned warm and foggy as we rigged the hoist to launch our J/22 fleet. Every time I have participated in a J/22 or Mercury launch or haul party, I am filled with joy and pride as a dozen people from age 14 to 70ish come together and figure it out with energy, good humor, and ingenuity. I meet new people and am reminded of how much fun it can be to volunteer a few hours for the club and the sport. This year the first to arrive was Otto Kalfelz - who says teenagers sleep late?! MVP award and special thanks go to Michael Zonnenberg, who taught us the details of installing the hoist and rigging the lifting bridles safely.



*EBSF Program Director Trisha Sellon  
preps boats for the 2022 season*

Launching the J/22s is the first big milestone in commissioning the instructional fleets at BYC. This year they received winch service, tiller varnish (credit to Jackson Harney), jib ratchet blocks, and new windexes where needed. We still have Wednesday night charters available for J/22 racing. Contact our new [Program Director](#) or go directly to [the website](#).

Six weeks ago, Trisha Sellon agreed to join us as our new Program Director, and she has been busy since then, bringing the rest of the instructor team on board. May 15 also marks the unofficial end of the high school sailing season as students buckle down for finals, prom, etc. Congratulations to Portsmouth Abbey, which qualified for Nationals.

More good news came in the form of \$6,500 in unsolicited donations specifically for scholarships! Thanks for all the help!

**- Richard Feeny, Chairman of the Board, East Bay Sailing Foundation**

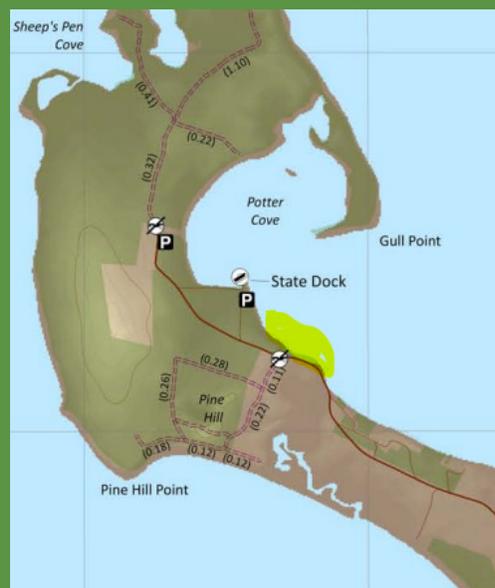
## Join a Field Trip to BYC's Property on Prudence Island on June 4

The Bristol-Barrington Prudence Island Joint Committee is planning a site visit at our property on the Island on Saturday, June 4th.

This gives you an opportunity to view the property (it is magnificent) and share your thoughts with Committee members about possible improvements.

We are planning on making repairs to the stair access from the beach and will provide details for those willing to pitch in. The property may be accessed by ferry or boat, and we will arrange to have at least one truck going over. Timing to be announced.

Interested? Please contact Greg Aikman at [aikmang@gmail.com](mailto:aikmang@gmail.com) or (617)458-1903.





# Welcome to the Bristol Yacht Club!

Please keep an eye out for these new members and give them a warm welcome to our community.



## John & Hillary Calabrese

Longtime boaters (sailing and motoring) in Buzzards Bay and Narragansett Bay, John and Hillary recently moved to Bristol and Boston, to be near the water and to enjoy a coastal life with their growing family. They enjoy boating in Newport, the Vineyard, and Block Island and believe that “there is nothing better than hearing ‘Andiamo’ when you wake up in New Harbor.”



## David & Joanne Crawley

Lifelong boaters, David and Joanne have sailed throughout coastal Rhode Island and Massachusetts and chartered bareboats in the Caribbean and West Indies. David is an avid Laser sailor and has enjoyed frostbiting at BYC for the last 3 seasons. Joanne is a competitive tennis player and looks

forward to meeting other BYC tennis enthusiasts.



