

On September 17 BYC members hosted Brown Medical School Faculty from minority and underrepresented communities in a lovely day of sailing.

# BYC Introduces Brown University's Medical School's Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Faculty to the Joy of Sailing

On Sunday, September 17 the BYC hosted the Brown Medical School JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion) Faculty Association and their spouses/partners/children at an Open House and Sailing event. The Association is comprised of physicians and leaders from all medical specialties. The mission of the Association is to provide a place of support and growth for underrepresented members within the medical faculty.

The day was a great success and the best way to share that is with the email that we received from Dr. Tracey Guthrie, MD, Chair of the JEDI Association

#### To the Members of the Bristol Yacht Club,

We wanted to take a moment to extend our heartfelt thanks for the incredible sailing event and networking opportunity you hosted for the Brown JEDI Faculty Association on September 17, 2023. It was truly a day to remember, and we are grateful for your warm hospitality and generosity.

The day on the Bay was nothing short of spectacular, with perfect weather and a picturesque setting. It provided an ideal backdrop for our members to come together, unwind, and form new connections. Sailing with the Bristol Yacht Club members allowed us to not only enjoy the beauty of the Bay but also to engage in meaningful conversations and create lasting memories. Feedback from our members has been touching to hear. How included they felt, how they now see opportunities to do more on the Bay than they did before, and how the day felt rejuvenating. Most importantly, as faculty of color, they now feel welcome to access the beauty and rejuvenation of being on the water. Several are very interested in taking sailing lessons! Everything we had hoped for and more. It is going to be very difficult to top our first Brown JEDI "Let's Get Outside" event!



# Calling All Crafters and Artists

November 17 House Holiday
Boatique. We will again feature
our Ship's Store fully stocked for
holiday shopping. Any members
interested in having a table to
sell their crafts are welcome to
participate. Please contact Jossy
Lownes at jossylownes@gmail.
com to learn more or sign up.



### The 4th of July Pancake Breakfast

In August and September, I forgot to include some GREAT pictures in the *Mainsheet* of BYC's 4th of July Pancake Breakfast. I apologize and am glad to share those pictures with the BYC community now. Not everyone knows that there is a dedicated and tight-knit crew of "Pancakians" who make this annual tradition happen year after year, including Pam Yaylaian, Norm and Donna Truscott, David and Marti Schwartz, Barry and Denise Schrutt, Rob and Mary Ann Rosenlof, and Peter Maloney. There are also a bunch of "regulars" who look forward to starting their Independence Day with a delicious breakfast at the Club. Thanks to everyone who participates in this event - from the cookers and servers to the eaters and cleaners. Happy 4th of July!!

— Barbara Petrocelli, Member-at-Large













### **2023 Wednesday Night Millard Racing Season**

This was a banner year for the Wednesday night Millard Series. We had a total of 56 boats register to race with 42 boats qualifying for trophies by racing in at least seven races during the season. This is the highest number of boats to participate in the Millard Series since 2008 when 56 boats registered and 41 qualified. We are hoping that this is a sign that our program is still healthy and growing.

The following are the trophy winners:

Class A	Class D
First – <i>Incognito</i> – Joe Brito	First – <i>Pelican</i> – Steve Clark
Second – Alice – Bill Barlow	Second - Papoose - Adam Langerman
Third – <i>Mischief</i> – David Schwartz	Third – <i>Hula</i> – Mike Allen
Class B	Class E
First – Audacious – George Lima, Ken Madeiro	First – Ragtime – Tom Ferreira
Second – <i>Hope</i> – Joe Whelan, Chris Bjerregaard	Second – <i>Solitaire</i> – Robert Millard Jr.
Third – Nemesis – Mark Rotsky	Third – Adelina – Jim Spiro
Class C	Class F
First – Resolute – Derek Escher	First – Oasis – Robert Rude
Second – Fireball – Don Kern	Second – <i>Bramasole</i> – Bob Catani
Third – Phase III – Carl Supancic	Third – New Hope – Dom Messerli

The Millard Trophy for the best overall score of all qualifying boats went to Tom Ferreira and his Class E boat *Ragtime* by winning every race scored for the season. Besides the Millard series, *Ragtime* won this year's Commodore's Cup race where he went up against 25 other boats from the club as one class. *Ragtime* also won all three races of the MOHOSA series. Congratulations to Tom and his crew for another fantastic season.

