



On Sunday, May 7, BYC's Executive Committee and members welcomed a new group of members to the Club on a beautiful spring day.

BYC is off to the Races!

BYC's 2023 Racing Season is officially open, with the Club's weekly racing series kicking off between May 31 and June 5. As of the writing of this article, there are 48 boats signed up for the Millard Series, six teams signed up for Monday team racing, 10 Foiling Boards for Saturdays, and 8 J/22s registered for Thursday one design racing. More participants will likely sign up this week as things get going, but even before that, it is fantastic to see so many people enjoying the sport of sailboat racing at BYC. Kudos to everyone who participates or volunteers to make this happen. Other racing news:

Come to Race. Stay to Eat!

This year we are reintroducing dinners following Wednesday night races, courtesy of our new resident cook, Chef Vic. No RSVP is required.

Four June Regattas: Join the Fun as a Volunteer

In June, BYC is supporting four special regattas and still looking for volunteers to help run the races on the race committee boat and mark-set boats. Volunteers will get a front-row seat watching top-tier sailors ply their craft while enjoying a fun day on the water and a free lunch.

New England Foil Fest Regatta

On Saturday and Sunday, June 10 and 11, we are running the New England Foil Fest Championship. There's a clinic Saturday morning followed by racing Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Volunteers are needed ~1 p.m. - 5 p.m. on both days. Board manufacturers CABRINHA and DAKINE, along with SailGP, are hosting the wing foil clinic starting at 10:00 AM on June 10, so if

**Come on Down
TGIF Dinner with
Chef Vic this
Friday, June 2,
4:00-9:00 PM**

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Try Big Boat Racing at Bristol Yacht Club

**Join the Commodore's Cup
on July 5 as Crew or as
a Skipper on Your Boat**

Maybe you are not a racer, but you want to try it once, or perhaps your experience as a sailor or racer has been confined until now to smaller boats, or maybe you are a regular racer at BYC who wants to give others a chance to experience the fun of Wednesday night racing at the Club.

Then next month's Commodore's Cup Regatta is the event for you.

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you would like to introduce family or friends to the sport, please invite them to attend. The clinic is free. We will also have a swap meet during the clinic, so if you are interested in buying or selling used gear, we encourage you to attend.

Koi Pond J/22 Match Race Regatta

On Saturday and Sunday, June 17 and 18, we are hosting the Koi Pond J/22 Match Race Regatta. Top-ranked match racer Pearson Potts from Newport will lead a clinic on Friday, followed by match racing (2 boats, first to finish wins “America’s Cup style”) over the weekend. We are looking for help with mark-set duties.



29ers are a one-design, double-handed, single-trapeze skiff with a self-tacking jib and asymmetric spinnaker. BYC volunteers who help out at the 29er national championship regatta will see some very fast and exciting racing!

29er National Championships

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, June 19, 20, and 21, we are running the 29er National Championship Regatta out of Roger Williams University. The 29er is a fast, maneuverable high-powered skiff and a blast to watch on the racecourse. We are looking for help on the RC boat and in mark-set boats.

US Youth Championship

The week of June 26, Monday to

Friday, we are collaborating with US Sailing out of Roger Williams University, running the US Youth Championship (under 20 years old.) Winners of this regatta qualify to go to the Youth World Championships in Brazil. We are expecting over 100 boats in 7 boat classes. BYC is running the race circle for the Nacra 15 cats and 29ers, and we are looking for help in mark-set boats.

Contact Bob McLaughlin if you can help out on any of the above days: bob.mclaughlin@alumni.duke.edu, 314-956-4120.

*- Bob McLaughlin,
Race Committee Chair*



Looking to Sell or Buy Something at BYC?

Use the Notice Boards

If you have a boat, trailer, or something boating-related that you want to sell or buy, you can post your notice on either or both of the notice boards at the Club. One board is on the Clubhouse on your left as you enter the main door. The other is on the side of the Neptune Beach Bar. Please ensure your notice fits on a large index card and includes your contact details so interested sellers or buyers can contact you directly.



BYC NAME TAGS ARE HERE!

The long-awaited name tags have arrived at Bristol Yacht Club. The Social Committee has been hard at work passing out the name tags to members at the recent Social and House events, including at Commissioning and Vic’s Galley. If you did not opt out of the name tag when you paid your membership invoice, you have a tag with your name on it.