## Mary Van Deventer

Growing up in Madison, CT, Mary did a lot of motoring with her family and sailing on a sunfish, and learned to love the water. As an adult, she spent 25 years as a member at the summer beach/boat club in Rowayton, CT. A relatively new resident in Bristol, she is looking forward to doing some sailing, meeting new people, and getting involved with volunteering.



## Frank Domino & Sylvia Pabreza

Frank and Sylvia started their boating career with a 12' Puffer when their daughter was young and then continued with an O'Day day sailer. They recently enjoyed sailing with friends in Portugal and fondly remember a sea-based trip to the Galapagos. In their words,

“Even on our worst sailing days, we still enjoy being out on the water.”



## Jeff & Janet Doran

Having recently moved to and semi-retired in Bristol, Jeff and Janet joined BYC based on its long-standing positive reputation and highly engaged members. Jeff grew up in Tiverton in a family that always had a boat and has raced big and small boats, including a two day regatta on the American Eagle 12 meter. They enjoy both sailing and power boating and look forward to making friends with fellow BYCers on the water.



## Elizabeth Hanson

Eliz characterizes herself as a beginner/intermediate sailor and clearly has the right attitude to be a BYC member. She says, “I love sailing, being on the water and after 2+ years of hibernating, I’m



ready to socialize!” Eliz learned to sail by taking lessons at the Herreshoff Marine Museum and through EBSF. One of her favorite sailing experiences to date was being asked to crew on *Cetacean*.



**Paul & Sherrie Norton**

Throughout their 46 year marriage, Paul and Sherrie have boated (sail and power), first in Stanford, CT and then from the Chesapeake to Maine on their Tartan 4300, *Grace*. Now with a summer home in Common Fence Point and regular

visits from growing grandkids, they look forward to becoming actively involved in the BYC. Prior to joining the BYC, Paul and Sherrie were long time members of the Nyack Yacht Club and Noroton Yacht Club.



**Aria Olumi & Sareh Parangi**

Aria and Sareh took up sailing as a shared interest 12 years ago and have since become happy cruisers and weekend sailors with many fond memories of family trips on the water. They joined BYC because they liked the friendly

atmosphere and look forward to meeting like-minded sailing enthusiasts.



**Ken Smith & Anne Marie Biernacki-Smith**

Long-time sailors and racers, Ken and Anne split their time between Cambridge and Newport, where they recently purchased a second home. Ken and Anne completed the American Sailing Association’s Bareboat Cruising certification course in the US Virgin Islands in January 2022 and are members of the Cambridge Boat Club.

# Luau and Pig Roast

June 24 @ 5:00 PM

**PIG ROASTED ON SITE** **PROFESSIONAL HULA LESSONS**  
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## Let's See What Big Sailboat Racing is All About

Are you a cruising sailor who's never done any racing but would like to try it once? Are you a junior or adult student sailor who wants to experience crewing on a big boat? Or are you one of the skippers who regularly competes in the Millard Series, but would like to share that excitement with a total newbie? Then next month's Commodore's Cup Regatta is the event for you.



Commodore's Cup Regatta is held every year during the July Fourth week in place of that week's regular Wednesday night Millard race. The course runs once around Hog Island with staggered start times, so boats of all sizes wind up racing against each other at the finish.

Students in the East Bay Sailing Foundation program are invited to crew (or simply observe) on the boats that regularly compete in the Millard Series. For many, it's their first time aboard a vessel bigger than a Mercury.

For boat owners who do not race their boats in the Wednesday Night series, and even sailing families who've never run a race, you are invited to join the fun. The format is super easy: Just register beforehand with your boat's make and size, and you'll be assigned an exact start time based on your boat's handicap. You will need to have a basic understanding of race rules for safety and know the racecourse. The race documents will be provided for this, plus any questions you have can be answered by the organizers. Then get out to the start/finish line at the south end of the mooring field before 6:00 PM on Wednesday, July 6, run the course, and afterward enjoy the post-race chatter in the Club's Chart Room.

