



BRIGANTINE YACHT CLUB



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From the Commodore☆☆☆Melissa Acton

Let me begin with some exciting news. Stockton Rowing is hosting a regatta, on April 3rd, out of its new home, the Brigantine Rowing Club. The BYC has been approached by Jim Bennett, City of Brigantine, to see if we would allow spectators on club property. Your flag officers are excited for this opportunity for good will not only with the city but also the Rowing Club's new residents. We agree that the event will remain outside, the interior of the club will not be open, and the ramps will remain in their winter position. Stockton and the city will provide everything - from porta potties and trash receptacles to parking and crowd control. There are 2 viewing locations - City Dock and the BYC. Stockton will provide insurance riders for the BYC. We can assume people will watch from the first floor deck and the yard. On a day prior to the event we will move the 420's to the middle of the yard to avoid any damage. If you are in town come on down and help cheer on Stockton- the regatta begins at the lighthouse and will finish somewhere around 10th street and the BYC. The event is scheduled to be finished by 11:30am. They've asked for food truck recommendations, indicating it will be a great Brigantine event overall!

In December, the Trustees held a Special Topic meeting to approve the replacement of the South Dock. As we know, we can only proceed as quickly as permitting and materials will allow. With that in mind, Leo made a decision for a 'no-go date'. If all permitting and materials are ready and the project can be completed by our deadline we will have the South Dock replaced for the 2022 season. The no-go decision date is May 1st. Contingencies have been put in place with slip holders should this project be held up beyond our control. Should this occur, the replacement will take place in the off season.

In February, we held our first Trustees' meeting for 2022. This meeting is important because it is where we decide and vote on the budget for the upcoming season. Yet again this year, I am pleased to tell you the BYC is in great financial shape. Your Trustees are excellent stewards of the club and its resources. The South Dock replacement will soon move off of the Capital Improvement list and we will evaluate what will be the next important improvement. Because the needs of the club are met with care, we've been very lucky to be able to budget what we need to do.

As you will see below, Scott has an incredible schedule planned for us this summer. We both believe that the club has thrived on being open to our membership as many days of the week as is possible. Scott is committed to that demand and has expanded our offerings!

Michelle Verceles and the Sailing committee, led by Beth Ann Poli, have been hard at work so that our sailors have yet another amazing summer- the program is as popular as ever! We look forward to watching all sailors, juniors and seniors, on the bay any day of the week but especially Tuesdays and Fridays!!!

With the mandates and restrictions being lifted, I am hoping we have our busiest year ahead of us! Our membership is strong and our sailing program robust! 82 days until Memorial Day- personally I cannot wait until I am back in my happy place!

Please join us for WORK DAY, April 30th, 9am- many hands make for light work with a bonus of coffee and light breakfast as an incentive.

Until then, have a great spring!

From the Vice Commodore☆☆ Scott Oliveri

Looking into the upcoming summer season, I am excited to begin developing the social calendar for the summer of 2022. I will be working closely with our Rear Commodore to have the social calendar both support and compliment the many sailing events for the summer. In addition, it is anticipated that we will be bringing back many of the weekday calendar events that Melissa developed over the last two years and grow the opportunities for our members to take advantage of the club.

The summer of 2022 season will begin with the Sunset Bar on May 6th followed by a Kentucky Derby Party on the Saturday May 7th. All are invited to come with your best Derby Hat and sip a Mint Julep or Oaks Lilly. We will continue with another Sunset Bar on May 27th followed by a *Summers' Back Party* on May 28th to kick off Memorial Day weekend.

June will be full of weekend activities as well as the start of Wine Down Wednesday and Thirsty Thursdays. We hope to bring back the Yoga Crew as well as Mah Jongg. We are also working on a "Night of Sophistication" with music and food (stay tuned for more details.)

July is always a busy month with social activities planned for Tuesdays-Saturdays. Starting the Month with the 4th of July weekend, a patriotic theme, food and drinks at the Sunset Bar on Friday evening, Family Dinner Saturday and a Flag raising on July 4th. Also, the Auxiliary will be hosting a party in July with DJ and Dancing, and we will have our New Member Party to welcome all members and showcase the club to new members with all the fun the club has to offer. I will be reaching out to seasoned members to help fill out the July Calendar and hope that the Men's Dinner will return to the schedule again this year.

