



On the Wind

Burnham Park Yacht Club Monthly Newsletter • July 2011

Tapas Around the World
Canada
Friday, July 1
Social Meeting 6:30 p.m.



WAX Meeting
Friday, July 8
7:00 p.m.
Tapas - Spain



Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 12



Tapas - France
Friday, July 15
6:30 p.m.



Tapas - Mexico
Friday, July 22



Tapas - Caribbean
Friday, July 29



Monkeys & More
Sunday, July 31

Commodore's Log

As you can see, the changes around the grounds of the club have made a great difference. The amount of compliments that have been shared with me are wonderful to hear. Many thanks go to the members' and their hard work, time, and effort put into the club.

We are working with the city to get our outdoor grilling license and are in the process of obtaining this. We should have this ready to go within the next few weeks.

As summer has finally found us, I encourage you to spend time at the club with family, friends and boat neighbors. There are lots of fun nights planned ahead for you this season. Please contact me and share some ideas of what you would like to see more of here at your club! See you around the harbor.

Respectfully-

Breck Grigas
Commodore

2011 Leukemia Cup

The Leukemia Cup Regatta will be held on Aug. 27 and the Powerboat Poker Run will be on Aug. 6. This is the 15th year for the Chicago event, which is the third largest in the country.

We would like to encourage our members to participate by entering their boats in either the Sailboat Race or the Poker Run. These events benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, which is the world's largest voluntary health organization dedicated to funding blood cancer research and providing education and patient services.

Last year we had 10 boats participate from our club. Sign

up today at www.leukemicup.org/il. Register before July 25th and your boat's name will be on the T-shirts.

The purpose of these events is to raise money for the LLS. Please sign up early and become an active fundraiser. If you are unable to enter your own boat, you can still help by making a donation in the name of one of our participating BPYC captains. This is a fun way to support a very good cause.

Contact me for information at 708-354-3172 or hanksails@sbcglobal.net.

Hank Kalmus

Club Coordinator for the LCR

Manager's Message

The summer has found us and as I spend time talking with the members, I can tell you, it is quite apparent that we are all ready for it! There have been many efforts by the members to get the club looking "harbor ready" for the season. The grounds are looking fabulous, thanks to the hard work of Sally Morris, Linda Sparks, and Donna & Dan Stevenson. All of the time and monetary donations made by those of you who have contributed to our beautification fund, have "grown" into the beauty you see here. We are still graciously accepting donations, as there is much more to do. You can send in checks with your statements or add a little something to our jar inside the club. It is much appreciated and will go to making your club bloom year after year after year!

Our "TAPAS Around the World" series has been quite exciting and going over very well with the members. A little taste of the world is being brought to you each Friday from 4:30-6:30 at the club. So far we have tasted Canada, Italy, and the Philippines.

There are ethnic drink specials as well in the bar. Be sure to check out the upcoming countries we are visiting. All are listed on the club calendar in the newsletter. We also will be featuring live music from 7pm till 10pm on select Friday nights throughout the summer. Watch for email updates.

We have booked "The Barefoot Hawaiian" to come perform for us on August 13th along with a LIVE Hawaiian band. We will have hula dancers performing a show along with an authentic Hawaiian Luau. Mark your calendars now because it is sure to be an entertaining evening!

I still kindly ask each of you to make reservations when planning on coming to the club. It helps me to staff the club accordingly, which in turn makes your dining experience here better. Again, reservations are not required, but very warmly requested.

Thanks you!!!
Lauren Cornille
General Manger

New Jr Sailing Boat

You may have notice the tired looking mark boat tied up at the Jr. Sailing Dock for the last couple of months. We have been trying all spring to get the boat running and have had no success. Ever since its' accident last year, we have been struggling to get it repaired and in operable working condition, but have had no luck with the engine. Even when the boat was running, it was a continuous source of headaches, with a leaky hull and lots of maintenance problems. The boat design was not well suited for the activities and was easily swamped in waves. It was time to replace the boat.

