

# The Bristol Yacht Club **MAINSHEET**

## **Save the Date - April 24 at 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM** **Attend BYC's First Spring Members' Business Meeting**

On Sunday, April 24, at 5:00 PM, the BYC Executive Committee will call its first Spring Members' Business Meeting, an idea introduced at BYC's last Annual Meeting on November 2021.

Join other members, the Club's Flag Officers, and Executive Committee in plenary sessions at the Clubhouse or on Zoom. Get updated on this season's programs and projects, and ask questions or weigh in on current issues or projects.

BYC is a busy club whose multiple programs support access to the water, boating, and continuing education on seamanship. Making all this work takes the support of our enthusiastic member volunteers. There's a lot to keep up with.

Our tradition of holding one Annual Meeting to address all the club's business for a whole year leaves little time to discuss members' questions. The Club's Flag Officers and Executive Committee thought a spring meeting in a social setting, with a more straightforward, flexible agenda, would allow for more information sharing and dialogue among Club members and leaders.

The agenda will include: members contributing ideas; a general update from the Executive Committee; and a vote concerning a trial adjustment to the size of the membership (a separate notice will be circulated on this topic). Results of the recent member input survey will also be presented.

We hope you will attend this meeting in person or via Zoom. (Zoom instructions to follow.) The Executive Committee will try this for two years; if it's useful, it could become a permanent part of the schedule.  
Do stop in — see you on April 24!!

- Susan Grandpierre, Member

### **April Events:**

- 4/8 Friday Member Reception
- 4/18 Dock Launch Part 2
- 4/22 Friday Member Dinner w/ Speaker
- 4/24 Spring Member Meeting
- 4/30 Conanicut Yacht Club Dinner

### **Mark Your Calendar:**

BYC Commissioning will be on Sunday, May 1, 3:00 - 5:00 PM



**APRIL 2022**



## DEI Guest Speaker Shares His Passion for Sailing and Commitment to Change

On Friday, March 11, the House Committee, in partnership with the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee, was honored to host Captain Donald Lawson and his wife, Tori, for a special dinner and speaker event. Captain Lawson is on a mission to sail around the world nonstop. He also aims to be the fastest person, the fastest American, and the first African American to do so. Captain Lawson is also dedicated to making sailing a more diverse and equitable activity. He is the newly appointed US Sailing DEI Committee Chairman and the founder of a nonprofit organization called the Dark Seas Project, which works to inspire and educate young people about opportunities on the water.

At a young age, Captain Lawson was introduced to the sport of sailing, something he is most thankful for. He recalls asking the captain of the first boat he sailed on how far he could take a sailboat. When the captain replied, “You could sail it around the world,” Captain Lawson knew what he wanted to do with his life.

Through his work, Captain Lawson hopes to shatter sailing records and be a role model for those who are underrepresented in the sport. During his presentation, Captain Lawson shared some of the challenges he has faced as an African-American sailor and his commitment to increasing diversity and inclusion in the sport. His inspiring story sparked a thought-provoking and reflective conversation among the group in attendance. Now, with the support of the Club’s Executive Committee, the hope is that that conversation about making the Bristol Yacht Club a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive place will continue.



*Captain Lawson outlines his circumnavigation plans.*

To donate to support Captain Lawson’s work, follow his progress, and receive updates, connect with him on Facebook or send him a direct message. Questions are encouraged. Click [here](#) to access links to Donald’s Contact Info. We wish Captain Lawson a safe and speedy circumnavigation. We also express our gratitude for his memorable visit to Bristol and his willingness to remain engaged with us and our efforts to make what we all enjoy — boating! — more accessible to others. Contact Marilyn Dimson-Doyle at [mkdimson@gmail.com](mailto:mkdimson@gmail.com) to learn more about the DEI Committee’s work at BYC and how you can get involved!

**- Harley Hayes and Pat Monaghan, BYC Members**



### Barrington Yacht Club Thank You Party



We have invited Barrington Yacht Club to a barbeque dinner of steaks, chicken, and sides to thank them for their hospitality after the fire at our Club. Live music will be provided by the band, Ghost Cat Rodeo, which includes BYC member Jonathan Walsh, skipper of *Hot Tuna*.

