



From the Commodore Doug Corbett

We are on the cusp of SUMMER, finally!!

I couldn't possibly be more enthusiastic about the upcoming season and the prospect of welcoming back all the BYC members. Your Trustees and Flag Officers are getting creative and diligently preparing to make your summer of 2017 one of the best ever!

We've agreed that strengthening our financial stability by increasing the membership is our top priority. There are 2 main areas of focus:

1. Retention:
 - a. Offer great value in membership thru an appealing sailing program for all: children and adults, racers, and recreational sailors.
 - b. Become the "place to be" on Friday and Saturday nights by activating a stacked social calendar with a variety of events designed to delight everyone.

2. Recruitment
 - a. Lapsed Memberships – The Trustees have agreed to an outreach program to invite the families that we've lost in recent years to the Memorial Day Opening Party to remind them that their club misses them and continues to improve every year. Any impact you can make by speaking with your friends that have let their membership lapse, would be greatly appreciated.
 - b. New Members – Sarah Chaikin is leading a team of Past Commodores (Sue Ferguson, Ellena Vaganos, and Debbie Carchidi), who have graciously volunteered their time to initiate programs geared to generate new members. They would welcome your call to offer a helping hand. There are many easy tasks, so please don't think you need any experience to assist in the effort. For new members, this is a great way to get involved and get to know people. Many hands make like work, so please consider making the call today.

Here's a list of upcoming events:

Open Houses – Sat., June 17. 9:30am **and** Friday, June 30th. 5pm

Farmers Market – Saturday, July 1. 9am to noon

New Member Brunch – Sunday, July 9. Time tbd

At press time, we have 2 families to welcome as new members: The Bigelows (Tuck and Dorann) who visited BYC last summer with their daughter, Kathy, who dates Sean Ford. Also Jason Augustine and his children, Damien and Logan. Jason is the son of Past Commodore, Mike Augustine and his wife, Paula.

Please join me in extending a warm welcome to these new members!

Rumor has it that 5 former members are seriously considering rejoining this year: Helen Kaminsky, Nancy Collier & Derrick Owings, and Mary & George Guerin. If you're close with them, please reach out and provide some encouragement.

In closing, I'd like to recognize and thank the Committee Chairs for their time and effort. They are all doing great work on your behalf and are always looking for volunteers to join. If you have any questions about the following areas, these are the folks to thank and contact:

Membership – Sarah Chaikin
 Social – Deb Schlesinger
 Nominating – Paul Acton
 Dock & Bulkhead – John Bilotta
 Publicity – Carolyn Braithwaite

We are in search of a Chairperson for the Finance, and House & Grounds Committees. Although the Sailing Committee is currently being well run by Rear Commodore, Brian Murray, we would actually like to have a member as the Chair. Let us know if you're interested.

See you in a couple of weeks – safe travels for those that are returning to the island for the summer!

From the Vice Commodore ☆☆☆ Hugh Braithwaite

Here Comes Summer Party Season! - Thanks to a great social committee and enthusiastic members, I'm delighted to announce that our summer social schedule is complete and ready to go. All the Saturday nights are filled and party planners are already gearing up for fun.

This summer we have a mix of theme nights, dinners, July 4th Family night, golf outing, cocktail parties, member sports activities and Sunday brunches. The full schedule will be posted at the club and on the BYC website.

Memorial Day Kick Off!

Friday Sunset Grille – It all begins Friday night, May 26th at the Sunset Grille night. The club will be open and ready for all members looking for an early start to summer. Friday is always a great time to reunite with members after a long winter of hibernation. Bar opens at 6:30 PM.

Saturday – Member Appetizers and Entertainment

On Saturday, when most members are down, the summer kicks off with a traditional Memorial Day Party on Saturday, May 27th. In keeping with a long BYC tradition, we are asking members to bring appetizers for a casual night of food and cocktails.

Bar opens at 6:PM. Please email me at hugh@obraithwaite.com, to let me know what appetizers you are bringing.