August will kick off with the Commodore's Ball tentatively scheduled for August 6th (Save the Date) and we will continue to host the Junior Sailing and Dinner on Tuesdays, Wine Down Wednesday, Thirsty Thursdays and Sunset Bar. Saturday nights anticipate a mix of family fun and adult activities/parties that will be fun and introduce new members to some of the "old time" parties the club once hosted.

I would like to keep the club open as many evenings during the week as possible to offer members the great sunset views, that only Brigantine can offer. I will be putting a Vice Commodore's committee together designed to help with decorating the club for special events and behind the scenes support to keep the fun happening all week long. Also, we are still in need of members interested in filling several weekend parties/events. Many of you have expressed interest, and new ideas are always welcome.

Finally, our social activities do not happen without the support and help of our younger/junior members. Several of our prior bartenders are returning this year, but we are still in need of a few more to round out the crew. If you are interested in being part of a team of servers/bartenders, staff to support the club before, during and after our social events or joining the Vice Commodore's committee or hosting an event, please let me know. I can be reached at ScottSOliveri@gmail.com or by phone at 856-689-7877.

From the Rear Commodore ☆ Michelle Verceles

“Love of Sailing for a Lifetime”

Junior Sailing

We are preparing for Summer Sailing 2022! Our Sailing Committee has been working hard to prepare a Summer full of sailing and fun while keeping sailors safe on the water. We again have over 70 sailors interested in the Junior Sailing Program for Summer of 2022. The Sailing Committee and I are working to expand our coaching staff for 2022. The last few years, COVID allowed us to take a closer look at our processes and streamline them to allow us a more efficient and safe environment. We are planning to use TeamSnap again this year to aid in communication between parents and coaches.

The Junior Sailing Program expanded last year in numbers and classes by 30%. We will continue to have programs from 2021 to ensure we are inclusive to all sailors. We will have Tuesday night races, lessons before races on Wednesday, cruising club, and 420 cruising program. Also, Optimist, Sunfish, Laser 4.7, Laser radial and 420.

Tuesday evening races for Junior Sailors will continue with collaboration of our Junior Advisory Committee to host Tuesday evening dinner and enjoyment for those juniors not racing. This evening sail will give our sailors a different perspective of the water as the evening wind starts to calm as the sun sets. We will continue 420 cruising program for middle school and high school sailors to keep our current sailors interest in sailing longer. Tentatively this will run on Fridays. So far, we have 20+ sailors interested. This will be in addition to our 420 Racing Class.

We ask that if any sailors are changing boats or are not coming back, please contact Rear Commodore, Michelle Verceles and/or Sailing Committee Chair, Beth Ann Poli bethannhp@verizon.net This will allow us to plan for our classes for the season. Please also keep in mind that BYC tradition grants first year sailors ONLY to borrow a boat before committing to the sport fully. We have many resources to aid in the process of buying/ fixing boats as needed. As a result of the membership and the Junior program growing, we will have lots of boats on the BYC yard. More to come on organizing the yard.

Regatta Dates:

BYC hosts MAYRA 8/11, MAYRA schedule posted

BYC hosts Open Age Regatta MAYRA – date TBD

Junior Advisory Committee

Renee Bollenbach is organizing the Junior Advisory Committee. Renee is eager to assemble a committee to assist in junior activities throughout the summer. This is inclusive to all Juniors (children) part of the BYC. The Sailing program and Junior activities program work together to make this a fun summer for the children.

Please consider joining/ helping the Junior program that is led by the Junior Advisory Committee. This is a great way for individuals with little or no knowledge of sailing to contribute. Renee has new and creative ideas to keep all the children and teens entertained this summer but needs your help to make it successful! We ask that each family of junior members contributes to the Junior activities in some way. Please contact Renee Bollenbach at: rabollenbach@comcast.net

For Adults:

We will host another Open Age Regatta this summer- date TBD. We will continue Friday Night Adult Races in Sunfish and welcome other class boats as well as cruisers to join us on Friday Nights. This started as an impromptu sailing race which grew into a large class of adult racers and cruisers.

