



# Brigantine Yacht Club Newsletter

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## From the Commodore ☆☆☆ Dave DeMarco

July was absolutely a wonderful month at the BYC and August stands to be even better!

The BYC Sunset Grill has not disappointed and I want to thank our Vice Commodore, Dan Hoffmann and his son Jacob for “manning up” the grill each and every Friday night. Nothing beats a grilled chicken sandwich, hot dog or cheeseburger on a Friday night overlooking the Brigantine Bay and our beautiful sunsets. I always look forward to seeing everyone gathering and enjoying all that BYC has to offer.

The BYC interior continues to come alive with the finishing touches. Many thanks to Fran and Carol for the donation of the Bar top, Tom and Maria Byrnes for the generous donation of the TV over the Bar, Doug Corbett for the window valances, the Piccones for their generous donation for flowers for the outside and many others for the gift of time putting things in their rightful places.

Mid July at the BYC was nonstop racing starting with the MAYRA, and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Regatta and the Lighting of the Bay. Special acknowledgement to Mike Herrmann for running 3 great regattas and to Alicia O'Connor and Cara Herrmann for their exceptional effort and coordination with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and hosting a great event. The Lighting of the Bay was equally amazing and thanks to Howard and Deb Schlesinger, John and Sue Ferguson and Nick and Ellena Vaganos for the use of their “yachts” to Light up the Bay.

The evening of July 26 we welcomed our new members with a cocktail reception and the most dramatic rose ceremony ever! BYC is proud to welcome 26 new members to BYC in addition to their children. A big round of thanks to Ellena Vaganos for coordinating the evening and working hard as the new membership committee chairperson.

Welcome again to the following new members and families, the Barnes, Breretons, Driscolls, Ericksons, Fennells, Filler, Gerhards, Helpers, Lauriello, Vince LePera, McCarthys, Miller, Nalls, Oliveri, Rogge, Simpson and VanHise.

On August 1 our juniors and a few adults took sail aboard the AJ Meerwald, a 1908 Delaware Bay Bald-Headed Gaff Rigged Oyster Schooner. Thanks to Cara Herrmann for coordinating a great event.

Our next general membership meeting is scheduled for Friday August 15 at 7 pm. Please note you will be voting in the nominees for Rear Commodore (Doug Corbett) and two Trustees (John Bilotta and Paul Acton). I look forward to seeing everyone.

Don't forget to forward any newsworthy events you want included in the weekly Brigantine newspapers to Emily Acton. Contact information in the membership list.

Don't forget to thank our sailing instructors and dock hands. Great to see and be part of the wonderful sportsmanship that makes the BYC successful.

Don't forget that the BYC Ship Store is open every Friday night with lots of new cool BYC wear and memorabilia.

As a reminder below is the list of your 2014 Board Members and Committee Chairs.

Flag Officers:

- Commodore, Dave DeMarco
- Vice Commodore, Dan Hoffmann
- Rear Commodore, Mike Herrmann

Officers:

- Immediate Past Commodore, Paul Murray
- Treasurer, Norb Chehak
- Recording Secretary, Catherine Herrmann
- Corresponding Secretary, Gale Donohue

Trustees:

- Carolyn Braithwaite
- Cheryl Ford
- Maria Miller
- Howard Schlesinger
- Harry Chaikin
- Kelly Cordasco
- Jack Fisher
- Joe Tedeschi
- Dennis Faherty
- Tom Nelson
- Peter Stahl
- Ellena Vaganos
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The 2014 Committee and Committee Chairs are as follows. Each Chair can use all the support you can offer so please get involved.

- Finance – Howard Schlesinger
- Membership – Ellena Vaganos
- Sailing – Mike Herrmann
- Social – Dan Hoffmann
- Dock and Bulkhead – John Bilotta
- Nominating – Hugh Braithwaite
- Ships Store – Kelly Cordasco & Carolyn Braithwaite
- Communication – Gale Donohue
- Junior / Youth Advisors, Elyse Wackerman & Janet Long
- House & Grounds – Dennis Faherty

Please refer to the BYC website regularly at [www.BYCsail.com](http://www.BYCsail.com) for daily and weekly events, information, updates, and news. I look forward to seeing you at the BYC.

