



BABYLON YACHT CLUB

NEWSLETTER



Commodore's Corner

Tom McGowan

Sandy Updates!

As you will read below, there are many exciting things going on down at the club in preparation for this year's opening day. Like many members who were hit by Sandy in their homes, the Club took a punch and is coming back swinging. Most impressive to me, and the rest of the Board, is the number of members who have answered email blasts for work parties.

We are also amazed at the fact that other organizations such as the South Bay Cruising Club, have not only helped with cleaning the club and grounds, but continue to volunteer their help with any work that needs to be done around our Club.



The Club has received generous donations from John & Toni Buonora and Tom & Linda Devine to help pay for repairs. We thank all for their help and donations; as new candidates for Club membership are told at their interview, members volunteering their skills and time is what allows the Club to function so well.

Entertainment

Joe Mullé, Phil Berdolt & Lew Colascione

We hope everyone is enjoying the off season! Up to a few days ago, I didn't think we would be getting more snow – well so much for thinking!!! Entertainment has been off to a busy start. We have worked up a great schedule, lined up party hosts, and we are looking forward to an outstanding season!



Thank-you to the hosts who have volunteered to run parties again for the 2013 season. We *currently have two parties that are in need of hosts - The first Happy Hour of the season on June 12th & the second Happy Hour on June 26th. If you would like to host either of these events, please let us know.* We had several members run parties last season for the first time, they all had a blast, and the parties were a huge success. It's a great way to make friends and have fun all at the same time!

On the horizon is our **ANNUAL SPRING COCKTAIL PARTY, Sunday April 7th 4-7PM** at Monty's *Sea Levels Restaurant* in Brightwaters. Like last year, Monty will be pulling out all the stops!! Invitations will be sent out as we near the date. Please RSVP so we can give Monty an accurate headcount. So let's beat back those winter blues and catch up on some fun times!!!



On a side note:

If you are out and about, stop down and watch some Frostbiting right out of a newly refurbished, toasty warm JYC. On most Saturdays they are out sailing late morning/early afternoons.

House

Gary Guarino and Tom McGowan

Repairs, repairs, repairs! The House Committee, Board and various members have been hard at work repairing Sandy damage. A dock builder has been vetted, who will be commencing work by the time you receive this Newsletter to reframe the decking in front of the clubhouse and out on the T-Dock. The new framing will be hurricane strapped and bolted to pilings to prevent the decking from ripping up as it did during this storm. The pool decking was previously strapped down and bolted to pilings and did not move at all as a result of the storm. Electrical repairs are ongoing. The light at the front gate is working again (we don't remember it ever working,) and a new light has been added by the playground area. The overhead electrical line, telephone line and cable line going to the main clubhouse was replaced and buried underground in pipes.



The kitchen, manager's office, ladies' room, men's outside bathroom and buoy room have all been gutted in preparation for restoration. The partitions and vinyl floor in the men's bathroom in the main clubhouse have also

been removed in preparation for restoration. New cabinets are being constructed by Jerry Dunnells for the kitchen. More work is planned and will proceed once we learn the exact amount that will be paid by the Club's flood insurer. In short, we expect the club to be in great shape on opening day, and look forward to a great summer down at the BYC.



Sailing

Doug Williamson & Andrew Hemingway

The "new" BYC sailing program is looking very strong for 2013. There were many unfortunate obstacles to overcome from last year. We have examined those obstacles greatly, analyzed a ton of helpful feedback, and we are really excited to move forward and have an incredible year.

Here are a few reasons why we are so excited...The program had to be torn down and rebuilt. We had a two pronged approach for that rebuilding, instructors and fleet. That being said, we are hiring sailing instructors that will bring in-depth sailing knowledge and strength to the program. The three corners of knowledge and strength are

that the instructors be leaders, be role models, and ultimately be coaches. Those requirements were nonnegotiable qualities that the candidates had to possess in order to be even considered for the position as a BYC Sailing Instructor. We will ensure a teaching and coaching plan is put in place by the instructors for the 2013 season. A solid plan is always necessary for success.

