



Brigantine Yacht Club

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

Welcome to 2016, BYC members! The New Year traditionally brings resolutions with it, and I hope everyone included a resolution to spend more time with family and friends. What better place to do just that than our little slice of the heaven at 1001 Bayshore Avenue this summer?

The Club's officers and board of trustees met at the club on February 20th to prepare the club for the upcoming season. The February meeting is when we approve the budget. Many thanks need to go to our Treasurer, Tom Parvesse, for his efforts to gather historical financial information and make projections for this year based on the limited information we have at this point in time. The Treasurer's job is often a thankless one, and one that is a year round commitment. The only way to seemingly get recognized is to admirably perform the role for twenty years....

The board reviewed each line item of the budget, added and subtracted revenues and expenses and agreed upon what we believe are sound projections that will allow us to efficiently run the club, continue to repay our loans, incorporate a small buffer for unforeseen conditions and sock money away for the future into a long term capital account. We approved the budget at the conclusion of the meeting.

As we all know, the biggest factor influencing our revenue is the number of members. I encourage all of our current members to continuously promote the BYC to others, as the more members that join, the more value we will get for our dollar.

Club rentals are another pathway to revenue. Last year we voted to allow rentals during the offseason, shoulder seasons and on limited days during the summer season. We are ready to put our greatest asset to use. Profits from rentals will at first offset any unforeseen expenses, and then go toward replenishing our savings for long term projects. Again, please resolve to talk up the beauty of our building and the amazing views. Please contact Vice Commodore Doug Corbett for additional rental information.

At our meeting, Carolyn Braithwaite discussed the progress of Braithwaite Communications' updates to the BYC website. The new site will adapt to the various screen sizes on which we view the Internet, allowing for easier access from smartphones and tablets. Carolyn and Hugh are volunteering their efforts for this project, which is incredibly generous. Carolyn has requested that any good quality pictures be forwarded to her for inclusion on the site. Please send pictures to carolyn@gobraithwaite.com. Please seek out Hugh and Carolyn this summer and thank them.

Speaking of volunteering, the final resolution I'd like to suggest is volunteering your time, energy or resources to the club. Our club operates largely through the active participation of our members. We are requesting all active adult members to volunteer in one or more activities this summer. Volunteering can be done by joining one of the various club committees, assisting with the running of our first class regattas, hosting social events, participating in one of our open houses to increase membership, auxiliary events, junior events or house and ground activities. There are so many little things that need to be done throughout the year that there is always something to be done. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Looking forward to another fantastic summer at the Brigantine Yacht Club!

From the Vice Commodore ☆☆☆ Doug Corbett

Spring hasn't sprung in Brigantine yet, but I hear that bulbs are coming up already over on the mainland. That's welcomed news – daylight savings comes next along with warmer breezes and then it really begins to feel like summer is right around the corner!

As your Vice Commodore, I'm following the bylaws and forming a social committee to help with the development of our social schedule this summer. That process is ongoing and anyone else that would be interested in joining the committee is welcomed – the pay won't be great, I can guarantee that, but we'll have some fun! I'm attempting to form a well-rounded committee made up of a variety of members; some that have been at BYC for decades to provide a historical perspective and some that have recently joined to provide a fresh set of eyes. Some with children involved in the club now and some without, etc. The goal is to present to you a unique social schedule that will have a little something for everyone. I've always felt that hosting a party at the club was a little intimidating, so with the committees help, I hope to de-mystify the process so more members will be comfortable volunteering to host knowing that there's guidance available. I've heard from several of you already and will be following up to confirm dates that you'd like to host.

For those of you with a good party idea or a desire to help out, grab another couple to share the fun of hosting and give it a go! The committee will be glad to help support your effort.

And lastly, please remember that the "million dollar" view at the club is available to rent for a very reasonable fee (\$300 in the winter, \$400 in the spring and fall, and \$500 for Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights in the Summer). Anniversary's, baby showers, birthday parties, graduation parties, etc.

Thanks and I look forward to seeing many of you at work day!!

From the Rear Commodore ☆ Brian Murray

As we get ready to say good-bye to winter it is time to start planning and thinking about sailing again - finally! Here are few key dates and messages from your rear commodore:

First, Saturday April 23rd is spring work day. Please put that date on your calendars to help us open up the club for the season and assess the inventory of the club boats so that we can be sure to have all boats in working order at the beginning of the sailing season. The club did acquire a 13 ft Boston Whaler so that we have a reliable coach boat to trailer to Mayra and LBI regattas.

