



# BRIGANTINE YACHT CLUB



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## From the Commodore☆☆☆ Leo Parsio

There is still much more of summer left. As we head into the historically hot month of August, there are still many more activities remaining. The bay has warmed up enough so that jumping in will be without hesitation. The sailors young and old have been tuning their skills with the weekly club regattas. Tuesday evenings have been extremely busy and huge success for adults and kids to have a fun night at the club and show off their skills to our membership coming out for some socializing of their own. The Friday night sailing has continued to draw in the crowds and kicks off the weekend in full force. Michelle's team has put together activities that keeps them coming back every week while Melissa's nightly offering of food and refreshments opens the club to satisfy the sunset revelers. The upstairs bar is starting to take hold as more and more start to migrate upstairs to enjoy the best seat in the house.

Speaking about seats, as a reminder, contact me soon before all the Polywood furniture has been purchased. As I mentioned in my last newsletter, we are purchasing, white bar height chairs that will fill our outside deck area on both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Floors. To donate a chair please contact me via email at [lparsio@comcast.net](mailto:lparsio@comcast.net). Each chair cost is \$390, which includes the shipping and engraving. They are selling fast so contact me soon, so you don't miss out.

We are also looking to purchase a few Polywood tables for the upstairs deck, so they can be left outside during the summer and at the ready for your enjoyment.

I would like to give a shout out to Jon Mangel and his recent donation of high-top silver tables that you now see on the outside decks. These tables will eventually be accompanied with the chairs that the members are donating. Thank you, Jon for all that you do!

Love the Summer!



## From the Vice Commodore☆☆Melissa Acton

We've slipped into August!!! How did that happen?

An exciting weekend just wrapped up ! The ever popular Men's Dinner was a huge success! Rounds of applause to Paul Acton, John Bilotta, Mark Colavita, Bob Gerhard, and Tom Parvesse, as they served the best meal to be had on Brigantine Island!

An even more exciting week ahead- The Commodore's Ball is this week!!! Saturday, at 6:30pm the evening begins at the BYC for a cocktail reception then we head to the Golden Nugget to dine under the stars on the lawn with the musical styling from the Secret Service! Full seated dinner and dessert!!! Due to more 2021 follies- please disregard the RSVP date on the reply card and get your responses in by Wednesday!!! We are accepting Venmo (brigantine-yacht-club), cash, or checks (made to the BYC). Looking forward to a spectacular night!

The incredible Ben Dawson and his Soul Empanadas join us again in the yard on Friday (8/6) night!!! This food is so good, don't miss out!!!!

Looking forward-

The Yachtknot is back to dazzle on Saturday, August 14th - come on out to hear this great band !!!

A Latin themed event- is being planned for Saturday, August 21st- be prepared to have your tastebuds tantalized with authentic cuisine!!! Jump in to help plan!

## From the Rear Commodore ☆ Michelle Verceles

### LOVE OF SAILING FOR A LIFETIME

We are past the midway point in the sailing program; summer is going by fast! Sailors are on the water a lot this year and it is great to see all the boats on the water.

BYC hosted two MAYRA events very successfully on July 29th and August 1st! We hosted 105 sailors and 92 boats on Thursday and 21 single-handed boats on Sunday. Thank you to all who helped make both events successful.

A special thank you to Carrie Mulford and Dale Keating for heading up breakfast and lunch, John Keating and Bill Trost for leading our sailors as the Principal Race Officers, Colleen Stahl who headed the Green Fleet regatta and all who helped with organization, parking, launching, and manning start, finish and patrol boats: John and Renee Bollenbach, Beth Ann and Matt Poli, John and Donna Doherty, Heather Kelly, Tamson Zucker, Christine Murray, Dawn and Steve Naphy, Mary Rems, Maria Miller, Dan Scheib, Joe Sheehan, David Galinsky, Liz Visone, Beverly Faunce, Dave Miller, Jason Augustine, Mike Augustine, Mark Herrmann, Joanne Kearns, Jen Robertson, Kevin Fehr, Stacy and Scott Oliveri, Bob and Amy Gerhard, Sheila and Leo Parsio, Melissa Acton, and Vicki Bilotta.

