

On the Wind

Burnham Park Yacht Club Monthly Newsletter • August 2011

Tapas Around the World
New Orleans
Friday, August 5
Social Meeting 6:30 p.m.



Tapas - China
Friday, August 12



Club Luau
Saturday, August 13



Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 16



Tapas -Soul Food
Friday, August 19
6:30 p.m.



Pub Crawl
Saturday, August 20
5:30 p.m.



Tapas - Swiss/Belgium
Friday, August 26



Commodore's Log

The summer is finally here with the warm weather and the club is hosting many parties and fun summertime events. Please join in the TAPAS nights and live music we feature on the patio. Labor day is around the corner and I hope to see you all joining in the festivities right here at the club. We will be grilling outside for that weekend. Bring your family, friends, and boat neighbors out and show them the club!

Respectfully,

Breck Grigas
Commodore

Pub Crawl Saturday, Aug. 20, 2011

Brought back by popular demand, the Burnham Park Yacht Club will be hosting their annual Pub Crawl. This is the plan for the evening... We begin at the club with appetizers and cocktails around 5:00pm. The trolley will pick us up at 6:30pm at the club. We then proceed to three popular hotels, restaurants, terraces, and return to the club. This years' selections as of today are: The Terrace at The Conrad Hotel (521 N. Rush Street), The Vertigo Sky Lounge at The Dana Hotel (2 W. Erie Street), and The Firehouse Restaurant (14th & Michigan Avenue). Then we return to the club for an afterparty. If you are interested, please sign up at the club. Trolley space is limited and a \$20 per person deposit will reserve your seat. In the past, this has been a FUN evening. Any questions??? Please call Joann Murphy at 708-220-2576. See you there!

Mike Puffer
PC Marcella Cimino
PC Joann Murphy

2011 Mac Race

This year BPYC had four boats participate in the Mac Race: Dark Island (Judi and Tom McInerney), Jason (Ed Cohen), Maskawa (Don Waller), and Tenacity (Dick O'Connell). Dark Island took 13th place in the Cruising Section of 80 boats. This was their second Mac Race on Dark Island. Jason withdrew after the storm. Makawa took 6 in Section 5. Tenacity took 6th in Section 8. For Tenacity this was their 13th Mac Race and the 26th for Dick O'Connell now officially an old Goat (25+ Mac Races).

As always the Mac Race is a memorable event with over 300 boats participating of all sizes and types. The 2011 Mac had a tragic defining event, the passage of a major storm front through the fleet which resulted in two deaths and damage to a lot of boats. Over 40 boats in the fleet did not finish. The "sport" boat was flipped over by the winds and even though the crew was all on deck and tethered to the boat, two of the crew could not get free and drowned. More details will be developed about the accident after the investigation.

Dark Island had a good start on Friday afternoon, and "powered up the lake". Although this was Dark Island's 2nd Mac, it was Judi's 12th. They enjoyed the beautiful moonlit night on Saturday night, and continued the Maskwa tradition of the Bear Ceremony when entering the Manitou. The retelling of the Sleeping Bear legend was temporarily interrupted by a beautiful sunrise. The wind became light air later on Sunday, where they lost ground to another Tartan 3700, but still finished strong after the storm, which hit exactly as they emerged from under the Mac bridge. After doing battle with the rain and wind, the crew was happy to have finished early enough to have a slip, rather than having to raft off other boats. Many of the crew's families came up to the Island to join the party and the team bike ride around the island. A great time was had by all.

Tenacity had a great start at the committee boat end with clear air. On Saturday they ran to the right and parallel with the rum line during medium conditions which continued through the night. On Sunday the winds shifted and up went the spinnaker. The winds built and we had several watches of over 7 knots average with the max speed reaching off the waves at 14 knots. This was some fast and exciting sailing! Sunday night, the storm found us just past South Mantu Island. With the help of an iPhone, we had radar images of the storm, so we were down to just a small jib when the front hit. The wind jumped from 15 to 70 mph in seconds and the jib pulled out of the head stay. We ended up having to cut the halyard when it jammed so we get the sail down. Fifteen minutes later, the front had passed and gradually they got the sails back up. They were delayed a bit because of the continuing lighting. On Monday morning Tenacity was at Grays Reef where the winds shifted again and got very squirrely. They tacked 40 times on the way to the finish line. There was a great crew and a good time was had by all.

Dick O'Connell
Vice Commodore

Why We Need to Keep the Club Assessment

During the December 2009 Business meeting the general membership approved the Club assessment of \$25 per month for three years to cover the anticipated \$125,000 cost for the bath room improvements. It was anticipated this assessment would pay down the loan as needed.

Unfortunately a significant amount of the assessment funds were needed for operations during the off seasons and funds were transferred from the assessment account into the operations account; thus the loan was not paid down as planned.

As the result our current loan balance is \$97,829 and the assessment will need to be continued until the loan is paid off. The assessment and the approval of the 2012 Club budget will be the subject of the September Business Meeting to be held on Friday, September 2, 2011.

