



BRIGANTINE YACHT CLUB



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From the Commodore



Michelle Verceles

I hope everyone was able to enjoy the beautiful fall weather we experienced this year! Although it is a quiet time for BYC membership, there is activity going on to both prepare the club for winter and also to make sure that next summer will be another fun-filled and growing year for all of our BYC community. To begin, I would like to thank a number of members who graciously donated their time this Fall. First, I'd like to thank our work day volunteers who completed our winterizing tasks in record time on a warm sunny October day. We had a lot of help to raise the ramps on the docks, remove the ladders, clean the yard, put away club boats to name only a few of the tasks that were successfully completed and led by Vice Commodore Scott Oliveri, Rear Commodore Dave Miller and Steve Donohue (head of house and grounds). I would like to thank members for all the 'behind the scene' work that helps the BYC run. There is always someone at the BYC repairing a BYC boat, helping with the docks, planning a party, and decorating for an event. Finally, I'd like to thank Past Commodore Melissa Acton for her vision and passion during her three years of service to the BYC.

If the measure of a Commodore is leaving the club stronger than when she or he began serving then Melissa's term has been outstanding. Our BYC membership is up, our financial position is sound, and we have a forward direction that should lead to continued growth at BYC. It has been a pleasure to work with Melissa as a flag officer. Turning to next year, I'd like to begin by asking for you to consider becoming a volunteer for our various committees for Summer 2023.

As everyone is aware, the BYC is a volunteer yacht club that is always looking for the support of its' members. Apart from the officers and trustees, the club relies on the various committees that serve the club and make it a fully functioning unit. If you are looking to volunteer and have unique traits that you can contribute or are looking to meet new friends and learn new skills, then we have those opportunities for you by serving on one of our committees. You do not need to wait until next year, in fact, some of our committees meet in the off season in preparation of next year so things can run smoothly without too much haste.

Our committees in need of volunteers include:

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

If you are interested in volunteering for one of the above listed committees, please do not hesitate to reach out to me so I can direct you to the proper committee chair to get involved. I always pair individuals that are new to the club with those of us who are seasoned, so no stress jumping into something you cannot handle.

Please email me, Michelle Verceles, over the winter mverceles1@yahoo.com if you have any interest in joining one of our committees. I will do my best to match you with a committee that suits your interests. One of my goals is to ensure that we begin the 2023 summer season with a full slate of volunteers for our committees so that we are operating at “full capacity” and at “full fun” so that the work of the club doesn’t fall on too few shoulders. Have a happy and healthy holiday and I look forward to seeing you early next year.

From the Vice Commodore☆☆ Scott Oliveri

As the year winds down, we have a lot to be thankful for and a lot to look forward to. I want to thank everyone who helped this past year, your participation filled our social calendar with lots of events and family fun. I want to Thank Sheila Parsio for decorating the club for the Halloween Party, she always does an amazing job, I want to thank everyone who showed off their cool costumes and everyone had a great time. We had the club open for two Eagles Football games this fall (both Eagles Wins) Thanks to Leo for making sure the TV worked correctly we had good food and a great crowd.

We have one more event on the calendar this year The BYC Holiday Party! The party is December 10th club opens at 7:30pm we are going to have great food from Ernest and Son \$20.00 adult \$10.00 kids, Ugly Holiday Sweater Contest, Live Music, and we will be raffling off the live BYC Holiday Tree proceeds donated to Tunnels to Towers organization. If you are interested in helping decorate the club and the tree, we will be setting up at 1pm. Come out and have a fun night with family and friends.

I have already started to plan the calendar for spring and summer 2023. I will be reaching out for ideas and party hosts, If anyone is interested in hosting a party or has an idea for an event, please let me know. I will be looking to form a Social Committee of 5 people to help plan the summers events, help set up for our 4th of July weekend, and plan and set up for the Commodores Ball. If you are interested in being part of the social committee, please email me I certainly look forward to the support and working with a fun team. One of the rolls of the Vice Commodore is to keep the club running and stocked with Plates, cups, plastic wear, napkins, bar supplies and paper towel, oh so many paper towels, and more. I was amazed at how much we go through on a weekly basis. Next summer I am looking for a member that is in Brigantine all summer long that can monitor our use of these supplies and keep the club stocked. If you are interested in helping in this roll, please email me and we can discuss what is involved. I hope to see you all at the holiday party on the 10th if you are unable to attend, please have a safe and happy holiday and Happy New Year.

