

The Bristol Yacht Club MAINSHEET



BYC Frostbiters on March 12 (Photo: Jil Westcott and John Bell)

Spring has Sprung... and BYC Needs Helpers

April has arrived, and BYC is awakening from the quieter winter season to springtime! Suddenly there is a lot more going on at the Club and a growing list of helpers are needed as we prepare for the coming yachting season. Please take a look at the list of projects below and consider whether you could volunteer to help on one or more of them. Contact details to get involved are listed below.

Spring Clean Up - The BYC Grounds Committee would welcome helpers to clean up the Club ground from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Saturday, April 29. See page six for more details.

EBSF Work Parties - Saturdays, April 15 to May 20, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Volunteers will help ready the EBSF fleet for the season by prepping them for launch and making minor repairs. No specific skills or tools are needed, and EBSF staff will be on-site to offer direction and help. To volunteer, email EBSF Committee Chair, Richard Feeny at richard.feeny@gmail.com.

Float Launch - Friday, April 21, from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM (ish). Volunteers will launch the Club's floats and help with assorted waterfront tasks. A light breakfast and lunch will be served. The Chart Room opens at noon. Email Chief Steward Chris Healy at steward@bristolyc.com to volunteer to help.

Race Helpers - Besides the weekly races, BYC is hosting 13 sailing regattas in 2023, all of which need volunteers. Everyone is welcome - from seasoned veterans who know how to run a race to newbies who can lend a hand on or off the water. This can be a one-and-done volunteer gig - no season-long commitment - and regardless of your skills, the Race Committee would love your help. Contact Race Committee Chair Bob McLaughlin at bob.mclaughlin@alumni.duke.edu to learn more.

DON'T MISS THE BOAT!

Order Your 2023 BYC Cruise T-shirts by April 10

Time is running out if you want to order BYC's annual summer cruise t-shirts for your crew or family. These will feature a new design by Susan Maloney. Whether you are joining the cruise or not, you are welcome to order t-shirts. Order adult or child shirts [here](#).

Spring Member Meeting

On Friday, April 28, from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM, the BYC Spring Member Meeting will occur. Please plan on attending and joining the conversation.



April 2023



Just when I thought the Bristol Yacht Club could not get any better, it did! Let me explain. I enjoy sailing. But I love art. This past Sunday, Cathleen and I went to the Providence Art Club for an opening of a three-artist show. Incredibly, two of the three artists are members of the Bristol Yacht Club. How great is that?

Commodore's Corner



Howard Rotblat-Walker is a long-time member of the Club. His abstract photographs — which are complex and carefully crafted — are a unique form of art that I had not seen before. One piece, in particular, jumped off the wall. It felt like a tunnel of carefully crafted sticks that drew you in and wanted you to learn and see more.

Scott Glaser is a fairly new member of the Club. Scott's self-identified mission is to use his eye and his mind's eye to draw and present exactly what he sees. He uses a variety of mediums, but all have the common thread of being based on a geometric grid. Most recently, Scott has been using Band-Aids — yes, Band-Aides — as his base medium and has done remarkable portraits of Nelson Mandela and Aretha Franklin, among others.

Coincidentally, the third artist — who is not yet a member of the Bristol Yacht Club — is photographer Daniel Foster who photographs sailboats. A link to the show is [here](#). I encourage all of you to go see the show, which runs through April 14. It is a great way to spend a few hours. Great work, Howard and Scott!

On to the business at hand. One of the EC's ongoing objectives is to continue to improve the membership experience. To that end, Dockmaster Pete Turenne will be running a program this spring that will offer members the option of having their power boats and/or dinghies picked up at their house and taken to the Club for launch or delivery for a fee. Information on this program will be set forth in the weekly news update. We are doing this as a trial. Contact Pete at dockmaster@bristolyc.com for more information.

This month's volunteer shoutout goes to Past Commodore Bruce Cox. Past Commodores contribute in many ways, each finding their own way. For Bruce, it is quiet and concrete support. For example, each year, the Club needs to file its annual report with the Secretary of State's office to keep the corporation up to date and current. Bruce handles that aspect of the Club's law work carefully and thoughtfully without fanfare. Again, one of the many helping hands behind the scenes. Thank you Bruce!

- Joe Whelan, Commodore

Order 2023 BYC Cruise T-shirts

Limited Time Offer. Order by EOD on April 10.

Once again, BYC is offering members a beautiful t-shirt for the 2023 Summer Cruise for purchase, designed by Susan Maloney. These t-shirts have been beloved wardrobe items for BYC members for years: beautiful, comfy, and a lovely reminder of good times!!

