



On the Wind

Burnham Park Yacht Club Monthly Newsletter • May 2014

Commodore's Log

May is Membership Month for the club! Not that every month isn't membership month, but we want to make a big push before the season starts. There seems to be a psychological feeling that if someone doesn't join before the season gets going that it's too late. A lot of people think the year starts January 1st rather than the day you join the club. Membership begins the day a new member joins, to that date the following year. To have a successful membership drive we need everyone's help; with an extra push as we kick off the season.

There are about 20 members who left the club, but still have boats in the harbor. We are offering a "**Welcome Back**" promotion to get these members to rejoin. If you know any former club member, please let them know the positive changes made at the club. We would like to give them an opportunity to experience the club and see if it meets their expectations. As an inducement, we will offer a free 30 day trial membership to see if our improvements will bring them back to the Burnham Harbor Yacht Club Family. They can charge their dinners to their VISA. At the end of the 30 days, if they choose to rejoin, they can pay their annual dues. Initiation fees are a one time only charge so no new initiation fee has to be paid. This is for members who have been gone for over a year.

A lot of civic clubs and organizations have died off because of their inability to recruit young members into the club. We have several outstanding young members who have been involved in the club like DJ Johnston and Jon Engle. DJ has been on the board for the past several years and returns for a second year as secretary. He and his wife Courtney have been incredible members. Jon Engle has been very active in our membership and has also been a past director. They have a very contagious enthusiasm. In an effort to bring more young people into our club, we are going to waive the initiation fee for members under the age of 35. If you know anyone under 35, please encourage them to check the club out, and consider joining.

A special thanks to all the people who helped out at our first open house of the season.

We had about ten people who showed up from the mailing they received. Out of those, six signed up and we are hopeful the other four will as well. This year, we had one of the highest membership supports in years. All the flag officers were there along with Hank Fiene, membership chairman, Pam Grist, Sonya Moore, Jim Davis, and Jon Engel. Chris Edmonds and Hank Fiene pulled a double header working both days.

Our next Open House is May 17th and 18th. Please do whatever you can to get the word out to your non-member friends to check out our club. We are offering a very special Open House

discount to encourage people to sign up that day.

A special thank you to the Woman's Auxiliary for donating the fireplace that fits just perfectly. We really appreciate all their efforts at improvements for the club. They have a lot of nice plans coming up this year.

One of the advantages of being Commodore is you get to meet some really nice people. One such couple is David and Maria Show. They are awesome people. In order to help out with the galley, David and Maria felt the club needed a new professional mixer that would make it easier for Chef Tony and Sophie to make desserts and other specialty foods so they donated a new mixer. They have a lot of great ideas for the bar and galley to make our club better.

One of the truly unsung heroes of our club is Kurt Lentsch. With encouragement from Dick Strassburger, Kurt completely redesigned our web page to make it more user friendly with a more modern look. The amount of hours it took him to do this was incredible. When I first met Kurt, six years ago, I thought he was a professional web designer because he did so much work on our website. For the club, he had to learn how to make the more modern website and then make the changes. He then gave lessons to board members; so now the board members can update the website which Kurt made much more user friendly. Now that he has this done, he can put more time into his public warehouse business.

Jim Davis has agreed to head up our Power Squadron Committee. He will oversee our upcoming Fleet Review which is June 14th as well as our traditional rendezvous. He is a Past Commodore from one of the Michigan yacht clubs where he used to live. Jim is another very generous person. Jim felt we needed a bigger outside grill to handle our parties on the patio so he is donating one. As with all our committees, we welcome anyone to who would like to help Jim on our Power Squadron Committee.

Dick O'Connell is organizing a build the dock party for the new boats we are getting for the Junior Sailing program. If you would like to help out Dick with this please let us know. We are also working on putting together an adult sailing program. We will have more details coming up on this.

I hope everyone feels that this is "Our Club". We always can use help on all the committees. Please reach out to myself or one of the flag officers to let us know which committee you would like to help out. Or if there is a project you would like to take on to make our club an even better place than it is today.

Charlie Martin—Commodore

Rear Commodore

On April 21, 2014, I counted twenty boats already in the harbor. One must stretch our Chicago boating season as much as possible. Let it all begin...Finally! The only advantage to all that snow this winter is that the level of the lake has risen significantly. There is a positive in every situation.