## From the Vice Commodore ☆☆☆ Dan Hoffmann

We have tipped past the halfway point of our summer season and as Dave mentioned the club, like a fine wine, is continuing to improve with a little age. I want to re-thank all those who have been donating your time, vision, and money to keep adding all those finishing touches that keep making our club even nicer.

This was a big weekend! We celebrated the success and hard work of our Commodore Dave DeMarco for his three years of service through the flags. We had over 100 registered guests for the Ball and it was a great night!

The "Caribbean" party was moved to August 23rd and we hope to pack the house. Please RSVP to the e-vite so we can get a headcount for food. We still have an open date of August 16th if anyone is interested in hosting a party or even a bridge night let me know.

I want to thank Ellena Vaganos for an amazing job of bringing in our new members and really ensuring they feel welcomed and engaged. The new members' reception was a great idea and great success, even the general members meeting was fun, informative, and engaging. Thanks also to the trustees for your excellent reports and continued dedication.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Sunset Grill on Friday.

## From the Rear Commodore ☆ Mike Herrmann

It is hard to believe, but we are already in August! Time certainly does fly by when you are busy, and the BYC sailors have certainly been busy lately.

At the end of July, BYC hosted regattas on 3 straight days totaling over 135 boats. So many thank-you's go out to all that assisted with everything from traffic control to registration to organizing breakfast and lunch to race committee. We truly have an outstanding group of volunteers that know exactly how to host a fantastic regatta. We received many compliments from visiting families noting how nice it is to come to Brigantine, and that is a compliment to the volunteers and our wonderful staff.

One of the regattas we hosted was the inaugural Leukemia Cup Jr. Regatta, which was an outstanding day both on and off the water. There were so many highlights of the day, from a close competition on the water for the South Jersey Opti Championship award, to the kids' activities, to the presentation of the Leukemia Cup itself by the Eitnier family, a fantastic BBQ dinner, and finally topped off by the Light the Bay ceremony. I want to thank everyone that helped and everyone that attended the event for making it so spectacular. We apparently broke two records that day, the club record for dinners served, and the amount of money raised by the BYC for charity. The next newsletter will contain the official amount raised, but we far exceeded my expectations! Please remember that your contributions make a difference in someone's life. Paper sailboats are still for 'sail' at the Sunset Grille.

That being said, the summer is not over yet! We've got a lot more sailing to do, and these are just a couple of key dates to keep in mind:

August 12<sup>th</sup> – MAYRA Jr. sailing awards party at Stone Harbor Yacht Club

August 16<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of the Junior sailing program

August 23<sup>rd</sup> – Racin' to the Basin

August 30<sup>th</sup> – BYC Labor Day Regatta

Our instructors and dockhands are in the midst of another outstanding year. Please take a moment to thank them for their efforts and dedication to our sailors. The college age kids will start to fade out over the next couple of weeks, so please find them while they are here. They have all done an amazing job.

## **Nominating Committee Report Submitted by: Hugh Braithwaite**

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 6 of the bylaws of the Brigantine Yacht Club, it is my role as chair of the nominating committee, to present to the General Membership of the Brigantine Yacht Club the following slate of candidates for 2014/2015.

I will begin with the Board of Trustees:

Each year, four members of the BYC Trustees complete their term of office. The retiring class of trustees is:

Carolyn Braithwaite  
Cheryl Ford  
Maria Miller  
Howard Schlesinger

Members of the board of Trustees are limited to six years of consecutive service. As a result, Cheryl and Howard are unfortunately, not eligible for re-nomination at this time. We would personally like to thank them for their years of service and important contributions to the club.

