



On the Wind

Burnham Park Yacht Club Monthly Newsletter • October 2014

Commodore's Log

One of my objectives as Commodore was to either eliminate the service charge or incorporate the tip into the service charge like some other clubs do. A compromise was struck to hopefully keep everybody happy. The service charge will be reduced to 10 percent from 17 percent. We have to pay the servers a higher wage than most restaurants in order to get them to work at the club because there are some days when the weather is bad and nobody shows up. This is part of the reason for the service charge and to cover some other operational expenses. We still suggest you tip the servers based on your experience. Some people think the service charge includes the tip but it does not. A lot of people feel the service charge penalizes the people who use the club a lot.

All the people who worked hard years ago to remodel the bathrooms and all the people who have been paying the \$25 assessment for the last five years can have the satisfaction of knowing the **bathrooms are paid off**. That means you no longer have to pay the \$25 per month. The board decided though to help offset the loss in revenue from the higher service charge and to help build up the capital fund, dues will go up \$120 to \$1,320. Before you say oh no, keep in mind you will be saving seven percent on the service charge and you will not have to pay the monthly \$25.00 assessment for the bathrooms. You will pay \$89.25 less in service charge fees so the actual real increase is only \$30.25 based on if you only pay the minimums. This money goes toward the operation of the club and also to make up for the revenue we will not be getting from the higher service charge.

Brij Bharteey brought up some time back the need for a capital account. The board this year has put the initiation money from new members into the capital account so we have around \$40,000 in the capital account. In the event of an emergency we have this money to pay for something like the furnace going out or something else rather than have to call a special meeting for a vote on a special assessment. To comply with some city health requirements we have to spend some money on a few small projects this month. Having some money in the bank is a good thing for any business.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE—We usually get very few members in the late summer and fall because people feel the season is over and they will wait till next year. If we could just get another 50 members it would really help us spread the cost of the club out with more people and lower our member's costs. How often do you go to the club on a Saturday night and can't get a table?

A lot of the new members this year came to the club because

they were encouraged by one of our members. A lot of our bar and galley income came from new members. Dr. Ryan Sullivan, a new member, had a Sunday party with 65 guests and a live band. It was an awesome party and we appreciate Ryan having it at our club.

In order to get more new members, we have a very aggressive marketing program to get people to join now, rather than waiting till later. The next 15 members who sign up, we will discount their initiation fee to \$750 from \$1,500 so that is a big incentive. Next, their membership can start now, and go all the way to the May of 2016. This way they don't have to wait till next spring, they can join now and it's the same cost as if they signed up next spring but get to use the club one of the nicest clubs in the world this Fall and Winter and will be members when the season starts. For our club, we can use the income from the minimum spending over the winter and the extra income when the new members come to our special events.

This year's rendezvous was in Hammond and we had a nice turnout of club members. A very special thanks to Hank Fiene and Jim Davis for organizing this event and a very special thanks to all who attended in support of the club. These two guys are very special people. Wow, are we lucky to have these guys who do so much for our club. Hank is always doing something for the club. He is incredibly generous with his time and talents.

All those little things like signs are things he does and does not want any accolades. Jim was very generous in donating the Weber grill for special barbecues on the patio. One of the nice things about events like this is the special reminder about how many really nice people we have in the club. We are so lucky to have so many really nice members who enjoy the camaraderie of the club. Not that we always agree because we have republicans and democrats, power boaters and sail boaters, but one thing everybody agrees on it's all about the club!

I want to thank everybody who served on the board and the various committees this past year. We have one of the nicest places in the world and we have to thank God for our good fortune. Even though we have a beautiful place and location, it would not be much without all the genuinely nice members we have who volunteer so much to make our club a better place. I want to specially thank the Past Commodores for their help and support of the club this past year. Judi McInerney who put out the directory this year which takes a lot of time. Dick O'Connell (Mr. Fix It) for all the time he spends fixing things around the club that few people ever know about. Plus his time attending all the board meetings making sure we know some of the history behind things and procedures to make sure things get done right. Dick is an unbelievable

Commodore's Log Continued....

unselfish person with a huge heart for this club. I can never thank him enough. Dave Deare is another past commodore with a huge heart for this club. He was a great consul to me this past year and a great mentor. He was very generous to come to most of our board meetings and offer his valuable insights and opinions. Tony Cimino is another PC who is ALWAYS ready to help when help is needed. He has been a huge help in making sure so many things are taken care of at the club and another great mentor for every commodore. His wife Marcella, who is also a Past Commodore are a big part of what makes this club so great. It's hard to meet two nicer people. A special thanks to PC Fred Poppe, Sonny Lisowski, Rich Lauric and Joann Murphy for their dedication to not only our club but the Chicago Yachting Association as well.