In regards to the Committees under the Rear Commodore, (House, Bar & Galley, Membership/Marketing, Sail Fleet and Regatta) all are on track, meaning the Committee Chairmen are organized and setting into motion all that has to be done. If you want additional information or wish to assist, please contact any of your Board Members for the Chairman's name and number.

On a short note, the Bar & Galley is focusing on staff hiring and training. The menus have been established and are terrific. Come in and sample the dishes. Chef Tony will continue to have specials all summer.

Considerable focus is being exerted on membership and marketing. We had a great first of three open house weekends and signed up eight (8) new members! Please join us for the May and June ones. It is always impressive for prospective new members to see a happening and active yacht club.

A special push is being made to get members who have left the

club for whatever reason to rejoin. The Board has offered a thirty day come back special. Four past members have already agreed to give BPYC another look. Let's welcome them if you're at the Club. Ask our Manager Andrew to introduce you.

We have been contacting people who tried our thirty-day program last summer to entice them to join. This is also progressing very well. Two have agreed to join.

The obvious point is, more members, more fun, new friends and of course additional funds to improve on the already best yacht club in the Chicagoland area. I am still working on the project to construct a second floor deck above the patio for a 360-degree panoramic view of the lake and the city.

Lots is happening this year at BPYC. Be a part of it all. See you at the harbor and the club.

Sincerely,
Chris Edmonds
Rear Commodore

Burnham Park Yacht Club Junior Sailing School



Is Open for Registration

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| Session 1: June 18 – June 22 | Session 2: June 25 – June 29 |
| Session 3: July 9 – July 13 | Session 4: July 16 – July 20 |
| Session 5: July 23 – July 27 | Session 6: July 30 – August 3 |
| Session 7: August 6 – August 10 | Session 8: August 13 - August 17 |

Students, ages **8-16**, are welcomed to sign up for multiple week sessions. **Classes** are scheduled Monday through Friday, between 9:30 AM and 3:30 PM. Lunch is included on Tuesday through Friday. Tee Shirts and Complementary Family use of the club while your sailor is in the class.

FEES

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| \$350 per week (Non-Member) | \$270 per week (BPYC Member) |
| *10% Family Discount on each additional child | |
| *10% Discount on additional classes | |

If interested pleas Contact our Program Coordinator: Dennis Bartley - Tel: 708-646-3487
Check out our website www.bpyc.com for a copy of the application and for more information.

Treasurer

The computer system is up and running, we have several new features, including electronic monthly statements that can be emailed to you or your designated representative if you don't pay your bill directly. Many members have elected to place a credit card on file and have their card automatically charged each month for their convenience. If either of these sound good to you please contact Michelle and she will be happy to set you up.

The off season has proven to be very active at the club this year and has helped us financially as well. Revenues are up over \$ 45,000 over last year. March had an increase over last of over \$ 20,000. Our expenses have also increased through the end of March as well, our expenses increased \$ 65,000, year to date (YTD) over last year. This is not all due to expenses incurred due to current club operations. We have for the first time in a while our Accounts Payable is within 30 – 45 days. Not bad for the off season ~ the largest reason for this is controlled spending by staff and the board of directors, along with the collections of delinquent

accounts. Our delinquents are under \$ 20,000 and quickly headed to less than \$ 15,000.

As passed by resolution last year, we are depositing the new member initiation fees into the Capitol Reserve Account; this has helped grow the capitol reserve to \$ 18,000. Our goal is to have a reserve in access of \$ 35,000 by year end. The capitol reserve account should be at \$ 78,000, about 10% of our annual sales. This account is meant to be used for unforeseen expenses not included in the budget and as approved by the Board of Directors or the Flag in the event of an emergency.

And finally it's here! The season, I am one that is ready and plan to be in harbor by the end of the week of April 21st. Hope to start see everyone, soon.

