



BRIGANTINE YACHT CLUB



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From the Commodore



Michelle Verceles

Thanks to a mild winter and a solid financial 2022, BYC is heading into this year as strong as ever!

In February, we held our first Trustees' meeting for 2023. This meeting is important because it is where we decide and vote on the budget for the upcoming season. Yet again this year, I am pleased to tell you the BYC is in great financial shape. Your Treasurer, Tom Parvesse, and Trustees are excellent stewards of the club and its resources. The South Dock replacement will soon move off of the Capital Improvement list and we will evaluate what will be the next important improvement. Because the needs of the club are met with care, we've been very lucky to be able to budget what we need to do.

As you will see below, Vice Commodore Scott Oliveri has an incredible schedule planned for us this summer. We both believe that the club has thrived on being open to our membership as many days of the week as is possible. Scott is committed to that demand and has expanded our offerings!

Rear Commodore Dave Miller and the Sailing committee, led by Beth Ann Poli, have been hard at work so that our sailors have yet another amazing summer- the program is as popular as ever! We look forward to watching all sailors, juniors and seniors, on the bay any day of the week but especially Tuesday and Friday night for races!!! I am hoping we have our busiest year ahead of us! Our membership is strong and our sailing program robust!

Please join us for **WORK DAY, April 22nd, 0800 until noon**. Many hands make for light work with a bonus of coffee and light breakfast as an incentive. Until then, have a great spring!

Replacement of the South Dock.

All of the materials needed for the south dock construction are now on site. The marine construction crew will be moving their barge down from up north and started on 3/23/23. The project should take no longer than 3 weeks. We expect to have everything we need from them in the next couple weeks.

As for the slip waiting list. We currently have twelve on the list waiting for slips. Keep in mind none of the potential new slips have been assigned. It is possible 3 could be assigned once the new south dock is completed.

Finance Committee

This year I will be working with the Finance committee, to provide plans for future Capital improvement projects that will be the blueprint long after my role as Commodore completes. These plans can be prioritized year after year and be a living document that continues long into the future. It will ensure our club has the funding in place before any of our existing resources fall into disrepair. These projects could be bulkhead and asphalt repair, hoist maintenance/replacement, dock maintenance/replacement, sidewalk and fence replacement, and elevator. Items that require larger amounts of money that are not typically budgeted in routine maintenance because they are approaching end of life are part of Capital improvements. I will be working with the House & Grounds, Dock and Bulkhead, and Sailing committees to ensure our list is comprehensive. I am excited to roll these plans out later in the Summer.

BYC Committees

One of the foundational goals and duties is to ensure that all BYC committees are chaired and staffed with a mix of old and new member volunteers. If you are looking to get to know fellow members, be involved, and support the mission of BYC, there is no better way than to be on a committee. If you are interested in a particular committee or have a particular skill, please email me to let me know and we will make sure you are involved. We are working our way through this process, and we will be contacting some of you to ask you to join a committee. We aim to have all committees chaired and filled by May.

Over the past years, I have nearly been a part of every aspect of the club. It was not because I knew how to do one job or another, it was because I wanted to participate and create new friendships. I knew I could offer my expertise in places where I could contribute. In other tasks, I asked questions and was mentored by others. If you are new to the club, I encourage you to reach out. We need your help, and you might find that while it is sometimes 'work', take it from me it is the most rewarding job that I have ever been a part of.

Stockton Rowing viewing location at the BYC

Let me begin with some exciting news. Stockton Rowing is hosting a regatta, on April 1st and 2nd, out of its new home, The Brigantine Rowing Club. The BYC has been approached by Jim Bennett, City of Brigantine, to see if we would allow spectators on club property. Your flag officers are excited for this opportunity for good will not only with the city but also the Rowing Club's new residents. We agree that the event will remain outside, the interior of the club will not be open, and the ramps will remain in their winter position. Stockton and the city will provide everything - from porta potties and trash receptacles to parking and crowd control. There are 2 viewing locations - City Dock and the BYC. Stockton will provide insurance riders for the BYC. We can assume people will watch from the first floor deck and the yard. If you are in town come on down and help cheer on Stockton- the regatta begins at the lighthouse and will finish somewhere around 10th street and the BYC.

