

# The Bristol Yacht Club MAINSHEET



Photo: Dawn in Bristol Harbor, courtesy of BYC member Brian Fitzgerald

## BYC Recognizes 2022 Millard Series and Thursday Night Racing Winners

BYC closed out the month of September with a lively Oktoberfest dinner and awards ceremony recognizing some of the top finishers in the Club's summer racing fleet. Race Committee Chair Bob McLaughlin and Millard Series Leader Mark Rotsky offered special thanks to the Race Committee and the many leaders, volunteers, and Club staff members who collectively make the Club's outstanding weekly race programs happen.



Ken Madeiro, co-captain for *Audacious* with George Lima, recieved the award for finishing in first place in the Class B fleet.



Joe Brito and crew members (L to R) Mike Brito, Julia O'Neil, and Cory Butlin on *Incognito* took first place in the Millard Series A Class. Joe and crew also won the Millard Trophy, which recognizes the boat with the lowest average score for the entire racing season.



Don Kern on *Fireball* (aka. Wrecking Ball) finished in first place in Class C. He also was recognized with the Captain Crunch award for his exceptional record of hitting things during the 2022 racing season.



Captain Tom Ferreira with crew members Justin Ferreira (left) and Pat Greenwall (right) took first place in Class E with his boat *Ragtime*.

Chris Brito accepted the award for Pete Levesque who took first place in the Thursday night one design racing series with his boat *Dusty*.



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## A Strong Finish to the 2022 Boating Season

### *Commodore's Corner*

The chill of autumn air is upon us. I love it. I always describe my favorite day of the year – weather-wise – as the first fall day when there is bright sunshine and the legitimate need to wear a sweater. The air is crisp, the sun is brilliant, and colors are sharp.

While things slowed down in September, it was still an active month highlighted by the volunteer dinner, awards night, and some good racing – including the Bud Humphrey, a fall classic.



One of the highlights of September for me was an Executive Committee meeting dedicated to the question of whether we should purchase and implement a new suite of yacht club-dedicated software. It was a highlight because it was a difficult issue, but the meeting was filled with good, vigorous, open debate. In the end, everyone felt heard, and we had a close vote not to move forward with the software implementation. The principal reason for not going forward is that the software company is not fully mature, and there are concerns about its ability to do everything we are looking for. Afterward, I spoke with members of the Executive Committee who came down on either side of the issue, and each of them felt it was a good and positive meeting, notwithstanding their position on the outcome. Good stuff.

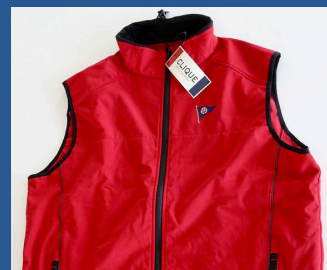
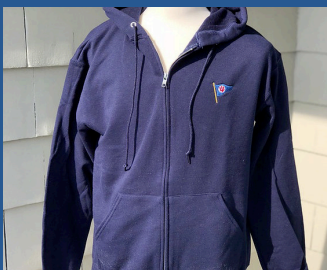
Speaking of the Executive Committee, Nick Cromwell has decided to step down as Chair of the Race Committee. This takes me to my volunteer shout-out for this month, which goes to Nick.

No person has contributed more to racing at Bristol Yacht Club over the past 20 years than Nick. He has been a force for positive change in the expansion and development of racing, including the development of Monday night team racing and Thursday night one-design racing. He has dedicated innumerable hours to the organization and management of racing at the Club and elsewhere. Thankfully he has committed to remaining an active member of the Race Committee itself. Thank you, Nick!

**- Joe Whelan, Commodore**

## Cold Weather? No Problem with Warm Gear from the BYC Ship's Store

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## East Bay Sailing Foundation's 2022 Season: It's a Wrap!