Keith Moore
Treasurer

Women's Auxiliary

The Shop and Sail event was great fun and a success. The weather was outstanding. All eleven vendors want to come back next year. I believe that means they made some sales! Chef Tony cooked up a tasty Italian buffet and our new staple dessert, Geri's Carrot cake. It was delish! Thank you to the sail away girl, Elizabeth and Jessica for struggling thru the audio visual difficulties. A special thank you goes to JP Lauric. He was the master of ceremonies getting our equipment up and running. Elizabeth is planning an interesting adventure. Stay tuned as her journey unfolds.

We are all looking toward our summer of boating fun in the Harbor. The Auxiliary will present a tropical evening for the Memorial Day weekend. Stop by the club on Sunday May 25th for the sounds of the islands and the Luau meal. Look for more infor-

mation in the breeze.

Stop in and check out the new fireplace in the seating area. We want to thank Commodore Charlie for taking the time to obtain the fireplace for the club. The Auxiliary presented the club with the funds for the purchase. Take a moment and sit down to enjoy the ambiance created by the fireplace. Our mission is to beautify the club and make it a fun place to spend your time away from the boat. From the comments I've heard, the fireplace is a nice addition to the club.

Bonnie Riordon
President

On the wind, Electronic Delivery Starting July 2014

In the April Business Meeting and the April Board of Directors Meeting it was discussed and agreed to that we are going to move towards sending the monthly issue of "On the Wind" via E-Mail only to each member and only printing in house those few members that request to receive "On the Wind" via the US Postal Service, please notify Michelle if you wish to continue to receive, *On the Wind*, via US Postal Service. We will make this switch for the July Issue of "On the Wind".

This will save the club, approximately \$6,000 in printing and post-

age.

Until our by-laws are updated and changed to reflect electronic means as an acceptable means for certain notifications, we are going to use the monthly statement as a means to communicate any notifications that require US Postal Service notification, this section on the statement will be identified as "*On The Wind, Supplemental*" to meet the requirements of our By-laws. Questions or concerns can be directed Keith Moore, Treasurer.

2014 Beer Can Series

Burnham Park Yacht Club Wednesday Night Beer Can Racing

Burnham Park Yacht Club will again sponsor our Wednesday Night Beer Can Regatta. The Beer Can Regatta is an informal racing series for sailors to have a good time with their boat, family and crew. Any BPYC member with a sailboat is invited to participate. The racing is casual, and it's designed to make racing accessible to those new to the sport.

If you are new to the program and would like to discuss the details, I would be pleased to get together with you and answer your questions. Just give me a call. I can also help arrange for you to go out on other racers' boats, if you want to get a feel for it before getting started.

The 2014 Beer Can racing season will begin on Wednesday, May 28. The 14 race series runs May 28 through September 10. There will be no tune-up race this year, and no racing on July 2 or July 16. Members from Burnham Park Yacht Club, Chicago Yacht Club and Columbia Yacht Club all participate in the series. There are two "jib and main" sections, a T-10 section, and three spinnaker sections. We anticipate around 10-15 boats in each section's start, so it should be exciting.

Starts are designed to be as easy as possible. Radio check-in will not be required and the committee boat will make periodic courtesy radio announcements, including course, start times and any course changes.

The races start between 6:40pm and 7:10pm (depending on your section) and are over by 9:00pm. Most skippers and crew come to the Club after the race for special pricing on drinks and a simple buffet meal. Cash is accepted. We announce the night's results and present the awards as soon as possible after the race. The food, drinks, awards and enthusiastic sailors result in lots of great conversation and fun.

2014 Beer Can applications are included with the May "On the Wind". Applications will also be available at the Club and on our web site, bpyc.com. Due to increasing costs and in particular, higher fees from Columbia Yacht Club for administering the program, the registration fee has increased to \$80.

Contact Bill Van Emburg, Sail Fleet Director, at 312-602-9641 or e-mail "bill@quadrix.com" with any questions or to discuss how to participate in BPYC's 2014 Wednesday Night Beer Can Racing.

I look forward to seeing you at the starting line!

Advanced Boating Safety and All About Flares

Free Seminar

Burnham Park Yacht Club

May 3, 2014

9:00 am—3:30 pm

Lunch will be served from noon—1pm (nominal fee)

The seminar will be conducted by the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. The hands on lighting of the flares will be conducted by Captain L Thompson.

