



# On the Wind

Burnham Park Yacht Club Monthly Newsletter • July 2014

## Commodore's Log

Thanks to everyone who participated in our annual Fleet Review. Our Power Squadron Chairman, Jim Davis, did a great job with the weather. It was no doubt the nicest day we have had in a real long time.

Jerry Metzger served as Master of Ceremonies again. He was commodore in 1990. Special thanks goes out to all the Past Commodores who showed up in their continual support of our club. Fred Poppe, (1992) Tony Cimino (1999), Rich Lauric (2002), Tom McInerney (2005), Don Waller (2007), Marcella Cimino (2009), Judi McInerney (2013).

We had a nice showing of boats and want to thank all who participated such as Tony and Marcella Cimino, Hank Fiene and Donna, Tom and Judy McInerney, Brij and Shobha Bharteey, Larry and Pat Dalsin, Scott and Kathy Broderick, Bill and Leanne Van Emburg, Brian and Chris Kiernan, Don Waller and Crystal.

We were fortunate to have Judi McInerney's sister, Kathy, sing the Star Spangled Banner to open the ceremonies. The color guard from Rickover Academy raised the flag and a special prayer was said by Father Jim Donovan and Amazing Grace was played by bagpiper Ed Carroll to remember two outstanding members we lost this past year, Past Commodore Marty Finerty (who was at the ceremony last year) and Bob Jendra, a long time generous supporter of the club.

Our club is a member of the Chicago Yachting Association, (CYA). This organization exists to help all the clubs keep informed on what is going on and to help promote boating in our community. I have met a lot of genuinely nice people in this association. Unfortunately this association just lost one of their pillars, **Kaye Durham**. This lady devoted a tremendous amount of time to the association and served as an unsung hero for many years. Her unexpected death is a real set back for the association because she put so much time and work into the making sure things got done. This world is a better place because of people like Kaye and all the volunteers who generously donate so much of their time to helping people.

Our membership is up 33 members which is good but with all the improvements and great food at the club I think we can do better. It is certainly not for a lack of trying. At the last open house Chris Edmonds and Hank Fiene pulled a double header working both Saturday and Sunday. Here again it really comes down to word of mouth as our best promoter of the club. Pam Grist and Donna Stevenson have had success in talking some old members and new members into rejoining the club. I also know other members like Steve and Laura Theis worked on one member to join for a long time and he just signed up this past week. Joann Murphy, Chris Edmonds and Hank Fiene have been successful in signing up some new members.

Would **everyone** please make an extra effort in the next month to bring your dock neighbors into the club so they can see all we have to offer? One new member told me he was never interested in joining because he thought it would cost too much. At a certain point in the season people think it is too late, the season is half over. The membership is for the full year so if they join in July it's good until next July.

Anyone who owns a boat under the age of 35 is allowed to join with no initiation fee. We hope this will encourage some younger people to sign up. If you have any suggestions on recruiting new members please let Hank Fiene, our membership chairman, know.

We had some problems with our air conditioning this spring. I was told by four different companies the units needed to be replaced. We went out and got some bids to replace the units and for both of them it would have been \$30,000. The question was do we need both or just one. Keith Moore strongly suggested we only repair the units that they should be able to be repaired. Fortunately he was right and the repair bill was not that big.

For all the people who analyzed this situation, thank you very much for all your time, effort and concern that we get the problem fixed.

Charlie Martin  
Commodore

## Rear Commodore

Sunglasses may not be an option any longer when you go to the Club. It really looks stunning. It is exhilarating to see so many new members enjoying the Bar and Deck.

Finally, we had some great weather to conduct the Fleet Review on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all who helped and participated. With the dress whites and the cannon booming, the Harbor was on notice that the Burnham Park Yacht Club was up to something and is a major player in the Harbor and on the Lakefront.

Bar and Galley: With few exceptions, the new menus are a terrific hit. Chef Tony continues to dazzle us with his weekly specials, ie. Alaskan King Crab Legs this past weekend. Try the pineapple martinis too!

