



On the Wind

Burnham Park Yacht Club Monthly Newsletter • May 2008

Commodore's Log

May is finally here and the Chicago Harbors are officially open. For those of you who have not had a reason to come to the Club, now that the season is open it is time to come in and get reacquainted with all that the Burnham Park Yacht Club has to offer. The Club has been spiffed up for the season; we have a new menu with monthly specials. We have already had several special events that have been well attended, but there is always room for you and your family.

Speaking of special events, 2008 is the 70th anniversary of the Burnham Park Yacht Club. Incorporated on September 14, 1938, the objectives of the Club were "Social pleasure and entertainment of its members." Amazing that after 70 years the objectives remain the same. We are planning a very special 70th Anniversary Party, most likely in September to celebrate our Club's Anniversary. Watch On the Wind for details of this big event.

Bathroom bids have been received by PC Marty Finerty who is in the process of finalizing the bids and working with the finance committee to provide us with their recommendations for the bathroom project. It has become apparent that the renovation cannot be done before the season opens; we are now looking at fall 2008 to start the project. The entire proposal should be complete and ready for presentation at the Business Meeting in June.

Last month the Docks and Grounds and Sail Fleet committees rebuilt and reorganized the BPYC storage shed. It looks much the same from the outside, but has a new front and all new roof. This repair has been needed for a long time. Watch for additional repairs and clean ups as the season progresses. Check out the photo of the workers in this issue.

The official opening of the Club will be on June 7, with the Opening Ceremony, Fleet Review and reception/dinner. This is an excellent opportunity to join the festivities. Sign up for the

Fleet Review, it is a great chance to parade your boat through the harbor and celebrate the Club opening. See you there.

Dave DeAre, Commodore



Cinco de Mayo Party

Saturday, May 3rd
6:30 P.M.



Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 11th
11:00 A.M. or 1:00 P.M.



Beer Can Regatta Meeting

Wednesday, May 14th
7:00 P.M.



Jimmy Buffett Margaritaville Party

Sunday, May 25th
6:30 P.M.

From the Power Fleet Director...

The Power Fleet is working in conjunction with the Women's Auxiliary to bring you a pair of parties. I was contacted by the Power Fleet of the Chicago Yacht Club to put a Memorial Day weekend of parties together, and we have come up with the following: Saturday, May 24 the Chicago Yacht Club will host our club and Sunday, May 25th we will in turn host them. Please see the accompanying flyer for additional information and watch for club email updates.

If you choose to only attend the **evening** Spring Kick Off Party at the CYC, the cost will be \$45.00 plus tax and gratuity, per person. A free drink is included in this price.

The Women's Auxiliary has booked a Steel Drum Band, will be decorating the patio with a sandy beach theme complete with Tiki Huts, beach balls and the ever-loving parrots, and working on bringing a true Jimmy Buffett menu to us.

We would like to offer a "shuttle boat" to bring the CYC guests to

our club for the start and finish of the party. If any power boaters are interested in volunteering your time and boat, please contact me at Wheller@THLemont.com or call my cell 708-557-5967. Initial thoughts are a pickup at 6:00 and a return cruise at 11:00.

Buddy Heller, Power Fleet Director



Please Join Us for A "Pair of Parties"



Saturday, May 24

**The Chicago Yacht Club Power Fleet hosts:
"A Spring Kick Off" Party at Monroe Station**

This is a day of events including:

**11 AM Bloody Mary Poker Tournament
2 PM Wine and Artesian Cheese Tasting
6:30 PM Spring Kick Off Party
\$55++ per person Includes All Events**

For Reservations

**Please call The Chicago Yacht Club
312-861-7777**



Sunday, May 25

**The Women's Auxiliary of Burnham Park Yacht Club hosts:
"Annual Jimmy Buffett Margaritaville Party"**

6:30 PM Featuring:

**Island Fare, A Steel Drum Band
and Fabulous Raffle**

\$35 per person

**For Reservations Please Call
The Burnham Park Yacht Club
312-427-4664**



BPYC Wednesday Night Beer Can Racing

Burnham Park Yacht Club will again sponsor our Wednesday Night Beer Can Regatta. The Beer Can Regatta is an informal racing series for sailors to have a good time with their boat, family and crew. Any BPYC member with a sailboat is invited to participate. The racing is casual. There are two jib and main sections, a T-10 section and three spinnaker sections. The registration fee is \$50.00.

BEER CAN MEETING Wednesday, MAY 14: 7:00 P.M.

On Wednesday, May 14 we will start with a registration party/meeting. Grab a beer and bring your registration forms and we will go over the program this year. We will hand out the course diagrams and race instructions.

Answers to some frequently asked questions:

The 2008 Beer Can racing season will start with a tune up race on Wednesday, May 21 For registered first time Beer Can Boats and Crews, we have several experienced skippers who are willing to come on board your boat and give you some pointers on what to expect and some hands on coaching.

