



## From the Commodore☆☆☆Melissa Acton

Wow! August! As I am riding my final wave, I have been doing a lot of reflection. My time serving the BYC has been wonderful and one of the biggest- and most rewarding- challenges I've ever been handed. I began in the Flags in September 2019, and, a mere six months later, the world shut down. What would we do? What would it look like? Great work was done through a series of dedicated committee and trustee meetings and with much trial and error, now in August 2022, we can proudly exclaim that, not only did we survive, we thrived! And our varied, talented, intelligent BYC family grew!

I'd like to thank everyone for making that happen. If you hosted a party, thank you. If you hosted or participated in a Juniors lunch, dinner or outing, thank you. If you sent an email, text or Venmo on behalf of the club, thank you. If you held the door or closed a door, carried a case, tapped a keg or tried to get one more keg in the Donkey Kong refrigerator, took out a bag of trash or the most disgusting bag of trash ever, thank you. If you moved a boat during a storm or for a regatta, built a rack or just handed someone a hammer, participated in the many activities or just came down for our spectacular sunsets, thank you. To former flag officers, trustees, committee chairs and members, you are on whose backs we've been able to grow, thank you. To our future leadership, thank you for stepping up, I can't wait to see where we go from here!! It's been an honor to be a Flag Officer and Commodore for the BYC!

## From the Vice Commodore☆☆Scott Oliveri

I would like to start this report with huge dose of appreciation to all our members that have participated in and have hosted parties this year. We are having a vibrant summer with awesome Friday night Sunset bars and great social activities on Saturdays. I would like to thank our party hosts who have stepped up and made some great memories for all our members. We started off this year with the Kassia Music Quartet hosted by Leo and Shelia Parsio, a great night of music and fun. The following weekend we kicked off the 4th of July with our annual seafood fest and low country boil. Special thanks to Hugh Gelfand our fantastic cook with Sous Chef Eric Tucker preparing an awesome meal. And I can't forget to thank the great group of Jr. Members who served over 90 people and helped keep the club clean. Thank you, Cayden Parsio, Keenan Stahl, Anna Robertson, Siobhan Kerns and Chelsea Poli. On July 10<sup>th</sup> we had another great night of music hosted by Ken and Kristy Fall and Mark and Christine Dian, with special musical guest Vince Dian. Mark and Vince played to an enthusiastic crowd entertaining with a Key West vibe.

In addition to our social programs, the BYC hosted an all-age MYRA Regatta on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to Jason Augustine for setting up the race and bringing racing back to the bay! On Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> Colleen and Peter Stahl along with Deb and Howard Schlesinger hosted the Newlywed Game party. Hugh Braithwaite was a great MC doing his best impersonation of Bob Eubanks. Many new members attended to witness a lot of fun questions with crazy answers. Saturday July 23 the Membership committee hosted the club's annual New Member meet and greet party. The party was hosted by Maru and Kevin Fehr. Maru found a fantastic food truck that received rave reviews and her flamingo decorations and flowers were outstanding. The club was jumping the whole weekend, ending with the "Remember When" brunch on

Sunday. The Remember When brunch was hosted by Dave and Denise DeMarco along with Stacy Oliveri and provided an opportunity for new and old members to get together check out old pictures of the club and reminisce about old times. More fun was had the following Friday with a special night of Paul Lauriello performing on the upstairs deck. The house was full. We appreciate John Parsio and Holly Flynn along with Leo and Sheila Parsio for getting Paul to the club so we could all have a great time. The club finished the month with a fun festive Karaoke night party hosted by Bob and Aimee Gerhard and Brian and Carrie Mulford with musical support from Allison Gerhard. The members got up and displayed their talents and a good time was had by all. The Yacht Club has been an exciting place this summer with plenty of things to do from Sunset Bar, Wine Down Wednesday, Thirsty Thursday, Mah Jongg, Book Club, and new on Friday nights, Pickleball hosted by the Schlesinger's. Each week has seen more members book time to learn and play Pickleball and the BYC Competitive spirit has been on full display.

