



# 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**

Memorial Day is just a couple of weeks away, and that means the opening of the Sunset Bar! I wanted to let you know about an exciting upgrade to the bar this season -- the club's new sound system! Paul Murray has been diligently installing cabling, speakers and hardware over the past couple of weeks and reports that the music is working and sounds great!

Some of you may have heard that Andrew Schlesinger is retiring his bartending apron this summer. Andrew volunteered to help out for a number of years and did a fantastic job. We thank him for his years of diligent service and hopefully we will be able to sit down with him on the OTHER side of the bar this summer. (Feel free to buy him a drink!) Taking Andrew's place as the main bartender will be new member Kim Wolff, who just so happens to be a professional bartender! Kim will be teaming up with Marissa Murray and Will Braithwaite, both of whom have never tasted a drink ever before in their lives! ;) Please join me in welcoming our new bar staff with open arms and wallets.

An exciting new addition to the BYC staff this year will be a club steward. Norb Chehak has been hired to assist with the daily operations of the club during the summer. Norb will be organizing the cleaning of the club, maintaining inventory of paper products and beverages, assisting the sailing staff when needed, and fielding any membership inquiries. Our goal is to keep him busy enough so that he doesn't sit in his chair! Please welcome Norb to the staff - and put him to work!

As reported last month, we will be launching the “Food Truck Fridays” program this summer. I am so excited about this program, which will provide us with a nice variety of “gourmet” food at reasonable pricing throughout the summer months. Please check out the attached social calendar to see which truck will be there each Friday. You can expect to be reminded with an email each week, as well. And we are going to try to get you the menus ahead of time, too. The bar will be mixing specialty cocktails each Friday to match the food theme. We are really happy to be able support these local, small business owners. Can’t wait to taste what they cook up!

Saturday nights are looking like they are going to be a blast. We’ve had some last minute changes to the calendar, so all of the nights are not yet booked – please reach out if you are interested. The attached schedule will be finalized by Memorial Day and posted within the next newsletter.

Now’s the time to get out your calendars and mark the following dates down...

- Our opening festivities will be on Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup>. Formerly known as the “Pay Up Party”, this event will be for adults only (over 18 yrs) starting at 7:00pm. We are asking everyone to bring an appetizer so we have plenty to munch on.
- The first Sunset Bar will be held on Friday June 19<sup>th</sup>. No food will be served on this night. Feel free to order take out/bring food in.
- “Food Truck Fridays” will start on June 26<sup>th</sup> and will run until the end of the summer.

That’s all for now. Call me at 215-913-9221 or email [mcherrmann@verizon.net](mailto:mcherrmann@verizon.net) with any questions or to volunteer to host a Saturday night.

### BYC 2015 Social Calendar

(updated 5/10)

Date	Event	Host
May	24 Memorial Day - Over 18 - Bring Appetizers	All
June	19 Sunset Bar (No grill)	-----
	20 BYC Open House	All
	26 Food Truck Friday - Richie's Raw Bar	-----
	27 Saturday Night	Available!
July	3 4th of July Golf Outing	Gibbons
	3 Food Truck Friday - The Surf N Turf Truck	-----
	4 Old Fashioned July 4th Celebration	Jr. Advisors
	8 LBIYRA Invitational	-----
	10 Food Truck Friday - Local 215	-----
	11 Saturday Night	Schlessinger
	16 MAYRA Invitational	-----
	17 Food Truck Friday - Tony Boloney's	-----
	18 Saturday Party Adoption Fundraiser	Herrmann/Bilotta
	24 Food Truck Friday - Luscias Bakery	-----
25 Saturday Night	Hoffman	
31 Food Truck Friday - Ribs - Catering 2 U by Smokey's World	-----	
August	1 BYC's Birthday Party	Catherine Herrmann
	7 Food Truck Friday - Richie's Raw Bar	-----
	8 Commodore's Ball	-----
	14 Leukemia Cup	-----
	15 Saturday Night / Commodore's Ball Rain Date	Available!