Thank you to Keatings, Schlesingers, and Visonos for allowing us to store boats on their yards during these events. Thank you to Deb Schlesinger for making the Senior Regatta Trophies.

I heard many compliments about our club and the hospitality extended to our visiting guests. The BYC has become one of the favorite stops for sailing parents because of the second floor viewing deck and proximity of the races to the club.

Thank you to Gale Donohue for sending out endless emails to keep us all up to date.

Thank you to Kevin Fehr and Bill Trost who have been fixing our boats whenever something breaks.

### **Some changes in the BYC coaching staff.**

We thank Brendan O'Connor and Reese DeMarco who are leaving us this week. Brendan is going off to work at Vanguard in Malvern, PA as a Client Service Associate. Reese is off to college at the University of Tennessee. We wish them well and thank them for a great season. Stephen Cordasco is rejoining the BYC coaching staff for the rest of the summer. I am very excited that Stephen is able to help us out!

In the MAYRA South Jersey Summer Series, Brigantine Yacht Club has brought home many "flags" in all fleets!

**Top 5 in Opti in fleets** - Logan Augustine, Tilly Miller, Kamila Murray, Cayden Parsio, Tristan Parsio, Grace Sheehan, Dylan Verceles, Kaylee Verceles, Tyler Verceles & Ava Burns

**Top 5 in Sunfish** - RJ Mancinelli, David Miller, Chelsea Poli, Mack Robertson, Cavan Stahl

**Top 5 in Laser Radial** - Damien Augustine, Declan Doherty, Lauren Murray, Keenan Stahl

**Top 5 in 420** - Siobhan Kearns and Anna Robertson

**We will present our Perpetual Awards at our General Membership Meeting on Labor Day Weekend.**

### **Upcoming BYC events**

Tuesday evening Junior races and dinner/ drinks at BYC

Friday night Adult races and dinner/ drinks at BYC

Adult weekend lessons are free with membership and by appointment only with Bill Trost - contact Bill via email at [wtrost186@gmail.com](mailto:wtrost186@gmail.com)

### **Upcoming MAYRA events**

August 5 Ocean City Yacht Club

August 12 Corinthian Yacht Club of Cape May

August 15 Laser and 420 Championship at Cape May

August 17 MAYRA SJSS Awards event at 6:30 and junior dance

August 6-7 Off shore event Cape to Cape

### **Junior Advisory Committee**

Please look at Samatha Cann's emails and reports for all Junior events. She is looking for volunteers to help with upcoming events. Please email at [jacksmom2009@ymail.com](mailto:jacksmom2009@ymail.com) or 609-418-0921

## **Nominations Committee *by Paul Murray***

### **Report from the Nomination committee of Scott Oliveri, Paul Acton and Paul Murray, 7/16/2021:**

The nominating committee is responsible for recommending individuals to hold offices in the BYC

Those offices consist of a Board of Trustees, Flag Officers, Treasurer, Corresponding and Recording Secretaries.

Trustees serve a 3 year term and each year a new set of 4 Trustees comes up for renewal. No one can serve more than 6 consecutive years.

Expiring 3 yr terms for trustees are: Jason Augustine Ed O'Connor, Mike Simpson and Avelino Verceles

According to the by laws, These trustees can renew for a second 3 yr term. Renewing for a second 3 yr term are Mike Simpson and Avelino Verceles.

Opting to not renew are Jason Augustine, who is working hard with MAYRA and serves as Rear commodore on that board. We thank him for his time.

Also not renewing is Ed O'Connor who has served us very well over the last 3 years. Thank you Ed

Scott Oliveri is voluntarily vacating his seat and moving into another position within the club. We thank Scott and appreciate his next endeavor. Scott's Vacant position will be filled by appointment by the Commodore.

