



On the Wind

Burnham Park Yacht Club Monthly Newsletter • April 2008

Commodore's Log

At the February CYA meeting Westrec advised that they will be rearranging the Harbor Managers in the Chicago Harbor System. Every Harbor Manager will be moved to a different harbor. The new Burnham Harbor Manager will be Jay Korn, formerly at DuSable. Karen Rodriguez will move to DuSable and John Masse has been promoted to Diversey Harbor Manager.

We have scheduled the 70th Annual Opening Ceremonies and Fleet Review for Saturday, June 7. Jerry Metzger has agreed to be Master of Ceremonies. Jerry and Jay Korn, our new Harbor Manager will attend the reception following the ceremony to meet and talk with our members. This will be a great opportunity to get to know our new Harbor Manager.

The membership Committee has launched a very aggressive drive to recruit new members to BPYC. We have had two very successful membership open houses in March and will schedule additional membership open houses in May. Because of the large number of potential new and current members attending the Membership Open Houses, the Board of Director's voted to suspend the normal dinner menu and feature a buffet dinner on Membership Open House nights. We hope this will not be an inconvenience to you, but it is necessary to ensure that the large number of people attending and eating dinner at the Club are all served in a reasonable amount of time.

Past Commodore Don Waller and Club Manager Mike Gallagher attended a special meeting with the Chicago Park District where plans to construct a bicycle path and pedestrian underpass under Solidarity Drive at the Aquarium were announced. Don has written up a description of the plans and detailed drawings of the scheduled development phases have been posted on the Club inner door. Don will work with the Park District to minimize inconvenience to our members.

The bathroom plans A and B are out for bid and should be received by the time you read this article. Updates will follow as soon as available. See you at the Club.

Dave DeAre, Commodore



Womens' Aux. Tea Party

Sunday, April 13th

NOON



BPYC Business Meeting

Friday, April 4th

7:00 P.M.



Sister Bernie's Bingo Bash

Saturday, April 26th

6:00 P.M.

April Dinner Specials

Pierogi

Sauteed In Onions
Served With Sour Cream

Short Ribs

With Jardiniere/
Port Wine Sauce

April Birthdays

- 1 **Mike Turner**
- 2 **P.C. Rich Lauric**
- 3 **Brett Fessler**
Betsey Rosenfield
- 4 **Scott Donahue**
Joyce Wixson
- 5 **Renee McKinley**
- 6 **Jenna Cler**
Greg Schoonover
- 7 **Michael Walsh**
- 9 **James Arzbaecher**
- 10 **Dan Stevenson**
- 11 **Tammy Cronk**
- 13 **Harry Heidbreder**
- 16 **Ed Rakowski**
- 18 **Phil Denamark**
Richard Szydlo
- 21 **Nancy Nicholson**
- 23 **Bryan Gallagher**
V.C. Marcella Cimino
Fran Mueller
- 24 **Mike Igoe**
Sam Saltzman
- 28 **Vito Pesoli**
- 29 **Diane Neubauer**
April Zoller

From the Women's Auxiliary

I think this is the absolute best time of the year! It's time to think about my favorite word...launch. As of today, while writing my monthly article, Just Another Dream's launch date is 5 weeks away. I guess you have to be a boater to be happy during the month of March in the Midwest!

A huge "thank you" to all of the Women's Auxiliary members who participated in the Membership Open House on Friday, March 7th. Some new members joined that evening, which is key to the financial stability of our club.

Another essential element is for our current members to support the club by participating in club activities and events. That is one thing that the Auxiliary is focused on and a challenge we will rise to this coming season. Our goal is to bring fun, diverse, and entertaining events for you and your guests to look forward to attending.

We have 2 fabulous events planned for April. Additional details for both events will be listed on the Club's website upon finalizing plans and will be posted at the club.

The Afternoon Tea will be held on Sunday, April 13th, from noon until 4:00. This is an encore event for the ladies to don their best hats, with prizes going to the most original, elaborate and vintage ones. We will also have a bridal fashion show featuring gowns from 1895-1985. A very rare, one of a kind collection to see. A fabulous luncheon along with a variety of teas and desserts will be served. Bring some friends to enjoy this special event.

BPYC 2005 Afternoon Tea Party



Sister Bernie's Bingo Bash is scheduled for Saturday, April 26th. This is a must see! We are planning a lovely pre-show dinner for your enjoyment. There will be limited seating, so reservations will be a must. Please watch for forthcoming details.

I would also like to thank Tony and Marcella Cimino for graciously offering to take over the last phase of our Brass Name Plate fundraiser. Please contact them in order to reserve your stool or download the application form that can be found on our website.

The next Women's Auxiliary meeting will be held on Friday, April 4th at 7:15. We look forward to seeing some of our new members join us!