EBSF has wrapped up another amazing summer season of teaching sailing and creating lasting memories for over 200 students. We brought together new families and reconnected with families who already enjoy our programs. Bristol Yacht Club is at the forefront of sailing, whether through J/22 team racing, working with 11th Hour Racing, or developing our foiling program with Sail GP. We want to recognize that none of our accomplishments would be successful without the support of friends, families, volunteers, BYC, and its members. Thank you all for everything you do. We look forward to next year! - **Tricia Sellon, Program Director**



### Other EBSF News:

EBSF is currently raising money for scholarships for the summer 2023 season. Their goal is \$8,000. [Donate here.](#)

EBSF has three 420s, three Lasers, and three Optimists for sale. Contact Richard Feeny if interested at [richard.feeny@gmail.com](mailto:richard.feeny@gmail.com).

EBSF is currently accepting applications for an experienced J/22 manager for the 2023 season.

Applicants should be Basic Keelboat or higher rating from US Sailing, or equivalent from ASA. Apply to [programdirector@eastbaysailingfoundation.org](mailto:programdirector@eastbaysailingfoundation.org).

We invite people with input/ideas to improve EBSF by emailing your interest to [richard.feeny@gmail.com](mailto:richard.feeny@gmail.com), or by attending our monthly meetings. Meetings occur every second Monday at 7:00 PM at the Clubhouse.





# October Happenings at Bristol Yacht Club



## Prudence Island Cruise

Saturday, October 8, 4:00 - 5:45 PM

Greg Aikman will lead a cruise to BYC's property on Prudence Island to tour the property and provide an update on the joint Bristol and Barrington Yacht Clubs Committee's efforts to improve the property and add additional moorings. [Learn more here.](#)



## 2022 Decommissioning

Sunday, October 16, 3:00 - 5:00 PM

Your Flag Officers cordially invite you to the final Flag Ceremony of 2022 as we mark the official end of our boating season. The Chart Room opens 3:00 PM and the Colors Ceremony will be at 4:00 PM. Registration is not required.



## BYC Harvest Ball

Saturday, October 15, 6:00 - 10:00 PM

Join your fellow BYC Members for an elegant evening of dinner and dancing to the tunes of Kimberly McHale Music, offering jazz, r&b, blues, rock, big band orchestra, and swing. Registration deadline: Wednesday, October 5, 2022. [Register here.](#)



## Dinner with Save the Bay

Friday, October 28, 5:00 - 9:30 PM

Hear Executive Director Jonathan Stone of Save the Bay speak about the organization's advocacy to preserve Narragansett Bay. Registration deadline: Wednesday, October 26, at noon. [Register here.](#)





## Sea Sprite Annual Around Hog Island Race

The Sea Sprite Association and the Bristol Yacht Club each year co-host the Sea Sprite Race Around Hog Island. This year's event was held on Saturday, September 10. Eight Sea Sprites competed in this year's event.

Some fickle September winds swirled around the Middle Ground starting area for an hour and a half, requiring the Race Committee to use an abbreviated shortened course. We could have called this year's race "The Race Around Poppy Bell!" The good news was that we had a light but steady westerly wind, which made for some great tacking duels heading up to Poppy and then some strategic downwind sailing angles for the run back to Middle Ground Buoy.



Sea Sprite sailing wizard Bob Cantani out dueled the fleet and finished first. (FYI: Bob has been sailing Sea Sprites since he was a teenager. That's more years than you can count on all your fingers and toes!)

Following the racing, skippers and crew met at the BYC for pizza and beers. As always with racers, strategies were spelled out, and tales of woe were shared. The infamous "Mr. Hog" trophy was awarded to the first-place finisher.

Sea Sprite sailors are now looking forward to next summer and the 2023 Millard Series. There's nothing like one-design racing. Hook up with a Sea Sprite boat and come join the fun. For more information, contact local fleet leaders Dom Messerli at [Dom.messerli@me.com](mailto:Dom.messerli@me.com) or Bob Rude at [goodreader@cox.net](mailto:goodreader@cox.net).