If you have checked with one of the Social Committee members staffing the name tag table and still need to get your name tag but believe you paid for it with your dues, please send an e-mail to your Social Committee chair, Carole Mansur, at cmansur785@gmail.com.



If you opted out of ordering a name tag but now think you might want one, having seen your friends wearing theirs, please watch future Monday e-mails for the opportunity to order a tag through the Ship Store.

*- Carole Mansur,
Social Committee Chair*



Don't Blink! Summer is here, so soak it in!

Commodore's Corner

Another great Commissioning is in the books at the Bristol Yacht Club. It was a beautiful May day to kick off our season, and now we are on a roll. Friday night dinners have been hopping, Wednesday night racing is underway, and the June calendar is packed!



It is always about this time of year when I begin to get anxious that summer will come and go too fast. This anxiety builds until each year on the Fourth of July – much to my daughters' disgust – I declare the summer is over! I hope everyone (including me) gets a chance to slow down, relax, and enjoy the beautiful days ahead. I look forward most to being on the water in the evenings for put-puts around the harbor or jib and jigger sails around Hog Island.

Here is the weather question for all of you amateur meteorologists and students of Bristol Harbor. Has the prevailing breeze shifted east by 10° to 15°? It appears to me that it has, but I am curious about what others think. I have searched online and found no scientific evidence to support this, but the traditional smoky southwester appears to be more south and even southeast on many high-pressure days. This has been true for the last two summers. All feedback is appreciated, including telling me that I am imagining this!

This month's volunteer shout-out goes to the folks that helped organize and launch the Mercuries and J22s. This important work is critical to junior sailing, adult sailing lessons, and racing. A special thank you to Kathy Yorks, Peter Worcester, and Mitch Guild. Great work!

Finally, I will close by reminding all of you what we remind new members at Commissioning – this is your club, your house, and your waterfront. Come be part of it and enjoy it. It is a special place!

- Joe Whelan, Commodore

Host Families Needed for Naval Academy Midshipmen - July 14-17

Bristol will again host US Naval Academy (USNA) Midshipmen. They will arrive on their sloops Friday, July 14 at 10 a.m. at Bristol's town docks and will depart on Monday, July 17 at 10 a.m.. We need hosts who can provide lodging for two or more Mids for those days. Currently, we are 18 bunks short. Please ask your friends and neighbors in the Bristol or Warren area to consider hosting. We require a minimum of two Mids per Host for their own comfort and for your convenience. We require two females per host for female Mids, and if you also take in males, then a minimum two males Mids per host. In the past, Mids have enjoyed using a bike, kayak, canoe, etc. They especially liked the Bike Path, Bristol Town Beach, and Colt State Park. Many have taken the bus to Newport and back.



There will be a welcome BBQ dinner Friday evening until evening colors at sunset. There is a Saturday morning required event the Mids will attend. Please help us welcome and accommodate the USNA Midshipmen. Please contact Garry Holmstrom at garrholm5@gmail.com.



The BYC Independence Day Pancake Breakfast!

Easy Tasty Start to
Your Fourth of July!

Enjoy hot pancakes
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Social Committee pancake chefs!

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Yogurt ★ Juice & Coffee

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Come all!

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Kids Under 5 Free

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To Sign Up**



EBSF to Kick Off Their 2023 Season on June 16

Since late March, EBSF staff and volunteers have been preparing for the 2023 instructional sailing season with weekly preparation/maintenance sessions for the EBSF fleet, the hiring of a full staff of instructors, updates to the EBSF Parent Handbook, and most recently, the successful launch of the J/22s on May 19 and 20.



The season will officially kick off on June 16 with a student and parent orientation session followed by the beginning of actual sailing classes on June 26. Below please find two recent updates to EBSF's planned course offerings for this summer. BYC members are invited to subscribe to the EBSF monthly newsletter to stay current on the latest news. [Click here](#) to subscribe.

EBSF Foiling Opportunities

Adults may now charter Skeetas and Nikkis on Tuesday nights and/or schedule lessons in the evenings and weekends. If you can sail a Laser, we think you will enjoy the Skeeta or Nikki and will be flying across the harbor on your first day out. Call or email [EBSF](#) for more information.

Two-time windsurfing world champion Josh Angulo joins us this year to teach Wingfoiling. Four-hour, six-hour, and multi-day packages are available. Call or email EBSF for more information. Call or email [EBSF](#) for more information.

