



# BRIGANTINE YACHT CLUB



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**From the Commodore**☆☆☆

**David Miller**

Although it took a while, summer is finally here and the BYC is already a hub of activity. The Sunset Bar is open Friday nights with great music, friendly bartenders and good company. Saturday parties are happening every weekend. During the week we have Yoga, Book Club, Mahjong, and Junior Activities for ALL junior members (not just sailors). We have evening races on Tuesdays for juniors with bar and bbq (all adult and junior members welcome and encouraged to attend). Fridays we have adult evening races and the Sunset Bar.

The junior sailing program is in full swing. Our BOLT team travelled to Wildwood on 6/26 and did extremely well. This week BOLT will be in Cape May. BYC hosted two regattas in June, the sunfish Mid-Atlantic championship and the annual Moth boat regatta. Our MAYRA invitational will take place on July 10. This is our major seasonal regatta. We get to show off our beautiful sailing location and facilities to the other South Jersey clubs. We usually host over 100 junior sailors. To make this event a success we need volunteers (Breakfast, lunch, traffic, ramp, start and finish boats) to make it happen, if you have the time please reach out to RC Mark Robertson at [mrob462@gmail.com](mailto:mrob462@gmail.com) or myself at [hagendolch@hotmail.com](mailto:hagendolch@hotmail.com)

There is also a sign-up sheet at the club.

The week of the July 4th will have some schedule changes across the board. For sailors please check your Teamsnap. Please check with the appropriate person for other activities for schedule changes/conflicts due to the holiday. There will be no races on Tuesday and Friday night, but we will have our all ages Sam Wells regatta on July 4th.

We have some great parties and events coming up. One event you don't want to miss is the Surf and Turf on Saturday July 5th. Check the calendar for RSVP information.

Finally, Thanks to everyone who volunteers their time and resources at the BYC. Without you, we would not be the special club we are. Special thanks to Steve Donohue, Mark Dian and Mike Herrmann for the new hoist. I would also like to thank the membership committee and all who helped out at the farmer's market and Open House. The Art Show and Open House were an incredible success. Please feel free to contact me at any time with any questions.

Sail Ho!

## From the Vice Commodore ☆ ☆ John Doherty

We've had a great start to the summer!

Thanks to Mark Dian the Friday night entertainment has been phenomenal.

Special thanks to our members for organizing parties the past few weeks:

The Schlesinger's Memorial Day Weekend Party

Sarah Chakin and the membership committee's Art Show

and the Donohue's Karaoke Night

For July 4th weekend the sunset bar will be open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Saturday is our annual Surf and Turf. Filet mignon and crab for \$45. Maui Joes shaved ice truck will also be on hand. Make sure you RSVP before it sells out!

Following this weekend, every Friday we will have live music and food available for purchase. Come down and enjoy the amazing sunset!

We have some great events planned for Saturday nights

7/12 Progressive Dinner welcoming new members

7/19 Miller Fish Fry

7/26 Jazz Night

8/2 Country Western Night

8/9 The Commodores Ball will take place at the Seaview Country Club this year. Please keep an eye out for the invitation.

We have a few Saturday nights open in August if anyone would like to host a party.

Back by popular demand is the Tuesday night BBQ. Come on down and cheer on the BYC youth sailors. Food and refreshments will be available.

## From the Rear Commodore ☆ Mark Robertson

The summer sailing program is in full swing! We have approx 40 sailors including 7 new beginners. All youth boat classes are represented and we are excited about getting the kids back on the water for learning and fun!

The Bolt team had a great regatta at GWYC performing very well in all boat classes. Please look to Teamsnap for any class schedule changes or weather related cancellations. **We will be communicating all sailing program info and updates on Teamsnap.**

Upcoming regattas:

7/4 Sam Wells BYC open regatta

7/10 BYC Invitational - Volunteer signup sheet at BYC

7/27 MAYRA Sunfish / Laser Radial / Laser Full Rig championship at BYC

Notice to all members that are storing boats in the yard:

**This year all boats, including kayaks and SUPs will need to have a sticker affixed to the transom** (back wall of the boat). This way we can keep track of boats in the yard. Stickers will have names on the back and member numbers on the actual sticker. **Stickers can be found in a basket on the island by the kitchen.** Member numbers can be found on your invoice. If you have a boat in the yard but have not paid for a space, kindly contact RC Mark Robertson or Treasurer Joe Sheehan to obtain an invoice. Your cooperation matter will be greatly appreciated.

