

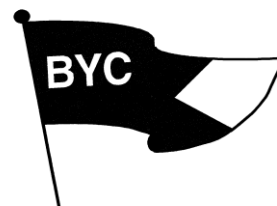


Brigantine Yacht Club

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From the Commodore ☆☆☆ Jim Burns

I hope that all have had a healthy and prosperous start to the new year. The 2012 Season will be here in the blink of an eye. Are you ready to jump in with both feet, play, volunteer and have fun? It all starts in the Spring!

The many committees that produce our summer season are already in full swing preparing for the summer of 2012. Two committees in particular would happily accept the assistance of some ambitious members. Maria Miller will be mobilizing a New Member Mentor Committee. The committee's mission will be to pair up active member families with new member families to help them get the most out of their membership experience. Maria will be able to offer more insight on this. If you are interested in helping, please contact her. Dr. Harry Chaikin and Carolyn Braithwaite will be taking steps to update the BYC website under the auspices of Gale Donohue's Communication Committee. If there is any member interested in donating their time to provide the programming, please contact Harry, Carolyn or Gale.

There are of course many committees to whom you can lend a hand. The House and Grounds, Membership, Sailing and Social committees will all be in need of assistance between now and September. So will our new Junior Advisors Carolyn Braithwaite and Kelly Cordasco. If you are interested in offering some help to any of these committees please do not hesitate to call me any time. My number is in your BYC directory. Remember that the more involved with the Brigantine Yacht Club you become, the more fun your family will have every summer.

I look forward to seeing as many members as possible at 8:00 AM on Saturday April 21 for our annual Spring Work Day. All hands are needed to re-commission the floating docks and clean up the yard and club house for the season. The House and Grounds Committee will certainly appreciate the presence of all those who can attend.

From the Vice Commodore ☆☆☆ Paul Murray

Spring is here. How exciting it is to write these three simple words in a row. Winter this year once again offered some really great memories for the many families that attended the ski trip to Camelback Mountain. The snow was thin, but the mountain was skiable. Many thanks again this year to our hosts Dick, Donna and Marianne Ford. Joe and Judy Courter along with Debbie and Howard Schlesinger entertained BYC members at the annual Holiday party at the Courter's home in December. I received many comments about what a nice event it was. With the holidays and ski season behind us, it is time to shake off the winter and focus on what's really important... settling in for another great summer at the BYC.

Please mark your calendar for Work Day April 21 at 8:00 AM, donuts, bagels, coffee and OJ will be served. I will **open the Bar at 5 PM April 21** after work day. So following a good days work getting the club

ready, why not catch up with friends at BYC for a “Sun Downer”. Food will be ordered as necessary.

The BYC Opening Party will be on Sunday night May 27. The party is free if you have paid your dues in full. More details to follow.

The 2012 BYC calendar is packed with activities for everyone. Your comprehensive calendar will be furnished in both hardcopy and on-line with your next newsletter. A few additional programs I am working on with our caterer is a weekly **Sunday Brunch** and a weekly **Wednesday Lunch**.

Still to be scheduled, is the BYC open house and the first date on which the Sunset Bar will open in June.

We really look forward to everyone’s help on work day. There is a lot going on with the docks and yard as you will read in this newsletter. The facility should look great this year with the help and hard work of so many volunteer members.

From the Rear Commodore ☆ Dave DeMarco

If I had a crystal ball and knew this winter was going to be this warm we would have had a Thanksgiving, New Years, Presidents day, and, and, and,...regatta! At least I know dreams do come true when everyone in the Fall said “think warm”.

Now the mantra is “think sunny skies, nice breezes and following seas”. And lots of ice for boat drinks...

Workday is scheduled for Saturday 21 April 2012, at 0800 rain or shine, unless it’s absolutely terrible then we re-schedule for Sunday 22 April. Alternative rain dates TBD.

A look ahead:

I am pleased to confirm that the majority of last year’s crew of sailing instructors will be returning with a few great additions anticipated to further enhance the quality of instruction from beginner to our travel race team and for all ages. I will publish this list in a follow up communication.

