



Brigantine Yacht Club Newsletter

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From the Commodore ☆☆☆ Mike Herrmann

Welcome to the start of the 2016 summer season! I appreciate the honor and duty associated with being Commodore, and promise to do my best to uphold the proud tradition of the BYC.

My goals for the upcoming year (in no particular order) include increasing membership, reestablishing a savings plan while simultaneously paying off the building loans, creating a plan for installing a lift or elevator to the second floor, thorough research and possible application of a 501c3 entity and the installation of noise controlling measures. I think each of these are attainable, and I welcome your input to accomplish our goals.

I'd like to thank Dan Hoffman for his service to BYC over as a flag officer, and look forward to him continuing on as a Trustee for another year. Dave DeMarco has also stepped down from the Trustees, fulfilling his term as an officer, and he'll be remembered as the first Commodore at the new clubhouse. I'd also like to thank Harry Chaikin and Joe Tedeschi for their time on the Board of Trustees. Both Harry and Joe brought immeasurable wisdom to our meetings and both will be missed. At the same time, I'm happy to welcome Sue Ferguson and Frank Mattia to the Board and Brian Murray to the Flags, and look forward to their contributions.

My first order of business is to fill out the various committees established within the by-laws. This is an open call for all members as we have an amazingly talented, diverse and energetic group of members, and it will benefit all of us if we can tap into everyone's areas of expertise or interest. We have the following committees to fill, and a minimum of three members are required to be on each committee including one member of the Board of Trustees. While a number of the committees already have members associated with them, they are by no means closed to additional members, and those that only have a single name are absolutely looking for assistance.

The committee descriptions as stated in the by-laws are as such:

* **Finance Committee:** Shall have the duty to examine, at such periods as they may deem necessary, the accounts of the treasurer to attend to such financial matters as may be delegated to them by the board of trustees, including preparation of the annual budget, and to recommend such policies relating to the finances as they may deem proper. Jack Fisher has volunteered to chair this committee, with Howard Schlesinger, Steve Cordasco, and Tom Nelson agreeing to be members.

* **House and Grounds:** Shall have charge of the Clubhouse and grounds, subject to the direction and control of the Board of Trustees. It shall receive the complaints of members and report same to the

Board of Trustees, and from time to time procure such articles and services as may be necessary for the proper operation of the Clubhouse and grounds, as authorized by the Board of Trustees. It shall be responsible for preparing an estimate of needs for the finance committee in the annual budget preparation process and for managing the approved budget for House and Grounds maintenance. Dennis Faherty has volunteered to lead this committee again.

* **Membership:** Shall review all candidates for membership. It shall recommend for membership any applicant who supports the objectives of the BYC. It shall report its recommendations for membership to the Board of Trustees. It shall notify members-elect of their election and furnish them with a copy of the Club constitution and by-laws. It shall report their names and essential information to the Treasurer, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries. Ellena Vaganos will return to lead this committee for one final year, and we are looking for someone to serve on this committee with her this year and take it over next year.

* **Sailing:** Under the supervision of the Rear Commodore, shall be responsible for the management of sailing program activities including instruction, races, regattas, and award presentations held by the Club and shall make rules governing these activities. Kelly Cordasco, Diane Faherty, Sue Ferguson, John Keating, Maria Miller, Alicia O'Connor and Colleen Stahl have volunteered to assist Brian this year.

* **Dock and Bulkhead:** Shall be responsible for the management of dock facilities and slip rentals. It shall produce rules and regulations for use of dock facilities. It shall report its recommendations for rentals to the Board of Trustees. John Bilotta returns to head this committee.

* **Nominating Committee:** Shall be responsible for recommending candidates for election to the Trustee and Officer positions. It shall consist of at least three members and shall be appointed by the Commodore at the February meeting of the Board of Trustees. The Nominating Committee shall report its recommendations at the July meetings of the Board of Trustees and General Membership. Paul Acton has volunteered to lead this committee.

* **Social Committee:** Under the supervision of the Vice Commodore, shall be responsible for the management of social activities including bar, parties, dinners and clubhouse use. Doug Corbett will be assembling this committee.

* **Junior Advisors:** Appointed by the Commodore, the Junior Advisors may organize, appoint and supervise a Junior Yacht Club Advisory Committee. This Junior Yacht Club Advisory Committee will organize youth activities which supplement the youth sailing program. Committee members may include Junior and/or Senior Members. The Committee shall coordinate its activities with the Rear Commodore. LynDee Matttia and Colleen Stahl have volunteered for this role.

* **Auxiliary:** The BYC Auxiliary is recognized as an organization of interested members whose purpose shall be to raise funds for various items to be provided for the use, comfort and convenience of members of BYC. It shall have its own Bylaws which shall be consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of BYC. Upon request of the Commodore, the President of the Auxiliary or her/his representative shall attend Board of Trustees or General Membership meetings to report on its activities and recommendations that affect Club operations. Cara Herrmann has volunteered to be the President of the Auxiliary.

Two ad-hoc committees that I have established this year are researching, and possibly implementing a 501c3 organization and an elevator to the second floor. I welcome your involvement on these committees as

well.

At our October Trustees meeting, Carolyn Braithwaite provided us with the first round of research regarding the establishment of a 501c3 organization. These non-profit organizations are now being pursued by a number of yacht clubs in New Jersey, and they represent an interesting opportunity to benefit the community by promoting sailing while allowing for tax deductible donations to help run the sailing program. This was our first of many discussions on the topic, with the goal being to determine if it is a good fit for our specific club. Carolyn is gathering the Trustees questions and will have discussions with clubs that have already established a non-profit organization and possibly one that is in the process of applying. Carolyn, Paul Murray, Chris Murray, Ken Dietz, Steve Cordasco and Cara Herrmann have volunteered to serve on this committee. Once we have gathered additional information, we will share our findings with the general membership for review.

