



On the Wind

Burnham Park Yacht Club Monthly Newsletter • March 2008

Commodore's Log

March is here and the boating season is rapidly approaching. During the past few months the Burnham Park Yacht Club Board of Directors has been working hard to prepare the Club for our enjoyment in 2008 by planning and taking actions to improve Club facilities and service.

If you have not yet tried the new menu featuring a monthly special, come down to the Club on the weekend, enjoy the new menu and meet our new bartender, David. The view is just as magnificent in the winter and the food now being served in the galley is excellent!

Improvements are continuing at the Club, including a complete reorganization of the storeroom and the installation of a new tankless water heater to increase heating efficiency and lower water heating cost. The House Committee completed several ambitious projects and will continue to make improvements on the building.

Past Commodores Finerty and McInerney have completed the plan "B" bathroom drawings and plan "B" is out for bids. When bids are received the Finance Committee will meet and prepare a financing plan. We will then call a special meeting to determine how to best proceed with the bathroom renovations, i.e. Plan A or Plan B. The decision on how to proceed will be decided by the general membership of the Club, as per the bylaws.

We have just started a very ambitious membership drive which has included our booth at the Strictly Sail Show and a mailing to prospective new members. The Club will have membership open houses on Friday, March 7 and Saturday, March 29. New membership is very important to the vitality and finances of the Club. Your help in recruiting new members will become an

important part of the membership drive.

We have monthly programs planned for Club member's enjoyment and a great publicity effort to make you aware of the Club activities. Be sure to check the website frequently for updates and new programs. The Junior Sailing Program is organized and will be ready at season start up. The

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**Membership
Open House**
Friday, March 7



**St. Patrick's Day
Party**
Saturday, March 15
6:00 P.M.



**Membership
Open House**
Saturday, March 29

March & April Dinner Specials

Pierogi

Sauteed In Onions
Served With Sour Cream

Short Ribs

With Jardiniere/
Port Wine Sauce

From the Women's Auxiliary

The January Clean-up/Fix-up Day was work and fun at the same time! It's a great feeling to work side-by-side with a club member, and end the day with knowing a little bit more about that person, along with putting energy towards making our club as great as we can. Thanks to Women's Auxiliary members Marcella Cimino, Crystal Davis, Elaine Kurland, Bonnie Hetzel, Mary Lou Kalmus, Geri Lauric, Judi McInerney, Chris Pitts, Kathy Puffer and Lynn Rosenberg for your time and hard work. A special Thank You goes to PC Joann Murphy for feeding us! The food she brought from the Flame Restaurant was excellent and plentiful.

After the last Women's Auxiliary meeting, I spent some time inventorying our bar stools with the Brass Name Plaques. The remaining stools at the high top tables are selling at a reduced price of \$200.00 and are going quickly. As a matter of fact, I am purchasing one for my captain in honor of his birthday this month. So for those of you still wanting to memorialize your boat, your captain, 1st mate, crew, or a loved one, take a minute to fill out the application and forward it to me.

With that said, I would be amiss not to acknowledge the person responsible for this fabulous presentation. Lynne Denmark presented the idea to the Auxiliary, organized the applications, name plates, engraving, and attachment (thank you Mr. Denmark!) Her "Finishing Touch" articles in OTW showed her pride and enthusiasm for a job well done. Thank you, Lynne.

Don't forget that the LogoWear is on sale. Now is the time to stock up for the upcoming season! We are looking forward to having our LogoWear Store on the BPYC website. It is in the works!

Watch for to details about our High Tea on Sunday, April 13th. It's been such an enjoyable event for all who have attended in the past that we are bringing it back this year. Elaine Kurland is chairing this event, and I will be co-chairing. We are working on a fabulous new menu and some fun entertainment! This is a great way to acknowledge one of your friends, a relative, or maybe a neighbor who is special to you.

Michele Karas, President, BPYC Women's Auxiliary

Brass Name Plate Order Form

Member Name

Phone

Line #1 *(please print legibly – approximately 20–24 letters per line – see sample on bar stool)*

Line #2

I agree to donate \$200.00 for the above nameplate to be professionally mounted to a chair in the bar area at the Burnham Park Yacht Club. I understand the chair is not my personal property and that there will not be an assigned location of the chair with my nameplate. When the chairs are replaced, the nameplate will either be mounted on a new chair or mounted on a permanent display. The Women's Auxiliary has the authority to remove, change location or deny nameplates.

Signature Required

Make \$200.00 check payable to BPWA. Submit to BPYC – Attn: Michele Karas
Proceeds to be used by the Women's Auxiliary for club Beautification projects

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Regatta Committee has the 2008 race schedule organized and the Power Fleet is in the process of planning several very special activities for all of us to enjoy.

This sounds much like a state of the Club update, and that is what it is. The Club is open, the food is good and things are proceeding well for the season opening at BPYC. Come down and join me at the Club.

