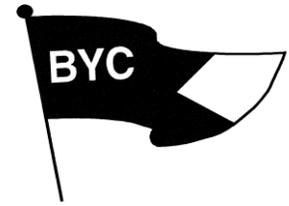




# Brigantine Yacht Club Newsletter

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From the Commodore ☆☆☆ Dave DeMarco

I hope everyone is thawing out from a cold snowy winter and looking forward to Spring and the New BYC. Our season will start once we get a final Certificate of Occupancy. Our target date is for May with a grand opening to follow. It's too soon to confirm dates but we will continue to keep everyone informed. The Grand Opening Committee, led by Jack Fisher, are hard at work planning a very fun and memorable grand opening.

I hope everyone has seen the progress of the New BYC either in person or through my video. The transition from conception to reality is amazing! I would like to thank again our New Building Committee Chair, Paul Murray, and the many others including but not limited to (John Ferguson, Christine Murray, Deb Schlesinger, John Bilotta, the Trustees, Finance Committee) who have spent countless hours throughout this Winter planning, sketching, pricing and designing the many features which we will call the New BYC.

If you have not yet seen your hard investment dollars at work it is well worth the trip down Bayshore Avenue.

You recently received a letter dated February 10, 2014 with the building fund update. On behalf of the Flag Officers and Trustees I am 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 who 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 Club House 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](mailto:norbsails@aol.com) or by phone at 856.424.0091 or myself, Dave DeMarco, Commodore, at [drtdemarco@comcast.net](mailto:drtdemarco@comcast.net) or by phone at 609.914.0518. The sooner you can contribute the better.

I look forward to providing you the next update on the progress of New BYC.

Please also check out the BYC website, [www.BYCsail.com](http://www.BYCsail.com) for information, updates, and news.

## From the Vice Commodore☆☆ Dan Hoffmann

As the winter winds to an end and the snow recedes, I find myself immersed in the study of bar hospitality. I have browsed Hoyle's book, brushed up on Mixology, practically memorized the NJ ABC handbook, and have started conversations with the distributors in the area preparing for our summer season. The new club looks awesome and I can't wait to put it to use. We will be adding a few new social events this year that are open to the public (Grand Opening Party, Local Artists Show, & Leukemia Cup) I will be applying for permits for public use of our Bar and plan to be open for these events. We even have our first inquiry for a wedding rental. Between the public events, new club house, awesome sailing program, and friendly crew, I think we will see a few new members sign on this year.

Finally, the Club's online 2014 calendar:

[BYC 2014 Calendar](#)

It continues to be a work-in-progress. We have added regattas, social events, and some Brigantine Community Events. We will endeavor to improve the calendar and increase its functionality. If you haven't already visited it, I'd encourage you to do so! If you spoke to Kerry at the end of the summer, you are penciled in. If you are not hosting a Saturday Night Party, Please do! If I am missing anything (or have the wrong dates / people, etc..) let me know and I will add / edit. As we get closer to the summer and the calendar becomes more complete Gale will print and mail a "refrigerator copy" to all.

Hope you are all well. See you soon.

## From the Rear Commodore ☆ Mike Herrmann

Greetings! First off, I was honored to attend the annual MAYRA seasonal awards dinner in December at the Corinthian Yacht Club of Philadelphia. This ceremony honors the winners of the MAYRA Championship regatta (which was held at the BYC this past summer). It also recognizes the summer sailors who consistently finish at or near the top of each race. As you can see in the attached picture, our club was well represented, and well decorated. Paul Faherty was awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Red Fleet and 4<sup>th</sup> place overall in Opti, Brendan O'Connor captured the seasonal 1<sup>st</sup> place award in Laser 4.7, and Sean O'Connor picked up the seasonal 5<sup>th</sup> place in Laser Radial. Marissa Murray and Tom Donahue were unable to attend, but picked up the 1<sup>st</sup> Place Laser seasonal award and the MAYRA Championship Sunfish award respectively. Congratulations to all of you for your outstanding accomplishments!

I'm glad to announce that much of our summer junior sailing calendar is set. The junior sailing program will run 8 weeks from Monday June 23rd to Friday August 15th. Similar to last year, instruction will be provided Monday through Thursday and Friday will be a fun day. I am finalizing the staff, and hope to have the program nailed down by the end of March. This year's Junior Advisors, Janet Long and Elyse Wackerman, are busy planning a fantastic summer social calendar for our kids. If you have an idea for a great event, please share it with them. More info to come....

