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**From the Commodore****Scott Oliveri**

As I reflect on the past three years, I am amazed at how quickly time has flown. It has been a remarkable journey, and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to have served the members of the Brigantine Yacht Club.

Our club is in excellent financial shape, buoyed by a strong and vibrant membership. Thanks to the many advocates who promote the club to friends and acquaintances, I am confident that our growth will continue. I extend my heartfelt thanks to the Trustees, Committee Heads, and Committee Members—your dedication and support are what make the club run smoothly and create an enjoyable environment for everyone.

I would like to express my appreciation to the Flag Officers who recruited me and with whom I had the pleasure of serving: Leo Parsio, Melissa Acton, Michelle Verceles, Dave Miller, and John Doherty. I wish the best of luck and success to our incoming Rear Commodore, Mark Robertson. With our Flag Officers in place for 2025 the club is in great hands.

A special thank you goes to Gale Donohue for her tireless work in keeping the club informed and on schedule. Gale is an invaluable asset to the BYC and its members. I also want to acknowledge Sarah Chaikin for her outstanding efforts in recruiting new members and supporting the club's growth. Her guidance and leadership have been instrumental during my tenure.

While there are many others deserving of thanks, I want to highlight two additional individuals. Aunt Ruth has been a tremendous help, providing sound advice and unwavering support, ensuring that I made the best decisions for the club. And, of course, I am profoundly grateful to Stacy. Her constant support and encouragement have been the driving force behind our successes. Stacy's dedication kept me focused and made this journey incredibly rewarding.

Although this is my final official report, there is still much to accomplish. We will continue to work on the hoist project, which is expected to be completed by next summer. Our Treasurer and Finance Committee will keep exploring ways to fund new projects while maintaining the club's financial health. We will also focus on future planning, including the potential addition of an elevator and enhancements to our club facilities. I encourage everyone to actively participate in maintaining the club and contributing to our continued success for another 80 years.

The club will remain open through December, so please stay tuned for upcoming events. Our Vice Commodore has exciting plans, and I hope to see you at the upcoming gatherings if you are in Brigantine.

Thank you all for your support. Please continue to enjoy and support the Brigantine Yacht Club.

Warm regards,

Your Past Commodore Scott Oliveri

## From the Vice Commodore☆☆ John Doherty

It is amazing how quickly the summer comes and goes! I hope everyone enjoyed their time at the BYC as much as I did!

I would like to thank everyone who had a hand in volunteering, working and entertaining at the BYC. We had an amazing staff of bartenders that contributed to our success at the bar. There are so many wonderful volunteers that contribute to the club on a daily basis. I would like to start with Heather Kelly, our in-house warehouse shopper that keeps our supply closet stocked. Heather continues to assist with any odd jobs that come up. I would like to thank Sheila Parsio for continuing to plan and take care of all the private parties at the club. Sheila has been an asset to the club that has made all the private parties a success for years. Kris and Chris Triolo have been invaluable volunteers. They go above and beyond in every aspect of their contributions. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the recipients of the Vice Commodore Award, Mary and George Guerin. Without hesitation, they show up whenever needed. George keeps the garden blooming and pruned and has the ability to fix anything that comes his way. Mary's constant willingness to help, no matter the task, is deeply appreciated. To the "Mahjong Mafia", thank you for your continued support inside and outside the club. Your excitement and dedication make a difference at the club.

This club relies on volunteers and this summer we had many people step and throw some great parties. I would like to thank them for making our summer memorable.

July 4th Surf and Turf	Scott Oliveri
Progressive Dinner	Sarah Chakin and all the hosts
St. Patrick's Day in July	Jane & John Gibbons, Colleen & Pete Stahl, Mary & George Guerin
Country Night	Julianna Corson & Allison Gerhard
Commodore's Ball	Melissa Acton, Kris Triolo, Ellena Vaganos, Sheila Parsio, Aimee Gerhard, Jane Gibbons, and Stacy Oliveri
Commodores Ball Boat	Tammy and Dave Corson
Commodores Ball Dockhands	Pryce Bouchard & Luke Corson
Fish Fry	The Miller Family
Hibachi Dinner by the Bay	Deb and Howard Schlesinger
Whiskey Tasting	Cara and Michael Herrmann

Don't worry, we still have some great plans for the fall:

**September 22nd: Eagles game. Bar opens at 12:30 Bloody Mar's and Mimosa's and food**

Friday, October 18th: Sunset Bar. 6pm. Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>: workday at 8:30 AM

There will also be a Halloween Party, a Christmas Party, and an additional Eagles game. Dates and details will be out shortly. Hope to see you there!

