



Brigantine Yacht Club Newsletter

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From the Commodore ☆☆☆ Mike Herrmann

The summer is moving along quickly – I guess that means we are having a great time! There has been a ton of activity on and off the water for both the adults and juniors this season, with great activities scheduled to continue all the way through Labor Day. I have been enjoying seeing you all at the Club and am really glad to see our building in good, constant use.

I need to thank our Junior Advisors Colleen Stahl and Lyn-dee Mattia for organizing such a great program for our juniors this summer. My parent's motto for raising kids was to "keep 'em tired", and Colleen and Lyn-dee seem to be following the same rule. There are activities planned for multiple days and evenings every week, and these activities will develop lifelong friendships and hopefully future Commodores!

Two big, huge thank you's for two amazing parties recently held. First, the fundraiser for the Auxiliary, which was a great success. Brigantine-centric items, boat rigging, handyman services, swim and sail lessons and gourmet meals were just some of the fun items auctioned off. The evening grossed about \$4,500 – thanks very much to my wife Cara Herrmann for organizing! And thank you very much to all the members who donated prizes. The July 30th Sail Away party hosted by Fran and Carole Murray was a fantastic night of boating, eating and entertainment! The proceeds of the event went to the future installation of an elevator or lift to transport folks to the second floor. Perfect weather combined with an awesome idea and great planning. Thanks so much for all your effort!

Brian will report on last week's MAYRA and the upcoming LBIYRA regatta, but I wanted to report on the success of this year's Leukemia Cup. The Leukemia Cup is a junior sailing regatta that raises money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and their mission to eradicate blood cancers. This year we combined the MAYRA regatta and Leukemia Cup into one day and focused the event on the sailing with the hope that each of the sailors would do a little fundraising of their own to raise money for the LLS. I'm proud to say that in the three years we've hosted this event, we have raised over \$32,000 to date. Amazing. Attached is the link to the Brigantine Leukemia Cup webpage (www.leukemicup.org/pages/nj/nj16) where folks can donate money until November, or you can seek out a sailor and donate money to their account. (Shameless plug: I'd be glad to give out Ryan's link if you are searching for a sailor!) The Bud Eitnier Memorial Leukemia Cup Trophy will be awarded to the individual that raises the most money.

As reported at our meeting on 7/22, membership is slightly down this year. The membership committee is reaching out to all of the 2015 members who have not re-joined to see if there is anything we can do to

bring them back to the club. But I'd like to ask all current members to reach out to anyone you know who didn't rejoin to invite them back. Perhaps invite them down to our Friday Night Sunset Bar & Grill for a cold drink and warm sunset view.

That being said, we are excited to welcome a total of 16 new wonderful members to our BYC community this summer! Please welcome them all when you get a chance to meet them. Finally, I just wanted to ask our members to say a quick prayer for fellow member Nick Vaganos. Nick was in an unfortunate bike accident and he and his family are entering the rehabilitation process. I've been in touch with Elena and assured her there are 100 BYC families saying 100 prayers. She sends along her thanks and we look forward to seeing Nick and Elena at the club again next summer.

See you all at the membership meeting at 8pm on August 12th.

From the Vice Commodore ☆☆☆ Doug Corbett

All's well on the social scene – I'm happy to report that I think I've figured out the beer and wine ordering because we haven't run out of Vodka yet!

We've just wrapped up an action packed July with a Ladies Auxiliary dinner and silent auction hosted by Cara Herrmann, a Crab Cake and Flounder Feast hosted by Deb and Howard Schlesinger with an assist by Carolyn and Hugh Braithwaite. (Background music that night was professionally provided by your bartender and his brother, Will and Owen Braithwaite. And finally, the month was capped off by an incredible evening of boating around the bay to lavish cocktail parties hosted by 5 generous families. My sincere thanks to Carole and Fran Murray for orchestrating a perfect evening.

Saturday, August 13th - BYC Commodore's Ball. Honoring Michael Herrmann's service to the club. The venue is super cool this year – The H₂O Fire Pit Lounge at The Golden Nugget.



6:00-7:00pm Cocktails at BYC. The Commodore, his family, friends, and Flag Officers arrive by boat.
8:00pm - Arrival at the H₂O Fire Pit Lounge, 6th Floor. Indoor/outdoor venue, live music, heavy hors oeuvres \$75 pp. Cash Bar, Beach Chic dress. RSVP to Cara Herrmann. 610-716-1096.
Please make plans to join the fun and show Michael your appreciation for all he's done over the years.

