

THE BYC MAINSHEET

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BRISTOL YACHT CLUB. PROVIDING MEMBERS WITH ALL THE GOOD STUFF.



BRISTOL YACHT CLUB



MAY 2018



Lookin' Good!



MAY 2018

- 5th – BYC Commissioning
- 11th – Friday Night Dinner
- 19th – “The Voice” Social Event
- 25th – Friday Night Dinner
- 26th – Memorial Day Cruise

ON THE HORIZON



JUNE 2018

- 8th – Friday Night Dinner
- 17th – Annual Father’s Day Lobster Feast
- 22nd – Friday Night Dinner
- 25h – EBSF Classes Begin
- Check for Racing Dates Inside!



Thank you Members!

A big thank you to all BYC members who took the time to complete the EBSF Survey. We are doing long term planning, and better understanding of the nuances of our club's sailing program will help us better spell out steps for a successful future for the sailing program. If you have yet to fill out the survey, please do! Thank you!

Here is a link to the Survey . <https://goo.gl/forms/5smFLRqIOeuCkqZv1>

Register for Summer Sailing Camp!

Now is the time to register for summer Sailing Camp, EBSF Race Team and Adult Sailing Classes. Get your kids, grandkids, friends, and spouses more comfortable behind the tiller. Sign up for sailing classes at EBSF using our trusty Mercury fleet, the 6 J/22s or Optimists, O'pen Bics, 420's, Lasers and more! There is a class for every sailor from ages 6 to 96!

Volunteers Needed

Consider volunteering to help the Junior Sailing Program. As we get ready to launch boats, we can use all the help we can get to prepare the fleet for summer sailing. Please come by during our **Work Week - May 21-25** to help out on the J/22 launching and Mercury painting and lend a hand. We will also be looking for volunteers to help with NBYA Jr. Race Week in August. Let us know if you're interested in helping out!

Sailing Classes – Limited Space Available

Classes are filling up for Junior and Adult Sailing Classes, so sign up now at EastBaySailingFoundation.org.

As a special treat, the first 25 kids to sign up before May 10 will be invited to tour Vestas 11th Hour Racing with our own Charlie Enright at the Newport Volvo Ocean Race Village in mid May. So sign up NOW!

We'll be sailing before you know it!

Kristin Browne – EBSF



Good News!

Our roof leaks have been repaired. We are still waiting for the electrician to wire our whole house fan. Chris assures me that this will be completed before Commissioning.

Speaking of Commissioning...

Our House Committee would like to invite any members who would like to help to join us on **May 28th** for a house cleaning day. The grounds committee will be working outside on this date so there will be lots of activity for any interested party. We all want the clubhouse and Grounds to be perfect for the start of our boating season.

Other Things...

Marilyn Dimson-Doyle has agreed to be the House Representative for the new website update. We are thankful for her sharing of skills. Peter Maloney has been in the process of reviewing the House Committee budget and spending. We will follow his guidance to keep our numbers on a positive track. Thank you both for your assistance.

Rosemary Alden – House Chair

COMMODORE'S QUARTERS



The season is here... FINALLY!

Commissioning {kə -'mi-SHən} verb... oh, never mind Merriam-Webster, what does it mean to YOU? New beginnings... rekindling... reconnecting? Whatever it means to you, come join us. This my favorite event of the year for everything it signifies. That, and the fact that it is a springboard into the summer season. While I absolutely loved our Friday Night dinners (thank you, House Committee) and lecture series (thank you, Fleet Captain Joe Whelan), I know I am not alone in saying I am ready to welcome summer.

Our BYC Commissioning is on Saturday, May 5th beginning at 3:00 PM. Please join us as we "open" the Club and start anew. We will be welcoming new members and reconnecting with old ones.

As we move into our high season, one effort I do want to draw your attention to is the Leukemia Cup fundraising that will be going on throughout the summer. We have been well represented before in the actual Leukemia Cup Regatta in Newport, and will be again, but this year we are also doing something a little different. As a Club, we are hosting a BYC fundraising effort in support of the Leukemia Cup. This is a worthy cause which touches many lives, including some sailors we have known. Look for the article in this month's Mainsheet for more information, and also look for the donation box at the Club. Raise more than a sail; please consider donating to this cause.

See you at Commissioning on May 5th!

Ruth E. Souto – Commodore



FLEET

BYC Annual Memorial Day cruise

The Memorial Day cruise will be on Saturday, May 26th. We will again return to Newport. You will be able to sign up on the website beginning in the first week of May. Remember, this is a cruise that you can take by boat, car or skateboard (preferably by boat). Given the beautiful weather this spring, we expect a sunny and warm weekend. We will have dinner at the New York Yacht Club, with cocktails beginning at 18:00.

Once we have a list of boats that expect to sail, we will see if there is interest in an informal second night... possibly Dutch Harbor. More information on that will follow.

Joe Whelan – Fleet Captain

RACE

Check out our upcoming races in May. Ready, set... go!

May 12 – 2x2 J/22 Random Pair Team Race

May 16 – Millard Series Skippers meeting 2018

May 23 – Millard Series Practice Race

May 28 – First Monday J/22 Team Race

May 29 – First Tuesday Laser Summer Series Race

May 30 – First Millard Series Race

May 31 – First Thursday One-Design Keelboat Series Race

GROUNDS

Thank You Volunteers!

Thanks to all the volunteers, who pitched in to make the annual Spring Clean-Up a huge success. Hopefully all your efforts will insure that spring is finally here!

