



BABYLON YACHT CLUB

NEWSLETTER



From the Commodore

Gary Guarino

Although Old Man Winter may have his grips on us now, opening day will be here before you know it. Your Board of Governors has been hard at work planning a great season of sailing, swimming, children's events, parties, and happy hours.

We all would like to welcome our newest members to the Board of Governors, Kathy Pasquale as Secretary, Ralph Benzakein as Co-Chairman of Admissions and Regatta, and Bill Kern as Chairman of Juniors and Co-Chairman of Sailing.

Regatta has a well planned season of races, including hosting a new event this year in August. This year will be our best year ever on the bay! Our junior sailing instructors and swimming coaches are being interviewed and we will have the best of the best to instruct our young sailors and swimmers.

Our pool was built in 1986 and in 2001 after the

first 15 years the interior of the pool was refinished. Marble dusting is what this process is called and is very costly to do. The marble dust is cracking and lifting in several places inside the pool and needs immediate attention before it becomes a more serious problem. It's a process that should be done every 10 to 12 years and we have stretched it to 14 years. Work will begin around the middle of March and we will be ready for opening day.

I'm pleased to announce that we have secured a very inexpensive low interest loan from the Small Business Administration that will allow us to do the emergency repairs to the pool, add additional support to the T-dock along with replacing the perimeter fence. I would like to thank Gerard Glass and Tom McGowan for helping Brian Maher and me get through the mountains of paperwork required to obtain this loan.

As I always like to remind everyone, we are a volunteer club. That is what makes this club so affordable and your continued support and help is very much appreciated, not only by the Board but by all our family members. See you all on opening day, May 23rd!

Entertainment

By Phil Berdolt, Lew Colascione, Pete Capitain

With only a few more weeks of winter left we are now looking forward to spring and seeing all our BYC friends. We'll be starting off the season this year with our spring party on March 22, 2015. This year's event will be held at ***Tres Palms***. ***Time: 4-7pm***. ***Tres Palms: located at 16 East Court, Babylon Village, phone # 631-842-1465***. There will be passed appetizers and pasta served for the duration of the party. Beer and wine are included and there will be a cash bar available for mixed drinks. The price will be \$35.00/person. Please RSVP to Phil Berdolt @ [631-321-6231](tel:631-321-6231).

We are in the process of setting up the entertainment calendar for the 2015 season and there are some Happy Hours and a few Saturday Evening parties that need a host. If you are interested in hosting, grab a few friends and let's schedule a party. Anyone interested please call Phil at [631-321-6231](tel:631-321-6231) or email pberdolt@yahoo.com.

Looking forward to working with all of you to make 2015 a summer to remember.

Pool/Swim Team

by Barbara Schaefer & Scott Broderick

The BYC Swim Team is a long standing tradition at our Club. One many of our children enjoy and benefit from. In addition to lessons for some, it is a great place to be part of a team and be competitive. Taylor Carangi will be our Head Coach this year! We are excited to have Taylor back on board. Assisting Taylor will be Brian Washington. Taylor and Brian will be adding some elements to training this year such as

working on starts, diving, flip turns, etc. They will also be expanding the training they do everyday. We are excited to bring their expertise to the team. Swim Team is for all children who can swim. Younger children who cannot swim the length of the pool to compete will swim with the kickboarders who practice every other day. It's a fun way to get them interested in the great sport of swimming and be part of a large team. We will be having a parent meeting later this year and prior to swim team registration. We hope to go over what our goals are for this year and give you time to ask questions and make suggestions. Enjoy the rest of this winter and see you this Spring!

Frostbiting

**Larry Schaefer &
Dickie Burns**



With a great start to the season, we saw three days of winter racing. We've had a strong fleet this year and racing has been tight. Of course, Greg "The Bullet" Schneller is leading the way so far. Following our great start, the cold has set in. Due to snow, ice and extreme cold, there hasn't been any racing since December 20th! We hope that changes shortly and we get back out there very soon. Thanks to our committee for all their efforts. Special thanks to Joe Guastella, Bryan McLoughlin, Jack Morgan and Marty O'Connell for handling race committee duties. It's an important part of getting out there and we all appreciate your efforts. If you wish to get on the email list, go to the Club website and sign up for Frostbiting Email. If winter has you down, come down and visit us. We start sailing at 11am and usually finish around 1pm and would love to see you. We'd love to get you interested in sailing.