The boat is used for both the Jr. Sailing program, as a safe platform to instruct the kids with, and to get the 420s towed out by the area near the harbor. The boat is also used to help set marks and perform any rescue during the regattas that the BPYC runs. The boat is essential for the safety of the Jr. Sailing School. Both of the Jr. Sailing and regatta programs in the last two years have made \$18,000 for the club and are key community outreach programs for us. Another important use for the boat is having it as an option for a backup tender.

We are replacing the old boat with a new boat, better suited for these activities. The boat is a Century 2000, a 22' with an almost new 150 HP Yamaha. This boat has a self-draining cockpit and will be a much safer boat for the club. Dave DeAre and Dick O'Connell have looked over the boat and it is in excellent condition. After negotiations, we bought the boat for \$12, 500, subject to sea trials and survey, which it passed with no problems.

Janet McCarthy generously loaned BPYC the money for the purchase, so there will be no funds from the club. We will be paying Janet back through a fundraiser, which we expect to collect enough money to pay off the full \$13,000, after taxes and survey. We have already raised over \$3,000 and the board has voted to proceed with the boat purchase. If you are interested in helping out send your checks to BPYC, for every \$500 donated we will be setting up a naming rights lottery for the new boat. Thanks for your help.

Dick O'Connell
Vice Commodore

Another Sail

I had an opportunity presented to me to use a J46 for the month of April in the VI, BVI areas. I had crewed to deliver the boat last November to the Caribbean. We were able to spend time in the Spanish Virgins, the Virgin Islands, and on most of the British Virgin Islands. The weather was beautiful. Temps were 70 to 80 and mostly sunny. We were able to get some snorkeling in and visit some great beaches. We saw Blue Guitar, Eric Clapton's power boat, and Richard Bronson's new cat, with a submarine on it. We finished our casual sailing at the end of April and brought the boat to Nanny Cay on Tortola. This was to get the boat ready for its trip back to the US. Hurricane season defines when you still have insurance coverage in a hurricane zone-the Caribbean. Hurricane season starts June 1 and ends the end of October. Boats go to the Caribbean in early November and return in early May. We departed on May 1st on a race to Bermuda, 850 nautical miles at 6 degrees. It took us 5 days to get to Bermuda. Our entrance was through the St. George cut into St. George, the oldest settlement in Bermuda. We were hosted by the St George's Dingy Club, just inside the cut. Our first stop was required to be immigration and then to the dingy club for med moor rafting. Our arrival was on a Friday and we planned a Sunday departure, but that was not the opinion of good old mother nature! We had 5-6 days of 40 knot winds and 18 foot seas between Bermuda and the US for the forecast. So all 18 boats waited. During our wait, a boat that I had crewed on for a delivery to the Caribbean in 2001, arrived. It rafted off our boat and we were able to get updates on who had done what in his last 10 years. That boat was the boat that created the infamous "Prairie Pirate" group for us Midwest sailors that have ventured to do Atlantic deliveries.

Our delay caused most of the boats to lose crew and then struggle to replace them quickly. We lost 4 men and got 2 replacements to give us a reasonable crew. Our stay was during the basketball playoffs, so every night we were in a bar watching the games. The sports bars in Bermuda are usually showing cricket, soccer, and rugby. You will get a great education on cricket during the day by sitting in any of the local bars drinking "dark and stormys". The bartenders love to teach us American dudes about their favorite sport.

Eventually, Saturday arrived and our new crew was aboard. The forecast was for 4 days, a weather window of reasonable weather. We left at noon after the morning winds decreased. Our destination was Maine, 750 miles at 350 degrees. Our trip was going to take us through the Gulf Stream, which can be rather nasty with the wrong kind of wind. We were lucky to have a break in the Stream with 150 miles of a 2 knot north (our direction) current. Most of the rest of the trip north had an adverse current. About 200 miles north of Maine, we hit it...yup...the Maine fog, with a 10 degree temperature drop. We used AIS and radar to keep visibility for other vessels during the fog. Finally tied up in Boothbay Harbor, we cleared customs, went out for a Maine lobster dinner, and came back for our last night on the boat. It ended up as another 5 day trip, with no fish caught on either leg of the trip.