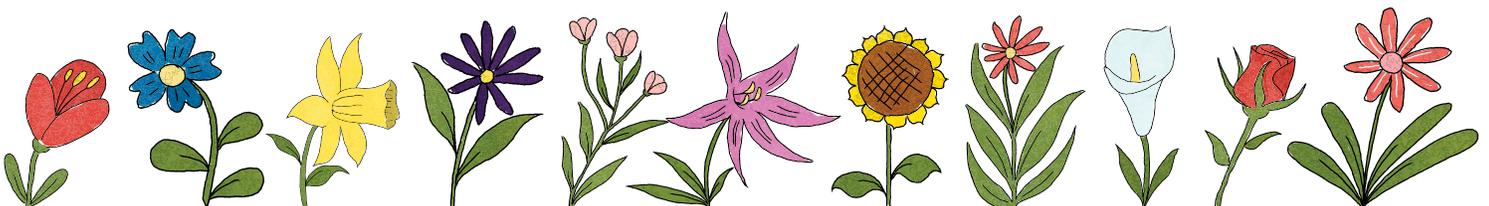
On the Docket...

Grounds projects are plentiful and we look forward to completing the rebuild of the stone wall in front of the club. We will also be re-seeding the rear lawn to bring it back into shape after removal of the dock floats and repairing the ruts in the front driveway areas. A rope fence will be installed around the grass circle in front of the club and shell base will be laid on the dry sail boat storage area.

Our Cutting Garden Needs a Name!

We have designated a small area near the transformer at the northwest corner of the clubhouse to be used as a flower garden for cuttings for social committee sponsored event. We would like to choose a name for the flower garden. If you have any suggestions for a name please submit it to Chris Healey ASAP!

Tom Pasqual – Grounds Chair



Gettin' it All Done!

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” – Helen Keller



The team attaching the dock.



Chris Healey & Pete Wisotzkey



Pete Wisotzkey



Jil Westcott & Kevin McCormick, ready to work!



Chris Healey finishes the final halyard!



Jim Salling, on duty, with others.

APPROVED MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION LIST

Proposed Member Name (s)	City/State	Boat Name/Make	Sponsors
Gary Warner & Catherine Murray	Bristol, RI	Rachel J – Ellis 36	Robert Pike & John Bell
Anthony D’Aiello	Wrentham, MA	Cha-Ching – Seaswirl 24	N/A Re-instatement

The Membership Committee has reviewed and approved applications for the proposed members listed above. Once the applications have been posted for 30 days, the proposed members will be presented to the Executive Board for review. During the 30 posting days, members are encouraged to provide any additional information based on first-hand knowledge or experience with the individuals seeking membership. Please forward comments to:

Membership Chair, Paul Redman – pwredman@gmail.com. Thank you!



The Annual Easter Event!

March 25th was an exciting day at BYC because the Easter Bunny came by and left eggs outside in the yard for everyone to find. We had all ages of children and no one seemed to mind the snow flurries. The little ones had eggs hidden inside the club house. Inside the eggs were fun toys and stickers for everyone, including gold tickets for a couple of lucky children.

After the egg hunt, there were lots of activities inside. The crafts included cupcake decorating, bunny masks with ears and headbands with flowers. Tasty refreshments were served and then more activities began! We had sack relay races, egg on spoon races and so much more. The parachute was a hit with everyone and we finished off with duck-duck goose and other floor games.

Thank you Val Bruzzi and Suzi Holloway for Co-Chairing this event. Also thanks are due to those who donated tasty treats as well as their time.





Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

BYC would like to gather its efforts this year with a donation campaign to run through the summer and end with our Decommissioning. We have a donation site inside the Clubhouse as well as an online donation site:

<https://pages.leukemicup.org/ri/ri18/BristolYachtClub>

Our goal for the summer is **\$2500**. We are already off to a good start! We are hoping you embrace our ambition to raise this money for such a worthy cause.

During the summer, I will bring attention to our campaign at our social and racing events in hopes of increasing our donations. In the club, you can drop in some spare money in the acrylic holder or make a personal donation in honor of an occasion and a note will be sent out to the recipient. We are here to help you make your donation a special one if needed. Please contact me if I can help you.

Thank you for your support this summer!

Kathy Rotsky – Social Chair



THE VOICE BYC EDITION

KARAOKE CONTEST, OPEN MIC & DANCING!

SATURDAY, MAY 19TH ★ 5 TO 9 PM

★ KARAOKE CONTEST 7-7:45PM ★

Winners receive the coveted BYC "The Voice" Trophy

Top Female/Male Artist • Top Duo/Group

Top Rock Artist • Top R&B • Top Boy/Girl Artist

★ OPEN MIC & DANCING BEFORE & AFTER ★

★ CREATIVE THEME ATTIRE ENCOURAGED ★

Leon's Cafe and Catering of Barrington will serve an abundant array of appetizers and small plates starting at 5:00. Food will be served open table style to nosh at your leisure.

\$35 ADULTS
\$10 KIDS

music by

DJ Brandon Clark



Squantum Club Reciprocity

In 2013, Past Commodore Craig Lippman announced that our Bristol Yacht Club and the Squantum Association of Riverside had agreed to reciprocal privileges extending to both memberships. This means that members of BYC may dine and enjoy beverages at the Squantum clubhouse located on Veterans Memorial Parkway, and that Squantum Club members may enjoy visitors' use of our waterfront and clubhouse. Many members of both clubs were unaware or have forgotten that this arrangement exists.

Both clubs share a long Rhode Island history. Founded "for the purpose of culture" seven years earlier than our BYC, Squantum enjoys a panoramic view of the Providence skyline across the Providence River. This is an exciting extension of our member benefits, for those who would enjoy access to a year-round dining venue. Please welcome our Squantum guests when they visit BYC, and take advantage of the benefit; you won't be disappointed. Please be aware of dress code for certain events.

Feel free to contact past Commodores Craig Lippman or Bob Hamel with any questions.

Additional information is available at the Squantum Club's website: www.squantumassociation.com

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