



# Babylon Yacht Club News

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## House

Gary Guarino, Dick Patwell  
and Joe Mullé



By the time you receive this newsletter, the new steel beam will be up and installed on the porch. Ken Rogers, of Rogers Development, has been contracted to do the work. Because of Ken's expertise in this area of construction, and his great crew, we are actually ahead of schedule! The beam was slated to be replaced this fall, but the work was moved up when it was discovered that the support columns that were holding up the existing beam were so severely deteriorated that we had to do the work immediately.

New railings for the upstairs deck, which will match the ones on the porch, have been ordered to replace the latticework that currently exists. These will be installed and ready for Opening Day! This will really make the clubhouse look great.

Joe Mullé has rounded up all the Frostbiting sailors to volunteer to spruce up the JYC. A major cleanup and painting is underway! We really appreciate these kinds of effort from our members.



Jerry Dunnells volunteered to clean out the planting area in front of the main gates. While

Jerry was hard at work digging out, along came Chris Sicignano and his crew and replaced the rotted retaining wall with a beautiful stonewall. A big thank you goes to Jerry and Chris for all their hard work. I'm sure it will look beautiful with all the new plantings.

Spring cleanup and painting will begin soon. We certainly can use all the help we can get. For those of you that can spend a few hours helping out, please let us know and we'll put you on our call list. Please contact either Gary - 422-0394, Dick - 587-4206, or Joe - 321-1924.

## Entertainment

**Ginny Horan, Ralph Benzakein and Rod Bisson**



Our 2009 Social Season is looking terrific! We've changed things up a bit and added a few new events that are sure to be crowd-pleasers! A huge thank you goes out to Kathy O'Malley who has volunteered to host the Opening Day Party this year! If you liked her Bella Luna Happy Hour, you will love what she has in store for all of us! As always, new members are invited to a special cocktail party from 6 - 7 pm, upstairs in the Commodore's Room, to meet and mingle with the board. The Opening Day party for members will begin at 7pm. Please make your reservations NOW by calling Kathy O'Malley at 271-9194. The cost is \$35.00 per person and the dress code is jacket and tie.

Newer Members take note! We are seeking hosts for several happy hours and parties. To be frank, no one ever feels truly "ready" to take this on, but it's much simpler than you think and it's what makes the BYC special. We really need you to step up this year. New hosts bring their own special touch and ideas that make these events special. If you've enjoyed a happy hour at the BYC, it's time to host one of your own. Ginny Horan will be happy to meet with you and map out all the details. And we always tell you that it's fun to actually do it, but no one believes us until they try! It's time, folks! Call your friends, put

together a crew and some fun ideas and contact Ginny at [horanv@sunysuffolk.edu](mailto:horanv@sunysuffolk.edu).

## Regatta

**Marty O'Connell**



It's time!! Spring is here and the warm weather is just around the corner. It's a new season with a new Board and new Regatta Committee. To make this season go smoothly, I've assembled an A-1 team to help run the Regatta program. They are: Harry Manko, Bryan McLoughlin, Jack Morgan, Joe Mullé and Larry Schaefer. Bryan will also double as the Protest Chairperson. On Bryan's Protest Committee will be Hugh Larkin and Bob Van Tassel. And, to round off a proper Yacht Club roster, Jerry Dunnells will be our Measurer.

Keeping the bay alive this past winter, Joe Mullé kept the hardcore sailors from 'jonesing' by running a very active Flying Scot frostbite fleet... brave souls sailing little boats on very cold water. But now that spring is here, it's time to de-winterize the 'Big Boats' and get them out there too. So get those covers off, wax those topsides and get some *sea miles* in.

Getting ready for the new season, I've scheduled a Skippers meeting for 7:00pm April 16 at the WI Library. This is a great venue to discuss the sailing program and explore what works, what doesn't and what can be done to make things better. We are always looking for ways to increase participation and get more people out on the bay. Since the timing of this newsletter will probably put this meeting in the past, I'll segue to a plug for the club's Regatta mailing list... It is the timeliest way to get Regatta information. Be sure you're on the list! To sign up, please use the 'Mail List Signup' area found on the club website <http://babylonyachtclub.org>. I'll also be a regular contributor to the newsletter to keep everyone up to date on Regatta happenings.

A major accomplishment so far is the race calendar. It is finally in place (I hope) and I'd like to say it was easy- but there is a lot of work that

goes into it. Aside from the very full BYC sailing and social calendar, there are also the SBCC and



the GSBYRA calendars that can't be ignored. Add in a smattering of off-the-bay events and we'll soon realize a lot of happenings are packed into Long Island summers.

