

The Bristol Yacht Club MAINSHEET



Jackson Harney demonstrates the distinctive windward-heel that balances foiling boats.

September is the new August.

August was another spectacular month at Bristol Yacht Club. From race to race, event to event, lesson to lesson, and sail to sail, the positive energy was contagious. I felt it, even though I missed a significant portion of the month, lucky to be traveling for ten days with my family in Italy. The lessons of Italy – the importance of history, faith, and art – underscore the importance of those who have come before us, incrementally building institutions, churches, and cultures, and taking us to where we are today. Sometimes not on a straight line and sometimes not perfect, but generally, we progress to a better place. In our little *paradiso* on the bay, we need to be thankful for the Brown University students whose desire for a rowing club led to the founding of BYC, and to all who expanded it, hosted sails, started to race and cruise, and kept us moving forward.

Commodore's Corner



The annual volunteer dinner is on September 23, 2022. I consider this one of the most important nights at the club, as we are driven by volunteerism. The number of volunteers and their work this year has been exceptional. On behalf of the Executive Committee, we thank each and every member who pitched in. This month's volunteer shout-out goes to the Wednesday Night Race Committee. They are a fun group, always smiling, and always on time and ready to run the great race series that is the cornerstone of our sailing program. Thank you to the following members: Joe Jablonowski (Coordinator), Margaret Bailey, Roger Carney, Anthony Colesanti, Cathy Flanagan, Pat Jablonowski, Holly Knight, Carole Mansur, Sue McKay, Alison Ponder, Torre Peterson, Kathy Rotsky (working on PHRF ratings and handicaps), Pat Small, MaryBeth Taylor, and Kathy Toohey.

Finally, at the November annual meeting, we will vote on whether to affirm our earlier decision to expand the membership from 325 to 340 sr. members. I mention this now so members can assess what impact this trial run has had on the club this summer – during peak utilization -- so we can collectively make a good and informed decision in November. The Executive Committee identified two concerns that we recommended you monitor – whether there has been an adverse impact on launch services and parking. I remain somewhat ambivalent about this decision, but I urge you to consider these things now. Enjoy your September, and keep getting out on the water! September is the new August -- lots of great sailing days ahead.

— Joe Whelan, Commodore



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Update from the BYC Ship's Store

- **Beach/Bath Towels Have Arrived!** 100% cotton, 24x50 inches, limited quantity so buy now!
- **Men's Oxfords have been replenished.** Butter yellow with BYC burgee - extra nice! Buy before Decommissioning!
- **Outback Hats are back in inventory.** This popular item offers great face/neck protection against the sun.
- **Polo Shirts: Buy Now to Avoid Price Increase.** Our supplier is increasing prices so we are as well. Buy existing inventory to get the lower price.
- **Holiday Shopping:** Start drafting your gift list, and plan to shop with us at the Holiday Boatique in November.



Cruise to Wickford with BYC in September

Sat., Sept. 17 - Sun., Sept. 18

You are invited to join BYC's cruise to the Wickford Yacht Club in September. Slips and moorings are available; however cruisers are encouraged to make reservations early as availability is limited. We will gather for appetizers and cocktails at the Wickford Yacht Club on Saturday at 5:00 PM. After that gathering, folks can optionally walk to town to dine at one of the restaurants there. Sunday morning at 8:30 AM, we will gather for coffee and muffins or pastry before heading home.

Click here [to register](#) for the cruise and visit the website for [more information](#) on slips, moorings, and plans for this cruise.

Contact Cruise Director [Roland Gendreau](#) with any questions.



Area Girls Enjoy A Day of Boating Fun at BYC on Adventure Sail Day

The BYC DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) Committee and East Bay Sailing Foundation (EBSF) held an Adventure Sail Day under the sponsorship of the National Women's Sailing Foundation on Saturday, August 13. Ten girls from East Providence Boys & Girls Club who attend Camp Crosby in Bristol spent the morning on the lawn, on boats, and cooling off in the water. First, they learned some sailing basics on the whiteboard with experienced EBSF instructors, then sailed the Mercurys south of the mooring field with instructors Nina Gonzalez, Maggie Whelan, and Niamh Whelan – thanks to these girls for doing such a great job! According to some of

the campers I spoke with, they were initially nervous, especially when the boats started “tilting,” but soon got comfortable, to the point where some were standing at the mast under sail and leaning side to side. A steady 11 knots of wind out of the north had them moving fast when they first set out before the wind tapered off. One of our intrepid guests, when asked what her favorite part of the sail was, said, “all of it.” Another sailor agreed it was fun but thought the boats “didn’t go very fast.” Maybe for their next visit, they could try foiling?

