



Brigantine Yacht Club Newsletter

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From the Commodore ☆☆☆ **Dan Hoffman**

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the BYC board and flag officers, I am happy to welcome you to the 2015 Warm season! After a long and cold winter... the weather has turned warm. Now, we begin to look to the water and our minds wander toward our summer home at the BYC. I would like to thank all the members who pitched in to help out on our spring clean-up / gear-up day making our second home for occupancy. I unfortunately missed the day to attend a practice for an upcoming ocean race (Thanks all for covering for me and allowing me to sail). I'm really looking forward to seeing you all over the next few weeks as we paint our boat bottoms, ready our children's dinghy's, wax our boards, and begin hitting the water. Please be sure to get your dues in as soon as you can and get yourself involved with the summer's planning and programs. It's going to be a great summer at Brigantine's best kept secret – the BYC.

From the Vice Commodore ☆☆☆ **Mike Herrmann**

The social season is off to a great start, and there are many more great days and nights ahead! The Memorial Day cocktail party was a big success, with so many delicious appetizers to sample. Norb and Pat Chehak hosted an enjoyable Sunset Covered Dish on Saturday June 13th, the Sunset Bar officially opened for the summer on June 19th, and the first Food Truck Friday (Richie's Raw Bar) was on June 26th. The Flag Officers hosted a Baja Beach party on June 27th, and even though the weather was most definitely not Baja Beach, the delicious tacos and enchiladas certainly made up for it.

July's events have heated up just like the temperature. Over 50 people enjoyed the offerings of the Surf and Turf Truck on July 3rd. The 4th of July Pig Roast hosted by the Stahls, Breretons and Gibbons, and kids games by the McCarthys and Mattias continued the long tradition of celebrating our nation's birthday in true BYC style. On July 10th food truck Local 215 brought their sustainable farm offerings to our table, and the Schlesingers and Braithwaites hosted a hilarious Newlywed Game on July 11th.

July's upcoming social events are as follows:

- Food Truck Friday July 17th: Tony Boloney's "Mustache Mobile" food truck
- Saturday Night July 18th: The Bilottas and Herrmanns host a Help Us Adopt fundraising dinner. Please see the attachment describing this fun night benefiting such a worthy cause. We are going to have a delicious picnic dinner, a silent auction AND we are bringing in a DUNK TANK for some serious summer fun! I'm officially putting the call out to all past and current Commodores to

participate in the “Dunkadore” activity! Call Cara if you are a flag officer interested in gettin’ dunked! (610-716-1096)

- Food Truck Friday July 24th: “Luscious Bakery” food truck and the General Membership Meeting
- Saturday Night July 25th: Low Country Boil hosted by the Lauriellos and a rag tag cast of characters.
- Food Truck Friday July 31st: Smokey’s World BBQ Bus

I encourage all members to come down to enjoy the entertainment, the companionship and a refreshing beverage while you’re at it. Our membership/friendships get stronger with each and every night spent at the club.

Thank you so much to all the people that have volunteered to entertain us this summer. I know firsthand that it takes a fair amount of thought and effort to pull these evenings off. Let me know if I can assist you in any way leading up to your event.

Please make sure you RSVP to each of the events only if you truly plan to attend. Since our kitchen cannot be utilized to prepare food for large groups many people bring food in for these events. We certainly don’t want to have too little food, but overestimating is a problem as well since we pay by the head.

We are pleased to announce that the BYC now has Wifi Access for the summer season. The Wifi for members is named “BYC Join Now”, and the password to join the network is 12011201. The addition of Wifi also allows us to have a very economical phone line, and the club’s phone number is 609-264-6546.

From the Rear Commodore ☆ Doug Corbett

We are off to a fast start this summer! The first 3 weeks of the sailing season have gone by without a hitch thanks to Bill Trost and our great team of instructors. We started on June 22nd and the sailors that were out of school by then shook off the cobwebs and took to the bay. It looked like they’d never left!

The 4th of July regatta followed in which Optimis, Sunfish, Lasers, and 420’s were out in force. Congratulations to winners Gabe and JoJo Cordasco, Brian Murray, and the team of Jack Corbett and Cole Murray.

On the 5th of July, the 2015 edition of the BYC Sailing Camp was hosted by Maria Miller. Please join me in thanking Maria for picking up the torch after Sue Ferguson ran with it for over 10 years. That Community Service Project has a lot of moving parts and Maria really managed it like a professional. The parents I spoke with were so grateful that their kids had the opportunity to get out sailing.

We had nearly 30 children register and a large cadre of volunteers greeted them. The kids were divided into 3 groups and rotated from Land drills and a rigging relay to a sculling contest and finally out on boats where they all had a ball and got an introduction to sailing! The weather was perfect and the smiles on those kids’ faces were priceless.

Weekend sailing got off to a slower start but we promise to pick up the pace now that the 4th is out of the way. I’m thrilled that several families will be taking advantage of the Saturday lessons offered to weekenders and that there are adults coming to the club on Saturdays and Sundays to get some pointers from the instructors and to go sailing. We have club boats, come use them!

By the time you read this, we’ll have hosted the LBIYRA Interclub Regatta on July 8th and the MAYRA Interclub Regatta on July 16th. I’m indebted to all the volunteers that selflessly give their time to assist the

staff to produce such well-run events. Hosting over 100 sailors from other clubs is no small task and it takes a village to manage it all. Volunteers, please accept my heartfelt thanks for your time and effort. Special thanks to Tom Donahue and John Keating for taking on the Principal Race Officer responsibilities. That can be a thankless and pressure packed job and these 2 guys make it look easy and make BYC look great!

Remember, we thrive on feedback – it's the fastest way for us to improve as an organization. Your observations, comments, constructive criticism, and compliments will all be graciously accepted and considered. Make this the summer you got out on a sailboat and/or made new friends by volunteering.