With that, we have 2 upcoming vacancies on the board of trustees, and have nominated 2 individuals who are active members both socially and with children in the sailing program

Those nominations are Eric Tucker & Liz Colavita

For Flag officers, we nominate Michelle Verceles to remain in the role of Rear Commodore, Scott Oliveri for the office of Vice Commodore and Melissa Acton for Commodore. Thank you all for your dedication to the club

For The offices of Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, Deb Schlesinger, Gale Donohue, and Tom Parveese will renew in their respective roles.

Most importantly we are nominating Leo Parsio for Past commodore...

### **BYC Auxiliary by *Jeanie Munoz***

We have had two meetings of the Auxiliary Committee to work on bringing some great items to our Ship Store. Our members have found some extraordinary products but during COVID response time and manufacturing concerns still are lingering. We hope to present some new items shortly.

We would welcome any assistance with on-line merchandise. Please, if you would like to contribute to setting up on-line merchandise please join us.

Next year, one endeavor will be to request that raffle baskets be contributed for Friday and Saturday Night. This will be to increase funds for the new furniture that will make the Sunset Deck an amazing setting. We know that our members will generously contribute baskets for raffle. The invitation letter will be sent shortly so that everyone has until next season to create an extraordinary basket.

We are now working on the 2021 BYC Bracelet. So get ready to order when the information is sent out. The 2020 sold out very quickly.

Please consider joining the Auxiliary.

Jeanie Munoz



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



Dear BYC Members:

To all members, but especially to new members of the Brigantine Yacht Club, we'd like to remind everyone that in 2016, the Brigantine Sailing and Maritime Foundation (BSMF) was established as a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization!

BSMF's mission is to provide resources to support training and participation in the instruction and education of sailing and assist in maintaining the natural habitat for sailing. BSMF offers aid and support to sailors so that they can compete in regional, national, and international competitions, as well as promote and support programs that expand participation of youth and adult sailing within the Brigantine community.

In 2020, BSMF funded a grant request from the Brigantine Yacht Club to purchase three picnic tables in order to socially distance sailors during instruction in a safe, outdoor environment.

While BSMF is not affiliated in any way with the Brigantine Yacht Club, as sailing enthusiasts we hope that you will support the BSMF.

As a charitable foundation all donations are 100% tax deductible. Donations of any size are gratefully accepted. Your employer may also offer a matching gift program so please let us know.

Donations should be made out to:  
 Brigantine Sailing and Maritime Foundation  
 c/o Christine Murray, Treasurer  
 2 Colt Road, Summit NJ 07901  
 (before Labor Day, checks can be sent to 810 West Shore Dr, Brigantine 08203)

BSMF will provide a donation receipt via email.

Thank you for this support! We look forward to seeing you this summer for another fun and exciting sailing season!

Fair winds,

President, Ken Deitz  
 Secretary, Dave DeMarco  
 Treasurer, Christine Murray

## Membership Committee *by Sarah Chaikin*

BYC Welcomes New Members!

**Steve and Dawn Naphy and family:** Steve and Dawn came to the BYC to check out our club. They received a nice tour from Bill Trost and learned about our adult sailing program. They also met the Courtiers who told them a lot about the BYC. Steve and Dawn have three daughters who are also joining the BYC: Karlie and Lindsay who are joining as adults and Melanie who is joining as a “Junior”. The Naphy’s are looking for a place to enjoy an active lifestyle and a place to meet other people in Brigantine. I know our members will make every effort to help them meet those goals.



Thanks to all of the members who made the 2021 “BYC Welcomes New Members” event such a nice success. We had a great turn-out of long-term and new members. I could see that everyone was making a big effort to mingle and introduce each other. Special thanks go to Melissa Acton who facilitated the whole event, Leo Parsio for getting our “BYC Past and Present” slide show on the TV and Jack Fisher for being our Club Historian on site.

### **Brigantine Yacht Club**

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