Details and registration are on the club's website under [Racing > BYC Regattas](#). Start planning now for what can be the highlight of your Bristol July Fourth week.

- Joe Jablonowski, Race Committee



### Visit the BYC Ship's Store - [Click here.](#)

New Merchandise Arriving Weekly

Visit the BYC Ship's Store to shop for Club branded apparel, boat gear, and home decor items. Items ordered online can be picked up in the Clubhouse 1-2 weeks later.

- New BYC burgees for the 2022 season
- Short and long sleeved wicking shirts, available in white and grey. NEW: Hooded wicking shirt offers better protection from wind and sun.

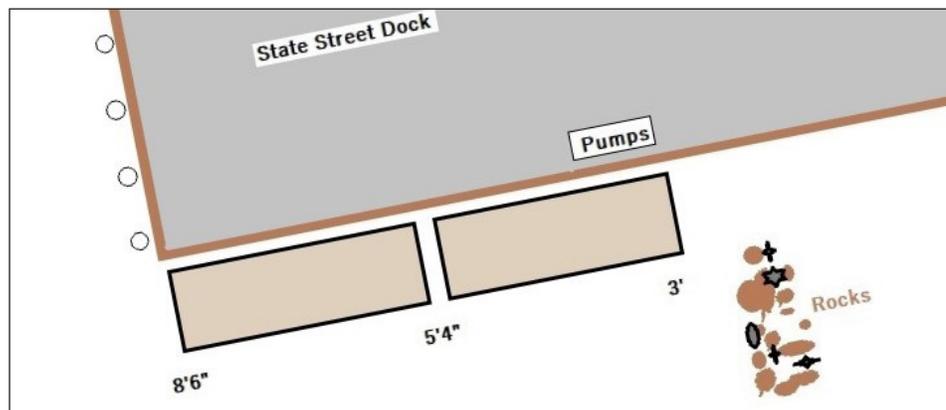


# Bristol Fuel Dock is Open for Business

The new fuel dock in Bristol Harbor is now open! For service, please contact the Bristol Harbormaster's office (401) 253-1700/ VHF CH 16. Open Daily from 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM.



The fuel dock is located on the southern side of the State Street Dock. This is (not surprisingly) the dock at the end of State Street. From the water, the dock is just north of the Bristol Municipal Docks and Marina and just south of the Thames Waterside Bar and Grill with its conspicuous light yellow tent overlooking the water.



At low tide, the water is between 8'6" and 3' deep alongside the fuel dock. Deep keel boats can tie up on the west side of State St. Dock. In the picture to the left, that is the far butt end of the dock, where pilings are evenly spaced along the end of the dock. The fuel pumps have 150 feet of hose, allowing them to reach boats tied up along the west side of the State Street Dock.

## Thanks for Your Donations. We all love the Club's New Adirondack Chairs!

The BYC Grounds Committee has just finished the Adirondack chair donor project that was initiated in 2021. Supply chain issues resulted in some delays, but the project has been completed.

Thank you to all the donors who made this project such a huge success. Please note that we have a few chairs that are not spoken for. Chair donations are \$300 each. If you would like to donate, please get in touch with me at [tapasqual@yahoo.com](mailto:tapasqual@yahoo.com).

**- Tom Pasqual, Former Grounds Committee Chairperson**





## BYC Team Racing Crew Ramps Up for an Ambitious Season

The Bristol Yacht Club team racing contingent has already begun competing this season. Based on the last few summers of excellent results at regattas far and wide, the Club has secured invitations to all of the most prestigious team racing events on the calendar.

