



On the Wind

Burnham Park Yacht Club Monthly Newsletter • January 2008

Commodore's Log

Now that the holiday excitement is all but over it is time to start thinking again about the boating season and what we can do to improve the

Burnham Park Yacht Club. Although the Club will be closed during January, we will have our annual House sponsored fix up day on January 26. For those of you who have not participated, plan to come and join in. This is a good way to get to know your fellow members and help clean up the Club for the coming boating season.

New Year's Eve Party

This issue of On the Wind is scheduled to arrive before New Year's Eve. If so, it is not too late to come to the party at the Club. In addition to the decorations and festivities, we will have Music Plus, the same band that was so well received at the Commodore's Ball. You can bring friends as guests, don't miss the fun, it is not too late!

Bathroom Renovation

The final bid package has been completed by PC Don Waller and has been sent out for bids. The finance committee has been appointed and will be meeting to review and recommend financing options. If you know of a worthy contractor who should bid on this project call me or Don Waller for additional information.

Westrec New Contract

The Chicago Park District announced that Westrec Marinas will receive a new 5 year contract to manage the Chicago Harbors. So we will continue to work with our good friends at Westrec during the upcoming seasons.

Holiday Bonus

It is not too late to contribute to the BPYC Employee Holiday Fund. Send your check to the Club or include in your next payment.

Happy New Year to all!

Dave DeAre, Commodore



Club Closed

For the Entire Month
of January



BPYC Clean Up/ Fix Up Day

Saturday, January 26
9:00 A.M.



Superbowl Party

Sunday, February 3

From the Women's Auxiliary

Happy New Year to all! I hope your holidays were warm and wonderful.

December at the club was quite festive! The Women's Auxiliary Spa Day was well attended. There was a very nice mix of vendors, including our own Liz Wolter who makes fabulous, up-scale jewelry. A huge thank you to Suzette Hopkins and her co-chair, PC Joann Murphy. Great job Ladies!

The White Elephant Party was another successful event. The gift exchange can at times bring out the best and worst of people. Not to mention names, but a past treasurer of the Auxiliary opened a gift that was a Santa Claus suit. She immediately put the suit on and started "working the crowd." A petite

fair-haired past president decided she wanted the Santa suit and literally started undressing Santa. Now comes the tall, fair-haired member who desired this gift as well, yet it was nowhere to be found. Turns out the petite F-H person locked it in her car. Needless to say, the tall F-H person got the car keys and retrieved her gift. This story goes on, but I think you get the picture. It can get brutal! But so much fun at the same time!

Coming up is the Women's Auxiliary January Planning meeting. Due to the club being closed this month, we will hold our meeting at the Flame Restaurant in Countryside. Starting at 2:00 on Sunday, January 13th and following with

a complimentary dinner. This is an open invitation to all of the BPYC ladies to join us, share your ideas, support your club, get involved and have fun at the same time.

Please RSVP me at MicheleKaras@msn.com or 708-467-0288 to reserve your spot. We must have an accurate head count for the restaurant to accommodate our group. Which goes back to my New Years Eve resolution... RSVP Mike !!

On behalf of the officers of the Women's Auxiliary, Geri Lauric, Chris Pitts and Mary Lou Kalmus, I wish all of you a happy and healthy New Year!

Michele Karas, President,
BPYC Women's Auxiliary

Get Your Game Face On...

The BPYC will be holding a WhirlyBall Party on Saturday, January 12th, 2008 at the WhirlyBall Facility at 800 E. Roosevelt Road in Lombard.

What is WhirlyBall?

WhirlyBall combines lacrosse, hockey, basketball, and bumper cars in a game of skill, chance, honor, and vengeance.

Basically, players use hand-held scoops to pass a whiffle ball to each other – and ultimately at a scoring target. This is a lot of fun and gives us an opportunity to get together and have some friendly competition. Check your e-mail and www.bpyc.com for further details.

Ladies, don't forget to be ready for the Women's Auxiliary 2008

Planning Meeting at The Flame Restaurant on Sunday, January 13, 2008 at 2:00 PM. This is a must-attend for all Ladies in the Club to help get the year planned for all the great work and events that the Women's Auxiliary puts on at the Club. All ladies are welcome to attend.

Grab your work gloves and roll up your sleeves to help beautify and get the club into ship shape. Plan to attend the House Committee's Fix Up Day on Saturday, January 26, 2008. Ray Kalinsky and the House Committee have a number of projects that need to be completed and they need your help getting ready for the New Year.

Super Bowl XLII is going to be an exciting game this year! Grab your friends and neighbors to attend the BPYC Super Bowl XLII Party on Sunday, February 3, 2008. Complete with big screen TV's, great food and all the fun you have come to expect at our Annual Super Bowl Party.

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

Membership Report

We can use some volunteers to help out our booth at the Strictly Sail show which is January 31st to February 3rd at Navy Pier. Please contact Charlie Martin, @cp_martin@msn.com, 630 257 3535, Hank Kalmus, hkalmus@sbcglobal.net 708 431 4307 or Don Waller @ dpwaller@uic.edu

To emphasize the importance of obtaining new members, we will give a \$200 Club credit to any regular member who successfully recruits and sponsors a new regular member. We hope this incentive, along with the understanding we can make a lot of improvements at the club will encourage everyone to help out. Our goal is to add 75 regular members to our current membership of 150. If everyone helps out, we can achieve this goal and make improvements to the club.

A mailing will go out to all non-members in Burnham Harbor at the beginning of February. We will host a new members reception in March. We are also planning on inviting people from the local condominiums to consider becoming a social member with some Sunday breakfast promotions in February and March.

