

The Bristol Yacht Club MAINSHEET



Pirate Day at Bristol Yacht Club (Photographer: Adam Waz, <https://www.adamwaz.com>)

The Case for Kids on Cruises

BYC's recently completed Annual Summer Cruise visited Plymouth and Martha's Vineyard. Among the cruisers were several kids, including Alana Aroy, granddaughter of BYC members Glen and Marsha Petaja, with her sisters Addison and Avaleen. Alana was kind enough to share her thoughts on the advantages of bringing kids on cruises. Thanks, Alana!

Does it ever get a little lonely on your boat during the BYC club cruise? Why not take some kids along? Grandkids, neighborhood kids, or just some random kids. Not only are they great company, but they also can provide valuable services.

Some services kids can provide include delivering ice and taking in the trash. In addition, kids can walk dogs and help take care of younger siblings. Kids on board can also help you coil ropes and clean small spaces.

Being on the BYC club cruise is a great learning experience for us kids. Some of the sailing skills I have learned include how to hoist and trim the main, grind a winch, and read telltales. It took me a while to learn how to plot a course.

As a kid, I think we bring a lot of fun and laughter to the cruise. Having kids on the boat is also a great bonding experience for everyone. So as I see it the only downside to bringing kids on the cruise is..... hmmmmmm..... I can't think of any.



From left to right: Addison Aroy (8), Alana Aroy (10), and Avaleen Aroy (5)

PS - Thanks to everyone on the cruise for being so welcoming to my sisters and me. You guys rock!

— Alana Aroy, Granddaughter of BYC members Glen and Marsha Petaja



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BYC Racers Excel in 2022 Regional and Global Sailing Competitions

BYC is lucky to count among our members a number of world class racers, only some of whom are highlighted below. As the 2022 racing season unfolds, these outstanding teams have continued to earn our admiration by excelling in several regional, national, and global regattas. On behalf of everyone at BYC, congratulations to all of you who have competed in races on the “big stage” thus far this year! Forward!!

BYC Racers *Hope* and *Incognito* Deliver Winning Results at the June Edgartown Race Weekend

BYC racing teams aboard *Hope*, skippered by Chris Bjerregaard (BYC Commodore 2019-2021), and *Incognito*, skippered by Joe Brito (BYC Commodore 2015-2017), brought home impressive wins in both the Round-the-Island and Round-the-Sound races at the recent Edgartown Race Weekend.



Hope leads the class in an upwind leg, followed by two US Naval Academy's 44s, *Tenacious* and *Integrity*.

“We just got our boat last year, so I knew we had to commit early in the season to make a difference in our sailing, so we were the first to sign up,” said Bjerregaard’s wife June. “Everything went smoothly; it’s a fun place and a good combination

of racing opportunities.” The Bjerregaards’ son Ted sailed with them, while their daughter Kate sailed on *Incognito*. *Incognito* finished second and was *Hope*’s fiercest competitor in the class, which also included three Naval Academy 44s: *Gallant*, *Tenacious*, and *Integrity*.”

Incognito, skippered by Joe Brito, placed second in the Round-the-Sound race. “This was our second year competing in the Edgartown Race Week and I was again impressed by how organized and welcoming the Race Committee and entire Club staff are,” said Joe. “The race chairs, Tony Giordano and Alex Nugent, made it really easy to visit the island and a real pleasure to race. We will be back next year for sure.”

Crew from the two teams included BYC members June, Kate and Ted Bjerregaard aboard *Hope*; and Mike and Joe Brito,



Incognito flies a chute in light winds during the downwind leg of the Round-the-Sound race.

Corey Butlin, Britt Colombo, and Ben Hall aboard *Incognito*. Nick Dovbniak and Jesse Fielding also crewed on *Incognito* as did Julia Brace aboard *Hope*.

Mischief Takes First Place in Its Class at the New York Yacht Club’s 168th Annual Regatta

In June, *Mischief*, skippered by David Schwartz (BYC Commodore 2013 - 2015), took first place in the PHRF 3 class against a fleet of 13 boats at the New York Yacht Club’s 168th Annual Regatta.