Topics include Advanced Boating Safety and All About Flares:

- DVD on cold survival-30 minutes
- Composition and use of fire extinguishers
- Radio communications
- Composition and use of flares
- After lunch-someone from BPYC to actually shoot flares

All boaters and sailors are invited to attend.

Please call 312-427-4664 or email info@bpyc.com to reserve your place.

Free parking and remember to bring your expired flares for the hands on demonstration.

Special Note: The seminar will start at 9 am and USCGAUX participation will finish at noon.

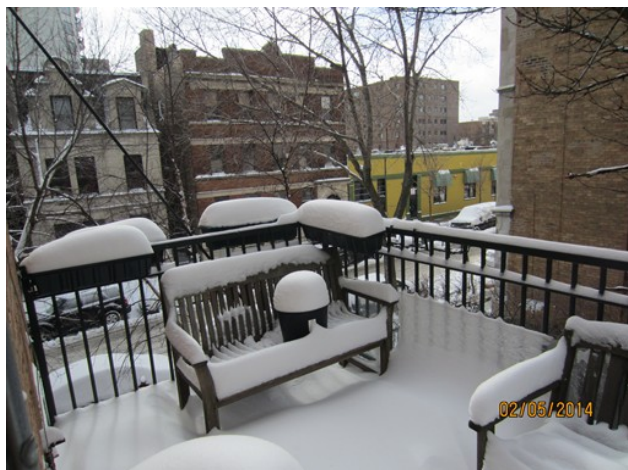
USCGAUX will have no part in shooting of flares.

Who Invited Jack Frost To The Party?

By Barb Hetzer

We love to spend some part of the Chicago winter in a warm area of the country. Strange isn't it when you are away from the snow and ice, you don't even realize that the cold exists. We walked out the door of our hotel two years ago. It was January in Santa Barbara and it was 50 degrees; we shivered a bit.....oooh chilly! Harrumph, how pampered and disillusioned we were. It's funny but for every action there seems to be a reaction and the winter of 2013-14 is one of those.

About once a week we would meet two neighborhood friends at a small Mexican restaurant in Lincoln Park. They are both characters. Laura is an attorney and a nurse. She practiced at Cook County Hospital using both her degrees. She is very involved in women's causes, cooking, and her dog, not necessarily in that order. Laura is as smart as a whip. She has an open mind and will listen to other points of view. Our other friend Nikki lives across the street from us in a large 8 unit apartment building which she owns. Nikki once edited, wrote, and owned a newspaper in Iowa. She married a handsome young man from her town and in less than a year her marriage had ended. "He turned gay on me," she said. In order to avoid a scandal for her family, she left Iowa and moved to Chicago. Nikki never married again but she met her current beau, Peter, several years back at the riots in Grant Park during the Democratic convention in August of 1968. She was there as a protester and was arrested as such. From that time on, there has never been a liberal or progressive cause that does not have Nikki's support. There are many lively discussions between the four of us. I am now sure that one of those disputes was the impetus that caused this horrendous winter.



One particular evening as we sat having our margaritas and wine, a slick layer of sleet was covering the sidewalks. "Isn't it beautiful," Nikki romanced. "I just love the snow and I can't wait to shovel. I'll even do your sidewalk." I dropped my usual politician pretense. "Whataya nuts? You just had the second hip replacement on the same hip and you want to be out on the ice doing manual labor?" "I just love it, that's all I know," she responded. Laura agreed with the same romantic fervor. "As long as it's cold, I'm in heaven." Oh brother, I thought.

As days started running into one another, I couldn't really remember when there was no snow or temperatures above 30 degrees. Between December 31 and January 6, Chicago received 23.1 inches of snow and through February 2, 51 inches. January 6 had a low temperature of minus 16. With such an accumulation of snow and with no interim melting days, we were in a constant shovel mode. Across the street at Nikki's building, the sidewalks were snow and ice free. I thought to myself that she must have been true to her word and wielded her mighty shovel.

