



From the Commodore☆☆☆Leo Parsio

Spring is in the air and it will not be long before our club will be open and alive with activity once again. On April 17th, we successfully conducted ‘workday’. The ramps have been lowered and Rear Commodore Michelle Verceles was busy checking everything off the list. The turnout was great, and we got a lot of things back in working order. Over the next few weeks, you might see Scott Oliveri at the club replacing some lost shingles or building a few shelves but overall, the club is in tip top shape.

Who could have predicted that boat slips and junior sailing program are such a hot commodity? As it stands right now the sailing committee is trying to accommodate a surge in sailors looking to join the program. Michele will provide the details in her report, but we are seeing an influx of new memberships and our junior sailors are up another 40% from last year. This holds true of our boat slips as well. We can accommodate up to 15 boats at south dock. Every year we have been fully filled but now we have a wait list of 6. This year it is critical to pay invoices on time so that every member can be accommodated. If there is a change in either boat slips, or junior sailing program, please let us know.

In other news, our club is a popular spot for sunsets. It is no secret, and I bet that is one of the many reasons why you joined. But as popular as we are, we have had a lot of non-members that decided our club is also the best place to also watch the sunset. They decided to help themselves to our property. As a result, you will notice the yellow ropes as a temporary deterrent until the club can install something more aesthetically pleasing and more effective. But until then, please know you might be asked if you are a member. You might be asked for your last name as a way of verification. With new members joining the club, we may not yet recognize you. As awkward as this may be at times, I have used the opportunity to talk with families and get to know everyone and take the opportunity to invite those to become members ‘to join’. The club is a special place and it should be protected.

As we are about to head into the Summer, you will hear a lot of discussion about upcoming events. You will hear not only from our Vice Commodore Melissa Acton & Rear Commodore Michelle Verceles but also from our committees. The committee chairs along with their members meet on different occasions and provide reports back to the board of trustees and general membership. These committees need help, so please look at the following chart and inquire about what some of these committees do. I especially ask 1st or 2nd year new memberships to get involved and see where you can assist.

That is all for now, I look forward to seeing everyone during the Memorial Day Weekend. Take Care and think Summer!

Committee	Chair	Members
Finance	Brian Murray	Tom Parvesse, Kelly Cordasco
House and Grounds	Scott Oliveri	John Ferguson, Dick Ford, Steve Donahue
Membership	Sarah Chaikin	Nancy Collier, Derrick Owings, Sue Ferguson, Marni Rosner, Sandi Williams, Kevin & Maria Fehr
Sailing	Beth Ann Poli	Colleen Stahl, Jason Augustine, Jen Robertson, Joanne Kearns, Carrie Mulford and Dave Miller

Dock and Bulkhead	Leo Parsio	John Bilotta, Steve Donahue
Nominating	Paul Murray	Paul Acton, Scott Oliveri
Social	Melissa Acton	Sheila Parsio, Vicki Crafton Bilotta, Denise & Dave DeMarco, Lizz Colavita, Sarah Brandoff, Natalie Butler, Paul Murray
Junior Advisors	Samantha Cann	
BYC Auxiliary	Jean Munoz	Beverly Faunce
Communication	Gale Donohue	Allison Gerhard, Cara Herrmann

From the Vice Commodore☆☆Melissa Acton

The bar is being stocked as we speak and getting ready for Memorial Day Weekend!!!

We are moving closer to normal and wait for Governor Murphy to continue to ease restrictions. Stay tuned for additional information as it is released.

We will promote being outdoors as that provides us with the most flexibility.

This season we will continue with Friday Night Food -\$5.00 per person, from 6:30pm until the food disappears! We will continue having servers for food as we want to meet everyone where they are most comfortable.

Bar bands will again be \$10.00 - this year that band buys 4 drinks. If a round of drinks is purchased, no worries another band can be purchased!!

Good news \$10.00 will also buy a pitcher of beer on tap! With the return of tapped beer the BYC is very grateful to Steve and Gale Donohue for donating a refrigerator to keep our stock cold!!! Cheers!

Something new to celebrate season 2021- we are adding a **WineDown Wednesday** alternating week to week with **Thirsty Thursday**, the bar will be open at 7pm, come over and enjoy our beautiful sunset.

