



Babylon Yacht Club News

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From the Commodore

Ken Goodwin

This year, just like 2009, is going to be another challenging year for our Club. Most of us, including the BYC, continue to feel the effects of the recession as our taxes and insurance costs continue to rise, along with the overall costs of living. That being said, I once again want to assure all of you that your Board of Governors will continue to make responsible and conservative decisions with respect to capital improvements and general expenses.

I want you to know what improvements we have targeted for this spring:

- Replace the awning on the pool deck with a larger and much more substantial one
- Replace the windows, siding and repair the roof on the Junior Yacht Club
- A committee has been formed and quotes are being sought to upgrade the playground
- Replace the sliding doors in the Clubhouse
- Install a surveillance system inside and outside the Club
- Spruce up the flagpole area and the men's bathhouse bathroom

There is always plenty of work to be done to get the BYC ready for Commissioning Day. Painting, carpentry, planting and cleaning up just don't magically happen – we do most of it ourselves. So stop down on a Saturday morning and lend a hand

getting your Club spruced up for another great summer on the Bay.

Entertainment

**Rod Bisson, TJ McGowan
and Ralph Benzakein**



Well it's that time again - time to dust off our blue blazers and club ties and to think of those long warm lazy days of summer. The BYC Spring Party is Sunday, March 21st, from 4:00-7:00PM at Sea Levels in Brightwaters. The cost is \$35 per person including open bar and plenty of food. Call Tom & Chris McGowan at 587-0677 for reservations. We're looking forward to seeing everyone. This will be a party to remember, so don't miss it!

Regatta

Marty O'Connell



Regatta, as expected, gets very quiet during the winter. The biggest challenge is working with the other Bay clubs and coordinating calendars. What stands out this year is a growing interest in one-design racing. There are active and growing fleets of C&C 25's and Flying Scots. If you're asking yourself: isn't one-design racing the same as what the Narrasketucks, Opti's, 420's and Vanguard's have been doing for years? The answer is yes. The difference is the C&C's intersect our BYC Corinthian fleet, and the 'Scots' intersect our membership (Flying Scots are used in the frostbite fleet and the adult sailing program). So now the

Regatta schedule needs to consider these as well when scheduling events.

For the non-sailor, a one design fleet is where the boats racing are generally the same boat. There is usually a class or fleet definition that imposes limitations on equipment, etc. The intent of these definitions is to keep the boats similar in speed so the competition is focused on the skill of the crew. Race management is easier because the first to finish gets first place, second- second place, etc.

Compare this to the BYC Corinthian fleet where the boats vary in size and equipment. This fleet operates under the Performance Handicap Rating Formula (PHRF) system. The PHRF (usually pronounced 'perf') has a formula to determine a boat's base handicap (roughly translated to seconds per mile allowances). Since the BYC uses a time on distance system to calculate a winner in the PHRF fleet, a boat's handicap, elapsed racing time, and race course distance are used to calculate a corrected time. The shortest corrected time is the winner. With this type of system, it is possible for the last boat to finish to win the race. While PHRF adds complexity to scoring, it is an attempt to allow different types of boats to compete fairly. While crew skill is always important, boat equipment and race conditions play a significant role in a boat's performance. Handicaps can be adjusted to account for the vagaries, but PHRF will always be an attempt at making it fair for different boats to compete. The less the difference in two boats' handicap number - the fairer the approximation.

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Now is a good time to get the kids enrolled in a boating safety class. These courses are available for ages 10 and up. If you are a boating family or your kids pal around with boaters, it is a worthwhile course to learn the basics. These courses are usually taught by the Coast Guard Auxiliary or the US Power Squadron at a nominal cost. I've seen them offered as a full day course or spread over several days. Check your local school districts Adult Education program - many districts

offer it. West Islip Adult Ed has a course starting in early April. Below are some links to organizations offering the courses in the Long Island area:

USCG Auxiliary (First District)

<http://www.d1south.org>

US Power Squadron: <http://www.usps.org>

Safe Boating America:

<http://www.safeboatingamerica.com>

West Islip Adult Ed:

<http://www.wi.k12.ny.us/adulted.htm>

## Admissions

**Jack Albanese and Doug Williamson**

This is the time of year to get all those people that you know who would like to be a member of the Babylon Yacht Club interviewed for membership so they can enjoy it from Opening Day.

