



BRIGANTINE YACHT CLUB



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From the Commodore



David Miller

Summer is almost upon us, and before we know it, much of our time will be spent in Brigantine and at the BYC. I hope you, like me, can't wait! We had our Spring Work Day and Trustees meeting on April 12. The weather did not cooperate and forced a lot of the outside work to be completed at a later date. Many thanks to everyone who braved the elements and came out for Work Day. Many, many thanks to those of you who have been working on projects of your own volition. We are truly very grateful and appreciative of your efforts.

Special thanks to Steve Donohue, Chris Barnes and others for painting the interior of the club, Chris Barnes and Keith Moore for pressure washing and Debbie Schlesinger and George Guerin for gardening. Also, next time you are at the club make sure to take a look at the Perpetual awards on the stairway up to the second floor. The awards are now current and names standardized. Many thanks to John Keating and Beth Ann Poli for getting this job done. There are many other members who do things around the club for the benefit of everyone. We can't thank you enough. If you would like to get more involved in the club on either a project or committee please reach out and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Beginning next month the club will be abuzz with all sorts of activities. Please read the RC and VC reports and calendar updates for sailing, social and other events.

General Membership Meeting Dates (Friday nights):

06/20/25 8PM

07/18/25 8PM

08/15/25 8PM

As a reminder, all bills were sent out via email and are due May 01. If possible, please consider paying earlier as this makes planning easier for everyone involved in running activities at the club.

Sail Ho!

From the Vice Commodore ☆☆☆ **John Doherty**

Thank you to everyone who helped at the work day, the inside of the club has never looked better! With summer right around the corner, we're excited to share a fantastic lineup of events at the Yacht Club.

The annual Kentucky Derby party will kick off the season on this Saturday, May 3rd. Wear your favorite derby hat and join us for the most exciting two minutes in sports.

Yoga will begin on **Sunday, May 4th at 9:00am** and continue on Sundays, Mondays Wednesdays and Fridays throughout the season.

On **Friday, May 23th**, the Sunset Bar will open at 6:00pm, with food available to enjoy as we ease into the long weekend.

The following day Saturday, **May 24th** we'll officially kick off the summer. There will be a mini Open House at the BYC in the morning with our Memorial Day Party at 6:30. Stay tuned for more details.

Starting **Monday, June 2nd at 7:00pm**, **Mahjong** will return to the BYC and continue weekly.

Starting **Friday, June 6th**, the **Sunset Bar** and food will be served every Friday night.

Saturday, June 21st promises a full day of fun with a BBQ at 1:00pm, sailing meeting, BYC Open House along with the Moth Regatta ending the day with the BYC Art Night beginning at 5:30 pm, more information on all will be shared soon.

Then, on **Saturday, June 28th**, get ready to sing your heart out at Karaoke night.

Looking ahead, be sure to save the date for one of the highlights of the summer, the **Commodores Ball, happening on Saturday, August 9th**.

We can't wait to welcome everyone back for another exciting season at the club.

See, save and copy the May and June calendar at the end of this newsletter for all all social events. The BYC website also has all weekly events on the its front page.

From the Rear Commodore  Mark Robertson

A special thank you to all that came out for the spring work day! The weather didn't cooperate but much was accomplished both inside the club with a complete cleaning and outside power washing the furniture.

Notable Local Regattas:

JUNE 7, 8 2025 Sunfish Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship, Brigantine Yacht Club
 JUNE 21 2025 Moth Regatta
 JUNE 24,25 2025 C420 Mid-Atlantic Championship, Seaside Park Yacht Club
 JULY 4th: Sam Wells All ages (closed) REGATTA
 JULY 10 2025 BYC MAYRA INVITATIONAL

Summer is right around the corner and we are excited to have a great group of youth sailors returning for fun on the water! **The program will start on Monday June 23rd.** There will be a **parents meeting and BBQ at the BYC on Saturday June 21st at 1PM.** We will cover the sailing program, class schedule, and answer any questions. We will be using TeamSnap again this year to communicate class schedules and all program related timing or date changes during the program. The TeamSnap invite will be sent out via email once we've determined each class roster.

If your child is interested in sailing this summer and you have not already indicated participation and paid, please do so asap so that we can get an accurate count and finalize class size. Also, if your sailor is newly interested in racing in MAYRA events please let me know.

For new sailing families: The summer sailing program survey that was sent last fall and earlier this spring can also be found below. If you have not yet responded, please do so as soon as possible as your input is important for planning purposes. If you will not be participating in the sailing program, that information is helpful too. You can email the survey to: mrob462@gmail.com

Sailing Survey

1. Are you planning to participate in the 2025 sailing program?
2. If yes, what type of boat do you plan to sail?
3. Is there a younger sibling in your family who will join the program in 2025 (minimum age 7 on July 1, 2025)?

Finally, If you plan on taking the US SAILING level (1) instructor class and applying for a position at the club this year, please let us know as soon as possible. US SAILING level (1) certification is a requirement to work at the BYC as an instructor. Look for applications within the next two weeks for dockhands and instructors. Please check your email and spam folder.

Membership Committee by Sarah Chaikin

We Welcome New Members!

