



On the Wind

Burnham Park Yacht Club Monthly Newsletter • December 2007

Commodore's Log

I hope you enjoyed the Commodore's Ball as much as I did. For those of you who did not attend; plan to do so next year. It is really a very special night and it is great to see the Club at its best. The staff outdid themselves this year with the decorations, menu and band. Thanks to all!

New Board of Directors

The new Board of Directors met on November 13 and we made the assignments for this year. Responsibilities are shown for each director next to their names on the back page. Feel free to contact any of them to volunteer your talents or ideas to improve the Club.

Disappointing financial results for 2007 were reported at the November 13 BOD meeting. The Club had a significant loss for the fiscal year. The major cause was a reduction in membership and dues collection. To offset this loss, we are planning a major membership drive in 2008. You can see the beginning of this drive in Charlie Martin's article in this issue. We all need to work on increasing the membership. Contact Charlie to volunteer or discuss your ideas on how to increase membership.

The BOD, in compliance with the bylaws, voted to increase the Club dues 10% effective January 1. This is the first increase in at least 8 years and is needed to offset the increased costs of maintaining and running the Club. We will also be looking at increasing initiation fees for 2008.

Bathroom Renovation

The first estimate to renovate the bathrooms in accordance with the posted plans was received. Final preparation of the bidding package is now being completed by PC Don Waller; a finance committee will be appointed to recommend how to finance this ambitious project. We hope to have final bids in before the New Year.

Holiday Season

Don't forget our employees this Holiday Season. It is a tradition at the Club for members to donate to the Employee Holiday Fund. Best wishes for a great Holiday Season!

Dave DeAre, Commodore



BPYC Social Meeting

Friday, December 7
7:00 p.m.



Cajun Holiday Party

White Elephant Gift Exchange

Saturday, December 8



New Years Eve Party

Monday, December 31

BPYC Program Committee

The Burnham Park Yacht Club Presents...

A Cajun Holiday & White Elephant Party

Where on earth can you find shrimp and elephants together?

At the Burnham Park Yacht Club's Cajun Holiday and White Elephant Party, of course, featuring a Cajun Creole Buffet with Bob's Shrimp Boil.

We hope you will all join the Holiday Merriment when Bob Jendra cooks up buckets of shrimp for us and later we will have some fun with the white elephants!

Make your reservations early!

Saturday, December 8, 2007

6:30 P.M. Doors Open

7:30 P.M. Dinner

Followed by the gift exchange

\$25.00 per person

(Tax and Service inclusive)

Reservations Please By 12/4/2007

Please bring a "white elephant" gift if you would like to participate in the gift exchange.

As the new year begins, a number of programs and parties are in the planning stages. We would like to provide a variety of offerings, including educational programs, such as last year's Boat Coach, speakers, and member dinners, along with parties and shows. Some of the things we are working on



include a New Year's Eve Gala, an off-site event in January, Super Bowl party, a Magic show, Casino night, and Carnivale party. To kick off the season, a special Holiday Party will include a shrimp boil and "White Elephant" gift exchange,

where members bring an item that they want to get rid of, um...I mean, would like someone else to enjoy! The recipient can exchange his or her gift for a following one that is opened. It turns into a great deal of fun! So, plan on joining your Yacht Club friends for this holiday event.

Program Ideas/Requests

I am happy to hear of any requests that members may have for possible programs. Please feel free to email me at DoctorAurora@aol.com. We want all of you to enjoy your Club as much as possible. BPYC has a great venue for parties, no matter the season, and the Program Committee will be working with the Women's Auxiliary so that we will have a steady stream of events.

Judi McInerney, Program Director

CYA Interclub Frostbite Regatta

The annual CYA Dinghy Challenge regatta was held on November 17. This series has a rich history in Chicago Yachting and is hosted on a rotating basis between the Chicago Yacht Clubs. This year it was hosted by Columbia and four Clubs participated: Chicago Yacht Club, Columbia Yacht



Club, Corinthian Yacht Club and Burnham Park Yacht Club. Race day was cold with temperatures in the 40's and a good breeze from the North, making the racing exciting (and chilling) for both racers and spectators. Eight races were scheduled allowing all of the would be racers to participate by changing skipper and crew after each race.

The frostbite racing was very close. After race six, Columbia was in first place with 10 points; Burnham and Corinthian tied for second with 13 points and Chicago was fourth with 24 points.