	21	Food Truck Friday – TBD	-----
	22	Saturday Night - Jersey Fresh!	Mimi Ford
	28	Food Truck Friday - Whirly Pig	-----
	29	Saturday Night	Burns
September	4	Labor Day Golf Outing	Gibbons
	4	Food Truck Friday - The Surf N Turf Truck	-----
	5	Awards - Covered Dish	All
	6	Labor Day Beach Party	Braithwaite
	26?	Octoberfest	Chehak

## From the Rear Commodore ☆ Doug Corbett

What a wonderful turnout we had for workday! Many hands do indeed make light work. Our sincere thanks go out to all who showed up and worked so hard to get the projects done (and also to Mother Nature for providing us a perfect day). Although I know free coffee and doughnuts is always the real draw, I secretly believe attendance was weather assisted this year.

We had an ambitious list with 4 big projects on it and the crew rose to the occasion!

**Demolish the Old Shed / take the boats off the racks.** (Don't fret, an anonymous member has graciously volunteered to replace it!)

Capt Jack Fisher, Tom Parvesse, and their band of merry men first sorted thru the contents of the shed then attacked the old structure with vigor. Chainsaws, sledge hammers, and Sawzalls were flying and soon the crew had filled a whole dumpster in record time. Thanks to Jack and Tom, Dennis Faherty, John Rogge, Harry Chaikin, Jimmy Burns, George Albaugh, Mike Herrmann, George Guerin, Bill Trost, Tom Donahue, and John Gibbons for all their effort.

**Landscape the front of the new clubhouse.** Hugh Braithwaite and Tom Nelson put their hidden talents on display and did a masterful job landscaping. They planted a variety of evergreens, flowering plants, and a crepe myrtle tree. I know you'll be pleased with the results! In addition, a trio of Jr. members (Owen Braithwaite, Connor and Cole Murray) were there to pitch in. Thanks so much to the 3 of them for giving up their Saturday morning. I hope this is the beginning of a trend and that more Jr's will follow their lead. Luckily, John Ferguson was there to erect a section of fencing to hide the parking area and dumpster. As a result, our new fence is vertical and level! I was quickly in over my head after hitting concrete while digging the first hole and am grateful John agreed to take the lead on that project. Phew!

**Lower the last ramp and move the T-Dock into place.** John Bilotta and John Keating took charge of this project and soon discovered that we were in need of a few crucial parts, so they shifted gears and helped the shed crew instead. It's worth noting that John B. has been doing a great job getting the docks back in order after a rough winter. He'll order the parts and have the T-Dock all squared away by Memorial Day.

We are under contract with jersey devil for repair of the t dock and some much needed repair in some additional spots on the slip dock. We also found out that 2 pilings a on the t dock are also in need of repair.

This work will hopefully get started next week sometime and take 4 to 5 days to complete. If you want to help, email John Bilotta at [jbilotta@syska.com](mailto:jbilotta@syska.com).

**Wire the new sound system.** Paul Murray spent the morning tediously splicing connectors onto Cat 5 wires all over the interior of the club and taking us a step closer to having a state of the art sound system we've needed for years. Then he and his boys spent the following 2 Saturdays installing wall switches and speakers in the ceiling to finish off the project. It sounds fantastic!

Please join me in thanking Paul for saving the club a bunch of money by not having to hire someone to do all that work. We'll have background music for the Memorial Day event and a PA system so announcements will be heard by everyone this year. What a concept!

### **Summer Sailing Program Update**

The Sailing Committee agreed to initiate a search this winter for an experienced adult sailor to take the helm as our Sailing Director. We are so fortunate to have found an exceptional candidate that has accepted the job. I'm pleased to introduce Mr. Bill Trost as the BYC Sailing Director.

In addition, I'd also like to commend Marissa Murray, Will Braithwaite, and Timmy Jefferson for submitting excellent applications for that job. Had we not found Bill, any of them could surely have done an outstanding job as Director.

Here is a brief list of Mr. Trost's credentials:

1. Brigantine Yacht Club Assistant Sailing Director 1978
2. Club Sailing Director from 1979 - 1981
3. Club Champion
4. Club Traveling Champion
5. Bill has been sailing actively for 45 years and has competed in regattas too numerous to list here
6. Certifications: New Jersey Safe Boating License and currently working on obtaining Adult and Pediatric CPR, First Aid Certifications, and US Sailing Level One Certification.

I hope you'll all agree that Mr. Trost is very well qualified to lead our team of Instructors. I am looking forward to working with him this summer and to see him put his, and the instructor's, ideas into action. I'd also like to commend the corps of instructors we hired for submitting excellent applications. Their responses were all very well thought out, fascinating to read, and full of creative ideas! The Sailing Committee was impressed with their passion for teaching, their love for the kids (most of the time☺), and their awareness and intention to promote the fine reputation of BYC.

