



Happy New Year! - January 2011



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From the Commodore

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and that we all have a happy and healthy new year accompanied, of course, by calm seas and fair winds.

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The Board will finalize the BYC 2011 budget at our January meeting, and will continue to work with Scott and his staff to plan excellent events and activities for the 2011 season: The House Committee is working with our staff to keep our facilities in top shape, the Social Committee has lots of great ideas for fun social events; the Cruise Committee is busy planning this year's cruises to ports all over southern New England; STP is busy hiring instructors and getting the fleet ready for our kids; the Junior Activities Committee has great plans to keep our kids involved and happy while not out on the water; the Race Committee is planning the Sunfish North American Championship Regatta in addition to our usual events; and the Publications Committee is staying busy keeping the membership up to date on all that is going on at BYC.

January is a quiet month, by and large, for activities at BYC. As always, though, the Club will be open on Friday evenings. January 7, the first Friday of the month, will be Family Night: all are invited to enjoy a fun winter evening of games for kids of all ages. On Friday January 28 we are considering a return of "Open Mike" night: are there any performers (music or otherwise) who'd be interested? Please let Kristen or me know. Also, please mark your calendar for the annual Blizzard Brunch, on Sunday February 13.

One of the great things about BYC, in my experience, is that there are so many different things going on. If you haven't already, I hope you will get involved with one or more of the Club's committees. It's a lot of fun and a great way to get to know more of your fellow members.

Please contact me if you have any thoughts, comments or questions. I look forward to seeing you at the Club.

Scott Walker
Commodore

Upcoming Events

Club Night: Family Game Night
Friday, January 7

Blizzard Brunch
Sunday, February 13

*Check the BYC calendar on the website
for more meetings and events!*

Holiday Fund **Bob Anderson, Treasurer**

On behalf of the Board of Governors and the Club Manager, I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the 2010 Holiday Fund.

The money collected was distributed to the employees at 100% of your contribution, with payroll taxes being paid for by the club.

Membership Posting

Andrew Macken, *Membership Chair*

Juliet Macken	Chris and Elizabeth Kirk
Robin Dewey	Chip and Susan Hawkins
Karyn Dillon	Mark Wilson and Martha Richardson
Bill Fullaway	Beverly and Joe Migliore
Kristen Kreuzkamp	James and Phyllis McClelland
Zeth Morgan	Matt and Kristen Shields
John Calitri	Lou and Anne Massa

We are currently reviewing applications for the 2011 season. Our next meetings will be January 5th and February 2nd. If any member has questions about the sponsorship process please reach out to me or anyone else on the Membership Committee.

The Membership Committee is considering the candidate(s) listed below for membership in the Barrington Yacht Club. Please communicate your comments on these listed candidates, favorable or unfavorable. Letters may be mailed to the Chairperson of the Membership Committee, c/o Barrington Yacht Club, or emailed to membership@barringtonyc.com. Phone calls should be directed to the Chairperson or to any Committee Member. You may be assured that all communications will be held in the strictest confidence. We look forward to hearing from you.

Posting List:

Candidates	Sponsor	Board Signatures	Date of Posting
Robert and Sheila Mattaliano 15 Increase Ward Dr. Barrington, RI 02806	Rob Francher	Scott Walker Bob Manchester	12/8/10
Richard and Elizabeth Demopoulos 9 Half Mile Rd. Barrington, RI 02806	Stuart Collins	Karen North Scott Walker	12/8/10

STP News

Gus Kreuzkamp, *Chair*

Happy New Year! I hope everyone is having a great winter and looking forward to the summer of 2011. As we are planning the STP program for next summer, there are a few things that I want to pass along to the membership so all are informed before our February registration process begins:

- We were fortunate enough to find and hire Alan Payne to **complete a series of repairs to our 420's, Optis and Daysailers**. Scott Nichols has been overseeing the rehabilitation of the fleet and has been very impressed with the results.
- **STP will begin on June 27th**. Although it will put more pressure on staff to breakdown the boats at the end of the summer, I think it is best that families have a little down-time from school ending and STP beginning. This will also give us some buffer so we can avoid issues with snow days like we did in 2010.
- For 2011, we are **raising the MINIMUM age** for opti sailors to age 8 (*age as of the STP start date of 7/27/11*).

Sending out children in optis who are too young has been a huge problem over the years where a significant number of the children on the water lack the confidence and maturity needed. This is shared throughout the region where many programs don't offer sailing lessons (not to mention opti lessons) to children under age 9.

On many occasions we have had children frightened to sail when the wind picks up. The daysailers are perfect boats for our younger sailors, and it makes more sense to keep the optis available for older children who can sail them in varied conditions. When registering children under age 8, please look for daysailer class options.

- **Fees for STP will be increasing**. The decision to do this was not an easy one (especially when I have 2 children in the program...).

The principal reason for raising prices is to ensure we have ample income to cover additional instructors. Over the past several years, our children to instructor ratios have been significantly higher than they should. This high student-to-instructor ratio not only leads to potential safety issues on the water but also makes it difficult for the children to learn.

Reducing the ratio means we need to increase instructors which obviously affects our costs/ In the long-run, please keep in mind that these increases will not only help safety on the water but will help the children learn more as well.

