



Brigantine Yacht Club Newsletter

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

Hello Friends and Happy Spring.

I hope this letter finds you all well, warm, and full of anticipation for the upcoming summer. The flag officers and board of trustees met last month and approved our 2015 Budget and continued the planning process for the upcoming season. Doug and Mike have been diligently planning and scheduling the sailing and social programs. The board has been continuing the forward momentum of improvements at the club with plans for a new program shed, a completed A/V system, digitizing historic club records, making further investments to the sailing program, contracting an off season events host, and did I mention Norb will be serving as our club's Steward this summer.

Last summer was an amazing exciting time with a new club house and a great influx of new families. We are still Brigantine's best kept secret. The word is getting out and we keep getting better. As this club continues to flourish, remember it's the members that make it happen. Each member of this club contributes to its character and function. Thank you all for everything you do for our club and our kids.

In closing, I can't stress enough how excited I am for this summer and the next few years. With Mike and Doug charting our course and standing watch at the helm of this club, we are all in for first class cruise.

See you all at the Spring Work Day.

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

Spring is here! It's nice to think that flip flops, bathing suits and the Sunset Grille are only three months away.

To recap the winter, the BYC was a gathering spot for about 30 people on New Year's Eve, and a great time was had by all. Thanks to Doug Corbett for being the evening's Master of Ceremonies. The annual BYC ski trip followed, and we had good times and great weather at Bear Creek. Ava Burns won my heart when she sang "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer" non-stop from top to bottom and bottom to top for an entire day! Impressive pipes on that one, indeed. A couple of members attended a presentation by Gary Jobson supporting Philadelphia's Independence Seaport Museum in February. I learned how to sabre a champagne bottle, so you may want to keep clear if I'm behind the bar this summer!

We have been busy reworking the rental agreement the club will utilize moving forward. I believe we have

achieved a nice balance of limiting our liability and not being too strict to scare away potential renters. We've spent a lot of time incorporating our insurance requirements as well as clearly identifying the laws associated with our liquor license. It should be ready for use in the next couple of weeks.

The summer's weekends are booking quickly. We are looking to change things up on Friday nights and have food trucks cater these nights. "Food Truck Fridays" will begin on June 26th. A different "gourmet" truck is scheduled each week, so we will send out the menus in advance. The trucks are prepared to offer meals at prices similar to previous Friday nights. We are looking to open up the Sunset Bar for the summer starting June 19th.

The Saturday night parties are almost booked. It should be another year of fun, hijinks and Tom Foolery. There are a just a couple of openings still available, so if you are interested, we would love to have you. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to help in any way. MCHerrmann@verizon.net. Looking forward to seeing you all at the opening party on Memorial Day!

From the Rear Commodore ☆ Doug Corbett

When we sent out the last edition of the newsletter, the frost was on the Punkin'.

Now, the remnants of the great snow of the winter of 2014/2015 are only visible where it drifted deep on the north side of your houses. Did you share my excitement last weekend when Daylight Saving time ushered in hope that warmer winds, workday, and the opening of the Sunset Grill are imminent? See how I slipped workday in there? Let's cross our collective fingers that summer will arrive quickly!

A month or so ago, I sent out an email to many of you asking if your children are planning to sail the seas this summer at BYC. The return ratio was fantastic, thank you! That information is helpful in putting together a budget and hiring the right sized staff. If I missed you I apologize, or if that email is still hanging around in your inbox, it's not too late to respond. More info means less surprises and better planning. You can send it to me at doug.corbett@marriott.com. I'm most interested in knowing how many children will participate, what boat they want to sail, and what level – beginner, intermediate, or travel team. I'd also like to know if they will have their own boat or will be planning to use a club boat. Friendly reminder that club boats are reserved for first year sailors. 2nd year sailors are encouraged to begin developing pride in ownership and get their own craft.

Save the Dates:

Saturday, April 18th. Workday, 8:30 AM. Followed by the Trustee Meeting at 11 AM.

Monday, June 22nd. Summer Sailing begins at BYC! I realize that snow days will have some sailors still in school but I'd like to make it an 8 week season and finish on August 14th. In addition, I anticipate that most instructors will be home from college and be ready and rarin' to go.

Saturday, June 27th. Colleen Stahl and Chris Murray have arranged a sailing clinic for our novice sailors and parents with an interest in learning techniques for Opti sailing and beginning racing skills. The clinic will be given by Parry Barclay, a well-respected Sailing Director. This clinic always sells out up in LBI. The format will be a half day for the sailors and a half day for the parents. More information will be available shortly, but for now, please save the date.

Looking forward to welcoming you all back to the island and BYC.



We're All in the Boat

by Tom Parvesse

The 2014 financial results for Brigantine Yacht Club indicate the year ended with an operating surplus of \$14,083 and a cash balance of \$48,029. Exclusive of the reserve for the final payment on the new building which amounts to \$11,224, the remaining balance equals \$36,805.

On February 21, your Officers and Trustees met to develop and approve the budget and the dues/fees structure for 2015. 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, landscaping, sound system for our new building. and the above payment to Ferguson Construction. In addition the 2nd installment of the 10 year New Building Loan will be processed on June 1, 2015.

Following is the list of dues/fees

	2014	2015
Adult Dues, Age 65 & over w/30 yrs membership	\$122.50	\$102.50
Adult Dues, Ages 18 Thru 24	\$61.25	\$51.25
Adult Dues, Ages 25 Thru 29	\$122.50	\$102.50
Adult Dues, Ages 30 Thru 34	\$183.75	\$153.75
Adult Dues, Ages 35 & Over	\$245.00	\$205.00
Adult Dues, Ages 75 and over	\$122.50	\$102.50
Children Membership Dues per family	\$145.00	\$135.00
Junior Dues, Ages 12-18	N/A	N/A
Capital Fund Fee – Adult – 35 & older	\$90	\$125
Capital Fund Fee – Adult 18 – 24	\$22.50	\$31.50
Capital Fund Fee - Adult 25 - 29	\$45.00	\$62.50
Capital Fund Fee - Adult 30 thru 34	\$67.50	\$93.75
Capital Building Fee - Age 35 - 64	\$150.00	\$150.00
Capital Building Fee - Age 30- 34 & 65+	\$75.00	\$75.00
Boat Storage - Daysailer	\$250.00	250.00
Boat Storage - 420	\$215.00	\$215.00
Boat Storage - GP - 14	\$215.00	\$215.00
Boat Storage - In Water Slip	\$850	\$850
Boat Storage - In Water, North Bulkhead	\$635	\$635
Boat Storage - Kayak	\$50	\$50
Boat Storage – Laser	\$195	\$195
Boat Storage - Moth	\$215	\$215
Boat Storage - Optimist	\$80	\$80
Boat Storage – Sun Fish	\$195	\$195
Junior Sailing Program Fee	\$375	\$375

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. For comparison, a family of 2 adults, 2 children in junior sailing program and storage of 2 opti sailboats paid \$2,069.45 in 2014 and will be invoiced \$2,043.15 in 2015, which equates to a reduction of \$26.30.

Invoices will be prepared on April 1 with payment due May 15. Your prompt payment is requested in order to meet the financial obligations and solidify the spending for the year. If you want a copy of last year's invoice to compare or you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at parvasses@tmprefining.com or 610 761-1542. 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

FOR SALE

OPTI # 11872

(stored off season in garage)

Includes:

- Racing Sail
- Black gold racing spars and stiff blades
- Hiking straps, airbags, bailers, mainsheet
- Top cover, blade bag, travel sail bags with tube
- Dolly with wheels

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