Our summer staff is continuing to fine tune. It is a work in progress anytime you have part-time summer help. But this crew is special. Not only are a number fresh from Ireland, but they are gracious, polite and excited. They are hard workers and a nice reflection of their Country. We are fortunate to have them.

Membership and Marketing: If you go to the BPYC website, you will see an event calendar that is constantly being updated. A great deal of the events/activities are thanks to our new Membership Director, Hank Fiene. The dinghy raft-off, the cardboard boat regatta and the poker run are just a few. All done for fun for our present membership but also to promote awareness and entice new members to join.

We have 33 new members so far. Which is a great start. I know I repeat it, but they are our survival and continuation of the Club. Any Member who sponsors a new full member is given a \$200.00 Club credit. That's not peanuts and is a great incentive.

House: The House has never looked so good. Thanks to so many volunteer club members. Least of whom is the House Chairman, Scott Broderick. Pam Grist also has contributed major league, as well. Come in and enjoy. Bring a friend too. Word of mouth is the best marketing tool.

Sail Fleet: Bill Van Emburg has it all under control. The beer can races are underway. A bit challenging so far with little or no wind or major thunderstorms. Sailors are a tough breed.

Regatta: Don Waller also has it under control. We are registered for a number of the races. I know the St. Joe's race went well and many are doing the Waukegan race on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Anyone wishing to get on a boat and sail, it is my understanding that most Captains are happy to take you along. Call Bill Van Emburg at (312) 602-9641, if you are interested.

Chris Edmonds  
Rear Commodore

## Treasurer

June has come and gone, we are well in to summer even though the Mother Nature has not been in sync with the calendar.

The month of May was a great month financially.

Income			Expenses		
May 2014	May 2013	Change	May 2014	May 2013	Change
\$ 108,527	\$ 80,036	+ \$ 28,491	\$ 22,934	\$ 22,855	+ \$ 79
YTD 2014	YTD 2013	Change	YTD 2014	YTD 2013	Change
\$ 408,197	\$ 285,320	+ \$ 122,877	\$ 170,329	\$ 86,471	+ \$ 37,585

On Memorial Day weekend we had our first \$20,000 weekend of the year. Can't wait for July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend with the Bar-B-Q, then the Poker Run on July 26<sup>th</sup>, Card Boat Race on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and Dingy Raft Off Party August 30<sup>th</sup>.

Keith Moore, Treasurer

Before God, we are all equally wise, and equally foolish. -Albert Einstein



# July 5<sup>th</sup>

## *Bar-B-Q Buffet Menu*

### *12 – 8 PM*

Burgers – Brats - Bone-In BBQ Chicken - Ribs  
 Fruit Salad – Coleslaw - Potato Salad - Harbor Chips  
 Corn on the Cobb - Cookies - Brownies - Sliced Watermelon

\$30.00 + Club Charge + Tax & Gratuity  
 Bar menu will be available from 8 pm - 10 pm

*Galley Menu will not be available on July 5th*

## Women's Auxiliary

Summer in the harbor and the living is easy. We are enjoying the wonderful menu items Chef Tony has brought to the club. The club beatification project has gone very well. By the time this newsletter is delivered the animal encounter will have been a fun Saturday afternoon memory for all our young boaters.

Let's take a breath for July and relax. That's boating at its best.

The new club logo items are hot sellers. Check out the wine sippy cups. I've used them for kool-aid to cocktails. They work for a variety of drinks. The T-shirts and hoodies are flying off the racks. If you need a special size, please let me know. It's a great

The club celebrated Chicago Blues Fest weekend with Sharon Lewis and the Texas Fire who 'rocked' the club and had members dancing the entire time! We hope to make this an annual party.

The Catalina Club hosted a presentation on a local family who took an 8 month sailing sabbatical with their children in the Bahamas.

There's a lot going on in July – club events to note are a BBQ at the club on Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. Details from Andrew... Then there's the Poker Run on Saturday, July 26th. Walk, bike, drive or dinghy. Be sure to get your poker hand and dinner reserved. \$20 per hand and there are only 50 hands available. Dinner is available for \$14 if reserved by Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> or \$18 the day of - Come watch the poker run and enjoy dinner at the club – even if

you way to represent the club and be in fashion.