Regatta

**By Doug Williamson and
Ralph Benzakein**



The Great South Bay may be frozen right now, but the BYC Regatta Committee has been busy finalizing the schedule for the 2015 racing season. We are happy to announce that the 4th of July regatta will once again be a two-day event to be held on July 4-5. In addition, we will be hosting the Sunfish Downstate Regionals on August 22-23.

The remainder of the schedule is as follows:

5/29	Friday	7:00 PM	Corinthian 1
6/5	Friday	7:00 PM	Corinthian 2
6/12	Friday	7:00 PM	Babylon Cup
7/4	Saturday	All Day	4th of July Regatta
7/5	Sunday	All Day	4th of July Regatta
7/17	Friday	7:00 PM	Corinthian 3
7/19	Sunday	1:00 PM	Governor's Cup
7/31	Friday	7:00 PM	Corinthian 4
8/22	Saturday	All Day	Sunfish Regionals
8/23	Sunday	All Day	Sunfish Regionals
9/6	Sunday	1:00 PM	Commodore's Cup
9/18	Friday	7:00 PM	Corinthian 5
9/27	Sunday	1:00 PM	Corinthian 6 & Year End Party
10/4	Sunday	12:00 PM	Louis Orr Invitational

I am happy to be the chairman of the 2015 Regatta Committee. With the help of the co-chair, Ralph Benzakein, and the BYC members who are passionate about racing, I look forward to revitalizing the regatta experience & participation for our membership. Please do not hesitate to reach out to either Ralph or I directly if you'd like to help us make the 2015 season something we can all be excited about.

Admissions

by Barbara Schaefer, Ralph Benzakein

Happy New Year to all! The BYC season will be here before you know it. If you have friends who would like to join the Club, please contact Barbara Schaefer at 669-3646 to obtain an application and/or any information you need. Please keep in mind that sponsors should know well those they propose for membership. It is the sponsor's responsibility to familiarize proposed members with all the Club's rules and expectations. Sponsors are responsible for the new members they propose. We will interview proposed members in their home or the home of one of their sponsors and both sponsors are required to be present at the interview. This process will ensure the quality of our membership. We appreciate your care and effort to bring in new members that will enjoy and contribute to the Club to keep it the great place it is. See you this Spring!

Juniors

Bill Kern and Carl Galian

We are looking forward to another great season at the club, especially for our Junior members. Aside from the day to day enjoyment the kids have at the club, they can look forward to some of our traditional BYC events, such as pool parties, Snapper Derby/Huck Finn Day and the Candlelight sail (kids make their own sailboat.) This year we would like to have a Juniors Dinner in the main clubhouse. Once the season kicks off, we will see if the kids have any interest in a more formal party.

Sailing

by Carl Galian and Bill Kern

We are getting excited about the upcoming season. The Sailing program will still be an eight week program just like last year. The program will also be opened up to non-members children as well, but this will be held to a limited number and will be first come first serve at a higher rate. If you know of families interested in this contact us at:

jrsailing@babylonyachtclub.org.



A parent's seminar will be held in early spring to discuss the program and its goals. We are interested in your feed back on the program. With our fundraising efforts from last year, led by Dina Brandenstein, we will be applying the remaining funds towards purchasing another 420 to our fleet of boats. See you all on the water soon!

Treasurer

Brian Maher



Please remit your dues as soon as possible to:

BYC

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From The Secretary

Kathy Pasquale



I would like to take a moment to thank Kathy O'Brien for all her years of dedication serving as Secretary of the BYC. I especially want to thank Kathy for taking the time to help me transition into this role. I have big shoes to fill!

Welcome back to a new year at the Babylon Yacht Club. Please make sure to volunteer for one of the many functions that take place at the club over the season. Without your help, we could not keep the club running so efficiently. Please send any changes 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 use them in the monthly Newsletters.

