



## From the Commodore☆☆☆Leo Parsio

And then comes Summer...I am so excited to write this newsletter as we are officially in the summer season and the weather has been beautiful, albeit the quick moving Tropical Storm Elsa stirring up the east coast. While the west coast has been baking under the heat lamp, here in Brigantine we are enjoying our cool sea breezes. The sailing program has kicked off with so much activity. Plenty of new faces and old. I have been down to the club quite a bit and have been meeting our newest members and we have been enjoying the back deck, sipping our cocktails, and enjoying the sunset with all our friends. The fourth was a great fireworks show all around the island as it truly a celebration of our return to normalcy. The club has been my go-to place to wine down from my work week as I noticed everywhere I go to on the island is extremely busy. Nothing is better than relaxing with familiar faces.

If you were not in attendance at our General Membership meeting held on June 25<sup>th</sup>, I can give you some of those highlights. I have submitted my Capital Improvement Plan over to the Finance Committee. We will have a meeting later in July to develop a plan. One of the items that will be first on our agenda will be the removal and replacement of the South Dock from a fixed dock configuration to an EZ-Dock system.

Transiting to an EZ-Dock system will reduce our need of 56 piles to 22 piles. As a bunch of piles are becoming end of life, and at the current rate of \$800 a pile it will be a huge savings for the club. In addition to reduction of piles, we can remove all of slide bars, rings, ladders, and wooden infrastructure. This will dramatically reduce our need for the periodic maintenance cost and efforts. Stay tuned for additional information as I will be presenting our proposal to the board of Trustee's very soon and then again to the general membership. Another item for conversation is the boat hoist. More planning is required for this project, but we are trying to determine if relocation of the hoist would be a better option. The hoist is over 20 years old and since we rely on it to operate, we will need overhaul it. If we can complete the major construction projects, then we can focus on pouring new concrete or asphalt to make the surfaces around the club smoother and more aesthetical pleasing. Overall, I laid out a plan that will allow the next term commodores continue once I passed the torch.

On another note, we are expanding our bar footprint to serve drinks from the upstairs at a satellite bar. This capability will allow us to spread people out within the club and people can have some comfort knowing they do not need to climb up and down stairs for a refill. Our drink selection will be somewhat limited, but you will now have more access to the best seat in the house to watch the sunset.

The pandemic reminded us to enjoy the nice weather outside. As a result, we plan to purchase additional Polywood furniture to expand move out our outside areas. The chairs we purchased last year are comfortable to sit in. Those chairs have been donated by a few of our members and we would like once again, extend that offer to our general membership. If you would like to donate, please contact myself at [lparsio@comcast.net](mailto:lparsio@comcast.net) or Jean Munoz at [jam4866@yahoo.com](mailto:jam4866@yahoo.com) for details. Plaques with your name will be included. See the picture. We expect to make the purchase later this summer to be available for next season. We would have loved to have the furniture available this year but with supply chain issues ongoing, there is a 6-month lead time.

Many more things are coming, and it is an exciting time to be at the club. I hope everyone has the chance to pop in during the week with either Melissa's weeknight events or Michelle's planned junior and adult regattas. I hope to see everyone soon.

Love the Summer!



## From the Vice Commodore☆☆Melissa Acton

Summer is well under way!!! We were able to host an amazing Lobsterfest, Fourth of July weekend. Thank you to all who supported this event and were willing to get a bit wet in the process. Special thanks to Paul Acton and Eric Tucker who jumped in to help cook when the outdoor burners kept going out!

Yacht Knot- have you heard of that incredible band??? They played for us last Saturday night and if you'd didn't get a chance to see them ... we get one more opportunity on August 14th!

Every Tuesday night there is junior sailing- we are pairing that with dinner and the bar will be open! Come on over to have dinner and a drink, watch the sunset and support our juniors! Bar opens at 5:30pm

WineDown Wednesday and Thirsty Thursday are a fun way to meet up with friends and enjoy our beautiful view.

This week join us for Thirsty Thursday the bar opens at 7pm- We will have a few party trays - can't wait to see you there!

Friday, General Membership meeting - Bar opens at 6pm with food from Ernest and Sons at 6:30pm

Saturday, Surf and Turf Food Truck -join us in welcoming New Members at this event! Bar opens at 7pm

Save the date: August 7th for the Commodores' Ball!

Look for additions to the weekly schedule from Gale, also updated on the website , website calendar and Facebook page.

Also, if anyone has a Keurig or Crock Pot they would like to donate to the club, we would love it!!

## From the Rear Commodore ☆ Michelle Verceles

At the start of our 3<sup>rd</sup> week of sailing, we find success with the help of many members, new and seasoned. Tuesday night races have been a great success with lots of families and fun. We have had dinner and the bar open for all to enjoy during these nights! We appreciate the volunteers to host dinner on Tuesday nights and hope to continue this trend. This makes it special for all children and families to enjoy!

