



Brigantine Yacht Club Newsletter

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From the Commodore ☆☆☆ Dave DeMarco

It's SUMMER! The Club is looking great and the BYC season is in full swing! I have had the pleasure of seeing our instructors and dockhands skillfully managing the sailing program all days of the week and weekend and I am very proud of our crew. They are doing a remarkable job and I encourage everyone to make the effort to personally thank them.

Our July has been full of fun and I can't think of a better way to kick off the July 4th holiday weekend but with a Murray / Cordasco Seafood Boil. This is becoming one of the featured events of the season and each year gets better and better. Thank you Paul, Gabi, Steve and Kelly and all those who helped them deliver a great event.

The July 4th kids events were also fun to watch. The pie-eating contest is always a crowd pleaser. Thank you Janet Long and Elyse Wackerman for your continued efforts in creating fun events and entertainment for our juniors.

The July 4th regatta was also a huge success. Great to see and be part of the wonderful sportsmanship that makes the BYC successful.

Nothing beats a grilled chicken sandwich, hot dog or cheeseburger on our Friday night and the BYC Sunset bar and grill has been very fun and successful. I look forward to seeing everyone gathering and enjoying the beautiful sunsets!

The Art Auction returned on Saturday 12 July with Norb and Pat Chehak delivering another successful event.

Continued thanks to our interior decorating committee led by Christine Murray for your time and effort in beautifying the BYC.

We are venturing down the path of a high school summer intern program and I want to call out Emily Acton as being the first. Emily is the oldest daughter of Paul and Melissa Acton who joined BYC in 2013. Many of you know Emily from the Friday night grill as your waitress but Emily is also an avid photographer with plans for a future in communications / journalism. Emily has and will be doing the weekly BYC contribution to the Brigantine Times and Beachcomber. If you have a newsworthy events and you want it included in the weekly newspaper please contact Emily Acton. Contact information in the membership list. Thank you Emily you are off to a great start.

Our next general membership meeting is scheduled for Saturday 26 July at 7 pm to coincide with our new member welcome cocktail reception. I look forward to seeing you everyone and welcoming our new

members!

As a reminder below is the list of your 2014 Board Members and Committee Chairs.

Flag Officers:

- Commodore, Dave DeMarco
- Vice Commodore, Dan Hoffman
- Rear Commodore, Mike Herrmann

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- Immediate Past Commodore, Paul Murray
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- Recording Secretary, Catherine Herrmann
- Corresponding Secretary, Gale Donohue

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- Carolyn Braithwaite
- Cheryl Ford
- Maria Miller
- Howard Schlesinger
- Harry Chaikin
- Kelly Cordasco
- Jack Fisher
- Joe Tedeschi
- Dennis Faherty
- Tom Nelson
- Peter Stahl
- Ellena Vaganos

The 2014 Committee and Committee Chairs are as follows. Each Chair can use all the support you can offer so please get involved.

- Finance – Howard Schlesinger
- Membership – Ellena Vaganos
- Sailing – Mike Herrmann
- Social – Dan Hoffman
- Dock and Bulkhead – John Bilotta
- Nominating – Hugh Braithwaite
- Ships Store – Kelly Cordasco & Carolyn Braithwaite
- Communication – Gale Donohue
- Junior / Youth Advisors, Elyse Wackerman & Janet Long
- House & Grounds – Dennis Faherty

Please refer to the BYC website regularly at www.BYCsail.com for daily and weekly events, information, updates, and news.

I look forward to seeing you at the BYC.

From the Vice Commodore☆☆ Dan Hoffmann

Now that summer is finally here, it's going by fast. I hope everyone is enjoying the club as much as I am. This summer we are off to a great start thanks to the hard work of a great deal of individuals. I would personally like to thank Jack Fisher for the countless hours he has volunteered at the club in the last few weeks "doing what he loves", building shelves, installing locks, framing chalk boards, as well as coordinating various projects such as the aerial photo mugs and pictures and Chris Murray for tirelessly seeing to all those final touches in the club that make it so nice.

