



BRIGANTINE YACHT CLUB



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From the Commodore☆☆☆Melissa Acton

Memorial Day Weekend is right around the corner! I am looking forward to seeing everyone and getting Summer 2022 started!!!

As many of you know all permits have been submitted for the south dock replacement. We are assured that the approvals will be happening over the course of the summer. That being said, we have past our go or no go date of May 1st. This project will commence at the end of the season when members have removed their boats for the off season. Necessary minor repairs are being made for the south dock to be operational for the summer.

Our, April 30th, workday was incredibly well attended! The ramps have been lowered and Steve Donohue had us checking assignments off the well planned white board. Many, many thanks to everyone who cleaned, sorted and organized the clubhouse and the yard. We begin our season with pride.

Scott and Michelle have much to share about the upcoming season!!! The Sailing Program is once again bursting with enthusiastic sailors, instructors, and dock hands. The Social Program is taking on more and more opportunities to have the club open during the week. There are many things to get excited over in our return to summer without lockdowns!

The General Membership meetings for the summer are June 24th, July 22nd, and August 26th at 8pm.

Cheers!

From the Vice Commodore☆☆☆Scott Oliveri

The 2022 social season is up and running as we kicked off May with the Kentucky Derby Party hosted by Shelia and Leo Parsio, and Stacy Oliveri. There was a nice crowd despite the rain and the wind, and the race was epic with excitement right down to the wire. We had Sunset Saturday with a fun crowd on Saturday May 14th, no sun but a lot of fun. The next event to look forward to is Sunset Bar on May 27th starting at 6pm. The Welcome back summer party is on May 28th. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre to share. The tentative 2022 summer calendar is ready and will be sent electronically and posted in the club. Most items on the schedule are firm but there may be some changes and additions along the way. Stay tuned for weekly updates.

Some exciting highlights for this summer include a June 25th party hosted by the Parsio's, 4th of July Weekend Celebration, Auxiliary party July 16th, New members Flamingo party on July 23rd, and a Sr. and Past members brunch on July 24th. We will start off August with a Bang with the Commodores Ball on August 6th, a Progressive Dinner August 13th hosted by the Donohue's, Oyster & Clam night and a Family Game night. There are still a couple weekends open for parties and I am hoping to recruit anyone interested

in hosting an event.

Along with the new events, we are bringing back some favorites with Wine Down Wednesday, Thirsty Thursday and Sunset Bar on Fridays. Yoga will return with an added class on Wednesday nights, Book Club is back starting on June 15th, and Mah Jongg will start on June 6th.

The summer season is fast approaching so I will be reaching out to the Bartending team to schedule a meeting in late May/early June depending on everybody's schedule. If you are interested in Bartending or being a server, please send me a quick email at ScottSOliveri@gmail.com and I will make sure you are apart of our summer schedule. Anyone interested in hosting a party or has a good idea for an event please let me know I can help you with planning your event or team you up with other members looking to be apart of the excitement this summer.

From the Rear Commodore ☆ Michelle Verceles

LOVE OF SAILING FOR A LIFETIME!

We are getting ready for 2022 Sailing Season!

On April 30th we had a very successful workday! Thank you to all who came out! A shout out to Steve Donohue for organizing and running the workday!

Here are some regatta dates/Adult sailing for BYC.

Friday Night- Adult Series

June 18th is the Moth Regatta

July 10th BYC hosting MAYRA for Senior sailors

August 11th BYC hosting MAYRA for Junior sailors

Adult Sailing lessons – weekends by request only mverceles1@yahoo.com

Boat Yard

Committee: Michelle Verceles, Rear Commodore, Scott Oliveri, Vice Commodore, Steve Donohue (House and Grounds), David Miller (Sailing Committee) and Gale Donohue (Corresponding Secretary)

As our membership is growing, so are the boats on the yard! It is so exciting to see our yard filled with boats, and even better when we see them out on the water! We are working on a plan to ensure as many boats can be in the yard as possible. Last year, we buildt 2 racks to store boats. This year we plan to build 2 more to support our growing Opti program. All Optimist boats will be racked this year.

During Work Day, we were so fortunate to have many hands to help secure wood planks together in the middle of the yard. These wood planks will help create a uniform line of Sunfish and Lasers. We ask that boats stored in the middle section are stored with the bow out. This way we will avoid a safety hazard for those walking in the yard.

Daysailors and bigger boats will remain along the fence on Bayshore Ave.

Sunfish/ Laser- middle section (boats stored bow out)

Optimist – all boats racked (tubes are being built for storage of sails)

420s will be stored along bulkhead.

The spaces are numbered but not assigned. This is a work in progress. Please support us in organizing the yard to get the maximum amount of space.

Boat Yard Guidelines

1. We ask that all boats must be kept in sailable condition and must be drained by owner on a regular basis.
2. All trailers/ dollies must be in working order and the tires must be maintained and inflated, if on club premises. This way if a boat needs to be moved, it can be moved easily.
3. All boats, with the exception of Opti's, need to be on a dolly or trailer. NO boat may reside on the ground.
4. We ask that the boats stored on the yard are sailed at least a couple of times during the season. Unfortunately, we do not have space to store boats that are not being sailed.
5. We ask that no one locks/bolts their boat or belongings to a fixed object.

BOAT REGISTRATION

We ask all sailboats and kayaks that would like to have a spot on the BYC yard be registered to the BYC.

Please send an email labeled "BYC boat registration" to mverceles1@yahoo.com and gcdonohue13@gmail.com

Please include:

Family Name

Class of boat requested to put on the yard

Number of boats

Once registered, each boat will receive a registration number and will be asked to put on the stern of each boat.