Looking toward July and the Club's 'Big Event'... It'll be the BYC's 83rd Annual 4<sup>TH</sup> of July Regatta, I am looking for volunteers to help out with this two day event. So if you'll be in town, consider pitching in for a day or two or half. Let me know. There are plenty of tasks to be had for this fun event. Folks will be needed to help on the water ensuring safety, setting marks, etc. and some folks will be needed at the Club helping out with registrations, t-shirt sales, food prep, etc. Let me know!!

Speaking of the July 4<sup>th</sup> Regatta... The 2008 Yearbook had noted some of the Club's early history. Among other facts, it indicates the first 4<sup>th</sup> of July Regatta was in 1905. Quick math says that was 104 years ago- but this will be the 83<sup>rd</sup> annual Regatta. Does anyone know where 21 Regattas went? I can surmise perhaps 9 for two World Wars and maybe a few for the Depression and Korean War; but does anyone know and have a story to pass on? It would be interesting to know and document somewhere.

### \*\*\*\*\*Boatyard Update\*\*\*\*\*

Planning on placing a boat in the boatyard this season? With the boatyard at capacity the Board of Governors has implemented new requirements to better organize it's usage for the membership. Please take a moment to review the requirements in the Policies section on the web site.

### Aquacise Returns to the BYC

Trudi Guarino



Roberta Woolsey, certified aquatics instructor, will be back this summer to conduct BYC's 15<sup>th</sup> annual Aquacise course. Classes will run on six consecutive Saturday mornings from 9:45 to 10:45, beginning July 11, 2009. Aquacise (exercise in water) is unique in that participants are able to individualize the fitness level of the exercises by virtue of their own movement. The resistance provided by the water is as gentle or as forceful as one's action against it. Be pleasantly surprised by the massage you experience as the water rushes back to meet the body, cascading and swirling, surrounding you in coolness on a hot summer day. In order to participate, members must enroll in advance by contacting Trudi Guarino (422-0394 or Trudirit@optonline.net). **Minimal enrollment of 7 members is necessary for the course to run.**

A note from Trudi: Saturday mornings at the club are very pleasant, and we have the pool to ourselves. Aquacise has done more to relieve the pain in my knees than physical therapy, at \$45 a session! The cost for all six Aquacise classes is \$45. Why not give it a try? I think you will enjoy it.

### Sailing Program

Jack Albanese (Chair) and Joe Mulle (Co-chair)

Sailing instruction starts June 29<sup>th</sup> this year. Registration is Wednesday, May 27<sup>h</sup>, from 7:00PM to 8:00PM and Saturday, May 30<sup>st</sup>, from 10:00AM till Noon. Sailors new to the program must pass a swim test. To participate, sailors must have reached their eighth birthday by December 31, 2008. Program details will be posted on the web site beginning in early May.

The swim test for sailing lessons is Saturday, June 13, 9:00 to 11:00. It is a one-time test for new sailors only. **Please dress your sailor in the type of clothes and shoes that he/she will be wearing during sailing lessons, and fit them with a good quality PFD.** They are required to jump into the water at the floating dock, swim in to the finger dock, swim back, remove their PFD, tread water, and then put the PFD back on.

We have a new Head Instructor, Jarrett Fifield, He will be heading up the sailing staff this year. Jarrett is a High School teacher and an avid sailor and should provide our sailors with an outstanding learning experience.

## Frostbiting Wrap Up

Joe Mullé

The first season of the BYC Frostbiting Series has come to a very successful end.

After the bay froze over in early January we waited until mid-February to start up again. As the weather began to cooperate, more people came down and partook in an activity most sane people would call nuts!! The last two days of racing had all boats out competing and the racing was intense. Places were exchanged so often that daily standings were not known until we tallied & re-tallied the scores ashore.

Post race on our final day we held a potluck gathering where a new perpetual frostbiting plaque was awarded to Dave Hyer. Rumor has it Dave has already bolted it to his mantle.



With the funds we collected for the program we were able to purchase three covers and extra sets of

battens for the Club's Flying Scots. As a group, The Frostbiting crowd has decided to spiff up the interior of the JYC with a fresh coat of paint and some additional minor projects.

Such an endeavor as this program would not be possible without some support. We owe big thanks to Dave Hyer for the use of his inflatable as RC boat all season (sometimes we "borrowed" it without Dave!), Jerry Dunnells for tackling all the small projects that needed to be done while we were out on the water, Bob Van Tassel who donated a nice half-hull for use as a trophy, Carl Galian for being volunteered to design & produce our frostbiting burgee, Larry Schaefer for always checking on the boats and helping to keep them readied and Jim Reichel for some quick turn arounds on sail repairs & cockpit covers.

