



BRIGANTINE YACHT CLUB



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From the Commodore ☆☆☆ Melissa Acton

The holidays are almost upon us and soon we will be looking forward to a new season at the BYC. This past summer, with the lifting of restrictions, Brigantine felt a little bit like heaven. It was good to have even the smallest bit of normalcy.

The BYC leadership is constantly looking and moving forward. We are currently looking at projects that will keep our club at its most beautiful and attentive to our membership's needs.

Our members are diverse in their talents. If you have an interest or passion in any of the following areas please let me know. Mr. Roger's mother said, "look for the helpers, you will always find people who are helping." Our club is always amazing because of our helpers. We love to have as many as are willing to serve.

Our committees include:

- BYC Auxiliary
- Communications
- Docks and Bulkhead
- Finance
- House and Grounds
- Junior Advisors
- Membership
- Nominating
- Sailing
- Social

Speaking of helpers, we had a terrific work day!!! Many were involved - and the work got done quickly! Another will be scheduled for the spring, so if you missed out don't worry we will see you then!

I know that Scott has some great ideas for the off season! I am looking forward to those as well as the start of The Season of 2022- how many days until Memorial Day Weekend? (194 days)

My email is actonsilly@verizon.net and cell (610) 256.2123 - I'm only a text away.

From the Vice Commodore☆☆ Scott Oliveri

The Club has been full of activity this fall with our members enjoying the great weather and fantastic company at the Sunset Bar. The club has remained open for Mahjong, Eagle's football and Bubbly and Bloody Sunday hosted by Shelia Parsio. It has been great to see our members enjoying the club late into the fall.

We had a great turn out for workday accomplishing all the outside cleanup and a deep cleaning and organizing of the inside. As we move closer to the cooler months, there is still a lot of fun to look forward to, with the **Sunset Bar being open on November 19th as well as December 10th with \$5.00 food available.** All are invited to come hang out and enjoy the winter sunset and great company. Bar opens at 4:30 pm. The Club will also be open for a BYC Holiday Party on Saturday December 11th. Wear your most festive/ugliest Christmas sweater (to participate in an ugly sweater contest) or other festive attire of your choice. It will be a casual affair with seasonal drinks and food. The Party will start at 7:30 pm. Additional details to come.

The social calendar for 2022 is starting to take shape, so if anyone has an idea for a party or special night at the BYC, please let me know. Some of the events already planned include a party with DJ and dancing hosted by the Auxiliary in July and a Club hosted new members party to warmly welcome our new members. The BYC sunset bar will open Friday evenings starting in early June, with some new food choices as well as Club favorites. Please stay tuned for more information. Please mark your calendars for the remaining fall events, and we hope to see you there.

From the Rear Commodore ☆ Michelle Verceles

We had a very successful BYC Work Day on October 16th! Thank you to all that came out to help! The boats were cleaned and stored, ladders and hoses were removed from the docks, floating docks were secured for winter, ramps were lifted, and the inside of the club was cleaned and many items were organized and stored! We were able to keep our club in working order and addressed some maintenance concerns for next season. Also, for those that haven't removed their boats from the yard, they will be invoiced for Winter Storage.

To end our 2021 season, MAYRA Awards Dinner will be held on Friday, Dec 3rd at the Avalon Yacht Club. Invitations from MAYRA were sent to Past Commodores, sailors, and current officers.

We are working on plans for Summer 2022 Sailing Season! We sent a survey out last month that inquired about plans for next summer. Our Sailing Season is 8 weeks starting at the end of June. It is essential for us to plan on number of sailors and number of instructors, to ensure that our safety ratios are met.

I am looking for help to plan and organize our boat yard. This project would entail designing a map of the yard, allotting space for each boat to be placed in a slip, and a creative design for stacking boats and kayaks to maximize storage. Our project would also detail a plan to register boats on the yard. If anyone is interested in helping on this new project, please contact Michelle Verceles at mverceles1@yahoo.com.



We're All in the Boat:

Don't forget to check out our website www.bycsail.com when you have a minute. Go to: the Member Login Section – Located in the upper right portion of the homepage. Click on “Member Login” and enter the following password – BYC1040. You'll find the most recent Member Directory, Committee Handbooks (once they are completed!), BYC policies, and all the archived BYC newsletters. One stop shopping. If you need changes to the BYC Directory, please email me at gcdonohue13@gmail.com

News & Notes:

BYC members **Jason Augustine and Mike Herrmann** recently participated in the Sunfish Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship held on September 11-12, 2021. Hosted by the Rehoboth Bay Sailing Association, 26 boats competed in 7 races over the 2-day event in Delaware. There was some steep competition with seasoned sailors traveling to this regatta from out of the area, including a World Champion. Mike placed 12th and Jason placed 8th overall. A good time was had by all!

The online BYC Ship Store is now open! Here is the link to make

purchases: https://stores.coralreefsailing.com/brigantine_yacht_club/shop/home

Most items can be customized by color choice and one of three logos: BYC burgee; BYC latitude/longitude coordinates; BYC "vintage star" logo. Tech shirts (made of thin protective material for outdoor activities) can be customized with the boat name or sailor name on the back. Orders will be shipped directly to you 7-10 days after purchase.

The store will be open through November 29. Show your club spirit! A percentage of all sales will benefit the Auxiliary.

For questions about merchandise or orders, contact Coral Reef Sailing Apparel at (717) 450-5627.

Second, many members have requested procuring a 75th Anniversary Bracelet, who may have missed the opportunity last year. We will do an additional run of these bracelets for all members.

Attached is a picture of the Bracelet and the price will remain at \$40. If you are interested, please contact me at jam4866@yahoo.com. The timeframe to order will be limited so please do so quickly to secure this before we send out the order.

*****There is free shipping starting on Monday November 22nd on all items! Get your holiday gifts!**

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