



BRIGANTINE YACHT CLUB



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From the Commodore ☆☆☆ John Doherty

I've had an amazing two years in the flags and I'm very much looking forward to 2026.

First off I'd like to start by thanking the house and grounds crew for their amazing work this fall. The crew of workers led by Steve Donohue came together to make huge improvements to the club. Members volunteering in their free time is one of the reasons the BYC is such a great place.

I also want to thank everyone who came down on work day to get the club ready for winter.

I hope to see everyone at the functions Mark has planned for the offseason. If you won't be around, enjoy the holidays, and have a healthy and happy winter!

From the Vice Commodore ☆☆ Mark Robertson

Hi all, the fall season at the club is off and running. We've had some great events this fall so far with more to come this winter and next spring:

Eagles game: 9/21

Sunset Bar: 10/24

Workday: 10/25

Eagles/Giants game: 10/26

BYC Holiday Party: 12/06 details to follow

Polar Bear Plunge: 1/1 following the plunge more details to follow

If any members are interested in hosting a weekend party next summer, please reach out to me at mrob462@gmail.com to discuss details and dates.

Enjoy the beautiful fall!

From the Rear Commodore ☆ Carrie Mulford

Thank you to everyone who came out for workday!!! I am preparing for the 2026 sailing season. The first order of business was forming a sailing committee. The following BYC members will be joining me and Bill on the sailing committee: Jason Augustine, John Keating, Dayna Sheehan, Michael Herrmann, Colleen Stahl, and David Miller. We will be considering all of the feedback that was submitted to the parent and guardian survey, as well as feedback I received via interviews with 2025 instructors. Thank you to everyone who has offered assistance and provided feedback.

BYC will be hosting MAYRA on Thursday, July 23, 2026. Please mark your calendars and let me know if you want to help out. The MAYRA awards dinner will be held on December 13th at the Corinthian Yacht Club in Philadelphia.

Any boats, kayaks, or SUPs still in the yard will be considered as needing winter storage and members will be charged accordingly.

Membership Committee *by Sarah Chaikin*

New BYC Members since the publication of the last Newsletter:

Gregory and Dina Dewald: Greg and Dina were sponsored by Lorie and Joe Toczydlowski. The couples met in Brigantine when Greg and Dina offered to share a table with Lori and Joe at the VFW. Their application stated, “We would love to be part of the Brigantine Yacht Club because of the warm and welcoming atmosphere we’ve experienced. In the past, we had thought of it as primarily a small sailing club for young adults, but after being invited by Joe and Lori, we were pleasantly surprised by the sense of community.”

Tom and Kathy Gee: Tom and Kathy were sponsored by Steve and Kim Jamison and Kelly and Cheryl Sims. They have shared long-standing friendships in their Burlington County communities. Tom and Kathy are new residents in Brigantine and are looking “for a place to meet new people and participate in the club’s activities and volunteer where needed.”

Jon and Kristina Seddon: It was a surprise to receive an application from Jon and Kristina Seddon, parents of Jenna Seddon who had just joined in August. Jon and Kristina are residents of Brigantine. Jon is the owner of Galloway Real Estate in Galloway and Kristina works for Galloway Public Schools. They are friends of Doug Corbett. They look forward to having grandchildren in the sailing program. Currently one in preschool and one is on the way, so it will be a few years before this becomes a reality. And the BYC will be ready for them!

David and Paula Saint: David and Paula were sponsored by Ken and Kristy Fall. They are both in the medical profession, Paula as a Nurse Practitioner and David as a Chiropractor. The Falls characterize them as “... fun- loving, love to throw parties, always willing to help out and bring positive energy everywhere they go.” They sound like BYC people!

William Sebastián Suppes: Sebastián is the son of our members Jeff and Patty Suppes. He is an avid sailor and has boat repair and refurbishment skills. Sebastián works in marketing. I’m sure the Membership Committee will be having a conversation with him in the near future. Those of us who met know he is a fun and engaging guy. He was sponsored by his father, Jeff Suppes and by Tony Baratta.

Ira and Christine Fonorow: You probably thought Ira and Chris were already BYC members since they have frequented the club in support of their Junior sailor grandson, Isaak. Always ready to volunteer and lend a hand, the Fonorows will be great assets to the BYC. They were sponsored by Sarah Chaikin and Rachel Fonorow.

Our Main Membership Goal for 2026: Growing our Sailing Program!

In the next few months, the Membership Committee will be finalizing marketing plans for 2026. Our 2026 goal is to increase the size of our sailing program to 50 or more children. We want YOUR input! Please scan the QR Code and provide your opinions.