After sailing, the girls returned to the Club lawn for activities like tying knots for bracelets with parachute rope and nautical pendants. These and their white BYC caps made for some nifty souvenirs. After a run through the sprinklers on the lawn, they sat down for hot dogs and hamburgers cooked just right by chef Mark Stephens.

After lunch, the girls explored every corner of Diana Kryston and Jody Underwood’s beautiful Dehler 34 and came out impressed (along with this reporter). The question arose: How many kids can fit into a Dehler 34 at once? When one guest named Emma took the wheel, looking confident, I asked her where she would go if she could pick her destination. “Florida,” she declared without hesitating, to go see her Papi.



Eleven girls from the Providence Boys & Girls Club visited BYC during Adventure Day. Many thanks to all the volunteers and helpers who helped make the event a success, including the sailing instructors Nina Gonzalez, Maggie Whelan, and Niamh Whelan.



The activities ended with swimming at the boat ramp and playing on paddle boards close to shore with three or four to a board. After falling into the water, or being pushed off, one of the girls exclaimed with a big grin: “I love life preservers!” Another of our guests exited the water, complaining that it was dirty and smelled “yucky”– Should we ask the

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Waterfront Committee to get the salt and seaweed out of the ocean?



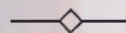
Overall it was a fun outing for the girls (and some of their parents), most of whom had not sailed before, and at least one of them mentioned wanting to attend sailing camp at the club (EBSF). Partnering with WSF/NWSF to host Adventure Day proved to be an excellent way to share the joys of sailing and being on the Bay with kids who might not otherwise have the opportunity.

Adventure Sail Day has been a jewel in the crown of WSF/NWSF for over two decades, and BYC and EBSF were pleased to participate this year.

- Jonathan Walsh, DEI Committee Member



RI Clam Boil



Join Fellow BYC Members and Guests for
a traditional Rhode Island Clam Boil on
Saturday, September 10, at 6:00 PM.

A chicken dinner alternative
will be offered.

Register here by
Tuesday, September 6, at Noon.

BYC Members Lars and Olin Guck Take First Place in the U.S. Multihull Championship

Rhode Island local Lars Guck sailed a consistent event to claim his second U.S Multihull Championship title this weekend, after four days of challenging racing in Newport, Rhode Island.

Sailing with his son Olin, Guck went into the last day in second, but won every race of the day to claim the Hobie Alter Cup for the first time since 2014. Lars is a former U.S. Multihull Champion in the A Cat class.



“We worked hard to keep focused on the right things; and trying to improve our F18 sailing as we went,” said Guck. “We’ve learned, particularly with multihull sailing, it’s not over until you cross the finish line.”

“Sailing with my dad is pretty awesome, since we already have that relationship and trust,” said Olin Guck. “We’ve been working on finding our mode, which we were really able to string it together this weekend.”

Competitors, sailed 14 total races with two drops in a wide range of conditions. Thursday and Saturday saw light and variable breeze, while Friday and Sunday featured a beautiful Newport seabreeze. Three days were sailed in Narraganset Bay, with one day sailed in the ocean off of Brenton point.

Stephen Stroebel and Steve Leuck, of San Diego, lead the fleet at the beginning of the regatta, but were unable to snag the title, coming in second with 35 points. Charles Froeb and Matthieu Marfaing, sailing for San Francisco Yacht Club, battled it out in the top three throughout the event, claiming third overall with 37 points.

“The Multihull championship was a successful event with a variety of conditions,” said Matt Hill, Principal Race Officer. “It’s nice to be here working with the amazing volunteers at Sail Newport who know how to run good, efficient racing. I hope everyone had a fun time – everyone looked happy when they came in!”



US Sailing would like to thank the umpires, race officials, race committee, Sail Newport and the Narragansett Adult Athletic Sailing Association for their tireless work on this event. Events like this would not be possible without the strong support from clubs and volunteers.

US Sailing would also like to thank National Sponsors Gill Marine and Regatta Craft Mixers for their support of the US Sailing Adult Championships. Gill Marine supplied personalized changing robes to all competitors, while Regatta Craft Mixers provided complimentary drinks after racing.