I am very grateful to our Flag officers who have put an incredible amount of time into the club this year. Vice Commodore Janet McCarthy did a great job with our casino night and oversaw her various committees. Rear Commodore Chris Edmonds has also put an incredible amount of time in working on all the committees especially bar and galley and membership. Davis Johnston, (DJ) has been our secretary for two years now and is stepping down. Next years board will greatly miss his youthful enthusiasm and hard work. Our Treasurer, Keith Moore, has also put an incredible amount of time and talent into the club not only as treasurer but as publicity as well. Even though he says the Breeze that he publishes online weekly doesn't take that much time, we all know better. His fantastic wife Sonya Moore is another example of what makes this club great is the people. Everybody loves Sonya and the monthly issues of On The Wind take a lot of time which she does a great job with and makes it sound like it's not a big deal but we all know it's a lot of work.

On the board, Pam Grist, our Docks and Grounds Chairman, was certainly a catalyst for a lot of improvements at the club. Getting things cleaned up, painted, the tender organized, and making sure the grounds looked great were always on her mind. She is an awesome person who really and truly loves our club.

Hank Fiene, who does not like to be acknowledged, sorry Hank, has been a huge plus for this club. From donating the tile in the boardroom, to making new curtain walls for the patio, to helping organize our last rendezvous, he is certainly Mr. Incredible. I can't thank him enough for his tremendous enthusiasm.

Donna Stevenson and Jim Gentile co-chaired our bar and galley committee and we had some lively debates on pricing and service. I appreciate their efforts in trying to do what is best for the club. Danielle Detten, who chaired our Programs Committee, did a really nice job getting us some great entertainment. Jonny V was an awesome entertainer as everyone who saw him will attest. She learned a lot this year which will help make programs even better next year.

Scott Broderick was a huge asset to the club this year serving as House Chairman. He did a lot of things most people will never hear about around the club like the time he painted the soffits on the front of the building.

Our Parks Relations Chairman, Scott Gordon, has established a dialogue with the park district that I am sure he will have more to discuss next year. He put a lot of time into the committee and has been a very active board member.

One of the smartest and nicest guys I have met on the board is

none other than Brij Bharteey. One of the advantages of volunteering to be in clubs is the ability to get to know people you would never have known. I feel like I am a better person having a friend like Brij!

Our Sail Fleet Captain was Bill Van Emburg who would be a great talk show host. He can look at a problem or something that is not even a problem like a diamond cutter and examine it from all different angles and come up with a good reason for doing something one way or another. He put a tremendous amount of time in the Beer Can racing program and I know all the sailors can't thank him enough for doing that.

Last but not least we are very lucky to have such a dynamic and energetic person to serve as the Women's Auxiliary President this year in Bonnie Riordan. She is a very hard working dedicated person who is a lot of fun to be around. Her Irish wit was very consoling to me often this year. It's hard to find a person who loves the club more than Bonnie and she shows it!

One of the non-board members who I have observed over the years as a truly dedicated member of this club is Larry Dalsin. Larry does so many things around the club that nobody knows about and will ever find out about. He does it because he loves the club and the people in the club. He has been a great mentor to me over the years and a little bit like an older brother who doesn't mind telling you when you're right or wrong. He and his wife Pat are two of the nicest people you will ever meet and I thank them for their service to the club for the past 20 some years.

I have certainly missed a lot of people who I am very grateful to for their generosity to the club such as Mike Lamendella, Jenny McGathey, Duane Grist (Mr. Generosity), Phil and Lynn Denemark, Bill White, Kurt Lentsch (Our Webmaster), John Staniszewski, and the unbelievably nice Maria and David Show.

Last but not least I have a very special thanks to my wife, Patty, for putting up with me for 35 years and especially the last year. Traveling on business and coming home to attend a board meeting requires a lot of giving on the spouse's part. She is a lot of fun at a party and still the prettiest girl in the room in my eyes. I can't thank her enough!

We will be hosting the Chicago Yachting Association party on December 6th so you are very welcome to attend. Mr. Incredible (Hank Fiene) has come up with some ideas on how we can weather proof the patio for the winter and the party. The board approved \$2,000 to make the improvements. We will be looking for volunteers to help raise the roof and make things more winter proof.

Also, if anyone has any ideas, we will do an "audit" on the books in the next few weeks to comply with the bylaws of the club. Not that I think there is anything wrong, but just to insure we are doing everything right. The definition of an audit can have several interpretations so that is one thing that will have to be addressed when the bylaws are updated.

Your Commodore,

Charlie Martin

Rear Commodore

The weather is trying to tell us the season is at an end, yet we still have a month and a half left. I'm hoping for an Indian Summer. Plus, with what we all pay to be in the harbor, as boaters, we need to get our money's worth.

Speaking of finances, the Bar and Galley continues to run in the black. This is due to close scrutiny of costs, labor and pricing. There have also been numerous private events which supplement the Club's financial existence. Everyone should avail themselves of our terrific location and facility.

The Club's recent events: New Members' Dinner, Puff and Stuff Event and Casino Night were all a big "hit" and loads of fun. Thank you all who made it possible and continue to make our Club a successful and fun place to be a part of.