## From the Rear Commodore ☆ Dave Miller

Thanks to everyone for a great year of BYC sailing and junior activities both on and off the water.

A special thanks to all the volunteers who made our events happen; the juniors greatly appreciate your efforts.

We would also like to thank our 2024 instructors (alphabetical order): Claire Miller, Landon Mulford, Lauren Murray, Chelsea Poli, Anna Robertson and Bill Trost, and our dockhands: Logan Augustine, Sophie Doherty, Isaak Fonorow, Gavin Mangel, David Miller V, Cayden Parsio, Mack Robertson, Sasha Scheib, Aubrey Sheehan, and Cavan Stahl for their hard work and going above and beyond to make sure the program was a success.

On Labor Day weekend we had our perpetual award ceremony. Look for your names on the plaques next summer. Award winners for 2024, Opti "C" award: Frank Towers, Violet Lazur. Outstanding Opti "B": Dutch MacWilliams. Outstanding Boy Sailor: Kieran Sheehan. Outstanding Girl Sailor: Grace Sheehan, Tilly Miller. Opti Club Champion: Kaylee Verceles. Sunfish Club Champion: Isaak Fonorow. Laser Club Champion: Logan Augustine Radial, Grace Sheehan 4.7. Opti Travel Champion Dylan Verceles. Sunfish Travel Champion: Isaak Fonorow, Laser Travel Champion: Logan Augustine Radial, Grace Sheehan 4.7. Junior Sailing Achievement: Chelsea Poli. Alexandra Nicole Walker Award: Sean Herrmann. Commodore Harry Switzer Award: Gavin Mangel. Commodore Steve Leiz Award: Cole Onesti.

Triathlon Award: Chelsea Poli, Tyler Verceles. Mile Swim Award: Owen and Nora Kennedy.

Look for one more Teamsnap message in the coming days. This message is to solicit your feedback on the program this past year. Please take a minute or two to respond while summer is still fresh in your minds.

Fall Workday is scheduled for 10/19/2024. If you can attend and help out, the club would be very appreciative. Also, if you will be taking your boat home for the winter, kindly do so prior to Workday to avoid winter storage fees.

Sail Ho!

## Membership Committee *by Sarah Chaikin*

### **Introducing New Members: Frank and Ceily Pugliese**

Frank and Ceily have recently become fulltime Brigantine residents. Our Vice Commodore, John, was especially pleased to learn that Frank is a fellow retiree from the NYC Fire Department. They have been long-time boaters and have belonged to other volunteer-oriented boating clubs in the New York City area. We look forward to having Frank and Ceily share their skills and experiences with BYC.

### **Visiting Other Yacht Clubs:**

BYC is a member of the Yachting Club of America. Member clubs offer limited reciprocity to each other. If you are traveling outside our area, you may want to see what other clubs are like! Go to the Yachting Club of America website at <https://ycaol.com/>, click on the "members only" button and sign in. BYC's user ID is: "club1040" and our password is: "y100446c". This will give you access to the 2024 REGISTER OF

AMERICAN YACHT CLUBS. You can then locate the club you are interested in visiting. Most entries have hyperlinks or phone numbers. Please get in touch at least a week ahead of your visit as not all clubs monitor emails or answering machines on a daily basis.

In the past, The Yachting Club of America sent membership cards to us to distribute among our members, but they have not done so in the past two years. If you wish to visit another club with whom we have reciprocity, you will need to verify that you are a member-in-good-standing at BYC. The Membership Committee will be happy to provide you with an introductory letter. Please address your request to Sarah at the club's email address [BrigantineYC@gmail.com](mailto:BrigantineYC@gmail.com).

**Are your friends or family members interested in becoming members of the BYC?** If so, please encourage them to make an application. A current application can be found on our website, <https://www.bycsail.com/>



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

Don't forget to check out our website [www.bycsail.com](http://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](mailto:gcdonohue13@gmail.com)

## **News & Notes:**

An email was sent out regarding which address you want your Commodore's Ball invitation sent to. Please look at your name (s) in the BYC Directory and also verify specific names for emails and phone #'s!

Please email [gcdonohue13@gmail.com](mailto:gcdonohue13@gmail.com) Thanks so much!

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