Mischief times her start just right on Saturday.

David reports, “Consistency was the key to doing well in this competitive class. We didn’t win any of the three races, but our 2-3-2 record was two points better than the second place boat. Winds were fairly light so crew work on each tack, gybe, and spinnaker set had to be perfect to keep our 17,000 pound boat moving. We sailed with 9 people, some of whom have

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been sailing together for 30 years. Happy to report that we are now up to 6 Bristol Yacht Club senior members (either current or on the wait-list). Great to have Jim Chase, Mary Margarete Clawson, Hugh Madden, Nate Williams and Kathy Yorks representing the Club with me.” Read more about the race [here](#).

BYC Women’s Team Dominates Corinthian Yacht Club’s National Women’s Invitational

At the recent Corinthian Yacht Club National Women’s Invitational Team Race, the Bristol Yacht Club Women’s Team dominated the regatta, winning all but two of their races in the round robin stages and all their races in the finals to take the 2022 Thayer Trophy. The team overcame early light winds to prevail over teams from both the Corinthian Yacht Club and New York Yacht Club. BYC Team Race Chair Captain Amanda Callahan credits some of their success to the fact that many of the Bristol sailors have been regularly racing together in Bristol Yacht Club’s Monday night team racing series. [Read more.](#)

In early June, the Women’s team racers also competed at the Second Annual NYYC Women’s 2v2 Team Race. The squad walked away with second place after some epically close battles with the teams from Charleston, Larchmont, and Lauderdale in particular. The team consisted of helmswomen Stephanie Hudson and Amanda Callahan with outstanding BYC crew members of Megan Roach, Abby Cook, Kate Bjerregaard, and Catherine Shanahan. [Read more here.](#)



Top row L-R: Bristol Team Captain Amanda Callahan, Molly Matthews, BYC Team Captain Stephanie Hudson, Elizabeth Shanahan, Julia O’Connor, Sophie Reineke, Rebecca King; Bottom row L-R: Abby McCauley, Abigail Konys, Megan Roach, Rebecca McElvain, Katelyn McGauley. Photo Credit: Bruce Durkee

Incognito Joins Competitors at the Royal Cork Yacht Club’s Annual Race Week



Photo: Rick Tomlinson / Volvo Cork Week

Team: Joe Brito (skipper), Corey Butlin, Britt Colombo, Fionn Daly, Nick Dovbniak, Kevin Doherty, Ben Fusco, Jesse Fielding, Ben Hall, Nan Hall, Pam Lee, and Caitlin Niemic

Skipper Joe Brito and his crew joined competitors from across Europe, North America, and Australia to compete in the Volvo Cork Week, a regatta of 192 boats that raced in Cork, Ireland from July 11-15. Sailing a Lumbar 46 named *Pata Negra*, the team was frustrated by light winds early in the week, but performed well overall on a boat that was new to them. Overall they came in 15 in a fleet of 21 in the Coastal IRC class. At the final award ceremony, the race organizers complimented the crew and captain for their exceptional sail handling and mark rounding skills, which they described as the cleanest and best executed across the fleet and all five days of competition. The hospitality and sportsmanship of the competitors could not have been better, and the team looks forward to repeating the experience again soon.

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2022 Sea Sprite Regatta

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Under bright blue summer skies and 12 - 14 knots of southwesterly breeze, PRO John Mooney and Roger Carney set up two wonderful races for the 2022 Sea Sprite Annual Regatta. While our participation was down somewhat from last year due to summer travel plans and boat upgrading, it was delightful sailing and stiff, close competition.



The Sea Sprite racing fleet looking lovely on an upwind leg of the race course. Just perfect!

After two races, perennial champion Bob Catani nailed down his reputation as the skipper to keep in your sights as he scored two first-place finishes. In race number two, the time separating the top two boats, however, was only ten seconds after a four-mile race!

After the regatta, skippers and crews held a pizza dinner and awards ceremony around the fire pit at the Bristol Yacht Club (No fire in the pit, however, since the air temperatures were in the 92 degree range.)

