



Brigantine Yacht Club

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

What a great start to the summer! The weather has been (mostly) great, the wind has been up, and the sunsets have been fantastic. Our older son Ryan is really enjoying sailing, and our younger son Sean really enjoys the Water Weenie - all is good in the Herrmann household.

A couple of early season thank-yous. First to Jack Fisher, Dennis Faherty and Dick Ford for repairing the floating dock following a quick storm that churned up some rough seas in early June. Also thank you to all who came out during our open house to show potential members our facilities. More thanks goes out to Sue Ferguson and Maria Miller for organizing an outstanding two days of community sailing camp. It's hard to imagine anyone running a smoother introduction to sailing than Sue and Maria. And a big note of appreciation to Colleen Stahl and Lyn-Dee Mattia for an energetic and enthusiastic kick off to the Juniors program.

I'd also like to formally welcome our new members - Michelle Bogosian, Greg LeMar and daughter Emma Heckmann; Rick Solari and granddaughter Jolie Jordan; and welcome back former members Mark and Keelin Greenberg with children Annie, Charlie and Claire. Please take a moment to introduce yourselves and welcome them to our summer family!

We are all members of the BYC because of the good times shared during the summer. Please continue to come down to the club, enjoy the views at the sunset bar, take a boat out for a sail, or simply watch our kids work their magic out on the water. I would like to encourage you all to meet some members who you may not have had a chance to connect with yet at one of our casual Friday evening gatherings or Saturday night theme parties. I'm also a big fan of the new, monthly brunches, Sunset Sunday dinners or Book Club gatherings. There's always something happening at BYC! Take advantage of our clubhouse, expand your nautical horizons and enjoy celebrating friendships.

See everyone at the July 22nd membership meeting.

From the Vice Commodore ☆☆☆ Doug Corbett

There is already a lot to report on the BYC social scene and it's only early July!

This past weekend we had our first "Tap Takeover" by Slack Tide Brewery on Friday night. It was well attended and my impression is that the members really enjoyed it and would support another one. Jason Campbell, cofounder of the brewery in Cape May, brought 2 of their award winning beers for us to taste and was on hand to answer any beer questions and talk sailing. Many of the 25-year member group recognized Jason as the BYC Sailing Director of 1992-93, when Tommy Donahue was Commodore.

Saturday night we continued the Men's Dinner tradition started years ago by Dave Miller. Chef Paul Acton and a legion of cooks, served a tasty meal. I'd like to thank Paul, Dave DeMarco, Dan Wackerman, and Tom Parvesse for "volunteering" to help. They each answered the call when asked and contributed greatly to the success of the event. I am indebted to each for donating their time and talent. Also, thanks to Hugh Braithwaite for appearing just in time to hang the projection screen upstairs and Melissa Acton (and Emily) for donating her kitchen for the day and whipping up a delicious salad! We sold out at 40 seats and everyone had a great time!

The previous Saturday, the Gibbons, Stahls, Mattias, and Breretons hosted the annual 4th of July celebration. This year, John Gibbons demonstrated his amazing carving skills, Jane made the best applesauce I've ever had and Peter, Stu, Frank, Dick Ford and Caryn all pitched in to make it a great evening for all that attended. Special thanks to Lyn-dee for preparing 30 lbs of delicious potato salad and helping Colleen decorate. And Colleen who orchestrated the event, spearheaded the decorating effort, and spent the day making sure that everyone was going to enjoy the evening. Nearly 100 people attended! Thanks Team, it was terrific!!! The Friday Sunset Bar is as fun as ever. It's also a great way to kick off a weekend. I'd urge you to join us for the **best value night out** on the island. Why cook at home? Bring your crew to BYC and get a million dollar view of the sunset, a tasty / inexpensive cocktail, and the best grilled chicken sandwich you can imagine from the "Water Weenie", the food boat that ties up to our floating dock every Friday night. Their prices are really affordable – Hot dogs are only \$3.50 and Cheeseburgers are \$5.

The upcoming calendar of events is posted in the club, just inside the door near the bar.

Friday Night Races begin this weekend, July 15th and continue every other Friday night through mid-August.

