

On the Wind

Burnham Park Yacht Club Monthly Newsletter • September 2014

Commodore's Log

We have a lot of things happening in the month of September.

On the first Friday is our business meeting September 5th. All members are welcome to this meeting where we will present next year's budget. Then Saturday night September 6th is our new member's dinner which was pushed back due to the number of concerts that were held at Northerly Island. All members are invited to this new member's dinner. It has been a tradition that the new members are treated to a nice dinner. The Woman's Auxiliary will have a nice gift for the new members as well.

The following weekend is Casino Night on Saturday, September 13th, which was a big hit last year. For the evening we will have Las Vegas style gaming tables set-up and chances to win prizes for all who attend. This was a very successful event last year we hope everyone will turn out to support this special event.

We are planning a Rendezvous for the weekend of September 20th at the Hammond Marina. We chose this sight to make it easier for people to get to especially for the sail boaters. Jim Davis and Hank Fiene are working on this so please mark it on your calendar.

Survey cards were sent out in the last statements. It is important you take the time to fill them out so we have input from ALL our members on what they like about the club and any suggestions on how we can make it better.

At the last board meeting the topic of the club charge was discussed but not finalized. One idea that seemed to make sense was to reduce the service charge to ten percent but still leave room on the receipt for people to tip. We have the club charge to help cover some of our operational costs. To employ a server, they have to make enough money to come out to Northerly Island and work on days where we do not get many people for dinner because the weather is bad or in some cases it is too good. The restaurant business is a difficult one to figure out because of so many factors of why few people show up on some nights and we get a lot of people on other nights.

Any suggestions or ideas on how we can do things better are always welcome. My email is charliemartin109@gmail.com or my office is 630 257 3535



Charlie Martin—Commodore

Rear Commodore

"ALL CALM ON THE WESTERN FRONT..." Well, not quite, but things are progressing smoothly. Specifically with our summer staff (from Ireland) recently departed back to the homeland or school. You will, if not already, see some new faces. To be expected but always a challenge.

The Bar and Galley are running well with an occasional issue which we will try to address immediately. The food is great and the drinks are darn good too!

House is in great shape. Keeping the washroom sparkling is a constant task. But no more issues with the air conditioners, and we now have a touch screen for the music in the Club. Check it out. All good times usually include good tunes.

Hank Fiene and Danielle Detten are working together through

Treasurer

The year has flown by, only two more months left in the club's fiscal year and our boating season.

At the September business meeting we will be presenting the 2014/15 budget for the upcoming year for the membership's approval. In reviewing the past few months the club is shaping up financially as you saw in last month's news letter. We are continuing on that trend. Our income has increased \$163,000 over last year and our expenses are also up by \$95,933 over last year. Again, a significant amount of that was collected \$45,000 – 50,000 of delinquent membership. Not counting the delinquent money we are still on positive ground by \$17,000.

We have paid off the bathroom loan! August will be the last month we collect the \$25.00 special assessment.

In the past month there have been a lot of discussions about the club charge and what we can do to either eliminate it or reduce it. Simply eliminating it is not a real possibility; we would have to fill a \$55,000 gap in our finances. Realizing we are \$17,000 to the good for the year we would be operating at \$38,000 loss for this year alone. However, we are looking at possible ways to reduce it. One of the current lines of thinking would be to decrease it by 7% reducing it to 10% and increase our yearly dues by the 10% that the bylaws allow. This would leave us with a \$4,500 short of

Women's Auxiliary

I have enjoyed this season as the Auxiliary President and working with the club membership. The Auxiliary has grown in new members in the last few months. With our growth comes lots of new ideas. I'd like to welcome our new members: Donna Poppe, Deb Roeser, Dana Moyles, Pat Dalsin and Linda Sparks. Thanks ladies for taking the time to join and getting involved in your club. Dana is already working on events and Pat is helping to review updating the Logo Wear emblem. Our next scheduled get together is Thursday, September 4th at 6:30p. Come join us for a lively discussion and planning for your club. We have had many suggestions in the suggestion box, and are trying to fill each one. One of the resounding notes is WE Love the Chocolates. No problem, we will keep this program going. The request for towels in the bathroom is a difficult one to fill. This would require us to have the towels washed thru a service to make sure they were cleaned and sanitized. The suggestion of putting a hair straightener and curling iron in the bathroom for convenience is a go. They are in the shower shelving area. Please keep the suggestions coming. We are listen-

Hank's efforts on Membership and Marketing and Danielle through the Programs to the point where there is something going on almost every weekend. Its like Nicolas Cage says, we're having a "Rockin' Good Time!" Well done. Please keep up all the great things you are doing for the Club and all the members' enjoyment.

Sail and Fleet through Bill Van Emburg's efforts are being well taken care of. The Wednesday night races are slowly getting to the end of the season. BPYC is right in the thick of the competition.