Mark your calendar for the next auxiliary meeting on Thursday, July 10th. The last Thursday meeting worked out great on the patio. It's a nice time to reconnect with the club and be a part of the fun. Send me your ideas for events. What would you like to see happening? I'm always free to listen to a new concept or idea.

See you at the club.

All the best,  
 Bonnie Riordan - President

## Programs

you don't participate in the poker run.

In addition to these, there are **many** other activities and events listed on the BPYC website calendar. Be sure to check it out. Just go BPYC.com click on the Events tab, then Club Calendar. Scroll down and you can view any month by clicking on the (back) or (forward) arrows. Then you can click on the date or event to view times and detail. Be sure to check back, as we are adding events and details as they get closer.

See you in the harbor!

Danielle Detten

# July 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 July 4th Holiday	5
6 MORF Comp 1	7 Jr Sailing Session 3	8	9 Beer Can 6	10 WAX Meeting—6:30 pm	11	12 MORF Lady Skipper
13 MORF Comp 2	14 Jr Sailing Session 4	15 Board Mtg-6:30pm	16 Beer Can 7	17	18	19 Hook Race Race to Macinac
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 MORF Harbor Open	28 Jr Sailing Session 5	29	30 Beer Can 8	31		

### From The Manager's Desk

Hello from the Lake Front!!

There is much fun and excitement here at the club in the opening couple of weeks. We have had bands, BBQ and this weekend MONKEYS!! Go figure. The atmosphere here at the club has been nothing but electric, so come down and enjoy some fun. If you are planning on have lunch or dinner on the patio please make your reservations now, the patio has been filling up fast every weekend and folks are getting in line for the prime tables. A great time to come out and enjoy the outside and BBQ is on Wednesday nights. BBQ for \$10.00++ and \$2.00 Bud and Bud Light. Let's have some fun this season. Cheers!!

Andrew

### Club Security

First Merritt Bank Pavilion has two large concerts coming in the month of July. As with last year we have private security (off-duty CPD officers). Please note on these large concerts evenings all club members will be required to have their club cards to gain entry to the club after 5:00 pm. Once entry is gained you will be given a BPYC Member wrist band. This wrist band will be required to be worn while in the club. Your guest will also be given a different colored wrist band for each event. Wrist bands are not available for pick up prior to the event. Please watch for additional information in the breeze.

### BPYC Summer Hours of Operation

**Galley:**

Breakfast: Sat & Sun 9am-12pm  
Lunch: Wed-Sun 12pm-4pm  
Dinner: T,W & Th 5pm-9pm  
Fri-Sun 5pm-10pm

**Bar:**

Tues - 3pm-10pm  
Friday - 12pm-10pm  
Saturday - 8am-10pm  
Sunday - 12pm- 10pm

**Tender Service:**

T,W & Th - 11am-9pm  
Friday - 11am-12am  
Saturday - 8am-12am  
Sunday - 8am-10pm

**Please call for reservations 312-427-4664**

Fax 312-427-4666 [www.bpyc.com](http://www.bpyc.com)

# August 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Social Mtg—6:30pm	2 MORF Lady Skipper
3 MORF Comp 3	4 Jr Sailing Session 6	5	6 Beer Can 10	7	8	9 MORF Chicago to MI
10 MORF MI to Chicago	11 Jr Sailing Session 7	12 Board Meeting at 7 pm	13 Beer Can 11	14	15	16 Air & Water Show
17 Air & Water Show MORF	18 Jr Sailing Session 8	19	20 Beer Can 12	21	22	23 <b>Leukemia Cup</b> 10am Cardboard Boat Race
24 MORF Lady Skipper	25	26	27 Beer Can 13	28	29	30 Dinghy Raft-Off—2 pm
31 Puff-n-Stuff—7 pm						

## Casino Night Raffle .....

Watch for our “Split The Pot Raffle”.

We kick off selling the raffle tickets.

