

BABYLON YACHT CLUB

NEWSLETTER



From The Commodore Jack Albanese

A few words from my wife:

ATTN: ALL GREEN THUMBS... COME ON DOWN!

Happy Spring everyone! This is your "Commodoress", Yvonne Albanese... I have absolutely no gardening skills, so I'm begging for your help. On May 14th our BYC Planting Committee will be gathering to make our club look beautiful. It is a long-standing tradition and is part of what makes our club so special. Every little flower you see was planted by a fellow-member. This is our home away from home, let's make it beautiful. So please join us... many hands make light work! On May 14th come down around 9 am with whatever gardening tools you can bring. Let's get dirty together so we have everything looking spectacular for Opening Day!

From The Treasurer Brian Maher

Thanks to the 142 members who took advantage of Option I in paying membership dues. Those taking the other options will pay the following:

Member Class	Option II (Due in Full May 21)	Option III (1st Payment May 21)	Option III (2nd Payment July 9)
Regular	\$1,558.77	\$798.40	\$798.40
Class C	\$1,125.22	\$678.91	\$678.91
Senior	\$977.63	\$499.68	\$499.68
Widow/Widower	\$733.22	\$374.76	\$374.76
Special Family Member	\$396.48	\$203.67	\$203.67
Non-Resident	\$238.98	-	-

House - Gary Guarino, Dick Patwell, Tom McGowan

Spring is finally arriving and it's time to get the club ready for opening day. A sure sign of spring is when Joe Cooper turns the water back on for the season! Jerry Dunnells has been hard at work repairing bulletin boards, stripping and refinishing doors, and scraping peeling paint caused by the harsh winter. He's unstoppable!

Soon we will be asking for volunteers to help with painting, planting and doing some general cleanup. Watch your emails for the call to help. Thomas Brophy has designed and begun construction on a new and beautiful Gazebo for all our members and guests to enjoy. This will give us much needed shade from the hot summer sun to enjoy a relaxing afternoon outdoors. It will also be a great place for a Tiki Bar and some really good Margaritas!

Thomas was able to rally quite a few members (and a potential new member) to help keep the project moving along. Swinging hammers, hauling and cutting boards and just generally helping out were Jamie Allen, John Hermann, John Hetterich, Bill Hitter, Dave Mottes, Gerard Mule, Danny O'Donnell, Kevin O'Donnell, Marty Pape, and Tim Turrie. Even our own Commodore, Jack Albanese was on the roof banging nails! Thomas asked us to make a call to Paul Baker to come down and lend a hand. He's not a member, but just may be one in the future. Thomas' creativeness and craftsmanship in building this structure will give many, many years of service and pleasure to the members. Thanks Thomas for taking on this project. Thanks also to Chris Sicignano for starting the brick work, and I'm sure it will be like everything he does at the club.....perfect! Another great help to us on this project has been John Bell who spent many hours of hard work preparing the materials for the Gazebo. Thank you John.

Thank you again to all who helped to get this season off to a great start.



Entertainment

Barbara Schaefer

BYC'S SPRING PARTY

Sea Levels was the place to be for the Spring Party. It was a beautiful, sunny day and 88 members came to Brightwaters to have some fun at Monty's place. The food was terrific! There were mini egg rolls, pigs in blankets, deviled eggs, tomato and mozzarella pinafors, Monty's **delicious** signature Buffalo Shrimp and more. This was followed by a buffet dinner of chicken with capers and sundried tomatoes, macaroni and cheese and a delicious corn and bean salad. It was wonderful to see everyone and catch up on things since last fall. Thanks to Richard & Adrienne Tesoro for helping me at the door and for taking photographs. Thanks to Monty and his staff for doing such a wonderful job. It was a great start to the 2011 season.

BYC OPENING DAY PARTY – MAY 28TH

Opening Day is coming soon! Kathy Pasquale will host the Opening Day Party again this year! JACKPOT! This can only mean another terrific evening. Kathy is famous at the BYC for being an incredible cook and a wonderful host. She has a great crew and the banquet they put out is always spectacular. No one goes home hungry! The Opening Day Party will be held Saturday, May 28th. The party runs from 7:00 – 11:00pm. The cost is \$35 per person and is for members only. The dress code is jacket and tie. Please make your reservations **early**. The crew works hard shopping and prepping and it is very helpful to know how many are coming early. Thank you! Please call Kathy at 271-9194.