Second, if anyone is looking to buy or sell a boat this year please email me at BFMurray@gmail.com so that I can attempt to connect buyers and sellers in the early spring to try to make a match. Or if anyone is considering donating a boat to the club, please contact me. We are certainly in the market for optimists, sunfish, lasers or 420s.

Third, please email me if your child is interested in participating in a sailing clinic prior to the start of our junior program for either novice sailors or racing sailors. If we have enough early interest from sailors, we will attempt to host a clinic at BYC with a well-respected sailing instructor or active college sailor. If there is limited interest, we will provide information to clinics that will be held at other venues that our sailors may want to pursue. I will work with sailing committee member Colleen Stahl on this opportunity for our sailors.

Finally, we will be hosting another sailing day camp this year for local Brigantine kids and families. Sailing committee member Maria Miller will lead this effort along with Sue Ferguson who has held many of these successful events over the years. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Maria or Sue.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in April!

BYC Junior Report

Well the spring air is upon us and soon we'll be feeling those summer winds, so let's get planning! We are looking for ideas and help to boost our junior summer social calendar both on and off the bay. If you are a junior or the parent of a (pre)junior, please start to jot down some ideas for weekly junior social events that we can add to our calendar this summer. We would like to offer a range of activities to meet our littlest and biggest juniors' interests. If you don't quite have any ideas just yet, but are willing to sponsor and chaperone an event, please email us your name. We hope to have a full and diverse calendar to share before the start of the sailing season in June. Together, we can make 2016 a sensational summer for the kids at the BYC! Colleen Stahl collstahl@yahoo.com & Lyn-dee Mattia lyndeamattia@gmail.com.



We're All in the Boat by Tom Parvesse

The 2015 financial results for Brigantine Yacht Club ended with an operating surplus of \$3,788.67 and a cash balance of \$52,197.63. 2015's operating surplus has been pulled out of BYC's operating cash to start a Long Term Capital Account. This Long Term Capital Account will be funded by all future new member Initiation Fees and any other operating surpluses the Board approves. The funds in the Long Term Capital Account will remain segregated from operating funds and are intended for large facility improvement projects or unforeseen facility repairs.

On February 20, your Officers and Trustees met to develop and approve the budget and the dues/fees structure for 2016. After much discussion, both the operating budget and the dues/fees structure were approved. The budget includes funds for in water boat slip dock repairs and sound abatement for the first floor of the club. In addition, the 3rd installment of the 10 year New Building Loan will be

processed on June 1, 2015. If anyone would like a copy of the 2016 budget, please contact me and I will email it to you.

Following are BYC 2016 list of dues/fees:

Adult Dues, Ages 35 & Over	\$280.00
Adult Dues, Ages 18 Thru 24	\$ 70.00
Adult Dues, Ages 25 Thru 29	\$140.00
Adult Dues, Ages 30 Thru 34	\$210.00
Adult Dues, Age 65 & over w/30 yrs memb	\$140.00
Adult Dues, Ages 75 and over	\$140.00
Children Membership Dues per family	\$135.00
Capital Fund Fee - Adult - 35 & older	\$ 60.00
Capital Fund Fee - Adult 18 - 24	\$ 15.00
Capital Fund Fee - Adult 25 - 29	\$ 30.00
Capital Fund Fee - Adult 30 thru 34	\$ 45.00
Capital Building Fee - Age 35 - 64	\$150.00
Capital Building Fee - Age 30-34 & 65+	\$ 75.00
Boat Storage - Daysailer	\$250.00
Boat Storage - 420	\$215.00
Boat Storage - GP - 14	\$215.00
Boat Storage - In Water Slip	\$850.00
Boat Storage - In Water, North Bulkhead	\$635.00
Boat Storage - Kayak	\$ 50.00
Boat Storage - Laser	\$195.00
Boat Storage - Moth	\$215.00
Boat Storage - Optimist	\$ 80.00
Boat Storage - Sunfish	\$195.00
Junior Sailing Program Fee	\$375.00

Invoices will be prepared on April 1 with payment due May 15. Your prompt payment is requested in order to meet the financial obligations and solidify the spending for the year. If you want a copy of last year's invoice to compare or you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at parvasses@tmprefining.com or 610 761-1542. One final note.....If you presently receive the BYC Newsletter electronically, your invoice will also be e-mailed to you. If your email address has changed or should you prefer to have it sent via US Mail, please let me know.

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