Finally the Frostbiters would like to thank the Board of Governors for permitting us use of the JYC & boatyard for our 1<sup>st</sup> winter season!

*(The Frostbiters will be working on sprucing up the JYC Friday evenings through early May if you're so inclined to come down and help. - B.S.)*

## From the Secretary

Barbara Schaefer

The BYC has lost two long standing, tried and true members in the last few months - Jane Garvey and, most recently, Tom Kane. They will be sorely missed and our condolences go to their families.



Thanks to everyone who has signed up to receive the newsletter via email only. The Board and I hope more of you will consider receiving the newsletter by email only. If you wish to do so, sign up on the BYC website under "Mail List Signup" and then send me an email saying you no longer need the hard copy. We really appreciate this.

**Website Update:** In the next week, the Website will be divided into public and members only

sections. The secure members section will require a name and password combination to enter. Thank you to our Webmaster, Pete Capitain, for taking care of this for us.

Send any last minute corrections/additions to your Yearbook/Yacht info to me at:  
[secretary@babylonyachtclub.org](mailto:secretary@babylonyachtclub.org).

**Posted for Probationary Membership:**

John & Corinne Comer

Sponsored by McLeer and Krucher

Tony & Susan Costanza

Sponsored by Aubin and Eppig

P.J. & Regina Forcino

Sponsored by Hueber and Woyevodsky

Michael Ladinsky & Eva Charasz

Sponsored by Hyer and Devine

Kevin & Chrissy O'Donnell

Sponsored by O'Donnell and O'Donnell

Maureen Smith

Sponsored by Laurin and Chapey

**Resignations:**

Peter & Sonya Anholzer

Joe & Euridice Busweiler

Michael Peter Capitain

Michael & Anne Glynn

Charles J. Hoyler IV

Jack & Leslie Luquer

Paul & Lisa Mulford

David & Karen Pelle

Jeff & Wendy Schou

**Status Change to Senior Members:**

John & Margaret Bell

Vincent & Karen Berger

Ron & Liz English

Marie Luisi

**Adult Sailing**

Dave Hyer

The 2009 Adult Sailing season will begin on June 8, 2009 at 6:30 PM and run for six weeks. The

Monday night class will be for newcomers and beginners. We now have six Flying Scots with 6 skippers. We will be able to take 18 to 24 students on Monday. The class will provide information on how to rig, launch, and sail a Flying Scot with an experienced skipper in the boat at all times. The class will go for two hours ending some time around 8:30 PM.

The Tuesday night Class will be for people who have some sailing experience and who have been in the Adult sailing program for the past two years. This class will have their own skipper and crew of two or three and will sail the Flying Scot around a course set based on the wind conditions. The instructors will be in two chase boats following each boat providing information on how to sail better upwind, on a reach and down wind. Instruction will also include how to approach each marking rounding on all points of sail. We will again have six Flying Scots for the Tuesday night class. The class will start at 6:30 PM and end sometime around 8:30 PM. The cost will remain the same as last year at \$200 per person and the money collected will be used for buying equipment such as sails for the 3 club owned boats, or to purchase another Flying Scot.

Any questions, please contact me at [elstins@aol.com](mailto:elstins@aol.com).



## Master Schedule May through November 2009



Date	Time	Event	Attendees
<b>May</b>			
6	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	
20	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	
23	12:30 PM	BYC Commissioning Day	Members & Guests
23	6:00 - 7:00 PM	New Members Welcome	New Members Only
23	7:00 - 11:00 PM	Opening day Party	Members Only
25	11:00 AM - 5:00 PM	SBCC Commissioning Day	
27	7:00 - 8:00 PM	Sail/Swim registration	
30	10:00 AM	GSBYRA M&W's @ BYC	Regatta
30	10:00 AM - Noon	Sail/Swim registration	
<b>June</b>			
3	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Happy Hour	Members Only
5	7:00 PM	Corinthian Race #1	Regatta
8	6:30 - 8:00 PM	Adult Sail - Monday Session starts	
9	6:30 - 8:00 PM	Adult Sail - Tuesday Session starts	
10	8:00 PM	Spring Membership Meeting	Members Only
10	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	
12	6:30 PM	Babylon Cup Regatta	SBCC/BYC
13	7:00 - 11:00 PM	Beefsteak	Members Only
13	9:00 - 11:00 AM	Swim test for Sailing	New Sailors
17	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Happy Hour	Members Only
21	9:00 AM- Noon	Father's Day Brunch	Members & Guests
23	12:00 Noon	Women's Luncheon	Members & Guests
24	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	
26	7:00 PM	Corinthian Race #2	Regatta
29	8:00 - 10:00 AM	Swim Team / Lessons Start	
<b>July</b>			
1	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Happy Hour	Members Only
3	10:00 AM	BYC Jr. Regatta	Regatta
4	5:00 PM	Independence Day BBQ	Members & Guests
4	10:00 AM	4th July Regatta	Regatta
5	10:00 AM	4th July Regatta	Regatta
7	12:00 Noon	Women's Luncheon	Members & Guests
8	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	
11	7:00 - 11:00 PM	Disco Party	Members & Guests
13	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Jr./Jr. Pool Party	Members & Guests
15	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Happy Hour	Members Only
17	8:00 PM	Candlelight Sail	Juniors & Jr./Jr.
19	1:00 PM	Governor's Cup	Regatta
21	12:00 Noon	Women's Luncheon	Members & Guests