During lunch break our Burnham sailors warmed up and discussed the strategy needed to push Columbia out of first place during the last two races. The decision was unanimous, put the two best Burnham sailors in the boat for the last races. So it was up to Sue O'Neil and Megan Bartley to sail the final races for Burnham. Racing resumed after lunch. Megan and Sue sailed a great race and came in first place. Columbia scored a second enabling them to remain 2 points ahead. The final race was very close with exciting racing, but Columbia sailed a good race and finished first with Burnham in second.

The final results:

1st Place: Columbia-15 points 3rd Place: Corinthian 17 points
2nd Place: Burnham 16 points 4th Place: Chicago 24 points

This event was challenging and fun for both spectators and racers. Next year the CYA Annual Challenge will be held at Jackson Park Yacht Club. Watch for dates and details and plan to join us in 2008.

Dennis Bartley

The intrepid Burnham racers included Dick O'Connell, Sue O'Neil, Megan Bartley, Jeff Dalsin, Marty Finerty, Don Waller, Larry Dalsin, Aaron Austin and Dennis Bartley.



House Committee

As we start a new committee year, I would like to thank all who have helped in the past. There have been many projects completed and more to come. I look forward to working closely with the new committee, BOD, members, and Women's Auxiliary in planning and tackling projects that enhance the club for the member's enjoyment.

New Years Eve Party

Includes:

Cocktails 7:00pm-8:00pm

3 Course Menu with Wines

Entertainment by
Music Plus

Champagne Toast at Midnight

\$90 per Person

Reservations by December 27

Burnham Park Yacht Club

I direct your eyes to the flags and burgees once again flying in the bar area. Thanks to Harry Heidbreder and Mike Gallagher for the planning and work it took to have them displayed again in the BPYC.

Storage Room

The storage room is being prepared for "of all things, storage!" Thanks to Larry Dalsin for help in putting up the shelf units. Also to Mike and Pablo for lifting and carrying in the very heavy units from the van.

Annual Fix Up Day

The new house committee needs your help on Saturday, January 26, 2008 for the annual fix up day. Grab your gloves, tools, and anything else that will help you and fellow workers and be there. The more hands will make the work easy and fast. We would like you to look at the club while you're there and make suggestions about what you see that needs to be fixed or beautified. Remember this is your club and we need to satisfy your needs. Please email any suggestions

about fix up day, if you're available to help, and what you can do best to me at raysr@pulmonaryexchange.com. I welcome your comments any time of the year on how we can make your club more enjoyable for you and guests.

Raymond Kalinsky and members of the house committee

Commodores Ball 2007



From the Women's Auxiliary

A funny thing happened to me on the way to the Commodore's Ball. Well, actually, the moment I walked through the door. PC Martin Finerty approached me to say I was on the evening's program and was expected to give a speech. My response was "oh."

My tablemates asked me if I had a speech prepared. My response was "no." I guess I will have to wing it. They were gracious enough to help me identify the Past Auxiliary Presidents who were in attendance so at least I had a napkin to take up with me with something written down.

My turn came up and the floor was turned over to me. The easy part was acknowledging the Past Presidents, the outgoing 2007 Auxiliary Board and the incoming 2008 Board. Then it was time.

As I looked over all of the smiling faces, the ladies in their finery and the gentlemen all looking dashing, my heart swelled. The words starting pouring out.

All I could really focus on were the ladies present. All of a sudden, I didn't see gowns and sparkles. I saw all of them dressed in shorts and t-shirts, or jeans and sweatshirts, depending on the season. Up on ladders. Rags hanging out of their pockets. Decorations strewn about the galley bar. I could only see the hours and hours of devotion that each and every one of them contributes towards our common goal... club beautification.

And that's what we do. We use every penny from our fundraising efforts, parties and events, club directory proceeds and our profit from Logo Wear. It all goes back to the club.

With that said, I am so very proud to have been elected President of the Burnham Park Yacht Club's Women's Auxiliary. I do not take this honor lightly. And to the best of my ability, as in the oath that I swore to uphold, I will do my utmost to continue with the successes that my predecessors have accomplished.

I look forward to working with the 2008 Auxiliary Board; Geri Lauric, Vice President; Christine Pitts, Treasurer; and Mary Lou Kalmus, Secretary. And to our hard-working Committees; Mary Alice Zoller, Sunshine; Dawn Graziano, Directory; Lynn Rosenberg and Mary Lou Kalmus, Club Beautification; Geri Lauric, Logo Wear; Judi Mcinerney, Docks & Grounds; Judi, Bonnie Hetzel and myself, Historian.

Our immediate goal will be to coordinate our efforts with the club committees in order to become as effective as possible. And from all of the incredible talent I observed last night at the Board of Directors meeting, and knowing the "ladies" of the Auxiliary as I do, this goal will easily be accomplished.