EBSF is Adding Some Two-week Classes

Over 100 people have signed up for summer youth sailing classes so far. Last week we checked our numbers and staff commitments. At this time we are pleased to offer limited two-week classes for Intermediate and Adventure students. Thank you for supporting our new class schedule, which will help people learn more and retain it longer. [Sign up here.](#)

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FOIL RACING SERIES

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Sign up!

Wing foil and windsurf foil board competitors invited to race in beautiful Bristol, Rhode Island

Up to 5 races per day - racing between 2:00 PM and 5:00PM

\$75 early entry fee for the series.
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Come learn, race, meet other foilers, and have fun!
End of season Banquet and prizes

FIVE SATURDAYS – 6/3 . 7/1 . 8/5 . 8/12 and 8/19

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- Racing - BYC Regattas

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May Recap



Clockwise from upper left: Commodore Joe Whelan's wife Cathleen recited a poem at the Club's 125th Commissioning with the Flag Officers, Executive Committee, Past Commodores, and special guests looking on; Club Members on the lawn and deck during Commissioning; Faith Hassinger and Alice Jaffe staff the Neptune Coffee Bar on opening day; BYC's new playground is ready for use; members enjoyed dinner provided by Vic's Galley; Neptune en route to be launched; and the BYC Ship Store is open for business.



Join Your Fellow BYC Members for June TGIF Dinners with Chef Vic. No RSVP is Required.

In June, BYC will offer TGIF dinners with full dinner service provided by Chef Vic on June 2, 9, 16, and 23. Dinner on June 16 will be a BBQ with extra fun stuff for kids and family — see below.



On June 2, 9, and 23, dinner orders will be taken from 4 to 8 p.m., and the dining room will be open from 4 to 9 p.m.. On June 16, dinner orders will be taken from 5 to 9 p.m. to accommodate the BBQ grilling set-up. The Chart Room will be open from 4 to 10 p.m.. No RSVP is required.

- Jane Guinther, House Committee Chair



Friday, June 16

Did Someone Say BBQ (and fun kid stuff)?

On Friday, June 16, Vic's Galley will be serving BBQ under a big tent from 5 – 9 p.m.. Vic will fire up the grill serving your favorite burgers, hot dogs, chicken, fish, steak, and sides, along with a children's menu. The Juniors Committee will host games for all ages from 6 -7:30 p.m..

There is an option for on-site babysitting service, so all can relax and enjoy a fine summer's evening dinner. If you would like to participate in the children's games or reserve a spot with the babysitters, please contact Susie Holloway: susannah.p.holloway@gmail.com



Does Your Burgee Look Like This?

Time to Visit the Ship Store

If your burgee is looking a little frayed and worn, maybe it's time to visit the BYC Ship Store and do a little shopping. There you can get a new burgee and other BYC-branded swag to welcome the new season.

[Click here](#) to see all the BYC Ship Store has to offer.



FROM THE CRUISING COMMITTEE



With summer fully upon us, this is another call from the Cruising Committee that it is time to sign up for the upcoming cruises in late June (Third Beach June 24 & 25), July (Annual Summer Cruise July 15-23), and August (In-Bay Cruise August 6-14). Plus, there is a Maine Cruise for those ready for a more extended voyage.

The Late June Cruise to Third Beach will offer a varied voyage across Mt. Hope Bay and the Tiverton Basin to the natural beauty of the lower Sakonnet River and Sachuest Point. Stacey and EJ Dachoda will lead the weekend on “Skylark.” [Learn More](#) | [Register](#) | [Reserve Your Mooring](#)

The Summer Cruise will be heading west to Point Judith, Stonington, Coecles Harbor, Three Mile Harbor, Block Island, and Dutch Harbor. The Cruise is a great adventure with friends and family, a chance to partake in the camaraderie and support of your fellow BYC cruisers. There will be the usual mix of planned activities and dinners, Drink of the Day, and “on your own time.” Cruising guides prepared by the Day Captains will help get you to and prepare you for the various destinations. Registration is open and easy on the BYC website, which will also provide links to DOCKWA to get moorings for designated locations. More information on the Summer Cruise: [Click here](#).

Registration is now open for the newly offered **In-Bay Cruise** from August 6-14. We will circumnavigate Narragansett Bay with stops in Wickford, Newport, Dutch Harbor, East Greenwich, and the Kickemuit River. We will be following the format of our Annual Cruise for the most part with some planned activities and dinners, Drinks of the Day, as well as some on your own time. This cruise will make it easy to drop in and drop out as your schedule allows. Dockwa reservations are also crucial for a few stops, so start planning and registering early to secure your spot. For more information on the In-Bay Cruise: [Click here](#).