**Date:** Saturday, May 14

**Time:** 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**RSVP Deadline:** May 7, 5:00 PM

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**Thank You to Our  
Friends on the Water**





# Racing Registration is Open for the 2022 Wednesday Night Millard Series and Thursday Night J-22 Series

## Wednesday Night Millard Series:

The registration site for the 2022 Millard Race Series is now open and contains all of the documents and information you will need to sign up to race, including:

- On-line Registration Form
- Notice of Race
- Sailing Instructions
- **NEW Course Sheet** (Note that ALL of the courses have been renumbered with some new courses added, so it's time to throw away any old course sheets in favor of a new 2022 course sheet.

You can access the registration site [here](#).

PHRF is now open to accept rating applications. Apply for your certification [here](#).

In addition to registering for the race series and applying for your PHRF certification, all racers should review all of the race documents and attend the May 18 Skippers' Meeting at the club.

- **Mark Rotsky, Race Committee**

## Thursday Night J-22 One Design Racing

Thursday Night J-22 One Design Racing is a great way to get out on the water for some fun small keelboat races. The series runs every Thursday from right after Memorial Day to just before Labor

Day, with the first start at 6:00 PM. The Race Committee runs 3-5 races a night, right outside the mooring field, and after sailing there is pizza and a debrief at the club. Registration is online [here](#). Boat charters through the Sailing Program are available [here](#).

- **Nick Cromwell, Race Committee Chairperson**

## Cruising in Spain and Portugal

You are invited to a Friday Night Dinner with guest speakers Jil Westcott and John Bell. Having left their boat, *Moon Shadow*, in Portugal in November 2019, the thrice rescheduled return to the boat was finally accomplished in early May 2021.



Lighthouse on Ille de Cabrera

- How did they beat the COVID restrictions?
- What about the CDC recommendations not to travel to Manhattan, never mind Lisbon?
- What is it like passing through the Straits of Gibraltar with Africa six miles to starboard?
- How could you spend five weeks in the Balearic Islands and return for three more weeks only two months later?

Learn the answers and hear a first-hand account of cruisers determined to make it happen.

### Who's Cooking? You Are! Consider the Pastabilities!

Join the House Committee crew and BYC volunteers to create a fabulous pasta dinner in BYC's spectacular kitchen. Work on a team, meet new friends, and serve your club for ONE day – no committee commitment! We aim to bring low-cost, creative meals to BYC and provide an excellent opportunity for YOU to get involved and have some fun. There will be a cooking team and a serving team. Choose one and come on down! Contact [Marti.schwartz@gmail.com](mailto:Marti.schwartz@gmail.com) to sign up for kitchen fun.

**Date:** April 22

**Time:** 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**RSVP Deadline:** April 20, 12:00 noon

**Click Here  
To Register**



## BYC Celebrated St. Patrick's Day with Irish Food, Music and Dance



Dancers from the Kelly School of Irish Dance

The luck of the Irish was at Bristol Yacht Club on Saturday, March 19! Members enjoyed Shepherd's Pie and Irish Chicken provided by CP Catering and served by our wonderful staff.

Thank you, Chris, Stacey, and Pete! Also, a big thank you to the Kelly School of Irish Dance, which provided Irish Dancing with their very talented young dancers.

After dinner, Irish tunes were enjoyed from a playlist provided by Chris Hughes.



BYC Volunteers and Staff made sure everyone got fed.

The clubhouse looked very festive thanks to the creative efforts of Julie LeRoche, Nancy Barron, Terri Hughes, and Pat Small.

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## Commodore's Corner

T.S. Eliot's poem, "The Wasteland," begins:

*April is the cruelest month, breeding  
Lilacs out of the dead land, mixing  
Memory and desire, stirring  
Dull roots with spring rain*



The central question raised in the opening quatrain is whether regeneration can happen in the wasteland of the modern world – the modern world of 1922 when Eliot wrote the poem. Can it happen today – 100 years later? I think so, even in our complex world where regeneration seems more difficult. I am optimistic to a fault, but I see and feel regeneration everywhere I go. We are slowly walking out of the fog of the last two years. Daffodils and forsythia are emerging. And as I have told my family, boats arriving in harbors are my spring flowers. They too are emerging - except our boat. Boy, do Chris and I have a lot of work to do!

