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WELCOME MICHAEL!

The Wianno Sailing Foundation is pleased to announce that former Wianno Yacht Club Commodore Michael Benoit has joined our Board.



Michael is an avid sailor who owns and races "Aurora", Wianno Senior #200, and he was a founder of the sailing team at Cape Cod Academy.

WSF WEATHER APP!



One great feature of our website is live wind and weather information from our private weather station located on the WYC pier. Now you can check out wind speed and direction before heading out on the water.

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WIANNO SAILING FOUNDATION: AT WORK!

The photo on the left is the Wianno Senior "Rebel" being sailed by a group from Wequaquet Lake Yacht Club who came to Wianno last August to sail on

these iconic boats. This is one of the two Seniors that WSF has made available for use by yacht clubs and sailing programs on the Cape. The race mark (with the WSF logo) will be used at future interclub Opti, 420 and Senior races.

*REMEMBERING NONNIE



Nonnie S. Burnes lived a life filled with remarkable accomplishments. The Wianno Sailing Foundation is just one of many organizations that was dramatically

improved by her involvement. She left a partnership at a leading Boston law firm to become associate justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court in a pioneering role among women. As commissioner of the Massachusetts Division of Insurance, she instituted long-sought reforms that increased competition and lowered costs for drivers.

She was a trustee of Northeastern, her alma mater, as well as a senior university fellow at the School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs. She supported the disenfranchised while creating scholarships for law students who were focused on social change. She had been a board member and chair of Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts since 2012.

Nonnie was instrumental in creating the Wianno Sailing Foundation and was directly involved with structuring the purchase of the Yacht Club property.

On August 5th Nonnie was present and in great spirits at our Summer Event which was held in her honor. We were very fortunate to have Nonnie on our team for 25 years.

PERSPECTIVES ON NONNIE

"When Nonnie Burnes told me about the Wianno Sailing Foundation, I was all in. As a youth, I was fortunate to take sailing lessons at the Wianno Yacht Club. I am happy to pay it forward to preserve the Bridge Street property and to help others have this challenging experience. I give this year in honor and memory of Nonnie, an inspirational woman who I was fortunate to know for some of her exceptional life."

– Pam Ellis Simons

"Nonnie set high standards for excellence and competence, a spirit that lives on. The love, energy, common sense and just pure fun she brought to life were infectious and affected many lives." – Rick Burnes, Jr.

"My commitment to the Wianno Sailing Foundation is largely inspired by Nonnie who impressed upon me the critical importance that this organization succeed."

– Tony Will, WSF President



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WSF ADVISES YACHT CLUBS

This fall WSF was asked to lend its support and expertise to two local yacht clubs. The first club wanted to know about the Foundation: its structure, the motivation behind it, its mission, what it takes to run such an initiative and, lastly, to understand the relationship between the WYC and the WSF.

The second club, which recently obtained non-profit status, initially asked for help with development initiatives, fund-raising, clarification of their mission statement, and other internal questions of procedures. In both cases WSF was pleased to provide assistance. We want our supporters to know that when WSF is asked to offer its help either financially or through its expertise, we are eager to do so, particularly when the end result is greater accessibility to the sport of sailing.



SUMMER EVENT 2021

The Foundation would like to thank Rachel Z. Miller, founder of the Rozalia Project, and all our guests for a fun and festive event supporting greater accessibility for aspiring sailors.



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"Sailing a boat calls for a quick action, a blending of feeling with the wind and water as well as with the very heart and soul of the boat itself. Sailing teaches alertness and courage, and gives in return a joyousness and peace but few sports afford." - George M. Adams