We will continue to focus on bridging the gap between “Learn to Sail” and “Travel Team” with weekly recognition to those who are ready to move into “Club Level Racing”. Events will be held Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday night, with weekly recognition of those participants learning to race. Sailors are encouraged to take advantage of the knowledge and experience of the Travel Team sailors who will be mentoring them in Club Racing.

We will continue to support other water sports in addition to sailing. Many of our members enjoy such activities as kayaking, fishing, swimming and surfing. This summer I will continue to organize, promote and recognize these activities while bringing more value to the membership of BYC.

Although BYC does provide club boats, I highly encourage parents to look into the option of buying an opti or laser (radial, 4.7 or full rig options) for their sailors. Having your own boat provides a much greater opportunity to learn, and expand into club racing.

The O’Connor’s have an Opti for sale. It's in decent shape and ready to go. Good for a beginner. Asking \$900. Please contact Ed or Alicia (Ed O'Connor occonnor.edwardj@gmail.com) or (Alicia O'Connor aoc619@comcast.net) if interested.

Susan Crudeli has a beautiful, clean 2004 McLaughlin Opti for sale. Boat, dolly, racing sail, \$1200. Please call Susan Crudeli 609-265-1798 for more info.

Both Dan Hoffman and Diane Davidson are CPR and First Aid instructors and have offered their time and service to certify any instructor first and then open to members but no more than 12-15. The target date is 5 or 6 May at BYC. I need a final head count of instructors who are available for this date and then a head count of members interested. Please contact me ASAP at drtdemarco@comcast.net

Sailing Committee:

I am pleased to confirm the following volunteers as members of the 2012 Sailing Committee:

- Debbie Carchidi
- Paul Murray
- Maria Miller
- Harry Chaikin

Calendar of Proposed Sailing / Racing Events for 2012:

Sunday May 27h

Memorial Day Regatta. Open for Opti/ Laser/ Sunfish /420 / Day Sailors and any class of two or more boats are welcome

Saturday June 16th

Annual Moth Regatta

Sunday June 17th

Fathers Day Regatta. Opti/ Laser/ Sunfish /420 / Day Sailors and any class of two or more boats are welcome

Saturday June 23rd

Sailing Instructor Meeting: 10-12

Parent Meeting for those whose children are in the sailing program: 12-2

Monday June 25th

Summer Junior Sailing program will begin.

The sailing program will take the same look and feel as that of the 2011 Junior Sailing program. Goals will be identifiable and allow instruction to follow a program path. We will offer three programs: Learn to Sail, Intro to Racing/Club Racing, and Travel Team.

Friday June 29th

Sunset grill Friday Night Series begins

Saturday June 30th

Moorhouse MacCausland Sailing will be at BYC starting at 9 AM with their trailer full of Opti, Laser and 420 gear among other sailing gear. This is the day to make sure you have everything you need for the season.

Thursday July 5th

BYC to host MAYRA invitational Midweek Regatta.

Tuesday July 10th

South Jersey Opti Championship

LBIYRA

Wednesday July 11th

Race'n to the Basin

Date to be determined

Kayaking from the Cove

Date to be determined

Surf Contest

Of course!!!!!!! Dates to be determined.

Saturday September 1st

Labor Day Regatta. Open for Opti/ Laser/ Sunfish /420 / Day Sailors and any class of two or more boats are welcome

Fall Laser Regatta

Proposed for late September early October 2012

Additional events to be scheduled for the 2012 season include the following:

- Ocean water safety seminar
- Wednesday Women sailing series
- Private and semi private sailing lessons for all ages \$20/hr

Also listed below are the LBIYRA schedule and other Regattas Dates:

LBIYRA interclub:

7/3 (Tue)	-Beach Haven
7/11	- Brigantine
7/18	- Surf City
7/25	- Little Egg
8/1	- Spray Beach (Race Week)
8/8	- Barnegat Light
8/15	- Brant Beach (Final awards)

Other Dates:

4/26-29	- Optimist Team Trials @ Brant Beach YC
6/2	- Laser Orange Coffee Pot @ Surf City YC
6/9	- Brant Beach YC Spring Regatta
6/9-10	- Laser District 10 Champs @ Island Heights YC
6/23-24	- Lightning CAD Championship @ Brant Beach YC