So far this summer's Friday night attendance has been great and our Saturday night events have been a great success. Thanks to all who worked so hard over the last few weeks to host events. The Braithwaite's and Wackerman's stepped up to host the first party where the club was transformed into the Riviera with dancing all night long. Then came the Cordasco / Murray slow country boil that fed 160 guests over 25 gallons of boiled crab, clam, chicken, sausage, potato, and corn. The next two Saturdays will feature on-site cocktails and the opportunity of off-site dining.

This coming weekend **July 18th**, is the start of Atlantic City Race Week. **Saturday July 19th**, to kick off our support for the Leukemia Cup and Race Week we are encouraging BYC Members to attend the fundraising celebration dinner on The Deck at the Golden Nugget as a sail-away from our club. We will open the club for cocktails at 5pm and encourage members to meet-up to car pool, cab, or boat over to AC together. We will leave the bar open till 10pm. The tickets are \$35 each for the dinner. The information can be found here: <https://checkout.leukemicup.org/pages/nj/getItemInfo.action>

The following weekend, **Friday the 25th**, we will be hosting the Leukemia Cup JR Regatta. This promises to be a lot of fun for everyone. The grill will open at 11-3 for burgers and dogs with the bar to follow with a catered event in the evening along with a late night happy hour for adults from 8-10 PM featuring Paul Lauriello on guitar. – See Mike's Rear Commodore report for more details. Then on **Saturday the 26th**, in celebration of the new club and our influx of new members, we will be holding our general membership meeting and a new member's reception starting at 7. The club will provide finger foods and music; you'll provide the fun and friendship. Please come out and welcome all of our new members.

Don't forget the Commodore's Ball coming up on **August 9th**. All members should have received a formal invitation by mail (thank you Denise). I have received a few RSVPs, and expect a hundred more to come out and congratulate our Commodore for a job well done. You can hand deliver them to me or my wife (with a check) or feel free to drop them in the post. My Brig address is: 444 West Shore Drive – Brigantine NJ, 08203

Please don't forget to consult the calendar for all upcoming events at our club plus all dates are posted on the website at www.bycsail.com.
https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=39f5qa9m64ev7in9vn5vhqri0o%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/New_York%22%20style=%22border:%200%22%20width=%22800%22%20height=%22600%22%20frameborder=%220%22%20scrolling=%22no%22%20e%3c/iframe%3e

From the Rear Commodore ☆ Mike Herrmann

I can't believe it, but we have just finished our third week of the sailing program! We have close to 50 sailors heading out on the water up to 4 days a week, and their skills are improving every time out. My #1 goal for this summer was to increase the amount of time our students spent on the water, and our instructors are doing a fantastic job accomplishing this feat.

The 4th of July regatta was held on Sunday July 6th due to the weather. Congratulations to all of the sailors that took part in the events. Some of the competitors were competing in their first regatta, and some were much more experienced. A good time was had by all, and we hope to see more boats out there on the water on Labor Day.

BYC hosted a community sailing camp on Monday July 7th. Sue Ferguson, Maria Miller, Maureen Gibbons and Jane Gibbons taught 35 Brigantiners the very basics of sailing. Our staff, as well as Vincent and JoJo Cordasco and Patrick Murray, took the kids out for a sail around the bay. The high winds certainly made for entertaining rides! Thank you to Sue for spearheading this event again - it truly is our best outreach to the public.

On Wednesday July 9th, BYC hosted our LBI Invitational Regatta. Over 80 sailors competed in Optimists, Lasers and 420's. The weather cut our day shorter than planned, but we managed to book 3 races and got the sailors off the water before the rains started. A big thank you goes out to Tom and Lynne Donohue, John and Dale Keating, Chris Murray, Diane Faherty, Jack Fisher, Mark Herrmann and Doug Corbett for making the day a success.

BYC sailors continue to hold their own on the racing circuits. The Cordascos, Fahertys, Murrays and O'Connors have been representing BYC at both the MAYRA and LBIYRA events, and have been adding to their trophy collections. Congrats to them all and KEEP IT GOING!

A quick note of thanks to Brian Murray for organizing the Friday evening Laser races. It is a delight to sit at the Sunset Bar and watch you guys and gals in action.