Whether you are joining the cruise or not, you are welcome to order t-shirts.

Order here: [adult's shirts](#) and [children's shirts](#)





Calling all Women Who Want to Become Better Sailors

A group of women from BYC will be attending a one day women-only educational conference on June 3 in Newport aimed at teaching women how to be better sailors...and you are invited to come.

BYC's female members run the gamut from world class experienced sailors and racers to brand-new beginners, and everything in between. That said, one can always learn something new by attending an educational networking event. For women sailors in particular, sometimes the best place to gain those new skills is in a welcoming and supportive female-only context.

The organizer hosting this conference is the National Women's Sailing Association, a group of women sailors and sailing enthusiasts who are dedicated to helping women and girls enjoy the sport of sailing. Conference workshops will focus on topics such as navigation, sail trim, docking, taking the helm, marine electronics, weather, and much more. Some of the classes will be conducted in a classroom and while others will occur on the water on a boat. You can explore the full schedule [here](#).

Registration is open now, with discounted early bird pricing available through April 16. Complete conference information including registration and pricing information is available [here](#). If you have questions or want to collectively attend this event with other BYC members, please email Marilyn Dimson-Doyle at mkdimson@gmail.com. The currently signed up BYC members look forward to a little collective comradery and fun.

– Barbara Petrocelli, Member-at-Large



BYC 2022-23 Frostbite Highlights: Attendance, 1,000 Races and Volunteer Support

The BYC 2022-23 Frostbite Season is a wrap. 30 Laser and Aero racers from 6 New England States enjoyed 16 days of racing on Bristol Harbor during the Fall / Winter series. Supported by a dedicated race team and many BYC volunteers, frostbiters logged 1,000+ starts over 175 races. Seasonally warm weather, complete with “diamonds-on-the-bay”, key-noted most days.

We are fortunate to have Will Pierce as our PRO. His experience and dedication over 3+ decades (yes, decades) of running races for the BYC frostbite fleet made for course variety, fair starts, and limited “waiting time” between races. Thank you Will! Likewise, safety is a crucial focus of winter small-boat racing, with water temperatures in the low 40's. Dockmaster and safety boat driver Pete Turenne gets a “tip-of-the-hat” again this season for his consistent support of the fleet.



Will Pierce tracking frostbiters during BYC Frostbite racing.

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Join BYC's First Cruise of 2023 May 19-21: Come See the Ocean Race Fleet in Newport

BYC is joining The Ocean Race this year with the Club's first cruise of the season to Newport from May 19 - 21. Newport is where the fleet of racers for this year's Ocean Race will be based during an approximate 11-day stopover as they prepare for the sixth leg of the race from Newport, RI, to Aarhus, Denmark. BYC cruisers and members will have a unique opportunity to view the in-port race on Saturday and the start of this sixth leg on Sunday, May 21, at 2:00 PM when the fleet crosses the start line on their way to Europe.

While in Newport, the 60-foot, hydrofoil-assisted sailboats will be berthed at Fort Adams State Park for all to see up close. In addition to the yachts themselves, Newport will host visitors with a celebratory festival called the Live Ocean Park, which will be open to the public for free every day. Visitors will be able to tour team bases, Try Sailing! Onboard a Sail Newport J/22 and participate in an interactive ocean hologram exhibit on ocean stewardship. Enjoy music, food, children's activities, entertainment, cocktail cafes, and the stunning Fort Adams State Park with panoramic views of Newport Harbor and Narragansett Bay.



In 2018, the fleet raced north toward the Newport Bridge.

BYC members are invited to join via boat or car. Arrangements have been made for mooring rentals (which can be reserved ahead of time at a special discounted rate for this cruise from Oldport Marine), as well as a cocktail get-together on Friday night, and a group dinner on Saturday night.

Agenda Highlights

Friday, May 19 The Live Ocean Park will be open from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM. A BYOB Cocktail get-together is planned at a location TBD - perhaps aboard rafted boats or on shore - at 6:00 PM. The group is on its own for dinner and evening activities. BYC members joining by boat can travel to Newport on Friday (or earlier) as desired.

Saturday, May 20 - The Live Ocean Park will be open from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM, including a kid-friendly Exploration Zone. At 12:30 PM,

What is the Ocean Race?

