



Dear BYC Spring Cruisers,

## THE WICKFORD MARINA EXPERIENCE!

We welcome and encourage all of our BYC cruising families to join in the fun at Wickford Marina, one of the premier destinations on the Narragansett Bay. Here is some good news about the Wickford Marina and Village resources that will make this cruise a wonderful trip for you and your family:



- **Free Donuts:** On Sunday 5/27, the Marina will serve complimentary donuts and coffee from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- **Patio and Spa:** The marina facility has a 3,000 square foot, beautifully landscaped patio with a spa, barbecue grill, and tables overlooking the marina and Mill Cove. It is secluded, waterfront dining at its best! You may reserve a table at no charge for one of these time blocks: 5-6:30, 6:30-8, and 8-9:30, or take an open table if available.
- **Dine in and grill your own food!** The food center has all of the setups you will need to grill – from plates to utensils to BBQ sauce. Just bring entrées and sides; nothing else is needed. You can buy fresh seafood and steaks in the Village; you can either walk the ½ mile to the town market, or the marina personnel will give you a ride to Dave's (about a mile away). The convection oven, pasta pots, and cooking pots are also set aside for you to use (on a first come, first serve basis). For night dining, you may borrow one of the marina's table lanterns for ambience!
- **Dine in or dine out!** *Tavern-By-The-Sea* is located in the center of Wickford Village by the small bridge and is highly recommended for lunch or dinner. It has an excellent, reasonably priced menu. Reservations suggested: 294 5771. *El Tapatio* is a new Mexican restaurant on Route 1; it's absolutely excellent and jammed on weekends: 295 2280. *The Place*, downtown, will deliver excellent pizza to your boat; tell them your slip number: 294 0800. For breakfast, you can't beat the *Beach Rose Cafe* which is also very good for lunch and it has a scenic deck overlooking Wickford Cove.
- **Jacuzzi:** Bring your bathing suit for the Jacuzzi! Children ages 5-16 are welcome use the Jacuzzi, but only after giving adults priority and only if supervised.

- **Great Walks:** Bring your walking shoes! The Village is only a ½ mile walk, and you'll want to browse its quaint historical streets, its shops, and its antique stores. There are nice nature walks, as well.
- **Bring your dinghy!** You can drive your dinghy from the marina, through the estuaries, to the beaches, and right to the town dock in the center of town; there's an office there with street maps and store directories to help you enjoy the town.
- **Bring your pooch!** There's even a separate grassy area set aside for your pet. Just keep your pet on a leash at all times and remove its droppings with the plastic bags available in the parking lot.
- **Explore!** Borrow one of the marina's kayaks to explore the premier estuary system and abundant wildlife, especially at the most beautiful times of dawn and dusk. (Bring bug spray, of course!)
- **Hit The Beach!** Enjoy a beach day at the popular sandy beach at the south tip of Conanicus Island, only 100 yards away from the marina. Ask the marina for a "Beach Sheet" that describes the Town Beach and gives directions to it by dinghy.
- **Showers:** Feel clean and refreshed while living aboard! The marina has clean, nice bathrooms, showers, and laundry facilities available to all guests.
- **Free Wireless Internet:** If you have to sneak in some work in order to get away on the cruise, don't worry! The marina provides free wireless internet access; you may pick up your sign-in password at the office when you check in.
- **Boat troubles?** Never fear! The marina boasts that there is no problem that they can't help you handle immediately. Call the office for any service you need, from an oil change to an emergency haul-out (yikes!).
- In the evenings, the marina asks only that all boaters be settled and quiet by 10:00 p.m.; no noise after that time.