



# Brigantine Yacht Club

## Newsletter

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From the Commodore ☆☆☆ Mike Herrmann

The summer season is almost upon us! In our home, the month of May signals the planting of vegetables, plenty of soccer and baseball, a round of golf or two and anticipation for the summer to start. The warm weather finally seems here to stay, and it could not come soon enough.

First, a huge thanks to the many that attended Work Day. Rear Commodore Brian Murray organized a motley crew of men and women to clean up the yard, wash the windows, scrub the kitchen, power wash the railings and balconies and do some much needed interior touch-up painting. The Club looks fantastic. Most impressive though was the hanging of Vice Commodore Doug Corbett's DIY acoustic panels. The panels look great, and early indications are that they really do dampen much of the noises generated within the club. Next time you are at the club please say thanks to Doug for assembling the panels and hanging them on the walls – and this year you won't have to yell for him to hear you!

The reason we know the panels have helped with the noise control is that the club was rented the last week in April. We hear that a great time was had by all at the party. We thank the Donahues for renting the club for their special occasion, and I'd like to remind the membership that rentals are a great way to increase our revenue, which will lead to long term financial stability. Please keep the club in mind for your next party by the bay. Contact Vice Commodore Corbett for additional information.

As you know, we are always looking to attract new members to join our ranks. This year we are going to host an **open house on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>** to coincide with the Moth Regatta hosted every year by George Albaugh. It will be a nice touch to have experienced sailors racing around the bay while we are entertaining visitors. Please attempt to spend at least an hour that day at the club to assist our membership committee. More details to follow on the day's activities. The BYC's greatest asset is our membership – come let others in on our secret!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the club on Memorial Day weekend.

## From the Vice Commodore ☆☆ Doug Corbett

Spring has sprung here in Brigantine – finally. And that means Memorial Day Weekend and the kickoff of the social season at BYC is only days away!!

### Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>

#### **6:00pm – Midnight. Sunset Bar opens**

We welcome back Will Braithwaite and introduce Emily Acton as your bartenders this year. They are looking forward to serving up your favorite libations and making you and your guests feel welcome as the sun sets over the bay.

Let's have a big turnout on the 27<sup>th</sup> in order to give our new acoustical panels a real BYC initiation. Bring your thirst, your stories about how you weathered the winter, and your laughter to see if we've solved our noise problem!

### Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>

#### **6:30pm – 9:00pm. Family “Welcome Back to BYC” Party**

Historically, we've hosted an annual “Paid up Party” on Memorial Day weekend. Change is good, so I'm going to change things up a little.

After discussing it with members, I discovered that many of them didn't attend the opening party because they couldn't get babysitters that early in the season.

I think it would be a shame if our members were in town and but didn't plan to come to the club to see old friends and make new ones. In addition, an adult only cocktail party leaves the kids out in the cold with no events scheduled for them until June. Like the adults, the kids are just as anxious to see each other after a long winter and a challenging school year.

So this year, we'll encourage **the whole family** to head to the club Saturday evening from 6:30 – 9:00pm to have some fun and start making summer plans with friends. Pizza and ice cream will be ordered for the kids for only \$5 a head and outdoor games will be scheduled (weather permitting).

Deb Schlesinger has graciously volunteered to prepare hors d'oeuvres for the grownups so you all need not feel any pressure to prepare something the day you open your summer kitchen! Lots of folks told me that was a hassle.

Food will be provided for grownups for only \$10 per person.

### Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>

#### **9:00pm – Midnight. 21 and over Dance Party**

At 9pm we'll graciously ask the kids to head back home and dial up the fun for the grownups. The bartenders will have drink specials to help put smiles on your faces. And don't forget to wear your best dancing shoes! We'll clear the tables and chairs, roll up the rugs, and fire up some great dancing music to get the blood flowing and the summer off to a heart pounding and memorable start. Bring your smartphone playlist and take a turn as the DJ!

### Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>

#### **8:00pm - General Membership Meeting**

The Sunset Bar will close for an hour during this meeting to enhance members' participation. Get yourself a drink before it starts so you can devote your attention to the proceedings and volunteer either your time or expertise to assist in the constant improvement of your club.

**Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>****Moth Regatta – Rear Commodore to determine time for skippers meeting.****Open House – Time TBD.**

Our club means something different to every member. This event is an opportunity for members to come out and show others who might be interested in joining, what our club means to you. “It takes a village” to keep our club full, so please support the membership committee and participate in this event.

**Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>****Sunday Bunch from 12-2: Adults only \$5-7**

Menu will consist of: fruit or melon cup, followed by chicken salad with Aversa rolls, potato salad, deviled eggs and peas, with pound cake with fruit and whipped cream for desert

**RSVP by June 22<sup>nd</sup> to Mary DeMarco at (609) 266-1685 or by email to Mary at [bayside19@aol.com](mailto:bayside19@aol.com)**

**Sunset Bar**

The Sunset Bar will be open from 6pm to Midnight every Friday night, beginning on **June 24<sup>th</sup>**.

**Friday Night Races**

The Rear Commodore, Brian Murray, and I are teaming up to offer you all a Friday Family Fun Night option this summer. Brian will put out the schedule shortly.

Brian and Sailing Director, Bill Trost, will be hosting races (open to all members) every other Friday night throughout the summer. The social committee will be supporting the effort by having the Sunset Bar open and the grill fired up with a simple and affordable menu for all to enjoy. (interpreted as Cheeseburgers and Hot Dogs)

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Weekend**

The Gibbons and Stahls are once again hosting their spectacularly successful cookout over the holiday weekend on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5 PM.

**Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>****8pm – Midnight. “Mr. BYC Party”**

The Schlesingers reached into their bag of tricks and are hosting what could be the wackiest night of the summer. Start working on your talent now guys!

**Other Saturday nights**

The hosts for the rest of the Saturday night line-up of social events are jockeying for dates and we’ll have that for you as soon as the calendar is ready.

Please give some consideration to getting together with another family and hosting a party. It’s easy and fun to host and members of the social committee are glad to provide advice.

There are still a few Saturday nights left to choose from. I’ll be calling to ask for you to volunteer if I don’t hear from you 😊

**Upper Deck Sunday Evenings**

On a few of the Sunday evenings, like last summer, members bring their dinner over to the club to enjoy the view from the upper deck and the company of others while they dine. Look for periodic announcements for these gatherings.

## From the Rear Commodore ☆ Brian Murray

The sailing season is almost here. The club is ready and I'd like to thank all of the volunteers who helped on April 23<sup>rd</sup> to get the inside and outside of the club ready for the summer. Now it is time to starting preparing your boats for the sailing season.

The next order of business for me is to find out how many sailors we will have in the junior program this summer. Please email me at [BFMurray@gmail.com](mailto:BFMurray@gmail.com) if you will have any kids in the program. Please include names, age and either beginner, intermediate or travel/racing team (also known as BOLT). This information is extremely helpful because it allows us to staff the program with the right ratio of instructors to sailors and to ensure that we run the program within the budget.

The junior program will begin on Monday June 27<sup>th</sup> with Bill Trost returning this summer as the Adult Sailing Director of our Junior Sailing program. There will be a parents meeting Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup> from 10-11am where we will cover the sailing program and where Colleen Stahl and Lyn-dee Matia will cover the junior's social program.

For the sailing program, Bill and I have taken on board a lot of feedback from parents, sailing committee and instructors last year and aim to improve the program this year. We have acquired a new Boston Whaler coach boat and trailer for traveling to away regattas. In addition to our weekly club practices and series regattas, we plan on having Friday night races every other week for all BYC sailors – young and old – and all classes. The first Friday night races will be on July 15<sup>th</sup> and will be coordinated with Friday night barbeques for all sailors and families organized by our Vice Commodore. We will publish the final Junior Sailing program calendar in mid-June once we know how many kids will be in the program.