Date	Time	Event	Attendees
22	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	
24 thru 26		GSBYRA Race Week-Bellport	Regatta
25	7:00 - 11:00 PM	Theme Party	Members & Guests
26	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Talent Show	Talented Members
29	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Happy Hour	Members Only
31	7:00 PM	Corinthian Race #3	Regatta
<b>August</b>			
TBA	7:00 PM	Fashion Show	Members & Guests
4	12:00 Noon	Women's Luncheon	Members & Guests
5	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	
6		Swim Team/Lessons End	
6	7:00 PM	Swim Team Dinner	
8	7:00 - 11:00 PM	Clam Bake Dinner	Members & Guests
10	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Jr./Jr. Pool Party	Members & Guests
11		Sail Lessons End	
12	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Happy Hour	Members Only
12	10:00 AM	Sail Fun Week	
13	10:00 AM	Sail Fun Week	
13	7:00 PM	Sailing Dinner	
14	7:00 PM	Corinthian Race #4	Regatta
16	4:00 - 7:00 PM	Afterguard Party	Members & Guests
18	12:00 Noon	Women's Luncheon	Members & Guests
19	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	
22	6:00 - 10:00 PM	Family Theme Party - Early Start	Members & Guests
22	10:00 AM	Women's Championship	Regatta
22	10:00 AM	Men's Championship	Regatta
23	9:00 AM	Snapper Derby Brunch	Members & Guests
23	10:30 AM	Snapper Fishing Derby	Members & Guests
23	1:00 PM	Huck Finn/Raft Race	Members & Guests
26	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Happy Hour	Members Only
28	7:00 PM	Corinthian Race #5	Regatta
<b>September</b>			
2	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	
7	8:30 PM	Monday Night Football	Members & Guests
12	7:00 - 11:00 PM	Beefsteak Dinner	Members Only
14	8:30 PM	Monday Night Football	Members & Guests
16	8:00 PM	Membership Meeting	Members Only
19	1:00 PM	Commodore's Cup	Regatta
20	TBA	LIYC Mayors Race	Regatta
21	8:30 PM	Monday Night Football	Members & Guests
23	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Happy Hour	Members Only
26	7:00 - 11:00 PM	Irish Party	Members & Guests
27	1:00 PM	Corinthian Race #6	Regatta
28	8:30 PM	Monday Night Football	Members & Guests
30	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	

Date	Time	Event	Attendees
<b>October</b>			
TBA	6:00 - 10:00 PM	GSBYRA-Awards Dinner- BSYC	Regatta
4	10:00 AM-1:00 PM	Fireside Brunch	Members & Guests
4	12:00 PM	Louis H Orr Jr. Invitational	Regatta
5	8:30 PM	Monday Night Football	Members & Guests
7	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Happy Hour	Members Only
12	8:30 PM	Monday Night Football	Members & Guests
14	8:00 PM	Annual Meeting	Members Only
16	7:30 PM	Captain's Meeting Bass Tournament	
17		Bass Tournament	Members & Guests
18	4:00 - 7:00 PM	Appreciation Party	By Invitation Only
19	8:30 PM	Monday Night Football	Members & Guests
24	Make-up Date	Bass Tournament-Alternate	Members & Guests
26	8:30 PM	Monday Night Football	Members & Guests
28	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	
31	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Jr. Halloween Party	Juniors
<b>November</b>			
1	TBA	BYC/SBCC Fall Series @ BYC	Regatta
2	8:30 PM	Monday Night Football	Members & Guests
3		Club Closes	

You have been my friend.  
That in itself is a  
tremendous thing.

--E.B. White