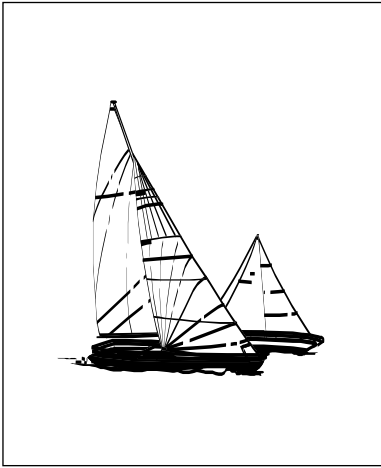
As I walked home from the store one weekend morning, I saw Nikki armed with her push shovel. I yelled to her and she looked from where the voice came. I realized I was virtually unrecognizable with hat pulled down over my eyes and a scarf swathed over my mouth. "It's me," I said. She finally matched the form and the voice. I asked her how her winter was going. "You know, Barb," she said. "I still do love shoveling snow. But don't you think that it is getting to be a bit too much? There is no fun in the activity. There used to be camaraderie in the project, neighbors would visit for a few minutes, strangers would begin conversations. Now all I get is lady be careful and don't fall! Too much snow and too much cold have ruined it for me. That's what I think."



Laura who hates the heat and loves weather with a bite in the air was finished with the cold, and wet, and the salt that hurt her dog's feet. We went for dinner one evening and she expounded that enough was enough. It was time for a respite from this harsh frigid weather. "I love cold weather, but no, NO." So California dreamin' was becoming a reality and right in our neighborhood.

Let us face it, this foul weather is not about those isobars and high and low pressure zones coming in from Canada. Just scrap the Weather Channel and Tom Skilling. Our weather happenings are lots older, less scientific, and more just us human folks sitting around the fire. It's about those mythical beings listening in to us and who have been around since the beginning of time: Skadi, Norse goddess of winter and Boreas, Greek god of the north wind, called the cold breath of winter. You realize that we're not alone here. Gods, extra-terrestrials, look over your shoulder just like the casinos in Vegas, there is always somebody watching....Area 51, well there ya go. Therefore, for some extraordinary reason a couple of women

gave their preferences and by golly were granted those desires **and then some**. I guess the whole season comes down to 'be careful what you wish for.'



2014 BPYC WEDNESDAY NIGHT BEER CAN REGATTA ENTRY FORM

Yacht Name: _____
 Sail Number: _____
 Fleet (check one): Spinnaker: _____ Jib and Main: _____
 Owner: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____ Fax: _____

Please complete the following to the best of your knowledge using actual measurements or manufacturer's data. If you have a LMPHRF or MORF certificate, please attach a copy to this application.

Yacht: Make/Model: _____ Year: _____

Length Overall: _____ Waterline Length: _____ Draft: _____

Rig: Standard _____ Tall _____ Masthead _____ Fractional _____

Genoa Overlap _____% of J Spinnaker Pole Length _____% of J

Keel: Standard _____ Deep _____ Shoal _____ Wing _____ Bulb _____

Centerboard _____ Swing _____ Keel/CB _____ Daggerboard _____

Auxiliary: Inboard _____ Lifting Outboard _____ Fixed Outboard _____

Prop: Folding/Feathering _____ Fixed 2 Blade _____ Fixed 3 Blade _____

Adjusted rating(s) for your yacht or a sistership (if known):

LMPHRF _____ MORF _____ IMS(GP) _____ IRC _____ ORR _____

In consideration of the opportunity to participate in the Beer Can Regatta, and being fully aware of the dangers which may befall mariners, the undersigned, for himself and his heirs, legal representatives, successors, and assigns, hereby waives any and all claims which he, and any of them, may have against Burnham Park Yacht Club and its respective officers, members of the Board of Directors, and members, arising out of the participation of the undersigned in the Beer Can Regatta.

I specifically agree that it is my responsibility to see that this yacht is seaworthy in hull, rig, and gear; meets the United States Coast Guard equipment requirements; has adequate liability insurance and is competently manned.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please volunteer a date to put two people on race committee, or one will be assigned to you later.

Volunteer Date _____

Please return the completed form along with your **\$80.00** registration fee (please make checks payable to BPYC) to BPYC.