Yoga returns this summer at 9 am on Sunday, Monday, Thursday and Friday. Yoga will be \$15.00 per class or buy a 10 class pass for \$125.00 as an added member benefit.

Mah Jongg returns Tuesday, June 22nd from 7-9:30!! If interested in playing, text or call Carol Leiz at 732-887-8683

New this year- **learn to play** to Mah Jongg!!! All are welcome. LTP begins Monday, July 5th from 7-9!!! If interested in learning to play Mah Jongg, text or call Carol Leiz at 732-887-8683

Book Club also returns this year. The first book club will be on Monday, June 28th at 7 PM at the BYC. Please read the book *Dear Edward*, by Ann Napolitano (now in paperback). Call Carole Murray at 239-227-3400

Memorial Day Weekend:

Friday, May 28th- The bar opens at 6pm

Saturday, May 29th- We will host our first Friday Night Food on a Saturday, beginning at 6:30pm- The bar opens at 6pm

Sunday, May 30th- Yoga begins!! 9am

Monday, May 31st- Yoga

Early June:

Thursday, June 3rd- Yoga 9am

Thirsty Thursday- 7pm

Friday, June 4th- Yoga 9am and this schedule continues

Bar open 7pm

No Friday Food

Wednesday, June 9th - WineDown Wednesday-(all beverages are served)

Friday, June 11th- Surf and Turf Food truck serving begins 6:30

Bar opens - 6pm

We officially begin the season Friday, June 18th!

Tuesday, June 22nd - Mah Jongg begins! 7pm

General Membership Meeting, Friday, June 25th

Monday, June 28th- 1st Book Club - 7pm

Looking forward-

The Surf and Turf food truck is scheduled for June 11th, July 17th, August 13th and September 3rd

As we honor Leo Parsio and John Bilotta the Commodore's Ball is tentatively being scheduled for August 7th with an August 21st back up plan.

Reach out to me or any member of the social committee to host a Saturday party! If you are in need of ideas we've got plenty!! Let's get this 2021 party started!!

Please remember our bartenders work for tips, they depend on our generosity!! THANK YOU!

Look for weekly schedule updates- Looking forward to seeing everyone!

From the Rear Commodore Michelle Verceles

We are getting ready for 2021 Sailing Season!

On April 17th we had a very successful workday! Thank you to all who came out! A special shout out to Scott Oliveri who went above and beyond this year!

Here are some regatta dates/Adult sailing for BYC.

Friday Night Adult Series

June 19th is the Moth Regatta

July 29th BYC hosting MAYRA for Junior sailors

August 1st BYC hosting MAYRA for Senior sailors

Adult Sailing lessons – weekends by request only

Junior Sailing program

I want to use this opportunity to provide some details about the program and request that you understand that plans are not yet final and won't be until June. Recall that the Junior Sailing Program is a recreational, weather-dependent program that is not to be construed as a day camp or child care substitute. With over 70 children enrolled in the program, its success will depend on the cooperation of everyone involved!

We have assigned children to classes based on ability and boat type. Returning sailors were assigned to classes based on family survey feedback and guidance from the 2020 instructor staff. New sailors were assigned to either beginner Opti or beginner Sunfish classes largely based on age (younger to Opti, older to Sunfish). We currently have a total of 8 classes and in our tentative schedule, each class will meet four times per week but not necessarily four days per week. Each class is roughly 3.5 hours. Classes are generally scheduled from 8:30 to Noon or 1:00 to 4:30. The current classes are:

Opti - Beginner (2)

Opti - Intermediate (1)

Opti - Advanced (2)

Sunfish - Beginner (1)

Sunfish - Intermediate (1)

Sunfish - Advanced (1)

Laser/420 - Combined (1)

New 420 program – Advanced (2) Fridays only

We have scheduled beginner Opti classes in the morning since these classes consist of younger, lighter, new or less experienced sailors who will be more comfortable in morning, light air. The other classes lean toward afternoon time slots but are scheduled in both the morning and afternoon. In addition to the lesson blocks, races will be run for interested sailors two days per week. Races are tentatively slotted on Tuesday evening and Wednesday afternoon. The NEW 420 program for advanced, middle or high school sailors is tentatively scheduled for Fridays.