Please watch for our email announcing the date, time and location of our January Planning Meeting. This is a very important meeting when we plan our upcoming season. I invite all of



These 5 women are BPYC members who are all RN's!

you to attend as we welcome fresh ideas and energy!

December brings the annual White Elephant Christmas Party and our, as always, fabulous New Years Eve Party with elegant decorations and flowers designed by our very creative Club Manager, Mike Gallagher and wonderful food prepared by Chef Pablo. Speaking of Mike, one of my New Year's resolutions will be to consistently RSVP in a timely manner and to make reservations when I plan to attend the club. Won't you all join me!

My wishes for a wonderful holiday season to everyone. May your dreams come true!

And with that...Ladies...
Let's Make Some Waves!

Michele Karas, BPYC
Women's Auxiliary President

2008 Board of Directors



Membership Report

Our club needs new members. We need new members. Please help us get some new members. They say in advertising it takes at least three times to try to get a message across.

Why do we need new members? The future viability of any organization depends on its membership to sustain itself and grow. There are a lot of things we can do to the club if we have a larger membership to help pay for them.

We have approximately 155 regular members. There are roughly 1100 boats in Burnham Harbor. My bet is there are people in the harbor that really don't know what the Yacht Club is all about and what it has to offer. This is where we are asking for your help. On your dock the majority of people are non-members. Our goal is to increase membership by three members per dock. This would give us 75 more members overall. Would you please ask the people you know to consider joining the Yacht Club?

Our club initiation fee is a real bargain when you compare it to

other clubs. As an incentive for you to take the time to talk to new members about all the benefits of joining, we will give you a \$100 BPYC gift certificate for each new regular member that you recruit who joins the Club.

We will have a booth at the Sail show at Navy Pier this coming January to help recruit some new members. We will be doing a mailing to all the non-members in Burnham Harbor this winter hoping we can get some attention through this. We also plan to have an open house recruitment day at the Yacht club for specific docks so we have a more personal approach to getting people to join. We are going to ask for your help with these.

Right now you can really help us if you would please volunteer to be a dock captain. On each dock we would like to have a dock captain. This person would help us finalize the list of people who are on each dock and help coordinate the dock party. If we are going to be successful, we need

everyone to chip in and not just a few. I think anyone who serves in this role will feel at the end of the year that they helped make Burnham Harbor a better place and made some nice friends along the way.

Please contact Charlie Martin: cp_martin@msn.co, or Hank Kalmus: hkalmus@sbcglobal.net, or Mike Gallagher: 312-427-4664.

Charlie Martin,
Director-Membership

From the Manager's Desk

We will be sending out the 2008 Membership Card with your December Statement in January. This will be the only card used for access to the club after January 1. All members in good standing will receive one card. There will be a \$20 fee for each extra card due to the rising costs associated with printing and supplies.

Mike Gallagher, Club Manager

Holiday Party, New Year's Eve Party and more...

Start making plans for the BPYC Holiday Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange Party themed "A Cajun Christmas" on Saturday, December 8th. Help us usher in the New Year by attending the BPYC New Year's Eve Party which includes a great dinner, dancing, balloon drop and champagne toast and great seats for the fireworks over Navy Pier at midnight. Check out our website for further details.

Additional dates to mark in your calendar include the Club Fix-Up Day on Saturday, January 26, 2007. This is an annual event where we pitch in to work on some projects around the Club to get the facility ready for a new boating season and help keep the Club looking its best. As a reminder, the Club will be closed the month of January to allow the staff to take some well deserved time off and allows us to get some projects completed around the Club.

The Chicago Boat Show at McCormick Place is January 16-20, 2008. The Strictly Sail Show at Navy Pier is January 31-February 3, 2008. Be sure to stop by our booth at the Strictly Sail Show. We are looking for volunteers to help work the booth; volunteers will receive free admission to the show! Contact Past Commodore Don Waller to sign up for a time slot. Our Super Bowl Party is Sunday, February 3, 2008. Come to have a great time and cheer your favorite team to victory.

If you have not done so already, be sure to visit our website, www.bpyc.com, to sign up for our e-mail alerts. Check out our website for the latest news and event information about the Burnham Park Yacht Club.

Kurt Lentsch, Director-Publicity

January Locker Clean Out

Lockers Will Be Cleaned in January 2008. I will be checking and cleaning out all lockers in January.

Please be sure to empty your lockers as the 2007 boating season ends. Due to space limitations, any items found will be discarded.

