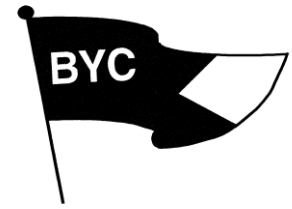




Brigantine Yacht Club Newsletter

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From the Commodore ☆☆☆ Jim Burns

The sails are certainly full at the BYC this summer. Even the sudden slam of a Derecho couldn't slow us down for the long Fourth of July week. It is so impressive to see so many members pull together each summer to produce such excellent sailing programs and regattas, as well as such a diverse slate of social events for kids and adults.

For 67 years the BYC has thrived through the constant vigilance of long term members dedicated to the property and product of this small sailing club. All members are no doubt familiar with the many faces you see on site nearly every day donating their time to a vast array of tasks such as building maintenance, sailing programs, regattas, the bar and grille, party hosting and producing social events for the Juniors. As the summer of my Commodore year waxes, I want to take this moment to personally thank ALL of the MANY members who GIVE SO MUCH each week to keep things running smoothly. I thank you personally and I thank you on behalf of the entire membership.

Remember, these members do it all because it is fun and it greatly enriches the membership experience for themselves and their families. Every opportunity that a BYC member has to jump in and say "can I give you a hand with that", or "I'll do that", is the stepping off point to building stronger bonds with members that often result in life-long friendships.

Please be sure not to miss our July General Membership Meeting on Friday night July 20th at 8:30 PM. This is your opportunity to learn some of the details of club status and management as well as voice your thoughts on any topic. I look forward to seeing as many members as we can squeeze into the building for these meetings

From the Vice Commodore ☆☆☆ Paul Murray

BYC has been busy hosting events non-stop for the last few weeks. So first, let me start with the well deserved "Thank You's"

Carole Murray for hosting the Book Club

The Braithwaite and Wackerman Family for reminding us what we did in college and why we shouldn't still be doing that! Wow, what a party. Do I need to mention what a Wacker-rita is? Enough on that topic!

Sunset Bar and Grille

Breakfast/ Open House: Thank you to Regina and Bob Kolodziej, Ed and Alicia O'Connor, and Catherine Herrmann for hosting the Open house. This event is very important to the BYC and its future. Well Done.

July 4th Jimmy and Katie Burns did another wonderful job of an Old Fashioned July 4th event. In addition, Steve Donohue took over the grill and made great burgers and dogs, the Junior Advisors had great old fashioned games and a pie eating contest along with Dave Miller and his band who did an exceptional job of making the holiday more festive. Thank you!

The Golf Outing has temporarily been taken over by Dick Ford while the Gibbons family is away this summer. Thank you Dick!

John Bilotta and Vicky Crafton did a great job with the food and Margaritas for their Margaritaville party, even pulling TWO live musical Artists. That was a great surprise. Thank you!

Our New member brunch was a nice event, thank you to all who came out to support our breakfast and meet some of the great new families.

BYC will not host a MAYRA Luncheon this year. Times are changing. And we need to be part of the change. "Back in the day" when parents took the kids to regattas on weekends, they went out in Blue Blazers and had a nice lunch with the other parents. In today's times, the majority of the sailing are sailing Mid Week, as seen by 120 sailors at BYC last Thursday. The weekend MAYRA is becoming an "Adult MAYRA" and attendance is almost non-existent by Kids.

Going Forward, Friday Bar and Grille will be as usual, and Saturday events are as follows:
July 14 Hosted by Deb Schlessinger

July 21 Art Auction - Norb Chehak (GREAT EVENT FOR BYC Please see Norb's description of this event in the newsletter)

July 28- nothing planned, open night. any ideas? Let me know

August 4th Men's Dinner. (This means the Men Cook - not exclusive to men at the dinner)

August 11th Seafood Fest. Cordasco/ Paul & Gabi Murray. An RSVP to this will help!