Michele Karas, President, BPYC Women's Auxiliary

The Women's Auxiliary
of the

Burnham Park Yacht Club

cordially invite you and your guests
to our

AFTERNOON TEA

Sunday, April 13, 2008

12:00 noon until 4:00 pm

\$35.00 per person

CHAMPAGNE MIMOSA
SCONES & DEVONSHIRE CREAM
ROASTED RED BELL PEPPER BISQUE
MIXED FIELD GREENS WITH WALNUTS & BLUE CHEESE
QUICHE LORRAINE
ASSORTED FINGER SANDWICHES
SEASONAL FRUIT
VARIETY OF DESSERTS AND PASTRIES

our Fashion Show theme will be
"Here comes the Bride"
featuring wedding gowns from 1895 to 1995

PRIZES AWARDED FOR THE MOST
ORIGINAL, ELABORATE AND VINTAGE HATS

RSVP by April 9, 2008
Mike Gallagher 312-427-4664 or bpvc@sbcglobal.net



Solidarity Drive Construction Alert

The Chicago Park District called a meeting on 21 February to outline the upcoming construction of an underpass for the Lake Shore Trail. This new underpass, to be constructed under Solidarity Drive, will provide safe crossing for bicyclists and pedestrians. The construction, scheduled for this summer, may provide some inconvenience to East Side Burnham Harbor boaters and Yacht Club members for this boating season.

Phase I construction will begin with a reconfiguration of the west side boater's parking lot. The north exit for this parking lot will be closed and a turnaround constructed to prevent any pass through traffic gaining access to Solidarity Drive. This is planned for completion prior to 15 May, 2008 and could prevent anyone gaining access to the east side of the harbor after the 11:00 P.M. closing of the normal Northerly Island access route. The need for boaters to access the east side of the harbor after hours was discussed after the meeting with the project planner. They were not aware of the situation but will now include this problem in their planning.

There will be seven phases to follow. No solid start date has been established for the other phases. However, it is fully funded and an adequate number of bids have been received so the project will proceed.

The traffic down Solidarity Drive will be restricted to one lane in each direction. The South Side roadway will be closed at the beginning and then switched to the North Side roadway as the project continues. Concern was expressed relating to both the vehicle and pedestrian

traffic during concerts as they pass through the restricted access pathways. The project will begin with an improvement to the utilities which run down the length of Solidarity Drive. This will be followed by the digging of the underpass.

The underpass is scheduled for completion December 2008.

Future meetings will be held to provide additional information prior to and during the project. It will be important for BPYC to continue attending these meetings and providing input. If you have any questions or input, contact me directly at: dpwaller@uic.edu or by phone at 312 446-5386.

Don Waller



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T W O T H O U S A N D E I G H T

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Club Closed	2 Club Closed	3 Club Closed	4 Business Meeting 7:00 P.M. Women's Aux. Meeting 7:15 P.M.	5
6	7 Club Closed	8 Club Closed	9 Club Closed	10 Club Closed	11	12
13 High Tea NOON Board Meeting 4:00 P.M.	14 Club Closed	15 Club Closed	16 Club Closed	17 Club Closed	18	19
20	21 Club Closed	22 Club Closed	23 Club Closed	24 Club Closed	25	26 Sister Bernie's Bingo Bash 6:00 P.M.
27	28 Club Closed	29 Club Closed	30 Club Closed			

plan ahead

June 7th Saturday **Fleet Review**

Winter Hours of Operation

Burnham Park Yacht Club Bar & Galley

Friday: Galley 5-9 P.M., bar open until 10 P.M.

Saturday: Galley 5-9 P.M., bar open until 10 P.M.

Sunday: Galley 4-8 P.M., bar open until 9 P.M.

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2008 Flag Officers

Commodore	David DeAre
Vice Commodore	Marcella Cimino
Rear Commodore	Elaine Kurland
Secretary	Breck Grigas
Treasurer	Richard Lauric

2008 Board of Directors

Two Year Directors

Sail Fleet	Richard O'Connell
Membership	Hank Kalmus

One Year Directors

Docks & Grounds	David Cella
Power Fleet	Walter Heller, Jr.
House	Ray Kalinski
Publicity	Kurt Lentsch
Membership	Charles P. Martin
Program	Judi McInerney
Bar and Gallery	Kathy Puffer

Women's Auxiliary
President

Michele Karas

Past Commodores

Donald Waller
Joann Murphy

From the Manager's Desk

I am often asked about the "Club Charge" that is added to the members' checks for food and beverage purchases. Other clubs refer to this as a "service charge" or a "surcharge." Many members have asked if the staff receive this as a "tip." They do not!



New BPYC bartender
Dave McDermott.

Wait-staff in a regular restaurant essentially work for tips and a wage that is near to what our staff is paid. But our staff does work that waiters in restaurants would never do; making salads, set-up and tear-down for parties, furniture moving, window cleaning, etc. We have to schedule multiple wait-staff even if very few members come in. We try to keep a high-quality wait-staff by paying a competitive hourly wage. The "Club Charge" pays a portion of these wages. A gratuity that is added by the member is anticipated and appreciated.

Please say hello to our new bartender, Dave McDermott. He is friendly, interesting, and a very welcome addition to our staff.

Mike Gallagher, Club Manager



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