



Brigantine Yacht Club Newsletter

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From the Commodore ☆☆☆ Dave DeMarco

What a great Memorial Day Weekend! I believe WOW was the most common word of the weekend used by those who saw the new BYC clubhouse for the first time. Thanks to so many of you for your hard work in emptying the trailer, putting the club back together and most of all showing your BYC spirit and support. It's the strength of our membership that will live in the club forever!

The Grand Opening Committee has a great agenda planned for our official re-opening scheduled for 21 June commencing at 4pm sharp. Please arrive by 3:30 to ensure an on time event.

Membership is vital for the growth and continuation of the BYC. We have a few new members already for the 2014 season including:

- Kevin Van Hise, Carol Leiz's son
- Robert & Priscilla Nalls, friend's of John Bilotta
- Vincent LePera, brother of Tom LePera
- Tom & Amy McCarthy and their 3 children, friend's of Dave & Denise DeMarco
- John A. Rogge, Past Commodore and a very early member plus a Past Mayor of Brigantine
- Megan E Miller, granddaughter of Jack & Martha Fisher
- Scott & Stacey Oliveri, welcome back
- Paul & Christine Lauriello, welcome back
- And we know of a few more families with a strong interest in joining

We are planning our first Open House of the season on **Saturday, June 21 and Sunday, June 22 from 10 AM to 1PM**. Please plan to attend and welcome potential new members. We purchased 25 yard signs and ask if interested in displaying a sign on your front yard to contact Ellena Vaganos or Dave DeMarco. The preference is to place the yard signs in front of homes and throughout the island in key locations of high public traffic.

My fellow Flag Officers, Trustees and Committee Chairs have a great summer planned and we hope that all of you have the opportunity to experience the new BYC on and off the water! For those who missed Sunday's cover dish event please enjoy the picture below of the beautiful sunset taken from the second floor deck.



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

Flag Officers:

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

Officers:

- Past Commodore, Paul Murray
- Treasurer, Norb Chehak
- Recording Secretary, Catherine Herrmann
- Corresponding Secretary, Gale Donohue

Trustees:

- Carolyn Braithwaite
- Cheryl Ford
- Maria Miller
- Howard Schlesinger
- Harry Chaikin
- Kelly Cordasco
- Jack Fisher
- Joe Tedeschi
- Dennis Faherty
- Tom Nelson
- Peter Stahl
- Ellena Vaganos
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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
- Ladies Auxiliary – Kelly Cordasco & Carolyn Braithwaite
- Publicity – Carolyn Braithwaite
- Communication – Gale Donohue
- Junior / Youth Advisors, Elyse Wackerman & Janet Long
- New Building Committee – Paul Murray
- House & Grounds – Open. This committee will replace the New Building Committee at a point soon to be determined.

On behalf of the Flag Officers and Trustees we are asking again of all members that have not contributed the first time asked to think again about donating or loaning the BYC the needed funds. If you have already pledged a donation or loan, we would be most pleased to accept additional support. The terms of the loan remain the same: 10 year, non-interest bearing and non-collateralized except that loan repayment will commence in June 2015. If you have not yet contributed, I hope you will consider making your first

contribution by loaning or donating as much as you feel you can.

To those that have already made a contribution or loan we thank you and ask if you could support us even more. If you would like to convert a portion or all of your prior support into a donation, we would be happy to make this adjustment.

It is our goal for the BYC membership to support 100% of the financial needs required to build the new BYC clubhouse and to provide specific capital funds to offset the loan repayments each year.

Please let us know how you can help with your financial support by contacting Norb Chehak, Treasurer, norbsails@aol.com or by phone at 856.424.0091.

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

Hello BYC Families & Happy Summer. It was great to see such an enthusiastic showing last week for our work day and our “soft opening” covered dish night. It was great to see the new club filled with smiling families in awe of our new home.