August 18th Jim Burns Commodores Ball Hosted at the Golden Nugget, Atlantic City

Aug 25 Kids talent show

Sept 1 Covered Dish Dinner, Sailing Awards, Last Dance

From the Rear Commodore ☆ Dave DeMarco

What a great start to the summer sailing season. Our junior sailing program is off to a great start with approximately 70 juniors between the Learn to Sail, Intro to Racing and Travel Team.

Please note no junior sailing program on July 10 or July 11 due to BYC hosting the Opti South Jersey Championship and the LBIYRA. Monday and Thursday will be regularly scheduled junior programs.

We are making the following changes to the sailing program to take advantage of the vast experience of our instructors and dock hands and build on the sailing abilities of our juniors who are advancing with great strides with so many new juniors entering the racing circuit.

The new schedule beginning ASAP as follows: It will also be posted on the Juniors' board at the Club.

Learn to Sail:

There will be no changes made to this program and your child will continue to come from 9 to 11 AM on either Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday.

Advanced Learn to Sail:

All sailors are expected to arrive at 10:30 AM to rig their boats in time for class at 11. Please be considerate of the other sailors and arrive at 10:30 AM, we will not be able to accommodate individual sailors if they come late. We encourage guardians to stick around for the half hour prior to lessons, but we strongly encourage for parents to leave (or pretend to leave) because it tends to cause a great distraction for the sailors as well as the instructors. If your child sails Monday/Wednesday, Wednesday's schedule will remain unchanged but your child will have sailing from 11:00 am until 3pm on Monday. There will be lunch around 12:30 every day so please pack your child a lunch. If your child sails Tuesday/Thursday, Thursday's schedule will remain unchanged but your child will have sailing from 11:00 am until 3pm on Tuesday. There will be lunch around 12:30 every day so please pack your child a lunch. Chef Lisa does serve lunch on Tuesday but you are not required to buy this lunch.

Club Race:

All sailors are expected to arrive at 10:30 am to rig their boats in time for class at 11. All club racers will now sail at the yacht club 11am-3pm on Monday and Tuesday. There will be lunch around 12:30 every day so please pack your child a lunch. Chef Lisa does serve lunch on Tuesday but you are not required to buy this lunch.

420/Laser/Sunfish:

1st year/beginner sailors will now come Monday and Tuesday from 12:30-3pm and advanced sailors will continue to come Wednesday and Thursday from 12:30-3pm. If you have any questions on placement of your child please contact AJ or KayLynn. It is also strongly encouraged that older sailors get their own boat, whether it is a 420, a Laser, or a Sunfish, we have instructors well versed in all three.

We hope that this new schedule pleases all of you and allows your children to have more time on the water and with their friends at the club! We are very excited to have a fun and safe summer sailing with your kids! Also please remember we have club boats available for sailing if siblings who share boats during different times will now sail at the same time.

We kicked off July by hosting the MAYRA midweek regatta on July 5 fielding a team of 15 sailors among a fleet of 110 boats. Close to the biggest turn out ever at BYC for any regatta. Huge thanks to the many volunteers, sailing instructors and dock hands that made the event a huge success. Several of our visiting clubs commented on the great water accommodations and on land support. I would like to thank the following and only hope I did not miss anyone: Tom Donahue, Paul Murray, Brian Murray, Jim Burns, Steve Cordasco, Jack Fisher, Dave Miller, Sr., Lynn Donahue, Chris Murray, Alicia O'Connor, Kelly Cordasco,

Diane Faherty, Alyse Wackerman, Doug Corbett, John Bilotta, Mary Anne Ford, the Schlesinger's and Mandi Bray, plus the BYC instructors and dockhands. Great job and thank you so much for your support. If I missed anyone I truly apologize!

New for 2012 are the STAFF shirts for our instructors and dockhands complimentary of our Juniors and ship store! Thank you!

As a reminder to all members the club is staffed 7 days per week with instructors and dockhands to ensure the safety and lend a hand to anyone who needs help launching, rigging and general supervision while on the water. Swimming is still at your own risk and you need to supervise your children and companions should you use the club as your launch to swim.