Whether you come to sail or watch with a drink in hand, we love to see you at the BYC on Friday nights! Boats were in the water every weekend and even sometimes during the week. It was enjoyed by many! We will continue to have Adult Sailing Lessons on weekends for anyone who is interested. Email or text Michelle Verceles mverceles1@yahoo.com 443-668-5203 with questions.

Please join us for WORK DAY, April 30th, 9am- many hands make for light work with a bonus of coffee and light breakfast as an incentive.

Looking forward to a Fun and Safe Summer of Sailing for 2022!



We're All in the Boat:

by Tom Parvesse, Treasurer

On February 5th, your Officers and Trustees approved the budget and the dues/fees structure for 2022. The BYC ended the 2021 year ended with an operating surplus of \$12,236 and a cash balance of \$203,114. The 2021 officers, trustees and general membership again did an outstanding job managing finances, administering a vibrant social schedule and providing the kids with an uninterrupted sailing program. If anyone would like a copy of the 2022 budget, please contact me and I will email it to you. As for the Dues and Fees, the Junior Sailing Program was increased to \$500 per child and the InWater Boat Slip fee was increased to \$1,000. All other Dues and Fees are unchanged from 2021.

On June 1, 2021 the 9th installment of the 10 year New Building Loan will be processed.

Invoices will be sent out on March 15 with payment due May 15. The 2022 Junior Sailing Program will be capped at 70 sailors and we currently have 6-10 children on a waiting list. The sailing committee has decided that the 70 sailing spots will be filled based upon receipt of payment. As always your prompt payment is appreciated in order to meet the club's financial obligations and to plan for the sailing and social programs for the season.

If you want a copy of last year's invoice to compare or if you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at parvesse@tmprefining.com or 610 761-1542.

The following are BYC 2022 list of dues/fees :

Adult Dues, Ages 35 & Over	\$280.00	
Adult Dues, Ages 18 Thru 24 eldest child	\$ 70.00	
Adult Dues, Ages 18 Thru 24 second child	\$ 28.00	
Adult Dues, Ages 18 Thru 24 third child	\$ 7.00	
Adult Dues, Ages 25 Thru 29	\$140.00	
Adult Dues, Ages 30 Thru 34	\$210.00	
Adult Dues, Age 65 & over w/30 yrs memb	\$140.00	
Adult Dues, Ages 75 and over	\$140.00	
Children Membership Dues per family	\$135.00	or no more than \$150 for all children under 24
Capital Fund Fee - Adult - 35 & older	\$ 60.00	
Capital Fund Fee - Adult 18 - 24	\$ 15.00	
Capital Fund Fee - Adult 25 - 29	\$ 30.00	
Capital Fund Fee - Adult 30 thru 34	\$ 45.00	
Capital Building Fee - Age 35 - 64	\$150.00	
Capital Building Fee - Age 30-34 & 65+	\$ 75.00	
Capital Assessment capital	\$400.00	or not to exceed dues and fees
Boat Storage - Daysailer	\$250.00	
Boat Storage - 420	\$215.00	
Boat Storage - GP - 14	\$215.00	
Boat Storage - In Water Slip	\$1,000.00	see notes below
Boat Storage - In Water, North Bulkhead	\$ 950.00	
Boat Storage - Kayak	\$ 50.00	
Boat Storage - Laser	\$195.00	
Boat Storage - Moth	\$215.00	
Boat Storage - Optimist	\$ 80.00	
Boat Storage - Sunfish	\$195.00	
Junior Sailing Program Fee	\$500.00	
420 Rental Program	\$200.00	

Note: \$1,000 will be the fee if the new docks are not completed or if the new docks are completed and the member paid 5 years in advance.
 \$1,500 will be the fee if the new docks are completed and no advance payments were made