- 6/29 (Fri) - Junior Commodore's Regatta @ Surf City YC
- 8/2-3 - LBI Optimist Champs @ Brant Beach YC
- 8/4 - LBIYRA Senior Race Week @ Spray Beach YC
- 8/9-10 - C420 NJ State Champs @ Sandy Hook Bay CC
- 8/11-12 - Down Bay Regatta @ LEHYC
- 8/11-12 - Mariner National Championship @ SCYC
- 8/14 - Optimist NJ State Champs @ Brant Beach YC
- 8/25 (Sat) - SCYC Annual Regatta – Junior Division
- 9/8-9 - SCYC Annual Regatta
- 9/14-16 - Laser Masters US Nationals @ Brant Beach YC
- 9/22 - Lightning Manahawkin Bay Cup @ Surf City YC
- 10/6-7 - Optimist Atlantic Coast Champs @ LEHYC
- 10/6-7 - C420 & Laser Radial Mid-Atlantic Champs @ BBYC

Dates TBD:

Lightning NJ State Junior Champs @ SCYC

Optimist "No Fear" Regatta @ SCYC – 8/7??

Summer will be here before we know it! See you soon!!!!!!

BYC Junior Report

Summer 2012 will be here before we know it. The BYC hasn't seen a junior membership this size in many years and our goal is to make sure all these kids – toddlers to teens - have plenty of opportunity to get to know each other and build lifelong friendships through junior activities. We want to keep alive the great BYC junior traditions – the canoe trip, the Wildwood water park, the semi-formal dance, Thursday junior nights, etc – but we're also looking for great new ideas to add to the mix. We've determined **we need at least 8 parent volunteers** with creative ideas or energy and enthusiasm that could help run the various events. The time commitment is minimal – some planning, coordination and clean up time is all that is needed. Several of the activities already have established "to-do" lists which makes it easy. If you've been a member for years or just jumped on board to the BYC, we know with your contributions this could end up being the best summer yet for the kids!

Please email Carolyn Braithwaite or Kelly Cordasco by April 1 to let us know you can help out!

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We're All in the Boat

I am pleased to report the 2011 financial results for Brigantine Yacht Club. The year ended with an operating deficit of \$2,969 and a cash balance of \$49,159, compared to a cash balance of \$89,870 at the end 2010. Capital spending included the purchase of boat trailers &

dollies, a grill, stones for the yard and new floating docks. After 3 plus years, the riparian license dilemma has been resolved resulting in a 10 year license expiring June 10, 2021 with a fee of \$3,207 for the first year. Subsequent years are subject to a 2.5% inflation adjustment.

On February 4, your Trustees met to develop the budgets and the dues/fees structure for the current year.

After much discussion, the operating budget was approved reflecting a deficit of \$2,280. Capital spending includes 2 items, \$2,500 to repair the wavewall on the boat slip dock and \$1,200 for mats to facilitate moving larger boats in the yard. This limited capital spending reflects a projected increase in the capital fund of \$27,895. Following is the list of dues and fees.

	2011	2012
Adult Dues, 65 & over w/30 Yrs	\$80.00	\$85.00
Adult Dues, Ages 18 Thru 24	\$40.00	\$42.50
Adult Dues, Ages 25 Thru 29	\$80.00	\$85.00
Adult Dues, Ages 30 Thru 34	\$125.00	\$132.50
Adult Dues, Ages 35 & Over	\$160.00	\$170.00
Adult Dues, Ages 75 and over	\$80.00	\$85.00
Children Membership Dues per family	\$110.00	\$120.00
Junior Dues, Ages 12 -18.	\$110.00	N/A
Capital Fund Fee - Adult - 35 & older	\$125.00	\$140.00
Capital Fund Fee - Adult 18 - 24	\$28.75	\$35.00
Capital Fund Fee - Adult 25 - 29	\$65.00	\$70.00
Capital Fund Fee - Adult 30 thru 34	\$88.75	\$105.00
Boat Storage - Daysailer	\$225.00	\$225.00
Boat Storage - 420	\$190.00	\$190.00
Boat Storage - Flying Scot	\$245.00	\$245.00
Boat Storage - GP - 14	\$195.00	\$195.00
Boat Storage - In Water Slip	\$825.00	\$825.00
Boat Storage - In Water, North Bulkhead	\$620.00	\$620.00
Boat Storage - Kayak	\$45.00	\$45.00
Boat Storage - Laser	\$175.00	\$175.00
Boat Storage - Moth	\$195.00	\$195.00
Boat Storage - Optimist	\$75.00	\$75.00
Boat Storage - Sunfish	\$175.00	\$175.00
Junior Sailing Program Fee	\$250.00	\$325.00

