



From the Commodore Doug Corbett

With the fireworks still ringing in my ears, I'm writing to you all with a very optimistic outlook. My two highest priorities, as have been outlined in previous newsletters, are increasing membership and rental income, with the aim of securing long-term financial stability for BYC.

After this long holiday weekend, it seems like we're headed in the right direction in both arenas. The Club was alive with activity –

Friday evening was our 2nd Open House arranged by a very active membership committee led by Sarah Chaikin. It was a great idea to combine it with our weekly Sunset Grille and it was very well attended. Many families came back for a 2nd look, loved the feel of our club on a Friday night, and rewarded our efforts with applications for membership.

Saturday evening was an incredible Pig Roast, indicative of what happens when member families come together to plan and execute an event. Our hard-working hosts the Gibbons, Stahls, Mattias, Brereton's, Verceles, and Fords cooked up an exceptional dinner and needed all those hands because they fed over 130 people! Thanks so much, it was fantastic!

Sunday afternoon was the 2017 BYC Sailing Camp, a wonderful initiative that has 3 objectives: to carry out our mission to introduce youngsters to the sport of sailing, to give back to the community, and to drive membership. Sue Ferguson and Maria Miller planned a great event and welcomed over 30 kids (parents and grandparents) to BYC to get out on the water to sail. My thanks to them for their passion for the project, the volunteers that helped them with registration and getting kids in boats, the members that gave their time to put their boats in the water and sail that day, and Bill Trost and his team of instructors that were so hospitable and made those kids really happy that they left the beach, rose above their fears, and showed up to give sailing a try.

Then on Sunday evening, after the camp wrapped up, the Fishers hosted a big family reunion (and birthday party for Jack, I'm told!) They had a terrific evening and were rewarded with a beautiful sunset over the bay. Thanks to Jack and Martha for choosing the club as the rental site for their celebration. We appreciate their investment and would recommend to all other members that if you have a special occasion coming up, please consider renting out the clubhouse. It's available in the summer for only \$500 (on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings). The view alone is worth more than that! Spring and Fall rentals are only \$400 and Winter is \$300. It is available to non-members as well, so please tell your friends about the best new venue on Brigantine!

As you can see there is plenty of activity, so please refer to the calendar on our fresh new website, www.bycsail.com and make the most of your membership. I'd like to thank the Braithwaite's for designing

that site and the advertisements in the local paper for the Open Houses and Sailing Camp. All of those marketing efforts are raising awareness of the best value on the bay, BYC

Lastly, I want to remind you that there is a new non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)3, The Brigantine Sailing and Maritime Foundation (BSMF). It's a completely separate organization that will accept **tax deductible donations** and use that money to "provide resources to support training and education of sailing". Their introductory letter to the membership was in our May Newsletter and is included again in this one for your reference. To give you an example, we could submit a request to the foundation for funds to offset what we paid the instructors for the sailing camp, or the Foundation may be willing to buy parts needed for club boat repairs. Everyone wins, you get a deduction and the club is able to do more with less money. We're anxious to see it take off and need donations to get the ball rolling. Please consider lending your support.

Donations should be made out to:

Brigantine Sailing and Maritime Foundation

c/o Christine Murray, Treasurer

2 Colt Rd

Summit, NJ 07901

I'm off to the Thrift Shop to find something outrageous to wear to the "Second Hand Shindig" this Saturday night. See you there!

From the Vice Commodore ☆ Hugh Braithwaite

We're off to a great start! Thanks to a great social committee and enthusiastic members, the summer social season is up and running!

Memorial Day – What a Kick Off!

We kicked off the summer with a HUGE Memorial Day party featuring the acoustic guitar entertainment of our own Paul Lauriello. It was a night of great music, a spectacular sunset, old and new friends, and cocktails!

Enchantment Under the BYC Dance Party – A Big Hit!

A week later, members enjoyed a spectacular Enchantment Under the BY-SEA Party, hosted by Jimmy and Katie Burns. The club was decked out from floor to ceiling with under-the-sea decorations and lighting. The lively crowd enjoyed a fresh raw bar and danced to a hand-picked soundtrack!

Old-Fashioned Family Fun – Filled the Club with Families!

It was followed with the return of the BYC Old Fashioned Brigantine Bay Pig Roast and Family 4th of July Party. More than 130 guests, including many new members saw the club in its full summer glory July 1st. Great food, an entire roasted pig, traditional pie eating contest and limbo kept the families and kids in high spirits. A HUGE effort from Colleen & Peter Stahl. They were supported by an all-star team of Lyn-dee & Frank Mattia, Caryn & Stu Brereton, and Jane & John Gibbons – with kids games led by Maria Miller! Way to go!

Friday Night Gourmet Grille – No need to cook Friday nights. The Sunset Grille is ready and open for business. Come down this Friday and every Friday night this summer for our spectacular sunset view, open bar and casual dinner for adults and kids starting at 6pm.

Each Friday, we are featuring two catered entrées for adults with a fresh side salad mix -- and a reliable kids' menu of chicken tenders and hot dogs. Count on it!