Membership Committee by Sarah Chaikin

First, I am very happy to announce the members of the 2022 Membership Committee: Chairperson: Sarah Chaikin; Kevin and Maru Fehr; Marni Rosner; Jack Fisher and Nancy Collier Owings. The membership committee requested a change in BYC membership policy. The proposal was approved by the Trustees at the October 2021 meeting. We will suspend accepting applications during the period of June 1, 2022, through August 15, 2022, unless the application is sponsored by a current BYC member-in-good standing. This will provide the Membership Committee with more time to welcome new members and help them get settled in the club. Vice Commodore Scott Oliveri has scheduled a new member welcome event for a Saturday evening in July. We hope to have a good turnout of all members to welcome new people to our club.

Announcing new members to the Brigantine Yacht Club:

The Barnes Family: Chris, Nicole, Olivia (age 8) and Hudson (age 7) are new full-time residents of Brigantine after living in various places like Italy and Portugal. They enjoy learning new languages and cultures. They are joining the club primarily for the sailing and social programs and Chris has expressed interest in wooden boats. We hope to introduce him to George Albaugh and the Moth regatta!

Nancy and Bruce Kneeland: Bruce and Nancy come to us from the Philadelphia area and are gradually transitioning to being full-time Brigantine residents. Bruce has practiced Radiology at the University of Pennsylvania (now partially retired) and Nancy has been active in fundraising for cultural and social volunteer organizations. Coincidentally, when Bruce and Nancy came as guests to a fall Sunset Bar event, Bruce and Harry Chaikin discovered that they attended medical school together! The Kneelands are interested in BYC membership to meet people and participate in an active volunteer-oriented organization.

Lara Thane, Rae-lynn Tuzzo and family: Lara, Rae-lynn, Angelina (age 12), Brian (age 10), Warren (age 9) and Miles (age 8) have their primary home in Center City Philadelphia and a part-time residence in Brigantine. The whole family enjoys an active outdoor life and hope to add sailing to their resume. They are often found hiking the North-end of Brigantine and were excited to hear about Murray Rosenberg's back-bay ecology project from last summer. Rae-lynn has expressed interest in gardening, so we hope to introduce her to George Guerin on spring workday!

Jeff McCrindle and Michele Newell Hill: Jeff and Michele were sponsored for membership by Beverly Faunce. Bev met Jeff when they were both volunteering for Feeding America. He is also very active in other civic and charitable organizations. They are both involved locally in business and real estate. Michelle has experience leading an "Around the World" music program for the preschool age and is interested in possibly developing a music program for our BYC Juniors. (Junior Advisor Committee, please take note!). As BYC members, Jeff and Michele hope to accomplish their life-long dreams of learning to sail.

The Dian family: Mark and Christine Dian, Talia (age 18) and Vince (age 15) were sponsored for membership by Ken and Kristy Fall, friends for more than 18 years. The Dian's will become full-time Brigantine residents in 2022. Mark is a contractor who is also a talented musician and loves to play live music. Christine is a former teacher and real estate manager who loves to organize and plan parties and events. Their daughter Talia is interested in volunteering some time at the Sunset ba

News and Notes

Moss Jackson, PhD recently co-authored a new book with Elliot Schulman, MD “Seeing The Light While Living With Cancer.” It is a wonderful personal resource for anyone who has been diagnosed and is being treated for cancer. It is an uplifting journey of a physician with pancreatic cancer moving from being a Victim to a Life Navigator, a person who refuses to be crushed by his diagnosis and learns to live a life full of love and contribution. It is available on Amazon at a reasonable cost.,

Steve Donohue has joined the USCG (United States Coast Guard) Auxiliary and is an active member of Brigantine Flotilla 85. Please contact him if you would like to; schedule a courtesy vessel inspection of your boat, need to take a Boating Safety Class or would like to join the USCG Aux. Boating Classes are required to become a NJ Boat Operator. Classes are being offered on the following Saturdays 5/14, 6/11, and 7/26. Steve can be reached at 267-394-0119 or sjdonohue15@gmail.com.

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