We are going to organize the harbor by having a dock captain at each dock to help coordinate our membership drive and help promote the Yacht Club. We need volunteers to do this. So far only one person has offered to help based on the last "On the Wind " article. What we want to do is offer dock parties to bring new members into the club so they can see what we have to offer. We hope this more personal approach of having our members on that dock help promote this party and membership will encourage more people to join.

We can use more members on the membership committee. Please let me know if you would like to be on the committee or serve as a dock captain. Our committee will meet Friday February 8th at 6:30 at the club.

Charlie Martin & Hank Kalmus

Happy Holidays!



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January Birthdays

- 1 **Joann Lingle**
- 2 **Loyal Litewski**
- 3 **Michelle Durpetti**
- 4 **Mark Ellis**
- 5 **Joe Perillo**
- 6 **Earl Rich**
- 8 **Jairo Cruz Jr.**
- 9 **Charles Martin**
- 10 **Cleon Statton**
- 13 **John Bowman**
Greg Hopkins
- 14 **Dr. Jairo Bispo Cruz**
Claudia "Mugs" Traudt
- 15 **Anna E. Finerty**
- 18 **Barb Hetzer**
- 20 **Dawn Graziano**
- 22 **Lee Stevens**
- 23 **Loretta Gallagher**
- 24 **Susan Pancoska**
John Simonaitus
Andrew Ulatowski
- 25 **Mark Kemens**
- 26 **Walter Ahern**

Joseph Charles
- 28 **John Wilson**
- 29 **Craig Mielke**
Bill White
- 30 **Michael O'Connell**
Armaine Shattow
- 31 **Rick Rogers**

House Committee

Do you like to have fun-comradery-sense of accomplishment-and free lunch? Then join the House Committee, BOD, members and their friends (with or without skills) on Saturday Jan 26, 2008 at 9 A.M. for the party. We have many of the tools and products to help us accomplish the tasks at hand. (WE NEED MORE HANDS)

See the following list and mark off the jobs that you can do and volunteer to do them. Then while having cocktails or dinner with your guests, you can proudly tell them, I did that! Think about puffing out your chest as your friends and members talk about how great things look at your club. You can always add things to the list that you feel need to be done. SIGN UP NOW by calling Mike, Ray or Marcella.

Raymond Kalinsky and members of the house committee

Remove

Light on wall in hall
Junk in mens lkr
Lights on bar sofit
Case goods
film on entry windows

Polish

brass rail
brass handles
wood on walls
floor in chart room
wood bar floor

Vacuum

Ceiling tiles
Fan Blades
vents
air cond units
trophy case
stereo cabinet
galley computer
entry mat
all chairs

Fix/Install

Any bad lights
Tool hangers in lkr room
Sink in prep room
Wires in entry
trim in entry
womans shower
vct in kitchen
phone jack chart rm
AV cable
pads on chairs
plastic panel in dishwash
service filters
shelves in prep room
recepticle covers in galley
Lights above bar
Wood sill in Mgr office
south door
north door
store room electric
entrance electric
outside shed
purse holders bar

seal tile grout
kitchen baseboard
freezer lock

Spackle

Office west wall
Bar walls
Galley walls
chart room
More Spackling

Paint

touch up hall
galley walls
manager west wall
kitchen
womens "cleanout"
dining room

From the Manager's Desk

We will be sending the 2007 Membership Cards with the December statements. These will be the only cards that will open the door after February 1. The charge for extra cards is \$25.

Please don't forget The Super Bowl Party on February 3. This year we will have popcorn, hot dogs, chili, and Polish Sausage. Bring family and friends for a very fun event.

The Staff wants to thank the membership for their generous gifts to The Staff Christmas Fund. They appreciate these donations now and throughout the year.



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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 New Year's Day	2 Club Closed	3 Club Closed	4 Club Closed	5 Club Closed
6 Club Closed	7 Club Closed	8 Club Closed	9 Club Closed	10 Club Closed	11 Club Closed	12 Club Closed
13 Club Closed	14 Club Closed	15 Club Closed	16 Club Closed <i>Chicago Boat Show at McCormick Place</i>	17 Club Closed <i>Chicago Boat Show at McCormick Place</i>	18 Club Closed <i>Chicago Boat Show at McCormick Place</i>	19 Club Closed <i>Chicago Boat Show at McCormick Place</i>
20 Club Closed <i>Chicago Boat Show at McCormick Place</i>	21 Club Closed	22 Club Closed	23 Club Closed	24 Club Closed	25 Club Closed	26 Club Closed BPYC Clean Up/ Fix Up Day 9:00 A.M.
27 Club Closed	28 Club Closed	29 Club Closed	30 Club Closed	31 Club Closed <i>Strictly Sail Show at Navy Pier Through Feb. 3rd</i>		

plan ahead

Jan. 31–Feb. 3

Feb. 3 Sunday
February 8 Friday

Strictly Sail Show at Navy Pier

Super Bowl Party
BPYC Membership Committee Meeting

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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Treasurer **Richard Lauric**

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Sail Fleet **Richard O'Connell**
Membership **Hank Kalmus**

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Membership **Charles P. Martin**
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Women's Auxiliary
President

Michele Karas

Past Commodores

Donald Waller
Joann Murphy



Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 3

Doors Open at 3:00 P.M.

\$7.50 per person
all you can eat

Chicago Style
Hot Dogs
Polish Sausage

Chili Bar
Big Screen
TV's

Amusements
and
Diversions



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