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2011 Board of Directors

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Club Office Hours

Mary Brinkley, Office Manager
Tues-Fri, 11am-5pm

Dining Room & Bar Hours

Sun, Mon, Tues, Thurs, Closed.
Wed, 5-10pm, Fri, 5-11pm;
Sat. 5-10pm

Yacht Pub & Pool Hours

Pool & Pub open this weekend &
Monday, 11am-8pm

Pub open until 10pm on Friday,
Saturday, & Sunday, 11am-10pm.

**Pool & Pub closed after Sep-
tember, 5.**

September Events

First Mates' Meeting, Wednesday,
Sept. 14, 6:30pm
Board Meeting, Thursday, Sept. 22,
6:30pm

From the Editor

Members not receiving the
newsletter should send their
emails to mdewall@cox.net.
Those without email may pick
up a copy at the Club office.



Board and Club News

The Board met on August 18, under the direction of new Commodore, Norris Monk. Jason Batcha was elected to serve in the place of Karen Grizzard who recently resigned from the Board. The Board welcomes both Jason and Bill Burke, who joined the Board last month as Vice Commodore, and look forward to new and fresh ideas to move our Club in a positive direction in these tough economic times.

The Commodore reported that a cleaning crew has been hired to clean the Club three days a week.

This year, the board is focused on a more positive approach from the outward appearance of the club to the service and value to our members. Work on weeding and mulching has begun along the clubhouse by some of our members, and the restructure of the kitchen personnel has begun in order to provide better food in a timely manner. We will also have a new clubhouse menu in place shortly. Any menu suggestions can be shared with the House Committee. Thanks to all volunteers who helped secure the Club for Hurricane Irene.

WYCC Weathers Irene

Club members welcomed Irene with impromptu "Hurricane Parties" last Friday night. Saturday morning brought winds and heavy rains causing tide surge of about 4.5 feet above normal—just a half foot shy of Hurri-

cane Isabel in September 2003. The surge covered the docks and piers with water, as shown in the photos on page 2. The Club and members' boats survived without major damage. Fortunately, most boaters were able to get down and secure or move their boats and trailers before the storm hit. Power outages occurred in the Club house, Pub, and North Shed. Full power was restored on Wednesday. The pool re-opened on Thursday, and the dining room was ready for business on Friday. A reminder that members should be cautious when walking on the docks and piers and beware of loose and missing boards.





The Commodore's Corner

It's hard to believe, but another summer at the beautiful Warwick Yacht and Country Club is ending. There are still plenty of boating days left, but our 2011 pool and pub season is officially complete. This has been a challenging year so far with both ups and downs. On the up side, we had a record number of summer members which helped offset the usual summer pool costs and helped fill out our swim team. On the down side, the combination of lost full time members and a fragile infrastructure has stretched our finances thin. The board and finance committee are working hard to keep our numbers in the black. The obvious answer to improve our situation is keeping our existing members and bringing in new members.

In order to do either, we have to provide a value for each particular member's wants or needs. This could be in the form of a place to keep a boat, a place to swim and sun by the pool, or just a place to hang with friends, have a drink, and get a bite to eat. Everyone has their own definition of what is of value to them, and our task is to figure out what that is, and provide it. This, as always, is no easy task. We need everybody's assistance. There is never a shortage of "suggestions," but never appears to be an equal number of bodies willing to assist in implementing those suggestions. We are all equal owners of this fantastic piece of property with its magnificent views, safe harbor for boaters, beautiful pool, and spacious club house and yacht

pub. We are not asking for you to volunteer 10-12 hours a week. We need a lot of members to give a few hours a month to help us keep our Club in the kind of shape we would be proud to bring our friends and family to. Those are things we can all do. The board and I also have been looking at improving the services we currently provide. One of those areas is a restructure of clubhouse kitchen personnel in order to provide a better product in a timely manner. Also, we are working this year with a CNU marketing class on better ways to market our topside facility as well as the Club as a whole. As a reminder, inappropriate dress, actions, and language are not acceptable at the club. Please be respectful and enjoy your Club.
Norris Monk
WYCC Commodore