Formerly called the Volvo Ocean Race, it is often described as the longest and toughest professional sporting event in the world and as one of sailing's three most important global competitions (alongside the Olympics and America's Cup). The Ocean Race is a round-the-world sailing race that takes teams 45,000 nautical miles across four oceans, touching six continents and visiting 12 landmark host cities.

World Class Sailing Champion and BYC Member Charlie Enright is competing in this year's race as co-founder of 11th Hour Racing and Skipper of *Malama*, one of the yachts competing in this year's fleet.

After powering through the fierce Southern Ocean, the sailors have rounded Cape Horn and are now heading northward along the East Coast of South America. Charlie Enright and the crew aboard *Malama*, although suffering through equipment problems such as a torn mainsail, have managed to keep pace with rest of the fleet and it's still anyone's leg to win. After a stop in Itajai, Brazil, The Ocean Race should arrive in Newport between May 10 and 12.

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there will be a dock-out ceremony followed by an in-port race from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM. BYC members are invited to a group dinner at Stoneacre Garden in downtown Newport at 7:00 PM, which will include a two-course prix fixe menu for \$61.50 per person.

Sunday, May 21 - The Live Ocean Park will again be open from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM, including the Exploration Zone. At 2:00 PM, the fleet will start the sixth leg of the race by crossing a start line off Fort Adams (TDB on the day of the race), heading north under the Newport Bridge, and then southwest out the Bay to Europe. BYC members can view the start from Fort Adams or in the Bay in designated viewing areas outside of the defined race course. BYC members joining the cruise via water can return to Bristol at their leisure.



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How to Register for the Cruise, Reserve a Mooring, and Sign Up for Dinner

Moorings can be reserved through Oldport Marine for \$50/night. Pre-payment for the first night is required. Anchoring is also possible in Newport's anchorage area at the southern end of the harbor, not far from Fort Adams and the Live Ocean Park festival.

Oldport Marine's launch service runs to all parts of the harbor at \$4 per head.

For the group dinner on Saturday night, the restaurant, Stoneacer Garden, is offering several menu options for the two-course dinner described [here](#). Dinner is \$61.50 (\$48/pp plus tax and tip).

Sign up to join the cruise [here](#).

If you are renting a mooring or attending the group dinner, pay your fees [here](#).

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Yachts participating in The Ocean Race will be docked at Fort Adams where the Live Ocean Park festival will be open daily.



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Volunteers Needed for Spring Cleanup

Learn More:

- Visit the 2023 Ocean Race website for complete information about the race, including the latest information on competitors, conditions, and standings. Click [here](#).
- Learn more about the Live Ocean Park and planned activities in visitors to Newport during the race's stopover in Newport in May [here](#).
- If you have questions about the cruise, contact BYC Member and Cruise organizer Andy Teitz at zoning@utrlaw.com.

The Grounds Committee is requesting volunteers for spring cleanup on Saturday, April 29 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon, with a rain date of April 30. This is a great way for new members to meet and socialize with other members. Refreshments will be available.



If you are interested in helping, [sign up here](#). Tasks to be accomplished include raking and disposal of all shells/detritus from float storage;; leaf, stick and debris cleanup from entire site; and, installation of soaker hoses and timers for planting bed at the porch. For more information, please contact the Cleanup Lead Mike Sullivan at mikesullivan9999@outlook.com.

The Grounds Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month. Please contact Chairperson Douglas Kallfelz at douglas@unionstudioarch.com to learn more about volunteer opportunities on the Grounds Committee.



Ven a celebrar el Cinco de Mayo!

Come Celebrate Cinco de Mayo, April 29, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Nacho Mamma's will provide dinner. Live music will be provided by Bristol's very own John Tyler! More details to follow in the Monday emails.

- Carole Mansur,
Social Committee Chair





ARE WE READY?

House Dinner, Friday, April 14

BYC Resiliency Committee with
Guest Speakers: Pam Rubinoff
and Thais Fournier

BYC's resiliency team is identifying problem areas on our waterfront property to build a master plan incorporating scientific techniques for storm preparation on our horizon. The Dec 23rd storm highlighted the urgency for addressing this now.



The BYC Resiliency team and House Committee bring you our first dinner of the new year. Join Pam Rubinoff and Thais Fournier, Coastal Resilience Specialists from URI's Graduate School of Oceanography Coastal Resources Center/RI Sea Grant. For over 30 years, Pam has linked engineering, natural hazards, and coastal management to provide technical assistance to vulnerable communities with a focus on storms and flooding. Through her leadership, she brings the best available science to incorporate science-based risk exposure and reduction into tangible guidance, tools, and community building approaches. Presently she is working with Bristol on town flooding.