Saturday, August 20th – “Who haven't we seen much of” Party. Keeping in mind that by Aug 20th, the end of the summer is near, let's dedicate a night to spending time with people we've missed this

year. The idea is simple: we all invite other BYC members (or even ex members) – that for one reason or another haven't been out to the club much lately. Reach out and let them know you'd like to socialize with them before summer is over. Chances are if you miss them, the rest of us do to! Let's pack the house with old friends that we haven't seen enough of.

8:00pm – 11pm. Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres. \$15pp.

Saturday, September 3rd Sailing Awards, Retiring of Colors, and Installation of new officers
Typically, this evening has been a covered dish. The feedback I've gotten is that members would rather have a local restaurant bring food. So I will invite either Mad Dog Morgan's or the Water Weenie to bring their Food Truck/Boat to offer a variety of dinner options for adults and kids to enjoy at a reasonable price.

Note: While in Bermuda with Paul Murray and Steve Cordasco, I was privileged to witness the Bermuda Yacht Club retire their colors at sunset. I like the tradition and it seems a proper and fitting end to the summer. So we will give it a shot.

6:00pm: Bar and Food Truck/Boat opens for drinks and dinner

7:23pm Sunset: "Evening Colors". BYC will observe the time-honored naval tradition of retiring the flags at sunset. Following a cannon shot at 7:23pm, the American Flag, and BYC flag will be lowered.

7:30pm: Installation of new Flag Officers.

7:40pm: General Membership Meeting

7:45pm: Sailing Awards Ceremony

9:00pm – 11:00pm DJ and Dancing under the Bigtop –we'll be erecting a tent in the yard for dinner and dancing (after the awards ceremony)

Sunday, September 4th BYO BYC Beach Party. (20th Street)

A word about the beach party: This tradition has been growing in scope very rapidly over the past 5 years. We reached a crescendo last year and that party can't be outdone. The ladies and gentlemen that have so generously given of their time and effort to produce that event are frankly worn out. It got a wee bit too big for its britches and has become too much to manage. In addition, it was barely legal.

So we will pull in the reins this year and simply say: Let's all meet at the 20th street beach for a final day of fun. BYO food and drinks. Tables and grills will **NOT** be provided.

From the Rear Commodore  Brian Murray

Brigantine hosted the MAYRA interclub and Leukemia Cup regatta on Thursday. We set a MAYRA record with over 130 boats sailing on our bay and over 20 sailors from BYC.

In their first big regatta, we had green fleet sailors, Tristan Parsio, Alex Brereton and Kateri Cordasco representing BYC. If you see them at the club, please congratulate them for their big success!

In the big Opti fleet we had Clair Miller finish in the top 5 overall and Vincent Cordasco, Keenan Stahl, Reese Demarco, Brady Mattia, Lauren Murray and Ryan Herrmann all representing BYC.

In sunfish we had Gabe Cordasco, Jolena Cordasco, Landon Mulford, Colin Brereton, Harry Halper and Michael Tyler with a dominant Sunfish performance.

In Laser 4.7, Maeve Faherty won the fleet of 13 boats with three first place finishes.

In Laser Radial and Club 420 we had Brendan O'Connor, Patrick Murray, Bruce LiCausi Jr and David Miller Jr. sailing well for BYC.

While we didn't have our normal southerly wind, we had dry, sunny light breezes out of the east that make our club ideal for parents to watch their sailors finish from our second floor deck or from the end of the dock.

There is a very long list of members and instructors to thank and I won't be able to list them all here - but special thanks to Tom Donahue and John Keating for running an excellent race on a picture perfect day.

And looking forward, on Wednesday we will host LBIYRA at our club. We expect 50-60 sailors in this regatta and I would like to ask the same volunteers if they can help once again on Wednesday!

The summer is moving fast, so let's make sure to enjoy the last month of sailing this summer!

Nominating Committee Report Submitted by: Paul Acton

Pursuant to the bylaws, I am pleased to present to the General Membership of the Brigantine Yacht Club the following slate of candidates of BYC officers and trustees for the 2016/2017 year.

Board of Trustees:

Each year, a few members of the BYC Trustees complete their terms of office. This year the list includes:

Completing 2 3--year Terms

- Dennis Faherty

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- Tom Nelson
- Ellena Vaganos
- Peter Stahl

Members of the board of Trustees are limited to terms of 3 years or 6 years of consecutive service. Peter having completed his first 3-year term, has generously offered to have his name placed in nomination for a second 3-year term of service. We would like to thank all the Trustee for all past, present and future service to the club.