The final finishing order for this year's race was as follows:

1. *Bramasole* - Bob Catani and Adam
2. *Oasis* - Bob Rude and Ted Brandley
3. *New Hope* - Dom Messerli and Josh Rodriguez
4. *Lulabelle* – David Borton (single handed!)
5. *Freya* – Susannah Holloway w/ an all-female crew of 3
6. *Primrose* - Thorne and Lane Sparkman (Herreshoff)
7. *Jötunn* – Craig Fonseca and Richard Dulac (Herreshoff, DNF)
8. *Artemis* – Ruth Souto and Pat Crawford (DNS)

- Bob Rude, Sea Sprite/  
BYC Liaison



The coveted Mr. Hog trophy.



*Team Bristol/Ida Lewis team members (L to R): Kate Note, Hugh MacGillivray, Bastian Poix, Hannah Scanlon, Franco Bilik, Abby Cook, Caleb Dorfman, and Megan Roach*

## **Team Bristol/Ida Brings Home 2nd Place in the Corinthian Yacht Club's 2x2 Race for the Hood Trophy**

On September 17-18, Team Bristol finished in second place at the Corinthian 2x2 team race, coming back to defend their title with help from our Ida Lewis friends sailing the other boat.

This regatta is always fun as it uses a 2x2 team racing format, racers fly spinnakers and US Sailing's rule 17 is waived. Without rule 17 in play, there is no proper course, which gives a losing boat much more of an opportunity to come back into the race. This also keeps the races very exciting to sail and watch.

This year's competition included teams from the Eastern Yacht Club, Corinthian Yacht Club, New York Yacht Club, Boston Yacht Club, and Royal Perth Yacht Squadron who flew in from Australia to participate.

Each team raced 10 races on day one, racing against every other team twice in two round robin series. On day two there was a third round robin and then a round of finals. Team Bristol/Ida Lewis ended day one with a 7-3 record - in first place position going into day two. As the wind picked up throughout the second day Team Bristol/Ida continued to perform strongly, only losing to Eastern in the third round robin. Moving into the finals, Corinthian lost to Eastern and Team Bristol/Ida went on to race Eastern. After a tough battle, in 20+ knots, Eastern pulled ahead.

After another great event, we will definitely be back next year!

*Megan Roach served as Team Captain for the combined BYC/Ida Lewis team for the Corinthian Yacht Club's 2x2 race for the Hood Trophy.*

## **Team Racing 101**

*For those who are unfamiliar with Team Racing and how it works, here is a primer.*

A team race features two teams made up of multiple boats on each team. Technically, it could be sailed with any number of boats but for logistical and competitive reasons they normally fall into one of the following formats: 2x2, 3x3, or 4x4.

One big difference between team racing and traditional pursuit racing is that multiple boats within a given team are collaborating to achieve the best possible outcome in the race - the lowest possible combined finishing score wins the race. This necessitates different strategies, preplanned plays, some prior practice and close real time collaboration among boats on the same team during the race.

For example, one boat on a team will often sacrifice its position in a race to slow down or hamper another boat on another team. Or a boat with a strong forward position in the fleet might intentionally slow down to get closer to other boats on their team to enable collaborative tactics that support a stronger overall finish.

Another big difference is the duration and number of races: In team racing race length is usually between 7 and 12 minutes for each race and a single day of racing might include 40 or more races.

**- Megan Roach, BYC Member**

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For example, in 2021 at BYC during the US Sailing's national Team Racing Championship for the Hinman Trophy, close to 100 races were run on a single day!

In team races that use the 2x2 format there are 2 boats on each team. This format is the easiest to organize as fewer boats are needed and it's the easiest for a spectator or beginner team racer to follow simply because the team that finishes with a boat in last place loses. When one team finishes in 1st and 4th and the other in 2nd and 3rd, they both have 5 points, but the tie is broken in favor of the team without a boat in last place, "last place loses".

The most popular regatta format for a team racing event is the Round Robin, where every team races every other team one or more times. Wins are totaled and the team with the most at the end of the regatta wins. This format is generally used at the beginning of an event to allow every team to race everyone else.

A second stage of the regatta format, called a knockout, is often run following a round robin to determine the top positions. Like March Madness, top seeds are paired against lower seeds where winners move on, and losers are out. It's best for each match to be a best of 3 or 5 to prevent bad luck having a large impact on results.