- We want to add new young families with children to our rolls. If you know families who may be interested, please encourage them to reach out for information at BrigantineYC@gmail.com
- We encourage our members with grandchildren to sponsor them to participate in the sailing program.

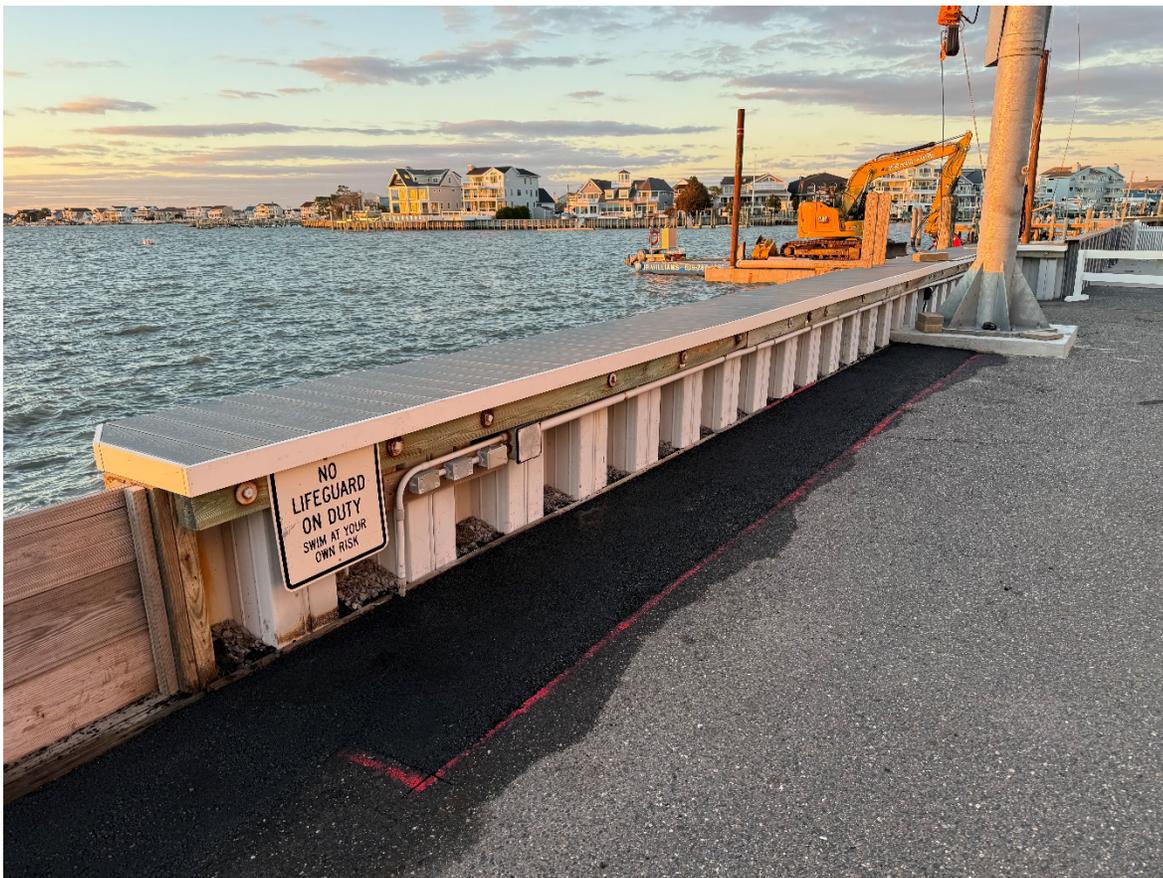




We're All in the Boat: House & Grounds Report by Steve Donohue

In September members removed about 100 feet of warped and rotting wood on top of the bulkhead from 10th Street South to the old hoist location. A new cap of Trex decking was then installed to cover the bulkhead. The project was completed at a cost of \$3500 by volunteers including Scott Oliveri, Frank Pugliese, Keith Moore, John Gibbons, Alan Kreisher, Mike Kelly, Adam Zucker, Howard Schlesinger and Steve Donohue. Looking ahead to the spring of 2026, the committee is recommending we cap another section that would get us to the floating dock and build a low 6 foot by 12 foot stage to cover the old hoist foundation.

To address subsidence and cracking of the pavement along the bulkhead from the new hoist to the old hoist location, Frank Pugliese and Steve Donohue prepped the area, brought in stone and arranged for a paving contractor to complete an asphalt patch for \$2700. See photo below showing the paving and bulkhead capping.



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. 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.

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