Dates	Regatta	Event Captain	Location
3/31- 4/2	Baldwin Cup	Nick Cromwell	Newport Harbor YC
4/23-24	Jackson Cup	Mikey Gemperline	Boston YC
6/4-5	NYYC Women's 2v2 Team Race	Amanda Callahan	New York YC
6/25-26	Women's Thayer Trophy	Stephanie Hudson	Corinthian YC
7/23-24	Young Guns	Megan Roach	Seawanhaka CYC
7/30-31	BYC Women Driver Team Race	Megan Roach	Bristol YC
8/12-14	Morgan Cup Team Race	Nick Cromwell	New York YC
9/17-18	Hood Trophy Invitational	Chase Quinn	Corinthian YC
10/1-2	Bristol YC Invitational	Catherine Shanahan	Bristol YC
10/8-10	Lee Trophy	Ed Lebens	Seawanhaka CYC
10/29-30	Halloween Team Race	Stephanie Hudson	Eastern YC
11/4-6	Southern Soiland	TBD	Southern YC

If you'd like to get involved in team racing and traveling to some really fun events, reach out to Team Race leader Amanda Callahan, [acallahan@rwu.edu](mailto:acallahan@rwu.edu). There is still plenty of time to get on one of the travel teams this summer. Or better yet, the BYC Women Driver event at home would be a great place to start! For those who haven't tried team racing, we'd love to have you onboard during our Monday night series.

## Colors Ceremony

You hear three short whistle blasts, a loud cannon, and the shout "COLORS!" Then suddenly, everyone around you stops their conversation, stands up or stops walking, and faces the flagpole. What's going on? It's sunset at the Bristol Yacht Club, which means it is time to lower the American flag for the evening. So what are Colors? Morning and evening colors refer to the raising and lowering of our national flag. Every day at 8:00 AM, we honor the American flag and hoist it high on our flag pole. Every evening at sunset, we perform a Colors ceremony and retire the flag for the night.

Observing colors is a time-honored tradition steeped in military history. Morning and evening colors have been a tradition since 1843, when the U.S. Navy borrowed the tradition of morning and evening colors from the British. According to the Royal Navy National Archives, the present ceremony was instituted by Lord St. Vincent in 1797. The custom has changed a little since then, and yacht clubs around the world have put their own touches on it. Colors at BYC is a short ceremony, lasting only a minute or two. We respectfully ask that everyone on the premises follow the Colors etiquette when you hear the cannon or the call "COLORS!"

Colors ceremony etiquette: (1) Stand and turn toward the flag, (2) If you are walking, stop where you are and turn toward the flag, and (3) Cease all conversation. When the flag is completely unclipped from the halyard, the flag is considered lowered. The call "As you were" is announced, and you are free to resume your activities.

Help spread the word. If you have guests with you, explain our practices. This time-honored tradition is a great teaching opportunity for adults and children alike.



*Former BYC member Dwight Allenson (March 12, 1952 - June 9, 2016) and his dog Tuckerman pause for Colors on the BYC lawn.*

**- Ruth E. Souto, Past Commodore**



## 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:** *Sand Dollar* is a Fortier 33.

**Owners:** Craig and Leslee Lippman

Why the name *Sand Dollar*??? The answer is best described in Craig and Leslee's own words:

It's all Ray Renaud's fault. Ray, a neighbor on the Kickamuit Basin, came by with his newly restored Dyer 29 *Little Neck* and a bottle of wine offering a fun afternoon motor cruise. Leslee loved the ease of motor cruising compared to working the sails, and Craig loved the idea of another project which had to be locally produced. Months later, Craig found our Fortier 33, a hull design still made in Somerset by the Fortier family, in a NY marina at the base of the Statue of Liberty. Built for an offshore fisherman who then sold it to the Commodore of the Riverside Yacht Club, it later became the RYC Committee boat under the name of *Press On*.

As the usual restoration work began, the question of what to name the vessel arose. This crew has a rule: it only takes one vote to reject. After months of rejections on both sides, Leslee brought aboard some new bed pillows and blankets. The pillow covers had the motif and the words sand dollar on them. Another glass of wine, and we had consensus - and became a motor and sail team.

The sand dollar is a unique shell found in every ocean in the world, and has become a universal symbol of love and peace. If one is cracked open, five bits of shell that resemble doves of peace in flight are released.



