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Hello All.

Spring has sprung and that can mean only one thing – boating season is on its way.

First, a reminder that your membership dues should be in by April 1st if you wish to be in this year's edition of the yearbook and receive your Mainsheet subscription. Second, April 9th is our Wine and Cheese function and semi-annual meeting. We are holding the event at the QDNYC in Allen's Harbor this time and is being hosted by Favorite Child (Dave and Trudy Rothfuss) and Carpe Ventum (Bill and Kathy Hague). We are planning to have a guest speaker again, this year to discuss diesel maintenance.

Early this month we held our Dead of Winter party. Thanks go out to Imagine (Dennis and Vanessa Cournoyer) for hosting the event at their home. We had a good attendance and several new members came.

Also in April we are having our Fleet Night on April 22nd at the East Greenwich West Marine. This is a good time to buy those much needed boat items at a discount. This is being hosted by Wanderlust (Jeff and Mary Searle).

As for the rest of the season, the board has been working hard over the winter putting together a fun season of events. We will be formally kicking the season off with a Memorial Day weekend rendezvous at the East Greenwich Yacht Club hosted by Alpenwind (Peter and Sandra Borowiec). This is a fleet favorite, and although the weather does not always accommodate, we generally get good attendance.

Our Fleet Captain, Ron Lewis, has put together a good cruise at the end of July with us turning left out of Narragansett Bay. We will be visiting Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, and the Elizabeth Islands. We are keeping the cruise to a week this year to accommodate more people's cruising plans. Ron has put together a whole itinerary and has made it available on the web site. He will also



have CDs with charts, routes, and port information available at the Wine and Cheese for those interested. We hope that you will join us.

Our Rear Commodore, Bill Hague, has set up our annual Wine and Cheese and Fleet Night at West Marine. Our Fleet Night will be held on April 22nd at the East Greenwich West Marine. This is a good time to buy those much needed boat items at a discount. This is being hosted by Wanderlust (Jeff and Mary Searle). Bill will also be coordinating boat show participation for the Newport boat show.

Roland Gendreau, the Vice Commodore, has been working to get the weekend rendezvous schedule completed. Along with some of our usual favorites we have scheduled a weekend in Wickford for the Art Festival in early July and made arrangements at Battleship Cove in Fall River to attend the Fall River Festival in mid August. We have tentative plans for a Columbus Day weekend rendezvous, but nothing is solid yet. If anyone has an idea or a suggestion, please contact Roland.

As a wrap up to the season, we have the annual Labor Day weekend at the Bristol Yacht Club. This weekend is always lots of fun with a clam boil and the Ted Trudeau Race in the yacht club's Mercury fleet. We are finishing the year with the Haul-Out Dinner, to be held at the Newport Officer's Club. We have been holding this event there for the past few years and they always put on a good event for us.

Please visit our website for up to date details on our events and other news. I am looking forward to another summer of meeting good friends and enjoying good times.

Fair winds to all,

Les Murray, Commodore