As we enter another exciting summer at BYC, I want to share with you again the link to the 2014 BYC Calendar. The calendar combines the sailing, social, and local events and keeps them all in one shared format. Please take a few minutes to review.

https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=39f5qa9m64ev7in9vn5vhqri0o%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/New_York

This year we are planning two open house days on Saturday and Sunday June 21 & 22, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Please tell all your non BYC Brig friends and neighbors, there will be community sailing and refreshments for all. We really want to show off our new club and sailing program with the hopes of attracting a few more families to the club. Please come out to socialize, sail, and share our summer home.

We are continuing with the Friday Night Sunset Bar and Grille as we have in the recent past, with a hearty grill menu consisting of burgers, dogs, chicken, grilled pizzas, salads, and we will experiment with a few new additions such as steamers and grilled crabs. The goal is to make it great and keep it affordable so you and your entire family can plan to come out every Friday to socialize with friends and support the club.

Members will also host Saturday night parties throughout the summer (a few dates are still open - please contact me if you can host). Remember the events do not have to be a sit down dinner – you could host a quizzo night or perhaps country line dancing, your imagination and time investment are the only limitations. The goal for Saturday nights is twofold- Adult Member fun & club support.

Additionally, we will have the Bar open during all of our invitational regattas. Come and visit the BYC and enjoy the experience of the invitational regattas viewed from the best regatta viewing deck on the Jersey Shore.

See you all soon!

From the Rear Commodore ☆ Mike Herrmann

Thank you so much to all of the volunteers who made quick work of emptying the trailer and finding everything a home during Work Day. I'm happy to report that the trailer has been removed so we will be able to enjoy the beautiful Brigantine sunsets from all of the barstools! A special thank you goes out to Christine Murray for her organizational and managerial skills. I'd still be wondering what to do with all those chafing dishes without her.

The sailing program is quickly approaching! In less than a month, our juniors will be doing what many of us wish we could – sailing four days a week on our bay. I'm excited to announce our staff for the upcoming summer:

Instructors: Drew Barkoff, Will Braithwaite, Claire Corbett, Alex Dietz, Dan Fisher, Jacob Hoffman, Tim Jefferson, Marissa Murray and Caroline Udell

Dockhands: Owen Braithwaite, Connor Murray, Margot Murray, James Wackerman and Cobe Wiggins
I can't wait to work with this wonderful team.

Please refer to the description below of this year's sailing program. We have almost 50 sailors of varying skill, though the number seems to be rising every day. My goal is to have the juniors on the water as much as possible, and we are offering lessons for the beginners (learn to sail program) and intermediates (club sailors) four days a week. The club sailors will choose if they want to pursue racing or if they would prefer a non-competitive cruising experience. Hopefully this will provide something for everyone. The travel team will continue to sail at our club two days a week and either in LBIYRA or MAYRA events two days a week. New this year, we are introducing Saturday morning group lessons for our junior sailors that are unable to be in Brigantine during the week. While these students will have less time in the boat than the weekday kids, they will have the opportunity to learn on weekends which is something that our sailors have not had in quite some time.

A couple of key dates to mark down on your calendars:

June 14th – Moth regatta – contact George Albaugh (albaughg@comcast.net) with any questions

June 21st – Junior sailor parents meeting at 9:30am

June 23rd – First day of the junior sailing program – 9:30 am for beginners and intermediates, 12:30 for the travel team

June 25th – Rob Seidemann of Moorhouse MacCausland Sailing will be on site for any boating parts or accessories you may need to purchase. Please give them a call ahead of time if you know of any specific items that your boats need so that they make sure to bring it with them. Their phone number is 609-518-0100.

July 4th – BYC Independence Day Regatta (volunteers needed!)

July 9th – LBIYRA Regatta hosted by Brigantine (volunteers needed!)

July 24th – MAYRA Regatta hosted by Brigantine (volunteers needed!). This regatta also serves as the Midget qualifiers. BYC's Jack Corbett is the defending Midget Champion!