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From the Rear Commodore ☆ Dave Miller

Regatta update: May 20-21 2023 Sunfish Mid-Atlantic Regatta @ the BYC. Please come out to either sail or help out. More info/NOR coming soon. Moth Boat Regatta June 18, 2023. BYC MAYRA invitational July 13, 2023.

Youth Sailing 2023: Any sailors wishing to work as an instructor at the BYC or elsewhere (MAYRA and beyond) will need to have US Sailing Level 1 certification. See the US Sailing website (<https://www.ussailing.org/education/instructor/small-boat-instructor-programs/become-a-smallboat-instructor-trainer/>). Don't hesitate, these classes fill up fast and are offered locally on a limited basis. There is also a fair amount of online work which needs to be completed before commencement of in-person instruction.

Youth Sailing Program 2023: BYC sign-up and payments will be completed earlier this year. To reserve your junior's spot in the junior sailing program, please pay your bill upon receipt. Space in the sailing program is on a first come first served basis, so please don't wait until the last minute. The earlier we know how many sailors we will have the better we can make sure we have staff to accommodate everyone who wants to participate.

Below is a picture of a gray kayak and a green paddleboard that are still at the club. Please email Dave Miller at hagendolch@hotmail.com if either of these belong to you. There are no BYC #'s on them. Boats, kayaks and canoes that are presently at the club will be charged the winter storage fee on their spring bill. Charges are \$140 for large boats, \$70 for small boats and \$35 for kayaks and canoes.



Two green middle

Who does this green paddleboard belong to?



Gray kayak bottom rack

Who does this gray kayak bottom rack belong to?

Membership Committee by Sarah Chaikin

BYC Welcomes New Members!

Robin, Richard, Luke and Alanna Stoloff were sponsored by Deb and Howard Schlesinger. They are long-time residents of Atlantic County where Robin is a health reporter and blogger, and Richard is an attorney. They have joined the BYC to learn to sail, socialization and yoga classes.

Dan Heenan was sponsored by Dave DeMarco and John Bilotta. Dan is a financial advisor. He is a member of the Union League Yacht Club in Philadelphia and is on their youth committee. He has recently taken some sailing lessons and is looking to become a BYC member for social activities and to further his sailing skills.

The BYC trustees have voted to set an upper limit for adult members (aka “Senior Members”) at 325. A Senior member is defined as any member 21 years of age and older. Any members below the age of 21 are “Juniors” with the special exception of those 18 to 21 who request Sr. Member status.

We end this membership year with 285 Senior members, 126 Junior members. Applications will continue to be accepted on a rolling basis until June 15, 2023, unless the upper limit is reached before that date. The Membership Committee will again take a hiatus from accepting membership applications between June 15 and August 16, 2023.