The 14 race series runs May 28 through September 3. No racing on July 23.

Members from Burnham Park Yacht Club, Chicago Yacht Club and Columbia Yacht Club all participate in the series. We anticipate around 10-15 boats in each section's start, so it should be exciting.

Starts will be the same this year, radio check in will not be required and the committee boat will make periodic courtesy radio announcements, including course, start times and any course changes.

The races are usually over by 9:00. Most participants come to the Club after the race for special pricing on drinks and a simple buffet meal. Cash is accepted; we announce the night's results and present the awards as soon as possible after the race. The food, drinks, awards and enthusiastic sailors result in lots of conversation and fun.

The 2008 Beer Can applications are available at the Club.

Contact Dick O'Connell, Beer Can Chairman at 630-627-1073 or e-mail: r.oconnell@sbcglobal.net with any questions or to discuss how to participate in the BPYC 2008 Wednesday Night Beer Can Racing.

Dick O'Connell, Beer Can Chairman



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Membership Report

Our membership drive continues with a double-header open house on Saturday May 31st. First, in the morning we will have a breakfast buffet to target social members from the museum campus condominiums. If anyone has any suggestions, knows some people there, or would like to help out, please let me know.

In the evening we are going to have another open house to target the Burnham Harbor boaters. We need your help to promote this. Please ask your boat neighbors to check us out. Offer to accompany them to the club. We will offer complimentary drinks and appetizers.

Charlie Martin



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Welcome New Members!

We welcome our new members that joined during the month of March

Tom and Diane McGuire...33' Cruisers called "*Knot Here*"
 Frank and Betsey Mistretta...45' Carver called "*Stealin' Time*"



Denny and Laura Szymkowiak

Denny and Laura have a 31' Carver called "*No Regrets*"



Ed and Renee McKinley

Ed and Renee have 2 children; Austin, 16 and Devin, 13. they have a 48' Chris Craft named "*GoodWood*"



Ed and Janet McCarthy

Ed and Janet have a 40' Regal called "*Satellite Terminal*"

Brass Nameplate Fundraiser

We are in the last phase of the Women's Auxiliary sponsored brass nameplate fundraiser. All of the plates for the bar chairs have been purchased. We appreciate the generosity of those members who already have purchased these name plates.

Only fifteen high boy chairs are left for name plate purchase. For only \$200.00 you can have your name, boat name or any other appropriate phrase posted for posterity at your club. Remember that all of your donations are used to beautify the club.

Please contact either PC Tony Cimino or VC Marcella Cimino for further information or download the application form that is found on the club's website. Thank you.

Marcella Ingarra-Cimino

Logo Wear

Now that boating season is upon us and it still feels like winter, come into the club and check out what we have to offer.

For warmth, we have new polar Tec vests, also Polar Tec jackets, sweatshirts, denim shirts. From our inventory we still have some cross country jackets, polo's, t-shirts, etc on sale.

If there is something you want I will try to order it for you, but there are times that the item is no longer offered by the manufacturer. Please call me with any questions: 312-420-6300.

Geri Lauric, Vice President
& Logo Wear Chair

A Reminder

As the warm weather approaches, tobacco smoking will not be allowed on the patio of the BPYC during food service hours. Smoking areas will be provided. Signage will be posted. Thank you for helping us keep compliant with this ordinance.

Bar and Galley rules prohibit member entrance to the galley. If you have a question about food or service, please see the manager. Do not enter the kitchen.

Kathy Puffer, Bar & Galley



May Birthdays

- 1 **Michael Collins**
- 2 **Michael Gallagher**
Jean Peterson
Steve Kuroski
- 3 **Elaine Darby**
- 5 **Tony Macino**
John Landes
Paul Ulatowski
- 8 **Don Loewen**
- 9 **Maria Mendius**
- 10 **Albert Inwood**
- 13 **Judi McInerney**
- 14 **Jeff Dalsin**
- 15 **James "Terry" Gallagher**
Joyce Macino
- 16 **Jim Lauric**
Hank Kalmus
- 17 **John Finerty**
- 19 **Theresa Pesoli**
Scott Ozmun
- 21 **Dagmar Simon**
Nicole Simon
- 22 **Roger Suhar**
- 23 **Viktor Baran**
Mario Calleros
David Shade
- 24 **Judy Weisman**
- 25 **Alison Priolean**
- 26 **Michel Schoonover**
- 29 **Bruce Shake**
Sally Shake
- 30 **Al Field**
Phil Wengel

From the Women's Auxiliary

May is here and it's time for celebration!