Mark Herrmann has volunteered to research the possibility of installing an elevator or lift to the second floor of the club. Mark is in the process of gathering information on what types of products we can install, the costs associated with each, and the costs associated with the modifications to the Clubhouse. He has spoken to John Ferguson regarding reputable contractors and his preliminary thoughts on the subject. Bob and Carol Leiz and Cara Herrmann have also volunteered to assist with this subject.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions at any time. As I said above, the extraordinary talents of our membership is our greatest asset, and it would be a shame not to take advantage of these skills. Please think about volunteering your time/energy/knowledge – every bit helps.

From the Vice Commodore ☆☆☆ Doug Corbett



An Indian Summer made a wonderful appearance here on the island over the past couple of weeks. So much so, that my Plum tree blossomed! Those of us that live here have been enjoying it as I'm sure all of you have, wherever you are.

But change is in the air and the Beachcomber is beginning to show photos of local anglers that are catching Stripers, so you know the water is getting colder.

Speaking of fishing, if you want to compete in the annual Bass Off Tournament, please contact Jimmy Burns at jim.l.burns@comcast.net

Next Social Activity: Thanksgiving Eve! In the hopes that many members will be celebrating the holiday with family and friends at their homes in Brigantine, we will open the Sunset Bar at 8pm on Wednesday, November 25th.



Over the weekend, some BYC Elves started putting up Christmas lights! What a great idea and an awesome new tradition! Please plan to drop in on Wednesday night the 25th to see how good the Clubhouse looks lit up for the holiday, and have a drink or two with your BYC friends before you head home to start setting the table and prepping the feast!!

Club Rentals: Please remember that the club is available for rent 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.

Contact Kim Wolff (one of our summer bartenders) at kawolff516@aol.com to check availability and make reservations.

Social Committee: I am in search of interested members to join the social committee and contribute their ideas, expertise, and opinions for the good of the summer social calendar in 2016. My goal is to have a broad spectrum represented so we have a unique and diverse menu of activities and parties for you all to look forward to this coming summer. If you have an interest in participating, please let me know at doug.corbett@marriott.com

From the Rear Commodore ☆ Brian Murray

We had a fantastic fall series at the Brigantine Yacht Club this year with over 20 sailors from 4 clubs. There were 8 sailors from BYC and a great time was had by all in varying conditions. We had some days with

light warm winds and other days with howling gusts to 25 knots. Stephen Cordasco Jr. - as Race Director- was challenged to keep the course accurate on shifty days and also to rescue sailors on the windy days!

After three weeks on the water we had a tight finish but fun had by all.

In the laser full rigs we had 7 sailors. Matthew York from CRYC took first place with Paul Murray, Dave Demarco and Bruce LiCausi representing BYC but having either soccer duty inland or bad backs creating too high hurdles to capture first place.

In laser 4.7, Patrick York from CRYC took first place. Paul and Maeve Faherty sailed exceptionally well in tough conditions to capture forth and third place.

In Sunfish, we had an extremely experienced fleet competing against younger BYC sailors Jolene Cordasco and Bruce LiCausi Jr.- both sailed extremely well in challenging conditions. Jolene started out slow in the first weekend but improved each race and came away with first place after battling far more experienced sailors in grueling conditions on the final weekend.

In the Opti fleet, we had Lauren Murray and Brady Mattia bravely sailing in the smallest boats in the biggest winds - and neither of them flipped while far more experienced sailors in bigger boats were very wet! Lauren Murray ended up first and Brady in third but both were big winners for just getting out on the course on days where the wind was howling!

I want to thank Doug Corbett for hosting the Sunday Socials during and after the sailing because it made the fall series so welcoming to our visiting clubs. Our visitors couldn't say enough nice things about BYC for hosting and opening our club for them during the fall. Thanks to the other volunteers that helped make the fall series possible. It is a group effort and we all made many people happy to participate in the fall series at the club. I am looking forward to sailing in 2016!

BYC Junior Report

The BYC Juniors had a fun summer which culminated on Sept. 5th with their awards night. Congrats to each and every sailor!!

This year's t-shirts were a big hit! And like the sailing goes .. "Just Keep Sailing"!!

Thanks to all of the parents who helped with our many Juniors events this summer.

I'd like to thank Lyn Dee Mattia for offering be Junior Advisor again next year along with Colleen Stahl who has jumped on board for next year to co-chair with Lyn Dee. I know you will both do a great job and plan some great things for our children next summer!

Juniors Summer 2016 -- from Lyn-Dee Mattia and Colleen Stahl

Colleen Stahl and myself, Lyn-dee Mattia, will be co-chairing the Juniors next summer. We are looking for new ideas and are open to any and all suggestions. Also, we are in need of some parents who are willing to

help. The Junior activities can't happen without your help. So please feel free to email us with anything that can help the Juniors have another great summer! Thanks and you will be hearing from us before you know it



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

Please email me at gcdonohue13@gmail.com if your name doesn't appear or you need changes.

News and Notes

Congratulations to Mark Carchidi, a former junior member, on achieving his Eagle Badge. This is Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Carchidi's THIRD son to achieve the top award in Scouting.

All those beautiful summer days my boys spent on the beach paid off ...

Connor & Cole Murray and the St. Augustine Surf Team Qualify for NSSA National Championships in California. Look below at the link!

<http://preptalk.hermits.com/2015/11/10/surf-team-qualifies-for-nssa-national-championships/>

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