



Brigantine Yacht Club Newsletter

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From the Soon-to-Be Past Commodore Dave DeMarco

As I say farewell to my time and roll as a Flag Officer of BYC I am forever grateful to all BYC members, trustees and Flag Officers (past and present) for your tremendous support, guidance and camaraderie. I am now in the Past Commodore's Club and feel a tremendous sense of pride and accomplishment having served BYC and to give back to a club that has given my family so many great life memories and friendships for 3 generations and counting. It is extremely rewarding and I encourage all members to get involved, stay involved and give to BYC what you want out of BYC.

I am proud to leave the BYC in the hands of Dan Hoffman, C, Mike Herrmann, VC and Doug Corbett, RC and know guys that I am a resource and look forward to supporting your great efforts. Thanks in advance for what you have and will do for the BYC in the coming year.

On Saturday August 30 we held the annual awards ceremony. I opened the night by recapping a year in review.

- BYC loans and donations to rebuild exceeded \$250K, in addition to the generosity of many more to outfit the interior
- We built a brand new Club to last many a lifetime
- Marisa, Will, Claire and others shipping off to college
- Over \$15K raised in support of the Lymphoma and Leukemia Society
- 26 new members
- Financial solvency
- A grand re-opening with city officials on hand
- The celebration of life of our deceased members
- The sailing accomplishments of the BYC BOLT sailing team
- A great vibe amongst all members

It is such a great event to recognize the amazing efforts of our Junior members. It is a pleasure to stand in front and see the smiling faces of each Junior as their names are called and they walk forward to accept their award. It truly makes the "hundreds of hours" of volunteer time to keep the club running worth every second.

I also had the pleasure of handing out the following two Commodore Awards.

The Carl Oliveri Award, given to a family who time and time again gives "hundreds of hours" to BYC with unwavering enthusiasm, commitment and dedication. This family created the BYC brochure, designed the art work on the Yard Signs for the Open House, lead and support various committees, serve as the mastermind behind the annual beach party, host many a Saturday night event that you'll never remember, and much more. The 2014 Carl Oliveri Award family recipient is the Braithwaite Family. Thank you Hugh, Carolyn, Will, Owen and Andie!

The Commodore Award, given to an individual who cares to give, support and keep the spirit alive, who recognizes that nothing happens without volunteering but also does not need to be asked because the individual knows what needs to be done. This person picked up the ball in Bud Eitnier's name, drove the successful Grand Opening campaign, built a ship store, hung many a cabinet, fastened many riding irons, is a Past Commodore, a current Trustee and so much more. The 2014 Commodore Award recipient is Jack Fisher. Thank you Jack Fisher.

BYC will be hosting the BYC Kickoff Classic Fall Regatta Series beginning Sept 14 through Oct 19. See below in RC Report for details. The intent is to take advantage of the Fall and encourage all sailors, young and old, novice or expert to sail / race amongst friends in a friendly environment while enjoying the BYC, Sunday NFL, and extend the awareness of BYC activity to all Brigantiners.

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

The BYC Ship Store will be open during our monthly events with lots of new cool BYC wear and memorabilia. Pick something up before it's too late and get a head start on your holiday shopping.

Below is the list of your 2014-15 Board Members and Committee Chairs.

Flag Officers:

- Commodore, Dan Hoffman
- Vice Commodore, Mike Herrmann
- Rear Commodore, Doug Corbett

Officers:

- Immediate Past Commodore, Dave DeMarco
- Co-Treasurer, Norb Chehak and Tom Parvesse
- Recording Secretary, Catherine Herrmann
- Corresponding Secretary, Gale Donohue

Trustees:

- Carolyn Braithwaite
- John Bilotta
- Maria Miller
- Paul Acton
- Harry Chaikin
- Kelly Cordasco
- Jack Fisher
- Joe Tedeschi
- Dennis Faherty
- Tom Nelson
- Peter Stahl
- Ellena Vaganos

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 & Norb Chehak
- Sailing – Doug Corbett
- Social – Mike Herrmann
- Dock and Bulkhead – John Bilotta
- Nominating – Hugh Braithwaite
- Ladies Auxiliary – 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 for daily and weekly events, information, updates, and news.