July 25th – Leukemia Cup / South Jersey Opti Championship. This is a combination of the Championship regatta we have run in the past with a fundraising effort to rid the world of blood cancers. The Leukemia Cup will be dedicated in memoriam of our Past Commodore, Bud Eitnier, and will feature all day fun, entertainment, a family BBQ dinner, and a Light the Bay ceremony – a day not to be missed!

July 26th – MAYRA Weekend Regatta hosted by Brigantine (volunteers needed!)

July 27th – Your Rear Commodore sleeps in...

August 12th – MAYRA awards party at Stone Harbor Yacht Club

August 16th – Last Day of the junior sailing program

August 23rd – Racin' to the Basin

August 30th – BYC Labor Day Regatta (volunteers needed!)

Events not scheduled yet include a surf contest, scheduled adult sailing, and more....

Finally, I'm very proud to report that two of our own sailors continue to dominate the national competition.

It's great to know that our sailing program has helped produce sailors of this caliber.

- Ally Donohue just finished competing in the Collegiate Women's National Championships held at the Naval Academy. Ally's Boston College team battled to a 10th place finish against the best sailors in the country.
- Jack Corbett qualified to be a member of the US National Optimist sailing team by finishing 18th out of 212 at the USODA Team Trials in early May. The US National team includes only 60 sailors. Jack is currently preparing to represent the United States in the North American Optimist Championships that will compete in Mexico July 7-17.

I believe I'm speaking for all of the BYC when I say congratulations to Ally, Jack and their families for their remarkable accomplishments.

BYC Junior Report

A note from Janet Long and Elyse Wackerman, JR Advisors

HAPPY SUMMER! We can't wait to see everyone and start getting the kids together and involved in our many activities this summer. We are planning some events that include: **Bingo Nights:** one in July and one in August. Bingo Night was a huge turn out last year for the Juniors. **Movie Nights:** one night in July and August for both younger children (G movie) and older children (PG-13) Movie, pizza, dessert. **Semi-Formal Dance:** to be held in August. **Talent Show:** we would love to bring this back this year if there is interest. These evening events will almost all take place on Tuesday Nights.

Junior's Day social day events include:

The Canoe trip, Wildwood or even Ocean City Water Park trip, Rain Gutter Regatta, Storybook Land trip, and 4th of July festivities. These day events would mostly take place on Fridays.

This year we are going to set up events on Sign Up Genius -- look for more information and details to follow. We need lots of help from parents in running all of these events!

Please email Janet Long (jplanet92@yahoo.com) or Elyse Wackerman (elysewackerman@gmail.com) if you have any **new ideas** or are interested in running any of the above events! Thanks for your support!



We're All in the Boat

By: Ellena Vaganos

Membership- With our new magnificent clubhouse finished and ready to fill with new members, **we need your help!** Please contact any friends, neighbors or relatives to stop by our Open House at the BYC on Saturday June 21st and Sunday June 22nd, from 10AM to 1 PM to see our new clubhouse and to discovery all that the BYC has to offer. We have set a goal of adding 15 new member units to our membership this year! Please help and bring down any one that could be interested. We will have light refreshments, instructors on the water with boats, BYC members out with their day sailors and enthusiastic BYC members to meet, great and sail with all of our possible new members!!

Thank you for helping us to reach our new member goal of 15 new units.



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND
A COMMISSIONING AND DEDICATION CEREMONY FOR
THE NEWLY RE-CONSTRUCTED

Brigantine Yacht Club

JUNE 21, 2014
3:30 IN THE AFTERNOON
10TH STREET AND BAYSHORE AVENUE
BRIGANTINE, NJ

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CTPFUM@COMCAST.NET

Schedule of Events for the Grand Opening on June 21st at 3:30 PM

Grand opening and dedication of the BYC club house.

3:30 PM Light refreshments

4:00 PM Welcome , introductions by Mark Herrmann

Flag raising by Cameron Walker , National Anthem by BYC band.