Work Day

Our Spring workday is always a fun time to see everyone again while getting the club ready for the new season. **Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd 8:00 until noon.** Many hands make for light work with a bonus of coffee and light breakfast as an incentive. I personally cannot wait for Summer! If you spend as much time at the club as I do, then you know I can't wait to jump in the warm Brigantine Bay, sail on Friday night, or watch the kids race in a regatta. There is no place like it, where you can find something to do if you like being around the water.

As we get ready for the Summer of '23, if you have any questions, concerns, ideas, etc. please feel free to reach out to me, Michelle Verceles. I can always be reached on my cell 443-668-5203 or at mverceles1@yahoo.com

From the Vice Commodore☆☆ Scott Oliveri

Wow time flies and summer is approaching fast! The Trustees and Officers had our first meeting of 2023, we had great discussions, did our financial planning, and started working on the summer calendar. As I look back on 2022, I want to again thank everyone who helped plan, set up and host an event. I will be reaching out soon and looking for help planning new social activities for 2023.

The summer season will start with our first Sunset Bar on May 5th followed by the Kentucky Derby on May 6th come out and drink a Mint Julip or an Oaks Lily and watch the Run for The Roses. Our 2023 season

will officially kick off with the annual “Welcome Back Party” on Memorial Day Weekend, Saturday May 27th. Sunset Bar will be open in June, dates, times, and food to be announced. A monthly calendar and weekly flyers will be posted to promote upcoming events so keep an eye out for updates. Food will continue to be offered on Friday nights at the Sunset Bar with returning food trucks like Smokies BBQ, The Seafood Truck and Italian Dinner Night from Ernest & Sons. July will kick off with our exciting 4th of July Party, The New member meet and greet and the “Remember When Brunch” a long with some new fun parties and events. At the Bar we will be adding new offerings like Wine by the bottle, Bourbon selections and Budweiser products so I hope to see everyone at the club socializing and enjoying all that our great club has to offer.

This year I am hoping to put together a 5-member social committee to help plan and direct our social activities.

I am also looking for a Club Host that will be available to check weekly on paper products, club supplies and be available to meet food and beverage deliveries.

I am also looking for support for the Commodores Ball committee. The Commodores Ball is the summers premier event to celebrate the hard work our Commodore has done over their 3 years of service.

I want to thank all the young members who contacted me about Bartending over the summer. I will be reaching out to each of you over the next month to discuss the job.

If you are interested in helping on a committee, hosting an event or have an idea for a social activity please contact me at ScottSOliveri@gmail.com or 856-689-7877.

From the Rear Commodore ☆ Dave Miller

We are currently in the planning process for the BYC 2023 Jr. Sailing program. Once the May 01 deadline for enrollment passes, we will begin to finalize this summer’s program.

For those new to junior sailing at the BYC, WELCOME! As noted, we are busy working on 2023 staff and schedule for our Jr. sailors. Beginning May 01, we will finalize staffing, classes and schedule. We will have an introductory parents’ meeting in June to go over the schedule and TeamSnap.

Generally speaking, the BYC is staffed with US Sailing certified instructors, 0900-1700, M-F. Our classes take place during this time frame. We try to have our younger/less experienced sailors sail in the morning (until lunch) and the more advanced sailors/races in the afternoon. It is also possible we will have some racing in the early evening(s).

Important Dates:

Spring Work Day is April 22 starting at 8 AM

Membership Committee *by Sarah Chaikin*

BYC Welcomes New Members!

Joseph and Cynthia Bernardini: Joseph and Cyndee are sponsored by Mike Augustine and Jason Augustine. They have been Mike's neighbors for many years and Mike and Paula name them among their best friends. Joseph is a partially retired orthopedic surgeon and Cyndee is a nurse. They are spending increasing amounts of time in Brigantine and are looking to broaden their social connections.