May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Schedule of Events
				1	2 Social Meeting	3 All About Flares - 9am	May 2 - Social Meeting May 3 - All About Flares - 9am
							May 11 - Mother's Day Brunch
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	May 13 - Board Meeting-7:00 pm May 16 - Club Opens Full Time
							May 17 - OPEN HOUSE MORF Performance
11 Mother's Day Brunch	12	13 Board Meeting-7pm	14	15	16 CLUB OPEN FULL TIME	17 OPEN HOUSE MORF Performance	May 18 - OPEN HOUSE MORF Lady Skipper
							May 24 - MORF Performance Catalina Club BBQ Spring Opener CCYC
18 OPEN HOUSE MORF Lady Skipper	19	20	21	22	23	24 MORF Performance Catalina Club BBQ Spring Opener CCYC	May 25 - WAX Memorial Day Olympic Cup CCYC MORF Lady Skipper
25 WAX Memorial Day Olympic Cup CCYC MORF Lady Skipper	26	27	28 Beer Can 1	29	30	31	May 28 - Beer Can 1

From The Manager's Desk

Happy Spring Everyone!!!!

The ice is finally gone and the first boats have returned to the harbor. Some upcoming events that we are having is the Cinco de Mayo party on May 3rd and Mother's Day Brunch. Chef Tony will be creating and posting some very tasty menus for these events. (Look for them in "The Breeze") The menus for the Bar & Galley are complete and Chef Tony and I are looking for some feedback on these items. Also, there will be some new service staff starting in the coming weeks, please come and introduce yourself, have some dinner and be part of the training. Myself and the staff can't wait to see everyone and kick this season off as the "BEST" this club has ever seen.

Cheers!!
Andrew

Club Winter Hours

Monday—Thursday - CLOSED

Friday - Dinner 5:00pm-9:00pm

Saturday - Dinner 5:00pm-9:00pm

Sunday - Dinner 5:00pm-8:00pm

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUESTED

**Club Opens Full Time
May 16th**



June 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Schedule of Events
1 MORF Performance	2	3	4 Beer Can 2	5	6	7 OPEN HOUSE MORF Long Dist 1	June 1 - MORF Performance June 4 - Beer Can 2 June 7 - OPEN HOUSE MORF Long Distance 1
8 OPEN HOUSE MORF Lady Skipper	9	10	11 Beer Can 3	12	13 MORF to St Joe	14 FLEET REVIEW	June 8 - OPEN HOUSE MORF Lady Skipper June 11 - Beer Can 3 June 13 - MORF to St Joe June 14 - FLEET REVIEW
15 Father's Day BBQ St Joe to Chicago	16	17 Board Meeting-7pm	18 Beer Can 4	19	20	21	June 15 - Father's Day BBQ St Joe to Chicago June 17 - Board Meeting—7pm June 18 - Beer Can 4
22 MORF Performance	23 Jr Sailing Session 1	24	25 Beer Can 5	26	27	28	June 22 - MORF Performance June 23 - Jr Sailing Session 1 June 25 - Beer Can 5 June 29 - MORF Performance June 30 - Jr Sailing Session 2
29 MORF Performance	30 Jr Sailing Session 2						

CALLING ALL KIDS!!

On June 21st, 2014 at 4 pm, the Women's Auxiliary is pleased to bring back to the Yacht Club for the third time, Monkey's and More, Exotic Animal Rescue Encounter program.

This is an interactive hands on show which is safe, fun and educational for both children and adults. The animals we will be able to pet and feed are: a monkey, tortoise, lizard, bunny and a tarantula. We will also see, Lisa Marie, a chimpanzee who cannot be fed or petted!!

Exotic Animal Rescue is a 5013 C nonprofit organization and this program will help to provide all the necessary needs for these animals including shelter, food and vet care.

Contact Marcella Cimino @ 630-980-9733 for further information.

Docks & Grounds

Spring clean up day was a Hugh success, thank you to everyone who helped getting the club ready for summer. Some planting will take place in May, save the date of May 10th. Numerous people have been working to get our tender and mark boat ready for use.

Thank you everyone!

See you at the club!

Pam

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:

Julia Edwards - Sales Manager

312-528-4145 -

Julia.edwards@hyatt.com

COMING EVENTS

Mother's Day Brunch

May 11

Open House Weekend

May 17 & 18

Women's Aux Party

May 25

Open House Weekend

June 7 & 8

Fleet Review

June 14

Father's Day BBQ

June 15