Again, to the business at hand. On April 24, we will have the spring membership meeting. I don't know if this will become a recurring event, but it is new for now, and I am looking forward to it. As noted last month, the intent is to seek input from members with the goal of trying to identify the right directions in which to steer the club. It is also on a spring Sunday afternoon, so show up and have some fun!

The summer season is shaping up to be filled with great events. From another excellent club cruise headed eastward to a robust series of racing events for everyone, including J-30's and the very new world of foiling boats, there will be plenty of activity at Bristol Yacht Club in 2022.

We have two budget misses (reported elsewhere in this Mainsheet). One is the cost of insurance. The other is the result of an overestimate we made on the number of members who would resign this winter. There were next to NO resignations this year, and commensurately we have connected far less in initiation fee revenue. What a great problem to have! We will find ways to make up the budget shortfall.

On the volunteer front, a big thank you to the House and DEI committees for putting together a great event with Captain Donald Watson and his wife, Tori. We had a lot of fun, learned some things, and made new friends!

- Joe Whelan, Commodore



Left to right: Beth and Jim Flynn, Chris and Terri Hughes, Arlene and Hardy Hartwell, and Anke and Jan Moritz

With Commissioning right around the corner, your Social Committee is working on a full calendar of events for this summer season. Stay tuned to the Mainsheet and Monday emails for details.

**- Carole Mansur**  
**Social Committee Chairperson**

## Calling All Helpers for the Grounds Committee!

Volunteers are needed for spring grounds clean-up on April 23, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. If you are interested in helping, [sign up here](#).

Other near-term volunteer opportunities include assembly of a new fire pit table, playground repair, and planting of a cutting garden. Volunteers are also needed to evaluate and improve BYC's on-site signage.

The Grounds Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month. Please contact Chairperson [Douglas Kallfez](#) to learn more about volunteer opportunities on the Grounds Committee.

## How Small Beginnings Lead to Bermuda

Eight girls are set to become the youngest, all-female team to compete in the 635 nm Newport to Bermuda race when it gets underway June 17, 2022. Seven of the eight girls on this crew are members of the Lincoln School sailing team, and they train at the Bristol Yacht Club under coach Richard Feeny. Last summer, he ran a two-month program in which he coached the crew in big boat racing skills on board two 33-foot Beneteau Figaro 2s owned by the Collegiate Offshore Sailing Circuit. At the end of summer, when someone suggested as a joke that Newport to Bermuda was the next step, Feeny chirped, "Yeah, that's totally doable." The seed was planted.

The team includes Phoebe Lee, grade 12; Milla Clark, grade 11; Elizabeth Gardner, grade 11; Olivia Vincent, grade 10; Gigi Fischer, grade 10; Sophia Comiskey, grade 12; Sarah Wilme, a student in the IRYS boatbuilding program; and Callie Dawson, grade 11.



Left to Right: Coach Bastien Poix, (BYC and EBSF volunteer also), Sarah Wilme, Sophia Comiskey, Phoebe Lee, Callie Dawson, Olivia Vincent, Milla Clark, Gigi Fischer, Wade

"I had previously been involved with the Figaro fleet down in New York when I was in college," said Wilme. "That's how I ended up reaching out to Richard. These Figaros are used to train younger people in distance racing on boats that have really, really light loads so that they're easier to start out with without much risk."

The team logged miles while learning a lot of offshore skills, going out every weekend in the summer — they even did some boat deliveries in the fall. By October, they had sailed about 2000 nautical miles as a team. The original program was only six weeks, but the passion built for this new-to-them niche of their sport.

After the seed was planted, Fischer reached out to the chairman of the Newport to Bermuda race, who at first thought they would be the first all-female crew (actually there was one other, back in 1992). It was confirmed, however, that they would be the youngest.

They then reached out to Oakcliff Sailing, a nonprofit sailing center in New York, which will be providing a Farr 40 for the race, training leading up to the June event, and two coaches. They also must focus on fundraising to pay for their charter and training (if you are interested in helping out, visit [Oakcliffsailing.org](#) and select Lincoln Team on their donation page).