The BYC will be regatta central for a couple of days coming up soon. On July 24th we will host our MAYRA Junior Invitational. July 25th brings our biggest event of the summer - the Junior Leukemia Cup, and the 26th is our MAYRA weekend regatta. This will be a busy couple of days, but we should witness some outstanding sailing as well as raise some money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The first William J. 'Bud' Eitnier trophy will be awarded to the junior sailor who raises the most money. Danny Eitnier will be our special guest for the event.

Finance Committee Report

Submitted by: Howard Schlesinger

I am pleased to inform our members that with our ongoing success of adding new members, that our financial situation is showing a significant improvement. For the 2014 season we should have the ability to take in more than we will spend. All incremental revenue will be moved to rebuild our capital reserve fund for future needs planned and unplanned.

I would like to thank all of our members that have made loans and or donations for affording us the opportunity to build our new club facility. Having our beautiful new building will allow all existing members to leverage the assets we offer and increase our awareness on the island.

Please continue your support of our upcoming parties and events. While this is all great news, we can't stop. If you know of any other potential new members, please push them along to join!!!!

BYC Junior Report

A note from Janet Long and Elyse Wackerman, JR Advisors

The BYC Juniors have been having lots of fun this summer -- catching up with old friends and making new ones! We kicked off the season with an Ice Cream Social at Richmonds. They had a fun Friday lunch organized by Lara Carharley and Carolyn Harris. The 4th (5th!) of July festivities at BYC for the Juniors were a hit -- the children enjoyed a scavenger hunt, various relay races, a pie eating contest and more! It was very sweet to see some of the older kids take the little ones under their wings for the races, etc!

Last week Lyn Dee Mattia and Colleen Stahl threw a pizza and movie party for our JR Juniors. Last Friday a great crowd turned out at the Ocean City Water Park for a few hours of splishing and splashing and of course some Manco and Manco's pizza!

Coming up in the next few weeks our Juniors have a busy social calendar!!

T SHIRT CONTEST - please have your kids send in their ideas for the end of season t shirt design to Janet & Elyse (elysewackerman@gmail.com & jplanet92@yahoo.com) by Fri. July 18. For those not familiar with this contest, it is a tradition at BYC for the Juniors to come up with slogans and or design ideas for the Juniors end of the year T Shirts. We have a contest and the winner will see his or her idea on the T shirts at the end of the summer! Please talk it up with you children so we can get some fun ideas going!! Some past winners include:

Peace, Love, Sail

ISail@BYC

Insta Sailor – Just Add Water

Sail Fast, Live Slow

Good luck to all you clever sailors out there!

BINGO NIGHT WITH PIZZA: TUESDAY JULY 15 - 6 PM

Back by popular demand!! Last year BINGO NIGHT was one of the biggest turnouts for our Juniors! Moms and Dads welcome to stay and play -- and especially help with little ones.

We hope you will join us on Tuesday night! Please email Carolyn Braithwaite by noon on Tuesday if you would like Pizza -- we need to get a head count! (carolyn@gobraithwaite.com)

Pizza and drinks \$5. Bingo cards are \$3 each. (We will be playing 10 games of bingo and cards are 10 games each -- you can purchase more than one card if you would like to play multiple games !) We will have some fun prizes and also some CASH prizes!! Thank you Carolyn Braithwaite and Chris Murray for running this fun event!!

FUN FRIDAY OFFSITE JULY 18 - CANOE TRIP

We will plan to meet at Mick's Pine Barren Canoe Rental at 10:00. It looks like it takes about an hour to get there. We usually get home around 3:00. Pack a lunch and drinks and wear appropriate footwear and a bathing suit or something that can get wet. We will stop for lunch and the kids usually swim a couple of times during the canoe trip. Cost - \$15-20 per person, but it depends on how many canoes we have and how many people will be in each canoe. If you can respond by Monday, July 14th that should be enough notice. I've included the link to Mick's website, directions, and the liability release form. Please make sure to complete the form in advance if you are sending your child(ren) with someone else.

<http://www.mickscanoerental.com/>

<http://www.mickscanoerental.com/printmap.html>

<http://www.mickscanoerental.com/media/release.pdf>

The address is 3107 Route 563 in Jenkins
Chatsworth, NJ 08019
[609.726.1380](tel:609.726.1380)

RSVP's needed to Carrie Mulford at carriemulford@verizon.net by Monday, July 14. Thank you Carrie for coordinating this trip!