Pledge of Allegiance by membership

4:10 PM BYC band plays

“ Fly by” (4pm to about 4:30 pm) by Richard Dutton . He will take several photos.

All should wave

4:15 PM BYC Rear Commodore introduction

4:20 PM Ecumenical blessing.

Introduction of the Vice Commodore

Introduction of the Commodore,

Commodore comments

4:25 PM Introduction of Sailing association delegates

4:30 PM Introduction of the Mayor and council members.

Mayor Gunther comments

4:35 PM Member Mark Herrmann , Thanks Mayor and gives a talk on the Club History.

4:45 PM Introduction of the members involved in the club house construction.

5:00 PM Ribbon cutting by Commodore and the Mayor.

BYC plays God Bless America

News and Notes

Please make your calendar, Saturday, July 12, 2014, for the Art Auction at Brigantine Yacht Club

This is another way to contribute to the new building fund, acquire decorations for your home or purchase gifts for your friend and relatives.

This year, a new dimension will be added by returning auctioneer, Rick Brandwein. He is bringing artist, John Satnisci. John has been a professional illustrator for Marvel and DC Comics for nearly 20 years. John only autographs his comics acquired thru Marlin Art Auctions, so an investment opportunity also exists on July 12th.

In addition to being an artist, John is also an actor who recently made his Broadway debut in “Irene’s Vow” starring opposite 4 time Tony Nominee, Tovah Feldshuh. Soon to be shown is a film, “Expecting Mary” in which John co-stars with Cybill Shepard, Linda Gray and Elliot Gould.

This event is open to the public, so please tell your friends, neighbors and relatives. Preview begins at 7:00 PM with the auction at 8:00. Remember, this is a real fun night at Brigantine Yacht Club.

2014 BYC Junior Sailing Program

The following is an overview of the 2014 BYC sailing program. Please contact Rear Commodore Mike Herrmann (215-913-9221; mcherrmann@verizon.net) with any questions you may have regarding the program.

The 2014 sailing program runs from Monday June 23rd through Saturday August 16th. Lesson times are as noted below. There will not be any lessons held on Wednesday July 9th, Thursday July 24th, Friday July 25th or Saturday July 26th - BYC will be hosting regattas on those days. Please note that on inclement weather days, the sailing program will be cancelled for the day at the discretion of our head sailing director.

In addition to the classes noted below, all junior sailors are invited to attend our Friday FunDays. Different activities will be scheduled each week that directly relate to the sailing program or that are just plain fun. Stay tuned for the schedule of events.

All sailors must have their own life jacket and whistle, and are strongly encouraged to bring a lunch/snack, water bottle, towel and suntan lotion. BYC does not provide these items to the juniors. Note that we do not have the space in the club refrigerator to hold all the juniors' lunches, so please pack an ice pack if the lunch/snack can spoil. All sailors will be asked to take a swim test at the beginning of the year. Those that do not pass the test are required to wear their life jackets when they are on BYC docks.

Learn to Sail (Weekdays):

This course is for our beginning sailors (ages 7 and up). The Learn to Sail program is an informal set of lessons that focus on fun and safety. Our younger students will start in an Optimist sailboat, provided by either the student themselves or by the BYC (when available). Older and larger students may utilize a Sunfish or 420 if appropriate. In this program, the students are expected to learn the basics of sailing including

- Basic sailing terminology
- Rigging
- Launching
- Docking
- Sailing a reach in under 10 knots of wind
- Right the boat from a capsize
- Safely sail alongside a powerboat

Lessons will be held Monday through Thursday from 9:30am to 3pm. Students are welcome to attend all four days, or as their schedule permits. In an effort to staff the program appropriately, please let the staff know if a sailor will regularly not attend on a certain day. Students should bring their lunch/snack in their own cooler, and will eat at the club. The weather will dictate the amount of time spent on the water, though fun activities will be planned when we are forced to be on land.