Applications can be obtained by contacting Jack Albanese at 631-321-4468 or via email at [jack56@optonline.net](mailto:jack56@optonline.net).

## Sailing

**Joe Mullé and Doug Williamson**

Another season is fast approaching and the Sailing Committee is already hard at work planning for another great year of junior sailing at the BYC.

Regrettably, Jarrett Fifield will not be returning as Head Instructor this year. Jarrett ran a top notch program last year and we wish him well for the future. We are actively seeking a replacement Head Instructor. Please let us know if you know someone whom you feel would be suitable for the position.

We plan to have a meeting this spring to begin developing a long term plan for our program. The goal is to gather information from the membership on what their expectations are. Some of the topics we'd like to discuss are future fleet replacement, course details, instruction, junior racing program, adult sailing, etc. So what does that mean? Simply - we need input from the membership to make sure the program remains successful. Details

will be forthcoming. In the meantime if you have a comment or idea, we sure would like to hear them.

## From the Secretary

**Barbara Schaefer**



Please send any changes/updates to personal information or the Yacht Registry to [secretary@babylonyachtclub.org](mailto:secretary@babylonyachtclub.org). If you have any digital photos for the yearbook please forward them via email as well.

It's a new year and there's a new chance to save the planet. Email me and let me know you'd like to receive the newsletter via email only! We would surely appreciate it.

### Reinstatements

Joan Allar

### Resignations

Roger & Margaret Daisley

## Frostbiting

**Joe Mullé**

We have only sailed four times so far this season due to ice and high winds. However, we have been averaging six boats each day. Early in the season a few Frostbiters donated a perpetual trophy for the program. After numerous discussions a trophy was made and named - The Post Commodore John A. Bell Trophy. This trophy is a replica of the posts John removed from the porch last year and is awarded to the winner of the first race of the frostbiting season. The winner this season was Larry Schaefer and crew Harry Manko with Past Commodore Bell presenting the award.

Racing has been very competitive and the seasonal scores are so close that the season championship is still up for grabs.

The post-race gathering is usually a humorous time with the unique grab bag awards. Sailing on a winter's day not your cup of tea? Well grab yourself a cup and swing by - the views are great and we are always looking for volunteers to watch

over the heaters in the JYC while we're on the water.

As our season is now in the backstretch and will come to a conclusion at the end of March; we are looking forward to some great sailing days.