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“I think it’s comforting to know your crew and I think we all know each other so well and we trust each other so much,” said Wilme. “Of course we don’t want to be messing up during the race but if we mess up on something there’s no embarrassment factor, there’s always someone to step in and help out. I feel like we all just work really well together.”

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## **You snooze, you lose. You cruise, you win!**

**Make your reservations on Dockwa now if you plan to join either of BYC’s first two cruises of the 2022 season.**

RIYC has already notified BYC of limited space, and Dutch Harbor may also face the same challenges.

### **Gaspee Days (6/10 - 6/12)**

The Gaspee Day Cruise takes us to Rhode Island Yacht Club (RIYC) to enjoy the historic Gaspee Day Parade. Contact: [Tom Dawson](#)

### **Juneteenth Weekend (6/18 - 6/20)**

The Juneteenth Weekend Cruise takes us to Dutch Harbor. Arrive at Dutch Harbor Boatyard on Saturday in time for a 6:00 PM Potluck - think heavy appetizer and grilling. Sunday will be a lay day with many local dining options. Contact: [Bob Hamel](#)

## **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:** *Assignment*, a Catalina 320

**Owners:** Joe and Pat Jablonowski

Why the name *Assignment*? Joe provides this answer:

The Catalina 320 that Joe and Pat Jablonowski have been sailing here for the past eight years is dubbed *Assignment*. And, yes, it does sound like a bit of doubletalk when, as a transient, they radio into the dockmaster asking for a mooring assignment for *Assignment*.

Their previous boat, which they sailed in Western Long Island Sound, was also called *Assignment*. You see, before he retired, Joe worked as a journalist. So his secretary could legitimately tell phone callers that he was “out of the office, on assignment.” Furthermore, as a high-school science teacher, Pat would give out assignments. There are a lot of those on any boat.

In renaming the previous boat in Larchmont, all the obligatory homage to his munificence, King Poseidon, was paid. For the christening ceremony, Joe obtained from Defender a special champagne bottle, made of easily shattered candy-glass and enclosed in a mesh bag to contain the shards. But when Pat slammed it across the bow, it remained intact but took a large chip out of the gel coat.

The current boat was previously called *Three Sheets to the Wind*, a name sure to invite boarding from the Coasties. This time the renaming ceremony involved pouring the vino across the bow!

So...Now you know how the name *Assignment* was chosen for Joe and Pat’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).





## Treasurer's Financial Update

Some years you make budget, some years you don't. This year is shaping up to be a "don't" year. There are a several culprits responsible:

1. While we expected a tight insurance market when preparing the budget, and despite budgeting an increase of 12%, the rates for commercial yacht club insurance far exceeded our expectations, with the result that our insurance expense is approximately \$6,000 over budget. The increases BYC incurred are in line with those experienced by other yacht clubs. We will be exploring other options for next year's renewal.
2. In a testament to the value of the Club to both the existing membership and potential members, BYC experienced both historically low member resignations and has a historically long waiting list. The one downside of just a handful of member resignations is that our initiation fee income is about \$20,000 below budget.
3. Omicron took a little bite out of expected winter House and Social income.
4. BYC will incur some unexpected inflationary price increases this summer, such as the cost of fuel for the launches.



To put things in perspective, the Club's budgeted net income for this year is \$85,000, so a \$26,000-plus shortfall is significant. This shortfall will be primarily offset by several Capital Expenditure projects already delayed until next year and by deferring some planned increases in House and Waterfront reserves. While important in the long term, these reserve additions can reasonably be deferred for a year or two until we get back on track. That being said, given the strength of the membership and a waiting list of over 20 people, what is hopefully a one-year aberration in financial results isn't something to get too excited about.

The events hosted by our exceptional House and Social Committees are intended primarily to provide opportunities for the members to enjoy one another's company and have a good time. They do, however, incidentally increase the profitability of the Club, so come on down to the Club for our upcoming events.