Here's the upcoming Saturday line up:

Saturday, July 16th - Silent Auction & Dinner hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary. Cara Herrmann is at the helm for this event and she's legendary for planning great events. I've heard from a reliable source that among many, many great items up for auction, attendees at this event will have the chance to bid on a complimentary stay at the new JW Marriott Marco Island Beach Resort, Golf Club & Spa (the only JW Marriott Resort on the beach in the continental U.S.) with a choice of either a round of golf for 2 or a Sailing and Shelling Excursion on a 24' Catamaran. Forgive the plug, but that alone is worth the price of admission☺ Please support this fundraiser.

Saturday, July 23rd – Deb and Howard Schlesinger are hosting this night which is a recipe for success. The theme is “Shore to Please”. Dinner will include Bobby Chez Crab Cakes or Flounder with Jersey corn and tomatoes for \$25. The entertainment will be terrific and the dining experience will be first class. More details coming out from Deb shortly.

Saturday, July 30th - “Sail Away Progressive Cocktail Party” being organized by Carole Murray, party planner extraordinaire!. Look for the flyer she’s created for this unique event and save the date – it will be a unique and fun evening designed to raise money for the elevator.

Saturday, August 6th - Since this evening follows the Brigantine Triathlon, it’s been a hard night to get good attendance for a party. Therefore we will take advantage of the opportunity to rent out the club and make \$500.

Saturday, August 13th – Commodore’s Ball to honor the service of Mike Herrmann. Time and place TBD.

Saturday, August 20th – Date open. I’m looking for an idea for this night and a couple of couples to host.

Thanks to bartenders Will Braithwaite, Stephen Cordasco, and Emily Acton. They really appreciate your generous tips that go towards funding their college educations.

From the Rear Commodore  Brian Murray

The sailing program is off to a fast start this year with 40 junior sailors. We had fine sailing weather and very strong turnout with 15 sailors of all ages for the BYC Independence Day Regatta.

This past week was a very busy week with the first LBI event at Haven Beach on Wednesday, the second MAYRA event in Cape May in Thursday and the annual girls Powder Puff Regatta at Metedeconk River Yacht Club on Friday where we had 5 girls represent BYC.

And back on the bay, the juniors have had a lot of fun learning to sail while enjoying water wars and a scavenger hunt. It has been great to see so many sailors participating each day in Optis, sunfish, lasers and 420s.

And I'd like to remind you that this Friday at 5:30 is the first of our BYC Friday night races for all sailors of all ages and all boats. Bring the whole family down to sail and then eat at the club. I look forward to seeing you there.

BYC Junior Report

By now, the Juniors are well on their way to rounding the first mark of their summer course and have completed plenty of activities on and off the water.

Junior sailors are having lots of fun on Friday fun days where their sailing curriculum adds an element of epic water fun!

Juniors enjoy a lunch hosted by a different BYC family each Monday at the club between 12-1:00 pm then Monday evenings meet up at Shark Park at 7 pm. But their fun doesn't stop there.

Wednesday nights are typically social nights with activities like a trip to Smile Factory, the ice cream parlor, and Bingo Nights to name a few. The juniors report that they are having a Grand Ole Time.

Please be sure to mark your calendars for our 2 annual events you should not miss...Canoe Trip- July 22nd and Ocean City Water Park- August 19th.

There are two very important things we would like members to take note of: the first is the Anchors of Kindness project we launched this summer. If any junior is seen doing a random act of kindness to a fellow sailor or community member we would like to acknowledge them by placing their name on one of our anchors on the club bulletin board. Let's acknowledge their good deeds and help build an even better BYC Community. You can let an instructor or junior advisor know if you want to acknowledge one (Colleen & Lyn-dee).

The second important thing to note is the upcoming Junior Bake Sales. We are targeting July 15th and July 29th after the Friday Night Races and to accompany your Water Weenie Dinner. We also plan to host the bake sales at our MAYRA & LBIYRA regattas. The funds we can raise during some of these Bake Sales will help fund the cost to have DJ at the end of season dance for the juniors. Please consider helping out with the bake sale : megahalper@gmail.com and making a donation to our very special Juniors! Your support is greatly appreciated.

News and Notes

Gale and Steve Donohue are happy to announce the arrival of their granddaughter Brynley Reese Landsman born to their daughter Allie and son-in-law David on July 12th – everyone is healthy and happy!

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