So, now you know how the name *Sand Dollar* was chosen for Craig and Leslee's boat. If you have a name you would like to submit, please email me, Peter Canzone at [americanart1@aol.com](mailto:americanart1@aol.com).



# Top 10 Highlights of the BYC Website

If you have questions about something going on at the Club, the answer is probably on the BYC website. Club Webmaster Marilyn Dimson-Doyle has been steadily expanding the volume, organization, and accessibility of content on the site to make it a treasure trove of resources. Please consider visiting the website more often to answer your questions. Club staff are always happy to help if you prefer to contact them directly. However, if you spend a little time getting to know the website, you will discover it is a convenient resource.

## #1 Club Directory & New Member Addendum

The 2022 BYC Directory and Addendum of members is available from the Members Only/Directory page accessed from the About menu dropdown. You will need to have a website user id and password. If you don't already have one, [click here](#) for the instructions on setting up.



“Those people waving at us, what are their names? We just met them last week. Darn it!”

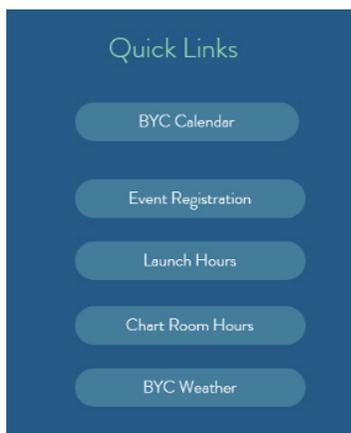
For easy lookup of a member's information whenever you need it, save the Directory to your Acrobat Adobe application on your mobile device. Using the Adobe search feature, you can easily look up information about members.

## #2 All Things Racing

Racing documents, race results, the BYC Crew Bank, and a calendar of upcoming regattas – everything you could want to know about Racing at BYC is posted on the racing section of the BYC website.

## #3 Launch and Chart Room Hours

There are some details of the Club that you do not want to get wrong, like when the last launch of the day runs and when the Chart Room or Coffee Bar is open. Thankfully the website has got your back.



*Located at the bottom of the BYC website homepage, Quick Links provide easy access to often-used pages.*

## #4 BYC Ship Store

Make sure you are properly outfitted in your BYC gear for the summer. Shopping is easy. Once you have selected and paid for your item, you will be notified when it's ready for pick-up at the clubhouse.

## #5 Parties and Events

All events are accessible from the Social tab on the website. This includes Friday Night dinners, special dinners, and racing-related dinners or social events.

## #6 Cruising

Cruise descriptions, registration sites, and cruising guides help members participate in current year cruises, while past Cruise Guides provide helpful information on many ports in the area.



### **#7 The Mainsheet**

The BYC Mainsheet has a dedicated webpage available from the About menu dropdown. There you will find all issues from the current year and the prior year posted.

### **#8 Rent the Club**

A new picture book detailing the rental options for the Club is now available on the Rent Club Facilities page, accessible from the About dropdown. The Picture Book is stunning, and even if you don't have an immediate rental need, [it's worth a look](#).

### **#9 Docks, Moorings, Rocks, and Storm Prep**

The Waterfront section of the site includes information on launch hours, the Club's docks, storm preparedness, the Club's Prudence Moorings, and facilities in Bristol Harbor.

### **#10 Reciprocal Privileges**

Available on the Member Only page are instructions on accessing the 2022 American Yacht Clubs Reciprocity Guide through the Bristol Yacht Club membership in the Yachting Clubs of America. Remember to bring your membership card when visiting.



BYC Webmaster Marilyn Dimson-Doyle is co-captain of *Sea Rose*, a Freedom 36, which she sails with her husband, Alan. She is always happy to answer any questions you have about the website and can be reached at [mkdimson@gmail.com](mailto:mkdimson@gmail.com).



