



# BRIGANTINE YACHT CLUB



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## From the Commodore☆☆☆ David Miller

Time flies when you are having fun. Truer words have, perhaps, never been spoken - except by the person who said "time absolutely stops at children's birthday parties..." In all joking aside, it has been an honor to serve the BYC and its members as a flag officer for the past three years.

I would like to especially thank my fellow flag officers and their families: Michelle Verceles, Scott Oliveri, Mark Robertson and especially John Doherty for all their hard work throughout this time. I would be remiss if I did not thank the Poli family (Beth Ann, Matt and Chelsea) for helping out with the sailing program and anything else that was needed, Jon Mangel for all he does on a daily basis for the club, Steve and Gale Donohue for not letting deadlines pass and the hard work in the yard, the Membership Committee (lead by Sarah Chaikin) for the steady stream of new members, Carrie Mulford, Elena Vaganos and the entire Commodore's Ball Committee for a wonderful and memorable evening, everyone who has helped out with our regattas, and lastly, anyone who has ever taken out a bag of trash.

The BYC is a truly special place. There are not many places you can find three generations of families coming in on an average Friday night, or see people who have just met, but will know each other for the next 50 years. While it may not always be smooth sailing, there are very few bad days out on the water.

Sail Ho!  
David Miller

## From the Vice Commodore☆☆☆ John Doherty

All good things must come to an end and unfortunately this summer falls into that category. The fun never stopped from Memorial Day until Labor Day!

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered at the club this summer. Heather Kelly was there again to help keep the club stocked with supplies. Sheila Parsio continues to do the important job of planning and taking care of the private parties at the club.

Tuesday night BBQ would not have been a success without many helping hands. I'd especially like to thank Nicole Barnes, Frank Pugliese, Jon Mangel, and Dave Miller.

Friday night sunset bar was always fun thanks to Mark Dian and his great eye for musical talent.

The Saturday night theme party's this year were a blast thanks to the people who ran them. I'd like to thank the dedicated members that took the lead to make each party special.

Art Night and Open House - - Sarah Chakin

Karaoke Night - - Gale & Steve Donohue

July 4th Surf and Turf - - Scott Oliveri

Progressive Dinner - - Sarah Chakin, Suzanne Lavins & Membership Committee

Fish Fry - - The Millers

Jazz Night - - Lorna and Murray Rosenberg  
 Country Western Night - - Heather Kelly, Julianna Corson, and Aimee and Allison Gerhard  
 Commodore's Ball - - Carrie Mulford and Elenna Vaganos  
 Commodore's Ball Boat - - Christine and Brian Murray  
 The Sunset Dinner - - Sarah Chakin, Beverly Faunce & Catherine Herrmann

This year we had a superb bartending crew. Kate, Elena, Julianna, Sydney, Lainey, Taylor, David, Anna, Molly, and Emma. Thank you.

Last but not least I would like to thank my amazing family for all of their hard work and support the last two years as Vice Commodore. I couldn't have done it without you.

I hope to see everyone at the club soon.

## **From the Rear Commodore Mark Robertson**

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 sailors greatly appreciate your efforts.

We would also like to thank our 2025 instructors (alphabetical order): Logan Augustine, Siobhan Kearns, Lauren Murray, Chelsea Poli, Anna Robertson, Mack Robertson Sasha Scheib and Bill Trost, and our dockhands: Sophie Doherty, Isaak Fonorow, Gavin Mangel, David Miller V, Cayden Parsio, Tristan Parsio, Aubrey Sheehan, and Grace Sheehan for their hard work and going above and beyond to make sure the program was a success.

On August 15th we had our participation and perpetual award ceremony. Look for your names on the perpetual plaques next summer.

Award winners for 2025, Opti "C" award: Brody Oberg and Briar Bray

Outstanding Opti "B": Will Sprouse and Olivia Barnes

Outstanding Boy Sailor: Cole Onesti

Outstanding Girl Sailor: Kaylee Verceles

Opti Club Champion: Dylan Verceles

Sunfish Club Champion: Gavin Mangel

Laser Club Champion: Kami Murray 4.7

Opti Travel Champion: Dylan Verceles

Sunfish Travel Champion: Gavin Mangel

Laser Travel Champion: Kami Murray 4.7

C420 Travel Champion: Miller/Chelsea Poli.

Junior Sailing Achievement: Grace Sheehan.

Alexandra Nicole Walker Award: Frank Towers

Commodore Harry Switzer Award: Dutch MacWilliams.

Commodore Steve Leiz Award: Kami Murray.

Triathlon Award: Chelsea Poli

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.

Also, if you will be taking your boat home for the winter, kindly do so prior to Workday on October 25<sup>th</sup> to avoid winter storage fees.

**The BYC fall work day will be on October 25<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM.**

Thank you for a great summer!

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

**It is our pleasure to introduce BYC's newest members:**

- **Richard Long and his Children:** The Longs are members of the Manhattan Yacht Club where Stella and Asher have both received sailing instruction. Richard is an avid Sunfish sailor. He joined the Sunfish Championship, held at the BYC, in June of this year, and decided that our sailing program, adult racing and affiliation with MAYRA would provide great sailing opportunities for him and his children.
- **Lisa Mansueto:** Lisa was sponsored for membership by Keith and Suzanne Moore. Her interest in the club is to meet new friends and further develop her social network now that she lives here full-time, and she is also interested in taking sailing lessons. Lisa loves anything on the water and nature in general. She is also a golfer. As she becomes an empty nester, she believes that now is the perfect time to start a new hobby like sailing.
- **Eric and Karen May:** Both Karen and Eric work in technology fields and since they can often work remotely, they are spending increasing amounts of summertime in Brigantine. They are soon-to-be empty nesters after putting 6 children through college and after experiencing a rather hectic life in the past few years, supporting their children's education, they are looking to their future which will include a much quieter home life. They would like to become more involved with the Brigantine community, and they feel that the BYC is a great place to do that.
- **Jenna Seddon:** Jenna is a teacher who currently lives in Morristown and works in the Westfield NJ school district in special education. During the summer she stays with her parents, and tutors children at the Brigantine Library. Jenna is interested in joining the BYC for social and sailing purposes. She enjoys amateur photography and has taken many photographs of the sunset.

### **Welcome Back!**

- **Dawn Snyder:** Dawn, who is Dayna Sheehan's mom, was a member of the BYC back in 2019. She has been an essential part of the BYC MAYRA Regatta group since she brings the Sheehan trailer to the club every Wednesday evening for loading Juniors boats. It's great that Dawn is rejoining the BYC. She deserves to have some fun at the club in addition to all the help and support she provides to the Sheehan's and other parents.

**Do you know another former member of the BYC who would like to re-join?** If so, please ask them to email the Membership Committee at the club's email address: [BrigantineYC@gmail.com](mailto:BrigantineYC@gmail.com) or, they can complete our Returning Member form at <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/xamrh3pv65> . We will help them get back into the swing of things.



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

### **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 [gcdonohue13@gmail.com](mailto:gcdonohue13@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.

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