Thais Fournier has extensive experience in coastal ecology and water quality through her professional and academic research around the world and presently in Rhode Island. She is strongly committed to education, leading outdoor interpretive ecology programs as a naturalist and conducting hands-on research with underrepresented youth in the Gulf of California.

- Jane Guinther, House Committee Chairperson

Event Details

Friday, April 14 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Tickets are \$30 per person and include dinner, provided by Amos House Catering. The menu includes salad, baked scrod, stuffed chicken, white and wild rice pilaf, mixed summer vegetables, and dessert with coffee/tea.

The Chart Room will open at 5:00 PM and dinner will be served at 6:00 PM. Presentations will begin at 7:00 PM.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 12 at 12:00 PM.

Participants are also welcome to join remotely using this link: bit.ly/3z7sZZS

Please contact Jane Guinther at JSGuinther@sbcglobal.net with any questions.

REGISTER HERE

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: *Loggerhead*, a Hinckley Bermuda 40

Owners: Alison and Chris Ponder

Why the name *Loggerhead*?

The answer is best described in Alison's own words:

Chris and I both like turtles and have supported sea turtle conservation on the Georgia coast. When we were thinking about boat names, the idea of something to do with turtles was tossed around and the different types of turtles, and we landed on *Loggerhead*. It worked out wonderfully that she has a dark green hull.

We're having a wooden launch built by the team at East Passage Boatwrights and that will have a turtle-related name as well when she launches in May.



So now you know how the name was chosen for the Ponder's boat. If you have a name you would like to submit, please email me, Peter Canzone, at americanart1@aol.com.

BYC Snowbirds in Florida

A group of friends from BYC recently got a chance to catch up in Florida. We look forward to seeing them at the Club soon.

Clockwise: Craig Lippman, Mike Perkins, Judy Campbell, Susan Maloney, Bill Campbell, Donald Croteau, Peter Maloney, and Norm Truscott. Also present: Leslee Lippman, Susan Grandpierre, and Donna Truscott.





Updated House Rules

*- Jane Guinther, House
Committee Chairperson*

BYC's Clubhouse Rules have been updated. Please take a moment to read the new rules and keep them in mind going forward. The updated rules are provided below and will be posted on the Club website shortly.

1. The Clubhouse is open daily beginning of Launch hours to close of Chart Room hours between Commissioning and Decommissioning. The Chart Room is open to the membership at hours posted in this booklet, the Mainsheet and on the BYC website including during rental events.
2. Members seeking entry to the Clubhouse at other times during this period are advised to contact the Steward ahead of time to make arrangements.
3. No one under the legal drinking age is permitted in the Chart Room when the Club's bar is open, including during rental events.
4. Consumption of alcoholic beverages must be confined to those sold by our Club's bar. Liquor purchased at the Club must be consumed on the Club's premises. This rule does not apply to the consumption of alcoholic beverages from a yacht's locker while the yacht is at the Club's dock, provided consumption remains within the vicinity of the yacht. (Required to maintain the Club's liquor license.)
5. Only the Steward, his staff, or assigned persons by the Steward will be available to tend bar.
6. Intoxicated persons will not be served alcohol at the Club.
7. Shoes and shirts must be worn in the Clubhouse.
8. Wet clothing may not be worn in the Clubhouse.
9. Parents are responsible for the behavior of their children. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or designated responsible adult while on Club property.
10. Smoking in the Clubhouse and anywhere on the BYC property is not permitted except in a designated smoking area in the west side parking lot.
11. Rental of Club facilities can be arranged through the Club Steward, subject to approval by the Executive Committee.
12. Members are welcome to use the decks anytime. The upper deck is reserved for Club members including during rental events. Members are responsible for disposing of all garbage, trash, and recyclables after use.
13. Pets are not permitted in the Clubhouse or the Clubhouse's decks except for certified service animals.

New RI DEM Regulation Requires PFDs in All Paddle Craft as of April 2

All operators and passengers of canoes, kayaks, sailboards, kiteboards, paddleboards, and any other paddle craft must always wear a United States Coast Guard (USCG)-approved PFD while underway regardless of age. Read the press release announcing this change [here](#).



