

On the Wind

Burnham Park Yacht Club Monthly Newsletter • May 2015

Commodore's Log

As we continue through the month of April you will see changes occur. Several boats have come back to the harbor. Looking through the window of the Burnham Park Yacht Club I watched at least 4 boats make their way down to their slips. Such a beautiful sight! Our friends are back in town, such a warm feeling.

April 18th was the first open house for the Club. A big thank you to Keith Moore, Chris Edmonds and his daughter Sara (who was exceptionally helpful, a born sales person) Paulette Horne, Howard Jacobson, PC Charlie Martin, Danielle and Bob Detten, Lisa and Scott Gordon. Eight new members signed up, what a wonderful start to the season!

I would like to give a warm welcome to our new Club Manager GiGi. I have worked with GiGi for the past few weeks and am very impressed by the way she was able to jump right in and work the office, prep and cook in the kitchen, direct the wait staff, and take time to converse with members. She is a breath of fresh air to all of us at the Club. GiGi has a wonderful background of hospitality, cooking, inventory, budgeting, management, etc. GiGi is a pleasure to work with, a great asset to Burnham Park Yacht Club.

Melanie our new book keeper is sorting out along with Jim Gentile and Keith Moore, the financials such as statements and payroll. Melanie and Gigi are also in training with Club Connect. Melanie is a go getter and will concentrate on getting statements current and accurate. Welcome Melanie!

Paulette Horne had a grounds cleanup day at the Club

on Saturday, April 11th. Thanks to all who showed up to volunteer in helping to beautify the outside of the Club. Thank you Paulette for making this all comes together.

Sunday May 10 is Mother's Day. Please call the Club to make your reservations.

The official Club season opening will be Friday May 15th. Also that morning starting at 10am, Coast Guard Commander Phil Robinson will be starting the kick off to safe boating week. Coast Guard, Chicago police and fire dept. boats will be in attendance. The press and various reps

from the boating community will also be attending.

Saturday, May 23rd the club will be having kick off to summer; this event will be open to the harbor.

May 28th BPYC will be hosting the CYA meeting in the dining room.

The patio will be closed on May 29th for the

Naval Militia cocktail party.

Please mark on your calendar May 17th for the next open house. Come and welcome potential new members to our Club.

Glad to see all our boating friends coming home for the summer.

Be Safe!

Janet McCarthy

Commodore



Vice Commodore

Boats are in the harbor!! There seems to be a jump in everyone's step at the Club and smiles on faces. It must just be Spring. Couldn't have anything to do with getting to be on our boats or by the Harbor...I hope everyone has gotten all your projects done so you can concentrate on the fun of boating and seeing a lot of your dock mates you haven't seen since the fall.

Things are jumping at the Club too. New manager, new bookkeeper, additional bartender, cooks and staff. A new dishwasher has been ordered and all sorts of upgrades are taking place. The Club looks marvelous inside and out.

The Committee reports overseen by the Vice Commodore are as follows:

MARKETING and MEMBERSHIP: New board member just appointed by the Commodore subject to election by the members, Howard Jacobson, has graciously agreed to accept the appointment of chairman of this Committee. Howard has not wasted any time and has already lined up two new members who will be joining BPYC shortly. He has also assisted in the process of getting out all the mailings to everyone in the Harbor to get boaters to the Club's open houses to see what we are all about. Check out our new brochure. I'm sure you'll approve.

DOCKS and GROUNDS: Chairman, Paulette Horne has been extremely busy at getting the Tender Boat on track for launching, as well as coordinating the grounds clean up. Special thanks to

Paulette, Dick O'Connell (There's a surprise! Dick does everything), Pam MacGregor, Steve Theis, Gail, Lisa Gordon as well as Jan Edmonds and myself. (I'm not thanking myself). The place looks magnificent and the flowers aren't even planted yet. Plus special thanks to the Women's Auxiliary for a \$500.00 donation toward the purchase of flowers.

REGATTA and SAIL FLEET: Bill Van Emburg and Dick O'Connell are working diligently to resolve differences between the major yacht clubs regarding the Wednesday Sailboat races. A meeting has been set on April 23, 2015, at Columbia Yacht Club. Bill, Dick, Don Waller and myself intend to be present on behalf of the BPYC. We are also sponsoring four (4) other races throughout the season and need volunteers. Please contact Dick O'Connell.

