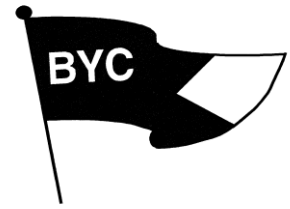


# Brigantine Yacht Club Newsletter

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## From the Vice Commodore ☆☆☆ Jim Burns

The season may be winding down but there is still so much to do at the BYC. There are just a few more weeks to get out and enjoy all that the club has to offer. If the past few weeks are any indication, there is still fun to be had.

The Art Auction hosted by the Chehaks was a huge success netting the club thousands and bringing smiles to all of the attendees who went home with arms full of loot. The Newlywed Game hosted by the Schlesingers and Braithwaites did not fail to shock and amaze the many attendees. We learned A LOT about the brave couples who competed in this event and in some cases definitely too much. Great work and thanks to all of the members who helped produce these two outstanding events!

The Sail Away Dinner organized by Liz Visone was a nice change of pace for those that attended. Some boated and some drove but all enjoyed the dinner at the Old Waterway Inn in Atlantic City. The next day the club was transformed into an elegant luncheon site by Carole and Fran Murray. Flag officers from the MAYRA circuit visited our club to enjoy lunch with BYC past and present officers. The impressive luncheon fare was prepared by our own Friday Night Grille caterer Lisa Shultheis, quite a challenge given the parameters of our tiny kitchen.

The progressive dinner hosted by the Augustines and the Herrmanns was another great off site club event. Guests visited other member's homes for one course at each house. All returned to the BYC for dessert and it seems that everyone was so full and tired from the most excellent evening that they did not even open up the bar. It is impressive to wear our members out that much in a few hours. Hats off to all who hosted courses at their homes.

At the time of this writing, Nashville Night hosted by the O'Connors and Bradys has not occurred yet. By the time you read this it will have. I will go out on a limb and announce that it was a GREAT success and wild fun was had by all. The same can no doubt be said for the Collier-Owings' Top this Sunday Brunch the following morning. No doubt not too big of a risk was taken in these declarations. Thanks to all who worked to bring us these two events.

So what is on the horizon to keep us busy for the next few weeks? Lots.

Please all be sure to attend this weeks' General Membership meeting, Friday night the 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:30PM after the races. This is everyone's opportunity to get involved with club management. It would also be a great time for ambitious members to volunteer to man the currently vacant Membership Committee.

On Saturday evening August 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM the BYC Talent night returns for the second year in a row. This is an event for young and old to perform or just sit back and enjoy. No RSVP is needed for this event, just

come as you are with family in tow and marvel at the broad range of BYC talent. The Grille will be open with the regular menu plus specials. You could even stop by early this same evening at 5:00PM to watch the start of the Brigantine Mile Swim from our docks. The BYC swim team gets bigger every year so join us in cheering them on.

The annual Commodores' Ball takes place on Saturday night August 27<sup>th</sup> at the clubhouse. This year's event will be a cocktail party (no dinner) in the clubhouse to honor past commodores of the BYC. Proceeds will go to the Auxiliary to help fund the many small facelifts to house and grounds they provide each year. Please RSVP early to this event, the highlight of the season and time honored tradition at Yacht Clubs everywhere.

The season then draws to an end on Labor Day weekend with a golf outing and the last Friday night Grille on the second, followed by the covered dish dinner and awards ceremony on Saturday night the 3<sup>rd</sup>. After the awards ceremony the juniors will enjoy the annual "Last Dance" until all of the moms and dads can't keep their eyes open any longer. Then, everyone will head down to 21<sup>st</sup> street beach on Sunday for the Annual Family Beach day. I hope that is enough for everyone. I am worn out just from typing it all!

## From the Rear Commodore ☆ Paul Murray

Congratulations to the newest Club Racers who came out to join us last Friday night. Stephen, Jolena and Vincent Cordasco joined in their first Friday night race. We are happy to have them participating. It is great to see the kids progressing. I look forward to seeing more join us in Opti's, 420's, or Lasers. We have seen great interest in the 420 class. This is a double handed boat. Club members, Dan Fisher, Jack and Dan Kolodziej each purchased one and are actively practicing and look ready to try club racing. Will Braithwaite and Anne Marie Branco sailed a Club 420 in the BYC MAYRA. They were undefeated, I might add! It is a great sight to see the 3 classes of boats picking up new participants and expanding rapidly.

The traveling sailors, Paul Faherty, Jack Corbett and Brendan and Sean O'Connor and the Murray's have been busy racing in both the MAYRA (southern clubs) and LBI (Long Beach Island Clubs) Invitationals. Each has achieved awards along the way. Expanding your sailor's horizons past the Bay in Brigantine is a great way to experience the many different aspects of travel sailing. Ask one of the parents who are doing it for more information. BYC wants to be well represented on the travel circuit. If you can race in club racing, you can travel... it is that easy!