This was my 15th delivery of a boat between the Caribbean and the US. It was over 370 nights on blue water boats, with 28 gulf stream crossings and 3 Bermuda stops...all with delays! And yet, it still stays exciting!!!!

Captain Loren Thompson

Spring & Summer Flowers

Doesn't the grass and the flower pots look great around the club? This wasn't just a gift from God, although no doubt, He helped! It started early this spring with getting the grass fertilized and weeded, with services graciously donated by Donna and Dan Stevenson. Next, the fancy plantings in the large flower pots designed by, Sally Jo Morris, arrived just in time for Mother's Day. For the Fleet Review, Sally also planted a beautiful mix of perennials around the flag pole for continuous blooming year after

year. Last week, with the help of Linda Hanson, she finished the plantings around the shed and patio. They look great. Special thanks to all who volunteered their money, talent and time to get the flowers and yard growing. The plants and flowers look great.

Dick O'Connell
Vice Commodore

From the Women's Auxiliary

The BPYC 2011 Directory is available in the office please see our club manager for your copy compliments of the Women's Auxiliary. Any additional copies are available for an additional \$10.00 each.

Any changes or additions to the Directory please give to Lauren.

For all the new members to the club, welcome! Meetings are the first Friday of the month unless notified due to a holiday or a conflicting use of the club. The Auxiliary's purpose is for the beautification of the Burnham Park Yacht Club. We contribute to the flowers planted every year, as well as cleaning and repairing special items. In the past the Auxiliary has purchased new furniture, new speaker systems, and a trophy cabinet to name a few. We also host many of the social and educational events at the club.

One of the best ways to meet other members is to join the Auxiliary. The cost is \$25.00 dollars and with this membership you will receive your own yacht club card.

I will say, for all the existing Auxiliary members, we hope to see new members at the club and at our meeting.

Have a great boating season!

Lynn Rosenberg

President

RENDEZVOUS - Southport Marina - Kenosha, WI August 4th - 7th

We are heading off to Kenosha, Wisconsin, on Thursday, August 4th through Sunday, August 7th. Please join us on this fun adventure! Surprises are around every corner. It is important for you to call Southport Marina at 262-657-5565 to reserve your slip (space is limited). Please mention that you are with the Burnham Park Yacht Club. Driving by car...no problem...call the Best Western Harborside Inn & Conference Center at 262-658-3281. The hotel is 8 blocks away from the marina.

\$170 per couple covers dinner for two on Friday and Saturday nights (cash bar)...plus a wonderful gift bag to remember the weekend! Dinner on Thursday night is on your own. Please send your check payable to me prior to July 25th to insure your spot and personalized gifts.

You thought we had fun in Racine last year...wait till Kenosha! Life is short...what are you waiting for?

Donna Kohoutek

Captain - Power Fleet

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P.S. - SIGN UP SHEET IS POSTED AT THE CLUB



ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

At Burnham Park Yacht Club

Sunday, July 31st • 3:00pm

Come for an exciting outdoor show and lecture about exotic animals!! Bring the kids, grandkids, friends and neighbors out for a fun filled evening for all ages, young and old(er)!!!

Call Lauren for reservations at 312-427-4664

July Birthdays

- 1 **Larry Dalsin**
- 2 **Matthew Horowitz**
Paul Stec
- 3 **Tom Ostrander**
- 4 **Stephen Rains**
- 5 **Paul Jarvis**
- 8 **David DeAre**
- 10 **Doug Daniels**
- 12 **Davis Johnston**
- 16 **John Harty**
- 17 **Gerard O'Neil**
- 19 **Janet McCarthy**
- 20 **Paul Klabacha**
Robert Polenzani
- 22 **James Connolly**
Fran Mueller
- 26 **John Powser**
- 28 **Michael Puffer**

Nominating Committe to be Chosen

During the July Board of Directors meeting at the Burnham Park Yacht Club, we will be nominating Club members to serve on the Nominations Committee. If you are contacted, please consider serving on this important committee. Even if you are a fairly new member (at least for one year), or don't feel like you know that many people in the yacht club, it is a good way to get involved with the future of the Club. The nominating committee will meet several times before September. If you have questions about what to expect, take a look at the BPYC By-Laws, Article XI, Section 11.02.

