



Brigantine Yacht Club Newsletter

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From the Commodore ☆☆☆ Dan Hoffman

BYC Friends,

It is hard to believe this summer is half over already. Time does fly when you are having fun. This summer season has really been amazing. The quality of the sailing program has been superb along with the quality of food from the carts on Friday night. I cannot say enough about the work Mike and Doug have put into this season, they are true craftsmen with their approach to our club and its programming. Last month we held a board and general membership meeting. I want to personally thank everyone who attended and participated in those meetings, especially our new members. Our members do such great work behind the scenes pitching in to keep us running and smiling.

A few weeks ago I sailed to Halifax with officers from MAYRA, Stone Harbor YC, and Boston YC. Several times I was pulled aside to be shown pictures of our kids accepting awards and to be told what a great place BYC is to watch a regatta. This made me pretty proud. We are not just a great club with a great view, but we are a warm and welcoming community and for this I am very proud. In that spirit of being a warm welcoming community, please, if you see a new member at the club, introduce yourself, buy them a drink, and share our warmth. We still have a little a summer left, so go out and have fun!

Finally I want to thank everyone for making this years Commodore's Ball so special. Everything was amazing from beginning to end. Starting off with a champagne cruise and some home grown reggae and country talent and the beautiful sunset. Then to the great band and awesome location at Gardeners Basin. Thank you all so much for the hard work and planning. I really enjoyed watching everyone's excellent dance skills and all the great laughter. It was an amazing night that I know my family and I enjoyed and hope yours did as well.

From the Vice Commodore ☆☆☆ Mike Herrmann

It is difficult to believe that we are past the midpoint of the summer already – this has been one of the quickest summers I can remember. The days and weeks are flying by, probably because we've been busy having a great time at the Sunset Bar!

I need to thank everyone who has hosted a party since the last newsletter:

- Cara Herrmann and Vicki Crafton-Bilotta for the Help Us Adopt fundraiser. This event raised over \$3,250 for a great cause that directly affects a number of our members. Donations are still coming in, so there is still time!
- Paul and Christine Lauriello hosted another fantastic Low Country Boil, and this may have been the best one yet. There was lots of food, lots of beverages, and lots of people to enjoy them with.
- Norb and Pat Chehak, Jack and Martha Fisher, Mark and Catherine Herrmann and Dave and Rosemary Miller hosted the BYC's 70th Birthday Party on August 1st. I showed up at the end and heard nothing but high praise for the food, conversation and decoration. Thanks to you all!
- The Commodore's Ball was this past weekend (8/8). Cara Herrmann converted an ordinary, non-descript place into a gorgeous, festive location to honor ourselves and our Commodore. Tom and Amy McCarthy, Denise DeMarco, Carole Murray, Catherine Herrmann, Doug Corbett, Mary Parvesse and Kerry Hoffman all donated their time and efforts to make the night happen. I'm so happy for Dan, and a little concerned because Doug will need to find a way to top it next year!

Upcoming events include:

- The Leukemia Cup on 8/14. Flyers have been circulated regarding the event, and we hope to see you there to help the Leukemia Lymphoma Society's mission to eliminate blood cancers.
- Brian and Chris Murray's mid-August Cocktail Party on 8/15
- Food Truck Friday – Local 215 makes their return on 8/21 (this was my favorite one this year so far). There was not a big turnout last time, so please give them a try!
- 'Jersey Fresh' hosted by Mimi Ford and family on 8/22
- Food Truck Friday – Whirly Pig on 8/28
- Katie Burns' 50 Shades of... on 8/29
- Food Truck Friday – Surf and Turf Truck on 9/4
- Sailing awards and covered dish dinner on 9/5
- Labor Day beach party on 9/6 hosted again by the Braithwaites.

Regarding the food trucks, if you are unable to come and stay at the club, please feel free to do 'take out' - the food is worth it!

I wanted to thank this year's volunteer bartenders for mixing up fabulous cocktails all summer long. Will Braithwaite, Marissa Murray and Kim Wolff have run a tight ship behind the bar while keeping the beverages and music flowing. Thanks!

Lastly, please let any non-members know that the club is available for rent! Kim Wolff will be coordinating the rentals over the winter for us, and will be here to make sure the rentals follow the guidelines set forth in the agreement. Kim can be contacted at kawolff516@aol.com.

