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“And now for something completely different!”

What’s different about our 2024 Summer Event? Nearly everything: New venue, new time, new concept. The goal of the event remains the same: To have fun and to raise money for the Wianno Sailing Foundation. Please plan to join us on Thursday, August 1st at 5:30PM at The Beach Club in Craigville. Our guest speaker will be Jerome Rand, author and raconteur who sailed singlehandedly around the world in the Westsail 32, pictured above. The evening will be earlier and more casual than our previous events. Don’t miss the rum tasting! Tickets and sponsorships are available for purchase on our website: Wsailing.org

WIANNO SAILING FOUNDATION - TO THE RESCUE!

We recently learned that some aspiring high school sailors on Cape Cod could not join their sailing team due to the great expense of a “dry suit”; the necessary safety gear for cold weather sailing. Working with our friends at [US One Design](http://USOneDesign), we purchased three new Dry Suits to address this need. We have also set up a dry suit loaner program to make more suits available to high school sailors.



“There is no more thrilling sensation I know of than sailing.
It comes as near to flying as man has got to yet – except in dreams.”

— Jerome K. Jerome

PROMOTING SAILING FOR ALL ABILITIES

Once again the Wianno Sailing Foundation has followed through on our commitment to adaptive sailing programs. At our March Board meeting we approved two grant requests to support the adaptive programs at Pleasant Bay Community Boating and Sail Cape Cod. Pleasant Bay will use our grant to modify the mainsheet and install a joystick so sailors with disabilities can control the heading and sail trim.



WIANNO SAILING FOUNDATION: EXPLAINED...in 91 words.



The Wianno Sailing Foundation is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) public charity that promotes sailing education and supports recreational and competitive sailing on the Cape and Islands. In 2014, the Foundation purchased the property at 101 Bridge Street, and leased it to the Wianno Yacht Club. In lieu of rent payments, WYC operates the Junior Sailing Program on behalf of the Foundation. In addition to acting as a benevolent landlord for WYC, the Foundation supports other sailing programs in a variety of creative ways. We rely on the support of donors to advance our mission.

OPTI GREEN FLEET - SAILING FOR FREE!

2024 will be the third consecutive year that WSF will sponsor the Green Fleet Regatta at Barnstable Yacht Club. Regarded as the most welcoming and fun Optimist Regatta on Cape Cod, this unique event for novice sailors will be free of charge.

New for 2024: We have expanded this initiative and WSF will also 100% sponsor the Green Fleet sailors at three other Opti Regattas held at Stone Horse Yacht Club, Wianno Yacht Club and Stage Harbor Yacht Club. We believe that making these events “free” will encourage more young sailors (and paying parents) to give it a try and get out on the water.



WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

We are delighted to welcome three new members to our Board of Directors. Jack Griffin is known to many of you from his years of service as the Treasurer of the Wianno Yacht Club. Andrew Barrett has just completed his term as Commodore of the Stone Horse Yacht Club. His wife, Frances Barrett brings her financial acumen to the board from her experience as an executive at Bank of America. All three are sailors!

“Sailors, with their built-in sense of order, service & discipline, should really be running the world.”

– Nicholas Monsarrat

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