The Millard Series, and all the other races hosted by our Club could not function without the dedicated Race Committee headed by Bob McLaughlin. Our Race Committee volunteers and helpers from House Committee

included:

MaryBeth Taylor, Pat Small, Kathy Toohey, Carole Mansur, Cathy Flanagan, Pat Jablonowski, Alison Ponder, Holly Knight, Nancy Barron, Sue McKay, Pam Yaylaian, Joe Jablonowski, Bob Yaylaian, Anthony Colesanti, Jeff Doran, Joyce Sullivan, Roger Carney, Margaret Bailey, Jane Guinther, and Dave Guinther.

> — Mark Rotsky, Race Committee Member and Millard Series Leader



Congratulations to the captain and crew on Ragtime for a great season. Left to Right: Justin Ferreira, Pam Brissette, Tom Ferreira (Captain), Paul Costa, and Pat Grimo

## Fall at BYC: Update on Food and Fun from the BYC House Committee



## Vic's Galley Closes a Great Summer Season and Pivots to a Winter Schedule

We want to thank Vic and his staff for offering up hearty food fare at Friday TGIF dinners, following 16 Wednesday Millard races, and on Sunday afternoons. Vic and his staff enjoyed meeting and serving you throughout the season!

Vic's Sunday lighter fare has closed for the season. During the fall and winter months, Vic's Galley will be open some Fridays and closed on other Fridays when holidays, vacations, or other events make closure necessary. In October Vic's Galley will be closed on the Friday evenings of Oct. 6 and Oct. 13 and open on Friday,

Oct. 20. On Oct. 27 Vic's Galley will be serving dinner on a special TGIF featuring a guest speaker - see page 9!! Please check the Club <u>website</u> and <u>calendar</u> for specific details.

Neptune's Coffee Shop is also closed for the season. The House Committee staff want to thank BYC members for their smiling faces as they graced the coffee bar Saturday mornings throughout the summer.



#### **November 17 House Holiday Boatique**

The BYC House Committee will again feature the Ship's Store fully stocked for holiday shopping. Any members interested in having a table to sell their crafts are welcome to participate. Crafters please contact Jossy Lownes at <a href="mailto:jossylownes@gmail.com">jossylownes@gmail.com</a>.

— Jane Guinther, House Committee Chairperson







The Bristol Yacht Club will be closed at 7:00 PM on Saturday, October 21 for a Staff Holiday Celebration. Other activities at the Club on that date, including Frostbiting and the Chart Room opening from 3:00 to 7:00 PM, will occur as normal. In behalf of BYC's membership and leadership, thank you to all of BYC's staff for another year of exceptional service. Enjoy your Holiday Celebration!

## **Everything Good About BYC**

Commodore Herb Browne's memorial service was held on Sunday, September 24. It was beautiful and displayed everything good and important about the Bristol Yacht Club. It was about family, respect, support, honor, and love. The Browne family provided a remarkable tribute, and BYC members showed their love and respect for Herb, including numerous Past Commodores and friends. Herb will be missed.



Flag Officers (left to right) Joe Whelan, Paul Redman, Bob Millard, Ralph Kinder and Chris Bjerregaard served dinner at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

This year's pigs went to Steve Barron, Casey Henchman, Jane Guinther, Rosemary Alden, Marilyn Dimson-Doyle, and Barbara Petrocelli. It is hard to single people out for their contributions, but these six went way above the call of duty. Steve was the backbone of the cruise program and helped organize a very successful summer of cruising. Casey stepped up -- along with other parents, board members, and friends -- and turned a difficult situation for EBSF into a great success. Jane and Rosemary – who go in tandem – have been relentless in their efforts on behalf of the House Committee and volunteerism in general. Jane's pig was secured when I drove up to the parking lot and saw her wearing giant goggles and power-washing the outside heads. The enemy combatant – mold – had no chance. It was quite funny.

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## Commodore's Corner

Last night, September 30, was the Volunteer Dinner at the Club. Again, all that is good about Bristol Yacht Club was on display. This year, we went back to the tradition of awarding "Pig Awards" – a tradition that started in honor of George Olear's tireless volunteerism – including running an annual pig roast. This had been skipped over the last few years. Last year, rather than giving out any individual Pig Awards, I told everyone in attendance that they were Pigs. I did this for two reasons. First, because it is true; everyone there was worthy of a Pig Award. Second, I did it because I bet Vice Commodore Paul Redman five dollars that I could call everybody in the room a Pig and make them laugh. I won.