**Please join me in welcoming the 2015 Instructor Team:** Marissa Murray, Caroline Udell, Will Braithwaite, Alex Dietz, Margot Murray, Connor Murray, Steven Cordasco, Owen Braithwaite, Sean O'Connor, and Brendan O'Connor.

All of the instructors and the Director will have earned their Level 1 Certifications. This is a 40 hour comprehensive training course designed by US Sailing to promote safety and excellence in coaching.

Thanks again to the members of the Sailing Committee for their willingness to participate in the hiring process and to Mike Herrmann and Dan Hoffman for all their assistance.

Bill Trost is currently developing a weekly schedule of classes and activities. I've seen the draft and it looks terrific. As soon as it's ready, we'll distribute it for all to see.

Suggestions, critiques, and comments are always welcome. We're here to serve you!

**See below for the Sailing Schedule for the summer!**

### **2015 Calendar of BYC Sailing Events**

May 23<sup>rd</sup> – BYC display at local Farmers market  
 June 20<sup>th</sup> – Moth Regatta  
 June 20<sup>th</sup> – Pre Season Instructors meeting  
 June 22<sup>nd</sup> - Summer Sailing Program opens at BYC for all sailors  
 June 27<sup>th</sup> – Parry Barclay Sailing Clinic for students, Parents, and Instructors  
     8:30 – 2:30 Sailors (Pre-registration required) see attached  
     2:30 – 3:30 Instructors, Director, Sailing Committee members  
 July 4<sup>th</sup> – BYC Independence Day Regatta  
 July 8<sup>th</sup> – LBIYRA Interclub Regatta @ BYC  
 July 16<sup>th</sup> – MAYRA Interclub Regatta @ BYC  
 Aug 14<sup>th</sup> - Leukemia Cup  
 Aug 14<sup>th</sup> – Summer Sailing Program concludes  
 Sept 5<sup>th</sup> - BYC Labor Day Regatta

### **MAYRA Regatta Calendar**

July 2 – Ocean City Yacht Club  
 July 9<sup>th</sup> – Stone Harbor Yacht Club  
 July 16 – Brigantine Yacht Club  
 July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Cape May Yacht Club  
 July 30<sup>th</sup> – Cooper River Yacht Club  
 Aug 6<sup>th</sup> – Avalon Yacht Club

### **LBIYRA Regatta Calendar**

July 1 – Haven Beach Yacht Club  
 July 8<sup>th</sup> – Brigantine Yacht Club  
 July 15<sup>th</sup> – Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club  
 July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Spray Beach Yacht Club  
 July 29<sup>th</sup> – Surf City Yacht Club  
 Aug 5<sup>th</sup> – Brant Beach Yacht Club  
 Aug 12<sup>th</sup> – Barnegat Light Yacht Club – (Championship)

## ***BYC Junior Report***

FROM: Junior Advisors, Elyse Wackerman and Lyn Dee Mattia

Happy almost summer everyone! We are counting the days til school is out and our sailors can get back out on the bay! Lyn Dee and I will be busy making plans for some fun activities for the BYC crew this summer. Of course we will be organizing Bingo Nights, Movie Nights, 4th of July activities and many other traditional events for our Junior Members. You will be hearing more from us later in June as far as dates and plans. If anyone has any ideas for Junior Activities, please feel free to email Elyse Wackerman at [elysewackerman@gmail.com](mailto:elysewackerman@gmail.com) or Lyn Dee Mattia at [lyndeemattia@gmail.com](mailto:lyndeemattia@gmail.com). As always, we welcome your ideas and your help in running events throughout the summer!

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank Janet Long for serving as Junior Advisor last year. Janet did a great job and donated many hours of her summer to our Juniors. Lyn Dee Mattia has generously offered her time and talents to take Janet's place. Welcome Aboard Lyn Dee!



## *We're All in the Boat*

by Tom Parvesse, Treasurer

As we begin the 2015 season BYC has a cash balance of \$42,339.84. The final payment on the new building in the amount of \$11,224 was paid to Ferguson Construction.