The results:

Bramasole (Bob Catani) 1 – 1 = 2
Oasis (Bob Rude) 2 – 2 = 4
New Hope (Dom Messerli) 3 – 3 = 6
Lullabelle (Mark Rotsky) – 4 – DNS

The next big regatta event for the Sea Sprite Class will be the Annual Race Around Hog Island scheduled for Saturday, September 10.

All skippers are welcome to join us. Borrow a boat and join the fray! A perfect way to wind up the summer racing season. Contact Dom Messerli, Sea Sprite Fleet Captain, for more information 484-988-0477.

- Bob Rude, BYC Member

New to BYC, Leaf is Winning Races - Big and Small

As a Luder 24 built in 1944, *Leaf* is off to a great start in her first racing season with new owner and BYC member Ben Hall.

So far in the 2022 season, Ben placed second in the New York Yacht Club Regatta in the CRF MkII Classic 2 Division and first in the Boothbay Classic Regatta in the Vintage Classic/Class 2 group. This past week he competed again with *Leaf* in the Camden Classic Regatta.



L-R: Bob Rude, Second Place; Bob Catani, First Place; and Dom Messerli, Third Place



Ben Hall and crew sail to victory in the BYC Commodore's Cup, proving again that every race counts, even the little ones.

Perhaps most noteworthy has been *Leaf's* first place finish in the BYC Commodore's Cup. In that race, his crew included Russel Levesque (4), Calvin Levesque (7) and Bennett Pearce (7), as well as the Levesque parents (also BYC Members), Caroline and Pete.

Helpers for Saturday Morning Coffee and Pastry. Yes Please!

If you are a morning person with a hankering to help out at the Club or just meet new BYC friends, please contact Jane Guinther at jsguinther@sbcglobal.net to sign up for a one time done-in-a-day volunteer opportunity. It's fun and you get FREE COFFEE AND SNACKS.



Beer, Burgers, and Blues

Aug. 13, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Back by popular demand the band “Half Step Down” joins us for an evening of blues/ rock music. We will be grilling our famous burgers and hot dogs with deluxe toppings, corn on the cob and side salads. Don't forget your dancing shoes if the mood takes you.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Eight Bells: Ross Holloway

Ross Holloway was a member of the BYC from 1968 to 2009. As a teenager, Ross sailed a Town Class at the Nahant Dory Club. In college, his Amherst College team won third place at the Inter-collegiate Nationals.



A dinghy sailor at heart, Ross first campaigned his little Penguin with the BYC Frostbiters, and later, for many happy summers, sailed his Pearson Electra *Nightowl* with his wife Nancy and daughters Anne and Susie.

Ross worked as an archaeologist, digging in Southern Italy and

Sicily, and teaching classical archaeology and art history at Brown University for over 40 years. The BYC had a special place in his heart and, while he loved his digs, he also looked forward every summer to ending the dig so he could start sailing!

Get Ready for Build a Boat on Aug. 20 - 21

Our biggest BYC Juniors event is coming up on Saturday, August 20 and Sunday, August 21: “Build-A-Boat/Float-A-Boat with the Bristol Harbormaster’s Office.” On Saturday from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, we will build cardboard boats in teams, including children and an adult, on the lawn of BYC. Then on Sunday from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm we’ll have a “race” and cookout lunch. The kids will race their boats in the protected water between the floats and the dock at the new Bristol Marina in front of the Harbormaster’s Office. Families and spectators can stand alongside the U-shaped floats and cheer their team to victory! We are hoping to be able to give everyone a picnic of hamburgers and hot dogs.

Volunteers are needed for either day or both days. Please email Susie Holloway at susannah.p.holloway@gmail.com to help. Also keep a lookout for more information and a registration link in the next couple weekly emails.

- Susannah Holloway, Junior Activities Chair





BYC is Hopping!

Bristol Yacht Club is on fire! . . .errr... bad metaphor . . . Things are hopping at the Bristol Yacht Club! . . . That's better. July was a stream of events - the Fourth of July pancake breakfast, the Fourth of July Committee dinner, the Commodore's Cup, the Pirate Dinghy parade and cookout, the Naval Academy dinner, the summer cruise, weeknight racing four nights a week, EBSF classes, racing, and adult sailing, the start of Foil Racing, and a visit from 11th Hour Racing. It is such a pleasure to see the Club as active as it is. And we have August and September still to come!

