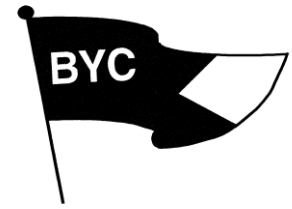




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From the Commodore ☆☆☆ Paul Murray

This fall brought us a surprise in the form of Sandy. Sandy left her mark in Brigantine, and left the BYC at a decision point.

Now that most of us have dried out and begun repairs, we learned a few lessons. One is that Ezdock docks are better left in the water. Had they been on land, they may have drifted out to sea with some of the other docks. We learned that club boats are better left outside. Had there been boats floating in the club, we probably would have seen unusual damage from floating debris inside the club along with a need to empty the club to clean and dry it after the storm. The boats which were tied to the rack outside did not move. We also learned that Jimmy's amphibious Hunter sailboat floats gracefully in the bay while still tied to its trailer.

However, before we begin to repair our decks which surround the club and repair the interior floor, we need to take a good look at the functionality and safety of the sagging floor inside the club house, along with the potential damage to electric wires under the club which have been submerged in salt water. At this point the hidden damage to BYC is yet unknown.

Because of this, I have met with a damage restoration contractor who crawled under the building to take a look, and as soon as practical, an electrician and possibly a structural engineer. For obvious reasons, electrical contractors are a little busy right now, so I do not have professional feedback on this just yet.

So stay tuned for updates this winter while we sort out the work list of things to be repaired and replaced and the best options for the BYC.

We are looking for help from the members who are available on Sunday the 25th at 9 am. General yard clean up and reorganization is needed. You will see more details from Dan Hoffman in the Rear Commodore section of the newsletter

Happy Thanksgiving to all, Brigantine is lucky to have been spared from the worst of the storm.

In closing, I would like to say thanks to Jim Burns for his years of Service to the club, Dave DeMarco for a great job as Rear Commodore, Dan Hoffman for taking over the role as Rear Commodore and Norb for his continued support in various ways to the club, specifically for his recent work with Jersey Devils and the Dock maintenance. I would also like to thank Diane Davidson for her years of service as Recording Secretary to the club. I am pleased to announce that Scott Oliveri has accepted the position of Recording Secretary.

From the Vice Commodore☆☆ Dave DeMarco

It's always sad to see the summer end but when you have winter events to look forward to it helps to pass the time until summer rolls around again!

The end of Summer and into Fall was certainly eventful. The Commodore's Ball was fantastic and I would like to personally thank Jim Burns for all his years of service and as the Commodore for keeping the ship sailing comfortably forward. Norb and Pat Chehak hosted the Octoberfest with much success, thank you!

In comes *Sandy* and rips our island apart. First and foremost a big thanks to our island first responders for doing their best to ensure our safety and the safety of our island. My heart goes out to those who experienced personal property damage. Many of our members have paid countless visits to the island in support of the clean-up and I know many are planning to be in town through the Thanksgiving weekend to lend a hand. Please check the Brigantine Island website for volunteer needs. A number of members have also offered their homes to those who live year round and need a place to stay until their repairs are completed. If you are in need please send me an email and I can connect you with those who have offered.

Many have also inquired about the BYC and how it fared. In short we suffered damage to the stationary dock, committee boats, lost two of the wooden floating docks which float off the stationary dock, minor bulkhead damage, deck damage, and interior water damage from approximately 6 -10 inches of water inside the building. The Flag Officers and Trustees are still in the process of assessing to what extent all of this has on the BYC.

The 2012 Bass Off is canceled.

On a lighter note, the 2012 holiday season is soon upon us. In past years a gracious family has offered to host a holiday party to celebrate the season, reminisce of days gone by and look forward to the summer ahead. If you are interested in hosting the 2012 holiday party at your home or at your favorite restaurant, please send me a note and I can help you communicate the logistics.

The 2013 ski trip is also in the works. This year we are trying something different and going to Bear Creek Mountain Resort in Macungie, PA formerly known as Doe Mountain. This resort offers an outdoor heated pool and full spa (for Steve Cordasco) on top of the skiing and terrain park, full rentals, and a great restaurant beside the lodge. The dates of the event are January 4, 5 and 6. A room block is on hold until December 4 after which rooms are a first come first serve basis. If you have already contacted me with your interest no need to do it again, but if you have not and are interested please email me and I will forward to you the reservation instructions. Harris, Caherly...I can't hear you?

The 2013 summer calendar is also filling up quickly. Our first host to kick off the 2013 paid up party are Debbie and Howard Schlesinger...thanks in advance for a great event!

All in all I wish you the very best and I look forward to seeing you soon!

From the Rear Commodore Dan Hoffman

First an introduction:

My name is Dan Hoffman and this past August I was bestowed the honor of serving as the 2013 Rear Commodore. My family and I have been engaged for the last 5 years starting when my son Jacob joined as a junior sailor, and we couldn't keep him away from the club. For a few years we ran trailers up and down the east coast attending regattas and supporting the sailors. Since then the club has become another room in our summer home. My son instructs, my daughter sails, and my wife is a proud member of the 21st beach crew. Back home in PA, I work as the Program Director for the Philadelphia Outward Bound Center, where I am responsible for the program safety and quality, staff training and development, equipment and facilities management, as well as budget management and board involvement. I look forward to serving our club this year and look forward to working with all of you who pitch in to make our club run smoothly.

An Update on the club post-Sandy;

We had an excellent showing for the work day this fall- the club was scrubbed down, the wooden floaters removed, the boats secured, and the shed was organized. Unfortunately during Sandy, six inches of water left a mud and scum line around the inside of the club, the removed wooden floaters floated (then landed on a club trailer that belonged to a coach boat), many boats and parts drifted around the yard, and the contents of the shed got wet. There is also debris trapped under docks and collected in the dumpster area and.... We need another work day.

We will be gathering the Sunday after Thanksgiving at 9am to re-secure the yard, docks, and club. There is plenty of work to do and something for everyone from scrubbing to building. There will be an unlimited supply of coffee and coco to keep you warm and caffeinated.

Thinking ahead to Summer 2013 ;-)

I am officially putting out the call for summer 2013 employment. I am looking for instructors, dock-hands, and a Sailing Director. Please have any interested parties contact me for official job descriptions and qualifications.

I would like to form a youth & sailing program committee and begin planning the summer programs. I am dreaming of a very involved functional committee whose members would have very important responsibilities assigned and then organize sub committees and / or recruit help to handle each responsibility. Examples would be: Jr. Sailing, Race team, Club Regattas, Public Regattas, Fun Day, Club apparel design, Public Sailing Events, Surfing, Kayaking, etc.... If you have held such charges in the past, would love to be involved in the future, or have brilliant ideas I need to hear, please get in touch with me so we can begin our work.

Thank you all in advance for the support you lend our club. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Any questions, please email me at dhoffman@outwardboundphiladelphia.org

News and Notes

Moss and Judy Jackson have graciously offered their house to any BYC member that was left homeless by Sandy from now until February, as necessary. Please email Moss and Judy at mossalan@aol.com if you are in need of a home.

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