NEW MEMBERS COCKTAIL PARTY

The Board of Governors will host a New Members Welcome Cocktail Party upstairs in the Commodore's Room at 6:30pm, prior to the main party. New members are invited and will be the guests of the Board at the Opening Day Party as well! As past Commodore Ken Goodwin loved to say, "It's the only freebie the BYC will ever give you!" So if you're new to the Club, don't miss out. Please reserve with Kathy O'Brien at secretary@babylonyachtclub.org.

JUNE 8TH HAPPY HOUR

Larry and I started out helping the Grand Dames Skeffington and Orr with the opening Happy Hour back in 2000. We learned well from the masters and in 2004 we took over for the Ladies and never looked back. We have a fantastic crew and serve a surf & turf inspired menu along with some spicy Bloody Mary's. Pink and Green is the theme, so get your preppy on. Happy Hours run from 6:30 – 8:30pm, cost \$15 per person and are for members only. Dress code is jacket and tie, but business casual is also acceptable. No reservations are necessary for Happy Hours, just come on down.

JUNE 11TH BEEFSTEAK

Joe & Christine Mullé will be our hosts for the first Beefsteak of the season. They'll be skipping the Frostbiting crew to bring you another classic Beefsteak. These dinners are a longtime BYC tradition - an intimate dinner party setting with a delicious steak dinner. You won't be disappointed! The first Beefsteak will be held on Saturday, June 11th from 7:00-11:00pm. Dress code is jacket & tie and the cost is \$35 per person. Please call Joe & Christine for reservations at 321-1924.

JUNE 25TH MARGARITAVILLE BEEF & REEF

Attention all Parrot Heads! FINS UP! Schools out for summer and the Devines & O'Briens are bringing you the Margaritaville Beef & Reef once again. This party is a superstar - frozen concoctions, margaritas, delicious food and the most awesome **Jimmy Buffett** cover band, **Barometer Soup**. The party is coming to you a bit earlier this year, but it's not one to be missed! So rearrange that schedule if you need to, break out the flip flops, your shaker of salt and make your reservations! Please call Tom & Linda at 661-6273 or Kevin & Kathy at 422-4536 to make a reservation. The party runs from 7:00 – 11:00pm, costs \$35 per person and is for members & guests. Dress code? Hawaiian shirts, shorts and flip flops of course.

SUMMER 2011

As for the rest of the season, we are fully booked! I'd like to thank Patrick & Karissa Sullivan who are new members and have stepped right up to the plate swinging! They will be hosting the August 6th party. Thank you to Bill & Michelle Kern who have volunteered to host the July 9th party. Last, but certainly not least, thank you to new members Jill & Matt Shook who volunteered to host the August 20th party. Don't believe a word Jill tells you about how I asked her to host! This kind of spirit and can do attitude on the part of our members is fantastic and very much appreciated. These folks may need some help along the way and we also need help at the 4th of July BBQ. If you are interested in volunteering, please email me at entertainment@babylonyachtclub.org or call me at 669-3646. Thank you!

**Juniors****Rod Bisson**

There has been a new Juniors Board elected for 2011. We would like to welcome them to a long standing tradition since 1928. On opening day after the gun goes off and the flag is raised at the main club house, the Junior Board will host their own Flag ceremony at the Junior Yacht Club. So come on over and meet the new Junior Board :

Commodore:	Steven Gargano
Vice Commodore:	Emma Sims
Rear Commodore:	Christi Dolan
Director:	Elizabeth Bisson
Director:	John Broderick

Admissions**Tom McGowan and
Doug Williamson**

The following families have been Interviewed and Posted for Probationary Membership:

1. Steven & Andrea Heimlich of Islip, sponsored by Greg Schneller and David Hyer
2. Anthony & Renee Pappone of West Islip, sponsored by Allison & Andrew Capone and Gerard and Christina Mule
3. Roger & Erin Lynam of West Islip, sponsored by Denis & Jeanne Collins and Bob & Carol Greene
4. Brian & Emily Fallon of West Islip; - legacy
5. Kevin & Kitty Hoyler of West Islip; sponsored by Chuck Hoyler and Greg Schneller
6. Ian & Felicia Jones of West Islip; sponsored by Romeo & Rosemary Saganic and Marie Luisi
7. Ronald & Rosemary Piciullo of West Islip; sponsored by Dr. Daniel & Dina Brandenstein and James & Julia Johnson

In addition to the foregoing, Jake Albanese and Michael Capitain have become Special Family Members and Tim and Amy-Beth Bell have been reinstated as members.

Don't forget, we're still accepting membership applications for this year. Just contact Tom or Doug and get the process started.

Regatta

Joe Mullé & Bryan McLoughlin

“When It Rains It Pours”

Wow – the BYC is in for a lot of racing!

After a busy off-season developing and scheduling another great season of racing at the BYC, we have a lot happening this season. From One Design racing, to PHRF (Big Boat) events, to invitationals, the Regatta program has attempted to ensure we have a broad based program for the membership to enjoy!

A snapshot of June and early July:

- Friday June 10th - Our Corinthian series begins with Corinthian #1. This is the beginning of a very successful six race series held throughout our season.
- Sunday June 12th – We will be hosting the Great South Bay Yacht Racing Association's Men's & Women's Bay Championships in Flying Scots. The winner(s) of this event move on to the Regionals and if fortunate, to the US Sailing Nationals. In 2010 our Men's team represented the BYC at the Nationals in Sheboygan, WI.
- Friday June 17th – The 13th annual BYC/SBCC Babylon Cup. This event is run by both the BYC & SBCC and usually has 15-20 boats participating with a post-race gathering held at the BYC.
- Saturday June 18th- The BYC will be hosting Leg 1 of the LI Flying Scot Championships. When the original host club was unable to do so, the BYC was asked and in true BYC fashion we jumped right in. At this event we could see upwards of 20-25 Flying Scots competing.
- Friday June 24th – Corinthian #2 is scheduled.
- Friday July 1st – BYC Jr Regatta, GSBYRA member clubs send Junior sailors from their sailing programs to a day of racing and instructional support in tactics and starts. These Friday events are held throughout the summer sailing lesson season at various clubs.
- Saturday July 2nd – 86th Annual BYC July 4th Invitational. This long standing event is the traditional kick off of the summer sailing season and where the volunteerism of the membership really comes out. The Board has decided to try a one-day format in the hopes of increasing the number of sailors competing. If there is any one event where Regatta truly needs help this is it. We need safety boats, Race Committee assistants, people to help w/scoring, registration, food, boatyard help – the list is long but if everyone lends a hand it really isn't too bad.

There will be additional details as we get closer to these events, but simply put, it will be an extremely busy start to our sailing season. The season's events are posted in the regatta section of the yearbook and website. If you have any questions, would like to participate, see a particular area you would like to help with or have an idea on how to improve the program please contact either Bryan or Joe.



BYC Frostbiting Season Wrap Up - Joe Mullé

Another fantastic season of frostbiting! The fleet was able to sail ten of the twelve days scheduled!!! Racing was excellent with boats finishing within mere inches of one another numerous times. The victor was none other than Past Commodore Greg Schneller with crew Dave Hyer and David Hyer. They had an impressive six firsts throughout the season. Greg was hesitant to accept his award but after some coaxing, he accepted. Rumor has it that Greg has bolted his award to the bulkhead aboard Mirage which now has a 2 degree list to Starboard.