Sarah Chaikin, our membership chair, has invited former members to come that night as a great way to get them reacquainted with the BYC, see the new building and connect with members – old and new.

Live Music – Paul Lauriello!

To keep things lively Saturday night will feature the acoustic guitar entertainment of our own Paul Lauriello. Great Music, a spectacular sunset, old and new friends and cocktails! You won't want to miss this one!

Friday Night Family Activities

This summer, we will also be looking to host a number of casual activities such as sailing, paddle board races, family water Olympics to make it easy and fun for families to participate. Friday night activities and

games are a great way to get more families to come out after a long week.

We are also looking into specific activities like movie nights on the second floor to keep the little ones entertained, occupied and safe.

Get ready, it's coming BACK.....the annual 4th of July Old Fashioned Pig Roast! Saturday, July 1st 6 pm. Pig carved on site, Great Food, Kids' Games, and More. It's not too early to reserve your spot, don't wait! Email Colleen at collstahl@yahoo.com
Hosted by the Stahls, Mattias, Brereton's and Others!

Club Rentals

We are getting a flurry of new requests for rentals! We have six events booked so far this year. Please remember that the club is the most spectacular venue on the island and available at an incredibly reasonable price. Prices are only \$300 in January, February, and March. \$400 in April, May, Sept, Oct, Nov, and Dec. \$500 in June, July and August (Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday nights only).

Members can bring in their own Food and Beverages or use Club liquor. Non-members must bring their own F & B and also must hire a Supervisor recommended by the club and pay \$100 for cleaning fee. There is no better rental and no better view!

From the Rear Commodore Brian Murray

Summer is around the corner and we are ready at the yacht club. I'd like to thank everyone who came to the spring work day and helped us open the club, clean inside and out, and organize the yard and docks. We had some surprise challenges with a water leak on the T-dock and no outside power at the start of the day but all was repaired by mid- morning with the experienced crew of John Bilotta, Jack Fisher and many other helpers.

I especially want to thank Norb Chehak who worked tirelessly on his last day as a Brigantine resident to help us get ready for a summer at BYC that he will miss for the first time in decades. For all of us who know how much Norb loved the club and its members, it will be no surprise that he was the first to start work opening the club before work day and was the last leave. As Rear Commodore I learned just how much Norb did to help us behind the scenes and he will be missed tremendously not just for his efforts but for his enthusiasm and passion for sailing and the members of our club. We should also thank Pat for allowing Norb to spend so much time at the club! As rear commodore, I wish Norb and Pat the best and look forward to seeing them on the ski slopes in the future and back here for a summer vacation in 2018 hopefully!

The sailing program for 2017 is taking shape. Some key dates:

The Moth Regatta will be held on June 17th

The parents meeting for junior sailing program will be 10am Sunday June 25th

The junior sailing program begins Monday June 26th

BYC will host the MAYRA and LBIYRA regattas on July 20 and August 2.

For any parents that haven't yet let me know if their kids will be in the program, please email me at BFMurray@gmail.com and let me know what boat they will be sailing this year.

Additionally, If any sailors are interested in using the 420s during the junior program they will be available for an extra fee once again this summer. Contact me for specific details if you are interested. This is the

second year of this program which aims to keep older and social sailors in the program as they age out of optimists.

I look forward to seeing everyone Memorial Day weekend.

BYC Junior Report

Hello, Summer! With Memorial Day staring us down, we know we've got the summer flutters and I hope the kiddos do too. The Junior Advisors want to bring another fun-filled, action-packed, something-for-everyone summer to our club for the kiddos to enjoy. We won't be able to do that without your help, moms, dads, and grandparents! So please reach out to Colleen Stahl or Lyn-Dee Mattia now or anytime during the summer with an idea or an offer to help. If you are new to our club or last summer was a whirlwind for you, let us take a few minutes to outline the kind of social activity the junior program offers.