Celebrate the new season at the annual Jimmy Buffett Party. For our new members, this is a "not to miss" event! This year we will be hosting the Chicago Yacht Club as guests. We will also have a Steel Drum Band and an exciting menu! We welcome raffle prize donations of all kinds! For our business owner members, this can be a great way to showcase your business to other club members.



The Tea Party was a huge success. The attendance was at an all time high with over 40 ladies attending. The new menu was very well received. I heard nothing but compliments from the members and their guests. Thank you Mike, Pablo and Staff for all of your hard work. Even the Commodore was in the kitchen helping out with

the finger sandwiches! Thank you to Elaine Kurland for chairing this fabulous event and to Judi McInerney who can transform rooms and containers into works of art!

The club Directory is well underway. Dawn Graziano is working to have the directory ready to distribute on Fleet Review Day, June 7, which is the official opening day of our club.

Dawn has also volunteered to scan our past years memorabilia. My pet project this year is to retrieve and retain our Auxiliary history. Anyone storing Auxiliary documents in a box on your closet shelf, please pass them on to either Dawn or myself. After scanning and/or copying, items will be returned at your request.

Thank you to Dave and Chris Pitts for their donation of the new bulletin board. While working in the hallway during Fix-Up Day, Chris decided that we needed a new one, so she ordered it and delivered it to the club.

For those of you who may not know, our very own Suzette Hopkins underwent surgery for breast cancer. A good friend of hers, Lenore Becker, will be participating in the Avon Walk for Cancer, being held in Chicago on May 31 and June 1. To make a donation in honor of Suzette, or someone you know, please visit www.AvonWalk.org. Suzette is doing well. With her attitude and personality, it's hard for anything to get her down!

On a sad note, our heartfelt sympathy to PC Don Waller for the loss of his mother and for Frances Mueller, who lost her husband, Don Mueller last month.

Our next meeting will be on Friday, May 2. We will be reverting to our summer hours and starting at 6:30.

Michele Karas, President, BPYC Women's Auxiliary



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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
<p>plan ahead June 7th Saturday Fleet Review Opening Day Ceremonies</p>				<p>1 Club Closed</p>	<p>2 Women's Aux. Meeting 6:30 P.M.</p>	<p>3 Cinco de Mayo Party</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>5 Club Closed</p>	<p>6 Club Closed</p>	<p>7 Club Closed</p>	<p>8 Club Closed</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 Mother's Day Brunch</p>	<p>12 Club Closed</p>	<p>13 Club Closed Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 P.M.</p>	<p>14 Club Closed Beer Can Meeting 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>15 BPYC Summer Hours Begin</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19 Club Closed</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Beer Can Tune Up Race</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 CYC Spring Kick Off Party</p>
<p>25 Jimmy Buffett Margaritaville Party</p>	<p>26 <i>Memorial Day</i></p>	<p>27 Club Closed</p>	<p>28 Beer Can Race</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 BPYC Membership Open House <i>Double Header</i></p>

Summer Hours of Operation

Burnham Park Yacht Club Bar & Galley

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Breakfast:	Lunch:	Dinner:	Bar:	Tender Service:
Sat & Sun 900A.M.-11A.M.	T, W, Th & F NOON-4P.M. Sat & Sun NOON-3:30P.M.	T, W & Th 4P.M.-9P.M. Friday 4P.M.-10P.M. Saturday 4P.M.-10P.M. Sunday 4P.M.-9P.M.	T, W & Th 11:30A.M.-11P.M. Fri & Sat 11:30A.M.-12P.M. Sunday NOON-10P.M.	T, W & Th 11A.M.-10P.M. Friday 11A.M.-11P.M. Saturday 8A.M.-11P.M. Sunday 8A.M.-10P.M.

2008 Flag Officers

Commodore	David DeAre
Vice Commodore	Marcella Cimino
Rear Commodore	Elaine Kurland
Secretary	Breck Grigas
Treasurer	Richard Lauric

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
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Past Commodores	Donald Waller Joann Murphy
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From the Manager's Desk

Cinco de Mayo will be celebrated on May 3 this year with a Fiesta Party. Pablo will put out his fabulous Mexican Buffet, there will be a DJ for dancing, there will be free sombreros, and \$3.00 Mojitos. Ay Carumba!

Mother's Day Brunch will be served on Sunday, May 11. Please make reservations early for this very popular event. We will have seating at 11:00 A.M. or 1:00 P.M.

Again this season we are asking members to hail the tender boat on channel 11 with "Yacht Club Tender, Yacht Club Tender." We want the new boat to be used exclusively by members and their guests. The boat is being paid for and is maintained through your membership dues.

We are training new tender drivers. Please be patient when they ask to see your 2008 Membership Cards. It won't take long for the drivers to identify members, boat names, and boat locations. We are here to deliver any menu item, ice, or Party Trays. We want to transport you from your dock to the club, and safely back again.

Mike Gallagher, Club Manager



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