While close competition makes for a successful race, there were many people behind the scenes that made this season such a success:

- o First and foremost thanks to the Board of Governors for permitting us use of the facilities and boats during the off-season. Without their support there would not be any Frostbiting.
- o Pete Capitain and Rich Tesoro in assisting with race committee.
- o Carl Galian who took care of scoring and all our graphics.
- o Marty O'Connell who developed our Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions & Registration Forms.
- o Jerry Dunnells who was there most days lending a hand launching and hauling boats and for opening his shop so we could make any repairs needed quickly.
- o Larry Schaefer and Daisy Holzmacher who kept all the finances and paperwork in order.
- o Jim Riechel who kept our sails in good order.
- o Everyone who donated to the grab bag awards.
- o The Frostbiting Committee – Daisy Holzmacher, Dave Hyer, CarlGalian, Hughie Larkin, Larry Schaefer, Marty O'Connell, Bryan McLoughlin and Pete Capitain - for their continual input throughout the season.
- o And the membership – who many times whether by design or willingness, would stop by to see what was happening and stayed to lend a hand hauling boats, putting gear away or just jumping in to help!



BYC Frostbiting At It's Finest!

Thank you all for a very successful season and I'm looking forward to a great Summer!



Adult Sailing 2011

In 2011 the Adult Sailing program will have sessions for both beginning sailors and advanced sailors.

Monday evening's session is designed for first time sailors and sailors with some experience on small boats. We will be using 6 Flying Scots for the Monday evening class. This class will be limited to 24 sailors and will start on June 6th at 6:30 PM. The fee for this 6-week program will remain at \$200.00 per person as in past years.

To participate in the Tuesday night advanced class, sailors must have sailed in the Adult Program for the past two years or have at least 2 years of experience in similar boats. This advanced sailing program will focus on boat handling and beginning racing. This program is limited to 18 sailors who will be divided into teams of 3 among the 6 Flying Scots. Each boat will consist of one skipper and two crew members. When signing up, please indicate if you are a Skipper or Crew and the number of years of experience. You can sign up as a team, picking your own Skipper and Crew or we will assign Skippers and Crews as needed to fill boats. A course will be set up with support/coach boats providing guidance as the teams sail the course. This program also runs for 6 weeks and costs \$200.00 per person. The first session will be held on Tuesday, June 7th at 6:30.

To register for Adult Sailing contact John Bell at jbredcape@optonline.net or at 661-4703. Feel free to call or email if you have any questions. Lessons on Monday night will be conducted by Dave Hyer. The Tuesday session will be taught by other experienced BYC sailors. Please provide your e-mail address in case a class must be cancelled due to weather conditions.

From The Secretary **Kathy O'Brien**

If you would like to receive the Newsletter by email, please refer to the website and follow the link to register. If you would like to save the Club shipping and mailing costs, please email me at secretary@babylonyachtclub.org and I will take you off the mailing list. It looks much nicer in an email.

"I long for the solitude of a sunset at sea, and the chill of a breeze coming in with the eve. For the motion of my boat, as she swings on the rode, and the beauty of the stars, in the evenings last glow."

R.C Gibbons

BYC 2011 Schedule of Events

DATE	TIME	EVENT	ATTENDEES
MAY			
4	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	
18	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	
28	12:30 PM	BYC Commissioning Day	Members & Guests
28	6:00-7:00 PM	New Members Welcome	New Members Only
28	7:00-11:00 PM	Opening day Party	Members Only
30	11:00 AM-4:00 PM	SBCC Commissioning Day	
JUNE			
1	7:00-8:00 PM	Sail/Swim registration	
1	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	
4	10:00 AM – Noon	Sail / Swim Registration	
6	6:30-8:30 PM	Adult Sailing - Monday Session starts	Members Only
7	6:30-8:30 PM	Adult Sailing - Tuesday Session starts	Members Only
8	6:30-8:30 PM	Happy Hour	Members Only
10	7:00 PM	Corinthian Race #1	Regatta
11	10:00-11:00 AM	Swim Test for Sailing	New Sailors
11	7:00-11:00 PM	Beefsteak	Members Only
12	10:00 AM	GSBYRA M&W's @ BYC	Regatta
15	8:00 PM	Spring Membership Meeting	Members Only
15	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	
17	7:00 PM	Babylon Cup Regatta	SBCC/BYC
19	9:00 AM-Noon	Father's Day Brunch	Members & Guests
22	6:30-8:30 PM	Happy Hour	Members Only
24	7:00 PM	Corinthian Race #2	Regatta
25	7:00-11:00 PM	Margaritaville Beef & Reef	Members & Guests
27	8:00-10:00 AM	Swim Team / Swim Lessons Start	
28	12:00 Noon	Women's Luncheon	Members & Guests
JULY			
1	10:00 AM	Jr. Regatta @ Babylon YC	Jr. Sailing
2	5:00 PM	Independence Day BBQ	Members & Guests
2	10:00 AM	4 th July Regatta	Regatta
6	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	
8	7:00 PM	Corinthian #3	Regatta
9	7:00-11:00 PM	Party-Theme TBA	Members & Guests