Judi A. McInerney
BPYC Secretary

Boat Safety Equipment

On July 10th, at 5:00pm, we will be holding a session on boat safety equipment. We will discuss safety equipment and then go to several of the Mac race ready boats to see and review the importance and placement of some of these items. Both sail boaters and power boaters should attend.

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July

T W O T H O U S A N D E L E V E N

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 TAPAS - Canada Social Meeting 6:30	2 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 - 12:00
3 Brunch Buffet 9-2 Dinner Buffet 2:00pm-9:00pm	4 Brunch Buffet 9:00am-2:00pm	5 CLUB CLOSED	6 Beer Can Race	7	8 WAX Meeting 7:00 TAPAS - Spain	9 Patio Closed 4:30 to Close
10	11 CLUB CLOSED	12 Board Meeting 6:30	13 Beer Can Race	14	15 TAPAS - France	16
17	18 CLUB CLOSED	19	20 Beer Can Race	21	22 TAPAS - Mexico	23
24	25 CLUB CLOSED	26	27 Beer Can Race	28	29 TAPAS - Caribbean	30
31 Monkeys & More 3:00 Patio Closed 12-3						

Plan Ahead

August 5 - Social Meeting 6:30pm & WAX Meeting 7:00pm RENDEZVOUS
 August 13 - Club Luau August 20 - Pub Crawl August 27 - Leukemia Cup

Summer Hours of Operation

Burnham Park Yacht Club Bar & Galley

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Breakfast:

Sat. & Sun 9:00 AM - 12 PM
(Starting May 15th)

Lunch:

T, W, Th & F Noon - 5:00 PM
Sat & Sun Noon - 4:00 PM

Dinner:

T, W, & Th
Friday
Saturday
Sunday

5 PM - 9 PM
5 PM - 10 PM
4 PM - 10 PM
4 PM - 9 PM

Bar:

T, W & Th
F & Sat
Sunday

Noon - 10 PM
Noon - 12 PM
Noon - 10 PM

Tender Service:

T, W & Th
Friday
Saturday
Sunday

11 AM - 9 PM
11 AM - 12 PM
8 AM - 12 PM
8 AM - 10 PM

2011 Flag Officers

Commodore **Breck Grigas**
Vice Commodore **Dick O'Connell**
Rear Commodore **Charlie Martin**
Secretary **Judi McInerney**
Treasurer **Pat Carney**

2011 Board of Directors

Two Year Directors

Joann Murphy, PC
Brij Bharteey

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Davis Johnston
Bill Van Emburg
Donna Kohoutek
Carl Kinell
Janet McCarthy
Loren Thompson
John Engel

Women's Auxiliary

President **Lynn Rosenberg**

Past Commodores

Marcella Cimino
Dave DeAre

Club Charge

There have been questions about the "Club Charge" that is added to BPYC checks for food and beverage purchases. Many private clubs utilize the "Club Charge" or a similar variation. It is a component in the BPYC Club Connect POS and accounting system. Members have asked if the staff receive this "Club Charge" as a tip. They do not.

Wait-staff in a regular restaurant essentially work for tips and an hourly wage that is significantly lower than what our staff is paid. Our staff does work differently. They prepare things waiters in other restaurants would never do; such as food prep, making salads, set-up and tear-down for parties, furniture moving, window cleaning, etc. We also have to schedule and pay multiple wait-staff for most evenings even if very few members come to the Club. We try to keep a high-quality wait-staff by paying a competitive hourly wage. The "Club Charge" offsets a portion of these wages and other club costs.

A gratuity that is added by the member is appreciated. Thank you.



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