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August at BYC was chock full of fun.

Kicky Cruise



It was a hot and humid weekend, but those who came to the Kicky Cruise enjoyed plenty of shade, drinks, and a delicious potluck dinner on Saturday night, followed by a nice coffee and breakfast the next morning. A few joined by car, but most had a wonderful Saturday and Sunday sail. A big shout out to Kathy and Bill Toohey for hosting the event at their neighborhood association's waterfront.

Participating were Steve and Nancy Barron, John Bell and Jil Westcott, John Bausch and Marina Pascucci, Brian Fitzgerald and Julie Englund, Roland and Janet Gendreau, Bob and Camille Hamel, Hardy and Arlene Hartwell, Holly and Harold Knight, Peter and Sue Maloney, Carole and Ed Mansur, Jeremy Marks and Cathy Panozzo (kids Perry and Sophia), Brian and Carole McFarland, Paul and Sherri Norton, Mike and Gail Perkins, David and Marti Schwartz, and Bill and Kathy Toohey.



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October Day Trip Is In the Works To BYC's Prudence Property

On Saturday, October 8, with a rain date of Sunday, October 9, BYC members are invited to cruise to the Club's Prudence Island property, which BYC has owned with Barrington Yacht Club

since 1977. We will tour the 3.5-acre grounds and update members on the Prudence Island Joint Committee's work and findings - including improvements to the stairs, strategy to get additional mooring permits, etc. The Committee will welcome questions and suggestions on how to better use our waterfront gem. If your boat is out of the water, we will be taking the Club's work boat. Timing and other details to follow.



The original structure and dock of the BYC property on Prudence Island in the early 1900's

- Greg Aikman, Co-Chairperson Prudence Island Joint Committee

2022 MOHOSA Round-Up

BYC hosted another exciting MOHOSA Race Week with racing on Wednesday, August 3, and Sunday, August 7.

Between BYC, Tiverton YC, and the Spar Island Racing Association (SIRA), 40 boats raced on Wednesday in four classes. A very nice southerly wind allowed the Race Committee to select the course, which started at the southern Mt. Hope Bay mid-channel mark. From there, the course went under the Mt. Hope Bridge and south of Hog Island before turning back at various points by class. The finish line was just south of the Mt. Hope Bridge, making an easy downwind sail for all participants to get home. Bristol sailors took every trophy position in all classes except for third place in Class D, which only had 2 Bristol boats entered.



Hula, skippered by Mike Allen, and Wink, skippered by Greg Anthony, are neck and neck at the finish.

The Sunday races saw another brisk (but hot) breeze from the south that built during the day. The first race had a total of 13 boats racing, but when the second race started, only ten boats were racing as a few realized that they would have been over their heads in what turned out to be quite windy conditions with gusts often reaching 30 knots. Once again, Bristol boats stood proud, winning all the races in all classes. When the combined results were tallied, no Bristol boat followed a Tiverton or SIRA boat.

MOHOSA thanked the BYC Race Committee, led by Joe Jablonowski, who performed as well as did the BYC racers. Special recognition goes out to a very happy Margaret Bailey, who had been under the weather and stuck in her house for several weeks. She came aboard on Sunday and did a great job cheerfully enduring the wild conditions and enjoying the pleasure of finally being out of her house. Also, thanks go to Bob Rude and Dom Messerli, who decided to forego racing on Sunday to help out on the mark boat. It was, possibly, a wise decision considering the conditions.

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Horizon skippered by Bill Campbell

Racing on Sunday was followed by an awards dinner at BYC. A special thanks to our sponsors: North Sails, J Boats, EBCS Marine Survey, and our newest sponsor, 1776 Liquors on Metacom Ave. Here are this year's trophy winners - Wednesday (top) and Sunday (bottom).