### Upcoming Events are:

Lasers Racing to the Basin 10 AM Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup> – meet at the club

Labor Day Regatta Opti/ Laser/ 420/ 2 man - Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September – 11 AM skipper meeting – 11:30 races

Year End Awards and Covered Dish Dinner - Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September – 6:30 dinner followed by awards at 8:30 PM

Surfing contest to be held Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> at the Beach Party at 21<sup>st</sup> Street beach - time

**Year End Awards** will be held Saturday Night Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30. **Your attendance is highly encouraged for this annual event.** We will be acknowledging students' sailing progression and achievement. Chances are that if your child participated in the sailing program, they will be recognized!

**Labor Day Regatta** is a club regatta open to Laser, Opti and 420. Saturday 11 AM on Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The "**Racing to the Basin**" is a **Laser regatta** in which we race from BYC to Gardiner's Basin in Atlantic

City. We have lunch there, and race back. This is quickly becoming a BYC tradition. Please let me know if you are attending as a sailor, or chase boat, so I can properly make reservations at the Dock and Back Bay Ale House.

Our Second **Surfing Contest** will be held during Family day at the beach. This first one was a success, thanks in part to the volunteers who organized the event and set up an unbiased panel of judges. I know the kids are looking forward to showing off their skill and spills in front of a cheering crowd.

This time of year, many Optis / Lasers and 420's become available for sale. I expect to start getting many emails from families I know whose child is growing out of opti's, and some who will need a second or third boat in their family. Please feel free to let me know if you need to buy or sell an opti, I will be glad to put you in touch with other buyers or sellers.

I would like to personally thank the **Sailing Directors**: KayLynn Ford, AJ Carchidi, Drew Barkoff, Tim Walsh, Tyler Nemsdale, Elliott Coyne, Marissa Murray, Jacob Hoffman, Claire Corbett, and the **Dock Hands** Alex Dietz and Will Braithwaite. In the spring, and early summer, I gave you my goal and explained my desire to create a great, scalable, progressive sailing program. A program that could handle over 70 students with small teacher/student ratios. A program that delivered No Tears / No Fears to our newest sailors. A program which kids looked forward to coming to every week. A program that a sailor could progress through at their own rate. A program that parents can see progression and improvement. A program that can teach a 40 lb 7 yr old first time sailor, a 5'10 14 yr old first time sailor, a 12 yr old who has been sailing for optis for 5 years. **You delivered!** You all stepped up to the challenge and delivered an idea with a smile and grace. I am proud of each of you and thank you for embracing the new program and making it work for the families of BYC. Because of your work and dedication, we have young sailors who are learning the art and science of sailing with a smile. Thank you! You did a great job!

## ***BYC Nominating Committee Report***

The Nominating Committee is recommending the following slate of Officers for the 2011-2012 term, which officially starts on September 15, 2011

<b>Officers:</b>	<b>Jim Burns</b>	<b>Commodore</b>
	<b>Paul Murray</b>	<b>Vice Commodore</b>
	<b>David DeMarco</b>	<b>Rear Commodore</b>
	<b>Norb Chehak</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
	<b>Diane Davidson</b>	<b>Recording Secretary</b>
	<b>Gale Donohue</b>	<b>Corresponding Secretary</b>

**Trustees:** Trustees serve for a term of three years. Recommended for the 2011-2014 term are:

**Howard Schlesinger**  
**Cheryl Ford**  
**Carolyn Braithwaite**  
**Maria Miller**

All nominees have agreed to serve if elected. Howard Schlesinger and Cheryl Ford would be extending their current service as Trustees.

Catherine Herrmann and Dave Miller will be stepping down from their Trustee positions at the end of this term. Both Dave and Catherine should receive a "Thank You" from all of us for their service to BYC as well as our encouragement to continue their service and commitment to the Club.

The Nominating Committee is comprised of Mark Herrmann, Chair, Sarah Chaikin, Ellena Vaganos, Catherine Herrmann, and Ed O'Connor.

## *BYC Junior Report*

**From the Junior Advisors, Alicia O'Connor and Marianne Ford**

We hope everyone enjoyed all the activities over the past several weeks. It was a great turn out for the Canoe trip, Dance Party, Semi-formal and Rain Gutter Regatta. Thank you to everyone who helped with these activities. There are a few more Junior activities before the summer comes to end. As always check the Jrs. board for the most recent information. Currently, the teeshirt design contest is going on. The annual BYC tee shirt is distributed every year after the awards ceremony. Similar to last year, we are looking for a creative design, saying or logo. Please submit your ideas and your order forms for the teeshirts / sweatshirts by August 17th. The order forms are on the bulletin board in the clubhouse.

There is a final Junior lunch Friday August 19th remember to sign up in the clubhouse. We are looking for someone to organize an upcoming Thursday night event, please contact Marianne or Alicia if you can help.

The annual Wildwood Waterslides is Monday August 22.