Friday Night Kids Crafts

To give parents a bit of a break, we have arranged for a series of crafts, activities and fun on the second floor. For up to two hours on select Friday nights, a volunteer will run a kids' program to keep the little ones entertained, occupied, and safe.

Volunteers for Friday Night Family Races

We are also looking for volunteers to host a number of casual activities such as sailing, paddle board races, and family water Olympics to make it easy and fun for families to participate. Friday night activities and games are a great way to get more families to come out after a long week.

Full Social Calendar

The rest of the summer looks just as fun. We have a full social calendar featuring a mix of theme nights, dinners, cocktail parties, member sports activities, card games, book clubs and Sunday brunches. Coming up -- July 8th -- Second Hand Shin-dig, hosted by Nelsons and O'Connors) The full schedule is posted at the club and on the BYC website.

Club Rentals

We continue to get a flurry of new request for rentals! We have seven events booked so far this year. Please remember that the club is the most spectacular venue on the island and available at an incredibly reasonable price. Prices are only \$300 in January, February, and March. \$400 in April, May, Sept, Oct, Nov, and Dec. \$500 in June, July and August (Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday nights only). Members can bring in their own Food and Beverages or use Club liquor. Non-members must bring their own food and beverage and also must hire a Supervisor recommended by the club and pay \$100 for a cleaning fee. There is no better rental and no better view!

From the Rear Commodore ☆☆ Brian Murray

Welcome to summer and the sailing program for all ages and skills at your BYC. We are just finishing our second week of the program and I am thrilled to report that we have 44 junior sailors in the program this year and most importantly 16 young sailors who are new to the BYC program and are first time sailors. This is a major increase from last year and it allows us to offer more and do more for all of our sailors. For example, the higher interest in the program has allowed us to have a weekend junior program on Saturdays for the first time in years. Additionally, we offer adult and family lessons by appointment as long as you contact me or Bill Trost, our experienced sailing director who is back for his third year overseeing the program.

As a reminder, our junior schedule runs Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and now Saturday for kids who may not be here every day during the week. The beginners are in the morning and the intermediate and experienced kids are in the afternoon. For specific weekly details that are up to date check the BYC website or the sailing google calendar.

On Thursdays, the travel racing team known as BOLT (Brigantine optimist and laser team) travel to one of our fellow South Jersey Yacht clubs known as MAYRA. Last Thursday was the first regatta at Avalon and

we had several sailors who braved winds blowing up to 25 mph. Because of the high winds, only two races were completed. Keenan Stahl, Tristan Parsio, Cayden Parsio, Lauren Murray and Claire Miller all made the trek to Avalon to race. And Patrick Murray raced his Laser on his off day from teaching sailing. This Thursday the sailors will head to Wildwood for the next MAYRA regatta.

Any young sailors who are interested in learning to race in these large regattas should let me or Bill Trost know so that we can help you through the steps to racing in these amazing events that can have over 100 boats on the course at the same time. You should put July 20th and August 2nd on your calendar because these are two days where BYC will host one of these large regattas and where your kids can experience racing in a big regatta for the first time. And for the beginner sailors, they should at least come to the club to watch so they can be ready in one or two years! And maybe you can help us as a volunteer during these days where we need help for managing traffic to making lunches to running races.

And there is more... this Friday night July 7th is the first bi-weekly Friday night family races which is open to all boats and all sailors of all ages and skills. Racing will begin at 5pm and it coincides with the casual Friday night social. So come down with your sailing gear and then roll into the Sunset bar and food truck for dinner.

There really is no better place to learn to sail or improved your sailing skills than BYC!

BYC Junior Report – Colleen Stahl & Lyn-dee Mattia- Jr. Advisors

Well we are off with full sails ahead. Our Juniors don't miss a beat. We held our opening night at Richman's with a well-attended ice cream social and Juniors as young as 7 and as mature as 14 came by to socialize and catch up. If you missed out, don't despair, each week we are hosting either a Monday night meet-up at Shark Park or a book club meeting to discuss Wonder by R.J. Palacio. On Tuesdays, juniors have a lunch at the club from 12-1 and each Wednesday the juniors have a social event planned locally. We know the kiddos are looking forward to our traditional Bingo nights, a night at the Arcade, and Mini Golf/Tennis combo to name a few. The annual trek to Mick's Canoe Rental in the Pine Barrens is quickly approaching, so let's get our paddle on and sign up with Colleen. If you are reading this and have a junior member- sailor or not, we hope you will encourage them to join in- and we encourage you to volunteer to help with one of our fun social events. We want to make sure you are finding our updated events on either our Google Calendar or BYC website and that you are receiving the junior weekly emails. Please don't hesitate to let us know if we can help you get more involved or connect in any way. Colleen & Lyn-dee (collstahl@yahoo.com lyndemattia@gmail.com)

BYC Auxiliary Report – Cara Herrmann, President

Thanks everyone for your support of our new, online Ship Store launch! For those of those of you who placed June orders, your merchandise will be available for pick up this Saturday, July 8th between 9:00 - 10:00 am at the club. Please text Elyse Wackerman at 610-662-0094 if you can't make the Saturday morning pickup to arrange for another time. AND THANK YOU TO ELYSE FOR ALL HER HARD WORK IN COORDINATING!!!!