Commodore's Corner



Due to that irritating thing called "work," I missed two Wednesday night races in July but made it home in time to see the finishes. It reminded me that watching the racing is almost as much fun as being in the race. The colorful spinnakers in the evening light entering the harbor are the picture of summer. Others must agree, as we have become something of a spectator sport. The Herreshoff Museum has Wednesday night jazz, and Blithewold has Wednesday night philharmonic music, both of which use our fleet as the backdrop. Is it a coincidence that these are on Wednesdays? I think not.

Speaking of beautiful backdrops, this month's volunteer shout-out goes out to the Waterfront Committee. To be clear, they are not the beautiful backdrop, but our waterfront is! Sorry folks! The committee includes John Bell, Mark Coe, Cliff Curtis, Jim Dollins, Brian Fitzgerald, Jim Flynn, Roland Gendreau, Joe Jablonowski, Don Kern, Ralph Olesen, Jim Sallinger, David Schwartz, Alan Small, Den Sweetman, Gary Warner, and Jil Westcott. It is led by Glen Petaja and Bill Toohey. And a specific shout out to Bill, who has been a cornerstone of the Waterfront Committee for many years and has dedicated countless hours to keeping the waterfront organized and in excellent working order. Phase I of the waterfront project has been a tremendous success, and we look forward to the completion of the waterfront renovation.

Enjoy your August!

- Joe Whelan, Commodore



Act Now: Registration for the Kicky Cruise Closes in Two Days - On Wed Aug. 3

You are invited to join fellow BYC members on a two-day cruise in the Kickemuit River on August 6 and 7. This is an excellent location for folks who are interested in cruising, but who perhaps have a smaller boat or time constraints that make cruising to more remote locations difficult. "The Kicky" is also a great cruise for families with kids as it is not too long and will include many family-friendly games, swimming opportunities, and more.

Click [here](#) for more information or [here](#) to sign up. If you have questions, please contact cruise organizer Steve Barron at sbarron0724@yahoo.com.



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FAMILY SAIL
4:30 - 6:00PM

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6:00PM



New Item Arriving at the BYC Ship's Store:

100% Cotton BYC BEACH TOWEL

Our new Beach Towels are expected to arrive in late August. Even though summer will be coming to a close, think about taking them with you if you winter in a warm place. They will also make great stocking gifts! This product will be displayed at the Club and added to the website as soon as it arrives.





Friday Night Dinner/Speaker

Newport to Bermuda Female Youth Team

Friday Aug. 26, 5:00-9:00 PM

Come meet the young ladies of Team Bitter End, who became the first all-female youth team to compete in the Newport Bermuda Race.

The eight Rhode Island students - seven from the Lincoln School in Providence — Elizabeth Gardner, Gigi Fischer, Phoebe Lee, Olivia Vincent, Callie Dawson, Sophia Comiskey, and Milla Clarke, along with Sarah Wilme, a 20-year-old Portsmouth High School graduate and current boat-building student at IYRS School of Technology and Trades in Newport, sailed in this history-making feat.



The team: Gigi Fischer, Olivia Vincent, Callie Dawson, Elizabeth Gardner, Milla Clarke, Sophia Comiskey, Phoebe Lee, Sarah Wilme, Maya Hoffman, Allie Surrette, Katy Zimmerman, and Coach, Libby Greenhalgh

The idea started in Bristol. These students met participating in a 6-week Collegiate Offshore Sailing Circuit last summer, coached by BYC member Richard Feeny. Building off this program they logged miles while learning a lot of offshore skills going out every weekend in the summer OF 2021. By October, they had sailed about 2000 nautical miles as a team. As the season drew to a close, the students began looking for more opportunities to continue sailing together. “We were just joking about doing Newport to Bermuda. And then somehow we figured it out,” said BYC member Fischer.