## BYC Launches a Tuesday Night Foil Racing Series

2022 is the inaugural season for Bristol Yacht Club's Foil Racing Series, which is open to all small foiling boats (except for kite foils). BYC's Foil Racing Series will begin on July 12 and will run through August 30. The program is designed to be fun and open to all, including those just getting into the sport.

This eight-week Tuesday Night Foiling series will be preceded by two demo days at BYC on June 9 and 10, where leading foil maker, Cabrinha, will be onsite with wings and foils. Everyone is invited to try out foiling using the demo equipment. Learn more about the demo days [here](#).

Sunday, July 10, is also the date for the practice day, swap meet, and information session for BYC's Foil racing series.

Foiling has quickly become the pinnacle of high-performance sailboat racing. The technology from the America's Cup wing foiling boats has trickled down to other sailing classes, including small boat racers in moths, laser dinghies, A-Class catamarans, and optimists, as well as windsurfers and kitesurfers. The sport attracts a all kinds of water sport enthusiasts, including women and youth. With its deepwater and consistent wind, Bristol Harbor is the premier location for foil-based watersports on the East Coast. BYC's foiling races are open to all small foiling boats (apart from kite foils). Classes with five or more boats in the starting area will have a separate start.



To learn more, visit [www.bristolyc.com/racing](http://www.bristolyc.com/racing) or contact Mark Wilcox at [markwilcox1010@gmail.com](mailto:markwilcox1010@gmail.com).

— Mark Wilcox, Race Committee Member

## Calling all Intermediate Members

The Membership Committee is looking for a current BYC Intermediate Member to join their team. The Committee is looking forward to increasing the diversity of its membership and welcoming a new perspective that reflects the views and interests of people in their 20s and 30s more directly. Members of the Committee must participate in one monthly meeting (primarily online), review and process applications, and serve as a Navigator to new members. Interested parties should contact Committee Chairperson Alan Dimson-Doyle at [bristolyc.mc@gmail.com](mailto:bristolyc.mc@gmail.com).





# Happy Reunions and New Friends

From Commissioning and the Barrington Yacht Club Thank You Party to the reopening of the Neptune Coffee Bar and preparations for the 2022 race and instructional seasons, May brought BYC Members many welcome chances to see old friends and make new ones.



*Rosemary Alden, Jane Guinther, and Eliz Hanson preparing the Neptune Beach Bar to open for the season.*



*The Clubhouse in full swing at the 2022 Commissioning*



*Whit Duncan and Sam Patterson readying EBSF boats for the season*



*New BYC Members with their fresh burgees at the 2022 Commissioning*



*Current and past BYC Commodores at the 2022 Commissioning*



*Live entertainment with the band "Ghost Cat Rodeo," which includes BYC member Jonathan Walshon, at the Barrington Yacht Club Thank You Party*



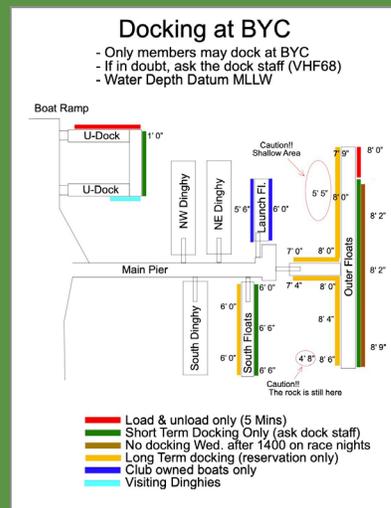
*Grill Crew Chris Hughes, Peter Maloney, Ed Mansur, and Bill Petrocelli cooking up a storm at the Barrington Yacht Club Thank You Party*



Visit the BYC Website for the latest information on BYC's new floats and docks.

[Click here.](#)

**NOTE:** The information regarding the depth of water around the docks, which was shared in the 5/23/22 BYC weekly email, accidentally omitted information about an area of shallow water between the launch float and the outer float. This error has been corrected in the article and associated map on the Club website.



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