Here are some important points about the program for immediate information. A parent meeting, robust FAQ, and published schedule will be forthcoming as soon as finalized.

- Program runs June 28 to August 20, 2021

- **TeamSnap** - Embrace this app! Rosters and schedules will be loaded to TeamSnap for easy, efficient program-specific communication. Use it to update availability for each lesson. TeamSnap is especially useful for announcing weather delays or cancellations.
- **Swim Test** - Swim tests will be administered to all program participants over the first 2 days of the program. The swim test consists of 25 feet of swimming (any stroke), treading water for two minutes, and donning a life jacket while in the water. Sailors who have not taken the swim test will not be permitted to participate in on-water lessons or races.
- **Gear** - All sailors must wear a Coast Guard approved PFD during on-water lessons and races. Closed toe shoes, bathing suits, sunscreen, sunglasses, hats, and personal water bottles are strongly recommended.
- **COVID precautions** - BYC will adhere to New Jersey and CDC guidelines in effect and as modified throughout the program. For now, prepare for a face covering requirement, no sharing of food or water, hand sanitizing stations, and indoor club use only for restroom breaks.
- **Lesson schedule** - Lessons and Instructor work hours are carefully scheduled. Instructors have limited time between sessions to prepare for their next class, take a shade break, eat lunch, and address personal needs. Respect for pick up and drop off times is requested.
- **Thursdays** - Final details on the MAYRA schedule and density protocols are still pending. BYC Instructors will coach BYC sailors who participate in away regattas. Programing for beginner/intermediate (non-traveling) sailors will occur on Thursdays at BYC.
- **Social** - Social activities for juniors are coordinated by a Junior Committee with reliance on parent volunteers. Younger children must be chaperoned by parents/guardians at all activities. Committee Chair Samantha Cann is enthusiastic about the 2021 summer and looks forward to your participation in activities.



We're All in the Boat:

by Murray Rosenberg

The Barnegat Bay Partnership (BBP), in collaboration with the NJ Bay Islands Initiative (NJBII), is seeking kayakers, paddleboarders, and other small boat operators to participate in a “Paddle for the Edge” (P4E) monitoring program throughout Absecon Bay during the month of July 2021. P4E is a program where Citizen Scientists collect information about marsh islands that will ultimately help to prioritize future wetland restoration projects. The monitoring activity involves a cell phone app that collects photographs and marsh edge survey information every 100 feet along 1,000-2,000 feet of a marsh shoreline. Training in the use of the app and the survey will be provided virtually. The monitoring activity will take 4-6 hours to complete, including getting to/from a shoreline launch site. The following link provides more information about the program but note that there will be a few changes for the program in Absecon Bay -<https://www.barnegatbaypartnership.org/protect/restoring-barnegat-bay/volunteer/paddle-for-the-edge/>

Marsh islands in particular provide many benefits, such as protecting nesting habitat for water birds, and storm surge and wave protection for developed coastal communities. Like all coastal wetlands in New Jersey, marsh islands are threatened by the impacts of climate change (e.g., increased storm intensity and frequency, sea level rise) and anthropogenic disturbances (e.g., nutrient pollution, shoreline hardening). Please email Murray Rosenberg at mrosenberg130@outlook.com if you have interest; a follow-up email will be sent with more info related to both the P4E program and training. Thank you !

Membership Committee *by Sarah Chaikin*

Brigantine Yacht Club welcomes the following new and returning members!

Mary and Mark Rems and sons Hunter (13) and Maddox (10): Mary is a Special Education teacher and Mark is a CPA. They are friends with other BYC members and have joined the club so that their boys can sail, and so that they all have a place to enjoy life on the bay.

Jean Stanton and grandchildren: Jean is a local artist and friends with Po Flanigan and Tom Von Ohlen, who sponsored her for membership. Jean will be hosting her grandchildren this summer in Brigantine and hopes that granddaughters, Reese, Claire, and Caroline (ages 8, 8, and 7) will join in the Juniors social activities.

Tony and Hannah (Chaikin) Rizzo and children, Fiona (8) and Logan (5): It was nice to see Hannah competing again last summer at the BYC when she was invited to sail in the Anniversary Regatta. This year Hannah is bringing her husband Tony and children into the BYC family. They live in Absecon where Tony is a contractor and Hannah is an at-home mom with an amazing garden.

