



# On the Wind

Burnham Park Yacht Club Monthly Newsletter • November 2014

## Commodore's Log

We have a great incentive to get people to join the club now because most people wait until Spring to sign up. To encourage non-members to join now rather than wait until Spring, we will let them sign up now, just like if they waited until June, and let them be a member until May of 2016. It's a win win for us and the new members. They get to use the club over the winter and we get them as members now rather than waiting for next June.

Please mention this to your non-member friends and also to the people who may have just got a boat this summer. We have signed up two new members with this program.

Also, we need as many young people as we can get so we are also offering to boaters under 30 the option of joining now and not having to pay an initiation fee.

The Burnham Park Yacht club Commodores Ball is November 1<sup>st</sup> and we hope all our members know they are invited. It will be a real nice time. Also, our club is hosting the Chicago Yachting Association party on December 6<sup>th</sup> and all our members are invited to this. It is a great opportunity to meet so many nice people.

When you are traveling one of the privileges of membership to our club is the use of other yacht clubs around the country. In order to get reciprocity at these clubs, you need to let Michelle know so she can send a letter to the club advising them that you are a member in good standing plus it helps to show your club card. Some advance notice is suggested so the letter can be written and sent to the right person.

We have had some meetings with Westrec and the

park district regarding the new Lucas museum. This museum will help attract tourists to the city and help provide jobs during and after the construction. The only potential conflict is the idea that has been floated about putting a walking bridge over the South end of the harbor so people can walk to Northerly Island. As you can appreciate, this is something we are very concerned about as it may affect the large sail boats and perhaps even the large power boats. Our input on this subject is welcomed by the park district and we need to be vocal in how we feel about this. Nobody wants to stand in the way of progress as long as it doesn't affect our boaters which happen to be a great revenue source for the park district. Apparently the idea of swimming across didn't go over real big.

As you may have heard, our manager Andrew Welsh quit as general manager of the club. He did not give any notice or written resignation.

As a reminder, the service charge is being lowered effective November 1<sup>st</sup> to 10% from 17%.

As we enter this Thanksgiving season, it is another reminder of how lucky we are to be a member of such a beautiful place as the Burnham Park Yacht Club. We are so fortunate to have so many people volunteer to help make our club a better place. "Mr. Fix It" Dick O'Connell is at it again with his buddy Bill Hood fixing the patio roof so we have a nice roof on the patio for the commodore's ball and the CYA party.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Charlie Martin

## Rear Commodore

I just left my therapist's office to deal with my depression...the issue being the end of the boating season! Just kidding. It was a challenging season weather wise, but very event filled with all the activities that we had at the Club or in the Harbor.

We have a lot of new members who are using the Club and participating in the Club events. It's great to see and to get to know everyone.

The next big event at the Club is the Commodore's Ball. It is a "can't miss" event. The new Board of Directors and Flag Officers will be sworn in and awards will be given. Live entertainment will be provided with a delightful dinner. Please call and make a res-

ervation. You will have a lot of fun.

With the new Board, there will be new committee assignments. I firmly believe, you, as Members, will be pleased. I hope that you volunteer for a Committee you are interested in supporting.

Finally, I would like to say "thank you" to Commodore Charlie Martin for all his energy and hard work this past year. He is a tireless supporter of the Burnham Park Yacht Club. I hope when you see him at the Club, that each and every one of you express your thanks.

Chris Edmonds—Rear Commodore

## Treasurer

As I look back over the past year as Treasurer, we have seen a lot of change, both as a club, a harbor and as a community. The club has regained some financial ground towards the goal of our capital reserve account reaching \$75,000. We paid off the bath room assessment and lowered our club charge. The harbor has seen another year of concerts and is now looking at a future with a potential new neighbor in the George Lucas Museum. As a community we have our national elections and no matter what side you represent it is our civic duty to get out vote.

Starting November 1<sup>st</sup> the following annual dues schedule will be in effect:

| Membership   | 2013/14 Due's | 2014/15 Due's | New |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|-----|
| Regular      | \$ 1200.00    | \$ 1320.00    |     |
| Crew         | \$ 275.00     | \$ 302.50     |     |
| Non-Resident | \$ 320.00     | \$ 352.00     |     |
| Social       | \$ 635.00     | \$ 698.50     |     |

There seems to be some confusion on what happens when a member falls behind in their club financial obligations and is making no effort to become current. To clarify, when a member's name is placed on the bulletin board or receives notice their account is delinquent their club membership is suspended according to the bylaws. This means you are no longer a member in good standing. As a member no longer in good standing you lose ALL club privileges. This does not mean you can charge items at the bar and galley. It means ~ in the simplest of terms, you have no access to the club or its amenities. We are training the staff to recognize this so when the POS system informs them the account is suspended you will not be served.

