



Brigantine Yacht Club Newsletter

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From the Commodore ☆☆☆ **Dan Hoffmann**

As Thanksgiving passes and the holidays approach, I would like to take a moment to give thanks to all of you who make our club such a special place.

This year we have had so much to be thankful for. We have a new clubhouse, a successful sailing program, an engaging social club, and still we brim with the potential to grow. Over the past year our club has begun transforming itself into a vibrant multi-season operation.

This year we also hosted numerous community events, and made an extraordinary effort to raise money for the Leukemia Foundation with a regatta that was a summer highlight. The fall series was done with such great intention and attention to detail that it is sure to expand in 2015. Although the fall social events were sometimes light in attendance, the club was used / even rented, people had fun, fish were caught, and the bar made money.

With that, I must thank personally my fellow flag officers, who this year were thrown into a new world of running social events and regattas outside of the normal summer season with no training, no time to prepare, and no extra budget. They did it without the slightest hesitation exceeding all expectations. Mike and Doug have truly shown their dedication and leadership, Thank you.

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

On November 14th and 15th, the BYC hosted a fantastic Buckwheat Bass Off! The fishing was outstanding this year (they actually caught a fish!!) and the evenings at the club were just as much fun as during the summer. And the club's heat works great! A tremendous thank you goes out to the Burns' and the Lauriello's for organizing and promoting a fantastic event, not to mention the awesome low country boil. Two good nights were had by all that attended.

Even though the ramps were lifted and the yard was winterized, for the first time in history we are not shutting the club down entirely for the winter. Ring in the New Year with your fellow BYC members on Wednesday December 31st for the first annual BYC New Year's Eve Celebration! We are hosting a family friendly event from 6:30 to ????. Watch the ball drop at midnight after enjoying a catered meal. (See flyer at the end of the newsletter) Please RSVP to Mike and Cara Herrmann at mikeh509@msn.com so we can get an accurate count for the caterer.

The annual BYC Ski Trip will be held January 9th to 11th at Bear Creek Mountain Resort in Macungie, PA. The mountain offers skiing, snowboarding and snow tubing, so there is something for everyone. Rooms at the Bear Creek Resort have filled up quickly in the past, so we have arranged for a block of rooms at the nearby Holiday Inn, as well. (Please refer to the flyer at the end of the newsletter for additional information.) Please let us know (mikeh509@msn.com) if you plan on attending so we can coordinate the Friday and Saturday night events accordingly.

Finally, we have had a number of people offer to host social events next summer. There are still slots available if you are interested— please let us know.

From the Rear Commodore ☆ Doug Corbett

Ahhh, the bay has grown chilly, Blade bags and life jackets are stowed for the winter, and our thoughts turn now to the holidays and the ski trip!

But first, I'd like to tip my cap to the crew that appeared to devour the doughnuts and tackle the Work Day tasks! Dr. Harry Chaikin (first to arrive☺) and Bob Noll did a wonderful job organizing the 2nd floor, Vice Commodore Herrmann was there to answer all my questions and inventory the bar, Steve “ramp guy” Donohue and his two elves Jimmy Burns and John Bilotta got the come-alongs working and did all the heavy lifting, Dave DeMarco and Steve Cordasco nearly emptied the yard just by taking home their respective fleets, Jack “of all trades” Fisher gets big thanks for scraping the barnacles off the swim ladders (see photo) among all the other things he does, John Rozsa, Commodore Dan Hoffman, Joe Courter, and Mark Herrmann organized all the boats to be stored on the racks to be shrink-wrapped. Special thanks to Drew Barkoff who helped me identify boats and cleaned out the shed on his own. Please join me in thanking him for donating his time rather than accepting pay for the day's work. The team got everything on the list done except pulling weeds – we'll let old man winter take care of them! Thanks to all for all your help. Many hands did indeed make light work.

The BYC Fall Kickoff Classic Regatta – Thanks to Steve and Kelly Cordasco for sponsoring a new sailing series we launched this fall with the intent of extending the sailing season and showcasing our new clubhouse and it's wonderful heat and TV). On six Sundays, regattas were run for adults and kids in 4 fleets (Opti, Laser, Sunfish, and 420/Day Sailor). We averaged a dozen sailors a week, usually finished by 1pm, and came in for cheeseburgers and the NFL game on the TV over the bar. Thanks to all the sailors and especially Dave DeMarco for volunteering to be PRO each week. Members happily volunteered to man the grill, bartend, and run committee boats. Drew managed the races out on the water. It was a successful inaugural year that we hope to expand upon in future years. We made a little money on food and a little more on the bar, but most importantly, the kids enjoyed themselves.

Winners of each fleet were: Opti – Patrick York, CRYC. Laser – Dave DeMarco, BYC. Sunfish – Mary Anne Byrne, CRYC. 420/Day Sailor – Bruce LiCausi. Congratulations and thanks for coming out to support the new series!

Along with the sailing committee, I look forward to designing a multi-faceted sailing program for the upcoming year – just think, the days start getting longer in only 3 weeks!