The people make the party and the BYC Membership are the people and the BYC is the Party!

May each of you find fair winds and following seas throughout all of your adventures. See you soon.

From the Vice Commodore  Dan Hoffmann

I am writing to you for the last time as your Vice Commodore. When I was the Rear and moving to Vice, I remember feeling sad leaving my post. This year is no different. As I search my feelings, I realize what I will miss the most are the amazing people I have had the privilege to work with, namely our kids. Our small club offers a world class sailing program and a vibrant social calendar. Both of these are staffed by our kids. As a program director at Outward Bound I run a lot of programs and manage a lot of staff, but at work I find myself bragging about the maturity and professionalism of our kids here at the club. I just want to take a brief moment to thank them for all the work they did for me as the Vice this year. Andrew Schlesinger, with a great deal of support from Frangelina, did an amazingly professional and detailed job of managing the bar, purchases, and schedule as our official “Barmador”. We had a few brand new bartenders who really stepped up and took the role and responsibility with valor, a big thank you to Drew Barkoff, Will Braithwaite, and Marissa Murray. Jacob Hoffman did a great job at the grill serving up the best burger in Brigantine this summer as Emily Acton and Clair Corbett took orders, prepared plates, and served with a smile. It has truly been an honor for me to work with you all, thank you. AS I move into my new role as the Commodore I will miss working with the kids, but am looking forward to working with the board and the other flag officers.

As we wind down from the summer and gear up for the fall we are in an exciting position, the club is on budget with a \$2000 liquor inventory and a \$300 credit with the beer distributor. We are preparing for Sunday regattas and 3rd Saturday social events. This is a very exciting step moving us from a one season club to a three to four season club. Please make every possible attempt to join us at these fall events. If you are interested in hosting or volunteering for a fall third Saturday, please contact myself or Mike Herrmann. During the award ceremony I commended Jack Fisher for all the unseen work he has been doing around the club and I would like to say thanks to him again. Jack truly personifies the giving spirit that exists at BYC. I would also like to mention that there are many people who volunteer their time to make our club work and feel like a second home. This year we moved into a beautiful new building and throughout the summer it just got better and better. There were constantly small improvements that happened not by chance but by someone’s volunteerism. Finishing touches such as shelves, mirrors, paper towel holders, organized drawers, donated furniture, new TV, repairs to the docks, hoist, and boats, clean tablecloths, hung photos, etc, etc, etc, all get done by many unsung heroes at our club. This is why I love BYC, this club is based on member support and volunteerism with a focus on the youth. As we grow my wish for us is that we never

lose our “were in this together attitude” it is truly the heart of BYC. Thank you all for the time, effort, and substance that you provide our club. With twenty new families, a new clubhouse, and an expanding program year it is hard not to feel pride and excitement to be part of such a great organization.

Wrapping up my report I would like to thank our soon to be PC David DeMarco for his years of service, dedication, and inspiration. It has been a pleasure to serve with him. With that a big thank you to Denice DeMarco for all her work and support. She really helped me this year and I know she has helped Dave immensely the last three. I have no doubt that twenty years from now one of the DeMarco girls will be writing this newsletter keeping in the family’s tradition of serving our club.

From the Rear Commodore ☆ Mike Herrmann

What an amazing summer! Thanks to all who have helped Cara and I throughout the year. We could not have done it without your support, guidance and mentoring.

I apologize – I was remiss in not stating a couple of important things at our recent awards ceremony:

First, the Labor Day regatta was a huge success, with a nice relaxed atmosphere for our sailors. The Opti races were won by Vincent Cordasco, followed by Gabe Cordasco, Lauren Murray, Ryan Herrmann, Harry Halper and Keenan Stahl. I have absolutely no clue who won the Laser/Sunfish team race – but the O’Connors, Murray’s and Cordasco’s sure seemed to have a great time.

Second, I didn’t announce the results of the BOLT traveling team. Our team continues to do very well both in MAYRA and LBIYRA competitions. On the MAYRA circuit, Gabe Cordasco finished 5th in the Opti White fleet, Stephen Cordasco took 2nd in Sunfish, Paul Faherty was 2nd and Brendan O’Connor was 4th in Laser 4.7, and Margot Murray took 2nd in Laser Radial. On the LBIYRA circuit, Brendan O’Connor was 2nd, Patrick Murray was 3rd and Paul Faherty was 4th in Laser Radial, and Margot Murray was 4th and Sean O’Connor placed 5th in Laser Radial. For the second year in a row, BYC has brought home a team trophy from the highly competitive LBIYRA by virtue of our Laser 4.7 team (last year we won the Laser Radial team trophy). Congratulations to all that competed in these events!

