



On the Wind

Burnham Park Yacht Club Monthly Newsletter • June 2008

Commodore's Log

Welcome to the 2008 boating season and the opening of the Burnham Park Yacht Club's 70th year. It is tradition to celebrate the opening of the Yacht Club with the annual Opening Ceremony, Fleet Review and Reception. By now you have seen the flyer and you will receive the email notice announcing this traditional ceremony on June 7. The Opening Ceremony is held on the Club lawn. The Fleet Review is a boat parade of member's boats; as your boat passes the dock, a cannon will be fired, you and your boat will be announced and the Flag Officers will salute you. There is a sign up poster on the front door of the Club. Be sure to sign up and participate.

We are in the midst of a very successful membership drive as you can see by the new members listed in OTW and the photos on the bulletin board. Hank Kalmus has completed a review of all of the various membership categories contained in our bylaws. At the request of the BOD he has recommended the elimination of several unused membership categories and recommended a new category for the charter and time share fleets that are increasing in numbers in Burnham Harbor. The objective is to attract the time share boaters with a limited membership in BPYC. Each boat can have up to 8 users, so this is a significant opportunity to increase our membership and Club usage. We plan to vote on the bylaws amendment that is required to make this change at the business meeting on June 7.

The Bathroom Construction and Finance Committees met in May and reviewed the plans for the bathroom renovation. It was decided to make some revisions and ask the contractors to include the changes and submit revised bids. It was also decided to start the exterior and roof revisions about September 15, 2008 and start the interior renovation in January 2009. This would enable the Club to be open for member usage through the holiday season and complete the renovation in January when the Club is traditionally closed. Stay tuned, the bathroom renovation plans are

proceeding and you will be very pleased with the new facilities.

The harbor and Club are open for the season. Take advantage of the many activities and parties that are being scheduled for you this year.

Dave DeAre, Commodore



70th Annual Opening Day Ceremonies

Saturday, June 7

4:00 Opening Ceremony
5:30 Fleet Review
6:30 Buffet Dinner



Personal Protection Workshop

Saturday, June 12, 11:30



Captain Jack Klang

**"Things that
Happen on a Boat"**
Friday, June 27, 8:00

6:00-8:00 Pasta Bar

By-Laws Amendment

The Membership Committee has completed a review of Article III of the By-Laws on Categories of Membership and has submitted a recommendation to the Board of Directors that this section be amended to eliminate unused classes and add one new class. This amendment will be voted on

by the membership at the regular business meeting on Friday, June 6th. The proposed changes will be posted on the club bulletin board and mailed to any member upon request.

This amendment is being submitted to simplify our membership categories and to address the rapidly expanding timeshare fleets in Burnham Harbor. Please call me with any questions you may have about the amendment.

Hank Kalmus, Membership Director
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Appropriate Dress

Just a friendly reminder as we kick off a new boating season! Appropriate attire is required at the club. Bare feet and bathing suits are prohibited in public areas of the club house. The dress code for the dining room is casual dress. No T-shirts, tank tops, bathing suits, or cut-offs are allowed in the dining room. Dress shorts are permitted.

Kathy Puffer, Bar & Galley

“Things that Happen on a Boat”



Captain Jack Klang received his first Coast Guard captain's license at age 18. During the past five decades of boating and sailing on the Great Lakes, Caribbean, Atlantic and Pacific coasts. His adventures and mishaps are the basis for his “Things that Happen on a Boat”

presentation to BPYC on Friday evening June 27th. For the past 12 years Jack has been a popular seminar presenter at the Strictly Sail show in Chicago. His demonstrations of Sail Trim, Single Handed Docking, and Line Handling techniques have drawn huge crowds at rendezvous and boat shows everywhere. The BPYC program will be the first time Jack has shared many of his personal experiences called "Things that Happen on a Boat."

Dinner will be our popular Pasta Bar starting at 6:00. Captain Jack's presentation will be at 8:00pm in the dining room. This is an outstanding presentation of interest to all members, power and sail. Call the Club now to make your reservation. Don't miss this exciting evening at the Club!

From the Women's Auxiliary

The season is upon us! It's so exciting to come to the harbor each weekend and see more and more boats in their moorings.