Dennis has completed two 3-year terms and is unfortunately, not eligible for re-nomination at this time. We would personally like to thank him for his years of service and important contributions to the club.

Trustee Candidates

Therefore, it is my pleasure to nominate the following BYC Board of Trustee candidates:

Renewing (1 seat)

- Peter Stahl

New (3 seats open)

- Paul Murray
- Joanne Kerns
- Beverly Faunce

Officers:

Officers of the Brigantine Yacht Club volunteer to take on what is, essentially a second job, unpaid, out of loyalty, love and dedication -- they are essential to the clubs organization, communication, financial health and growth. I am happy to announce this year that almost all of our club officers have agreed to re-nomination. Catherine Herrmann will be stepping down as recording Secretary and we thank her for your years of service to the BYC.

- For the position of Recording Secretary: ***Nominees needed***
- For the position of Corresponding Secretary: **Gale Donohue**
- For the position of Treasurer: **Tom Parvesse**

Flag Officers:

- For the position of Commodore: **Doug Corbett**

For the Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore positions, Brian Murray has asked to retain “organization and supervision of the sailing activities”, and Hugh Braithwaite has subsequently asked to be responsible for “the social and entertainment activities”, and therefore we are suggesting that we nominate Hugh for Vice Commodore and Brian for Rear Commodore.

- For the position of Vice Commodore: **Hugh Braithwaite**
- And for the position of Rear Commodore: **Brian Murray**

BYC Junior Report

The Juniors have been keeping very active this summer on and off the water with social events, lunches, field trips, play dates at Shark Park and plenty of sailing. There are several items we, as the junior advisors, want to inform the entire membership about: First, the juniors through years of fundraising and saving have made 2 big purchases this summer. The bike rack positioned on the stones holds 18 bikes and eliminates much of the congestion when you approach the club from the parking lot. Please use this bike rack and ask your juniors to do so when they visit the club. Second, the juniors purchased a large burgee sign to be affixed to the club and visible to all on and off the water. What a nice way for the juniors to commemorate the new building! Third, our junior lunches have been a great way to bring all of the kids, sailors or not, together from 12-1 on Mondays. Please consider responding to the next one- parents welcome too. We have been able to feed all of our instructors lunch on every Monday this summer as a thank you for their hard work during the week.

We hope the membership knows that junior events are open to all juniors regardless of their sailing involvement and age. The more the merrier! Additionally, we did launch a very engaging program this summer called Little Mates. Thanks to the help of Katie Burns and Megan Halper for the programs they hosted such as Making Kites, Blueberry Picking, and Yoga. Little Mates is an age specific program run with supervision for ages 3-6.

This year we added service and kindness as two priorities to our summer work and play as juniors. We have an ongoing Anchors of Kindness recognition program and have weeded the club's boatyard one evening for an hour just before we hosted two big regattas. We even managed some free swim time at high tide after the weeding. Work together & play together!

Thank you to those who participated in any of our junior fundraisers. We count on club support to sustain our fun programs and make the club an even better place.

News and Notes

Moss Jackson has a new book called: "I Didn't Come To Say Good bye: Navigating the Psychology of Immortality."

This is a pioneering book that looks at what people can do to live longer and healthier. There are certain belief patterns and psychological practices that keep people stuck in a "Death Oriented" mind set. Add 15 good and vital years to your life!

From Carol Murray:

We wish to thank the officers and members of BYC for supporting THE BOATING PARTY on July 30. We also thank MOTHER NATURE for a beautiful evening. We are grateful for the generosity of the host families who provided a beautiful setting, delicious food and cocktails. John & Jane Gibbons, Megan & Brady Halper, Kelly & Steve Cordasco, Christine & Brian Murray, & Catherine & Mark Herrmann. Their homes are beautiful & their families delightful. We would also like to thank the Boat Captains for their generosity and experienced seamanship as they traveled Beautiful Brigantine Bay hosting their passengers. The captains were Bob Leiz, Jim Burns, Stu Brereton, Commodore Mike Herrmann, Margot Murray, Dick Ford, Paul Lauriello, Dave DeMarco, Paul Butler, Paul Murray & Connor Murray. We also thank their crew. Because of the generosity of all those involved the entire ticket price has been deposited in the club treasury. \$3,950. Thank you all. Fran & Carole Murray

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