Club members recognized with a Pig Award for their volunteer work in the 2023 season included (left to right) Barbara Petrocelli, Marilyn Dimson-Doyle, Steve Barron, Rosemary Alden, and Jane Guinther. Also recognized, but not in the photo, is Casey Henchman for her work on the EBSF program.

## **Labor Day Cruise**

Seven boats sailed to Jamestown with serious wind on the nose, and a couple smart people drove down to join the group. The dinner meet up was on *Penguin*, followed by a wonderful dinner at Beech formerly known as Sympatico.

- Greg Aikman, Cruise Organizer

Cruisers included (around the table left to right) Lois Teitz, Deborah Aikman, Nancy Olesen, Marsha Petaja, Ralph Olesen, Glen Petaja, Hardy Hartwell, Arlene Hartwell, Joyce Sullivan, Mike Sullivan, Greg Aikman, and Andy Teitz





## **Holiday Update from the Ship's Store**

As we transition into cooler weather and look forward to the holiday season, there are a few items to highlight in the Ship's Store. We have a new supply of long sleeved onesies in red, navy, and blue. These make good holiday gifts. We have also ordered youth t-shirts in navy, red, and white with the Club burgee. We hope to have those ready for the November Holiday Boatique. And of course we also have a good supply of long sleeved wicking shirts and warmer clothes for the fall and winter. Great for layering!

— Betty Brito, Ship's Store Leader

### **How to Use BYC's Reciprocal Privileges to Visit Other Yacht Clubs**

Bristol Yacht Club has reciprocal privileges with many yacht clubs in Narragansett Bay, coastal New England and beyond. In addition through our membership in the Yachting Club of America (YCA), BYC members can seek reciprocity at yacht clubs across the US. These reciprocity privileges vary from club to club but typically include the ability to visit the club by land or water and use some if not all of their services and facilities.

The process for taking advantage of these reciprocal privileges is easy: Ask Chief Steward Chris Healey for a letter of introduction (see example), which you can then use in your communication with the club you would like to visit. The letter both confirms your membership at BYC and assures the club you will be visiting that your visit will be positive and problem free.

Visit the Club website for more information on BYC's reciprocal privileges. Click here.

— Chris Healey, Chief Steward





## Volunteers Needed for Dock Haul Out Day

On Tuesday, October 31, 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 <a href="mailto:steward@bristolyc.com">steward@bristolyc.com</a>. 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 at this popular and necessary undertaking.

> - Bill Toohey, Waterfront Committee Member

## It's Fall Maintenance Time for EBSF

#### **Saturday Maintenance Parties**

EBSF will be running weekly work parties on Saturday mornings from now until mid-November to get the fleet ready for winter storage and a strong (well-maintained) launch next spring. This coming Saturday, Oct. 7, we will clean, cover, and inventory the J/22s from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. If you would like to help out please RSVP to <a href="maintained">programdirector@eastbaysailingfoundation.org</a> so we have an approximate headcount.

More broadly, EBSF is presently recruiting volunteers to join the standing maintenance crew for the EBSF Fleet. Our fleet includes 50+ boats ranging in size from prams to Mercuries, J/22s, and Coach Boats. Here is a chance to hone your boatbuilding and rigging skills with a seasoned group of veterans while supporting instructional sailing for kids and adults at BYC. Please contact programdirector@eastbaysailingfoundation.org to get involved.



#### **Volunteer to Help EBSF**

Whatever skills you have and whatever time you can offer, we would be glad to have you on the team

The EBSF is currently restructuring our committees to enhance our customer experience and improve organizational efficiency. We are also encouraging BYC members to join our team by adding their experience and enthusiasm to one of our committees. If you're interested or curious to know more please reach out to one of the following EBSF Committee chairs.

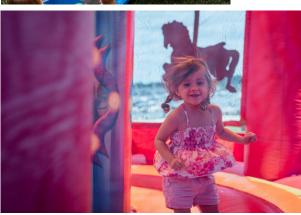
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  - Richard Feeny, Instructional Sailing Committee Chairperson



## August 19 Family Carnival Day

















### **New Help for Kayakers**

The Waterfront Committee has installed a device that can help you get in and out of your kayak while it is in the water.