Learn to Sail (Weekends):

New this year, we are going to hold weekend classes for the juniors that are unable to attend during the week. The weekend classes will teach the same items noted above, but are offered on Saturdays from

9:30am to 12:30pm. Juniors who sign up for the weekend classes are entitled to attend up to 4 weekday classes during the season, and all of the Friday FunDays. Sailors that sign up for the weekday program are not entitled to attend the weekend program without prior approval.

Club Sailing:

Club Sailing is designed as an intermediate program. There are two different, though similar, tracks that intermediate sailors can take – those that want to race and those just interested in “cruising”. Each track requires the sailor to demonstrate basic boat handling skills and have the confidence to go it alone.

Lessons for both the club racers and the cruisers will be held together Monday through Thursday, from 9:30 to 12:30, with additional time noted below for the different tracks. Both groups will be taught the skills required to successfully tack and gybe, get their boats out of irons, handle their boats in heavier winds and navigate their boats around a diamond shaped course (which covers all points of sail).

Students are welcome to attend all four days, or as their schedule permits. Students should bring their lunch in their own cooler, and will eat at the club. The weather will dictate the amount of time spent on the water, though fun activities will be planned when we are forced to be on land.

- **Intro to Club Racing/ Club Racing**

Club racing further solidifies the advanced skills of sailing. Racing well requires learning more intricacies of sailing including handling wind gusts and shifts to how to speed up and slow down your boat. Students will also practice how to tack quickly and gybe in higher wind conditions, as well as implementing tight, quick maneuvers of the boat. The juniors will be taught the standard starting sequences and the different types of race courses.

In summary, the purpose of moving into club racing is to further learn how to control a sailboat in a wide variety of conditions. When newer club racers are surrounded by more accomplished sailors, they will absorb more skills at a faster rate.

On Monday and Wednesday afternoons (12:30 to 3:00pm), The Intro to Club Racing class will take their skills out onto our bay and sail triangular courses similar to those sailed by the more advanced travel team sailors. Beginning in mid-July and running through the end of the program the club racers will participate in a racing series. Awards will be provided to students that compete in these races. The goal is to build the confidence necessary to compete with and against the travel team sailors. Club racers are required to provide their own boat, with Optimist, Laser Radial and Laser 4.7 classes offered. Cruisers are permitted to attend these afternoons, though only if they have interest in being out on the water participating in the planned activities.

- **Cruising**

The Cruising program is designed to offer continuing sailing experiences to junior sailors who do not wish to participate in our competitive racing program. Informal instruction and supervision will be provided to advance the students skills in a recreational format. The two BYC 420's will be the primary boats for this group, and students will be alternating in and out of them to promote friendships and fun.

We will run the Cruising program on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 12:30pm to 3:00pm. Club racers are encouraged to attend these sessions as well to round out their day.

Travel Team:

The BYC travel team is comprised of sailors who wish to compete against juniors that sail out of yacht clubs between Barnegat Light and Cape May. BYC is a member of both the Long Beach Island Yacht Racing Association (LBIYRA) and the Mid Atlantic Yacht Racing Association (MAYRA). These organizations host junior regattas during the week that attract anywhere from 50 to 115 sailors per event. Sailors compete in Optimists, Sunfish, Laser Radials, Laser 4.7's and 420's.

Travel team members will practice and race amongst themselves in Brigantine on Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 12:30pm to 3:30pm. The sailors travel north to LBIYRA clubs on Wednesdays, and south to the various MAYRA clubs on Thursdays. MAYRA also hosts regattas on weekends for all ages, not just juniors. In addition to these interclub regattas, there are numerous championships throughout the year that can take the racers to the next level. Check the BYC calendar for the weekday and weekend regatta schedule.

It is the parent's responsibility to transport the kids to and from races. BYC will attempt to support the racers with one powerboat (when available) and one instructor.

Private Lessons:

Our instructors are available to teach one on one lessons to sailors of any age. These sessions will be held at times that are amenable to both the student and the instructor, but primarily on the weekends. The fee for private lessons is \$20 per hour.

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