FUN FRIDAY July 25: LEUKEMIA CUP REGATTA, FAMILY FUN DAY AND BBQ.

Join in on a day of sailing, inspiration and fun. Our sailors are invited to race in the South Jersey Opti Championship from 10:00 -3:30. (Open to Opti Red, Opti Blue, Opti White, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, Sunfish and 420s.) Sailors please register in advance at www.leukemicup.org/brigantinenj.

The regatta is followed by an afternoon and evening of fun and fundraising. Free jet ski rides and the DJ begins at 3:30 at the club! Followed by a magic show, fundraising/sailing awards, a family BBQ and a breathtaking "Light up the Bay" ceremony, where boats will be lit in a spectacular celebration honoring those fighting cancers. Glow stick fun and glow in the dark arts and crafts for the Juniors during the BBQ dinner! Don't miss it! Please RSVP for the BBQ dinner (\$25 adults/\$15 kids 10 and under) to Marianne Ford. ([215-421-6826](tel:215-421-6826) / mimiford8@yahoo.com.) Please note, this dinner replaces our normal Sunset Bar & Grill.

>>Cara Herrmann coordinating -- thank you Cara! ([610-716-1096](tel:610-716-1096) / mikeh509@msn.com)

PIZZA AND A MOVIE - OLDER KIDS: TUESDAY JULY 29 - 7-9 PM

Tuesday July 29th from 7-9 we would hold a Pizza/Movie Night for the older crowd -- a PG or PG 13 movie. We will charge a small admission for the movie and pizza. Thanks Mary Anne Ford for running this event!

FUN FRIDAY OFFSITE - August 1st: SET SAIL ABOARD THE A.J. MEERWALD, NEW JERSEY'S OFFICIAL TALL SHIP -- FUN FRIDAY OFFSITE - August 1st: SET SAIL ABOARD THE A.J. MEERWALD, NEW JERSEY'S OFFICIAL TALL SHIP -- a restored oyster dredging schooner first launched in 1928. Our sailors will join the Captain and crew in this unique, hands on experience. They will actually hoist the sails and set out on a 3 hour sail in the open ocean. We will launch from Gardner's Basin, a short car drive from BYC. The kids will learn a different kind of sailing technique today! 9:30 am - 2:30 pm. There is a \$25 fee to participate. We will need some parent volunteers to shuttle kids to and from Gardner's Basin. Time is running out to reserve your spot aboard the ship! Please return payment and permission slip forms to Cara Herrmann asap. (mikeh509@msn.com / [610-716-1096](tel:610-716-1096))

>> Cara Herrmann coordinating -- thank so much for organizing Cara!

SEMI FORMAL DANCE: TUESDAY AUGUST 5 - 6:30-8/930

Tuesday August 5th we would like to hold the Semi Formal Dance for all sailors -- from 6:30-8 all ages are welcome and 8-9:30 older kids (10+ years) only. We are looking for a few parents to run this larger event and it would involve coordinating snacks/beverages/desserts, setting up a "photo booth" with props if you'd like (the kids love this), securing music (usually one of the older instructors can DJ), and supervising all of the kids that night.

>> We are looking for a few parents to help with this event! Please email elysewackerman@gmail.com if you can help!

FUN FRIDAY AUGUST 8th: SPEND THE DAY WITH THE MARINE MAMMAL STRANDING CENTER.

Our Juniors will be participating in a hands-on, interactive presentation at the club, followed by a special MMSC-guided beach clean up at the Cove. They will learn what they can do as responsible sailors to protect the wildlife and essential plant life of the Bonita Tideway. Time to give back to our beautiful island, folks! There is a \$5.00 fee to participate which will be donated to the MMSC. Please fill out the field trip permission form in advance and return to Cara Herrmann ([610-716-1096](tel:610-716-1096) / mikeh509@msn.com). This is a great opportunity for younger siblings, as well!

>> Cara Herrmann coordinating -- thanks again Cara!

FUN FRIDAY AT BYC AUGUST 15th: PIRATE DAY!!!! Aye matey! After sailing far and wide, there's no greater treasure on land or sea than BYC's annual pirate party. Bring your eye patch! Bring your sword! (Don't forget your parrot. Aaargh!!!) Enjoy the pirate themed lunch and then get in your boat for the on-water scavenger hunt to find the booty.