We're All in the Boat

By: Norb Chehak & Tom Parvesse

As we approach the end of the year, the 2014 financial results for Brigantine Yacht Club show an operating surplus of roughly \$15,300. 2014's surplus is due in large part to increased membership and that we have yet to see the new property tax assessment.

We are currently developing the 2015 budget. With that in mind, if anyone has anything that should be included in next year's budget please pass it along to one of us as soon as possible. The 2015 budget and fees will be approved by the Trustees at the winter meeting.





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It's NYE at BYC! Wednesday, December 31st, 6:30 pm – ?

Kick off the New Year with your BYC friends at the new, winterized clubhouse! The champagne will be flowing for the adults downstairs while we watch the ball drop down at midnight.

Children are invited to come in pajamas with blankets and pillows in tow for board games and a movie screening upstairs.



The catered buffet dinner includes the following menu selections:

Hors D'Oeuvres:

Hot Crab Dip served with Baguette Crostini

Baked Brie and Fig Compote wrapped in flaky, warmed Puff Pastry

Roast Plum Tomatoes and Yellow Peppers served with sliced baguettes, fresh grated Parmesan cheese and basil

Dinner Buffet:

Lemon Herb Crusted Cod with Roasted Garlic Aioli

Herb Roasted Beef Filet thinly sliced with Horseradish Sauce

Cheddar and Thyme Bread Pudding

Mashed Sweet Potatoes

Green Beans with Carmelized Onions

Mixed Green Salad with Apples, Pickled Onions and Red Wine Vinaigrette

Kids Menu (for children 12 years old and under):

Boneless Buttermilk Fried Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Hummus and Carrot Sticks

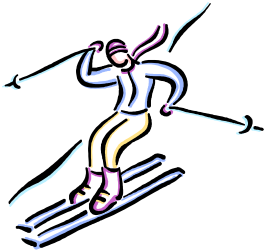
Dessert:

Comice Pear Crisp, Chocolate Brownies, Gingerbread Biscotti

La Colombe Coffee and assorted Tazo Teas

\$75.00 per person/cash bar. \$20.00 for children 12 and under. Please make checks payable to Brigantine Yacht Club. RSVP in advance to Vice Commodore Mike Herrmann at mikeh509@msn.com. Questions? Please call Cara Herrmann at 610-716-1096. You may pay at the door but you must RSVP in advance in order to provide the caterer with an accurate head count.

BRIGANTINE YACHT CLUB 2015 SKI TRIP: JANUARY 9TH - 11TH



Welcome winter with your BYC friends! Join us for the annual BYC ski weekend at Bear Creek Mountain Resort in Macungie, PA.

Bear Creek Mountain (formerly Doe Mountain Ski Area) is nestled on over 330 wooded acres in scenic Berks County, Pennsylvania. The mountain offers skiing, snowboarding and snow tubing while the adjacent resort offers additional amenities including several dining options, indoor/outdoor pool and hot tub and a fitness center.

In the past few years, hotel rooms at Bear Creek have filled up fast, so this year we have added a 2nd hotel option to our ski weekend. The recently renovated Holiday Inn Conference Center in Allentown PA will also be hosting BYC members. It also has an indoor pool and fitness center, as well as Sam Adams Brewhouse restaurant on-site.

BYC members should to RSVP to Vice Commodore Michael Herrmann at mikeh509@msn.com. However, you are responsible for making your own hotel room reservations for either one or two nights. Please contact the hotels directly:

- Bear Creek Mountain Resort: 1-866-754-2822. www.bcmountainresort.com . Hotel room prices range from \$249-\$269 per night.
- Holiday Inn Conference Center (less than 9 miles from Bear Creek): 610-391-1000. www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/breinigsville/abelv/hotel/detail. BYC has a block of rooms reserved for our group at the discounted rate of \$99.00 per night. Upgrades are available if you would like to reserve a suite, etc. Please make sure you identify yourself as a Brigantine Yacht Club member while making your reservation *via the group sales telephone number listed above*. This recently renovated hotel also features an indoor pool and fitness center. There is a Sam Adams Brewhouse restaurant and lobby bar on-site.

For those who prefer a bed and breakfast experience, Bear Creek Mountain recommends the following B&Bs:

- The Globe Inn (located 9 miles from Bear Creek): 215-679-5948 www.globeinn.net
- Landhaven Bed & Breakfast (less than 4 miles from Bear Creek): 610-845-3257 www.landhavenbandb.com
- Longswamp Bed and Breakfast (less than 3 miles from Bear Creek): 610-682-6197 www.longswamp.com

All tickets, passes and rentals can be purchased directly through Bear Creek or possibly your hotel (depending on where you stay). Pricing can be viewed at www.bcmountainresort.com. The plan is to ski on Saturday and go snow tubing on Sunday (depending on weather) but everyone is free to do whatever activity they wish, whenever they wish. We will also be planning an informal wine and cheese welcome reception on Friday evening and perhaps a dinner get together on Saturday, depending on how many people RSVP. This weekend is for adults and families alike! Stay tuned for more information. Don't forget to RSVP as soon as you can so we can continue planning! We hope to see you there.

(Have questions? Please call Cara Herrmann at 610-716-1096.)