



Brigantine Yacht Club Newsletter

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From the Commodore ☆☆☆ Dan Hoffman

Dear friends,

This is a bitter sweet moment as I write to you all my final newsletter piece. We have had an eventful three years together.

Year one running a sailing program post Sandy, then a social club the year after almost completed new construction, and then finally, settling into a new club in all its glory. I want to thank all the people who have given their time and support to get the club to where it is today. There are too many faces we see daily and those who work tirelessly behind the scenes to name you all, but you know who you are.

I would like to remind everyone that When I was the Rear Commodore, I gave my award to Chris Murray who was my right hand sailing mom (regatta expert, parent expectation specialist, and logistics manager). When I was Vice Commodore, Jack Fisher, got my award because he was at the club daily with me fixing odds and ends, finishing the unfinished, and building the unbuilt and un-budgeted to get and keep our clubhouse to full operation. This year my award went to Gale Donohue, who keeps all of us on track and informed. She commits a great deal of time and effort. Her work is everywhere, newsletters, emails, multiple gentle reminders for reports and meetings, etc, yet her voice is gentle and her contributions are at times unrecognized expectations. I personally couldn't have done it without them. My final thanks goes to the next slate of officers. Mike, Doug, and Brian, thank you all for your commitment and in advance for the work you are undertaking. Because of your volunteer spirit and dedication, our club will continue to prosper and grow, the sailing program will continue toward excellence, and our members will keep making lasting memories and friendships for years to come.

With this I encourage everyone to get involved. We are a volunteer club that is member run and supported. You make a difference- join a committee, run a regatta, host a party, or even pull some weeds in your spare time. It's a great club because of the we and us. See you all next Summer.

From the Vice Commodore ☆☆☆ Mike Herrmann

I'm sad to say that the 2015 summer season at the BYC has come to end, but want to reflect upon a fantastic couple of months that made it memorable. I need to thank just about everyone for their help and encouragement throughout the year, and for hosting and attending the events that kept us entertained.

Since our last newsletter, we had a fantastic Commodore's Ball at Scales restaurant in Atlantic City. The weather was perfect, and Cara transformed a non-descript space into an elegant evening to honor Dan Hoffman's three years of service as a flag officer. Thanks go out to Tom and Amy McCarthy, Denise DeMarco, Carole Murray, Kerry Hoffman, Mary Parvesse and Doug Corbett for helping to make the evening a resounding success.

We hosted the 2nd annual Leukemia Cup on August 14th, and were able to raise approximately \$9,000. Over the last two years we have raised over \$24,000 for an outstanding organization that is helping to eradicate blood cancers. Thanks go to the DeMarcos, Trosts, Schlesingers, Megan Halper, Carrie Mulford, Elyse Wackerman, Vicki Bilotta, Gaby Murray, Amy McCarthy, Marc Seidenberg, Brendan and Sean O'Connor, Paul Faherty and Patrick Murray for making the evening a success. Don't forget, your kids can still fundraise through their personalized LLS webpage through the end of October.

Brian and Chris Murray hosted a fantastic cocktail party on August 15th that featured specialty drinks and butlered hors d'oeuvres bringing a nice feeling of Saturday night sophistication to our clubhouse.

Katie Burns hosted a fun 50th birthday party for her husband Jim at BYC on August 29th. I hope that I have as much energy and spirit as Jim does when I get to be over the hill like Jim!

The Covered Dish and Awards ceremony is a time honored tradition at the club, and I thank everyone who brought food and helped with the setup/breakdown of the tables and chairs. During the awards ceremony, I was proud to present the Vice Commodore's award to Norb Chehak. Norb has been my right hand man this year, and I do not know how I could have gotten through the summer without his assistance. He was instrumental in maintaining the inventory of paper goods and liquor, keeping the club clean and organized and setting up and breaking down for all of our events. Please join me in thanking Norb for his tireless efforts to make the BYC a better place.

The Labor Day beach party was a blast again this year. The Braithwaite's seem to outdo themselves every year, and this year will be tough to beat. The "Carte Diem" was an engineering feat the likes of which have not been seen this side of Polynesia, the paddleboard race was entertaining and exhausting, and the lighted dance floor was a welcoming beacon on the night beach. Thanks to all that helped in hosting this great event.

Thank you to our three volunteer bartenders that kept the beverages flowing throughout the summer. It's great to see a friendly face behind the Sunset Bar each evening. Thanks again to Kim, Marissa and Will for donating their time this summer.