Unfortunately the project ran into cost over runs and we ended up with a loan of \$145,000. Dave what was the final cost????? The assessment fees collected as of June 30 2011 have reduced the loan down to \$97,829 a payment of \$47,172. The payment short fall is a result of some lean years when capital funds were used to pay operating expenses the addition of the refrigerator replacement which was required and the capital cost increases for the bathroom. At the current pay down rate we will need to continue the assessment for another three years. We apologize for the extension of the assessment but to remain solvent it is necessary to continue the assessment.

15th Leukemia Cup

During this month the 15th Annual Leukemia Cup Poker Run and Regatta will be held to raise money for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's mission to cure blood cancers. There has been great progress in treating these diseases and with continued funding there can be even more hope for the future.

Please sign up your boat to participate in these fun events and to attend the great parties. No race experience is needed. You can register on line at www.leukemicup.org/il or see our bulletin board for information. Set a goal and start your fundraising immediately to help make a difference.

Leukemia Cup Poker Run	Sat., Aug 6
Party at Chicago Corinthian	Sat., Aug 6
Red Sky Night – Dinner & Auctions	Fri., Aug 26
Leukemia Cup Regatta	Sat., Aug 27
Party and Awards at ColYC	Sat., Aug 27

If you are unable to enter your own boat, please help by making a donation in the name of one of our participating boats / skippers. You can do this on line at www.leukemicup.org/il or by giving your donation directly to the Captain. Checks are to be made out to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. See the posters in the club for more information and the list of participating boats.

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

Hank Kalmus

Club Coordinator for the LCR

August Birthdays

- 3 **Antonio Alvarez**
- 4 **Bill Van Emburg**
- 8 **George Harris**
Bob Mahoney
- 12 **Pat Carney**
Earl Larson
Steve Seligson
- 15 **Don Waller**
- 22 **Al Hinton**

From the Women's Auxiliary

The Summer is going fast! Please check out the GREAT new items we have in the LOGO wear cabinets. We are looking in to ordering BPYC badges for you to apply to your personal clothing, will advise when available and the cost.

I would also like to note a special thanks to two of our members for a job done this year. Linda Sparks on the great job done painting the benches, and contributing to the planting. Also like to acknowledge and thank Sally Morris for all her work making the out Yacht Club so beautiful this year.....really a great job ladies!

I hope to see all the ladies at our first "Ladies only Cocktail Party" This will be a open party to all the ladies of the club, the invitations have been sent out, followed by a personal reminder via e mail, hosted by the Auxiliary.

Again have a great boating season and enjoy the club!

Lynn Rosenberg
President

BPYC is Going Greener

BPYC is supporting Westrec and the Chicago Park District with the concept of promoting Burnham Harbor as a green harbor. Each member of the yacht club will receive a FREE reusable boat tote bag to bring in their "treasures" aboard their boat. At your convenience, stop at the club and Lauren will give you a bag. If you decide you would like more than one, there will be a small charge of \$2 per bag. Happy Green Boating!!!

PC Joann Murphy

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August

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 CLUB CLOSED	2	3	4	5 TAPAS - New Orleans	6 CLUB CLOSED
7	8 CLUB CLOSED	9	10	11	12 TAPAS - China	13 Club Luau 6:00
14	15 CLUB CLOSED	16 Board Meeting 6:30	17	18	19 TAPAS - Soul Food	20 Pub Crawl 5:00
21	22 CLUB CLOSED	23	24	25	26 TAPAS - Swiss/Belgium	27
28	29 CLUB CLOSED	30	31			

Plan Ahead

Sept. 3 - LIVE Tropical Music on the patio Sept. 5 - Club Open - Labor Day Sept. 6 - Club Closed
 Sept. 9 - Business Meeting 6:30 Women's Auxiliary 7:00 Sept 11 - CYA 9-11 Memorial Parade
 Sept. 17 - New Member's Dinner

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Burnham Park Yacht Club Bar & Galley

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 11 AM - 9 PM
 Friday 11 AM - 12 PM
 Saturday 8 AM - 12 PM
 Sunday 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

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Joann Murphy, PC
Brij Bharteey

One Year Directors

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

Manager's Message

It's hard for me to believe that August has found us! We have fun in store for each of you this month! The club will be hosting a Pub Crawl, with the help of Mike Puffer, PC Marcella Cimino, and PC Joann Murphy. Everyone will meet at the club for drinks and appetizers first. The trolley will come pick the party up and stop at three different bars, including rooftop venues and club members' favorite from last year, The Chicago Firehouse. After those stops, the trolley will return to the club for more drinks. It is sure to be a great evening and is a great way for you to enjoy a night out on the town with your fellow Burnham Park Yacht Club Members.

A special thank you to the son of Linda Sparks, Ryan, who worked through some difficult weather conditions to help make the BPYC grounds sparkle for the Fourth of July weekend. His efforts and expertise have not gone unnoticed!

Our TAPAS Around the World Series is still going strong and will continue until October 15th. Please come and enjoy the sampling of different ethnic foods and drinks right here with us!

Lauren Cornille

Club Manager

Club Coordinator for the LCR



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