Please reach out to myself or David Miller if you have any questions.

**Please have your stickers on your boat/s &/or kayaks by July 15<sup>th</sup>!**

## **BYC Juniors by Anna Towers**

**Welcome ALL Juniors to the Summer 2025 Season!**

Juniors Committee is pleased to announce that we have a fun-filled calendar of events for ALL of our BYC Juniors. All Junior Members are welcome to attend the events—even if they're not participating in sailing. These events are a great way for the kids to spend time together, and we really hope to see strong turnout all season long!

And just a reminder, BYC is a club run by members, for members. So, if you're able to help with any part of the season, even just a little bit, it's always appreciated.

Please sign up for the Juniors WhatsApp group which will communicate all Juniors events, details, last minute details, ridesharing, etc.



BYC Juniors - Summer 2025  
WhatsApp group



Key dates are as follows over the next few weeks:

- July 4<sup>th</sup> (Friday) - Sam Wells Regatta & T-Shirt Design Contest - Please come down and support your fellow sailing Juniors and also Juniors will be designing their own t-shirt for Summer 2025 Season. A winner will be chosen for the final t-shirt.
- July 7<sup>th</sup> (Monday) - Smile Factory with pizza, 6 – 8 pm
- July 9<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) - FIFA Semi Final
- July 11<sup>th</sup> (Friday) - Floats!
- July 14<sup>th</sup> (Monday) - Jurassic World Rebirth – Ventnor
- July 18<sup>th</sup> (Friday) – Totally Tubular – Island Aqua Park, Margate July 21<sup>st</sup> (Monday) – Soccer & Pizza – 26<sup>th</sup> Street Fields
- July 25<sup>th</sup> (Friday) – Surfing Lessons
- July 28<sup>th</sup> (Monday) – Takeoff Adventure Park – Pleasantville
- August 1 (Friday) – Ocean City Water Park
- August 4<sup>th</sup> (Monday) – Laesr Tag, Egg Harbor Township
- August 8<sup>th</sup> (Friday) – Canoe Trip
- August 11 (Monday) – Beach Volleyball Beach Day!

- August 15<sup>th</sup> (Friday) – Juniors Party!

We'll share final details via the Juniors WhatsApp group, so be sure to join if you haven't already. Looking forward to a great summer!

## **BYC Auxiliary *by Jeannie Munoz***

The Auxiliary of the BYC would love to have another Silent Auction Night. A few years ago, this Silent Auction was hugely successful, interactive, fun and slightly competitive.

The Auxiliary raises money to provide support for items not necessarily in the Budget, it enhances the club experience. The last Silent Auction raised much of the money to purchase the furniture on the upstairs and outside decks.

With any successful Auction it is dependent on the support of the membership to help provide items to be auctioned.

In the past items have been extremely varied, some examples include:

Gift Cards to Restaurants and Retail

New and Pre-Owned Art

Experiences, such as Boat Rides, Food Prepared by Members, Babysitting, Cosmetics

Apple watches and Tech Gear

Rounds of Golf and Sports Equipment

But...Much more donated through the creativity of our members.

Please, support our efforts to raise money through this fun evening!

**Please, email or text me to let me know what you can donate to support this endeavor by July 11th, so that we may set a date at [jam4866@yahoo.com](mailto:jam4866@yahoo.com)**

This will be an August Event.

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

Brigantine Yacht Club is pleased to welcome the following new members:

- **Gaetan and Nikki Alfano** purchased property in Brigantine last September. They want to get more involved in the community and learn about sailing. Gaetan and Nikki are both accomplished attorneys. Nikki is also a motivational speaker.
- **Andy and Christy Oberg** and their children, Brody, age 10 and Duke, age 4. Andy grew up at Cooper River Yacht Club and was an avid sailor on the MAYRA circuit. They now own a home in Brigantine and are anxious for Brody to sail. Andy works in sales and Christy is a real estate agent.
- **Maria Rose** is new to the area having joined the Marketing Dept. at Ceasars Entertainment. She took some sailing lessons at Keyport YC and wants to continue learning about sailing and after researching local clubs chose the BYC!