This also brings more members into the club and attending club functions. Our 2008 season promises to be jam packed with fun, educational and entertaining events.

Starting with our 70th Annual Opening Ceremonies and Fleet Review on Saturday, June 7th. A "pomp and circumstance" occasion that brings out the pride of belonging to our yacht club. Following with the parade of boats and then back to the club to share the festivities with members, a.k.a. friends.

Another event will be held on Saturday, June 21st for "Ladies Only". The Auxiliary is hosting John Frederick and his Personal Protection Workshop. John is a Black Belt instructor with over 44 years experience. He and his wife Sharon will spend 2 1/2 hours to teach us what we need to know if we are ever exposed to a dangerous situation. For more information, see the accompanying flyer.

The Women's Auxiliary presented our 2008 Beautification Project to the Board and gained the needed approval. This year's projects include; concrete stain the patio, clean the canopy awning and side curtains, replace the existing square lights in the soffit with round can lighting, grade and pave the outer rim of the patio fence along with adding up-lighting to the landscape.

The planning and execution of these projects is a joint collaboration with Ray Kalinsky, House; David Cella, Docks & Grounds; and our very own resident Designer, Lynn Rosenberg who gives her time and expertise unflinchingly.

So please remember when you participate in a Women's Auxiliary sponsored event, you help make improvements to our club, since every dollar we earn goes back to the club.

Anyone who has yet to renew their Women's Auxiliary


membership, or for the new and/or seasoned members who would like to join, you can find our 2008 application on the BPYC Website. There are also lockers available to rent in the ladies lounge. The cost is \$20.00 for the season, and the application is also on our website.

Our next meeting is Friday, June 6th. Please consider this an open invitation to join us.

Michele Karas, President,
BPYC Women's Auxiliary


**Women Only
Personal Protection Workshop**

**Featuring – *Pressure Point Self Defense Techniques*
Effective! Easy to learn, apply, and remember!**



Black Belt Instructor

- Hands-on workshop
- 2 1/2 hour session
- casual dress
- suitable for all ages and fitness levels
- Ideal class for mothers and daughters



Techniques to handle:

- Nuisance date situations
- Most common grabs and holds
- Violent physical attacks
- Street effective Self Defense

John Frederick, 3rd degree Black Belt, and his wife Sharon, 1st degree Brown Belt travel throughout the Midwest teaching personal protection workshops. John's program allows the potential victim a non-lethal means to quickly and effectively deal almost any situation with a response appropriate to the danger presented.

Taught in a relaxed, friendly manner – this class can be valuable to anyone regardless of age, body size or fitness level. Anyone can administer these techniques and once you know them you will be prepared for any encounter.

Saturday, June 21, 2008
\$25.00 per person
11:30 – 2:00
meet in front of the club at 11:15

CLASS IS LIMITED TO 30 PARTICIPANTS – REGISTER EARLY!

Sponsored by the BPYC Women's Auxiliary

June Birthdays

- 2 **Ed Felsenthal**
Anna Lentsch
- 3 **Rick Dane**
Tom McCluskey
- 5 **Nicolas DiBenedetto**
- 6 **Maria Cruz**
Sammy Martel
- 7 **Jim Viola**
- 8 **Delores Wooding**
Lynn Rosenberg
- 9 **Paulette Clausius**
Jenifer Huntoon
- 10 **Amy Gilbert**
- 14 **Barb Charles**
Catherine Frymire
Andy Mistretta
- 15 **Mary Lou Kalmus**
- 16 **Patrick Carroll**
Dr. James Hannigan
- 17 **Dave Neubauer**
- 18 **Donna Cler**
Vincent DiBenedetto
Claudia Hawkins
- 19 **Patrick Valentine**
- 23 **Vic Peterson**
David VanCamp
- 24 **Mike Baran**
Jeanette DeFriest
Sam Martel
- 25 **Jonah Geistler**
- 26 **P.C. Joe Darby**
Emil Plecko
Bill Robinson
- 28 **Karen Daley**
- 29 **Lyle Dean Lebsack**
- 30 **Bruce Johnson**
Michael Peters

Membership Report

Our next Membership Open House will be held on Saturday, May 31. This is a great opportunity to invite your dock neighbors to join us at the Club. There will be a membership breakfast buffet in the morning and a cocktail reception in the evening. Both will be complimentary to potential new members. Invite your dock friends to attend, meet our members and learn about the benefits of joining BPYC. RSVP's should be made by May 28.