Join the Maine Cruise!

A large contingent of BYC boats participated in the Maine Cruise (MC) in 2021. Responding to significant interest in repeating the cruise, fellow BYC members began planning the 2023 cruise, adding new destinations and social events. The scheduled departure for MC’23 is Saturday, July 29, with an overnight in eastern Buzzards Bay before jumping off to Penobscot Bay in Maine either by coastal or offshore routes. The flexible itinerary will permit cruisers to both explore on their own and join fellow cruisers every few days for social events in different locations moving east, including the Torrey Islands in Eggemoggin Reach for the classic wooden boat regatta and Somes Sound, the only East Coast fjord in the US. Email [Brian Fitzgerald](#) for information or register your interest in joining





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The Commodore's Cup held every year during the July Fourth week in place of that week's regular Wednesday night Millard race. The course runs once around Hog Island with staggered start times, so boats of all sizes wind up racing against each other at the finish.

Students in the East Bay Sailing Foundation program will be invited to crew (or simply observe) on the boats that regularly compete in the Millard Series. For many, it's their first time aboard a vessel bigger than a Mercury.

For boat owners who do not race their boats in the Wednesday Night series, and even sailing families who've never run a race, you are invited to join the fun. The format is super easy: Just register beforehand with your boat's make and size, and you'll be assigned an exact start time based on your boat's handicap. You will need to have a basic understanding of race rules for safety and to know the racecourse. The race documents will be provided for this, plus any questions you have can be answered by the organizers. Then get out to the start/finish line at the south end of the mooring field before 6:00 PM on Wednesday, July 5, run the course, and afterward enjoy the post-race dinner in the Clubhouse.

Details and registration are on the club's website under Racing > BYC Regattas. Start planning now for what can be the highlight of your Bristol July Fourth week.

- Joe Jablonski, Race Committee



Tag BYC in Your Social Media Posts

Some BYC members have been asking if the Club and members could use Facebook and Instagram pages more often to share updates and pictures and connect with friends. So we are putting more effort into utilizing these channels

If you are a social media user, consider yourself encourage to share more content to tagging Bristol Yacht Club in your posts. Nancy Clark and Nancy Barron will be serving as moderators for BYC's Facebook and Instagram pages. I will also be adding more posts with official Club information. We are developing some privacy and code of conduct guidelines which we will post soon.

And for those who are not social media users, the Club will continue to share information via weekly emails and the Mainsheet so you can get the information you need via traditional channels. Let me know if you have any questions.

- Barbara Petrocelli, Member-at-Large

June Events at BYC

6/2 TGIF Dinner with Vic's Galley 4 – 9 p.m.

6/3 Foil Racing 2 p.m.

6/9 Gaspee Days Cruise
6/9-6/11

6/9 TGIF Dinner with Vic's Galley 4 – 9 p.m.

6/10 Foil Fest Regatta 6/10 – 6/11

6/10 EBSF Keelboat Course
6/10-6/12

6/16 EBSF Parent Orientation 5 - 9 p.m.

6/16 TGIF Dinner with Vic's Galley - BBQ with Big Tent 5 - 9 p.m.

6/17 J/22 Match Race Regatta "The Koi Pond Classic" 6/17 – 6/18

6/19 Instructor Training Week 6/19 – 6/23

6/19 29er National Championships at RWU 6/19 – 6/21

6/23 Social Event - Dinner Provided by Vic's Galley 4 – 9 p.m.

6/24 Late June Cruise 6/24-6/25

6/26 EBSF First Session Begins

6/26 US Youth Championship at RWU 6/26 – 6/30



On Bristol Harbor

Written on the occasion of the Bristol Yacht Club's 125th Commissioning

The Pokanakut, Pilgrims then Slaves
Paddled and sailed
Goodness and sin, but always hope

Textiles, boats and ships
Woven and built
Prosperity and poverty, but always hope

Immigrants, cultures and beliefs
Joined and mixed
Understanding and hard, but always hope

Patriotism, faith and parades
Practiced and marched
Steps forward and steps back, but always hope

Fireworks, boat races and sunsets
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Pure joy, happiness and always hope

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