This simple metal arm is now attached to the South end of the U-shaped floats. You simply lower the spring-loaded arm so it is under the water and slide your craft onto it. The arm helps stabilize the boat while you are boarding. When you are finished, just paddle up onto the arm and get out. Please raise the arm out of the water when you are done.

You can view a video of the device in operation <u>here.</u>



## BYC Frostbite Kicks Off Season Sat., October 21

BYC Frostbite kicks off its 2023-24 season with the First Annual Stuffie Regatta on Saturday, October 21. Aero and Laser racers can sail in this one-day regatta without signing up for the entire season.

The first gun is 1PM. Stuffies, BBQ and awards ceremony for all attendees and guests will follow racing and derigging. The BYC bar will be open and the firepit will be blazing.

The cost of the regatta, as well as boat storage, is included in the registration fee for all racers who sign up for the full BYC Frostbite Season

Aero and Laser racers are welcome to join this one-day event as a "day rate" sailor. High school students sail free. A signed Waiver of Liability is required for all sailors.

This year's Fall Series will run from October 21 through December 16. The Winter Series starts January 6 and runs through March 23. Season awards and BBQ will follow the fun race on Saturday, March 30.

Last season 30 Laser and Aero racers from six New England States enjoyed 16 days of racing on Bristol Harbor during the Fall / Winter series. Frostbiters logged 1,000+ starts over 175 races. Seasonally warm weather, complete with "diamonds-on-the-bay," key-noted most days.

BYC Frostbite registration and links for all documents are available on the BYC Frostbite Website. To learn more contact Dave Guinther (dave.guinther@yahoo.com) or Adam Langerman (adam@langermandesign.com).



## October 27 TGIF Dinner with Guest Speaker Kyle Hess - Hog Island Oyster Farmer

Dinner will be provided by Vic's Galley and no prior registration is required. Dinner will be served from 5 -8 PM and the presentation will begin at 7 PM.

Hidden within the Western sandbar of Hog Island is Butter and Brine Oysters owned and operated by Kyle Hess, whose family connection to Hog Island dates back hundreds of years. Here in the protected cove his pontoon-like cages float on the surface of a five-acre area of the bay cultivating deep-cupped oysters.

After taking an aquaculture course at Roger Williams University, Hess obtained the lease for the oyster farm in 2012.

Join your House team speaker series for this Bay to table tale of the RI Oyster industry in our own backyard!

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Rosemary has been a dominant force in promoting and expanding volunteerism at the club, initiating the done-in-a-day campaign, and serving as a backbone of the coffee bar on weekend mornings. Marilyn has brought dozens of future sailors to the club as part of the DEI initiative and has been a core member of the technology wonks that keep the systems running. Barbara dismissed my repeated advice to dial back the *Mainsheet* to something more manageable. Instead, she created a publishing house with weekly, daily, hourly, and by-the-minute updates. And she successfully nagged me into submitting 23 articles to the *Mainsheet* to date! Thank you to all of you pigs! Paul, you owe me another five dollars!

As we head toward the annual meeting, your Executive Committee is busy preparing the 2024 budget and making plans for the winter and spring. Please do what you can to attend the annual meeting on November 19. It is important that we get broad participation. Enjoy your October!



## Share Your Feedback on Vic's Galley

The BYC House Committee would like your feedback on Vic's Galley, both for the summer season that is now coming to a close and for the upcoming fall/winter season. Regardless of whether you enjoyed dinner at Vic's Galley frequently, occasionally, or never at all, the Committee would like you to please take a moment to complete this short eight question survey.

Survey link: click here.



## 2023 Decommissioning

Sunday, October 15, 3:00 PM- 5:00 PM

Your Flag Officers cordially invite you to the final Flag Ceremony of 2023 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.

- Joe Whelan, Commodore



# Save the Date BYC Annual Meeting

Nov. 19, from 4:00 - 7:00 PM, BYC's membership and Flag Officers will gather to elect Officers and the Executive Committee; receive and act upon the proposed budget for the current fiscal year; and hear reports by the Commodore, Treasurer, Secretary, and Chairmen of the Standing Committees.

Please mark your calendars now to participate in this important meeting. Your attention to and feedback on the Club's planning and operations are vital to the BYC's continued success.