- **Linda Delassandro & Jay Badame:** Linda grew up across 12th St. S. from the Chaikin family. She and her husband, Jay Badame have joined the BYC to provide Linda's grandsons with some fun social activities with the BYC crew. Linda and Jay are both involved in real estate development in Brigantine.
- **Tori Contoudis:** After working for two years in an accounting job, Tori decided to make a career change. She obtained Greek citizenship and hopes to eventually embark on a plan to establish a café/bar in her ancestral hometown of Helios Greece. Meanwhile, she is working here in Atlantic County this summer and would love to learn how to sail.
- **Tom and Anne Marie Rainey:** Tom and she have owned homes here since the 1990s. Very recently they purchased a home on 11<sup>th</sup> St. South, around the corner from the BYC. They were invited by the neighbors David and Sue to come to the Art Show, they enjoyed themselves and made an application. Tom is CPA, and Ann Marie is a recently retired vocal arts teacher.

### How do we welcome our new members at the BYC?

With a Progressive Dinner, of course! July 12th! There are a few remaining slots, especially to host the dinner course. Please participate, even if you can only come for dessert! Scan the QR code or use the link to get involved!

### Returning to membership this year are:

- Tom & Lynn Donohue
- Marian Schueneman
- Andrew Miller

### Membership Committee Activities:

The Membership Committee conducted a marketing campaign on behalf of the club this spring and summer. We hope that you have enjoyed our ads and press releases in the *Brigantine Times*. We also ran a half page ad for the club in Brigantine Living. Please help yourself to a *Brigantine Living* Magazine which you will find at the club.

We were present with a tent for the opening day at the **Brigantine Farmers Market**. Chris Santarpio was the chairperson for this event and many kids and parents enjoyed the "rain gutter regatta" and take-home boats. We simultaneously had an Open House at the clubhouse. Between the two operations we shared information about our club with a number of people from the community. Thanks to the many members who assisted in making these events happen.

We presented a very well attended **Art Show/Open House** event for the community. We estimate that we hosted 87 visitors, and at least 71 members for a total of 158 people. We feel that the event was a success for our club. The artists were all happy with the evening and some commented that they were treated far better than the norm. The guests and our members all appeared to enjoy the show and mingling with each other. We are currently processing four applications following the Art Show/Open House. Thanks go to the many BYC members who helped to make this event a reality!

Join the 2025  
**PROGRESSIVE DINNER**

**BYC Welcomes  
New Members with an Old Tradition  
Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm**

**You can participate by:**

- Being a new member and an honored guest
- Hosting Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in your home
- Hosting the dinner course in your home with a co-host
- Co-hosting the dinner course in another member's home
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**Use the QR Code above to RSVP**  
Or email to [BrigantineYC@gmail.com](mailto:BrigantineYC@gmail.com)