- Peter Maloney, Treasurer

## Happy Memories from a First Time BYC Cruiser - Stacy Dochoda

2021 was our first BYC Summer Cruise. The night before the cruise, my husband EJ and I worked until midnight on last-minute boat work on our "new to us" 1985 Cape Dory 36 *Skylark*. Although we have sailed in Florida and Texas for years, this was our first cruise in New England. After attending a BYC cruise planning meeting and hearing about the possible currents, rocks, and tidal changes, I eagerly sought out the offer of a Boat Buddy, and Tom Dawson on *Shearwater* became our guide and counselor for the cruise.



*EJ Dochoda at the helm as Skylark crosses the Race. Sailing (well really motoring) in fog is a rite of passage for all boaters participating in a BYC summer cruise.*

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We are relatively new members and only recently started summering in Bristol - we live in St. Pete, Florida so we didn't know many people at the club. But the cruise changed all that. Planning the morning sail, communicating on the radio, and most importantly, the group meals and drink-of-the-day allowed us to get to know so many members! We loved that the cruise was organized to alternate evenings on our own with group dinners. It was just the right mix for us.

A significant storm system had passed through Bristol just days before our trip and the motor sail to our first night's anchorage at Point Judith was rolly but lovely. We anchored with plenty of room in the Harbor of Refuge and hopped into the dinghy to join the party hosted on *Eleanor* by Brad deWolf.

That night, just after we fell asleep, we were awakened by the sound of people talking loudly. We poked our heads out the companionway to see a couple of boats pulling anchor (maybe dragging anchor) and shining lights. After a while, our neighbors in the anchorage seemed to get things sorted out, and we had a fun/funny night of sleeping with our lee cloths to keep

from falling out of our berths. The following day we headed out of the refuge toward Stonington Harbor. Unfortunately, we didn't have enough wind to sail, so it was a sunny motor to Stonington, where we enjoyed a fabulous dinner catered at a local venue.

After touring lovely Stonington for a day, we moved on to Mystic, CT, where the helpful team at the Mystic Seaport Museum guided us into our spot at their docks. Next day we enjoyed the Museum before departing to travel through the Race across Long Island Sound to Shelter Harbor. We woke to pea-soup fog. We formed two multi-boat caravans in the fog, where those with AIS kept a sharp lookout and advised the group of oncoming ships on the VFS.

I can still say that I've never seen Long Island Sound since the fog did not clear until we were almost to Shelter Island! Once arrived, we had a wonderful dinner at the Clubhouse.

We headed to Three Mile after two perfect New England summer weather days at Shelter Island. There we anchored close to one another and dinghied ashore for

a beautiful potluck meal on the beach. The following night there were fireworks!

The next destination was Block Island. We were advised to get there early as it was one of the longer legs, so we weighed anchor at 7:00 am. As we left Three Mile Harbor, we were greeted with a lovely breeze that carried us to Block Island on a single tack. We even got to test out our wind vane on *Skylark* for the first time.

Block Island was organized chaos, but the Harbormaster had the routine down. We arrived around 1:00 pm and in short order the Harbormaster guided us like ducklings to available moorings. After a picture-perfect last cruise night dinner, we prepared to head back to Bristol.



Our first BYC Summer Cruise was so much fun! We learned a lot about the ports, got to know many BYC members, and unplugged from our everyday lives. In fact, I was so excited about the 2022 Summer Cruise that I have volunteered to help out on the Cruise Committee!

**- Stacy Dochoda, BYC Member**



## Bristol Harbormaster Update

This past winter and fall Bristol has undertaken a major upgrade of the town docks and facilities. This update on the project was prepared by Jim Dollins in collaboration with the Bristol Harbormaster.

### Church Street Marina Expansion:

The marina expansion construction is off to a good start; construction began in January with installation of the concrete wave attenuating docks.

The 12 16ft x 66ft concrete docks are held in place by 48 Seaflex Mooring systems anchored to 16 ton blocks. The floats and the mooring system were designed to handle a 5ft sea swell before moving; we have seen them work as designed with recent storms.



The marina will provide 79 new internal slips and 650 feet of external dockage for large boats. 48 to 50 of the slips will be assigned to Bristol residents and the remainder will be for visiting boaters. In the coming weeks the internal slips will be installed with a completion date of Memorial Day.

