



# On the Wind

Burnham Park Yacht Club Monthly Newsletter • June 2014

## Commodore's Log

I kind of feel like it is Thanksgiving because we have so many people to thank for their generosity of time and talent. For starters, you will notice the club now has a beautiful new curtain wall around our patio compliments of a guy who doesn't like to be acknowledged, Hank Fiene. He himself sewed the clear plastic and zippers together. The amount of time this took is incredible. I heard this would have cost us around \$7,000 if we had to buy it. This really makes the view from the patio much, much better and a nice clean look. Thank you HANK! This is the same guy who put the ceramic in the chart room. Also, on the "That's Incredible List" are the Grist, Pam and Duane. Pam has devoted and dedicated a lot of time to making our club look better. She coordinated the clean up of the shed and grounds. Duane mentioned we needed to dress up the patio floor. Guess what? The patio floor has gotten a makeover. She researched all the best coatings to use and priced them at all the stores. Mike Lamendella, who also goes by the name Mr. Carpet, had his men put the crack filler down with the help of one of our long standing dedicated volunteers, Larry Dalsin. Mike's men then put a few coats down so we have a beautiful patio floor. The tender needed some loving care and there was Pam and Duane working away to get it fixed up. Duane thought the tender needed new bumpers so he bought new bumpers. As you can imagine all this takes a lot of time. We are so lucky to have a great guy like John Staniszewski and his lovely wife Joyce as members. John saved us a lot of money working on the tender making sure the engine was all tuned up and running right. Who knows how to change a fuel strainer? John does and all those other things you need to do before you put the boat in the water. He put many hours over several days into making sure it is ready for the season saving us a lot of money. Of course Mr. Fix-it (Dick O'Connell) was there many times tinkering with the tender and lending his expertise.

As Director of Docks and Grounds, Pam Grist ordered for us the flowers for the front yard and worked weeding, digging and planting. Thanks so much for the generosity of our Women's Auxiliary Club for donating the beautiful flowers. We really appreciate your history of supporting the club. President Bonnie Riordon got a real work out weeding, digging and planting as well. She put a full day in along with Paulette Horne who also had to be tired at the end of the day from all the hard work.

A special thanks to our House Committee Chairman, Scott Broderick, who has been doing a lot of work around the club that may go unnoticed. One of his current projects is painting the soffits of the club. He did a great job power washing our patio to clean it up for the season and help prepare it for the coating. He has spent a lot of time trying to figure out the problems we are

having with our heating and air conditioning system.

All the Flag Officers have been putting a lot of time into working with the Committee Chairmen to make sure everything is well under way for the season. Janet McCarthy has been working with Danielle Detten on some nice events for the year. She is also helping us finance a few things till our cash flow improves. Hopefully the Casino Night she is working on will be another huge success. Mike Lamendella who is joining the committee has some special jazz bands and bands like a 70's band that he wants to bring to the club. Mike is the guy who donated the Reggae band last fall. He is a real special person. It's a good thing Chris Edmonds isn't billing us for all the time he is putting in at the club. As an attorney, he has been very generous with his time and talent. Chris and Hank Fiene put in a double header at the open house recently working both days. We did two mailings and put signs up at the gates. I would have thought a hundred people at least would have shown up but it was more like a dozen. We did get a few new members signed up. We really need everyone's help with this. As Dick Strassburer used to say, word of mouth is the best advertiser. Donna Stevenson has brought back two old members and Pam Grist and Scott Stevenson have also brought back an old member. Our offer still stands. If an old member wants to consider rejoining the club we will give him a 30 day trial period so they can charge to their credit card the meals and decide after 30 days if they want to rejoin. One couple that are probably one of the most fun and nicest people you will ever meet are giving us another try and they will help "bring fun back to the club." If every member could try to get at least one new member, we would be in great shape. The club can handle 100 new members so it would make us more efficient from a cost stand point.

Dick O'Connell has organized and is coordinating a new deck for our Junior Sailing program. Chris Edmunds also does carpentry work and is helping Dick build the deck. So not only was Chris at the club Saturday and Sunday working the open house, he has been helping put the new deck together during the week.

Our secretary, DJ Johnston, is always around helping out at the club. I feel real bad for him because taking notes at meetings is not one of those fun jobs anyone loves to do but he does it every month. Did you know our Treasurer is also an electrician? Keith Moore, who has put a lot of time into working on our software took the card reader off the front entrance and installed a new one. You had to be there to understand how difficult that was. This is another savings for the club of around \$500. Keith didn't think it was a big deal.

In case you are wondering what the film crew was doing at the club, a large TV network is doing a story on one of our members,

## Commodore's Log Continued....

Jenny McGathey. Jenny has chosen BPYC to host many party events and we are very grateful of her support of the club. She is one of those people who make you feel you are so glad to be at the club when she is around.

