

On the Wind

Burnham Park Yacht Club Monthly Newsletter • February 2015

Commodore's Log

The year 2015 has come upon us and as they say "time flies when you're having fun", hope everyone enjoyed their holidays with friends and family as we get back to thinking about boating.

Clean up of the Club held on January 10th had a great turn out. Phil Edwards did a fantastic job of coordinating team work with volunteer members of our club. All volunteers took time out for pizza and salad which was well deserved for their hard work.

Thank you to the group of volunteers that took the time out of their busy lives to hang shelves, clean barstools, floors, kitchen, paint walls and hood vents, etc. , plus the members that donated the materials for the cause of the Club.

Chicago Boat, RV & Strictly Sail Show held at McCormick Place

was more than twice the size of last year. It went on and on with all sizes of boats, RV's, camping gear, fishing, clothing, lamps, purses, etc. They even had kids kayaking and actual fishing in man-made pools. Hank Fiene put together the BPYC booth. The pictures of the Club events were just awesome to look at. Thank you to all the BPYC members who showed up to man our booth for the show and represent our Club. Thank you

Hank, we are very proud to have you for our Marketing Chairman. After the boat show on Saturday, Johnny V. played guitar at the Club. Everyone enjoyed the music, drink, and dinner, so nice and relaxing.

Hoping to see all of you at the Club February 1st for Super Bowl Sunday!!

Janet McCarthy



Vice Commodore

As of the writing of this, the 2015 new combined boat show has just completed. It was packed on Saturday. Sincere thanks for everyone who has volunteered to donate time from their busy schedules to man the BPYC booth. I do know it is a way of getting a boat fix especially in the midst of our lovely winter tundra.

MARKETING and MEMBERSHIP: Special thanks to Chairman Hank Fiene for getting our booth set up but more importantly presentable with banners, pictures and information. The booth is one of our major activities to market Burnham Park Yacht Club to a larger venue than just our harbor and immediate surroundings. A membership/marketing committee meeting has already taken place. There is a lot planned for 2015. If anyone would like to help us bringing in new members, it would be greatly appreciated. Clearly, boaters or people who like to be around boats and the water are lots of fun. Many have become members and good friends. Let's make some more new friends. New members are our life's blood.

PARK RELATIONS: Chairman Scott Gordon has been working for almost a year with the Park District and Westrac to get the wifi that has been promised for a number of years to actually work. This too benefits all of us in the harbor. Scott has also been working diligently to ensure that the Club is not adversely impacted by the crowds and traffic during any of the upcoming concerts at the Merit Bank Pavilion. He has developed a good working relationship with the people involved. Further, inquiries are in the works to get a dock for smaller boat transients and for our dinghys to be directly in front of the Club for easy access. Keep up the good work Scott. All of us appreciate the time and effort.

HOUSE: What a great showing at the annual club clean-up day coordinated by Chairman Phil Edwards. We had over twenty-five people participate and tons got done. Extensive cleaning, fixing some electrical issues, painting, complete overhaul of the store-room shelving system. (Thank you Phil and Steve Theis.) Painted the whole kitchen (Thanks to Scott Broderick's insistence.) Still have some items to attend to which should be taken care of shortly. Thank you to everyone. The Club looks great.

DOCKS and GROUNDS: Chairman Paulette Home worked very hard along with Phil Maulding at the club clean-up but was also able to get some input and ideas for improvements in the spring. The dinghy dock would be a great addition to the Club. Hopefully that comes to fruition.

SAIL FLEET and REGATTA: Chairman Bill Van Emburg and Chairman Don Waller respectively have been working very hard to clarify a lot of issues and/or complications regarding the Wednesday beer can races as well as a number of other races. There seems to be some differences of opinion regarding fees charged, services to be rendered, who's in and who's out. Don has already attended several meetings, and we are hopeful that it all can get resolved before the racing season.

Sorry there is not more to report at this time. There surely will be as we get closer to the season. Stay warm and hope to see you at the Club.

Chris Edmonds
Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore

One would think that it being off-season things would slow down. But we have been busy, we had club clean-up day, which was a great success. Thank you to all those that attended and participated. Apparently painting the kitchen turned loose some grem-lins. Our dishwasher has met the end of its useful life. We will be pricing out new ones and have one in place before the season starts. In addition to that we have issues with the hot water heaters. We have them working but they are on their last leg.

We have many great events coming up, Super Football Sunday, a Valentine's Day dinner (RSVP's are required for this event due to

limited seating) and March will bring a St. Patrick's Day celebration. Remember the board voted to change to the board meeting to Saturday in March, that way we can all enjoy the celebration after the meeting.

We are adding multiple positions in the next few weeks; at least two cooks and additional servers. Please join us in welcoming Judyann Villa to the office. She has very impressive background which makes her a great asset to our club.