After the seed was planted, Gigi reached out to the chairman of the Newport to Bermuda race. They also contacted Oakcliff, a nonprofit sailing center in New York. Oakcliff’s Executive Director Dawn Riley is a legend in the sport — she is the first woman to manage an America’s Cup team, plus she has raced on four Cup and two Ocean Race (formerly Whitbread) teams. Oakcliff provided the girls with a Farr 40 for the race, 2 months training, two coaches and sponsorship support (Bitter End Yacht Club in Bermuda).

The Race: 27th in a fleet of 188 boats! We’ll hear of the many challenges faced: the inability of their satellite phone to connect to real-time weather updates (which ultimately led to their advantage), contending with equipment issues, and the mixed reviews from the sailing community on their arrival. During concentrated focus on the game, the high seas provided moments of joy in embracing the night skies, dolphins frolicking alongside, and feeling your team working through it all together. Share the Odyssey with Team Bitter End at BYC - the tale from an idea!

Dinner will be catered by Amos House-More than a Meal. The registration deadline is Wednesday, August 24 at noon. **Register [Here](#).**

- Jane Guinther, House Committee Chair



A Remembrance of a Past BYC Commodore Bill Timmis (1983-1985)

Bill Timmis was someone you didn't forget quickly. An outstanding racing, larger-than-life character, and war hero, Bill served as BYC Commodore from 1983 to 1985. Recently Herb Brown Jr. (BYC Commodore 1977 - 1979), was kind enough to tell me about Bill's heroic military service to the United States, details of which BYC Member Mike Martel has artfully crafted into this remembrance. Thanks to Herb and Mike for your efforts.

P.S. There are many outstanding past leaders at BYC. If there is someone you want to nominate for a remembrance please do. It is a gift to walk in the shadow of so many great BYC members who came before us.

- Barbara Petrocelli, Mainsheet Editor

True heroes, I have heard, are often quiet and unassuming. My father-in-law was awarded a Bronze Star for his heroic actions in Vietnam, but he never liked to talk about it. Heroes can walk among us as regular folks do, without bluster or boasting, and unless we're told, we have no idea whom we are with. Such a man, I am told, was Past BYC Commodore William (Bill) Walter Timmis, who, as a U.S. Navy Helldiver pilot at the end of WWII, dropped a 1,000-lb. bomb on the Japanese battleship *Hyuga* and sent it to the bottom of Kure Harbor, Japan, a month or so before the Emperor surrendered. Bill died at age 87 in October of 2005 at his home in North Port, Florida; it seems like such a long time ago, especially the way time and events move in our world today. But it's important that we never forget guys like Bill Timmis, what he did, or how unassuming a guy he was in that regard; he is still fondly remembered today by his many friends here at the Club. Bill belonged to a generation that saw nothing extraordinary in dedicated service. He served on the BYC Executive Committee and eventually served as Commodore from 1983-1985, where he worked to build the Club into a better organization during the turbulent 1980s.

Born in Washington, D.C in 1918, Bill was a graduate of the Friends Academy at Locust Valley, N.Y. and attended Swarthmore College. During World War II, Mr. Timmis served in the Air Corps of the U.S. Navy, receiving his early training at the Naval Base in Atlanta. He was commissioned as an ensign on January 22, 1943, the same day he and his first wife, the late Martha Blalock Timmis, wed.

LTJG Timmis went overseas in January 1945 and flew 11 missions over Japan as a Helldiver pilot, based on the *U.S.S. Ticonderoga*. He received the Navy Cross for the sinking of the battleship *Hyuga*. The *Hyuga* was a massive, older battleship, obsolete for the Pacific war, but still very formidable. Built in 1918, she was nearly 700 feet long and had been upgraded in weapons and armor as recently as the mid-1930s and now bristled with cannon and anti-aircraft guns. Camouflaged and anchored in Hiroshima Bay, she was attacked by waves of bombers in April and again in July that did significant damage to the ship and killed many of the crew. But the solid old *Hyuga* remained unbowed.

LTJG Timmis flew a dive bomber in Halsey's fleet. The young aviator was part of bomber Squadron 87 flying from the deck of the aircraft carrier USS



Photographed here at the top right leaning against his plane, Bill Timmis was a Helldiver pilot in the Pacific theater in World War II.