Class	Finish	Boat	Finish	Boat	Finish	Boat
A	1	<i>Alice</i>	2	<i>Avenir</i>	3	<i>Incognito</i>
B	1	<i>Hope</i>	2	<i>Audacious</i>	3	<i>Phoenix</i>
C	1	<i>Fireball</i>	2	<i>Horizon</i>	3	<i>Phase III</i>
D	1	<i>Ragtime</i>	2	<i>Solitaire</i>	3	<i>Banchee Too</i>

Class	Finish	Boat	Finish	Boat	Finish	Boat
A	1	<i>Incognito</i>	2	<i>Falcon</i>	3	<i>Odraccas</i>
B	1	<i>Hula</i>	2	<i>Phoenix</i>	3	<i>Wicked</i>
C	1	<i>Horizon</i>	2	<i>Twinkle Twinkle</i>	3	
D	1	<i>Ragtime</i>	2	<i>Mystina</i>	3	<i>Andromeda</i>

- Mark Rotsky, Race Committee Member



In partnership with our outstanding staff and talented steward, volunteers play a critical role in planning and delivering the wonderful experiences and opportunities we have at BYC. In recognition of their contribution and as a big thank you, volunteers are invited to a special dinner on Saturday, September 24. Save the date and keep an eye out for your invitation.

Thanks Dave Miller!

...for clearing the BYC ramp and digging out all the build-up that had been accumulating for two years. It's now looking much safer and better for launching and hauling boats!



Cruising to Maine in 2023: Interested?

Would you like to cruise to Maine next summer? Perhaps you would like to help organize the trip?

In 2021 a group of seasoned BYC cruisers who had cruised to Maine previously led a group of BYC members to cruise to Maine for 2-3 weeks. Their leadership took the form of preparatory lectures and workshops (weather, offshore navigation, flare practice, offshore medical care, etc.) and an informal buddy system during the offshore passage. The information and experience they shared helped many first-time offshore cruisers – including me – gain the knowledge and confidence to try something new. And it was awesome!

We traveled with 20 boats from Bristol to Penobscot Bay. We spent more than 2 weeks visiting a seemingly endless series of lovely quaint towns and breathtakingly pretty remote harbors. At the end of the trip, we all traveled home safely - some solo, some in groups, and some along the coast.

Some of the same seasoned leaders are ready to re-up again, helping another group of BYC boaters cruise to Maine in 2023. But they need helpers. If you think you might want to come along, or if you want to help organize the journey, please email Brian Fitzgerald at drbriankevinfitzgerald@gmail.com.

**- Barbara Petrocelli,
Member At Large**



Club Hosts First Annual Women's Driver Team Race

In late July, the Club hosted six teams for the first Women's Driver Team Race, a unique event that will surely see increased growth and attention in coming years.

Women's team racing continues to expand among college programs and in the yacht club team racing circuit. With its recent Women's Driver Team Race, BYC is building on this trend with a twist that is specific to this event. For the BYC race, it is required that women make up at least 50% of the crew and that the driver for all three boats in the team is female. This different format sets the BYC women's team race apart from others while also leveraging a key strength of our racing community, namely the exceptionally large pool of talented women drivers (as well as many male racers who are happy to be their crew). This mixed team approach makes it easier to field a team while still creating expanded opportunities for women to assume leadership positions in competitive racing events.



(l to r) Megan Roach, Mike Gemperline, and Trish Sellon sailing for BYC



A close start in a race between teams from Roger Williams University and the Ida Lewis Yacht Club

This type of event takes a lot of coordination and planning - on and off the water. Racers were graciously welcomed to Bristol's new town dock, and maritime center, and the race organizers were able to run races right outside the mooring field. Many thanks to Abby Cook for her vision and hard work in making this event happen. Thanks also to Principal Race Officer Pat Small, who ran over 45 races in 2 days with great help from Roger Carney, Beth Kinder, Karen North, and Lee Dawson. Finally, thanks to the umpire team led by Ralph Kinder and including Mike Campbell, Kate Bjerregaard, and Ruairi Finnegan.

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Nine J-22s in Bristol Harbor were used in the races, including the six boats owned by EBSF as well as privately owned boats that were made available for teams by their owners, Susannah Holloway, Nick Cromwell, and Roger Williams University (Coach - Amanda Callahan).

When BYC envisioned a fleet of keel boats to support activities at the Club, team racing was only one part of the puzzle. Today the J-22s are used for both junior and adult



Many thanks to the race organizers, and umpires for making BYC's First Women's Drivers Race a huge success.



St. Mary's alumni executing a passback on Bristol

instructional sailing; one design, PHRF racing, and team racing; as well as day sailing by members.

The availability of the J-22 fleet enhances the experience of many members, far beyond the small group of team racers who initially proposed the addition of these boats to the fleet. Today the community of J-22 sailors at BYC includes a disproportionately large number of women and younger people when compared to BYC's overall membership. Attracted by the availability of the J-22s and

their associated racing programs, many recent college grads and racers who had not previously considered Bristol as home base for sailing are joining J-22 crews, participating in J-22-based races, and in some cases joining the Club. The benefits for the Club in terms of membership growth and diversity complement nicely the broader positive impact of BYC's



St. Mary's alumni approaching the first mark.