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## Visit Newport's 'The Sailing Museum'

*Boating season is winding down for most of us. Happily, there are still fun boating-ish things to do in the winter in the area. BYC Members Joe and Pat Jablonowski recently found one they wanted to share.*

The difficulty with many museums' attempts to become "relevant" or "interactive" is that they simply add light switches to sedentary displays, and the resulting experience is banal.

Not so with The Sailing Museum, which opened last May in dockside Newport. Upon purchasing a ticket, you're provided with a wristband whose QR code when scanned launches several arcade-style simulations. These range from realistically tiller-steering the historic *Dorada*, a yacht designed by Olin Stephens of Sparkman & Stephens and built 1929–1930, to grinding the winches on an America's Cup entry.

For each hands-on experience, your personal QR code records your virtual "awards," which you can then view in the exhibit balcony prior to your departure. So, a two-hour visit can be turned into a friendly competition among a group of visitors.

My wife and I toured the museum with another cruising couple, and we learned quite a bit: We'll never afford a Kevlar main, but now we know what one feels like.

The Sailing Museum is located in Newport's lower Thames Street, in the old stone armory that once served as a headquarters for America's Cup races in the 12-Meter era. The building's lower level and dinghy dock still house the Maritime Welcome Center that the city opened a few years ago.



*Remembering tiller steering?*



*Motor into a slip without running aground.*

When your boat's on the hard and you need a sailing fix, drive the half-hour down to dockside Newport to learn a bit more about your sport. Call 401-324-5761 for best times to visit.

**- Joe Jablonowski, BYC Member**



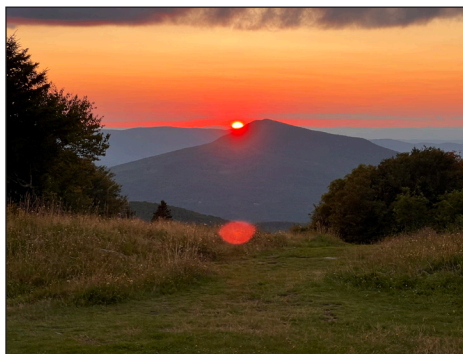
## Update from the Appalachian Trail

*Proving once again that **there is summer life outside of boating**, BYC Member Tom Dawson, along with his brother John, have been thru-hiking the Appalachian Trail since June. His wife Lee was kind enough to share a quick update on their progress.*

Tom and John started their trek at Mount Katahdin in Baxter State Park in Maine on July 12. As of the end of September, they have hiked thru Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Connecticut, and are now in New York. In total they have hiked over 700 miles thus far.



Not really work or a vacation, their “job” every day is to wake up at 5:00 AM, eat and pack up, and hit the trail by 6:30 AM. Fueled by granola with powdered milk (it’s actually quite good!), dried fruit, and instant coffee, the pair try to bang out 8-10 miles before lunchtime and another 5-8 miles by 5:00 PM or 6:00 PM - just in time to set up camp and enjoy a delicious hot dinner (usually freeze-dried backpacker meals).



The brothers agree that going south (SOBO) (from Maine to Georgia) is definitely harder at first than going north (NOBO), the option chosen by 90% of thru-hikers. They loved and hated the 100 Mile Wilderness in Maine, which offered both incredible natural beauty and isolation, as well as tough terrain and challenging trails. The Mahoosic Notch, in southern Maine, is considered the most difficult mile on the whole trail, and Tom and John can attest to that. “It’s a ravine between cliffed mountains filled with house-sized slippery rocks, with slots and caves below it.” The day

the brothers hiked through the Notch it was raining lightly and both exited somewhat beaten up – both in their bodies and their packs and equipment.

Tom notes that being without shelter and living outside are the hardest part, while John said he most misses being dry and warm. A picnic table at the shelter or campsite each night is reason enough for excitement - so simple and yet so important! As for animal encounters, they have had very few, which has been somewhat disappointing, although Tom has seen three active beavers, busy in their bogs!