**Our Fleet Review is coming up on Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup>.** We are looking for someone to be in charge of the weather. My bet is we are going to have a beautiful day. It would send a great message to the harbor if we had a lot of boats participate in this so it looks like our yacht club is alive and well. I hope everyone can join us for the party and dinner that evening. You can even dress up in white if you like.

Our air conditioning and heating units are 24 years old and need major surgery. If any member is in this business and could give us

some advice we would be very grateful. For the people I have forgot to mention like Steve Theis, who has worked hard on our clean up, I am sorry I missed you. Pam MacGregor is another on who has been helping out with membership and clean-up. She was even able to get her daughter to help us out with clean up. And as always, Sonya Moore who puts the "On The Wind" together and has great patience with me getting it in late. Keith Moore does a great job getting "The Breeze" out every week. We just can't take these people for granted. Thank you to all for your generous support of "Our" club!

Charlie Martin—Commodore

## Rear Commodore

If you haven't observed the many great changes at the Club, then you need to get out more...and visit the Club. New epoxy floor on the patio, new canvas curtains with isinglass you can actually see through and painting around the patio. Several trees have been removed, flowers are in the pots, a new tile floor in the Chartroom, new dock for the junior sailing program, new BBQ grill, sailboat sandbox for the kids and new cushions for the patio chairs. Alright, I may be a little excited. Come see. You'll be impressed.

Bar and Galley: New dining room and bar menus are a hit already. Try the lobster roll. Just like back East. Lots of new staff coming shortly (from Ireland no less.) Try the new pineapple martinis too. Addictive!

House: I have already described what's new. Got so excited I went out of sequence.

Membership and Marketing: We have had two open houses. Our

final one is set for the weekend of June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Talk it up to dock mates and neighbors. New members are our lifeblood and are essential for the longevity of the Club.

Sail Fleet: The Club, through many of its members with sailboats, are almost all signed up for the Wednesday night beer can races, as well as a number of others. One of the most picturesque scenes, in my humble opinion, is being on the lake facing the City with a bunch of sailboats in between with their colorful spinnakers and the sun setting in the West.

I'll leave you with that thought.

Chris Edmonds  
Rear Commodore

## Docks & Grounds

I would like to start by thanking everyone who has generously donated their time, material and physical labor. Without this dedication, by many members, the progress you see would not have happened. My list is long with names of people who have contributed. To each of you Thanks - The Tender and Mark boat are in the water and running smoothly after some maintenance repairs. Thank you guys! The Tender also has new bigger Black Fenders for added protection. There will be a couple new faces driving the Tender this year, please introduce yourself and welcome them as well, Ryan 1 and Ryan 2 are also back as our regu-

lar drivers. Please also notice the refreshed patio deck and plants surrounding it. Stop on in.

Thank you to John Lamendella for providing the labor to paint the patio deck.

Everyone, enjoy the Summer!

Pam Grist

## Treasurer

**Equality** is not normally a word a Treasurer would use however for this month it is the basis for my article. By definition it simply states all things are equal. So why is the Treasurer talking about equality? Simply put we, the Board of Directors, are treating each member and committee equally.

We are all members of the club, no member being greater than any other member. While we have different categories of membership a member at the end of the day is a member. Each of us desires a place to come together and enjoy each other's company, good food, sprints and service.

Each committee of the club is as equally important as any other committee. Each committee has a responsibility to maintain their expenses within their budget and raise money as needed. In the past this has not always been the case and it has caused some animosity and wasn't fair to those that were working equally as hard without the same benefits. Some committee fundraisers were run as a free for all, with no real regard on how the process affected the club or its revenue. At times the committee would make money while the club would lose money for the day. We have implemented new procedures; we have a strong handle on our costs and what the club needs to succeed. For some this will take some getting used to, for others they may not even have known that we had some issues and will continue their support of

the club as they always have.

While the club is not in the business of making a profit, we do have a fiduciary responsibility to make sure the club has the funds needed for daily operations, creating a back-up fund for winter operational costs and monies for emergency repairs. This excess money is by definition considered profit; although not in the traditional sense. We have started costing each menu item and event from a point of what the cost is and what should be charged, we know our overhead is 40% this is added on the hard cost of the item, this is our breakeven point. We then add percentage on for the profit as any business would. This comes in really close to the restaurant industry rule of thirds; we are slightly off since we have added services such as tender service, etc. But none the less we are close.

April was good month for the club as our total income was up \$46,000 over April of last year. From November 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup> we are up \$94,386. Last year at this time the net profit was negative (\$24,000) and this year we are at positive net profit of \$16,000.