Adult Sailing

Friday night sunset cruising sails

Friday night races.

Open age MAYRA regatta hosted at the BYC on July 10th

Saturday lessons upon request.

Junior Sailing program

I want to use this opportunity to provide some details about the program. The schedule will be coming out shortly and will be very similar to last summer. Recall that the Junior Sailing Program is a recreational, weather-dependent program that is not to be construed as a day camp or childcare substitute. With about 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 2021 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 10 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 – Green fleet (1) Beginning Opti racers

Opti - Advanced (1)

Sunfish – Beginner/Intermediate (1)

Sunfish - Advanced (1)
 Laser/420 Advanced (2)
 Cruisers (1) Open Sail

- This will be a TeamSnap signup open to sailors that can confidently navigate all points of sail independently

420 Cruising (1) This will be a TeamSnap signup open to advanced, middle or high school sailors

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. Interclub races are slotted on Tuesday evening and Wednesday afternoon. The 420 cruisers for advanced, middle or high school sailors is scheduled for Fridays. Must signup on TEAMSNAPE. Cruisers will be slotted for a couple of days in the week for interested sailors. As of now, this is not a class but an open invitation to sailors that can confidently navigate all points of sail independently. Must sign up on TEAMSNAPE.

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 27 to August 19, 2022
- **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.**
- **BOATS:** ALL second year and over sailors must have their own boat. ALL boats must be registered on the yard. (see above in boat registration)
- **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.
- **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** - MAYRA schedule for traveling racers. <https://mayrasailing.org/> 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 (12 and under) must be chaperoned by parents/guardians at all activities. Committee Chair Renee Bollenbach is enthusiastic about the 2022 summer and looks forward to your participation in activities. rabollenbach@comcast.net



We're All in the Boat:

by Tom Parvesse, Treasurer

Invoices were sent out on March 15 with payment due May 15. If you have received an invoice for 2022 please contact me. 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.

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

For more information regarding the club's finances or if you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at parvesse@tmprefining.com or 610 761-1542.

Membership Committee *by Sarah Chaikin*

Save the date! Saturday, July 23, 2022, for the Flamingo Party! The Membership Committee's Maru Fehr and her team are busy putting together a fun event to welcome our new members to the BYC. Whether you are a new or a long-time member you will find great food, fun and activities at this event, and it will be a great opportunity to socialize with other BYC members.

Announcing New Members to the Brigantine Yacht Club!

The Green Family: Joel and Rebecca Green, along with Kane (age 13) and Cameron (age 12) have their primary residence in Washington DC where both Joel and Rebecca practice law. Joel grew up in Brigantine and attended our local schools. The family has been vacationing here for many summers and have recently built a home on the bay. After learning to sail on the Chesapeake Bay, Kane hopes to join our sailing program. Cameron prefers swimming and can be found on the beach in the Junior Lifeguard program. The Greens describe themselves as "happy volunteers", so please get in touch whenever you need help with a project around the club!

The Clemente & DiEmidio family: Adam and Tamson Zucker sponsored Paul Clemente, Christine DiEmidio and their children: Annabella Clemente (age 19); Gabriel Clemente (age 15); Alexa DiEmidio (age 14); and Nicholas and Ava DiEmidio (age 12). Both Paul and Christine work in financial services and live in Philadelphia. Adam describes them as fun, energetic, social and interested in fitness activities. He predicts that they will be members who other members enjoy spending time with. They see joining the BYC as being a good step to making more connections in the community.

Edward and Kathleen Schlotterback: Martha and Jack Fisher sponsored the Schlotterbacks, who are their neighbors here in Brigantine. Martha writes, "Jack and I have known Ed and Kathleen for seven years. They are great neighbors and we have become good friends. Kathleen is a talented artist and

retired from teaching. Ed works for Whiting Turner as a project manager. Ed loves to fish and boat. Kathleen shares my love of gardening. She also enjoys kayaking and paddle boarding on the bay and walking on the beach. I think they will be active members of BYC.”

Marie Capp: Marie is a marine underwriter who is spending increasing amounts of time in her Brigantine home. She is joining the BYC in order to meet new friends. When Marie toured our clubhouse, she was impressed by the beauty of our location and enjoyed hearing about our club’s social activities. She shared in her application that she is good with numbers and paperwork and willing to volunteer those skills. She also offers her creative talents for party planning and preparations. With all those interests, talents and skills, I’m sure Marie will make friends at the BYC very quickly!

BYC Auxiliary. By Jeannie Munoz

The Auxiliary Committee has planned many events for the Summer of '22.
Exciting things to Watch for:

Ship Store - The Spring Store Online Shopping BYC Apparel thru Coral Reef.
Sarah Brandoff, Director of the Ship Store, will be sending out the information shortly.
There is a short window for ordering, so.....be on the lookout!!!!!!
We hope that members will enjoy ordering from this site and stock-up on BYC merchandise.

***** **July 1st, Friday**, 1st Annual Spirit Wear Sunset Bar*****
\$1 off First Drink, if you wear BYC Apparel

June 24th will open the Summer Season with our First Silent Auction.
BYC Wear

July 16th - Our Largest Auxiliary Fundraiser, *Bling, Dancing and Tapas*. Hosted by Colleen and Peter Stahl and Jeanie and Jose Munoz
Put this on your calendar, more info to follow.

Thank you for supporting our Auxiliary!

We cannot wait to design baskets created by our member's donations.
Drop off can begin on May 27th thru June 18th.

News and Notes

Don’t forget to check out our website www.bycsail.com when you have a minute. The bottom of the front page of the website always has the “weekly events”. On the website, under Social is an event calendar with all the events for the season. If you “hover” over the event on the calendar, it will give you details. 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

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