



Babylon Yacht Club News

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From the Commodore

Ken Goodwin



We all know that 2009 is going to be a challenging year and that the BYC is as vulnerable to the recession as is any business in today's economy. I want to assure all members that your Board of Governors will be making fiscally 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:

- Engineering plans have been completed and quotes are being sought for the replacement of the ant infested main beam (header) in the front porch. This header entirely supports the upstairs deck, and while it has been temporarily reinforced with steel plates, the Board feels that this is one project that we must do this year for the safety of the membership.
- Replace the upstairs green lattice railing with one that matches the Club porch, a project which we plan on doing ourselves.
- Replace the old linoleum flooring in the JYC and the ugly brown rubber treads on the Club stairs – courtesy of a Club member.
- Modestly improve the playground which includes replacing the cracked slide. Do we have a member with any contacts in the playground industry? If so, we could use your help.

This year, more than ever before, is a great time to get involved in your Club. Don't leave all the work for others – volunteer your time, your talents and help save us some money. I know we are all looking forward to another great year at the BYC - I'll see you down at the Club.



Entertainment

Ginny Horan, Rod Bisson and Ralph Benzakein

The Entertainment Committee is looking forward to another great year. The calendar is full of wonderful events that will be of interest to all. Look in your mailbox for an invitation to the upcoming Spring Cocktail Party which will be held at the Venetian Yacht Club on March 29th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. The cost will be \$35.00. The Opening Day Party is scheduled for May 23rd and

we are in search of a Host. The BYC has always been a “working” club, where members are expected to volunteer to help out. Why not get your obligation out of the way early and have the entire summer to enjoy the festivities.

Please contact Ginny Horan 631-587-0158 to volunteer or to find out more information.

From the Treasurer

Brian Maher

As agreed upon when the assessment and borrowing options were being considered, the annual dues will reflect a 5% increase. This will allow us to maintain our services, address our loan repayment obligations, and ensure that another wonderful summer at the BYC is had by one and all.

GOING GREEN: In an effort to save the environment, save some trees, and, of course, save a few dollars for the Babylon Yacht Club, membership invoices will be sent via email to as many members as possible. If your email address is not already on file with the Secretary, please send it to maherbm@optonline.net as soon as possible. Thank you.



Sailing

Ken Goodwin

A belated thank you to the following members who braved an extremely cold and windy November Saturday to chop ice out of the sailing fleet and then flipped the boats over for winter

storage: Harry (hat's aren't cool) Manko, Rod Bisson, Kevin (my hat's cool) O'Brien, The Sals (Jr & Sr) Raineri, Jerry Dunnells, Jerry (am I late?) Ryan, Pete Capitain, Gary Guarino and Larry (call me Bill) Schaefer.

From the Secretary

Barbara Schaefer

If you are currently receiving the newsletter via email, I ask you to consider receiving it **ONLY** by email. Stopping mail delivery of the newsletter means savings for the Club in paper and postage in addition to saving a few trees! Think about it. If you decide this is the way you'd like to go please email me at secretary@babylonyachtclub.org.

There is still time to submit pictures for the yearbook. Please forward digital photos to me via email. I hope you've had a happy and healthy winter. Happy Spring!



A **big** welcome home to Lou Delli-Pizzi, pictured here in Iraq with the BYC Burgee.

Frostbite Sailing

Joe Mullé

Back in the Fall a few members (of the sailing variety) brought up the idea of doing some winter sailing commonly known as Frostbiting. We began in early December with 4 Flying Scots - currently we have 6! While most of January was iced in, on any given Saturday or Sunday we are out there sailing, usually up the river by the

Babylon Village docks. The trick is deciding which day will be better. Many evenings have been spent looking over forecasts hoping the better of the two days has been chosen. A quick prayer to the weather gods or a call into a weather guru buddy has been successful so far.

While there have been numerous people out sailing, the consistent winner each day has been Bob Van Tassel! Somehow Bob has figured a way to stay in front of the pack. Many others have been close but have not yet been able to topple, "The Bob".

There would be no Frostbiting this year without a few people who have been helping through the season. We owe a big thanks to Dave Hyer for use of his inflatable as a safety/chase boat. Each day Dave is the first one there getting his boat launched and the last one to haul once everyone is safely ashore. Thanks to Marty O'Connell for spending days helping run races and to Jerry Dunnells who is always there lending a hand every time we need something fixed, tweaked or improved upon. Frostbiting wraps up at the end of March.



Juniors Rod Bisson

We are hoping for another great year with the Juniors. Anyone who would like to pitch in or has any new ideas, please do not be shy, come on down

and get involved. Looking forward to seeing everyone in the months to come. Anyone needing to contact me can call my cell 631-220-0307.



Master Schedule May through November 2009



Date	Time	Event	Attendees
May			
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	
June			
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	
July			
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.

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19	1:00 PM	Governor's Cup	Regatta
21	12:00 Noon	Women's Luncheon	Members & Guests
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

August

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

September

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
13	1:00 PM	Commodore's Cup	Regatta
14	8:30 PM	Monday Night Football	Members & Guests
16	8:00 PM	Membership Meeting	Members Only
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

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28	8:30 PM	Monday Night Football	Members & Guests
30	8:00 PM	Board Meeting	
October			
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
11	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
November			
1	TBA	BYC/SBCC Fall Series @ BYC	Regatta
2	8:30 PM	Monday Night Football	Members & Guests
3		Club Closes	

All that is gold does not glitter, not all those who wander are lost;
the old that is strong does not wither, deep roots are not reached by the frost.
From the ashes a fire shall be woken, a light from the shadows shall spring;
renewed shall be blade that was broken, the crownless again shall be king.

J.R.R. Tolkien
The Lord of the Rings