Ticonderoga, one of the five carriers that sailed into the enemy’s home waters with the admiral.

It was July 24 when 13 Helldivers flew from the deck of the *Ticonderoga* in search of elements of the Japanese fleet. Air Group 87 had an assignment: Sink the *Hyuga*, an Ise-Class battleship. The giant enemy warship was very capable of defending itself with anti-aircraft fire. In addition, it was protected by a network of nearby shore batteries.



From the dedication of a new BYC Race Committee Boat, the *Herbert B Farnum* in the fall 1986. L-R: Commodore Charles A. Cook, ex-Commodore William W. Timmis, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert B. “Mike” Farnum III (Source: Sylvia, George M., *The Boat House on the Shore*, BookMasters Inc., 2011)

“We finally found the *Hyuga* at dockside in Kure Harbor camouflaged with tree branches and netting. She was spotted on a low level recon flight,” Timmis is quoted as recalling. “We returned to the *Ticonderoga* and re-armed with 1,000 pound armor-piercing bombs and headed back to attack the battleship. There were three groups of four planes that made a normal bombing approach from approximately 12,000 feet.” On the next run, the bombers did their work, and LTJG Timmis’ 1,000-pound bomb found its mark. Diving into withering fire, he dropped his well-aimed payload on *Hyuga*, sinking the ship in shallow water, even though his own plane had been hit and forced to ditch. Timmis was awarded the Navy Cross. The citation reads, in part, “For extraordinary heroism...in action against enemy Japanese forces...Braving intense enemy anti-aircraft fire which damaged his plane and resulted in his subsequent crash landing at sea, then LTJG Timmis skillfully pressed home an attack against the enemy battleship *Hyuga* scoring a direct hit...contributing materially to the sinking of the hostile vessel.”

It's time to sign up for MOHOSA Race Week.

The races will be in early August - on August 3 and 7.

This will be the 34th year for one of the most successful local classic regattas on the bay. Primarily attended by Bristol YC, Tiverton YC, and Spar Island racers, this is a great way to get “out there” racing away from the harbor, but still only going around the corner into Mt Hope Bay. The first race, the “Wednesday Night Worlds” is on August 3, replacing the Millard Series race, and the next date is the Sunday Regatta on August 7 when we will run 2 races. The Sunday Regatta has been designated one of the “Boat of the Year” events by NBYA. Each date carries its own set of trophies, plus we have an awards dinner at BYC after the racing on Sunday when we award a full set of trophies for each date. There will be two spinnaker and two non-spinnaker classes on each day. The Wednesday race is free, and the Sunday race still carries a fee of only \$35.00, which includes two great BBQ dinners thanks in part to our sponsors - 1776 Liquors, North Sails, ECBS Marine Survey, and J/Boats. You can also buy more dinners in advance. Email Mark Rotsky if you want to order more dinners. **More information and the document to sign up for the race is [here](#).**

- Mark Rotsky, Race Committee Member

- Mike Martel, BYC Member

Steak or Swordfish

Millard Post-Race Dinner

Join us for our Special Post-Race Steak or Swordfish dinner. Dinner includes salad, corn, potato and something "sweet".
Bring your own steak knives.

Wednesday 8/17 at 8:00 PM - \$20 per person
Sign up by Monday 8/11 at noon

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER



July was Busy at BYC: A Recap

Annual Summer Cruise



Cruising in Buzzards Bay, Cape Cod Bay, and Vineyard Sound, 23 BYC boats enjoyed 8 days of nice weather, good winds (sometimes too much), and fantastic company. Clockwise from the top left: a group dinner at the Beverly Yacht Club, the fleet at anchor in Quissett, Chris Boutilier at the helm of *Grace*, a lobster dinner at the Cuttyhunk Fisherman's Club (Hardy and Arlene Hartwell and their guests Nancy and Patrick Castaldo, and Marina Pascucci and John Bausch), a flying mermaid in Marion, and a group dinner at 3rd Beach.