BYC will host our LBIYRA regatta on Wednesday July 9th, our MAYRA weekday regatta on Thursday July 24th, and our MAYRA weekend regatta on Saturday July 26th. Volunteers are needed both on and off the water to make these events a success, so please let me know if you can lend a hand.

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On Friday July 25th, the BYC will be hosting a new event, the Leukemia Cup. As I mentioned in the previous newsletter, this will be a fundraising event to assist the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in their mission to "cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families". The day will start with a junior sailing regatta, continue with a barbecue dinner and family entertainment, and culminate with a 'Light the Bay' ceremony at dusk. We are hoping that the event attracts sailors from both MAYRA and LBIYRA during the day and Brigantine residents in the evening. Alicia O'Connor has graciously offered to be the chairperson for this event, and would appreciate volunteers to assist with the planning and fundraising prior to, as well as help on the 25th. Please contact Alicia at [aliciaoc95@gmail.com](mailto:aliciaoc95@gmail.com) if you are interested in donating your time to a truly great cause.



## *We're All in the Boat*

*by Norb Chehak*

The 2013 financial results for Brigantine Yacht Club indicate the year ended with an operating deficit of \$9,663 and a cash balance of \$291,031. Exclusive of the reserve for the new building which amounted to \$239,514 at December 31, 2013, the remaining balance equals \$51,517. Although the current cash position is limited, the physical facilities of Brigantine Yacht Club are in an excellent position. Over the past 15 years, your Trustees have wisely invested over \$460,000 upgrading the facility with the following projects.

Bulkhead, 100 ft north end	1998
Hoist	1998
"T" Dock	2003
Bulkhead, 197 ft south end	2007
Aluminum Ramps	2007
Wavewall	2008 & 2012
E-Z Docks (center dock)	2011
E-Z Docks off "T" dock	2013

On February 1, your Officers and Trustees met to develop and approve the budget and the dues/fees structure for 2014. After much discussion, the operating budget was approved reflecting a break even position. The capital spending budget includes major improvements to the boat slip dock and the present new building. With the above items and the new building to be completed this year, I believe Brigantine Yacht Club is looking at a bright future.

### **List of all dues/fees**

	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Adult Dues, 65 & over w/30 years	\$115.00	\$122.50
Adult Dues, Ages 18 through 24	\$57.50	\$61.25
Adult Dues, Ages 25 through 29	\$115.00	\$122.50
Adult Dues, Ages 30 through 34	\$172.50	\$183.75
Adult Dues, Ages 35 and over	\$230.00	\$245.00
Adult Dues, Ages 75 and over	\$115.00	\$122.50

Children Membership Dues per family	\$140.00	\$145.00
Junior Dues, Ages 12-18	N/A	N/A
Capital Fund Fee – Adult 35 & older	\$90.00	\$90.00
Capital Fund Fee – Adult 18-24	\$22.50	\$22.50
Capital Fund Fee – Adult 25-29	\$45.00	\$45.00
Capital Fund Fee – Adult 30-34	\$67.50	\$67.50
Capital Building Fee – Adult 35 -64	\$150.00	\$150.00
Capital Building Fee – Adult 30-34 & 65+	\$75.00	\$75.00
Boat Storage - Daysailer	\$225.00	\$250.00
Boat Storage - 420	\$190.00	\$215.00
Boat Storage – GP 14	\$195.00	\$215.00
Boat Storage – In Water Slip	\$825.00	\$850.00
Boat Storage - In Water, North Bulkhead	\$620.00	\$635.00
Boat Storage - Kayak	\$45.00	\$50.00
Boat Storage - Laser	\$175.00	\$195.00
Boat Storage - Moth	\$195.00	\$215.00
Boat Storage - Optimist	\$75.00	\$80.00
Boat Storage - Sunfish	\$175.00	\$195.00
Junior Sailing Program Fee	\$325.00	\$375.00

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

Invoices will be prepared on April 1 with payment due May 15. Your prompt payment is requested in order to meet the financial obligations regarding the new building. 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](mailto:norbsails@aol.com). 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.

## *Finance Committee Report*

I hope your Winter has been going well. With Spring and our new club house, just around the corner, please think about making your first donation, or pledge towards our building fund. We will be short of collected cash to cover our building costs, requiring us to dip into our capital reserves. If you have already made a donation, or loan, I thank you, but we will gladly accept more.

As members of the BYC, our most critical priority is the need to bring in additional member units. Please think about reaching out to your Brigantine friends and family that may have an interest in joining and enjoying our wonderful summer spot and sailing programs. Every new member will go a long way to allowing us to maximize our cash flow, donations and capital contribution.



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