PIZZA BINGO NIGHT #2: WEDNESDAY AUGUST 20 - 6 PM

>>Elyse Wackerman coordinating

If you have any ideas for any other activities please feel free to contact Elyse or Janet. We'd love to have a Talent Show in August and a Rain Gutter Regatta if there is interest. Please email one of us if your children are interested in the above mentioned or if you have a new event you would like to host!

Thanks to all the wonderful parents how have been helping out with our activities this summer! It is greatly appreciated.



We're All in the Boat

By: Gale Donohue

If you are trying to find updated information on the BYC, check our website at www.bycsail.com. It is updated weekly.

The 2014 BYC directory has been uploaded on the website. Please take a few minutes and do the following:

1. Log On to the website members only page.
 - A. Go to www.bycsail.com
 - B. Go to the drop box that says "Members Only" and click on "directory page"
 - C. At username: Put in your last name in **lower case letters only**, it is case sensitive
 - D. At password: Put in your last name and 08203 (no spaces) in **lower case letters only**, it is case sensitive
 - E. Please check all your personal information and please email me if changes are needed at gcdonohue13@gmail.com.
 - F. I am making a **final update on membership** this week which will be posted on the website and I will also send all members a PDF copy. **You can print your own directory from either place.**
2. Please email me **if**:
 - A. You need changes to the directory
 - B. You can't log onto the member's only page
 - C. You want me to send you a printed copy of the directory

Thanks! Gale

News and Notes

FOR SALE: 2008 Winner Optimist Racer. USODA ready. White hull with three matching red airbags. N1 full racing blades including, rudder, daggerboard, fittings and tiller extension with travel bag. Black Gold Spar Set with 2 booms (one heavy and one light). Classic red J Race sail with window and bag - crisp, like new condition. Olympic Race sail with window and bag. Bottom cover, lines (all brand new matching red color), mast collar, wind indicator and 2 bailers. In almost new condition. \$3000.

Desiree LiCausi 908-392-0584

Below is a BYC Wish List for items still needed at the club.

BYC WISH LIST

Several people have said they would love to contribute to specific items that would finish off the punch list and complete the clubhouse. In response, we've published this list to allow people to pick and apply donations toward items they feel are necessary and meaningful for the club. Please contact Carolyn Braithwaite at carolyn@gobraithwaite.com for more information.

BAR:

- Storage cabinet and countertop under window for liquor/mixers
- Glasses
- Stainless table to go over dishwasher behind bar for counter space – Approx \$300

OVERALL:

- Tables for upper deck – Approx. \$600.00 for 3-48" and \$350 for 3-38" White Grosfillex Tables
- Chairs for upper deck tables – Approximately \$650 for 24 white chairs to match tables
- White Polywood Adirondack Chairs for Lower Back Deck - \$275 each. **Sponsorships recognized with your name on a plaque!*
- Valences for windows
- Landscaping – Will need donations for plants and installation

KITCHEN:

- Flatware
- Serving Spoons
- Large White Melamine Serving Platters (4 - Same Size) – Approx \$15 each
- Large White Melamine Serving Bowls (4 - Same Size) – Approx \$15 each



Sign up for a punch list donation. Email Carolyn Braithwaite at carolyn@gobraithwaite.com



The Vice Commodore of the Brigantine Yacht Club Invites
you to attend

The Commodore's Ball

In honor of

Commodore Dave DeMarco

On

Saturday August 9, 2014

5:45 -- 7:00 Cocktails at the Brigantine Yacht Club

7:30 Arrival at the Golden Nugget Hotel, New Room

8:00 Dinner & Dancing at Golden Nugget Hotel, Newport Room
Huron and Brigantine Boulevard, NJ 08401

Kindly reply with entrée' selection and
payment by the 2nd of August to
Dan Hoffman at 215-327-3190 or
4denhoffmen@gmail.com
Black Tie Optional
Flip Flops encouraged

Cost: \$75.00 per person payable to BYC
Entrée Choice of Chicken
Marsala or Prime Rib au jus
Live entertainment provided by
"Philly Best" band the Inferno

Please RSVP as soon as possible for the Commodore Ball!!

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