If you haven't yet placed your order, you can still do so by visiting the link below! This next order deadline is 7/28 and we hope to have the merchandise to you 8/25. Remember, your purchase represents important fundraising for the BYC Auxiliary! And this first wave raised approximately \$400.00! So thanks again for your BYC spirit and support.

Samples of these new products, as well as our full-line of merchandise will begin next week. Stay tuned for exact day and time. Thanks to those who have volunteered to work at the Ship Store table. If you would like to help out, there's still time to sign up! Please call/text/email Cara Herrmann at 610-716-1096 / mikeh509@msn.com .

HAPPY SHOPPING!

BYC online Ship Store link is :

<https://cmsportinggoods.tuosystems.com/stores/brigantineyachtclub2017>



We're All in the Boat (Publicity News)

By: Carolyn Braithwaite

Facebook

BYC is on Facebook....again.

As some of you already know, there is a closed Facebook page called **Brigantine Yacht Club (BYC) Sailing** that was set up a few years ago for BYC members only. Members and sailing instructors have been posting pictures after windy days on the bay or fun gatherings at the club. It has been such a great way to see our members and all the sailors in action at BYC events. It has also been a great place to find a picture or two to submit to the local newspapers each week – so keep the posts coming!

We now also have a public Facebook page called **Brigantine Yacht Club** that anyone on Facebook can view, member or not. The purpose of this public page is to spread the word about BYC and our clubhouse for off season rentals ...and hopefully attract new members. We won't be posting pictures of our sailors on the public page (unless approved by parents) as much as we will be promoting BYC and sailing, in general.

If you're on Facebook, I encourage you to join the "Brigantine Yacht Club (BYC) Sailing" group and to like (which means click on the like button) the "Brigantine Yacht Club" page. As more people like the public page, the more we build BYC awareness.

Local Newspapers

Each summer we try to update the Brigantine community and vacationers about BYC events by submitting BYC event pictures to the Beachcomber and the Brigantine Times. If you've captured a newsworthy or fun photo of kids sailing or fun BYC events, please email your photo by Monday morning of each week to Carolyn Braithwaite (Carolyn@gobraithwaite.com) or our BYC Publicity intern, Tori Hooven (torihooov7499@gmail.com) OR you can post them on the closed Facebook group page (Brigantine Yacht Club (BYC) Sailing.)

BYC Website

Just another reminder that the BYC website (<http://www.bycsail.com/>) has a calendar of events for the sailing, social, and juniors programs if you can't track down Gale's latest weekly reminder or you're looking ahead to plan your BYC events for the summer.

News and Notes

From Colleen Stahl: The Traditional Pig Roast was a success and many thanks goes out to the Brereton Family, Mattia Family, Gibbons Family, our carvers: John Gibbons, Frank Mattia, Dick Ford, our grillers: Stu Brereton, Peter Stahl, kid game coordinator: Maria Miller, our awesome cleaning help from Connor, our Vice Commodore: Hugh & Carolyn Braithwaite, and our Bartenders: Owen & Steven. Thanks to our members for supporting the night!

Allyson Donahue ended her Boston College collegiate sailing career by helping the Eagles to a second place finish at the Women's national championship. At the conclusion of nationals Allyson was named an All-American skipper for the third time.



Dear BYC Members:

We are excited to tell you that the Brigantine Sailing and Maritime Foundation (BSMF) has been granted non-profit, tax-exempt status as a 501(c)3 organization!

Our mission is to provide resources to support training and participation in the instruction and education of sailing, and assist in maintaining the natural habitat for sailing. BSMF will offer aid and support to sailors so that they can compete in regional, national, and international competitions, as well as promote and support programs that expand participation of youth and adults in sailing within our community.

While BSMF is not affiliated in any way with the Brigantine Yacht Club, as sailing enthusiasts we hope that you will support the BSMF in its launch.

As a charitable foundation all donations are 100% tax deductible. Donations of any size are gratefully accepted as we begin our fundraising efforts. We are pleased to accept our first charitable donation from a BYC Board Member who donated their BYC Building Fund to the BSMF. Thank you for this support! Your employer may also offer a matching gift program so please let us know. BSMF will provide a donation receipt via email.

Donations should be made out to:
 Brigantine Sailing and Maritime Foundation
 c/o Christine Murray, Treasurer
 2 Colt Road, Summit NJ 07901

Thanks for your consideration. We look forward to seeing you this summer for another fun and exciting sailing season!

Fair winds,

President, Ken Deitz
 Secretary, Dave DeMarco
 Treasurer, Christine Murray

Brigantine Yacht Club

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For-Tickets¶



ELLENA VAGANO'S GREAT GREEK COOKING CLASS
TUESDAY, JULY 25TH AT 7 PM AT THE BYC

Ellena's Greek Cooking Class



Learn to cook Greek food from the best!



Prepare an appetizer, main course & desert



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