From the Rear Commodore ☆ Doug Corbett

I turned off the air and opened the windows last night for the first time this summer. To me, that signals that a change in season is upon us. Indeed, by the time you read this, our final regatta, the Leukemia Cup, will be in the books and the summer sailing season will be over ☹

But before you go crying in your beer, Bill Trost, our esteemed Sailing Director, is busy trying to drum up enthusiasm among the kids and parents to extend the sailing season another couple of weeks. He and several of our instructors are anxious to keep teaching and we are in search of kids that want to keep sailing!

It just needs to be funded. Our sailing payroll budget is based on an 8 week season which ends on Saturday, August 15th. So to get this extension off the ground, we would only need to charge approximately \$50 per week per child for 3 hours a day and 3 days a week to cover the cost of the instructors. (Based on 5 or 6 children per instructor). Please notify Bill if you are interested. We'll need about 10-12 kids to make this work.

If you're an adult that wants to keep sailing, I'd recommend that you work directly with an instructor or Bill to arrange for a private lesson on the weekends.

On another note, I'm pleased to report that we sold the Skiff to Deebold's (Cove Marina). We put \$500 in the bank and avoided having to pay an outstanding repair bill of \$275 and another estimated \$650 in work to get it running again in order to sell. That boat capsized the first week we owned it (many years ago) and has never run properly since. It was unreliable, top heavy, and has been the source of much frustration and outgoing repair dollars year after year. I'm sure my successor will be thrilled not to have to deal with it, although we'll need to do some fund raisers to generate the cash necessary to replace it with a more appropriate craft.

I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the instructors and Bill for all their efforts to make this season a memorable one for the kids and to the many adults who came out on the weekends to sail. That's a trend I'd love to see continue. We have Sunfish and the Capri 14' that are perfect for adults. I hope you all enjoyed the summer sailing season as much as I have.

And thanks to all the volunteers who offered their time and expertise to put on a few really good regattas. I was told when I was elected that everyone would help, and I can't tell you how grateful I am that all of you did!

Nominating Committee Report Submitted by: Hugh Braithwaite

Pursuant to the bylaws, I am pleased to present to the General Membership of the Brigantine Yacht Club the following slate of candidates of BYC officers and trustees for the 2015/2016 year.

Board of Trustees:

Each year, a few members of the BYC Trustees complete their terms of office. This year the list includes:

Completing 2 3--year Terms

- Harry Chaikin
- Joe Tedeschi

Completing 3-year Terms

- Kelly Cordasco
- Jack Fischer

Members of the board of Trustees are limited to terms of 3 years or 6 years of consecutive service. Kelly and Jack having completed their first 3-year term, have generously offered to have their names placed in nomination for a second 3-year term of service. We would like to thank them for all past, present and future service to the club.

Harry and Joe have completed two 3-year terms and 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.

Trustee Candidates

Therefore, it is my pleasure to nominate the following BYC Board of Trustee candidates:

Renewing

- Kelly Cordasco
- Jack Fischer

New

- Sue Ferguson
- Frank Mattia

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.

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| • For the position of Recording Secretary: | Catherine Herrmann |
| • For the position of Corresponding Secretary: | Gale Donohue |
| • For the position of Treasurer: | Tom Parvesse |

Flag Officers:

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| • For the position of Commodore: | Mike Herrmann |
| • For the position of vice Commodore: | Doug Corbett |
| • And for the position of Rear Commodore: | Brian Murray |



We're All in the Boat

If you are trying to find updated information on the BYC, check our website at www.bycsail.com. It is updated weekly.

The 2015 BYC directory is 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
 - 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.
 1. Please email me **if:**
 - A. You need changes to the directory
 - B. You can't log onto the member's only page

I will be updating the directory with the new members at the end of the month.

News and Notes

The Annual BYC Labor Day Golf Outing will be held Friday, Sept 4th at the Brigantine Golf Links. This continues to be a fun day and great way to start your Labor Day Weekend. And, as has become the custom, the golfers will retreat back to the Sunset Bar after golf for good food, drinks and comradery.

The cost to play is \$60 p/golfer, with the first Tee time at 1 pm. Pre-registration and payment will be required, and there will be a Sign-up sheet posted at the Club by the 1st of Aug. In addition, anyone wishing to secure some of the LIMITED (24) spots can contact John Gibbons @ jgibbons@afc-gwh.com

The **Ship Store** will be open **Friday, August 21 before the General Membership** meeting at 8pm as well as Saturday evening preceding the awards ceremony, September 5. Come check out all the great BYC merchandise and support the BYC Auxiliary

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