PARK RELATIONS: Scott Gordon continues to push for the "functioning" WiFi for all of us in the Harbor. He has also continued efforts along with the Commodore in regards to an official dinghy dock for easy access to the Club by boat. Scott has also recently been appointed Chairman of the Bar and Galley Committee. Thanks for all your efforts, Scott.

In closing, like the Mueller car guy always says, "You will not be disappointed." I always say, "Hope to see you at the Club."

Chris Edmonds
Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore

We are quickly approaching the start of the season and everyone is getting ready. It was a nice site to see boats returning to the harbor this past weekend.

Bar and Galley Committee. Scott Gordon, Committee Chair, Paulette Horne, Howard Jacobson and Jim Gentile - this group has been busy getting everything ready for the season. As many have heard Chef Lisa has decided to move on. I wish I had more information to share but she simply quit with no reason given. After meeting with the Commodore, Gigi will interview a few candidates and narrow it down to two. Once that is done she will present those candidates to the Bar and Gallery Committee and the flag for final selection. Over all our existing staff has stepped up and picked up the slack.

The board approved the purchase of a new dishwasher as our old one has reached the end of service. This should be in and operational by the beginning of the season.

Power fleet Captain: Steve Theis has made the necessary contacts for Fleet Review, June 13th, so mark your calendars.

Programs: Danielle has been doing a great job. There are some great events planned. Make sure to stay up to date by watching the weekly issue of The Breeze. One of the upcoming events will be the Kentucky Derby Party, May 2nd. We will have our own horse racing. You will be able to race your own Derby Horse. We will have six horses per race. Below is a picture of the horses Chris Edmonds cut out and assembled. As you can see I was busy painting them for Derby Day...



Membership and Marketing did a great job with the first open house. We had several new members sign up! It was a great success. I look forward to seeing even more members at the next one!

Here's to seeing everyone in the Harbor!

Keith Moore
Rear Commodore

Programs

There was a nice turn out to hear the Daniel Burnham impersonator present his plans for the 1893 World's Fair and for the city of Chicago. Not only was the presentation educational and entertaining, Robert Lindsey opened up for Q & A at the end, and he knows the subject matter very well. He does a variety of other characters as well – we hope to get him back later in the year.

The DSC/VHF Radio presentation that was VERY informative. There were a few in attendance, but if we can get the presenter back during the season, I highly recommend attending. The instruction, tips and tricks presented - the difference between having your radio hooked up vs. having your radio set up correctly - could end up saving your life. Whether you sail, are a power boater, are a guest on someone's boat, or even hiking or mountain climbing – these tips are invaluable.

April

Friday the 24th Acoustic Generation will be playing from 7:30 – 10:30.

Saturday the 25th the Dining Room is closed for the MORF Meeting and Dinner. The bar and patio are open.

May

Saturday the 2nd is the Kentucky Derby party. Doors open at 3:00. There will be Derby themed food and drinks. There will also be 50/50 horse racing – cash payout for win, place show and remainder benefits the club. The actual race begins at 5:14 and should be over by 5:16 – the most exciting two minutes in sports!

Sunday the 10th will be the annual Mother's Day Brunch. Details will be coming soon in The Breeze. Calls are already coming in, so be sure to make your reservations.

Sunday the 17th is an Open House from noon to 3:00 pm.

Saturday the 23rd of Memorial Day weekend, the Kick Off To Summer Party will be open to the harbor. There will be food and drinks available for purchase all day. Then get ready to enjoy the music of the Scramble Band. Bring your friends or dock mates.

Saturday the 30th enjoy listening to the music of Danny Moore who will be playing in the bar area.

Danielle Detten

Women's Auxiliary

As we all prepare our boats to launch into the new season, I'm looking forward to reconnecting with everyone in the harbor. Come and join us for the next Auxiliary meeting on Friday May 8th. The meeting starts at 7:30p.

There are so many changes happening in and around our Harbor, we all should know how to protect ourselves from any stranger invasive situation? Come and join the Auxiliary for our annual Self Defense Class being offered on Thursday June 25th. We have had many men as well as women enjoy the instruction of our fantastic black belt instructor. The cost is \$25/per

person. That cost will include beer, wine and appetizers prior to the class. The event starts at 6pm and the class at 6:30p. Please remember to RSVP to GIGI in the office to reserve your spot.

The Auxiliary has lots of ideas for the season and is working with the club to see when is the best time for us to fit into the busy calendar of events. We welcome all the boaters and the social members back to the Harbor. Its going to be a salty season!