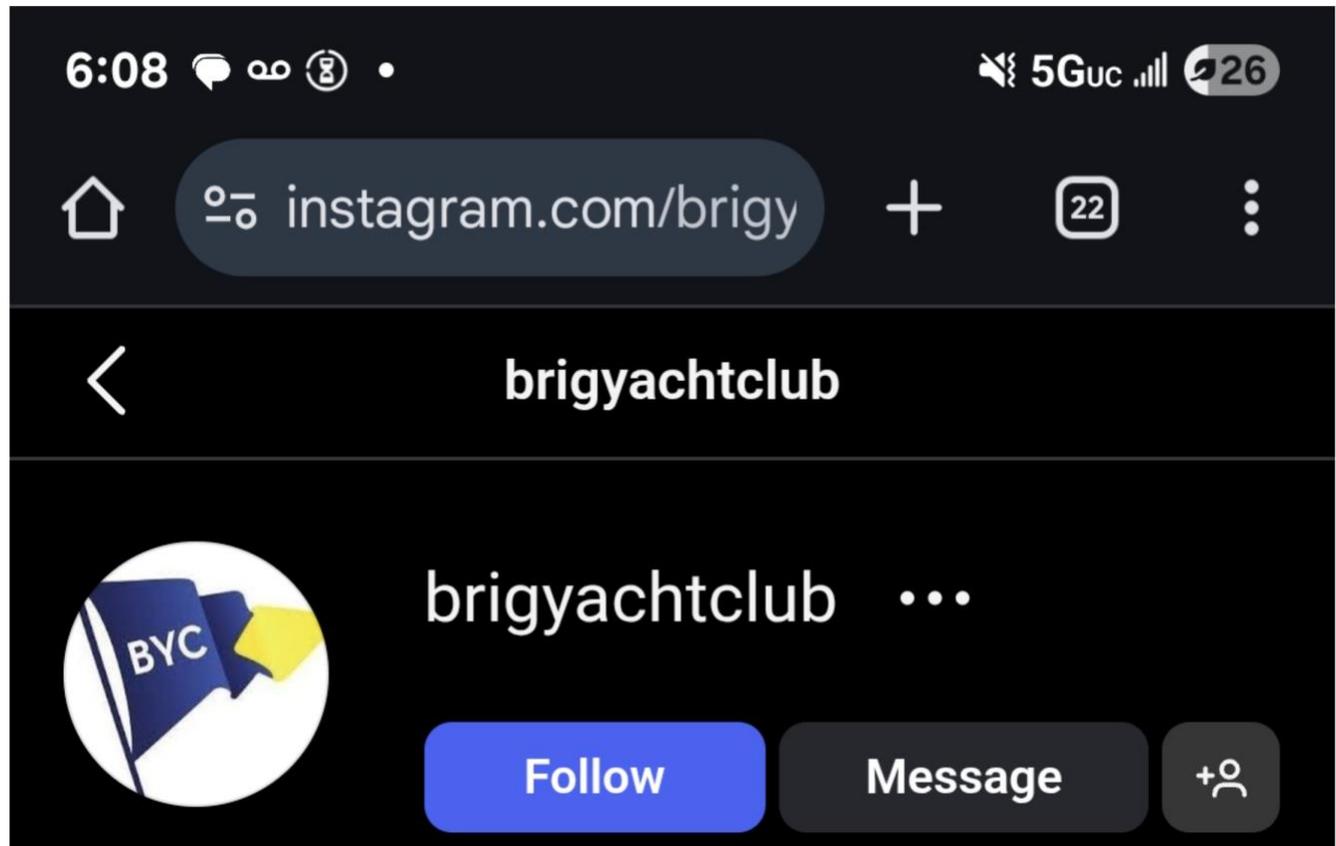
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RSVP Here  
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/Cu2fd610B0>



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

**We now have an official Instagram account for the BYC.**



## **News & Notes:**

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 [gedonohue13@gmail.com](mailto:gedonohue13@gmail.com). 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](http://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.

**Brigantine Yacht Club**

Published six times annually as a source of information for BYC membership. Additional copies are available upon request.

To submit materials for publication, please contact:

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Brigantine Yacht Club  
Sam Wells  
Independence Day Regatta

July 4, 2025

**ALL AGE**  
**ALL SAILBOAT**



9:00 am Registration

10:00 am Skippers Meeting

10:30 am First Signal

Members Only

Bring your own lunch

Post race snacks will be provided

Sam Wells was a long time member of BYC known for encouraging youth sailing and volunteering his time and talent to the club.

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# PROGRESSIVE DINNER



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# SUNSET JAZZ CAFÉ @BYC –

Saturday

July 26, 2025



Featuring : Philadelphia's own.....

**David and Alex**

**Posmontier** on Keyboards

**Paul Jost** – vocals and drums

7:00-8:00 Cocktails and  
Snacks 8:00- 10:00 Music  
and Dessert

\$30.00 per person-  
Please register in advance!





**JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> @ NOON** IN OUR CLUBHOUSE  
DESIGN A SUMMER BYC TEE!  
WE WILL VOTE FOR THE WINNING  
DESIGN AND HAVE SHIRTS PRINTED FOR  
ALL OUR JUNIORS!  
COME EARLY AND WATCH THE RACES!