Keith Moore, Treasurer

## Women's Auxiliary

Ready set, its boating season! Welcome back to the Harbor. Hey all you kids and animal lovers. Stop by the club June 21<sup>st</sup> at 4 pm, the Women's Auxiliary is pleased to present 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.

We have been busy. When you go to the patio to enjoy the view, I hope you like the new seat cushions that were donated by the

Auxiliary. Pam Grist has been doing a fantastic job in getting the club to look bright and fresh with plantings, painting, and general cleaning up the area. The cushions are one of the items that Pam was able to find for our club and the Auxiliary happily donated the funds. Thank you Pam for all your time spent to make our club more inviting.

Please note the Auxiliary meeting day has changed to the first Thursday of each month. Come and join us June 5th at 6:30 pm. You can be a part of the fun. Looking forward to the best summer yet!

All the best,  
Bonnie Riordan - 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 agree 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 postage.

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.

# June 2014

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

### From The Manager's Desk

Hello from the Harbor! I just want to take a minute and welcome all club members back to the water and to the club!! You are a welcome site for myself and the staff. You will be seeing some new faces, that being the faces of the students from Ireland. They start to arrive on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and will be working in several different capacities here at BPYC. Please make sure to make them welcome and introduce yourself to them. Hope to see everyone in the next few days.

Cheers to the kick off of a Great Boating Season!!!!

Andrew

**As a reminder there is no smoking within 15 feet of any door and only Service Animals are allowed inside the club.**

## BPYC Summer Hours of Operation

**Galley:**

**Breakfast:** Sat. & Sun 9am - 12pm

**Lunch:** Wed - Sun 12pm - 4pm

**Dinner:** T,W, &Th 5pm - 9pm

Fri - Sun 5pm - 10pm

**Bar:**

Tues - 3pm - 10pm

Friday - 12pm - 10pm

Saturday - 8am - 10pm

Sunday - 12pm - 10pm

**Tender Service:**

T, W & Th - 11am - 9pm

Friday - 11am - 12am

Saturday - 8am - 12am

Sunday - 8am - 10pm

Please Call for Reservations 312-427-4664 Thanks!

fax 312-427-4666 [www.bpyc.com](http://www.bpyc.com)

# July 2014

| Sun              | Mon                  | Tue               | Wed        | Thu                 | Fri              | Sat               | Schedule of Events             |
|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
|                  |                      | 1                 | 2          | 3                   | 4                | 5                 | July 3 - WAX Meeting-6:30 pm   |
|                  |                      |                   |            | WAX Meeting—6:30 pm | July 4th Holiday |                   | July 6 - MORF Comp 1           |
| 6                | 7                    | 8                 | 9          | 10                  | 11               | 12                | July 7 - Jr Sailing Session 3  |
| MORF Comp 1      | Jr Sailing Session 3 |                   | Beer Can 6 |                     |                  | MORF Lady Skipper | July 9 - Beer Can 6            |
| 13               | 14                   | 15                | 16         | 17                  | 18               | 19                | July 12 - MORF Lady Skipper    |
| MORF Comp 2      | Jr Sailing Session 4 | Board Mtg- 6:30pm | Beer Can 7 |                     |                  | Hook Race         | July 13 - MORF Comp 2          |
|                  |                      |                   |            |                     |                  | Race to Macinac   | July 14 - Jr Sailing Session 4 |
| 20               | 21                   | 22                | 23         | 24                  | 25               | 26                | July 15 - Board Meeting-6:30pm |
|                  |                      |                   |            |                     |                  |                   | July 16 - Beer Can 7           |
|                  |                      |                   |            |                     |                  |                   | July 19 - Hook Race            |
|                  |                      |                   |            |                     |                  |                   | Race to Macinac                |
| 27               | 28                   | 29                | 30         | 31                  |                  |                   | July 27 - MORF Harbor Open     |
| MORF Harbor Open | Jr Sailing Session 5 |                   | Beer Can 8 |                     |                  |                   | July 28 - Jr Sailing Session 5 |
|                  |                      |                   |            |                     |                  |                   | July 30 - Beer Can 8           |

## Casino Night Raffle .....

Watch for our "Split The Pot Raffle".  
We kick off selling the raffle tickets at the Memorial Day Luau Party.  
\$25 per ticket or 5 for \$100



## COMING EVENTS

Open House  
Weekend  
June 7 & 8

Fleet Review  
June 14

Father's Day BBQ  
June 15

Casino Night  
September 13

## DIRECTORY UPDATE

It's that time again....Please take a moment and confirm that your information in the 2013 Directory is correct. If you have changed boats, slips, email, addresses etc. in the past year we need to hear from you!

Contact the office for a Membership Update Form.

## 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