Keith Moore

Programs

We're starting February off with a Football Party on Sunday, Feb. 1st. Come cheer for your favorite team (or against your least favorite ☐). Doors open at 4:00 pm. See the attached flier for all of the details. Lots of great food and a drink special I can't wait to try! Last year was a lot of fun; hope to see you there.

There will be a 7 course Valentine's Day dinner on Saturday, February 14th. There will be two seating times, and seating is limited. Last year the Valentine's dinner was a big success and sold out, so if you want to share a romantic evening with your valentine, enjoying a delicious menu and one of the best views of the city, be sure to get your reservation in early. See the attached flier for

more details. The club will be closed for all other activities and service.

And finishing up the month, Johnny V will be here on Saturday, Feb. 28th from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm. Come and enjoy his music, or go up and sing along with him.

Be sure to watch for any updates in The Breeze.

Danielle Detten

Women's Auxiliary

We were able to get a glimmer of sunshine thru the boat show this last month. It's only 2 1/2 more months until we can start to get out of dry dock and float to our harbor home.

In the meantime, we will get going with our annual planning meeting for auxiliary events in 2015. The meeting will take place at the Club on February 8th at 3:30pm. Please join us for a brain storming session. The person coming in with ideas for 2015 will receive a bonus surprise gift. We need woman to chair events and

work with the staff on organizing the events. We will also supply a complimentary meal off the menu. Please send me an email: Bonnie.Riordan@comcast.net or call the Club to allow us to reserve your meal and set up the meeting space.

Hope to see you at the meeting. All the best in 2015.

Bonnie Riordan

Marketing

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make the 2015 Boat Show a success.

First of all we need to thank our Rear Commodore Keith Moore, whose quick action to secure our booth saved the club \$750.

Then there's Jim Gentile (our acting treasurer) who put in 20 hours over 3 days to help set-up and man the booth in the early days of the show.

Thanks to Chris Edmonds for securing a rental vehicle for our shuttle service.

We also need to thank Janet McCarthy - Commodore, Chris Edmonds - Vice Commodore, Scott Broderick - Secretary, Dick O'Connel - PC, Charlie Martin - PC, Phil Maulding and Paulette

Horne, Steve Theis, Curtis Colbert, Todd Sherman, Phil Edwards, Linda Vena, Howard and Paula Jacobson, Pam and Kevin McGregor, Bob and Danielle Detten and Bill Van Emburg. These folks contributed over 130 hours to make this year's Boat Show a success.

Charlie Martin signed up a new social member at the show, while Bill Van Emburg was able to convince a new crew member to join.

We have about twenty leads of people interested in coming to an open house to check the club out.

Thanks again,
Hank Fiene

BPYC Football Party

Sunday, February 1st

Doors open at 4:00 p.m.

Kick off at 5:30 p.m. (central)

Rsvp (312) 427-4664



\$20 Buffet



Buffalo & Honey BBQ chicken wings

**Veggie platters with ranch and
black bean hummus dip**

Chicago style hot dog station

Fresh chips

Smoked pulled pork sliders

Fruit kabobs

Cupcakes



50/50 - \$25 Football Squares

\$250 payout for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd quarters

\$500 Final Score

February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Football Party	2	3	4	5	6 Business Meeting 6:30 pm	7
8 Women's Aux Meeting	9	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day Dinner
15	16	17 Board Mtg-6:30pm	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Johnny V

COMING EVENTS

Football Party
Feb 1

Valentine's Dinner
Feb 14

Live Music
Feb 28

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Happy
Valentine's
Day



March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 St Pat's Party Board Mtg-5:30pm
15	16	17 	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Daniel Burnham Im- personator
29	30	31				

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

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

**DO YOU HAVE YOUR
 TOUCH DOWN
 DANCE READY?**

BPYC - Seven Course Valentine's Day Dinner

Saturday, February 14th

RSVP manager@bpyc.com

\$80 per person (includes tax & club charge)

Seatings at 6:00 p.m. or 8:00 p.m.

Pettini Pesto

Grilled scallops on a bed of bruschetta

Shrimp and Clam Chowder

*Smooth & creamy clam chowder and
grilled shrimp*

Lobster Ravioli with champagne cream sauce

Handmade lobster ravioli with creamy champagne sauce

Rosemary Garlic Fillet Mignon & Lobster with Roasted vegetables

Lobster, Fresh Rosemary, garlic marinated fillet mignon with roasted vegetables

Caprese Mousse Avocado Salad

*Fresh avocado, Cherry tomatoes, basil salad with
balsamic vinaigrette*

Italiano Biscotto

Assortment of petite cookies

Chocolate raspberry four layer cake

*Chocolate cake topped with
layers of mousse*

Cocktail Special

Love Potion #9 martini - special reduced fruit juice, and vodka

2015 Flag Officers

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

2015 Board of Directors

Two Year Directors

Danielle Detten
Bill Van Emburg

One Year Directors

Phil Edwards
Hank Fiene
Scott Gordon
Paulette Horn
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Steve Theis

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