### **The Race Around Hog Island**

Bright blue sunny skies, a perfect 8 knot sea breeze and 9 competitive Sea Sprites lined up on Saturday, September 9 to finish off a successful season of top-notch one-design racing.

The Race Committee of Tim Sandiford and Kayla Kowal set up a perfect starting line and gave us

a clockwise course around Hog Island. A maximum flooding tide paid dividends for teams astute enough play the eddies off Hog Island and the Portsmouth shore. As one tactician described the race after finishing, "It was a race decided by hitting one tack correctly." Amen to that analysis. Everyone had to navigate a rushing wicked current heading northward between Hog Island Light and the Mt. Hope Bridge.



Halfway through the race, the top three positions changed several times. Leading over to the southwest corner of Hog, was hotshot Bob Catani and crew. Once they turned the corner, they were off to the races for the finish line. Their circumnavigation time was 1:04! Pretty amazing for a 23 foot one-design! Below is the winning crew with the now famous winner's perpetual one-of-a kind -trophy of Mr. Hog.

#### The order of finish with boat and skipper were:

- 1. Bramasole Bob Catani
- 2. Hope Emelia Moreno
- 3. Oasis Bob Rude
- 4. New Hope Dom Messerli
- 5. Vexatious Andrew McKeith
- 6. Zara Chuck Rosco
- 7. Lullabelle David Borton
- 8. Seeker Ian Cozzens
- 9. Swallow Jerry DeRahm



Following the race, skippers and crew were greeted on the BYC deck with free beer and pizza, courtesy of the Sea Spite Association and there was the return of the famous Marino pulled pork sandwiches provided by the Marino family.

The only cloud on the day was the fact that SS Commodore, Dom Messerli was unable to join the festivities due to a positive covid test a week earlier. Congratulations to Dom, however, for all his hard work promoting the class during the 2023 sailing season and his fourth-place finish.





## **Saying Thank You to Our BYC Staff**

As we move into the Holiday Season, please express your thanks to our BYC staff for their many contributions this season by contributing to the 2023 Staff Holiday Fund. Prior to December 15, you can donate online using **this link** or send your check, payable to BYC, to PO Box 180, Bristol, RI 02809. Please make a note on the memo line "Staff Fund." Funds collected will be distributed to staff during the holidays. Should you wish to send a special thank you to individual staff members, here are their addresses.

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We would like to give special recognition to Marilyn Dimson-Doyle and Diana Kryston for their outstanding leadership and dedication in planning this event. Their hard work and attention to detail ensured that everything ran smoothly, from the initial preparations to the final sail. Without their efforts, this experience would not have been possible.

We are immensely grateful for the friendships forged and the connections made during our time at the Bristol Yacht Club. We hope that this event is just the beginning of a lasting partnership and that we will have the opportunity to come together again in the future. Once again, thank you for your warm hospitality and for making September 17, 2023, a day to remember. We look forward to the possibility of sailing with you and our newfound friends in the near future.



— Warm Regards, Tracey Guthrie, MD

The BYC DEI Committee would like to thank the following BYC members who joined us for the brunch and then took the faculty members out on their boats for an afternoon sail. This event would not have been possible without them: Steve and Jeri Devin, Paul Tecca, Tom Dawson, Bob McLaughlin, Bob and Cindy Elder, Hardy and Arlene Hartwell, Ken Smith and Anne Marie Biernacki, Kieran Draper and Dara Gough, Andy Teitz and Mike Gerhardt, Jan and Anke Moritz, Barbara and Bill Petrocelli, Mark and Kristen Coe, Diana Kryston and Jody Underwood, and Marilyn and Alan Dimson-Doyle. If you are interested in more information about being a member of the BYC DEI committee, please reach out to Marilyn Dimson-Doyle.

- Marilyn Dimson-Doyle, BYC Webmaster



## Eight Bells for Herb Browne



On Sunday, September 24, many BYC members had the opportunity to remember and celebrate Past Commodore Herb Browne at his memorial celebration at the Clubhouse.

Guest speakers, family members, and friends shared remembrances of a man who was exceptionally generous in his humor, kindness, and love.

For those who were not able to attend, I invite you to watch the commemorative video tracing the timeline of Herb's life which was created by his grandkids.

Watch the video here.

— Barbara Petrocelli, Member-at-Large

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