Carolyn Braithwaite and Maria Miller, being eligible, have generously offered to have their names placed in nomination for a second term of service. We would like to thank them for all past, present and future service to the club.

Therefore, the slate of nominees for the BYC Board of Trustees is:

Paul Acton  
Carolyn Braithwaite  
John Bilotta  
Maria Miller

Officers:

Officers of the Brigantine Yacht Club volunteer to take on what is, essentially a second job, unpaid, out of loyalty, love and dedication -- they are essential to the clubs organization, communication, financial health and growth. I am happy to announce this year that all of our club officers have agreed to re-nomination.

**For Recording Secretary: Catherine Herrmann**

**For Corresponding Secretary: Gale Donohue**

**For Treasurer: Norb Chehak**

. . . And, as Flag Officers it is my pleasure to nominate:

**For the position of Commodore:**

**Dan Hoffman**

**For the position of vice Commodore:**

**Mike Herrmann**

**And for the position of Rear Commodore:**

**Doug Corbett**

This completes the nominating committee report. Elections will be held at the August General Membership Meeting.

## *BYC Junior Report*

A note from Janet Long and Elyse Wackerman, JR Advisors

The Juniors had a great month of July with lots of fun social and Fun Friday activities including the recent canoe trip, water park trip, jr. juniors pizza and movie night, the Leukemia Cup Regatta & Family Fun day and the hugely successful trip aboard the A.J. Meerwald. A big thank you to all of the parents who are volunteering to take on activities to make this such a great summer for their kids - we couldn't do it without you! Elyse and I have been hard at work on the end of season t-shirts which we'll be sharing with the Juniors at the Labor Day Saturday awards ceremony.

As always, we encourage all interested members to join the [BYC Sailing Facebook group](#) - we've been enjoying sharing lots of pictures of the sailors and their activities.

FUN FRIDAY AT BYC AUGUST 15th: PIRATE DAY!!!! Aye matey! After sailing far and wide, there's no greater treasure on land or sea than BYC's annual pirate party. Bring your eye patch! Bring your sword! (Don't forget your parrot. Aaargh!!!) Enjoy the pirate themed lunch and then get in your boat for the on-water scavenger hunt to find the booty.

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PIZZA BINGO NIGHT #2: WEDNESDAY AUGUST 20 - 6 PM

>>Elyse Wackerman coordinating

Another fun night had by our juniors on Tuesday, June 29th who met at Smile Factory for some pin ball, skee ball and just plain ole' havin' a ball. We topped the night off with a trip across the street to Rita's! Thanks to Caryn Brereton and Colleen Stahl for organizing. With all this fun don't miss the next junior night!





## *We're All in the Boat*

*By: Gale Donohue*

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 2014 BYC directory has been uploaded on the website. 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).
  - F. I am making a **final update on membership** this week which will be posted on the website and I will also send all members a PDF copy. **You can print your own directory from either place.**
2. 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

Thanks! Gale

## *News and Notes*

On Friday, July 25th, the BYC hosted its 1<sup>st</sup> Jr. Leukemia cup regatta. The day was a success and great fun and it wouldn't have been possible without the support and involvement of the Juniors. Many were there from 9am till way past 9pm participating in all aspects of the day from sailing to selling to jet skiing drinking and dancing. A heart-felt thanks of appreciation to the entire Kearns family for their donation of the DJ for the after-water, pre-dinner fun. In addition, several juniors spent much of their day/evening selling from the bake sale table and/or glow items. They were: Colin & Alex Brereton, Lauren, Erin, Siobhan, and Kevin Kearns, Annie Wackerman, Ella Harris, Tess Caherly, Claire Miller, Lauren Murray, Keenan Stahl & several friends of the BYC.

Thanks for all the members who have donated items to the club!! In the future, all donations should be coordinated with Chris Murray so we don't have duplicates. Please email Chris at [murray@cs123.com](mailto:murray@cs123.com) with any and all ideas.

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