We have compiled a list of lost and found items that have been gathered over the summer. This list is posted on the club bulletin board (and will be distributed when I get it off of my computer at the shore). Most of the items are being stored in a big black trash bag in the sailing shed. Please claim your items. Items not claimed by Work Day will either become club property, put up for sale or donated.

As noted earlier, we are pleased to announce our BYC Kickoff Classic Fall Regatta Series on Sundays from September 14th thru October 19th. Why not continue sailing on our bay during what is often the most beautiful time of the year in Brigantine? We are open to all classes from Opti to Lasers to Day Sailors to Moths. Please refer to the attached Notice of Race for additional detail. The final day of the series promises to be a fun day with the crowning of the series champion and a special celebration.

Finally, it was my pleasure to serve as Rear Commodore. The instructors and dock hands deserve all the credit for this as they were the ones keeping it fun while offering instruction. Thanks to every one of you. I had the honor of presenting the Rear Commodore Award to Bruce and Desiree LiCausi for all of their help this summer. From the first day of summer through today, they are ready willing and able to help. They fixed things that were broken, prevented more things from breaking, served as a mentor to our staff, and threw one of the better Pirate Day parties we’ve ever had. Even though they would like to stay under the radar, please take the time to thank them for their countless contributions to the program this year.

We had 3 fantastic regattas this year, and there were so many volunteers who made that happen. Thank you to all. We hosted the first of what will hopefully be the many Leukemia Cup Jr. Regattas, and raised over \$15,000 for a fantastic charity. Thank you to Alicia O'Connor and Cara Herrmann for one of the more satisfying days of my life.

I relied heavily upon our fabulous sailing committee (Kelly Cordasco, Tom Donahue, Diane Faherty, John Keating, Maria Miller, Chris Murray, Alicia O'Connor and Colleen Stahl) and each of them was instrumental in this year's program. The Junior Advisors (Elyse Wackerman and Janet Long) kept the summer fun with fantastic and entertaining events for the kids. (Hard to imagine that some of them were planned and organized from Ardmore, PA!) And I couldn't have done any of this without my wife, Cara, who truly is my north star.

We've got wonderful kids here at our club. Their smiles and laughter make all the hard work worth it.

Now, who wants to host a party?



We're All in the Boat

By: Norb Chehak

Over 18 months ago, I advised the Nominating Committee that it was time, after 14 wonderful years to turn over the treasury job at Brigantine Yacht Club to a new person. I am pleased to announce that Tom Parvesse has stepped up to accept and has been voted in to this important job for our organization. Tom and I will be working very closely next year to insure the transition goes smoothly. We have met on several occasions and I can assure that the treasury function of Brigantine Yacht Club is in sound hands for many years to come.

Saturday night, August 30 was a surprising night for me when the Board of Trustees made me feel very special with their kind words of confidence, cooperation and praise. Commodore Dave DeMarco presented me with a chair and suggested that Pat could use it to keep a watchful eye on me when sailing and swimming. I have chosen to name this "Pat's Chair" in honor of my wife. The emotion of the evening was so overwhelming to me, so please allow me to finish.

The past 14 years as Treasurer have been the best education of my life that money can buy. Setting goals, figuring out how to achieve them, learning from my mistakes are a few of those. Learning how to listen to the many diverse talents in BYC has humbled me and shown me that greater things can readily accomplished by listening. Thank you Brigantine Yacht Club.

I see a very bright future for Brigantine Yacht Club. The fixed assists are in place, membership is growing and the Trustees are focused to make it even better. That evening I paid close attention to the youngsters who received numerous awards for their sailing achievements. More important, I saw leaders, future Trustees and Flag Officers that will continue the fine traditions that we all cherish, sailing, life skills, friendship and camaraderie. I saw people who enjoy Brigantine Yacht Club and have the special interest at heart in helping to insure its success for generations.