Tom and John’s goal is to finish the entire trail by Christmas. “We think in terms of one step and one day at a time,” says Tom. “Our priority is not speed but completion.”

In 2023, the brothers will be focusing on their wives’ happiness, as doing this thru-hike would not be possible without their help. In addition, Tom will be busy getting *Allegro*, ready for the 2023 season!

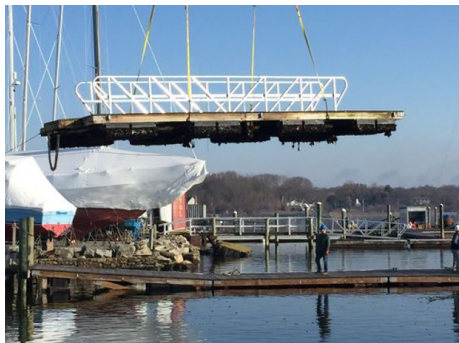


**- Lee Dawson, BYC Member**





## Volunteers Needed for Dock Haul Out Day on Friday, October 28



On Friday, October 28, at 7:30 AM, we will haul out the Club's docks for the winter. If you would like to volunteer to help please contact Chris Healey at [steward@bristolyc.com](mailto:steward@bristolyc.com). Our target is to have 35 volunteers.

Coffee and donuts will be provided and we will review safety procedures and general instructions at 7:30 AM. We should be finished around noon. We will offer lunch for all volunteers and a beer or two to stimulate discussion of the morning's operations. As many of you know, this is a fun operation and is always well-attended, thanks to the many members who give their time to help. If you have never done this before, don't worry; we will help you get involved and train you on what needs to be done.

The Waterfront Committee looks forward to seeing you for this interesting, engaging, popular and necessary undertaking.

- **Bill Toohey, Waterfront 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:** *Cetus*, a Beneteau 36

**Owners:** Larry and Laura Tambascio

**Why the name *Cetus*?** Larry provides this answer:

When we purchased our boat back in 2006, our kids were eight and six, and we were trying to come up with a unique name that might also get the kids interested.

One of their favorite movies was the DreamWorks' version of *Sinbad*. In an early scene, Eris, the goddess of chaos, summoned

*Cetus* from the stars to attack Sinbad's ship. Laura thought the name *Cetus* would satisfy the uniqueness criteria while also piquing the kids' interest.

Initially, I was a little hesitant, but there is a constellation known as *Cetus* that is generally depicted as a whale. In Greek mythology, *Cetus* is Poseidon's pet sea monster. The term *Cetacean* (which describes whales and is also the name of Peter and Susan Maloney's boat) derives from the name *Cetus*.

Given all this background, it became apparent that we should name our boat *Cetus*. We selected a Greek lettering type font for the name on the side to go along with this. *Cetacean* was one of the first boats from BYC we encountered upon entering Bristol harbor.

So...Now you know how the name *Cetus* was chosen for Larry and Laura'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).





## BYC 2022/23 Frostbite Season Starts Sat. Oct. 22

### New for the Fall Series: Talking Sandwiches

The BYC 2022/23 Frostbite Season starts Saturday, October 22, and to encourage sharing race recaps, expert tips, and social time, we'll be providing free post-race sandwiches to all competitors for the Fall series.

Last year's two-series season was a hit, so we'll continue this year with separately scored Fall and Winter racing. The fall series will run through December, while the winter series will run from January through March. We'll take Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve off, both of which fall on a Saturday this year. We'll finish with a fun race and awards ceremony on Saturday, April 1.

We have separate starts for Lasers and Aeros, and races start in Bristol Harbor east of BYC's pier. We race every Saturday from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM.

All race and registration documents for the 2022/23 BYC Frostbite Season and online registration are [HERE](#). The \$80 BYC member rate and \$100 non-members rate include on-site storage through April 9, 2023.

We offer daily rates of \$10 for BYC members and \$20 for non-members to encourage visitors. After three days of racing, daily rate payments may be credited towards a full season registration. High School students race free.

The two October and first November races are like mini regattas with 10-15 Lasers on the line.