\$25 per ticket or 5 for \$100

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### COMING EVENTS

#### 4th of July BBQ

July 4

#### Puff-N-Stuff

August 31

#### Cardboard Boat Race

August 23

#### New Members Dinner

September 6

#### Dinghy Raft-Off

August 30

#### Casino Night

September 13

## POKER RUN

July 26th - \$20 each—50 Hands Max

Lunch available—Chicken Sandwich or Burger with chips, potato salad or coleslaw

Pre-purchased Lunch-\$14

Day of Event-\$18

## Hyatt Regency McCormick Place

BPYC has been extended a discounted rate of **\$119** per night for our upcoming events. To take advantage of this great rate follow the link or contact:

Justin Westlund, Sales Manager

312-239-4569

# 2014 Fleet Review



## 2014 Flag Officers

Commodore Charlie Martin  
Vice Commodore Janet McCarthy  
Rear Commodore Chris Edmonds  
Secretary Davis Johnston  
Treasurer Keith Moore

## 2014 Board of Directors

### *Two Year Directors*

Bill Van Emburg

### *One Year Directors*

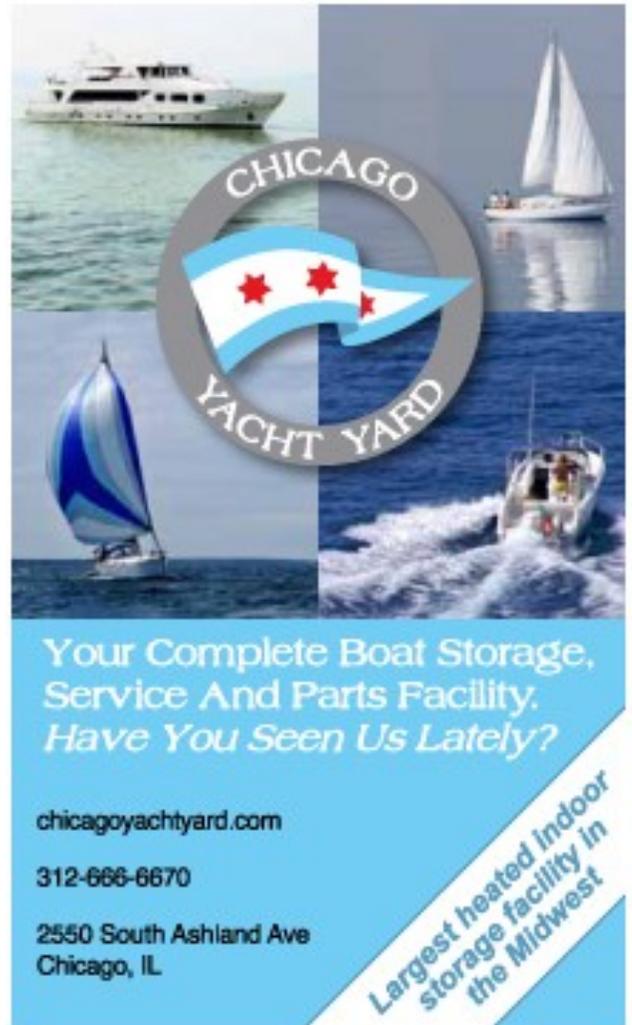
Brij Bharteey  
Scott Broderick  
Danielle Detten  
Hank Fiene  
Jim Gentile  
Scott Gordon  
Pam Grist  
Donna Stevenson  
Ken Taylor

### Women's Auxiliary

President Bonnie Riordan

### Past Commodores

Judi McInerney  
Dick O'Connell



The advertisement for Chicago Yacht Yard features a collage of four images: a motor yacht, a sailboat, a sailboat with a blue and white sail, and a motorboat. In the center is a circular logo with the Chicago flag and the text "CHICAGO YACHT YARD". Below the images is a blue banner with white text: "Your Complete Boat Storage, Service And Parts Facility. Have You Seen Us Lately?". At the bottom, contact information is provided: "chicagoyachtyard.com", "312-666-6670", and "2550 South Ashland Ave Chicago, IL". A diagonal banner in the bottom right corner reads "Largest heated indoor storage facility in the Midwest".

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