I thank everyone who has made the lives of Pat and I so wonderful at Brigantine Yacht Club. We are not going anywhere and will continue to help whenever we can.

News and Notes

Congratulations to Dr. Harry and Sarah Chaikin on the wedding of Carolyn Chaikin and Whitney Duncan on Saturday, September 13th, 2014!

Congratulations to Sue and John Ferguson on the wedding of their daughter Sara Ferguson.



BYC Kickoff Classic Fall Regatta Series

Notice of Race

For Optimist, Sunfish, Laser fleets (4.7, radial, full rig), and C420

Weekly – running Sunday September 14th thru Sunday October 19th

Hosted at Brigantine Yacht Club, 10th Street and Bayshore Ave, Brigantine

Registration: No cost for sailing

Schedule of Events:

- 10:00am - 10:30 am Registration / Sign In
- 10:30 am Skippers Meeting
- 11:00 am Start of First Race
- Last Race shall start no later than 2:00 pm

This series will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and US Sailing Rules. All boats must have official class numbers displayed on both sides of their sails, US Coast Guard approved lifejackets must be worn by all sailors and all boats are to have 25ft of tow line.

3 minute dinghy start sequence will be used. We will attempt to have a minimum of 3 races per class, per Sunday, conditions permitting. Course information and local rules will be provided at skippers meeting.

Lunch will not be provided, though hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages will be available for purchase on land between 12pm and 3pm. Sailors may want to bring a snack to eat on the water as the races may be run straight through – final decision to be made at the skippers meeting.

Classes will be scored if there are 3 or more registered boats in the same class. The series winners are required to participate in 4 of the 6 Sunday races. An overall winner will be crowned regardless of fleet.

Please note that repeat participants are permitted to store their boats on BYC grounds during the fall regatta series. Boat owners shall hold the Brigantine Yacht Club harmless from any and all damage sustained while the boats are stored on our property. All boats must be removed from the BYC boat yard no later than October 19, 2014.

2014 BYC Kickoff Classic Fall Regatta Series
Registration Form:

Skipper's Name: _____

Address: _____

Crew's Name: _____

Parent / Guardian (if Sailor is under 18) _____

Parent / Guardian Phone # _____

Club: _____

Class (Circle): Optimist // Sunfish // Laser // Laser Radial // Laser 4.7 // C420

Sail Number: _____

For any questions regarding the event, please contact BYC Rear Commodore Doug Corbett at
609-517-8071 or doug.corbett@marriott.com

Waiver and Release Form – 2014 BYC Kickoff Classic Fall Regatta Series

This form shall be filled out prior to any sailor participating in the Brigantine Yacht Club 2014 Kickoff Classic Fall Regatta Series. This form shall be valid for each day of competition, and therefore the Waiver and Release Form only needs to be filled out once for the 6 scheduled Sundays.

PARENT/GUARDIAN/SAILOR WAIVER & RELEASE FORM --- As the parent/guardian of a minor child, or as a sailor who is 18 years of age or older, I acknowledge that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury of any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, I hereby waive any rights I may have to sue the race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) involved with the event with respect to personal injury or property damage suffered by myself or my crew as a result of our participation in this event and hereby release the race organizers from any liability for such injury or damage.

Furthermore, as the parent/guardian of the minor sailor, I acknowledge that in the event of an emergency, if I am NOT PRESENT at the Regatta, I authorize the regatta organizers to obtain medical treatment for the child named in this registration.

By choosing YES and providing my signature below, I assert that I have reviewed and agree to the above Waiver and Release Form, as well as, the Medical Release Form.

YES // NO Signature of Parent/Gaurdian/Sailor over 18: _____

Date: _____

JR. SAILOR WAIVER & RELEASE FORM ---- As a sailor under the age of 18, I acknowledge that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury of any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, I hereby waive any rights I may have to sue the race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) involved with the event with respect to personal injury or property damage suffered by myself or my crew as a result of our participation in this event and hereby release the race organizers from any liability for such injury or damage.

By choosing YES and providing my signature below, I assert that the sailor that I am registering has reviewed and agrees to the above waiver and release form.

YES // NO Signature of Sailor under the Age of 18: _____

Date: _____

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