**SUMMER  
2025**

**BYC JUNIORS**

**JUNE 23  
MONDAY**

**SAILING BEGINS!**

**JUNE 30  
MONDAY**

**MINI GOLF & ICE CREAM**

**JULY 4  
FRIDAY @ 10 AM**

**SAM WELLS REGATTA &  
TSHIRT DESIGN**

**JULY 7  
MONDAY**

**SMILES ARCADE**

**JULY 11  
FRIDAY**

**FLOATS**

**JULY 14  
MONDAY @ 6:40 PM**

**JURASSIC WORLD (VENTNOR)**

**JULY 18  
FRIDAY**

**TOTALLY TUBULAR**

**JULY 21  
MONDAY**

**SOCCER & PIZZA  
(26<sup>TH</sup> STREET PARK)**

**JULY 25  
FRIDAY**

**SURFING LESSON**

**PLEASE JOIN OUR JUNIORS WHATSAPP  
GROUP FOR LATEST UPDATES.**

**DATES / TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**PLEASE SEE OTHER SIDE FOR MORE EVENTS**

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**SUMMER  
2025**

**BYC JUNIORS**

**JULY 28  
MONDAY**

**TAKEOFF ADVENTURE PARK**

**AUGUST 1  
FRIDAY**

**OCEAN CITY WATERPARK**

**AUGUST 4  
MONDAY**

**LASER TAG  
(EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP)**

**AUGUST 8  
FRIDAY**

**CANOE TRIP**

**AUGUST 11  
MONDAY**

**BEACH VOLLEYBALL**

**AUGUST 12  
TUESDAY**

**SUMMER 2025 JUNIORS  
CLOSING PARTY**

**AUGUST 15  
FRIDAY**

**SAILING AWARDS CEREMONY**

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# BYC JULY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>30</b> Yoga 9 AM	<b>01</b> 6 PM: Youth Races &	<b>02</b> Yoga 9 AM	<b>03</b> 6 P - Sunset Bar & food	<b>04</b> Yoga 9 AM Sam Wells Regatta. 6 PM: Sunset Bar	<b>05</b> Surf & Turf & Maui Jim's 6:30 PM. RSVP
<b>06</b> Yoga 9 AM	<b>07</b> Yoga 9 AM	<b>08</b> 6 PM: Youth Races & Dinner	<b>09</b> Yoga 9 AM	<b>10</b> BYC MAYRA	<b>11</b> Yoga 9 AM. 6 PM: Sunset Bar & Adult Races 6:30 food/Music	<b>12</b> Progressive Dinner
<b>13</b> Yoga 9 AM	<b>14</b> Yoga 9 AM	<b>15</b> 6 PM: Youth Races & Dinner	<b>16</b> Yoga 9 AM	<b>17</b> MAYRA races – 1 PM Sunset Bar	<b>18</b> Yoga 9 AM 6 PM: Sunset Bar & Adult Races 6:30 food and- Music 8 PM General Membership	<b>19</b> Miller Fish Fry
<b>20</b> Yoga 9 AM	<b>21</b> Yoga 9 AM	<b>22</b> 6 PM: Youth Races & Dinner	<b>23</b> Yoga 9 AM	<b>24</b> BYC Book Club 7-9	<b>25</b> Yoga 9 AM 6 PM:Sunset Bar & Adult Races 6:30 PM – food/music	<b>26</b> Jazz Café 7:30 PM
<b>27</b> Yoga 9 AM	<b>28</b> Yoga 9 AM	<b>29</b> 6 PM: Youth Races & Dinner	<b>30</b> Yoga 9 AM	<b>31</b>		

# BYC AUGUST 2025

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

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FRI

SAT

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01

02

Book  
Club  
7 PM

Yoga 9 AM  
6 P:Sunset Bar &  
Adult races  
6:30 PM – food/  
music

Country  
western  
Party

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Yoga  
9 AM

Yoga  
9 AM

6 P:  
Youth  
Races  
& BBQ

Yoga  
9 AM

Yoga 9 AM  
6 P: Sunset  
Bar, food &  
Adult Races

Commodore's  
Ball

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Yoga  
9 AM

Yoga  
9 AM

6 P:  
Youth  
Races  
& BBQ

Yoga  
9 AM

Yoga 9 AM  
Sunset Bar & food 6 PM  
6:30 PM Sailing Awards  
8 PM – General  
Membership Meeting

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Yoga  
9 AM

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Yoga  
9 AM

BYC  
Book  
Club 7  
PM

Yoga 9 AM  
Sunset Bar 6 PM  
6:30 PM – food &  
music

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Yoga  
9 AM

Yoga  
9 AM

Yoga  
9 AM

Yoga  
9 AM  
Sunset Bar

7 PM –  
Change of  
Flags –  
Perpetual  
Awards

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