### Fuel Pumps:

The fuel pumps at State Street Dock have been completed. We have 89 octane gas and Marine diesel available. The fuel pier will be open daily, closing one hour prior to the Maritime center hours. So the current hours are 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM; from May 13 we will be open daily from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Summer hours will be published soon. Please call the office 401-253-1700 or on VHF Channel 16 for fuel.

### Bristol Resident Discounts:

Overnight Transient Dockage: \$2/ft per night plus \$10/night for power (30 amps) \$15/night (50 amps)  
Temporary Tie up (up to 4 hours) \$5/hour. Reservations can be made by calling the Bristol Harbormaster's office at 401-253-1700

### Fuel Discount:

5% discount for recreational and commercial fisherman. This discount does not apply to a commercial marine business. For either discount one must show a Driver's License and Boat Registration.

- Jim Dollins, Member and Past Commodore (1987-1989)

## Conanicut Yacht Club Reciprocal Dinner

The Conanicut Yacht Club has invited our members to join them for a Saturday evening member dinner. They will join us for a reciprocal dinner at BYC, date TBD. This is a nice opportunity to share stories and ideas with another club on the Bay.

Date: Saturday, April 30

Time: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

RSVP Deadline: Friday, April 22

[Click Here  
To Register](#)





## Update from Planning Committee - Annual Summer Cruise

The Summer Cruise sails east to and through the Cape Cod Canal with interesting ports of call for boats of all shapes and sizes, crews of all skill levels, with fun for children and adults. It's an eight-day cruise, which can be easily extended depending on your schedule and energy.

This year we are offering two routes.

The ports for the first three days and the last night are the same for both cruises.

The fourth through sixth days offer different sailing options, depending on whether you would like to go through the Cape Cod Canal to Plymouth or through Woods Hole to Vineyard Haven.

Here are the highlights. More details on registration details for moorings and evening gatherings will be forthcoming.

Date	Alternative 1 Route	Distance (miles)	Alternative 2 Route	Distance (miles)
Sat, 7/16	Third Beach	16	Third Beach	16
Sun, 7/17	Marion	35	Marion	35
Mon, 7/18	Marion	0	Marion	0
Tue, 7/19	Plymouth	31	Quissett	12
Wed, 7/20	Plymouth	0	Vineyard Haven	10
Thu, 7/21	Redbrook	28	Vineyard Haven	0
Fri, 7/22	Cuttyhunk	25	Cuttyhunk	18
Sat, 7/23	Bristol	31	Bristol	31

### Plymouth – Route 1

- Day One – July 16 – We will make the beautiful trip from the club into Mt. Hope Bay and down the Sakonnet River to Third Beach adjacent to the Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge. A magnificent setting and jumping off port into Buzzards Bay.
- Day Two and Three – July 17 & 18 – We will make the longest passage of the trip up Buzzards Bay to lovely Marion Harbor, where we will spend two nights and a relaxing day on the boat and in the village.
- Day Four and Five – July 19 & 20 – We will make a fair tide passage to the Cape Cod Canal into Cape Cod Bay and Plymouth Harbor, where we will again spend two nights and a relaxing day on the boat and in the town.
- Day Six – July 21 – We will come back through the Canal and sail to Red Brook, a charming harbor in Cataumet, MA, on the eastern side of Buzzards Bay.
- Day Seven – July 22 - We will trek across Buzzards Bay to the lovely island of Cuttyhunk to celebrate the last night at the Fishing Club for dinner.
- Day Eight – July 23 – We will sail home to our favorite harbor in Bristol to trade stories of the week

### Vineyard - Route 2

- Day Four – July 19 – The alternate route group will sail from Marion across Buzzards Bay to Quissett Harbor near Woods Hole.
- Day Five and Six– July 20 & 21 – We will make a fair tide passage through Woods Hole to rendezvous at Vineyard Haven, where we will moor in the harbor or the Lagoon. There we will spend a relaxing few days enjoying Martha's Vineyard's towns and natural beauty. Upon departure, we will rendezvous with the Plymouth Group in Cuttyhunk.

Cruisers are welcome to pick either alternate itinerary based on their preferences (favorite ports, shorter or longer passages, etc.) or extend their trip otherwise as they see fit. Watch the BYC website and emails for information on reserving your moorings and the registration guide published in late April/early May.