Navy Dinner



The BYC House Committee hosted 32 midshipmen at the Club on July 15, who had sailing from Annapolis, MD on four 44-foot sail training vessels. While in town the boats were docked at the new town docks, while the midshipmen were housed by Navy and BYC families in the community. While in Bristol, the students enjoyed a dinner at the Club and toured the Herreshoff Museum, among other things.





Pirate Day





Time to Spruce Up the BYC Playground

Greetings from the Grounds Committee Chair, and Happy Summer! It's been a busy year at the Club, and it's incredible to see the Club's amenities being used so actively following the more tepid pandemic summers of 2020 and 2021!

However, while the Club as playground for the adults is undoubtedly thriving, the playground at the Club for kids is not faring so well after nearly 12 years of incredible service. After the Grounds Committee spent a recent Sunday afternoon completely re-building the "climbing wall" portion of the playground – it became evident that many pieces of the existing structure will be in need to be repaired or, more likely, replaced to keep the playground safe, fun, and functional for our most junior members and guests.



The recently rebuilt climbing wall is ready for play, but the rest of playset will need repair or replacement soon.

Wednesday Night Racers: Please Sign Up for Dinner

If you want dinner following one of the August Wednesday night races, please sign up. Your cooperation is helpful in planning headcount and meal ordering.

Note: The 8/3 dinner is following one of the MOHOSA races. Thank you.

Sign Up [Here](#)

Our current playground was made possible by generous donations from the membership in 2010. Through a fundraising effort spearheaded by our former commodore Dawne Nordstrom with her granddaughter Ellie acting as spokes model for the campaign – Dawne rallied the membership to invest in the playground that has served the BYC faithfully for more than a decade.

Ellie is now a little too big for the slide, but I'm sure her memories of summer at the BYC would not be the same without the playground as part of them.

Therefore, the Grounds Committee is planning to appeal to the membership this fall to help raise money to cover the cost of a new playground structure similar to our current one. We are currently reviewing options for a new playground set and would like to replace the existing one with something substantially similar in size, quality, and amenity.

So keep an eye out for a fall/winter fundraiser to have a new swing set ready for the 2023 season! If anyone is interested in helping to work on our fundraising, research, or planning effort, please get in touch with me to discuss. Thanks all, and happy summer!



Originally installed in 2010, then Commodore Dawn Nordstrom's Granddaughter, Ellie, pointed out the location where the new playground would sit.

**- Douglas Kallfelz
Grounds Committee Chair**



Adventure Sailing Day

Hosted by the Bristol Yacht Club and the East Providence Boys and Girls Club

Saturday, August 13

The BYC DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) Committee and East Bay Sailing Foundation (EBSF), under the sponsorship of the National Women's Sailing Association (NWSA), will be holding Adventure Sail Day at BYC on Saturday, August 13. AdventureSail has been a jewel in the crown of WSF/NWSA for over two decades, and BYC and EBSF are pleased to participate this year.

[Click Here to Learn More About Adventure Sail Day](#)

This event was designed to foster the next generation of female sailors and expose young girls to sailing who otherwise might not have that opportunity. We have engaged with the East Providence Boys and Girls Club (EPBGC) to offer the opportunity to young girls ages 9 – 14 who attend EPBGC Camp Crosby in Bristol. They are very excited to be part of the event, and DEI committee members, Tamara Barney and Marilyn Dimson-Doyle, with EBSF sail instructor Nina Gonzalez, visited the camp a couple of times to talk with the girls about sailing and encourage their participation.

The event will run from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm on Saturday, August 13 (The rain date is August 14). The girls will have the opportunity to sail with an EBSF instructor on the J22s or Mercurys, participate in activities on the lawn and enjoy a BBQ lunch.

We hope to have at least 13 girls participating. Some girls will be brought by the camp's director via van and some by their parents. Parents are welcome to enjoy the Club grounds and join the lunch while their girls enjoy sailing.

If you are around that morning and see the girls or their parents, please give them the traditional warm BYC welcome!!

- Marilyn Dimson-Doyle, DEI Committee Chair

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 (RAIN DATE: AUGUST 14)

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