- Last, I'd like to thank John Gluek president of Dimension-Polyant, Inc. for the **super generous donation of six (6) brand new opti sails** to the STP program. Donations like this are so appreciated since it helps us keep our running expenses down which the entire membership benefits from. Please be sure to thank John the next time you see him at the club.

Racing News

Sally Phillips, *Chair*

Want that boat of yours to sail faster? We are planning a series, 'Sail Faster', to be held in February and March. Jonathan Banks is inviting experts in the science of making a sailboat 'get up to speed'. Please watch for date and times in the blasts. The older kid sailors will enjoy meeting some of the experts also.

Becky and Ben Chwalk are chairing the adult Thursday night series. Please plan to attend their brainstorming session on January 24 at 1930hrs at BYC. Input from past and recent sailors is needed to, as Ben said, 'put the fun back into the event'. Discussion will be about a name change, food, numbers of nights, and any other ideas to increase the fun.

The Sunfish NA Committee will meet on February 8th at 1930hrs at BYC. Peter Brewster is hoping to have lots of members involved. Teresa Sarli is chairing the lodging part of the event. STP families should consider housing sailors. Great way for kids to meet top notch sailors from other areas. Expect a call!!!!!!!



Photos: Club Night: Gingerbread Dinner, Friday, December 3

Frostbiting

Congratulations to our Frostbiting sailors
for a successful Fall Series!



Check out the results on barringtonyc.com!

Stay tuned for more racing when the Spring Series starts up again in March 2011...

Social News

Kristen Shields, *Chair*

Happy New Year! The Social Committee is excited to begin a new year and will host plenty of exciting events throughout the winter season. Please mark your calendars for Game Night on 1/7/11 and our Chinese New Year event on 2/4/11. These Family Club Nights are opportunities for **All Families, young and old, with or without children**, to enjoy an evening of fun at the club. We are also hoping to have an Open Mike Night the end of January, as well as our Annual Blizzard Brunch on February 13th. Finally, be on the look out for a Social Calendar of Events, which we hope to mail out to the membership by the end of the month.

Manager's Corner

Scott Nichols, General Manager

Acknowledgements

Barrington Yacht Club is fortunate to have a staff that is so focused on the Club and whose efforts make it possible for all members to have an enjoyable season. Thank you to all the members who donated to the Holiday Fund. We look forward to working with all of you for the upcoming 2011 season

Club Business Hours

Winter hours are now in effect for the BYC. The clubhouse offices are open Monday – Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm. For more information regarding club hours or to contact us, see Club Services and Hours under “About” on the club website.

Club Night

During the winter months, the first Friday of every month is being designated as a “Family Night”. These evenings will have a family based theme, a catered dinner by reservation, and an activity for both the adults and their children to enjoy. During these evenings the bar is always available to any member who is not participating and the Williams Room will be made available to those who are looking to get away from the activities being held. Our remaining Friday nights during each month will continue to be more adult orientated, with both a bar and a menu driven dinner.

Slip & Space Contracts

Management is currently reviewing all 2011 Slip & Space Contracts that were returned and has been contacting members on the “Waiting List” to fill unclaimed spots. As a reminder, any current slip holder who may be purchasing a different size vessel will need to inform club management.

Waiting List for Slips

All members who are currently on the “Waiting List” are asked to verify that the information posted on the lobby board is correct. If any changes have occurred, please inform management so that corrections may be made. If you are interested in being added to the list for future slip openings, please email club management with information relating to type of vessel, length, width and depth.

Check the Website Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Club Night (click for menu) 6:00 pm Wine Tasting 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	3
4	5 BHS Sailing 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm	6	7 BHS Sailing 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm Membership Meeting 7:00 pm	8 Flags Meeting 7:00 pm	9 Club Night (click for menu) 6:00 pm BHS Sailing 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm	10 Private Rental 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm
11 Frostbiting 11:00 am BHS Jazz Band 4:00 pm	12 BHS Sailing 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm Race Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	13	14 BHS Sailing 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm	15 BOG Meeting 7:00 pm	16 BHS Sailing 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm Club Night (click for menu) 6:00 pm	17 Race Seminar
18 Frostbiting 11:00 am	19 BHS Sailing 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm RISA Meeting 5:30 pm	20 House Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	21 Administrative Professionals Day BHS Sailing 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm Cruise Committee 7:00 pm	22	23 BHS Sailing 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm Club Night (click for menu) 6:00 pm	24
25 Frostbiting 11:00 am	26 BHS Sailing 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm	27	28	29	30	

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Be a fan of BYC on Facebook!

it's a great way to connect with other members and get updates in your news feed...

We recently set up a Facebook page which can be found at:

www.facebook.com/barringtonyachtclub

Become a fan to get casual updates in your news feed and to find other members who are on Facebook too...

Dwight McMillan,
Publications Chair

BYC Ship Store

We have a limited amount of items in our inventory at the club and we are working with the Gob Shop to offer a number of new items as we update the Ship Store.

Check out the page on the website, which will be updated over the next few months with more details about special items offered through our partnership with the Gob Shop.

Need a club tie? or a medallion for your car? Check out the items that we have in stock and contact the office at your convenience.

Stay tuned! More updates to come as we head into the 2011 season!!!

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