I want to thank everyone for attending all the great events and I sincerely appreciate the party hosts it is the membership that makes the club great and stepping up to host an event or party makes for a fun and enjoyable summer.

I want to say a special thank you to our Commodore Melissa Acton for stepping in while I was out for a couple weeks. Knowing that she was there to keep the fun going was so very helpful, it allowed me to concentrate on family with the confidence that the summer's activities would continue without missing a step. Also my job was made easier this summer with the great staff that has worked the bar week in and week out. They are an integral part of the team and without them the fun does not flow. So, thank you to Julianna Corson, Allison Gerhard, Erin Jamison, Reese DeMarco and Andie Braithwaite. Great Job!! August will be another busy month so keep your eyes on the calendars and the updates each week from Gale as we will continue to have food on Friday nights and activities on Saturdays. We started the month with the progressive dinner, which was a super event, thank you to all of the hosts fantastic job and a special thank you to Steve and Gale Donohue for organizing this event.

## 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 will host MAYRA event on August 11<sup>th</sup>.** Please consider coming out to cheer on BYC sailors. Please consider volunteering for the event. This is the biggest event that we host during the year! Estimated to be about 130 sailors. Each year we have 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.

We are looking for help Wednesday late afternoon moving boats out of the yard to prepare for the event, preparing food including breakfast and lunch for about 160-175 people, help with showing people where to park and drop off trailers, greeters, launching boats, committee/ safety boats, helping kids come off water. A sign up Genius was made and distributed to help with organizing this event-- please consider signing up to volunteer. Thank you to all who help make this event successful each year!!

[MAYRA Regatta Volunteer Sign Up](#)



### MAYRA Regatta Volunteer Sign Up

The BYC will be hosting the upcoming MAYRA regattas- on August 11th. This is a wonderful chance to showcase our...

In the MAYRA South Jersey Summer Series, Brigantine Yacht Club has brought home many “flags” (aka awards) in all fleets in the past 5 regattas! – 1 more regatta to go!

**Top 5 in Sunfish** - Logan Augustine, Sasha Scheib, RJ Mancinelli

**Top 5 in Laser 4.7-** Cavan Stahl, Chelsea Poli, Mack Robertson

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

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

**Top 5 in Opti in fleets** -Tyler Verceles, Tilly Miller, Grace Sheehan, Dylan Verceles, Kamila Murray, Kaylee Verceles, Kieran Sheehan and Ava Burns

Sailors who participated in MAYRA Green Fleet races are Cole Onesti, and Asa Burns

**We will present series awards and participation gifts on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:30 PM**

**We will present our Perpetual Awards at our General Membership Meeting on Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

### 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 11 BYC MAYRA

August 14 Flying Scot Championship- Avalon Yacht Club

August 16 MAYRA SJSS Awards event at Yacht Club of Sea Isle City

### Junior Advisory Committee

Please look at Renee Bollenbach emails and reports for all Junior events. She is looking for volunteers to help with upcoming events. Please email at [rabollenbach@comcast.net](mailto:rabollenbach@comcast.net)

## Nominations Committee by Bob Gerhard

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### Report from the 2022 Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is responsible for recommending individuals to hold offices in the Brigantine Yacht Club. 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 four trustees comes due for renewal or replacement. No trustee may serve more than six consecutive years.

Expiring 3-year terms for trustees are:

John Doherty

Beverly Faunce

Amy Kennedy

Jeannie Munoz

According to the bylaws, John Doherty and Jeannie Munoz may serve a second 3-year term and they do wish to renew, and the committee recommends that they serve a second term. Beverly Faunce has served two consecutive terms and is not permitted to renew at this time. Amy Kennedy has served for three years and is opting not to renew at this time. The nominating committee recognizes and expresses appreciation for Beverly's and Amy's service to the club.

With that, we have two upcoming vacancies on the board of trustees and recommend two individuals who we the nominating committee, upon investigation, believe are talented, responsible individuals who we anticipate will be contributing and consensus building members of the board. Those nominations are

Chris Triolo

Keith Moore

For flag officers we recommend Michelle Verceles to serve as Commodore, Scott Oliveri to remain in the role of Vice Commodore, and David Miller to serve as Rear Commodore, and Tom Parvesse to serve as Treasurer. We recommend that Debra Schlesinger and Gale Donohue remain in their respective roles of Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary, respectively. Finally, we nominate Melissa Acton to serve as Past Commodore.