13	6:30-8:30 PM	Happy Hour	Members Only
15	8:00 PM	Candlelight Sail	Juniors & Jr./Jr.
20	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	
23	7:00-11:00 PM	Clambake	Members & Guests
24	1:00 PM	Governor's Cup	Regatta
26	12:00 Noon	Women's Luncheon	Members & Guests
27	6:30 -8:30 PM	Happy Hour	Members Only
31	7:00-9:00 PM	Talent Show	Talented Members
AUGUST			
3	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	
4		Swim Team /Swim Lessons End	
4	7:00 PM	Swim Team Dinner	
5	7:00 PM	Corinthian/Landwog Race #4	Regatta
6		Area B's - GSBYRA	Regatta
6	7:00-11:00 PM	Party-Theme TBA	Members & Guests
8	7:00-9:00 PM	Jr./Jr. Pool Party	Members & Guests
9		Sail Lessons End	
9	12:00 Noon	Women's Luncheon	Members & Guests
10	6:30-8:30 PM	Happy Hour	Members Only
10	10:00 AM	Sail Fun Week	
11	10:00 AM	Sail Fun Week	
11	7:00 PM	Sailing Dinner	
14	4:00-7:00 PM	Afterguard Party	Members & Guests
18	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	
20	7:00-11:00 PM	Party- Theme TBA	Members & Guests
20	10:00 AM	Men's & Women's Championship	Regatta
23	12:00 Noon	Women's Luncheon	Members & Guests
24	6:30-8:30 PM	Happy Hour	Members Only
26	7:00 PM	Corinthian Race #5	Regatta
28	9:00 AM	Snapper Derby Brunch	Members & Guests
28	10:30 AM	Snapper Fishing Derby	Members & Guests
28	1:00 PM	Huck Finn/Raft Race	Members & Guests
SEPTEMBER			
7	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	Members & Guests
10	7:00-11:00 PM	Beefsteak Dinner	Members Only
12	7:00 PM	Monday Night Football	Members & Guests
14	8:00 PM	Membership Meeting	Members Only
18	1:00 PM	Commodore's Cup	Regatta
19	8:30 PM	Monday Night Football	Members & Guests

21	6:30-8:30 PM	Happy Hour	Members Only
24	7:00-11:00 PM	Irish Party	Members & Guests
26	8:30 PM	Monday Night Football	Members & Guests
28	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	Members & Guests
29	7:00 PM	Fashion Show	Members & Guests
OCTOBER			
2	10:00 AM-1:00 PM	Fireside Brunch	Members & Guests
2	12:00 Noon	Louis H Orr Jr. Invitational	Regatta
3	8:30 PM	Monday Night Football	Members & Guests
4	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	
5	6:30-8:30 PM	Happy Hour	Members Only
9	4:00-7:00 PM	BYC Cooking Competition	Members & Guests
10	8:30 PM	Monday Night Football	Members & Guests
12	8:00 PM	Annual Meeting	Members Only
15		BYC Overnighter	
16	1:00 PM	Corinthian #6	Regatta
17	8:30 PM	Monday Night Football	Members & Guests
19	6:30-8:30 PM	Happy Hour	Members Only
21	7:30 PM	Captain's Meeting / Bass Tournament	
22	6:00 AM-4:00 PM	Bass Tournament	Members & Guests
23	4:00-7:00 PM	Appreciation Party	By Invitation Only
24	8:30 PM	Monday Night Football	Members & Guests
26	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	
30	12:00-2:00 PM	Jr. Halloween Party	Juniors
31	8:30 PM	Monday Night Football	Members & Guests
NOVEMBER			
2	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	
7	8:30 PM	Monday Night Football	Members & Guests
8		Club Closes	Sad Members