*Frostbiting*



*Larry Schaefer and Harry Manko*



*Chris Sicignano, John Gleason and Carl Galian*



## Master Schedule May through November



| Date        | Time             | Event                                  | Attendees         |
|-------------|------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>MAY</b>  |                  |                                        |                   |
| 5           | 8:00 PM          | Board Meeting                          |                   |
| 19          | 8:00 PM          | Board Meeting                          |                   |
| 21          | 7:00 PM          | GSBYRA Dinner @ Moriches YC            |                   |
| 29          | 12:30 Noon       | BYC Commissioning Day                  | Members & Guests  |
| 29          | 6:00-7:00 PM     | New Members Welcome                    | New Members Only  |
| 29          | 7:00-11:00 PM    | Opening day Party                      | Members Only      |
| 31          | 11:00 AM-4:00 PM | SBCC Commissioning Day                 |                   |
| <b>JUNE</b> |                  |                                        |                   |
| 2           | 7:00-8:00 PM     | Sail/Swim registration                 |                   |
| 2           | 8:00 PM          | Board Meeting                          |                   |
| 4           | 7:00 PM          | Corinthian Race #1                     | Regatta           |
| 5           | 10:00 AM - Noon  | Sail / Swim Registration               |                   |
| 5           | 10:00 AM         | GSBYRA M&W's @ BYC                     | Regatta           |
| 7           | 6:30-8:30 PM     | Adult Sailing - Monday Session starts  | Members Only      |
| 8           | 6:30-8:30 PM     | Adult Sailing - Tuesday Session starts | Members Only      |
| 9           | 6:30-8:30 PM     | Happy Hour                             | Members Only      |
| 11          | 7:00 PM          | Babylon Cup Regatta                    | SBCC/BYC          |
| 12          | 9:00-11:00 AM    | Swim Test for Sailing                  | New Sailors       |
| 12          | 7:00-11:00 PM    | Beefsteak                              | Members Only      |
| 16          | 8:00 PM          | Spring Membership Meeting              | Members Only      |
| 16          | 8:00 PM          | Board Meeting                          |                   |
| 20          | 9:00 AM-Noon     | Father's Day Brunch                    | Members & Guests  |
| 22          | 12:00 Noon       | Women's Luncheon                       | Members & Guests  |
| 23          | 6:30-8:30 PM     | Happy Hour                             | Members Only      |
| 25          | 7:00 PM          | Corinthian Race #2                     | Regatta           |
| 28          | 8:00-10:00 AM    | Swim Team / Swim Lessons Start         |                   |
| <b>JULY</b> |                  |                                        |                   |
| 3           | 5:00 PM          | Independence Day BBQ                   | Members & Guests  |
| 3           | 10:00 AM         | 4th July Regatta                       | Regatta           |
| 4           | 10:00 AM         | 4th July Regatta                       | Regatta           |
| 6           | 12:00 Noon       | Women's Luncheon                       | Members & Guests  |
| 7           | 8:00 PM          | Board Meeting                          |                   |
| 10          | 7:00-11:00 PM    | Disco Party                            | Members & Guests  |
| 12          | 7:00-9:00 PM     | Jr./Jr. Pool Party                     | Members & Guests  |
| 14          | 6:30-8:30 PM     | Happy Hour                             | Members Only      |
| 16          | 8:00 PM          | Candlelight Sail                       | Juniors & Jr./Jr. |
| 18          | 1:00 PM          | Governor's Cup                         | Regatta           |
| 20          | 12:00 Noon       | Women's Luncheon                       | Members & Guests  |
| 21          | 8:00 PM          | Board Meeting                          |                   |
| 24          | 7:00-11:00 PM    | Margaratville Beef & Reef              | Members & Guests  |

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| 25            | 7:00-9:00 PM  | Talent Show                | Talented Members |
| 28            | 6:30 -8:30 PM | Happy Hour                 | Members Only     |
| 30            | 7:00 PM       | Corinthian/Landwog Race #3 | Regatta          |
| 30 thru Aug 1 |               | GSBYRA Race Week           | Regatta          |