Respectfully,

Keith Moore—Treasurer

## Women's Auxiliary

Please join us at our next meeting on Friday, November 7th at 6:30pm. Come and join us and see what we are all about.

The annual auxiliary White Elephant holiday party is set for Saturday, December 13th. Enjoy a holiday meal with your club friends and a fun exchange of silly gifts. You wrap any item then play to pass or steal. It's a hilarious exchange and more fun when you find out what is in your gift. Make your reservation today by calling Michelle at the club. Remember you can always book a room at the Hyatt Regency at McCormick place to avoid weather and travel concerns.

I want to take a moment to thank the lady officers that have dedicated their time and abilities this last year. The auxiliary is made possible because of the team we had in place. Barb Hetzer has juggled so many areas with such grace. She has single handedly kept our records and dealt with all the advertising issues. She is always available to help with the logo wear, the accounting, our mail and any event that we plan. Bonnie Hetzel is the keeper of our history. She knows all the details and has all the records

since the auxiliary began. Jessica Bialkowski has created the notes for the last year and kept the auxiliary organized with setting up an electronic notebook. Courtney Johnston has made our logo wear come alive this year with some new items and fun logo wear. Special thanks for planning our events go to Jessica, Marcella, Geri, Elaine, Dana, Pat, and Joann along with all ladies for doing a fantastic job with volunteering to help plan and run our events. Thank you to all the members of the auxiliary for your continued dedication to our club.

Wishing all many great adventures for your winter season!

Happy thanksgiving,

Bonnie Riordan  
Auxiliary President

# November 2014

| Sun                  | Mon         | Tue | Wed         | Thu | Fri                  | Sat                          |
|----------------------|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|----------------------|------------------------------|
|                      |             |     |             |     |                      | 1<br><i>Commodore's Ball</i> |
| 2                    | 3           | 4   | 5           | 6   | 7<br>WAX Mtg-7 pm    | 8                            |
| 9                    | 10          | 11  | 12          | 13  | 14                   | 15                           |
|                      |             |     | CLUB CLOSED |     | Club Open For Dinner |                              |
| 16                   | 17          | 18  | 19          | 20  | 21                   | 22                           |
| Club Open For Dinner | CLUB CLOSED |     |             |     | Club Open For Dinner |                              |
| 23                   | 24          | 25  | 26          | 27  | 28                   | 29                           |
| Club Open For Dinner | CLUB CLOSED |     |             |     | Club Open For Dinner |                              |
| 30                   |             |     |             |     |                      |                              |



**Club Winter Hours**  
 Now in Effect Through  
 May 15, 2014

**Monday—Thursday - CLOSED**

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

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

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

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUESTED**



# December 2014

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri                      | Sat                             |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
|     | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5                        | 6<br>CYA Party—6 PM             |
| 7   | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12                       | 13<br>White Elephant Party—6 PM |
| 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19<br>Coast Guard - 6 PM | 20                              |
| 21  | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26                       | 27                              |
| 28  | 29  | 30  | 31  |     |                          |                                 |

## COMING EVENTS

**Commodore's Ball**  
November 1

**White Elephant Party**  
December 13

## Docks & Grounds

Although it's officially the end of our boating season the club remains open on a Winter schedule. Think of coming down to the club for dinner or drinks and seeing familiar summer time friends and faces.

Pam Grist

## WHITE ELEPHANT PARTY

Saturday, December 13th at 6 pm cocktails  
7 pm dinner

White elephant gift exchange directly after dinner.  
Gifts....strange is good & funnier. Rich Lauric will be Santa.

### 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**

## 2014 Flag Officers

Commodore Charlie Martin  
Vice Commodore Janet McCarthy  
Rear Commodore Chris Edmonds  
Secretary Davis Johnston  
Treasurer Keith Moore

## 2014 Board of Directors

### *Two Year Directors*

Bill Van Emburg

### *One Year Directors*

Brij Bharteey  
Scott Broderick  
Danielle Detten  
Hank Fiene  
Jim Gentile  
Scott Gordon  
Pam Grist  
Donna Stevenson  
Ken Taylor

### Women's Auxiliary

President Bonnie Riordan

### Past Commodores

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Dick O'Connell



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