Dave DeAre, Commodore

Docks & Grounds

The lay of light is longer...Spring is not far ahead...Time for a good ol' fashioned shed cleaning! The club shed is due a clean-out/repair. All hands on deck for this one. There are many things inside this big blue box any of them yours?... If interested or if any of those fine things in the shed are yours please contact Dave Cella.

The flagpole should be up and flying the club burgee by the end of the month. We'll be scheduling work on the shed soon.

David Cella, Docks & Grounds

Bar & Galley

To promote quality in the Bar & Galley, the club will be offering a set menu on the 1st Fridays of each month. This will help to accommodate all diners when club members are holding meetings. This menu change will begin in April on the 1st Friday. Watch for our Spring Menu in April. Thank you for helping us to improve!

Kathy Puffer, Bar & Galley

Notes From the Vice Commodore

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to House Director Ray Kalinsky and all of the members of the House Committee for their excellent organization at the January Fix Up Day. Twenty eight club members (and their families) donated generously of their time, skills and knuckle grease to keep the club looking neat and clean and to complete several projects that cannot be accomplished when the club is operational. Thank You again.

Marcella Cimino, BPYC Vice Commodore

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March Birthdays

- 1 Susan Field
- 2 Marion Durpetti
- 4 Greg Geistler
Matt Waldrop
- 5 Helen Felsenthal
- 9 Karen Walsh
Linnea Zilly
- 13 Terri Barrett
- 14 Gerald Sloan
- 15 Steve Hossa
Tom Nesbitt
- 17 Kathy Harris
Terry Holm
- 18 Kim Zoller Jordan
- 19 Helen Igoe
Martin Krasnitz
Dave Pitts
- 21 Roberta Lyn Rains
- 22 Dennis Klima
- 23 Larry Rynning
- 31 Oliver Drabkin



Membership Committee

We have just completed a mailing to all the people who have boats in Burnham Harbor to invite them to an open house on March 7th and March 29th. If you have a friend who you think would be interested in joining the club would you please give them a personal call and invite them to one of these open houses.

We need new members to help us make our club an even better place than it is now. Also, we still need volunteers to serve as dock captains. The idea here is if we had a personal ambassador on each dock, this person could communicate with the non-members to let them know what the club is about and inform them when we have an open house or nonmember activity.

We will certainly have a better chance of picking up some new members with a personal approach. When you look at what our club costs compared to some of the other clubs, we are a great value, plus we still have the best view.

Charlie Martin

BPYC 2008 Carnivale Party





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T W O T H O U S A N D E I G H T

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3 Club Closed	4 Club Closed	5 Club Closed	6 Club Closed	7 Women's Aux. Meeting Membership Open House	8
9	10 Club Closed	11 Club Closed	12 Club Closed	13 Club Closed	14	15 St. Patrick's Day Party
16	17 Club Closed <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18 Club Closed	19 Club Closed Board Meeting	20 Club Closed	21	22
23 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	24 Club Closed	25 Club Closed	26 Club Closed	27 Club Closed	28	29 Membership Open House
30	31 Club Closed					

plan ahead

April 13th Sunday **High Tea**

Winter Hours of Operation

Burnham Park Yacht Club Bar & Galley

Friday: Galley 5-9 P.M., bar open until 10 P.M.

Saturday: Galley 5-9 P.M., bar open until 10 P.M.

Sunday: Galley 4-8 P.M., bar open until 9 P.M.

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Vice Commodore	Marcella Cimino
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2008 Board of Directors

Two Year Directors

Sail Fleet	Richard O'Connell
Membership	Hank Kalmus

One Year Directors

Docks & Grounds	David Cella
Power Fleet	Walter Heller, Jr.
House	Ray Kalinski
Publicity	Kurt Lentsch
Membership	Charles P. Martin
Program	Judi McInerney
Bar and Gallery	Kathy Puffer
Women's Auxiliary President	Michele Karas
Past Commodores	Donald Waller Joann Murphy

From the Manager's Desk

We have been offering an abridged menu and there has been a fine response from the members who have dined at the club. The menu items include soup, salad, and dessert. We will continue with this menu through April. Again we are offering a free glass of wine with a reservation made 24 hours in advance.

The evening of March 7 will be an open house to interest harbor boaters in the yacht club. There is also a Womens' Auxiliary Meeting that evening. We will be featuring a buffet that evening.

Saturday, March 15 is Parade Day in Chicago. After the parade we will open for the St. Patrick's Party. We will have a D.J. and a buffet that will include Boxties, Fish n Chips, Shepherds' Pie, Corned Beef, and much more.

David McDermott is our new bartender and a very welcome addition to our staff. He has proven to be skilled in many areas and very willing to help in the dining room and the kitchen. We are fortunate to have him. Stop by and say hello.

Mike Gallagher, Club Manager



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