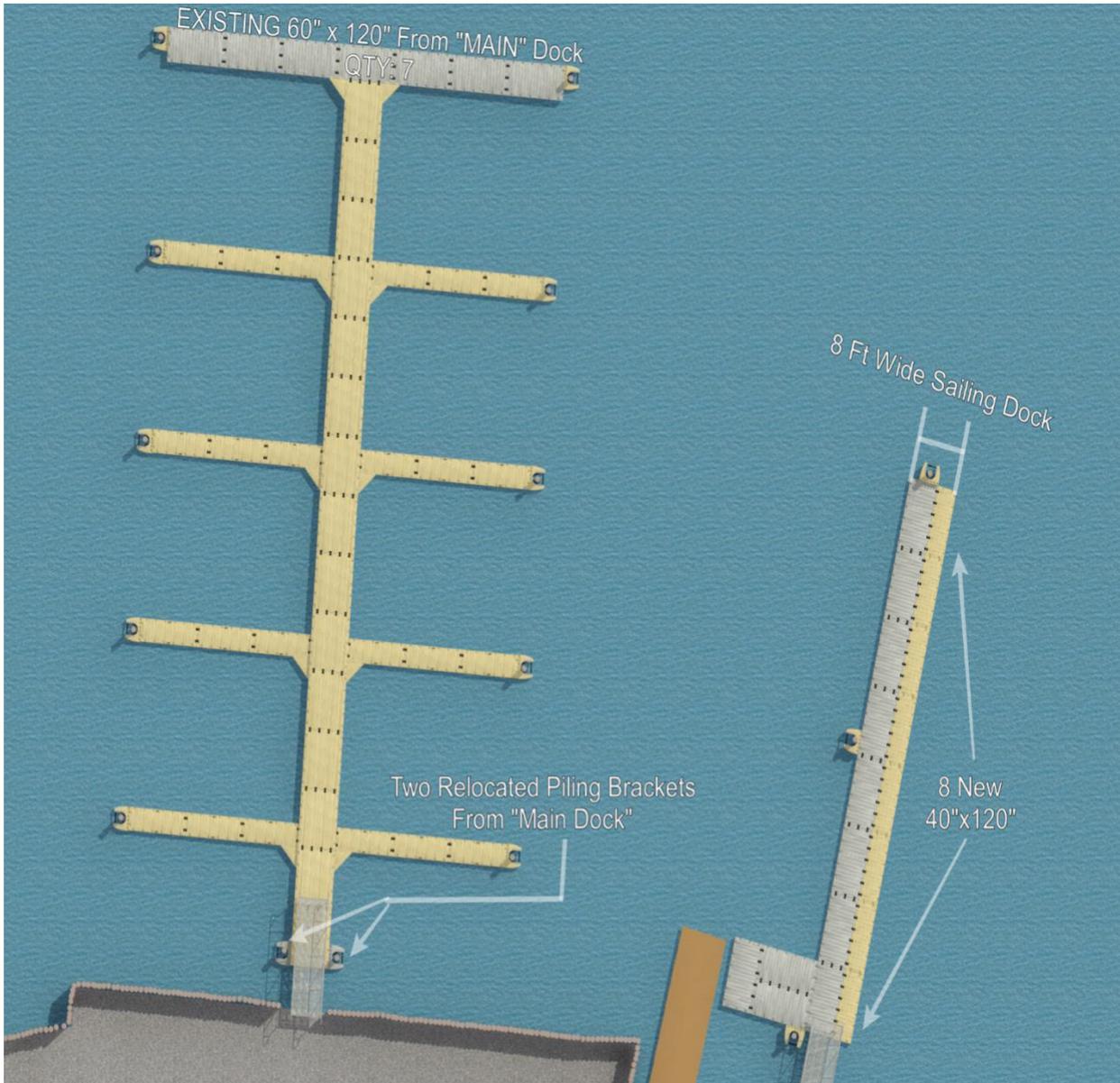
Waiting lists are currently in effect for slip space, yard space and slots in the sailing program, and new member requests will remain with that status until we can confirm ability to accommodate their requests. Some determinations will be made when we reach the payment date for 2023 dues and fees. Invoices will be emailed at an earlier date this year to allow Officers, Trustees and Committee Chair people a better opportunity to plan for the coming year. **Due to the new guideline capping senior members at 325, it is especially important that members pay dues and fees in a timely fashion so we can best manage new member applications.**



We're All in the Boat: by PC Leo Parsio

South Dock Update

The replacement of the south dock is now underway. The EZDock Marine Construction company is purchasing the materials necessary for the project. The plan is to start staging materials in the yard starting in December with demolition starting thereafter. If all proceeds according to plan we should have our new floating dock in place well before the start of 2023 summer season. Stay tuned for updates. Here is a concept drawing:



News and Notes

Don't forget to check out our website www.bycsail.com when you have a minute. The bottom of the front page of the website always has the "weekly events". On the website, under Social is an event calendar with all the events for the season. If you "hover" over the event on the calendar, it will give you details. 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, 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

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