Junior Juniors - The trip to children's museum at Shore Mall is Thurs 8/18. The mall also has an arcade and candy shop across from museum..fun for the tweenager! Sign up at club or call or email Colleen Stahl 267-229-2552 or [collstahl@yahoo.com](mailto:collstahl@yahoo.com) The trip may be cancelled if there is not enough interest so please contact her if interested.

Anyone interested in watching the air show with a group from the beach on Wed 8/17 also call Colleen

Remember the junior trip to Storybook land is a don't miss event..wed 8/24. Sign up at club or contact Colleen



## *We're All in the Boat*

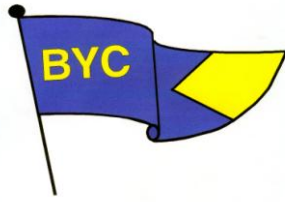
Just a reminder that the BYC is a volunteer organization that runs on a tight budget. Many members do so much each week in season and off season to produce the fun summers we all enjoy each year. Right now we are in need of volunteers for two open tasks. We have two screen door blanks for the front entrance that require installation. We would also like to replace some of the exterior locks. Can a member skilled in carpentry please contact Jim Burns to offer a few hours of their time to complete these tasks ASAP. The house and grounds committee worked so hard this spring we want to give them a break in season.

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# BYC 2011 FAMILY TALENT NIGHT

Regale your friends and family with your routine from the Junior Talent Show, or step up on the stage and perform a fresh new act for all to recount for years to come!

**Saturday Night, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM**

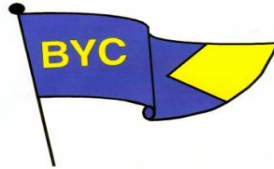
**Performances by members of ALL AGES**

**A Karaoke Machine will be on site**

**The Grille will be open so  
bring the whole family for  
dinner**

<b>Cover charge:</b>	<b>Adults</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>(For Karaoke Rental)</b>	<b>Kids</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>

**OPEN PARTY, NO RSVP, JUST SHOW UP.....  
AND DO SOMETHING ON STAGE!**



# COVERED DISH DINNER and Awards Night

Saturday Night, September 3 at 6:30 PM

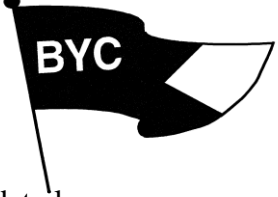
The annual Covered Dish Dinner and Awards Ceremony is one of our biggest traditions at the BYC. The event closes our season with the recognition of the efforts of our many members throughout the year as well as cheers for our outstanding junior sailors. Most of all, the night reinforces what we all know. The BYC is "South Jersey's Best Kept Secret" and the secret is family, camaraderie and the bonds of a love for sailing.

"The Last Dance" for the juniors will follow the dinner, awards and group photo.

You will find this sign up sheet on the clubhouse bulletin board. Please sign your name under the entrée you plan to bring.

Please contact Rosemary Miller ([djmil@comcast.net](mailto:djmil@comcast.net)) or Martha Fisher ([cptfum@comcast.net](mailto:cptfum@comcast.net)) if you have any questions or would like to help set up. Additional hands on will be needed.

# August Refrigerator List



**Sunset Bar and Grille, Junior Movies:** Open Weekly on Friday Nights 6:00PM

- Sunset racing series, 5:00 start for Optis, 5:30 for Lasers
- Sunset movies for the kids. Bring your beach chairs

**Junior Activity Nights:** every Thursday in July. Contact your Junior Advisors for details

**Progressive Dinner** Saturday night August 6

- hosted by the Augustines and the Herrmanns

**Junior Semi-Formal:** Thursday night August 11

**Nashville Night** Saturday August 13

- Please RSVP to The O'Connors or the Bradys

**“Top This” Sunday Waffle Breakfast** Sunday Morning August 14

- Hosted by the Collier-Owing's

**General Membership Meeting Friday Night August 19**

**Mile Swim** Saturday August 20 at 5:00 PM

- Many BYC swim team participants again this year

**BYC Talent Night** Saturday August 20 at 7:00 PM

- Juniors and Adults perform, amazing night last summer, you do not want to miss this event.
- Contact Jim Burns to sign up to perform

**Wildwood Waterslides:** Monday August 22

**Commodores Ball** Saturday night August 27

- RSVP ASAP
- Event this year honors our past commodores

**Golf Outing:** Friday September 2

**Last Sunset Bar and Grille** Friday September 2 at 6:00

**Labor Day Regatta** Saturday September 3 at 11:00 AM

**Saturday Night September 3rd**

- Covered dish dinner at 6:30. Sign up in the clubhouse at the bulletin board
- General Membership Meeting and Season Awards Ceremony at 8:30
- Juniors Last Dance at 10:00

**Family Beach Day** Sunday September 4

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Hold in front of refrigerator, apply magnet, read often.