Each week we aim to have one social event planned, most of which are held on the island either on club property (Game Night, Bingo) or off (mini-golf, ice cream) and all of which are hosted by a volunteer adult mom/dad/grandparent. In addition to the on-island weekly events, we also offer a few off-island excursions and are open to new ideas particularly from our parents of the tweens/teens and little mates! The traditional off-island excursions happen on two Fridays during the summer sailing season and they are the Canoe Trip in the Pine Barrens and the Ocean City Water Slide trip. The BYC Juniors are our biggest advertisement for new club members, so moms and dads buy your BYC gear early at the Ship's Store and send them dressed in it to our weekly evening Shark Park meet-ups. Despite what mom and dad think, a day of sailing and swimming does not tire these BYC kids out enough to want to miss a play date at Shark Park. The Juniors are offered a weekly lunch at the club in-between sailing sessions -which is an easy way to socialize with all juniors and give mom and dad a break from lunch duty! Lunches are another way to step up and host an event, moms and dads! And there's plenty more! With specific events for Little Mates- ages 6 and under,- community and club service, as well as this summer's Junior Book Club- Wonder by R.J. Palacio - order your copies now- we are sure to please even the most hesitant I-don't-want-school-to-end Junior! Juniors are considered any member under the age of 18 regardless of their sailing affiliation.

Now that you and your kids are excited about the possibilities, our first order of business is lining up a parent or two to chair the old fashioned kid games at the Annual BYC Pig Roast on July 1st. We have some ideas, just need a willing adult to organize and be in charge as we will be in the kitchen. We look forward to all of the parents getting involved in one way or another this year. We promise you, the work load is light and the payback is endless. There is no better summer gift we can give our children and our children's children, than the investment in the BYC!

Interested in getting involved in the Junior Advisory? Have an idea for a Summer Activity? Want to host a weekly event, excursion, or lunch? Come to our parent junior social event planning meeting June 25th at 11 am or contact us: Colleen Stahl 267-229-2552 collstahl@yahoo.com

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We're All in the Boat by the Chehaks

A big thank you goes out to Debi Schlesinger and everyone who made the party on April 29 a memorable event for us. Although we have embarked on the next phase of our lives, we will always remember the good times we shared with our wonderful friends at Brigantine Yacht

Club. The miles will separate us but not our hearts. Should your plans include a trip to Colorado and Summit County, please contact us. We would enjoy renewing those wonderful times, making turns on the snow and hiking these magnificent trails. Thank You Thank You Thank you



Dear BYC Members:

We are excited to tell you that the Brigantine Sailing and Maritime Foundation (BSMF) has been granted non-profit, tax-exempt status as a 501(c)3 organization!

Our mission is to provide resources to support training and participation in the instruction and education of sailing, and assist in maintaining the natural habitat for sailing. BSMF will offer aid and support to sailors so that they can compete in regional, national, and international competitions, as well as promote and support programs that expand participation of youth and adults in sailing within our community.

While BSMF is not affiliated in any way with the Brigantine Yacht Club, as sailing enthusiasts we hope that you will support the BSMF in its launch.

As a charitable foundation all donations are 100% tax deductible. Donations of any size are gratefully accepted as we begin our fundraising efforts. We are pleased to accept our first charitable donation from a BYC Board Member who donated their BYC Building Fund to the BSMF. Thank you for this support! Your employer may also offer a matching gift program so please let us know. BSMF will provide a donation receipt via email.

Donations should be made out to:
 Brigantine Sailing and Maritime Foundation
 c/o Christine Murray, Treasurer
 2 Colt Road, Summit NJ 07901

Thanks for your consideration. We look forward to seeing you this summer for another fun and exciting sailing season!

Fair winds,

President, Ken Deitz
 Secretary, Dave DeMarco
 Treasurer, Christine Murray

News and Notes

Connor Murray graduated from St. Augustine Prep & will continue his academic career in the fall at the University of Florida to pursue a degree in Engineering.

The Parsio's would like to share the news that their daughter, Tori Hooven will be graduating Atlantic City High School this year

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