Resignations

Gregory & Catherine Aitken
Joseph & Karen Valdin

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BYC SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	EVENT	ATTENDEES
MARCH 22	4:00PM-7:00PM	SPRING PARTY @ TRES PALMS	Members Only
MAY			
6	8:00PM	Board Meeting	
20	8:00PM	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-4:00 PM	SBCC Commissioning Day	
27	7:00-8:00PM	Sail/Swim Registration	Members Only
29	7:00PM	Corinthian Race #1	Regatta
30	10:00AM-Noon	Sail/Swim Registration	Members Only
JUNE			
3	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	
5	7:00PM	Corinthian Race #2	Regatta
10	6:30-8:30PM	Happy Hour	Members Only
12	7:00PM	Babylon Cup Regatta	SBCC/BYC
13	10:00-11:00AM	Swim Test for Sailing	New Sailors
17	8:00 PM	Spring Membership Meeting	Members Only
17	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	
19	7:00PM	Frostbiting in Summer	Regatta
21	9:00 AM-Noon	Father's Day Brunch	Members & Guests
23	12:00 Noon	Women's Luncheon	Members & Guests
24	6:30-8:30PM	Happy Hour	Members Only
27	7:00-11:00 PM	Margaritaville Beef & Reef	Members & Guests
29	8:00-10:00AM	Sailing/Swim Team/Swim Lessons	Members Only
JULY			
1	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	
3	10:00 AM	Junior Regatta @ BYC	Junior Sailing
4/5	10:00 AM	4th of July Regatta	Regatta
4	5:00 PM	Independence Day BBQ	Members & Guests
6	7:00-9:00PM	Jr./Jr. Pool Party	Members & Guests
7	12:00 Noon	Women's Luncheon	Members & Guests
8	6:30-8:30 PM	Happy Hour	Members Only
10	8:00 PM	Candlelight Sail	Juniors/Members&Guest
11	7:00-11:00 PM	Party	Members & Guests
15	6:00PM	One Design Racing	Regatta
15	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	
17	7:00PM	Corinthian Race #3	Regatta
19	1:00PM	Governor's Cup	Regatta
22	6:30-8:30PM	Happy Hour	Members Only

25	7:00-11:00 PM	Frat Party	Members & Guests
26	7:00-9:00PM	Talent Show	Talented Members
31	7:00PM	Corinthian Race #4	Regatta
AUGUST			
5	8:00PM	Board Meeting	
6	7:00PM	Swim Team Dinner & Swim Lessons	Members Only
9	4:00PM-7:00PM	Afterguard Party	Members & Guests
11	12:00 Noon	Women's Luncheon	Members & Guests
12	6:30-8:30PM	Happy Hour	Members Only
15	7:00-11:00 PM	Clam Bake	Members & Guests
16	12:00 Noon	One Design Racing	Regatta
17	7:00-9:00PM	Jr./Jr. Pool Party	Members & Guests
17/18/19/20	10:00AM	Sail Fun Week & Sail Lessons End	Members Only
19	8:00PM	Board Meeting	
20	7:00PM	Sailing Dinner	
22	All Day	NY Downstate Sunfish Regional	Regatta
23	All Day	NY Downstate Sunfish Regional	Regatta
26	6:30-8:30PM	Happy Hour	Members Only
30	9:00 AM-Noon	Snapper Derby Brunch	Members & Guests
30	10:30AM	Snapper Fishing Derby	Members & Guests
30	1:00PM	Huck Finn/Raft Race	Members & Guests
SEPTEMBER			
2	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	
5	7:00-11:00 PM	Beefsteak Dinner	Members & Guests
6	1:00PM	Commodore's Cup	Regatta
7	7:00PM	Monday Night Football	Members & Guests
9	6:30-8:30PM	Happy Hour	Members Only
14	8:30PM	Monday Night Football	Members & Guests
16	8:00PM	Membership Meeting	Members Only
18	7:00PM	Corinthian Race #5	Regatta
19	7:00-11:00 PM	International Party	Members & Guests
21	8:30 PM	Monday Night Football	Members & Guests
23	6:30-8:30PM	Happy Hour	Members Only
27		BYC Overnighter	Members & Guests
27	11:00AM	Corinthian Race #6 and Party	Regatta
28	8:30 PM	Monday Night Football	Members & Guests
30	8:00PM	Board Meeting	
OCTOBER			
4	10:00 AM-1:00 PM	Fireside Brunch	Members & Guests
4	12:00 Noon	Louis H Orr Jr. Invitational	Regatta
5	8:30 PM	Monday Night Football	Members & Guests
7	6:30-8:30PM	Happy Hour	Members Only
12	8:30PM	Monday Night Football	Members & Guests

14	8:00PM	Annual Meeting	Members Only
18	4:00-7:00 PM	Appreciation Party	By Invitation Only
19	8:30 PM	Captain's Meeting Bass - Monday Night Football	Members & Guests
19	8:30PM	Monday Night Football	Members & Guests
21	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	
25	6:00 AM-4:00 PM	Bass Tournament	Members & Guests
25	12:00-2:00 PM	Jr. Halloween Party	Juniors
26	8:30 PM	Monday Night Football	Members & Guests
31	7:00-11:00 PM	ADULT Halloween Party	Members & Guests
NOVEMBER			
2	8:30 PM	Monday Night Football	Members & Guests
3		Club Closes	Sad Members