William and Nadia Fay: Matt and Beth Ann Poli have sponsored the Fay family. Bill and Nadia recently purchased a home in Brigantine and have been to the BYC as guests where they have already met a few of our families. They enjoyed the family atmosphere at the club and decided to apply. Bill works in healthcare advertising, and Nadia is a healthcare strategic consultant.

Brigid Leyman & Jonathan Geayer: Brigid and Jonathan were sponsored by the membership committee. Jonathan has fond memories of sailing with his father as a child and wants to get back on the water. Brigid wants to learn the sport and is joining primarily for our adult classes and for social opportunities. Brigid is a sales director for a major fashion company. Jonathan is a professional DJ.

Sarina & Russell Howell: The Howell family were sponsored by Sandi Williams and Ken Shyles. Russell and Sarina have joined the BYC with their children to meet people and build a social network. Their two older children plan to participate in the sailing program. Sarina is a Remedial Project Manager for the US EPA. Russell is a stay-at-home dad and bartender at Knife and Fork in AC. He has recently started his own business: Doctor Mixer's Elixirs, which is an organic cocktail mixer company.

Jennifer Poe and Bryan Myers: Jennifer and Bryan were sponsored by the Membership Committee. They have joined the BYC to meet new friends and to belong to a place where they can spend family time. The boys plan to participate in the sailing program. Jennifer is an interior designer. As a carpenter, Bryan has a particular interest in learning about wooden boats and boat maintenance and was interested to hear about the Classic Moth boats and the annual Moth regatta. He also enjoys fishing.

Anne Zaneski: Anne has been sponsored by Keith and Suzanne Moore. She is an attorney and has joined the BYC to get back into the sport of sailing and to enjoy social events. Anne learned to sail on Long Island Sound, and she has sailed and windsurfed in many locations in the US. Anne has lots of experience participating and contributing volunteer efforts to civic organizations such as Junior League.

Chris Santarpio and Eric Hagin: The Santarpio/Hagin family were sponsored by the Membership Committee. Chris' grandmother was a Brigantine resident and they have purchased her home as a second residence. They plan to spend the full summer in Brigantine this year. Their primary reason for joining the BYC is for their son to learn how to sail. Chris and Eric may also participate in adult sailing and look forward to making friends with other BYC members. Chris is involved in his family business, an industrial weighing company based in South Jersey. Eric works with Risk Management and Insurance for a global manufacturing company.

We at BYC all know that the best way to have fun at the club is to participate in activities, both as volunteers and participants. If you are a committee member or involved in a project at the club, please invite a new member to join in.

We say a fond, and hopefully temporary, farewell to:

Leighann and Emerich Buziak and family, Mark and Rems and family, Fernando Montes & Carolyn Inhoffer Montes (business is taking them away from Brigantine this summer), Marie Capp & Christopher DiGiuseppe, & Barbara Forte



We're All in the Boat: by Tom Parvesse

Treasurer's Report

On February 25th, your Officers and Trustees approved the budget and the dues/fees structure for 2023. The BYC ended the 2022 year with an operating surplus of \$37,807 and a cash balance of \$200,883. The 2022 officers, trustees and general membership did an outstanding job managing finances, administering a vibrant social schedule and providing the kids with an outstanding sailing program.

On June 1, 2023 the 10th and final installment of the 10 year New Building Loan will be processed. Invoices were be sent out on March 1 with payment due May 1. Your prompt payment is requested in order to meet the financial obligations and solidify the membership for the year.

Use of Venmo

Beginning this year, Venmo is now charging 2% for all business transactions. To date I have not found a way to get around this fee.

For 2023 we have suspend the use of Venmo for the bar, parties and food but will continue to allow members to pay their dues and fees but will require the members who choose to pay with Venmo to add 2% to their payment.

We also had to rename the Venmo account to @BYC-Sailing-club (look for the blue and yellow BYC burgee).

The construction of the new docks should begin any day and are expected to be completed before the beginning of our season. This a \$160,000 capital project for BYC. Half of the funds for this project were paid in 2022 and the other half will come out of our cash account this year.

If anyone and questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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

Exciting news - they started work on the South dock this week and as of Friday 3/24 approximately 2/3 of the old Pilings have been removed!



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