Crystal Davis, 2007 Membership Chair



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December Birthdays

- 1 **Lucas and Mia Geistler**
Renee Graziano
Bill Mertes
- 6 **Favian Calleros**
Tom Robinson
Mary Alice Zoller
- 7 **Aida Akkawi**
Jim Cronk
Phil Hanson
- 8 **P.C. Martin J. Finerty**
Doug MacAyeal
Marita Sullivan
Maria Wilson
- 9 **Dominic Abbadi**
Kimberly Cella
- 12 **Mary Larsen**
John O'Loughlin
Susan Dane
- 13 **John Leach**
- 14 **Darius Koblinskas**
- 15 **Angel Levin**
Greg Turner
- 16 **Carole Summerfield**
- 17 **Michelle Urbis**
- 20 **Richard Dronsuth**
Tom Kurland
Jerry Norbut
- 21 **Patricia Dalsin**
Bob Jendra
- 22 **Celina Graziano**
Michael Pawlak
- 23 **P.C. Charlie Dobes**
Leanne Van Emburg
- 24 **Edna McDonnell**
- 25 **Peter Gilbert**
Stan Wilcox
- 27 **Kurt Lentsch**
Linda Hanson
Diane Kanney
- 28 **Michael Alf**
John Yonover
- 29 **Chuck Kanney**
Bev Suhar
- 30 **Carolyn DeAre**
- 31 **George Summerfield**

Treasurer's Report

It's here again; another fiscal year for the Burnham Park Yacht Club. As the newly elected treasurer for the yacht club, I have the task of handling the finances.

On that note I will enforce a long overlooked passage in our bylaws regarding the arrears of our members.

Section 5.06 of the Burnham Park Yacht Club By-Laws:

Notice of the amount of indebtedness due the club by the member shall be mailed to each member on the first day of each month, or as soon thereafter as may be practical. If the account of any member remains unpaid 60 days after such notice has been mailed, said member shall NO LONGER BE IN GOOD STANDING and the member's name may be posted by the treasurer on the Bulletin board of the club with a statement of the amount of past due indebtedness.

The above means that if any member owes the club amounts beyond 60 days, that member will have his ability to charge at the club suspended. If the account remains unpaid at 90 days, they will be terminated; membership can be reinstated by 2/3 vote of the directors. This sounds rather harsh but is necessary. The club is a business, and cannot operate without having a constant cash flow. Let's not let this happen. If there are problems please call and let us know. A payment plan can be worked out. I will personally contact the members with arrears over sixty days. I am sure we all want Burnham Park Yacht Club to flourish and prosper.

Let's all enjoy the club and have a great time as usual, but remember our obligations.

As I used to sign out when I was commodore: Come to the club often, because you never know when a party is going to break out.

Richard Lauric, Treasurer

Women's Auxiliary Spa Day



Wonderful pre-holiday shopping with great BPYC friends.





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T W O T H O U S A N D S E V E N

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Private Party in the Dining Room (Bar Open for Dinner)
2 Bears Home Game 3:15 P.M.	3 Club Closed	4 Club Closed	5 Club Closed	6 Club Closed	7 BPYC Social Meeting 7:00 P.M.	8 A Cajun Christmas Holiday Party 6:30 P.M.
9 BPYC Board Meeting 4:00 P.M.	10 Club Closed	11 Club Closed	12 Club Closed	13 Club Closed	14	15
16	17 Club Closed	18 Club Closed	19 Club Closed	20 Club Closed	21	22
23 Bears Home Game 12:00 P.M.	24 Club Closed Christmas Eve	25 Club Closed Christmas Day	26 Club Closed	27 Club Closed	28	29
30 Bears Home Game 12:00 P.M.	31 New Year's Eve Party 7:00 P.M.					

plan ahead

January
 Jan. 16-20 Club Closed
 Jan. 26 Saturday Chicago Boat Show at McCormick Place
 Jan. 31-Feb. 3 BPYC Clean Up/Fix Up Day
 Feb. 3 Sunday Strictly Sail Show at Navy Pier
 Super Bowl Party

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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2007 Employees Holiday Fund

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
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Past Commodores	Donald Waller Joann Murphy
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It is a Burnham Park Yacht Club tradition to thank the employees for their dedicated service to the Club with a Holiday Season bonus. This bonus is funded by contributions from BPYC members. There will be a card and an envelope included in your November and December billing statements for the 2007 Holiday Bonus Fund.

There is no obligation to contribute to this fund, but your generous contributions will be greatly appreciated by our dedicated employees. Several employees have served us for many years; this is a great opportunity to thank them for their service to the Club and make their holiday a little brighter.

Please join me in supporting this BPYC tradition with a contribution to the Employee Holiday Fund.

Dave DeAre, BPYC Commodore



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