Our membership drive has been very successful. We have welcomed 23 new members so far in 2008. In order to continue this success, we need your help. So far eight members from eight different docks have volunteered to be dock captains. We thank these members for volunteering, but as you know, we have more than eight docks. We need to get a dock captain on every dock so that we can reach non-members on each dock.

The dock captains will help organize a dock party with our support and help identify all the boaters on their dock. This is a great way for members to get to know their fellow boaters on their dock and to invite non members to visit the Club. Once they experience the hospitality of the Club and understand the benefits of joining the Burnham Park Yacht Club they are most likely to join. Volunteer now to be a dock captain. If you have a fellow member on your dock who is also interested, you can be co-captains!

Please Welcome Our New Members

Ed and Janet McCarthey	Bob and Paula Mahoney
Frank and Betsey Mistretta	Michael Linda Simon
Dennis and Laura Szymkowiak	Roger and Marie Marianni
Dave and Catherine Frymire	Fred Paillon
Tom and Diane McGuire	Tom and Nicole Schields
Carl Kinnell	David and Colleen Cole
Bill and Jennifer Cullen	Patrick and Susan Valentine
Peter and Juliann Geldner	Anthony Michael
David Ramey	Randy Peach and Tiaya Derr
James Ebert	Bruce and Judy Johnson
Justin Giroux	Paul and Carolyn Johnson
Ed and Renee Mckinley	

Charlie Martin, Membership



Burnham Park Yacht Club
70th Annual
Opening Ceremonies
& Fleet Review

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Club Closed	3	4 Beer Can Race	5	6 Business Meeting 7:00 P.M. Women's Aux.	7 Opening Day Ceremony 4:00 p.m. Fleet Review 5:30 p.m. Buffet Dinner 6:30 p.m.
8	9 Club Closed	10	11 Beer Can Race	12	13	14
15	16 Club Closed	17	18 Beer Can Race	19	20	21 Personal Protection Workshop 11:30 A.M.
22	23 Club Closed	24	25 Beer Can Race	26	27 Captain Jack Klang "Things that Happen on a Boat" 8:00 P.M. 6:00 P.M. Pasta Bar	28
29	30 Club Closed	<p>plan ahead</p> <p>July 4th Friday BPYC All American Party</p>				

Summer Hours of Operation

Burnham Park Yacht Club Bar & Galley

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Breakfast:	Lunch:	Dinner:	Bar:	Tender Service:
Sat & Sun 900A.M.-11A.M.	T, W, Th & F NOON-4P.M. Sat & Sun NOON-3:30P.M.	T, W & Th 4P.M.-9P.M. Friday 4P.M.-10P.M. Saturday 4P.M.-10P.M. Sunday 4P.M.-9P.M.	T, W & Th 11:30A.M.-11P.M. Fri & Sat 11:30A.M.-12P.M. Sunday NOON-10P.M.	T, W & Th 11A.M.-10P.M. Friday 11A.M.-11P.M. Saturday 8A.M.-11P.M. Sunday 8A.M.-10P.M.

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

We are now offering our weekend breakfast buffet. We try to make breakfast at the club quick, easy and fresh. The buffet features omelets made to order, sausage, bacon, french toast, breakfast potatoes, crescent rolls, sweet rolls, almond rolls, bagels, donuts, and assorted fresh fruit and melon. The \$9 price includes coffee and juice. We serve from 8:30 A.M. 'til NOON.

We are again asking members to hail the tender boat on channel 11 with "Yacht Club Tender, Yacht Club Tender." The tender boat is to be used exclusively by members and their guests. The boat is being paid for and is maintained through your membership dues.

We are training all tender drivers to ask to see your 2008 membership cards. It won't take long for the drivers to identify members, boat names and boat locations. We are here to deliver any menu item, ice or Party Trays. We want to transport you from your dock to the Club and safely back again.

Mike Gallagher, Club Manager



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