The committee took great care to thoughtfully consider the many applicants who expressed interest in serving our club as flag officers and trustees. We truly appreciate all those who put their name out there to take on leadership roles in the club and encourage those who were not selected this time to express interest next year.

The committee's nominations will be considered and voted upon at the August membership meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

The Nominating Committee:

Bob Gerhard, Chair

Sheila Parsio

Paul Murray



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

*by Tom Parvesse, Treasurer*

The BYC Finance Committee met to discuss how the club should be managing its cash reserves. The committee plans to make a recommendation at the next board meeting.

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

## *Junior Advisory Committee By Renee Bollenbach*

I just wanted to take a moment to extend my heartfelt appreciation and thanks for everyone who has assisted me or contributed to the juniors events and fundraising to date. Without you and without your support and even your prayers just thinking of us and sending us positive vibes, our juniors program has been successful today and we are in the black. Please continue to reach out to offer your assistance support donations or prayers to the juniors as we finish up our programming through the end of the season.

## *News and Notes*

**Brigantine Triathlon.** The triathlon is back! It will be held on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Registration information is available at: <https://greenwhales.org/brigantine-tri>. As a reminder, there is a perpetual Triathlon award for youth members and all youth members completing the Triathlon will be recognized at the end-of-summer awards ceremony.

Deb Schlesinger reports: A huge THANK YOU to the membership that attended The Newlywed Game on July 16th! First of all, thank you to Colleen Stahl. She was my co-host for this party. Colleen is so creative and so much fun to work with on an event. I can't think of anyone better to work with than Colleen. Also, thank you to my husband, Howard that worked all day- running errands for the party. And the Trustees helped in the morning to set up the room- (Jim Burns, Mike Simpson and Avelino Verceles). They did the set up in 10 minutes! Thank you to Gale Donohue for her constant " Evite " reminders.

Kudos to all of the contestants that played the game!

The Grandparent Division:  
Nancy Collier and Derrick Owens  
Carole and Fran Murray  
Steve and Gale Donohue

Jane and John Gibbons  
Who knew that Fran loves Carole's TEETH!

2nd Game  
Tamson and Adam Zucker  
Michelle and Avelino Verceles  
Dayna and Joe Sheehan  
Ed and Alicia O'Connor  
Who knew that Ed has Spider-Man shorts!

BUT -the STAR of the show was Hugh Braithwaite- the MC for the evening!  
Hugh provided great questions with a big helping of humor. There were over 70 members that laughed the night away. Thank you Hugh- you make "funny" look easy!

Once again, thank you! A memorable 2022 social event for the BYC. (and we raised some \$\$ for the Auxiliary!)

**This year, the BYC will be hosting their Labor Day Golf Outing** on Friday, September 2nd. We have 24 reservations and will need anyone interested in playing to reserve their spots in advance with John Doherty ([juniorL23@msn.com](mailto:juniorL23@msn.com), cell-845-642-5448) or John Gibbons ([jpgibbons1203@gmail.com](mailto:jpgibbons1203@gmail.com), cell-267-566-4749). The cost is \$70 p/player and includes the golf cart and fees. Tee times will be assigned in advance starting by noon, and we will have the BYC Sunset Bar open after golf. As always all Club Members & their guests are invited.

**BYC Pickleball has been a big hit!**

If you want to play or learn how to play - text Deb Schlesinger 609-828-2940. BYC Pickleball is Friday at 5pm..at the 42nd street courts and courts \$3. Paddles are available to use. Limited to 24 players -text Deb to play and join the fun!

Don't forget to check out our website [www.bycsail.com](http://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](mailto:gcdonohue13@gmail.com)

**FYI: Brigantine Police is issuing tickets for people parking on the sidewalk on Bayshore Avenue in front of the BYC. While this has been a tradition, this is no longer allowed.**

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