Sailing lessons are available to all members regardless of your sailing ability and can be scheduled through KayLynn Ford and AJ Carchidi. Any instructor who is level one certified is available for one on one instruction. Lessons are \$20 per hour.

We tried something new this past Friday July 6th with our first ever all women Stand Up Paddle (SUP) relay race. Team Captains included Kelly Cordasco, Carolyn Harris and Elyse Wackerman. 3 teams of 4 women battled hard including some (one) who braved the bay for the first time (name omitted to protect her husband). I will keep the suspense mounting by not revealing the winner but direct you to the web site (www.bycsail.com) to view a 3:29 video.

This was such a success that we will have the women's husbands' battle on Friday July 13 followed by a coed final on July 20. Additional participants are always welcome and not restricted in any way. The more the merrier!

Important sailing dates:

Interclub and Sunset grill series:

July series June 25 through July 20

August series July 27 through August 17

Tuesday July 10th

South Jersey Opti Championship

Wednesday July 11th

LBIYRA

Friday July 13th

Stand Up Paddle - Mens

Saturday July 14th

Adult MAYRA

Friday July 20th

Stand up Paddle - Coed

Saturday July 21st

Surf contest at 19th street beach

Early August

Kayaking from the Cove

Saturday August 25

Race'n to the Basin – 1030 start

Labor Day - Saturday September 1st

Labor Day Regatta. Open for Opti/ Laser/ Sunfish /420 / Day Sailors and any class of two or more boats are welcome

Labor Day – Sunday September 2nd

Surf Contest at 19th street beach

BYC Junior Report

Revised Schedule

Here it is - the final schedule for junior activities! We've made a few date changes so take a look and mark your calendars.

HELP, HELP, HELP!!! We're still looking for volunteers for the **7/26 Movie Night** (or pizza/games if you prefer) and for someone to help Donna Branco with the **Junior Olympics on 8/17**. Donna has some amazing games in store but needs an extra set of hands or two. This is such an amazingly fun event for the kids – sign up and jump in on the action!

For those of you who have volunteered to run an event, it's a good idea to post a sign up sheet on the juniors board at the BYC with details to remind everyone and to get an idea of how many plan to attend. This is especially helpful for planning and ordering food, etc. Please know that Kelly Cordasco and Carolyn Braithwaite are absolutely available to help with any questions or to lend a hand in running one of these events. Shoot us an email at:

Kelly Cordasco - daisygirl68@gmail.com Carolyn Braithwaite - Carolyn@gobraithwaite.com

7/12/12 - Thurs. night	Bingo Night *	Volunteer: Carolyn Braithwaite (see attached flyer for details)
7/13/12 - Friday	Storybook Land Trip**	Volunteer: Kelly Cordasco
	<u>Cancelled</u>	
7/18/12 - Wed night	Pizza & Games/Cards	Volunteer: Maria Miller
7/19/12 - Thurs night	Junior Dance	Volunteer: Maria Miller and Diane Faherty
7/26/12 - Thurs night	Movie Night* (OR pizza dinner and games – your pick!)	Volunteer: ????
	* 6:30-8:30 for younger kids, 9:00-11:00 for PG-13 and up kids	
7/27/12 - Fri	Family Canoe Trip	Volunteer: Maria Byrnes and Mimi Ford

8/3/12 - Fri Murray	Wildwood Water Park	Volunteer:	Elyse Wackerman and Keely
8/9/12 - Thurs night	Jr Semi Formal Dance	Volunteer:	Carrie Mulford and Janet Long
8/10/12 - Fri @ Sunset Grill	Rain Gutter Regatta	Volunteer:	Joanne Kearns
8/14/12 - Tues night	Pizza & Cards/Games	Volunteer:	Elyse Wackerman
8/16/12 - Thurs night O'Connor	BYC Jr Talent Show	Volunteer:	Mimi Ford and Alicia
8/17/12 - Fri	BYC Jr Olympics	Volunteer:	Donna Branco and ???