**AUGUST**

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|----|---------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| 3  | 12:00 Noon    | Women's Luncheon             | Members & Guests |
| 4  | 8:00 PM       | Board Meeting                |                  |
| 5  |               | Swim Team /Swim Lessons End  |                  |
| 5  | 7:00 PM       | Swim Team Dinner             |                  |
| 7  | 7:00-11:00 PM | BYC Pub Night                | Members & Guests |
| 9  | 7:00-9:00 PM  | Jr./Jr. Pool Party           | Members & Guests |
| 10 |               | Sail Lessons End             |                  |
| 11 | 6:30-8:30 PM  | Happy Hour                   | Members Only     |
| 11 | 10:00 AM      | Sail Fun Week                |                  |
| 12 | 10:00 AM      | Sail Fun Week                |                  |
| 12 | 7:00 PM       | Sailing Dinner               |                  |
| 13 | 7:00 PM       | Corinthian Race #4           | Regatta          |
| 15 | 4:00-7:00 PM  | Afterguard Party             | Members & Guests |
| 17 | 12:00 Noon    | Women's Luncheon             | Members & Guests |
| 18 | 8:00 PM       | Board Meeting                |                  |
| 21 | 7:00-11:00 PM | Clam Bake Dinner             | Members & Guests |
| 21 | 10:00 AM      | Men's & Women's Championship | Regatta          |
| 25 | 6:30-8:30 PM  | Happy Hour                   | Members Only     |
| 27 | 7:00 PM       | Corinthian Race #5           | Regatta          |
| 29 | 9:00 AM       | Snapper Derby Brunch         | Members & Guests |
| 29 | 10:30 AM      | Snapper Fishing Derby        | Members & Guests |
| 29 | 1:00 PM       | Huck Finn/Raft Race          | Members & Guests |

**SEPTEMBER**

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|----|---------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1  | 8:00 PM       | Board Meeting         |                  |
| 11 | 7:00-11:00 PM | Beefsteak Dinner      | Members Only     |
| 12 | 1:00 PM       | Commodore's Cup       | Regatta          |
| 13 | 8:30 PM       | Monday Night Football | Members & Guests |
| 15 | 8:00 PM       | Membership Meeting    | Members Only     |
| 20 | 8:30 PM       | Monday Night Football | Members & Guests |
| 22 | 6:30-8:30 PM  | Happy Hour            | Members Only     |
| 25 | 7:00-11:00 PM | Irish Party           | Members & Guests |
| 26 | TBA           | LIYC Mayors Race      | Regatta          |
| 27 | 8:30 PM       | Monday Night Football | Members & Guests |
| 30 | 7:00 PM       | Fashion Show          | Members & Guests |

**OCTOBER**

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|-----|------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| TBA | 6:00-10:00P M    | GSBYRA-Awards Dinner- BSYC   | Regatta          |
| 3   | 10:00 AM-1:00 PM | Fireside Brunch              | Members & Guests |
| 3   | 12:00 Noon       | Louis H Orr Jr. Invitational | Regatta          |
| 4   | 8:30 PM          | Monday Night Football        | Members & Guests |

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| 5               | 8:00 PM          | Board Meeting                                |                    |
| 6               | 6:30-8:30 PM     | Happy Hour                                   | Members Only       |
| 9               | 1:00 PM          | Corinthian Make Up                           | Regatta            |
| 10              | 4:00-7:00 PM     | BYC Cooking Competition                      | Members & Guests   |
| 11              | 8:30 PM          | Monday Night Football                        | Members & Guests   |
| 13              | 8:00 PM          | Annual Meeting                               | Members Only       |
| 15              | TBA              | GSBYRA Awards Dinner @ BSYC                  |                    |
| 18              | 8:30 PM          | Monday Night Football                        | Members & Guests   |
| 20              | 6:30-8:30 PM     | Happy Hour                                   | Members Only       |
| 22              | 7:30 PM          | Captain's Meeting / Bass Tournament          |                    |
| 23              | 6:00 AM-4:00 PM  | Bass Tournament                              | Members & Guests   |
| 24              | 4:00-7:00 PM     | Appreciation Party                           | By Invitation Only |
| 25              | 8:30 PM          | Monday Night Football                        | Members & Guests   |
| 27              | 8:00 PM          | Board Meeting                                |                    |
| 30              | 12:00 Noon start | SBCC / BYC - Last Chance<br>& Halloween Race | Regatta            |
| 31              | 11:00 AM-1:00 PM | Jr. Halloween Party                          | Juniors            |
| <b>NOVEMBER</b> |                  |                                              |                    |
| 1               | 8:30 PM          | Monday Night Football                        | Members & Guests   |
| 2               |                  | Club Closes                                  | Sad Members        |
| 3               |                  | Board Meeting                                |                    |