See you at the Club.

Chris Edmonds—Rear Commodore

this year's projected year end. This seems to make the most sense and is the most popular among members, Past Commodores and the Board.

We also need to address the capital reserve account. Over the years our capital account has been used for various reasons and not really kept at an adequate amount. This year we took a majority of the delinquent amounts collected and the new member initiation fees to put them in our capital reserve account. This has given us a small amount of money for reserve. It is not at what the recommended level should be of \$100,000 - 125,000 for a club our size with an aging building and equipment. One school of thought is to institute another special assessment to raise the capital account to the appropriate level. A \$15 per month special assessment would raise \$25,000 a year to be put away towards the capital account. We would like to be able to raise \$75,000 for emergencies. This would take three years at that amount, provided we had no emergencies during those three years.

I would like to hear your thoughts, please email your comments, questions or ideas. My email is thirtysomething@outlook.com.

Keith Moore—Treasurer

ing. At this writing the Self Defense class will be on August 28th and kicks off the Labor Day weekend. Jeff will have teach us some new techniques for dealing with a stranger approaching you and how not to panic. Thanks to Jeff from Windy City Self Defense for your awesome tips. Thanks to Dana for organizing the Cocktail party afterward. I hope everyone will have an awesome time learning and enjoying the refreshments. September is a bit of a melancholy time of year as we look to the fall and remember another fun summer (wait did we have summer weather?) in the harbor.

The next event on our schedule is the White Elephant and Christmas dinner. Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 13th. Come out and join us for a holiday celebration with a fun surprise gift party.

See you at the Club!

Bonnie Riordan-President

Casino Night

**Saturday, September 13th
Burnham Park Yacht Club**



7:00 PM

OPEN TO THE HARBOR

\$25 per person

**Ticket includes entertainment, appetizers
and one complimentary themed cocktail
Cash Bar is Available**

**\$25 Donation receives 30 Casino Chips
\$50 Donation receives 65 Casino Chips
\$75 Donation receives 100 Casino Chips**

Use your winnings towards a basket auction

50/50 Raffle

Casual Attire

RSVP to Manager@BPYC.com or 312-427-4664

Cash - Check - Visa/MC Only



Casino Night Entertainment

Scramble Band is made up of members from the Chicago's band the Cryan Shames, Animal House's Otis Day band, the Drifters and the Coasters. They have been performing at festivals and events throughout the country since 1980. Scramble Band performs classic rock from the 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's.

September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Beer Can 14	4	5 Business Meeting- 6:30 pm	6 New Member Dinner Abe Jacobs MORF Skippers Club
7 MORF Comp 7 Zukasky Memorial	8	9	10	11	12	13 Casino Night MORF Commodores Sheldon Clark
14 MORF Commodores	15	16 Board Meeting 6:30 pm	17	18	19 BPYC Rendezvous	20 BPYC Rendezvous MORF Goose Island
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28	29	30				

I hope you had a chance to enjoy the music of Johnny V. whom we had at the club a couple weeks ago. Come enjoy his music again this Saturday, August 23rd at 7:30 p.m. on the patio. We will definitely get him on a regular schedule.

There are still a couple great August events over the Labor Day weekend you should be sure to attend. The Dinghy Raft-off on Saturday, August 30th with a live band from 2:00-5:00 p.m., and a Cigar & Whiskey Tasting (and various cordials) on Sunday, August 31st at 8:00 p.m.

In September, the New Member's Dinner is on Saturday, September 6th at 5:30 p.m. Then enjoy a DJ from 8:00 p.m. until midnight. This is also Venetian Night at Navy Pier.

And on Saturday, September 13th is the return of the BPYC Casino Night, doors open at 6:30 p.m. and gambling starting at 7:00 p.m. We will have more tables, great raffles and music from the Scramble Band.

So mark your calendars, and we'll see you at these events. Details are posted separately.

As always, reservations are recommended.

Danielle Detten—Programs Director

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

October 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Annual Meeting- 6:30pm	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Board Meeting- 6:30pm	15 CLUB CLOSED		17	18 Club Open For Dinner Rocktoberfest-11 am
19 Club Open For Dinner	20 CLUB CLOSED				24	25 Club Open For Dinner
26 Club Open For Dinner	27 CLUB CLOSED				31 Club Open For Dinner	1 Commodore's Ball

DINGHY RAFT OFF

August 30th

Live Band—Classic Rock
Wolfs Crossing Band
Raffles, fun times, etc....

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

Cigar & Whiskey Tasting
(and various cordials) on Sunday,
August 31st—8:00 p.m.

Rendezvous

September 19-21st
Hammond Marina



COMING EVENTS

Dinghy Raft-Off
August 30

Puff-N-Stuff
August 31

New Members Dinner
September 6

Casino Night
September 13

Rendezvous
Sept 19-21

Commodore's Ball
November 1

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