****Please email Kelly by Monday, July 9 at daisygirl68@gmail.com if you're interested in heading over to Storybookland on Friday, July 13 with your little kiddos!**



We're All in the Boat

Art Auction: by Norb Chehak

My wife Pat and I will be hosting an Art Auction on Saturday, July 21, 2012. This event has been held for 15 years raising almost \$35,000 to aid the capital needs of Brigantine Yacht Club and this year the Junior Sailing Program will also benefit from the proceeds. The income from the sales of tickets (\$10.00 ea) will be split 50/50 and 25% of the commission generated by these tickets will go to the junior sailors.

The auctioneer, Rick Brandwein of Marlin Art Galleries will be bringing a varied selection artwork that will be of interest to everyone. Earlier this year two well known artists, Thomas Kinkade and Leroy Neiman unfortunately passed away. Rick has told me that galleries have already increased their prices for the work of these artists, but his opening bids will remain the same.

Not only is this event an opportunity for you to purchase artwork for your home or gifts, but it is a very informative and entertaining evening. The preview hour begins at 7:00 PM and you will be able to review the selection of art, meet the auctioneer and sample complimentary wine and Hors d'oeuvres. Then at 8:00 PM, you can just raise your hand with your bid number and presto, it's yours. Easy!! Oh, at the end of the evening, cash, checks and credit cards are accepted.

This event is open to the public and is advertised in the Brigantine Beachcomber.

With your attendance on July 21 and promotion to your friends and neighbors, this event will again be a financial success.

And junior sailors don't forget to pick up your coded tickets for sale from Junior Advisers, Kelly Cordasco or Carolyn Braithwaite. Your contribution can help to defray the cost of your extra activities in August

Auxillary Report

The Auxiliary is pleased to report that it has purchased new navy tablecloths, white toppers and napkins for the club. Thank you to Deb Schlesinger for making it happen. Additionally, the Auxiliary is waiting on quotes for new Grosfillex outdoor tables and chairs for the deck. Look for them in the near future!

We are in need of someone to take over the Ship's Store. If anyone is interested, please contact Chris Murray.

News and Notes

BYC Book Club Meeting will be on Wednesday, July 25th at 7 PM at the home of Kathy Dohn's. The book is "Orchid House" by Lucinda Riley. Please contact Barbara Virelli if you are interested in attending at Babesvir@yahoo.com.

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Cooper River Yacht Club Notice of Race
MAYRA Midweek Youth Regatta – July 19, 2012
Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, 420, Sunfish, Opti

Registration is from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. on site only
Skipper’s Meeting – 10:00 a.m., First race 10:30
Single-handed boats - \$15
Double-handed boats - \$30

Registration fee includes: t-shirt, for the first 100 to register, lunch, and award flags.
There will be a separate Green Fleet.

5 races planned, however one race constitutes a regatta.

No outboard powered coach boats allowed on the water. Skippers may check in with their coaches at the dock briefly between races.

Questions????????????????????????????????

Judy Lazo

jlosunfish@aol.com

MAYRA South Jersey Summer Series
Registration Form - July 19, 2012

Skipper _____ Sail # _____
Crew if sailing 420's _____
Mailing Address _____
Phone Number _____ Email _____
Yacht Club _____
Age _____ Date of Birth _____
Emergency Contact at this event _____
Relationship _____ Phone # _____

Optis (check one)

_____ White Fleet (10 and under) _____ Blue (11-12) _____ Red(13-15)
_____ Green Fleet (Novice) _____ Laser 4.7 _____ Laser Radial
_____ 420 _____ Sunfish

Registration fees:		T-shirt size		
Early Registration	Late	Youth M	Youth L	Adult S
Single-handed \$15	\$20	Adult M	Adult L	
Double-Handed \$30	\$35			

- Mail to: Cooper River Yacht Club, P.O. Box 188, Collingswood, N.J. 08108 c/o Judy Lazo

BYC Juniors Bingo Night



\$3.00
per
card

Thursday Night * July 12, 2012 * 7 to 9 pm