- Ralph Kinder, Fleet Captain



## One and Done Volunteer Opportunities With the BYC Social Committee

Do you love planning events?

Do you have a talent such as flower arranging, music, or designing tablescapes?

Are you looking for ways to meet more people at BYC in a social context?

The BYC Social Committee is always looking for volunteers who might want to volunteer on a One and Done basis or to help on a longer term basis.

- Assist with any club events such as Commissioning, the Commodore's Ball, or Decommissioning
- Contribute talents to any event
- Assist with setup the day of the event
- Make centerpieces or design tablescapes
- Help plan an event by arranging caterer and entertainment
- Check-in guests
- And many more opportunities!

Meeting Date and Time: First Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM  
Chair: Carole Mansur, contact: [cmansur785@hotmail.com](mailto:cmansur785@hotmail.com)

## BYC 2021/2 Frostbite Season is a Wrap; 30 Racers a High Point

A spectacular March 26 with 14 boats sailing in 15+ gusts on SW rollers signaled the end of the BYC 2021-22 Frostbite Season. Participation was up as the Aero fleet doubled to seven boats and the Lasers hit a new high of 23 this year.

The fleet switched to separate Fall and Winter Series this season. This change enabled racers to sail in fall, winter, or both. The net result — over 700 frostbite starts from October through March. Our low point scoring system rewarded those who sailed often.

This year's fleet came from Rhode Island, Eastern Massachusetts, and Maine, with many driving an hour-plus. The draw? Bristol Harbor's protected setting, BYC's outstanding facilities, easy launching, hot water baths for boats and drivers, and our Chartroom for post-race drinks and debrief. A key ingredient—an experienced Race Committee.



*Racers from January 8th race. Left to right: Ralph Kinder, Chip Sweeney, Faye Flam, Eric Aker, Tony Iacono, Jeff Curtis, Derek Stow, Toni Sacco. Not pictured (Setting Marks: Chuck Borge, Adam Langerman)*

So what makes up an ideal frostbite Race Committee? Properly set marks, an always present safety boat, and frequent starts with minimum downtime between races. Winter waiting is no fun. We thank our PRO, Will Pierce, for his nearly flawless attendance record and ability to manage two fleets sailing at the same time without delays. When marks needed resetting or sailors required help, Pete Turenne was there in the crash boat.

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*David Crawley and Flip Myerson going fast.*

Six months is a long series, and we were fortunate to have willing racers who stepped up to fill in on RC duty. Thank you, Chuck Borge, Tony Iacono, and Dave Guinther. Further support for our frostbite season came from willing BYC volunteers when needed. Thank you, John Bell, Mary Margaret Clawson, Steve Crocker, Nick Cromwell, Jim Flynn, and Jil Westcott.

Congratulations to all our daily and series winners. In the fall, the top three Aero sailors were Eric Aker, Derek Stow, and Jeff Curtis. Top honors went to Eric Aker, Flip Myerson, and Derek Stow in the winter. Laser leaders in the fall were David Crawley, Sterling Worrell, and Flip Myerson; the winter series was paced by Adam Langerman, Faye Flam, and Chuck Borge. Daily race results and fleet standings for the two series are here. (<https://bit.ly/3qYIAb5>)

We thank Mother Nature for many days sailed with sunny diamonds-on-the-bay, moderate temperatures, reasonable winds most of the time, and the “southerlies” that kicked in for a few races. We averaged over five races per day, although the fleet would have been happy to race more than the dozen days we were “dealt” this year.

A wide range of ages, a mixture of sailing experience, and an increase in women on the starting line contributed to a terrific season, with fun times on the water and friendships on the shore. As we’ve said in the past, frostbiting is not for everyone; however, everyone who frostbites is extending their sailing season, keeping in practice for the Millard, enjoying those diamonds, tuning their boat-handling and tactical skills, and making new friends.

**- Dave Guinther and Adam Langerman, Frostbiting Co-Captains**





Part One of the project to launch BYC's docks and floats happened on March 18. Part Two will happen on April 18. Contact Chris Healey at [steward@bristolyc.com](mailto:steward@bristolyc.com) if you want to volunteer to help.



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