Safe travels from your last port of call to the Harbor,
Bonnie Riordan, President

Docks & Grounds

I would like to thank Lisa, Chris, Jan, Scott, Pam, Dick and Jean for helping with the Club Clean-up. Although we made great progress we will continue to make improvements throughout the year.

If you would be interested in donating plants and dirt to "Adopt a Pot" please email me at phorne@soundinc.com. We have 5 POT's that need some TLC.

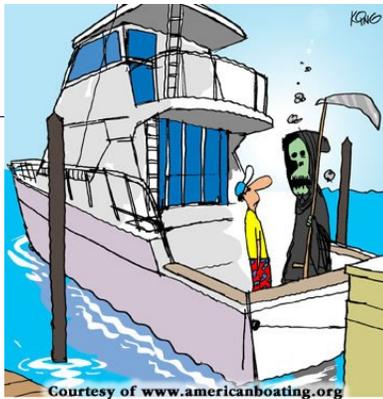
Looking Forward to seeing everyone in the upcoming boating season.

Paulette Horne

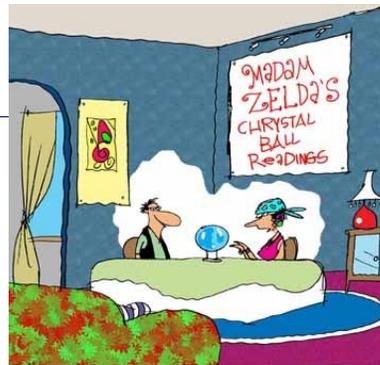


May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Derby Party 3pm
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day Brunch	11	12 Board Mtg-6:30 pm	13	14	15 CLUB OPEN FULL TIME	16 MORF Perf
17 OPEN HOUSE 12—3pm	18	19	20 Beer Can Tune Up	21	22	23 Kick-Off Summer Party MORF Perf
24	25	26	27 Beer Can 1	28	29	30 Live Music/Bar Area MORF Long Dist 1
31						



Courtesy of www.americanboating.org
"Relax, your time isn't up. However, you can kiss your battery goodbye."



"I see your wife is going to kill you when she learns you bought another boat. But, you didn't need me to tell you that."

BPYC Summer Hours of Operation

Galley:

Breakfast: Sat & Sun 9am-12pm
 Lunch: Wed-Sat 12pm-5pm
 Sunday 12pm-4pm
 Dinner: Weds & Thurs 5pm-9pm
 Fri & Sat 5pm-10pm
 Sunday 4pm-9pm

Bar:

Tues-Thurs - 12pm-10pm
 Friday-Sat - 12pm-12am
 Sunday - 12pm- 10pm

Tender Service:

T,W & Th - 11am-9pm
 Friday - 11am-12am
 Sunday - 8am-10pm

Please call for reservations 312-427-4664



BPYC

Saturday, May 2nd starting at 3:00 p.m.

Main race at 5:14 p.m.

Derby Attire: Ladies Hats, Gent's Ties

BPYC 50/50 Owner's Club Races

\$25 to buy a horse—per race

6 horses per race

Win-\$40 • Place-\$25 • Show-\$10

Kentucky Derby themed Chef's Menu & Dessert Specials



June 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Beer Can 2	4	5 Business Mtg	6 MORF Perf
7 MORF Double	8	9	10 Beer Can 3	11	12	13 Rumline Regatta
14 MORF Long Dist 3	15	16 Board Mtg—6:30 pm	17 Beer Can 4	18	19	20 MORF Perf 5 & 6
21 MORF Lady Skip 2	22 9:30 am -Junior	23	24 Beer Can 5	25 Self Defense Class— 6 pm	26	27 MORF Perf
28 MI City to MORF Lady Skip 3	29 9:30 am -Junior	30				

Women's Auxiliary is sponsoring -
Self Defense Class
Thursday, June 25, 2015
6:00 pm
\$25.00 per person

Included in the fee is wine or beer and appetizers in the bar after the class. Reservations are required. Please contact the club office to make your reservations.



"He's tired? I'm the one who planned the trip, did the shopping, packed the food, clothes, fishing gear and supplies."



Hyatt Regency McCormick Place
 BPYC has been extended a discounted rate of **\$119** per night for our upcoming events. To take advantage of this great rate follow the link or contact:
Justin Westlund, Sales Manager
312-239-4569

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Vice Commodore Chris Edmonds
Rear Commodore Keith Moore
Secretary Scott Broderick
Treasurer Jim Gentile

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Danielle Detten
Bill Van Emburg

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