Thank you to the Miller Family and Thomas Family for their boat donations. With additional new members and a greater interest in sailing, our yard is busting with boats! We are so excited for this growing interest! To help address the storage need that came with new additions to our fleet, storage racks were built for the new optimists and kayaks. Thank you to Scott Oliveri and all the help for the Mini Work Day he organized to assemble the racks. We are so excited regarding this added angle that helped provide storage and organization to our boat yard!

Junior Sailing has been a success thus far. We have 70 sailors in the Junior Program, ambitious instructors, and an enthusiastic sailing committee. We have 22 young sailors who are new to the BYC program and are first year sailors. We have sailing scheduled 7 days a week. Junior lessons are scheduled on weekdays with the opportunity for a weekend program for those who cannot join the program during the week. On Thursdays, the travel racing team known as BOLT (Brigantine Optimist and Laser Team) travel to one of the follow South Jersey yacht clubs known as MAYRA. We have had two MAYRA events in which Brigantine sailors traveled with a team of 16-18 sailors and a majority of BYC sailors have placed well in both events! I am also pleased to announce that we had sailors recently enter the Power Puff Regatta and some sailors planning to go to Junior Olympics in South Jersey next week.

We continued our Friday night adult races! Our first race was successful with 10 boats on the line! We encourage our veteran sailors to come on out! For our novice adult sailors, we have Saturday and Sunday lessons given by Bill Trost. Contact Bill at [wtrost186@gmail.com](mailto:wtrost186@gmail.com) to schedule lessons.

We survived the recent tropical storm Elsa! Thank you to everyone who helped prepare the yard. We were well prepared for high winds this time!

We have about 2 weeks to prepare to host the MAYRA regattas at the BYC. This Junior regatta on July 29<sup>th</sup> hosts about 125 sailors from various yacht clubs in South Jersey. Senior MAYRA regatta is on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Please come out to support us in hosting these events. This is one of the premier events for our season and brings a lot of recognition to our sailors and club. Any help is appreciated, with help needed in preparing breakfast and lunch for the sailors, directing parking, organization and directing of boats in the yard as over 100 sailors will be visiting and launching from the BYC dock. Please reach out to Michelle Verceles at [mverceles1@yahoo.com](mailto:mverceles1@yahoo.com) if you are interested in volunteering.



***We're All in the Boat:***

*by Joe Tedeschi*

BYC is very excited to announce we have a new Book Author in the club. Joe Tedeschi, our long time member is writing a book about his exploits. Below is a blurb from his book. Go to [www.rockintheclouds.com](http://www.rockintheclouds.com) to see his website.

*Imagine flying in an airplane through blinding clouds and without warning it crashes directly into the side of a mountain. As a passenger, you somehow survive, but this violent crash kills many others in this Vietnam wartime tragedy. Serving with the 1st Air Cav headquartered in An Khe, Vietnam, Joe Tedeschi served only three weeks before his tour was cut short. Joe spends 45 years of his life uncertain of the true details of the crash. And he is always trying to make sense of his survival. In the many years searching for answers he discovers a very human story of faith, compassion, GI grit and humor, and patriotism. As his journey reveals his faith-based purpose and destiny, he hopes to bring hope and inspiration to other Vietnam-era veterans, their families, and people of faith.*



**Membership Committee** *by Sarah Chaikin*

*Brigantine Yacht Club welcomes new and returning members:*

**Sharon Trost:** Sharon is sister to Bill Trost, our adult sailing director. She was a member of the BYC from the 1970s to the 1990s, along with her family. Sharon writes, “I’m looking forward to renewing old friendships and making some new friends. I am a retired scientist and engineering manager. The bulk of my career was spent working on the ecological restoration of the Florida Everglades. I have just relocated permanently to Brigantine from Florida.”

**Jerome (Jerry) Goetting:** Jerry is a former member of Bayhead Yacht Club. He loves the shore. He built two homes in Barnegat Light and has now located to Brigantine at the home of his daughter and son-in-law. Jerry says, “I have always enjoyed the water and boating. I have had motor and sail boats thru my life and enjoyed the companionship of a club.”

**Matt Schoettler:** Matt joined the BYC to more easily sail his Hunter 17’. He hopes to find some new friends among the membership who will go out with him to teach him about navigating our back bay area and help him refresh his sailing skills.

**Adam and Tamson Zucker:** Adam and Tamson were sponsored by the Gerhards and have been friends for many years. They have come to the BYC as guests, and on one occasion Adam arrived with tools in-hand and

offered to help fix the kegerator. (Apparently, he had at one time been in the business of maintaining this type of equipment.)

**Keely Lepera Conti:** Keely has returned to BYC membership after a brief absence. Keely grew up at the BYC and is mom to Connor and Cole Murray. She is also a member of the Lepera Group, one of our local real estate dynasties.

**Joseph and Lori Toczydlowski and family:** The Toczydlowski family were sponsored by Leo Parsio and Melissa Acton. They are also friends with other BYC members. They came on the property to inquire about an available slip for their boat (which we luckily had). They ended up staying for part of the evening and were impressed with the friendliness of the BYC members.