- **Brian and Lindsey Lemchak and their children, Holly (age 5) and Kyle (age 1):** The Lemchak's were sponsored by Joe Sheehan and Heather Kelly. They write on their application, "We are looking forward to making friends in a town that has grown to mean so much to our family and such a short time. We can't wait for our daughter to get old enough to start sailing so that she can build lasting memories at the club." Brian has a career in construction management. Lindsey is involved in sales for a cloud-based communications company.
- **Anthony and Tricia Baratta:** Anthony and Tricia have been coming to Brigantine since the late 2000s and purchased a home on the bay a few years ago. They have joined our club to find a social environment with other active, fit people. Tony is a trial lawyer and Tricia does fitness counseling.

- **Anthony and Morgan DiPietro and their children, Grayce (age 9) and AJ (age 7):** The DiPietro family lives in Galloway and enjoys outdoor activities including boating, surfing, swimming, fishing, crabbing, and tubing. They are joining the BYC to give their children the opportunity to add sailing to the list! Tony and Morgan are excited about participating in the social activities that BYC offers. Tony, in addition to being a financial planner, is a Councilman for Galloway Twp. Morgan is a Nurse Educator at ACCC.
- **Wayne Miller:** Wayne is now semi-retired from his busy job as Director of Event Services at Drexel University, and he can finally join his family members: wife Linda, children, Megan, Scott and Kiersten, in BYC membership. Welcome, Wayne!
- **We have several members who are now age 21.** We welcome them all to adult membership at the BYC!
 - Melanie Naphy
 - Isabela Simpson
 - Amanda Sullivan
 - Kerry Jamison
 - Claire Miller
 - Lainey Acton
 - Ryan Herrmann
 - Kate Kelly

Save the Dates for Upcoming Membership Events! We will be circulating SignUpGenius notices asking for volunteer assistance.

BYC has been offered a great opportunity to fill the Community spot on **May 24th** at the **Memorial Day Weekend Farmers Market!** Chris Santarpio has taken the lead for planning this event, which we hope will stimulate interest in our sailing program. Chris has planned some terrific activities and needs volunteers to make this happen! For more information, please contact Chris at chris@advancescale.com. This event will include:

- **At the market:**
 - A Rain Gutter Regatta where kids can decorate paper sails and race little boats that they can take home
 - Knot tying demonstrations and boards to practice knot tying skills.
 - An information table where members of the community can learn about our club.
- **At the club:**
 - Clubhouse tours
 - Information about membership and our sailing program.
 - Opportunity to see what an Opti, Sunfish and Laser look like.

We are reviving our **BYC Art Show** on **Saturday evening, June 21st**. This event will be **open to the public** as a membership stimulation event! I am excited to share that the following artists have already signed on to this project.

- **Popo Flanigan** is returning to the BYC! We have missed her since she moved to Florida so we are especially excited that she will be participating.

- **Marguerita Nanfara** is a local artist and Sarah's dear friend. She channels Forsythe Wildlife Preserve, our South Jersey area and local beaches through varied media including decoupage, and acrylic paintings on canvas, seashells and even furniture.
- **Doreen Khebzou** is a local fine arts painter who has several "best in show" paintings to her credit. Doreen captures our local scenes in oil or acrylic paintings. Her still-life paintings and found-item collages are very noteworthy.
- **Charles Kirkpatrick** will present his spectacular wood-turned items for all to appreciate. Kirk's items range from small utilitarian items to large works of art. Each of his pieces are made by joining varied species of wood, then shaping them on a lathe to become utilitarian pieces of art.

We have space for one or two additional BYC artists, card-table-size displays. I know you are out there! Please register at <https://forms.office.com/r/funCaiHjLu> .

We need several volunteers for this event. Jobs will include picking up (pickup truck needed) and assembling wire display "walls" that the Cultural Arts Commission is loaning to us. Many thanks to our member, Mary DeMarco, for facilitating this! We will also need members to assist artists and the clubhouse with set-up. If you would like more information, please contact Sarah at sarahc352@comcast.net.



We're All in the Boat: by Gale Donohue

Yachting Club of America cards have been received for the 2025 season. These cards are reciprocal courtesy cards that may be used at other Yacht Clubs in the US if there is reciprocity. To check for reciprocity, go to www.ycaol.com and you will find a listing of all clubs that are part of this program. The BYC user ID is "club 1040" and our password is "y100446c" for the sign-in information for YCOA. If you plan on travelling this year, are fully paid up for the season and would like a card, please email me at gdonohue13@gmail.com with your name and I will start a file of cards at the BYC. Any questions, please let me know.

News & 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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BRIGANTINE YACHT CLUB *yoga schedule*

9AM

SUNDAY

MONDAY

WEDNESDAY

FRIDAY

DROP IN: \$20 TEN PACK: \$180 UNLIMITED: \$600

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MAY 4 - SEPT 1

no preregistration needed

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Starts

At The

Brigantine Yacht Club

Come out and watch the race and enjoy a *Mint Julip* and/or *other specialties*

Party starts at 4 pm

Saturday May 3rd

Wear your best Derby Clothes

Best Derby Hat wins a prize

Specials on Kentucky Whiskey and Specialty Drinks

Food from Ernest and Son's & Dessert will be available \$15.00 per person

The Most exciting 2 minutes in sports!

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LET'S PARTY

KARAOKE & DESSERT PARTY AT THE BYC

KARAFUN.COM TO PICK SONGS

SATURDAY JUNE 28TH AT 7:30 PM

\$15 PP - ADULTS ONLY

VENMO @Gale-Donohue or check/cash at the door

RSVP BY JUNE 26TH TO GALE DONOHUE
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