Hurricane Irene Spares WYCC





WYCC Committee News



Jr. Sailing instructors, Cole Brundage, Claire Hunnicutt, Jonathan Hornsby, and Trey Robertson with sailing award winners Brianna Underwood and Karl Diamonstein. (Photo by Warren Hunnicutt)

The **Jr. Sailors'** awards banquet was well attended by nearly 50 sailors and their families. The final day of the last session was celebrated with a fierce water balloon fight, fought to a draw between the Jr. Sailors and instructors. Photos and videos collected over the full eight-weeks are posted on the club [website](#).

First Mates will meet on Wednesday, September 14, 6:30pm. The program originally scheduled for August will be presented at this meeting. An EMT Captain will discuss how to deal with choking, burns, bleeding, and heat stress. All WYCC ladies are invited to attend this informative session and invite their husbands and friends to attend as well. The lecture will last approximately 30 minutes and be followed by a business meeting to make plans for the "Fall Festival of Gifts" to be held on Friday, October 14. If anyone knows a vendor who might be interested in

participating in this event, please give Cookie Kundis a call (930-3535). Tables are \$25 each. A reminder that First Mates continues to collect pet food for the Peninsula Pet Pantry. Please deposit food in the bin by the front entrance to the dining room.

The Swim Team members and families held a luau awards banquet Shown below are MC Dominic Velardi and Swim Team coaches Ashley Jones and Danielle Verbeck. (Photo by Sandi Berry-Shooter.)



The **Youth Activities Committee** provided a great summer for our young people with well-attended dive-in movies and a teen night. Committee members worked hard to make these events a success and appreciated the participation of members' children. Chair Bruce Monk thanks committee members Carol Burke, Jennifer Batcha, Jane Dyer, Karen Monk, Kimberly Stubbs, and Tressa Schoener. Thanks to Jason Monk for being the MC and DJ for the teen night.

The **Social Committee** reluctantly cancelled Pirates' Day in honor of the arrival of Hurricane Irene. The committee is looking at alternate dates for rescheduling.

The **House Committee** thanks Dave and Cookie Kundis for their assistance with mulching and weeding the front area near the Club entrance. Volunteers are encouraged to offer time and expertise in landscaping assistance.



WARWICK YACHT & COUNTRY CLUB

SEPTEMBER 2011



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Desserts for the Month may vary and will not be offered at every dinner service	Featured Desserts Boston Crème Pie Ice Cream Brownies			1 Dining Room & Bar Closed	2 Lasagna Buffet	3 Turkey Leg Special Salisbury Steak Pool Open Pub Open, 11am-10
4 Pool & Pub Open 11am-8pm	5 Club Closed Pool & Pub Closes for season, 8pm	6 Dining Room & Bar Closed Boy Scouts, 7pm	7 Baked Chicken Buffet	8 Dining Room & Bar Closed	9 Ribs Special	10 Chili Buffet
11 Club Closed	12 Club Closed	13 Dining Room & Bar Closed Boy Scouts, 7pm	14 Buffalo Chicken Wings Buffet First Mates 6:30	15 Dining Room & Bar Closed Board Meets 6:30	16 Pizza Special with Caesar Salad	17 Fried Chicken Buffet
18 Club Closed	19 Club Closed	20 Dining Room & Bar Closed Boy Scouts, 7pm	21 Breakfast for Dinner Buffet	22 Dining Room & Bar Closed	23 Corned Beef & Cabbage Special	24 Meatloaf Buffet
25 Club Closed	27 Club Closed	28 Dining Room & Bar Closed Boy Scouts, 7pm	29 Pot Roast Special	30 Dining Room & Bar Closed	1 October Chicken Pot Pie Beef Pot Pie Veggie Pot Pie Buffet	2 October Fish and Chips Special