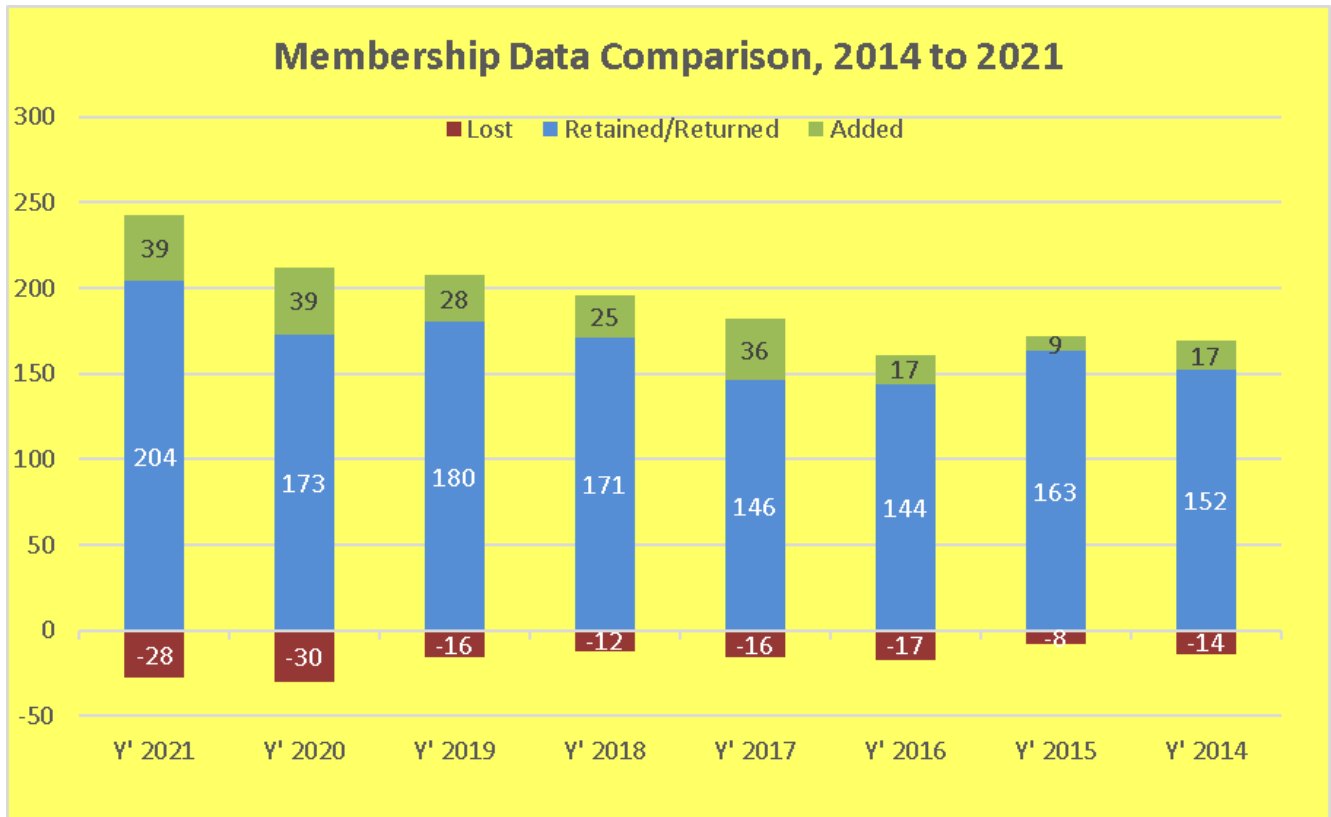
**Brady and Megan Halper:** The Halper family have re-joined the BYC after being gone for a couple of years. Welcome back!

**BYC welcomes the following to the ranks of Senior (above 21 years of age) Membership:**

Marissa Murray  
Emily Acton  
Erin O'Connor  
Owen Braithwaite  
Margot Murray  
Brendan O'Connor  
Sean O'Connor

Julia Hipp  
Elizabeth Kelly  
Tori Hooven  
Connor Murray  
Lauren Kearns  
Juliana Corson

### BYC membership at a glance:



### BYC Auxiliary by *Jeanie Munoz*

The Auxiliary Committee met on Friday Night July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to discuss this year and long range goals.

We will be focused on the fund raising for new furniture to support the plans to create a new and exciting 2nd Floor space. Commodore Parsio will be providing more information shortly.

We have a terrific new team to support our endeavors. Bev Faunce will continue to be a valuable member. New this year will be Maru Fehr, Allison Gerhard and Sarah Brandoff. Harry Chaikin has offered his support, as well, with the Ship Store.

We are excited as this team has begun to generate some great ideas.

If you would be interested in joining, please let me know at [jam4866@yahoo.com](mailto:jam4866@yahoo.com) All are welcome

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