



# BRIGANTINE YACHT CLUB



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## From the Commodore☆☆☆Leo Parsio

The summer 2021 season has come to an end and so has my time as a BYC Flag Officer. For the past 5 years I have had the pleasure of serving our BYC membership. I started with two years as the recording secretary and then entered the flags subsequently after. Over those 5 years, I've worked with many of you, and it has been a wonderful experience. Although I leave my position, I will not be far away. I will continue to give me assistance wherever needed.

It was a great year with growth in membership, the junior sailing program and overall participation from all members. We had a busy social calendar, great food, cold beer, and the occasional T-Storm that made for quite the light show. The sailing program is firing on all cylinders. 70 sailors! Tuesday and Friday night sailing keeps the club alive during the week providing a great value to the membership. Combine those events with the food offering and they keep coming back for more and more.

What does the future hold? Melissa Acton is stepping up as our Commodore this year. Michelle Verceles has signed on for another year as the Rear Commodore, and we have Scott Oliveri as the newly appointed Vice Commodore. Scott is a great addition and is full of new ideas.

Seasons come and go, but our fond memories of our summer at the BYC will always remain. What else is there to say that I haven't already said in my previous 19 newsletters? Other than this is my last. 😊 I hope to see everyone over the winter and look forward to next summer.

## From the Vice Commodore☆☆Melissa Acton

### THE WORLD HAS CHANGED

Given what we were handed 18 months ago- the BYC has thrived!! We've made the best limoncello from the worst lemons! Last year we were able to get open and stay open. We had some fun!

THIS SUMMER!!!! What can we say? The juniors sailed on Tuesdays giving such a wonderful opportunity for the bar to be opened and dinner to be had! We sipped on Wednesdays and or Thursdays. We ate sooo well on Fridays! On Saturdays we learned about whiskey and cigars with one day notice.. We ate like royalty with the lobster fest, men's night and latin night. We danced and sang to the Yacht Knot and the end of summer! We introduced our BYC to our newer members!

Most of all, we were able to honor 2 COMMODORES, Leo Parsio and John Bilotta with a Commodores' Ball where all things mashed up to combine eating, singing and dancing for the biggest party of the season!! Oh what a Night!!!

I thank you for the 2 years you entrusted to me as Vice Commodore!

Onward to 2022! Please welcome our new Vice Commodore! I cannot wait to see what Scott Oliveri has in store for us!

## From the Rear Commodore ☆ Michelle Verceles

We had a very successful sailing season for Summer 2021! In working with the Sailing Committee, we were able to host 70 sailors, sailed 6-7 days a week, and utilized every moment of daylight to sail. I think we optimized our resources to the fullest. The beginner sailors learned water safety, parts of the boat, and how to maneuver the boat to sail on a reach with some achieving to sail in all directions. The intermediate sailors became more confident with learning the wind direction, how and why this is important. They were the most cohesive group and encouraged each other to improve their skills. The advanced and BOLT team tweaked their techniques of tacking, jibing, mark rounding, and overall tactics. Brigantine Yacht Club dominated most fleets in the MAYRA circuit. The new 420 program was a success! We had 18 sailors sailing split between 2 sessions on Fridays. We hosted 2 MAYRA events: 1 for the Junior sailors and 1 for Senior sailors. The BYC members all came together to make these regattas a success! Adult sailing was in full swing with 8-12 boats on the water on Friday nights. All of this would not be possible, if we did not have hardworking and diligent instructors.

With the sailing program in the books, we look forward to next year as our kids get older and a little taller. They will build upon what they learned this year and will continue to grow their confidence on the water and off. As the cycle repeats itself, we are molding the next generation of junior sailing instructors and young adults. They are making lifetime memories with our club at the heart of it. I would like to thank everyone for making this season as successful as it was.

Please note that if your child sailed in the program this year, they will need to purchase a boat for next season. The Sailing Committee can help guide you in this process.

Sailing Committee members: Beth Ann Poli (chair), Jason Augustine, Joanne Kearns, Dave Miller, Carrie Mulford, Jen Robertson, and Colleen Stahl.

We would like to hear feedback on the sailing program from the sailors and the parents. Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated. We will be sending a survey shortly.

**Keep in mind we have Fall Work Day scheduled for October 16<sup>th</sup> 8am until noon. We need all your help in keeping our club running and in working order. Everyone taking a little time saves us in the end. It is a great time to come back to Brigantine and not only help with general clean-up and securing the dock ramps. Also, for those that haven't removed their boats from the yard, please do so by October 31<sup>th</sup>, as any boats remaining will be invoiced for Winter Storage.**



## *We're All in the Boat:*

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### **Membership Committee by Sarah Chaikin**

BYC Welcomes New Members **Gray & Yvonne Greenwood and family!** The Greenwood's have been on island for over 20 years enjoying their home on the bay. They have three children. Their 15-year-old son, Logan, began sailing in high school this year out of Chatham, NJ. He took private lessons with Patrick Murray this summer in the 420, which is the boat he's interested in sailing. He participated in the Lifeguard in Training program and could be interested in dock-handing in future summers. Both Yvonne and Gray are very involved parents who take an active role in their children's interests and activities. Yvonne has always been involved in volunteering as PTO Vice President, president, and currently chairing her daughter's high school fashion show. Her philanthropic experience with her family's foundation could ask be asset to our club and/or sailing foundation. Their parents Jim and Ellen Greenwood are former members.

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