J-22 fleet in supporting one-design racing and the love of racing and sailing overall.

**- Nick Cromwell,
Race Committee Chairperson**



Oktoberfest / Weekly Racing Series Award Dinner is coming to BYC.

It's time to break out your beer steins and lederhosen!!

BYC's Oktoberfest will be combined with the Awards Dinner for all BYC weekly summer race series on Friday, September 30. The bar will open at 5:00 PM, dinner will be served at 6:00 PM, and the award ceremony will commence at 7:00 PM.

[Register Here](#)



Burgers and Blues



On August 13, the BYC Social Committee hosted its popular annual Beer, Burgers and Blues event. Over 120 members and their guests danced to music from *Half Step Down* and enjoyed our famous grilled hamburgers!



A special thank you to the team that staffed the grills, Bill Toohey, Steve Barron and Ed Mansur. Brian and Carol McFarland's 9-year-old granddaughter, Emerson ("Emmy"), also assisted BYC Social Committee members with setting up, serving, and clean up, and she charmed the crowd!





EBSF Awards Dinner and Fundraiser



Youth sailors and their families gathered on August 12 to celebrate a successful and fun summer sailing program. Families had a chance to sail, awards were given, and nearly \$10,000 was raised to support programming. Thanks and congratulations to all the sailing instructors, led by first-year program director Tricia Sellon.

Team Bitter End Dinner



On Friday, August 26, BYC Members enjoyed a presentation by three members of Team Bitter End, (l to r) Sarah Wilme, Olivia Vincent, and Gigi Fischer. Coached by BYC Instructional Sailing Chairperson Richard Feeny, this team made history by completing the Bermuda Race as the youngest ever all-female sailing team.



Build-a-Boat / Float-a-Boat

BYC, in partnership with the Bristol Harbormaster and Parks and Recreation Dept., hosted families from Bristol and surrounding towns to build and launch cardboard boats on Aug. 21 and 22. Thanks to Junior Activities Chairperson Susannah Holloway for organizing this great event.



Lightening Strikes the BYC Grounds

On Wednesday, August 10, lightning struck the tall tree in the Club parking lot, causing it to smolder from the inside. The strike traveled through the brand new parking lot safety light 110 line to the Clubhouse and zapped two house TVs and one person's computer, which was unfortunately plugged into an HDMI cable. The Fire Department responded and doused the tree with water.

The tree's remains have subsequently been removed, and - if you subscribed to the notion that lightning never strikes the same place twice - the Club parking lot just got a little safer.





Foiling boats have two modes: flying and 'Archimedean' mode. The latter is named after Archimedes, the Greek mathematician who figured out displacement with his Law of Buoyancy. Perhaps given a chance to try foiling, Archimedes might also discover the joys of flight.

The BYC/EBSF Foiling program is off to a great start.

We were lucky to have athletes from Sail GP come for a clinic earlier this summer, where we were able to get the new boats set up. Currently, we have 6 Melges foiling boats: 3 Skeetas and 3 Nikkis.

Kids love it (and the coaches do, too!). For our youth sailors, it is an opportunity for them to challenge themselves and expand their knowledge of sailing. These boats require increased tiller and mainsheet management to get them to foil. Luckily the students can sail these boats in displacement mode, much like they would in a Laser or Opti. This allows them to understand the sailing fundamentals of weight, steering, and trim before getting it up on the foils.

We have headsets attached to the sailor's helmet and the coach's hat, allowing constant communication on the water. We cover topics such as how the boat works, rigging and tuning, pre-flight checks, and safely controlling the boat when foiling. The feeling of flying above the water in a boat is incredible, and most students are able to get the boat up on foil within the first couple of classes.

Foiling is an exciting part of the future of sailing, and we are so pleased to have Bristol Yacht Club as a hub for this emerging new type of sailing.

- Emilia Marino, Foiling Manager, EBSF



Foiling Manager Emilia Marino gets her groove on.



BYC's Wednesday night racers enjoyed the friendship and camaraderie of their fellow racers at the Steak and Swordfish dinner on Aug. 17.

Friends are like coals
in a fire - Together they
glow; apart, they grow
cold.

- C. S. Lewis

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