All of the invoices for the 2015 season were sent on April 1st. If you any reason you have not received your 2015 invoice as yet or there are any errors or corrections that need to made to your invoice, please contact me. Thank you to those of you have so quickly sent in the payments for the 2015 season.

**Just a friendly reminder.** BYC 2015 invoices are due by May 15.

On June 1st BYC will be making the second installment of the 10 year loans that members made to the club to build the new building. If anyone has had a change of address please contact me ASAP with the new address so that no checks are lost in the mail.

If anyone has any questions or concerns, please contact me at [parvasses@tmprefining.com](mailto:parvasses@tmprefining.com) or 610 761-1542.

## *News and Notes*

**BYC Open House** will be on June 20<sup>th</sup>. All members are encouraged to bring in potential members and to volunteer during the Open House. Contact Ellena for more information at [evaganos@aol.com](mailto:evaganos@aol.com).

A hooded sweat shirt was found in Jack Fisher's boat. It is now in the club house on the bar.

There are two optis for sale – please see attachment.

**Gwen Swett is looking for a used Laser to buy. Please email her at [gwenswett@gmail.com](mailto:gwenswett@gmail.com) .**

Tom Nelson won the attached offshore sailing school class at the Leukemia Cup Regatta last summer and is struggling to find time to use it. Would anyone be interested in buying it? It is good through 12/31 of this year and the value is anywhere between \$895 and \$1295. He is certainly willing to sell it at a discount though. Contact Tom at [thomas.nelson@franklintempleton.com](mailto:thomas.nelson@franklintempleton.com) if you are interested.

To all former Flag Officers and Trustees and all Club members – we are transferring minutes of meetings and other memorabilia of the Club into digital form. If any of you have any written documents that should be part of the Club archives, please contact Catherine Herrmann at [cherrmann@fallonvanhorn.com](mailto:cherrmann@fallonvanhorn.com).

If you are trying to find updated information on the BYC, check our website at [www.bycsail.com](http://www.bycsail.com). It is updated weekly.

The 2015 BYC directory will be uploaded on the website by June 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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? Green Fleet to Intermediate Sailors - Racers or Recreational... and Parent(s) of sailors registered should plan to attend the land clinic portion(s) of the day as well. Detailed Itinerary will be finalized in June.

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

When? Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>

8:30-11:30 Land Clinic/on the Water Time

11:30-12:30 Lunch provided on the shore for sailors & coaches /  
Parents- \$5

12:30-2:30 Land Clinic/on the Water Time

2:30-3:30 Coaches/Program Leaders/Director/ Sailing Committee

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? Secure an opti for your sailor for this clinic and email Colleen Stahl at [collstahl@yahoo.com](mailto:collstahl@yahoo.com) or call 267-229-2552 to secure a spot.

How much? \$30.00-\$35.00 per sailor & Spaces are Limited to the first 20 sailors. Reserve by June 1<sup>st</sup>

## BYC SHIP STORE PRE-ORDER YOUR BYC TERVIS CUPS



**The BYC Ship Store is back in action and ready for summer 2015! We contacted Tervis and are able to offer a discounted price for BYC Tervis cups if we order a minimum of 100 cups.**

- Great for both hot & cold drinks
- Microwave & dishwasher safe
- Greatly reduces condensation & sweating
- Made in America
- Dimensions:
  - 12 oz. 4 1/4" tall x 3 3/4" wide (top) x 2 1/2" wide (bottom)
  - 16 oz. 6" tall x 3 3/8" (top) x 2 5/8" (bottom)

**We are offering this one time opportunity to order either the 12 oz. or 16 oz. Tervis tumbler with the embroidered emblem of the BYC logo. If we order 100 cups, we will receive a blended volume discount and can offer either size (12oz. or 16 oz. )for \$13.50 per cup. (Typically these cups can cost \$16.00 plus.)**

Here's how to order:

- Email Carolyn Braithwaite at [carolyn@gobraithwaite.com](mailto:carolyn@gobraithwaite.com) by **May 22, 2015**.
- Include the number of cups you'd like to order and the size (12 oz. or 16 oz) – you can place a mixed size order.
- If we receive enough orders to meet the minimum requirement of 100 cups, we will place the order **by May 26, 2015** with expected shipment 4-6 weeks later. You should have your lifetime guaranteed cups this summer!
- We will send out notification by email if we are unable to meet the minimum order requirement.