The frostbite season runs from mid-October through March. That's a lot of race days, including random Sundays when Mother Nature ixnays a Saturday start. BYC members and frostbite racers stepped up to staff the race committee and safety boat from the first month of Fall racing through the Winter series. Thank you, BYC "done-in-a-day" members John Bell, Steve Crocker, Tom Hagan, Peter Maloney, Dom Messerli, Dennis McKay, Sue McKay, John Mooney, Jim Munro, Charlie Payne, and Jil Westcott for your support, scoring, and safety boat driving, and Joe Whelan for the use of "Brightening Glance" as a safety boat. Thanks also to frostbiters Ralph Kinder, Paul Keohan, and Dave Guinther for signing on as "PRO for a day."

Frostbiters sail for the enjoyment, camaraderie, and year-round sailing experience, not the hardware. However, we do keep score! Congratulations to Laser fleet winners: David Crawley, Adam Langerman, and Flip Myerson in the Fall series, and Adam Langerman, Faye Flam, and Bob Catani in the Winter series. Aero honors go to winner Eric Aker and runner-up Patrick Chokron in the Fall match race series, and to Flip Myerson, Eric Aker, and Jeff Curtis in the Winter series.

The first race of the BYC 2023-24 Frostbite Season will be Saturday, October 20.

*- Dave Guinther,
Frostbiting Co-Leader*



Jim Munro (l) and Steve Crocker (r) with super-PRO Will Pierce (on Hercules) prepare



Five Lasers and an Aero sailing in "diamonds" during a BYC Frostbite race.



Aero sailor Eric Aker crosses the start line in a BYC Frostbite race.



Will Pierce calls a Laser start during BYC Frostbite race.

Nine Lasers down wind on Bristol Harbor during a light-wind frostbite race.





CPR/AED and First Aid Certification Class

Members are invited to attend a CPR/AED and First Aid class (techniques for adults, children & infants) with a 2-year card certification. We all need to have these skills ready to assist if THAT moment arises, whether at the Club, on land, or at sea. Empower yourself!!

The class will cost \$25 per person and will occur on Wednesday, April 26, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM at the BYC Clubhouse. Email Jane Guinther at jsguinther@sbcglobal.net with any questions. Registration: [here](#)



BYC Playground Appeal

Thank you again to everyone who has already contributed to the playground fundraising effort! As mentioned in last week's weekly, there have been some exciting developments and a new target for our fundraising goal!

The first and most important update is that one of our members, Sean Rosser, has introduced the Club to "Swing Kingdom" playsets. These playsets are of excellent quality and superior durability compared to our previous playset, something the Club had been hoping to achieve within the budget we'd established for this effort. Perhaps more exciting, though, as a distributor of the Swing Kingdom playsets, Sean has generously offered to offset the cost of the playset through his company, AND he has offered to donate the time to install it! As a result of Sean's generosity, our target for fundraising has shrunk substantially – from \$15,000 to \$9,000 - with a superior end product for the Club!



So, as of today, we have received 37 donations for a total of \$5,441. This puts us slightly above the halfway mark of our new \$9,000 fundraising goal!

We have just over one month left to the start of the 2023 season and the excitement it brings to sailors and boaters of all ages! We hope to have this new playset up and running for the start of the season, and we could use your help and generosity to get there. With Sean's generosity, this seems entirely achievable—a huge thank you to Sean Rosser for his advice and generosity. **[DONATE HERE.](#)**

- Douglas Kallfelz, Grounds Committee Chairperson

Get Your BYC Sweatshirts Now, Before Prices Go Up!

BYC branded sweatshirts, including the full zip, quarter zip, and hoody pullover styles, are going up in price, between three and five dollars each. Please consider purchasing the sweatshirts that are now in stock at existing prices. Once existing stock is depleted, prices will go up. [Order here.](#)

- Betty Brito, Ship Store Leader





Name Tags are Coming

As soon as the final BYC 2023 name tag list is complete, we will place an order. Name tags will be available at the beginning of the sailing season. We'll communicate more information on how they can be picked up in subsequent emails and monthly newsletters.

- Carole Mansur, Social Committee Chairperson

What is Done-in-Day Volunteering?

Have You Ever Thought:

I'd like to get to know more Club members OR I'd like to help on a committee or volunteer on a project, (but which one?) OR I want to volunteer to help but just for one day (I'm sooo busy!!)

We've Got the Answer for You!!

Done-in-a-Day is a kind of volunteering at Bristol Yacht Club where you sign up to help for just one day for whatever committee or project matches your interests, skills, and time constraints. No commitment – just one day – and every committee is looking for done-in-a-day volunteers so there is bound to be something out there that is perfect for you.

Want More Details?

Contact: rosemaryalden@cox.net, Member-at-Large

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