ALL RACERS MUST PROVIDE A SIGNED "Waiver of Liability" FORM, available on the registration page. NO WAIVER - NO RACING - NO EXCEPTIONS.

Toilets and showers will be available, outside initially, then inside once the ground starts freezing. The BYC Chartroom will be open Saturdays 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM.



*Frostbiting racers are always invited to gather in the BYC Clubhouse bar or at the fire pit for a post-race get together with conversation, food, and drinks.*





Last year saw over 700 starts for our 23 Laser and seven Aero racers who joined us from Rhode Island, Eastern Massachusetts, and Maine. Mother nature delivered 14 days of racing with only eight days lost to the weather.

Bristol Harbor's protected setting, combined with BYC's outstanding facilities, easy launching, hot water baths for boats and drivers, and Chartroom for post-race drinks and debriefing sessions, provides a phenomenal place to sail. And this year, there are free sandwiches to boot! Another key ingredient is our experienced Race Committee.

## Come join us!

Please contact either of the BYC Frostbiting Fleet Captain with any questions:

Adam Langerman: [adam@langermandesign.com](mailto:adam@langermandesign.com)

Dave Guinther: [Dave.Guinther@yahoo.com](mailto:Dave.Guinther@yahoo.com)

## Wanted: Used Lasers!

Our Frostbite Series needs used Lasers in any condition to grow our fleet. If you have one to charter or to donate to the Club, please contact one of the Frostbite Fleet Captains.



*Picture left to right Anne Quigley  
(past commodore), Karen McGovern,  
and Marcia Turenne*

## Neptune's Coffee Shop Closes for the 2022 Season

After a summer of lively seaside conversations, Neptune's Coffee Shop closed on September 24 after another successful season. The House Committee thanks all members, families, and friends for patronizing our seaside venture. We especially thank all the volunteers who served up coffee, pastries, and lots of smiles. We had seven new members volunteer in our Done in a Day venue, including Jim Flynn, John Ludes, Marsha Petaja, Pat Jablonowski, Fallon Walsh, Sue Spiro, Anne Quigley, Karen McGovern and new members Rachel and Taylor Braun and Sherrie Norton.

See you next summer!





# September Brought Sunny Days, Blue Skies, and Good Friends



## Wickford Cruise

BYC Cruisers on the Wickford Cruise included Steve and Nancy Barron, John Bausch and Marina Pascucci, Roland and Janet Gendreau, Hardy and Arlene Hartwell, Harold and Holly Knight, Ed and Carole Mansur, Mike and Gail Perkins, Glen and Marsha Petaja, Barry and Denise Schrutt, Mike and Joyce Sullivan, and Bill and Kathy Toohey.



*Glen Petaja and Peter Maloney*

## Clam Boil



*Barry and Denise Schrutt with Janet Gendreau*



*Marsha Petaja, Susan Maloney, and Marti Schwartz*



*Kathy Toohey, Holly Knight, and Carole McFarland*



*Paula Langelo, Steve and Nancy Barron, and Marina Pascucci*



*Chris Hughes with Tom and Susan Hagan*



*House Committee Members and helpers including Terri Hughes, Janet Gendreau Shirley Slattery, Carole Mansur, and Donna Glavin*



*Bill Toohey, Glen Petaja, and Brian McFarland*





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Knockouts are exciting for both competitors and spectators as teams fight to survive and a team can't win the regatta before the last race.

Team Racing is very popular in College and High School sailing and new, young club members have come to Bristol to enjoy this part of the sport. However, there is always space and opportunities for more experienced sailors to get involved and teams are always looking for experienced crew. You can learn more about Team Racing here: [US Sailing Team Racing Resources](#). If you'd like to get involved with the team race program at BYC, please contact Amanda Callahan at [acallahan@rwu.edu](mailto:acallahan@rwu.edu).

*Note: Content in this article was sourced in part from US Sailing's Introduction to Types of Team Racing and Regatta Formatts, the full text of which is available [here](#).*

**- Barbara Petrocelli, BYC Member at Large**

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