We're All in the Boat

by Tom Parvesse, Treasurer

As we begin the active 2015 sailing season, BYC has a cash balance of \$92,235. In addition, we have \$8,792 in outstanding invoices from active and new members.

A snap shot of the year to date 2015 operating budget identifies one area of concern. BYC has seen a drop off in Junior Sailor enrollment from 58 sailors in 2014 to 46 in 2015. That drop off results in a \$4,500 revenue short fall. We will need to closely monitor the cost side of our sailing program and adjust the spending to be in line with the drop off in sailing revenue.

On June 1st BYC made the second installment of the 10 year loans that members made to the club to construct the new building. If anyone that made a loan has not received a check or the payment amount is incorrect please contact me.

If anyone has any club related expenses, please forward receipts to me so that I can arrange reimbursement.

If anyone has any questions or concerns, please contact me at parvasses@tmprefining.com or 610 761-1542.

News and Notes

The Annual BYC Labor Day Golf Outing will be held Friday, Sept 4th at the Brigantine Golf Links. This continues to be a fun day and great way to start your Labor Day Weekend. And, as has become the custom, the golfers will retreat back to the Sunset Bar after golf for good food, drinks and comradery.

The cost to play is \$60 p/golfer, with the first Tee time at 1 pm. Pre-registration and payment will be required, and there will be a Sign-up sheet posted at the Club by the 1st of Aug. In addition, anyone wishing to secure some of the LIMITED (24) spots can contact John Gibbons @ jgibbons@afc-gwh.com

Alex Brereton may have left a pair of black children's Oakley sunglasses at the club. If anyone has seen them, please let us know.

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

The 2015 BYC directory will be uploaded on the website by June 15th as memberships are paid up.. 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.
1. 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 in late June.

Thanks! Gale

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Ahoy! Ahoy! Beginner to Intermediate Opti Sailors!!!



International Sailor and former Opti National Team Coach, Parry Barclay, Sailing Director at Spray Beach Yacht Club, is coming to BYC to teach You!

Who? 1st-4th year Sailors -Green Fleet to Intermediate- Racers or Recreational... and Parent(s) of sailors registered should plan to attend the land clinic portion (1st hour) of the day as well.

What? A Fun & Informative Sailing Clinic on the Brigantine Bay

When? **Sunday, July 19th**

9:30-10:30 Land Clinic

10:30-11:00 Rigging and Rigging Instruction

11:00-12:30 On the Water Instruction

12:30-1:15 Lunch provided on the shore for sailors & coaches / Parents- \$3

1:15-1:45 Land Clinic/

1:45-3:30 On the Water Instruction and Drills

3:30 Derig- end of clinic for sailors

3:30-4:30 Coaches/Program Leaders/ Sailing Committee mtg. with Parry Barclay

Why? If you are a recreational sailor, this is your opportunity to get tips on how to handle your boat from one of the best. For beginner racers get the racing tips you will need to be confident from the starting lines through the finish lines this summer. Our instructors and coaches will be participating in the clinic as well.

How? email Colleen Stahl at collstahl@yahoo.com or call 267-229-2552 **if you sailor does not own their own opti, please check with Mr. Trost about using a club opti for this clinic**

How much? \$35.00 per sailor Spaces Limited- Reserve now

** We expect Rob from Moorehouse Maccauland Sailing will be here with his truck that morning, come get your gear and equipment**

Call him for special requests or to pre-order 609-518-0100

Dear Members,

The benefits of adoption can be felt by a countless number of people across the United States, as nearly everyone has been touched by adoption in some way. Neighbors, friends, relatives, in-laws – most of us know at least one person who has benefited from adoption. You don't need to look far; **among our tight knit group of 100 families at BYC, at least five have been positively impacted by adoption.** While what led each of us to choose adoption may differ, one thing is absolutely the same: **Our lives are better because of the choice we made.** And luckily, we had the financial and physical means to build our families through adoption.

For some, that is simply not the case: **the average cost of adoption ranges anywhere between \$30,000-\$50,000.** Sad, when you consider that adoption is often the only way those who very much want to be parents or want their children to have siblings, can realize their dream. Additionally, there are high numbers of children living in foster care or orphanages both here in the US and abroad who would be legally welcomed into families ... if the high cost was not a deterrent to many.

Knowing the seemingly insurmountable financial barriers to adoption that exist for many would-be parents, and recognizing how blessed they were to be able to adopt not once, but twice, Becky Fawcett (**a long-time friend of Cara Herrmann's**), and her husband, Kip Fawcett, founded **Help Us Adopt (helpusadopt.org)**. Help Us Adopt is a national non-profit 501(c)(3) financial assistance grant program providing qualified couples and individuals with grants of up to \$15,000 towards their domestic, international, foster, or special needs adoption expenses.

On Saturday, July 18th, we will be hosting a family-friendly fundraising dinner and party – the proceeds from which will be donated to Help Us Adopt so that we, as a club who prides itself on its commitment to family, can help other men and women experience the joys of parenting.

A full dinner menu – including summer kid fare – and host of fun activities (including a “Dunk-a-Dore” Tank) will be featured. We'll also be running a silent auction featuring jewelry, restaurant gift certificates, themed baskets, a fully-paid fishing boat charter, an AC hotel room stay, artwork and more. **We are still accepting donations: Please contact Cara Herrmann (mikeh509@msn.com) if you are willing or able to donate items.**

The fun begins at 6 pm on Saturday, July 18th – we hope we can count on you to join us!

Thank you in advance for supporting this important cause.

Best regards,

Vicki and John Bilotta

Diane and Dennis Faherty

Cara and Mike Herrmann