Jeanine and Richard Hipp, daughters **Julia (22)**, Alexa (20) and Nina (18) as well as **Raymond Freebury**, Jeanine's father, come from the Philadelphia area. Jeanine and dad, Raymond, are pharmacists. Richard is president of a technology company. Julia is just launching her own career. The family is interested in varied water sports and the social scene at the BYC.

Jackie (Johnson) Wehrle along with daughters Anabel (16) and Josie (14) come to us from Illinois. Jackie was a Junior member of the BYC in the 1980s and has fond memories. She is returning to the East Coast this summer with her daughters, who she hopes to teach to sail. Jackie is excited to join our adult Sunfish sailing activities.

Maggie and Ryan Shatt along with sons Elias (13) and Clay (11) are BYC neighbors on 10th Street. Why not join the BYC! Maggie works in marketing and Ryan is a geologist. They have joined the BYC for sailing, sunsets, and social fun.

Matthew Fulmer and Alyson Michener have their work life in Philadelphia where Matthew is a civil engineer and Alyson is an internal medicine doctor. Matthew grew up in Brigantine and they spend many summer weekends here. Alyson grew up sailing on Lake Ontario in Rochester, NY. They recently purchased a Sunfish and Alyson plans to teach Matthew to sail.

Gary Woerner and Kaelyn (Ford) Woerner: Kaelyn is excited to introduce her husband, Gary to the BYC membership. Kaelyn is a former sailing instructor at the BYC and has many friends and family at the club. She is now a realtor and Gary is a physical therapist. We look forward to adding their enthusiasm and fun-loving spirits to our club.

BYC Auxiliary by *Jeanie Munoz*

2020 was a good year for Auxiliary as we raised \$737. for the club. Additionally we disbursed \$232. to the 75th Anniversary celebration, which did not come out of the year's profits.

We had many Pop-up sales on Friday Night Sunset Bar. Some of the items included towels and reduced merchandise. We had sales of the BYC bracelets and beautiful bracelets created by our own Sarah.

We additionally featured a local business and had a very successful raffle.

I want to thank all of the members who assisted with those sales. Melissa was supportive and flexible with all of these endeavors.

A big thank you to all of the BYC membership who contributed.

We look forward to a successful and fun-filled 2021.

Please consider joining the Auxiliary to help with the various events, to support our fundraising efforts and help make decisions on where these funds should be directed. We need some help with the Ship Store. If you are interested in helping with the Auxiliary, please email Jeanie at jam4866@yahoo.com

News and Notes

Christina and Criag Hayden are so excited to introduce everyone to our new daughter! Sophia Ellena Hayden joined the world on April 18th at 9 lbs and 22 inches long. We are so happy to bring the newest crew member to the yacht club. Look below to see a picture of our newest youngest member of the club!

The Donohue's have an adult tricycle free to a good home. If you are interested, please text Gale at 215-962-3256.

The Herrmann Family has launched their annual fundraiser benefiting the A-T Children's Project. All monies raised will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Robert E. Herrmann Memorial Fund up to \$50,000. All fundraising efforts are in support of ongoing medical research to find a cure and create life-improving therapies for children with Ataxia-Telangiectasia. Thank you in advance for your participation, BYC! Please click here for more information and to donate to a cause near and dear to our hearts. <https://www.atcp.org/robert-e-herrmann-match/>

To learn more about "Team Seanie", follow us on Facebook: [\(1\) Team Seanie | Facebook](#)

I have been busily updating the BYC Membership directory with all our old and new members. I will send the newest copy out via email this week. Please take a moment and make sure all your information is correct. Hopefully, within a month, I will have the newest directory posted to our BYC website.

Please make sure your junior members are included in the directory.

Also, don't forget to check out our website www.bycsail.com when you have a minute. Go to: the Member Login Section – Located in the upper right portion of the homepage. Click on "Member Login" and enter the following password – BYC1040. You'll find the most recent Member Directory, Committee Handbooks (once they are completed!), BYC policies, and all the archived BYC newsletters. One stop shopping. If you need changes to the BYC Directory, please email me at gcdonohue13@gmail.com

New BYC Members

The Shatt Family



Sophia Ellena Hayden



Brigantine Yacht Club

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