In addition, fees for the use of club boats in the Junior Sailing Program will remain the same: 1st Year, no charge, 2nd year, \$50, 3rd year, \$100 and the 4th year \$200.

Invoices will be prepared on April 1 with payment due May 15. An additional grace period of 15 days will be allowed as in prior years. **If dues are not received by the end of the grace period, your family will not be included in the Yacht Club directory for this season.** If you want a copy of last year's invoice for comparison purposes or you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at norbsails@aol.com Your prompt payment is requested as it helps in planning the season and the preparation of the BYC Directory.

One final note.....If you presently receive the BYC Newsletter electronically, your invoice will also be e-mailed to you. **Should you prefer to have it sent via US Mail, please let me know.**

News and Notes

New Jersey Motor Boat License Class at the BYC

If you are operating a personal watercraft (Jet Ski, Wave Runner, etc.), or a power vessel on the waters of the State of New Jersey you are required to possess a New Jersey boat safety certificate. There are two minimum ages, 13 years old for vessels powered by electric trolling motors, or vessels 12' or longer with less than 10 total HP. Operators of all other power vessels, including personal watercraft, must be at least sixteen years old, this includes out-of-state residents.

The Power Squadron will be conducting a NJ Boat License class at the BYC on Tuesday nights in July. There will be one class, eight hours long. It will be conducted on four consecutive Tuesday nights, two hours per night. It is open to the public and to BYC members. Fee to be determined. The Tuesday Nights in July will be: 7/10, 7/17, 7/ 24, and 7/31.

Please Contact Jim Burns at 443-668-6455 to secure your spot in this class.

The **Brigantine Lions Club** has a fund raiser called 2 for 1 Pizza Cards. They cost \$10 and enable you to buy 2 pizzas from Goochie's Pizza and pay only the price of one. They are not good between June 15 and September 15 but that still leaves a few weeks that our members might be in town. If you have kids, this a good deal as it will pay for itself the first time you use it and it can be used 15 times. You can buy them from any Lion (George Guerin) or pick them up at the Bloomingsales flower store between the Acme and Goochie's.

Moss Jackson has a new novel coming out soon. It is his first one and it is called IF MY MOTHER IS DEAD, WHY AM I STILL LISTENING TO HER?

It is funny, touching, somewhat bizarre. yet typical of the human experience. You might even see yourself in it at some point. It could be a movie that the Cohen Brothers (Fargo) or Woody Allen might eventually make. Who knows, might as well dream big!

We are finishing up the last draft this and will soon be ready to get it published. If you are interested in being one of the first owners of this somewhat ridiculously hybrid autobiographical novel, this is your chance. Why purchase it even before it hits the presses? It will tickle your funny bone. It may make you never want to go to see a therapist again. It will remind you of some very important experiences you have had with your own mother. It will warn you to change some of the current or future experiences you may have with your own children. It will make you feel pretty good about your relationships given what I have to say about the ones in the book. It may provide some gossip. If it becomes a movie, you can say you were there in the beginning. In any case, how often do you get a chance to read a brand new and cutting edge book and, maybe, have your book review published if you dare to put pen to paper. How much you may ask? I don't know at this time but my guess is around \$25 to \$30. The best part is you don't have to pay anything, just let me know if you want a copy when it is published. I will warn or alert you when we are ready to launch. A special inducement: I'LL buy you a drink at the Sunset Bar.

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