Our fleet was the second task. We can tell you that we have taken advice from professional sailors, looked at collegiate sailing programs, as well as all the other yacht club fleets region wide. Here is what we have come up with. We have decided to go with a cutting edge strategy, with a cutting edge new fleet called Pixels. We will have four of these new boats. The Pixels will be where the foundation is laid for a competitive program. Here kids can learn the basics in a very safe boat from experienced instructors. They will learn seamanship, teaming with others, and overall character building. At a certain point, the instructors will decide that it is time for a student to graduate and move to the Opti fleet. This is the fleet that we have chosen as the intermediate to help the students grow into proficient sailors.



Opti's are a very respectable, well-built, competitive in-class boat. Opti's are also utilized on a national level. The BYC will then also have two 420's, for the students that really excel at the sport. The program will be counting on these students to represent the BYC program at various Bay regattas and championships. The program will ensure that every student will be afforded the opportunity and coaching in order to grow their skill set and achieve the next level competitiveness and overall personal growth.



If you are deciding whether or not to put your child into the BYC Sailing Program, we would strongly urge you to do so. It is going to be an incredible year! We are truly looking forward to seeing your kids out on the water and enjoying BYC's new format.

We will be holding a Sailing Program seminar for all the parents to come and ask questions. We are excited to answer any questions that you may have about the new Pixels and program. Date and location TBD.

Frostbiting

Pete Capitain & Larry Schaefer

Frostbite season is well under way. We've been able to race four out of the seven scheduled dates so far, and the weather for them has been typical frostbite weather. The races were run under conditions ranging from sunny skies to fog. The wind was sometimes non-existent, and it was always cold.

With five races left, we are close to the halfway point in the series. The standings for the top five racers are Greg Schneller, leading the pack with 4 points, Joe VanDenberg, a distant second with 16 points, followed closely by Dave Johnson (17), Larry Schaefer (18), and Bob VanTassel (20).



This is just the halfway mark, so anything can happen, and we are looking forward to an exciting second half. The races start at 11:00 and run until around 1:00, with a post race wrap-up in the boatyard. If you're interested and free, come on down and enjoy the afternoon in the boatyard. It's BYOB, and we'll be grilling hot dogs and burgers. Check the Website, babylonyachtclub.org/bycFrostbite, for the Frostbite schedule.

Treasurer

Brian Maher

The Board is very pleased with the number of members who have paid their dues early as they have enabled the Board to take immediate steps to make repairs resulting from the Hurricane Sandy. The credit card option has proven to be viable and is being used by approximately a third of our members.

A point of clarification: Some have raised the question about the early payments made this year compared to early payments last year. In 2012 5% and 2.5% discounts were offered to the those who paid early. This year no such discounts were offered as dues were maintained at the 2012 rate.

Future editions will recognize the recent passing of some of our cherished members. In order to appropriately pay tribute to them, the Board is gleaning information about each.

From The Secretary

Kathy O'Brien



Please send any **changes/updates** to personal information or Yacht Registry to secretary@babylonyachtclub.org. If you have any pictures of events at the club, please send them to me, and I will try to put them in the Newsletter.

Any members who would like to get up-to-date information about the **BYC via email**, go to the website babylonyachtclub.org and sign up under the tab marked **Mailing List**. You will receive the Newsletter, updated news and email blasts of current events at the club.