We also have a few regattas dates for you to know about. Key dates for BYC regattas are:

Saturday June 25: BYC-hosted Moth Regatta  
 Saturday July 2: BYC Independence Day Regatta – all sailing classes / all ages  
 Thursday August 4<sup>th</sup>: BYC-hosted MAYRA & Leukemia Cup  
 Wed August 10<sup>th</sup>: BYC-hosted LBIYRA regatta

Note: At 10am on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, prior to the BYC independence Day Regatta, there will be a patriotic program for all members of the club that include a flag raising, Pledge of Allegiance and the BYC band which will be led by our juniors!

I am asking via this newsletter for volunteers to help run and manage our hosted MAYRA and LBIYRA regattas. Please let me know if you are available in any capacity as it is important for our club to be terrific hosts as our sailors are hosted at other clubs every week during the season and we would like to return the hospitality to members of this clubs.

Finally, BYC will have a stand at the Brigantine Farmers Market on Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup> – during Memorial Day weekend. Please stop by and say hello and help hand out flyers on the BYC and our sailing program. If anyone is interested in volunteering for an hour or two, please let me know. The market begins at 8:30am.



## *We're All in the Boat*

### BYC Get Fit, Stay Fit by Norb Chehak

Although the winter snow sports scene on the east coast was not ideal, I heard a few members did get their boots on for a few turns on the slopes. "Us Locals" in Colorado complained as there was not 4 feet of fresh snow every week but all and all, it was a great season. Wind in Brigantine remains at those winter levels but I have seen a few days with a southeast breeze, so more favorable weather is around the corner. Biking and walking programs have begun but unfortunately, I do not see swimming in the bay for 3 to 4 weeks. Schedule of BYC Get Fit, Stay Fit activities is in the process of being developed and will be available shortly. Don't forget, staying fit is your continual prescription for enjoying life.

## *BYC Junior Report*

**Attention junior and lil' junior parents:** We will have a meeting for the junior and lil' junior parents immediately following the parent sailing meeting on **Sunday, June 26th** at the BYC. Please come to the meeting with ideas, dates, availability to host an event, and your enthusiasm. We are going to make this a great summer season for all, and we will need your help!

On **July 2nd** the BYC will host its annual July 4th Club Regatta. To kick off the regatta, we will have a flag raising with the BYC Band Playing and the Pledge of Allegiance Salute. This will take place at 10 AM prior to the Skipper's Meeting. We are asking all BYC juniors/lil' juniors to be present for this traditional club flag raising, whether they are sailing or not. The BYC Juniors/Lil' Juniors will be leading the club in the Pledge. Wear any BYC or patriotic gear you have. What a great tradition to keep going! In addition and very importantly, we will need a parent or a few parents to volunteer to host the junior activities that have been traditionally run on the evening of the July 2nd party. Please email Colleen at [collstahl@yahoo.com](mailto:collstahl@yahoo.com) by June 15th if you would like to be a part of those activities that night so the children can have some good ole fashioned BYC fun!

## *News and Notes*

All members of BYC are invited to the **BYC book club**. We plan to have our first meeting on June 28, 2016 at BYC at 8 PM.

The first book will be **THE CHILDREN'S CRUSADE, A NOVEL**. The author is **ANN PACKER**.

Our second book will be **THE BOY WHO SAID NO. AN ESCAPE TO FREEDOM**. This is a riveting tale based on a true story. It chronicles the life of **FRANK MEDEROS**, who grows up under the Castro regime. The author is **PATTI SHEEHY**. **SALLY OLIVERI HAS BOOKED THE AUTHOR AND MR. FRANK MEDEROS** to speak at our club July 19, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Any questions please contact Carole Murray @ 609 266 0647 after May 25.

Calling any interested high school juniors/seniors or college students!  
**GREAT PART TIME SUMMER PR INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

We're looking for someone to learn the PR ropes and increase BYC awareness. Responsibilities would include social media postings about BYC adult and junior events and weekly news article submissions to the local papers. If you're handy with a camera, that's even better! Pictures can say a thousand words. This is a terrific college/job resume builder! Please email Carolyn Braithwaite at [carolyn@gobraithwaite.com](mailto:carolyn@gobraithwaite.com) if you're interested.

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