The final thanks goes out to my wife, Cara Herrmann, who planned out the "Food Truck Friday" lineup in the early Spring, helped with the scheduling of Saturday night parties, hosted a few parties herself, and pulled off a memorable Commodore's Ball. Thanks so much for everything you do.

On to the Commodore post.... Speaking of which, I'd like to formally invite everyone to join one of our committees. We have a finance committee, house and grounds committee, membership committee, dock and bulkhead committee, sailing committee, social committee, and nominating committee. We also have the BYC Auxiliary which is looking for new leadership this year. We are looking for as many members to be involved in these committees as possible, to garner as many opinions and suggestions as we can get. We are a membership of smart, successful people, and we are foolish to not take advantage of this. Please let me know if you are interested in volunteering. I will be sending out more detailed descriptions of these committee guidelines in a few weeks.

From the Rear Commodore ☆ Doug Corbett

Where did you all go? The weather is spectacular in Brigantine – warm days and cool nights, the ocean temp is still in the 70's, and the beaches are empty. I always believed summer here should be July, August and September.

Hats off to our new Rear Commodore, Brian Murray. He organized, promoted, and hosted the 1st of 3 scheduled Fall Series Regattas on Sunday, September 13th, with an assist from Steve Cordasco Jr. Thanks also to Bob and Carol Leiz for handling registration and to Steve Cordasco Sr. for buying pizzas for everyone.

16 sailors of all ages, sailing all classes of boats, enjoyed a great day out on the water. Ocean City and Cooper River were both well represented. The turnout was a little light from BYC – so if you're on the fence, please plan to come and join the fun. Bagels and coffee in the morning, pizza and football after sailing, then cold beer and lots of laughs around bar all afternoon. Why wouldn't you be here? All there is to do at home is chores, right! We put \$300 in the bank from the bar and even more from registration fees. The next 2 regattas are Sunday, Sept 20th and Sunday, Sept 27th and it's not too late to join the fray and try to get your name on the trophy.

Fall Work Day is scheduled for **Saturday morning, Oct 24th at 8:30 AM** followed by a Trustee Meeting. Many hands do indeed make light and more enjoyable work, so please volunteer a little of your time to pitch in. I also wanted to remind you that last Spring we had a new trend started with Juniors showing up on work day to help. Volunteer hours look great on a resume so let's encourage the youth to participate. In closing, I'd like to thank you all for helping to make my year as RC a very rewarding experience. Your "Spirt to Serve" is inspiring. I'll take a risk and pass out some thanks knowing that some will always be left off: but anyway, thanks to the PRO's, (Tommy, John, and Dave), a great team of Instructors, the Sailing Committee, all who helped organize and stage the regattas (parkers, registrars, Breakfast and Lunch crews, chase boat captains, Maria Miller for organizing the camp, Parents for supporting the program, Chris Murray and Colleen Stahl for organizing the clinic, adult and jr. sailors, unsung heroes that give and expect no thanks or recognition, Mike and Cara Herrmann for all their help, Past Commodores for their wisdom and guidance, and especially Bill Trost, our Sailing Director and winner of the RC Award, for putting up with me and all my questions and for putting his heart and soul into the program this summer.



We're All in the Boat

By Rear Commodore to be: Brian Murray

I would like to thank all the parents of the junior sailing program who participated in last Saturday's brain-storming session on ways to expand and improve the junior program next year. It was very helpful for me to hear all of their ideas for next year. I will be working with the sailing committee over the winter to do as much as we can within our budget for next year. Second, I'd like to remind all sailors that there is a Fall Regatta series at BYC over the next three Sundays - September 13, 20 and 27th. We encourage everyone to come out and sail. There are about a dozen boats already committed from other South Jersey clubs. It would be great to get at least a dozen from BYC as well!

Brian

News and Notes

BYC Get Fit Stay Fit.....

Now that everyone has got fit and summer is ending soon, the weather is perfect for those 3 mile walks, 12 mile bike rides and don't forget the all important stretching and yoga programs.

For those of you who prefer going the distance, my good friend, the Brigantine Biking Master has reminded of the MS City To Shore Ride on October 3 and 4. He claims it is an easy 70+ miles.

In less than 4 months all of those wonderful snow sports begin so it is not too early to begin specific training for an enjoyable and safe winter season. In addition to the above activities, don't forget those ever valuable balancing exercises. Not only do they help for these winter sports, but they pay divides the rest of your life.

For now, keep on moving.

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

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