2013 BYC SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	EVENT	ATTENDEES
APRIL	4:00-7:00PM	Spring Party at Sea Levels Restaurant	Members Only
MAY			
1	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	
15	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	
25	12:30 PM	BYC Commissioning Day	Members & Guests
25	6:00-7:00 PM	New Members Welcome	New Members Only
25	7:00-11:00 PM	Opening Day Party	Members Only
27	11:00 AM-4:00 PM	SBCC Commissioning Day	
29	7:00-8:00 PM	Sail/Swim Registration	Members Only
31	7:00PM	Frostbiting in Summer	Regatta
JUNE			
1	10:00 AM - Noon	Sail / Swim Registration	Members Only
1 & 2	10:00 AM	GSBYRA M&W's @ BYC	Regatta
5	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	
7	7:00 PM	Babylon Cup Regatta	SBCC/BYC
8	10:00-11:00 AM	Swim Test for Sailing	New Sailors
12	6:30-8:30 PM	Happy Hour - Hosts Needed	Members Only
14	7:00 PM	Corinthian Race #1	Regatta
16	9:00 AM-Noon	Father's Day Brunch	Members & Guests
19	8:00 PM	Spring Membership Meeting	Members Only
19	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	
22	7:00-11:00 PM	Margaritaville Beef & Reef	Members & Guests
24	8:00-10:00 AM	Sailing/Swim Team&Swim Lessons Start	Members Only
26	12:00 Noon	Women's Luncheon	Members & Guests
26	6:30-8:30 PM	Happy Hour - Hosts Needed	Members Only
28	7:00 PM	Corinthian Race #2	Regatta
JULY			
2	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	
5	10:00 AM	Jr. Regatta @ Babylon YC	Jr. Sailing
6	5:00 PM	Independence Day BBQ	Members & Guests
6	10:00 AM	4 th July Regatta	Regatta
7	10:00 AM	4 th July Regatta-Rain date	Regatta
8	7:00-8:30 PM	Jr./Jr. Pool Party	Members & Guests
10	12:00 Noon	Women's Luncheon	Members & Guests
10	6:30-8:30 PM	Happy Hour	Members Only
12	7:00 PM	Corinthian Race #3	Regatta
12	8:00 PM	Candlelight Sail	Juniors/Members&Guest
13	7:00-11:00 PM	70's Party	Members & Guests
17	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	
21	1:00 PM	Governor's Cup	Regatta
24	6:30 -8:30 PM	Happy Hour	Members Only

26	7:00 PM	Corinthian Race #4	Regatta
28	7:00-9:00 PM	Talent Show	Talented Members
AUGUST			
1	7:00 PM	Swim Team Dinner	
2		Swim Team /Swim Lessons End	
5	7:00-8:30 PM	Jr./Jr. Pool Party	Members & Guests
6		Sail Lessons End	
7	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	
7	10:00 AM	Sail Fun Week	Members Only
8	10:00 AM	Sail Fun Week	Members Only
8	7:00 PM	Sailing Dinner	
9	7:00 PM	Landwog Race	Regatta
10	7:00-11:00 PM	Clam Bake	
14	12:00 Noon	Women's Luncheon	Members & Guests
14	6:30-8:30 PM	Happy Hour	Members Only
16	7:00 PM	Corinthian Race #5	Regatta
18	4:00-7:00 PM	Afterguard Party	
21	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	
25	9:00 AM	Snapper Derby Brunch	Members & Guests
25	10:30 AM	Snapper Derby	Members & Guests
25	1:00 PM	Huck Finn/Raft Race	Members & Guests
28	6:30-8:30 PM	Happy Hour	Members Only
SEPTEMBER			
4	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	
7	7:00-11:00 PM	Beefsteak Dinner	Members & Guests
7	10:00 AM	Men's & Women's Championship	Regatta
9	7:00 PM	Monday Night Football	Members & Guests
11	8:00 PM	Membership Meeting	Members Only
16	1:00 PM	Corinthian #5	Regatta
16	8:30 PM	Monday Night Football	Members & Guests
18	6:30-8:30 PM	Happy Hour	Members Only
21	7:00-11:00 PM	International Party	Members & Guests
22	1:00 PM	Commodore's Cup	Regatta
23	8:30 PM	Monday Night Football	Members & Guests
25	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	
28		BYC Overnighter	Members & Guests
30	8:30 PM	Monday Night Football	Members & Guests
OCTOBER			
1	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	
2	6:30-8:30 PM	Happy Hour	Members Only
6	10:00 AM-1:00 PM	Fireside Brunch	Members & Guests
6	12:00 Noon	Louis H Orr Jr. Invitational	Regatta
7	8:30 PM	Monday Night Football	Members & Guests

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9	8:00 PM	Annual Meeting	Members Only
14	8:30 PM	Monday Night Football	Members & Guests
16	6:30-8:30 PM	Happy Hour	Members Only
20	4:00-7:00 PM	Appreciation Party	By Invitation Only
21	8:30 PM	Monday Night Football	Members & Guests
23	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	
27	6:00 AM-4:00 PM	Bass Tournament	Members & Guests
27	12:00-2:00 PM	Jr. Halloween Party	Juniors
28	8:30 PM	Monday Night Football	Members & Guests
NOVEMBER			
4	8:30 PM	Monday Night Football	Members & Guests
5 - Election Day		Club Closes	Sad Members

"It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want -oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!"

—Mark Twain