Membership and Marketing is a year round continuing endeavor. Please promote the Club whenever you can. New Members are

our lifeline. Forty new members this year. Quite an accomplishment! Let us keep it going.

The House, a/k/a the building, is looking great. There is always something that needs attention, as is the case with any structure. However, funds are in our capital account now to be utilized, when necessary, for any repairs.

The Beer Can Races are over but there are still some late summer races still taking place as part of the Sail Fleet.

I hope everyone continues to frequent the Club, as there is still lots of fun to be had and memories to be made.

See ya there,

Chris Edmonds—Rear Commodore

Treasurer

Can't believe it has already been a year and what an eventful year it was; we have had a server crash and re-build, we upgraded our club connect software, we reduced our delinquents, cleaned-up the accounts payable, increased our capital reserve account, paid off the bathroom loan and watched the club grow. At the September business meeting the membership voted on and approved our 2014/2015 budget. That budget has some significant changes in it for our membership that will take effect November 1st. First our club charge is being reduced from 17% to 10%. To make up the difference the membership voted to increase all categories of yearly dues by 10%. Thirdly, for the members that may not have known it your August statement is the last Special Bathroom Assessment.

Over all from last year to this year you should see a reduction of

\$180, per year in yearly club obligations as it pertains to dues and special assessments. A lot of hard work has went into this by our club staff, Board of Directors and Flag to reduce our operational footprint while maintaining, and in most cases, increasing our quality. In today's new economy not many companies or institutions are offering a reduction in billing. Below is a table showing our the most popular categories of membership and the new yearly dues.

Thank you for the privilege and the opportunity to be the Treasurer and I look forward to serving as the Rear Commodore in the upcoming year.

Respectfully,

Keith Moore—Treasurer

Membership	2013/14 Due's	2014/15 New Due's
Regular	\$ 1200.00	\$ 1320.00
Crew	\$ 275.00	\$ 302.50
Non-Resident	\$ 320.00	\$ 352.00
Social	\$ 635.00	\$ 698.50

Women's Auxiliary

The leaves are giving us warning of the north wind ascending on our lake. Take in the sunset, take a swim, take a picture for your memory. Many of our members will be on their winter journey to warmer lands. Safe travels to you all.

Hey have you been wondering about the Auxiliary? I've heard your questions. Check us out on October 10th for a wine tasting and cheese party. The Auxiliary will have our first fall meeting Friday, October 10th. That's right we are back to Fridays for the fall / winter season.

As we wind down our boating season, come join us for some good stories of the summer, and some surprises. Enjoy a taste, and a snack while you share in the conversation and get to know your club Auxiliary agenda.

I know how fast the holiday parties book, put this one the on calendar for the "Annual Auxiliary white Elephant" Saturday, December 13Th. This winter Christmas party is changing up this year. We have a new Santa and Mrs. Claus in town on December 13th. It's always a laugh to see what you open up and the city view of winter isn't too bad either.

Hope to see you then.

Enjoy the last days of boating. Safe travels to your next port of call.

Bonnie Riordan
Auxiliary President

Docks & Grounds

It's that time of year most of us don't like to like about....although we have a couple months until it's officially Winter, hopefully mother nature will be more gentle than last year. Boats are leaving the harbor including the mark boat which is going into Winter storage at Chicago Yacht Yard and the Tender boat which will follow behind at seasons end. I would like to thank everyone again who has generously donated their time, material and physical labor. Your efforts and hard work is greatly appreci-

ated. Thanks to Scott Broderick for building a new ramp going into the shed. Please continue to use the club for the Winter, it's a great place with great views!

Pam Grist
Docks & Grounds

Programs & Events

Labor Day weekend played host to a great **Dinghy Raft-Off** on Saturday. Attendance was huge, the day was perfect, and the band – Wolf's Crossing – was great. In addition to cooling off in the water, there were some pretty powerful water guns helping keep us cool. Fun in the sun.

Sunday evening was the **Cigars and Whiskey Tasting**. What a nice time, tasting different whiskeys, bourbon, scotch and port wines, some good cigars to enjoy and good company.

Casino Night – WOW! The food was delicious, gambling was fun – as we were all trying to get enough tickets to win one of the many fabulous prizes. Congratulations to the winners!

The music of The Scramble Band was awesome and had many of us out on the dance floor.

There were lots of laughs and smiles – it was a really great night.

October will have a **Rocktoberfest** on Saturday, October 11th. This will be styled like an Oktoberfest adding a 'Rock n Roll' twist, consisting of --- beers and German style food. Since it's Halloween month, if you're looking for costume ideas for any other parties

you may be going to, come dressed in Dirndl and lederhosen, as a Rock Star or a fan. Anything from the early rock of the 50's, the classic rock of the 60's & 70's, to the 80's Hair Bands, and don't forget the Women of Rock. Jeans & a concert T-shirt will fit right in as well.

November 1st is the **Commodore's Ball**. It will be a nice night to dress up, enjoy great food, music and the company of fellow club members to celebrate the fun we have had this past year and look forward to the upcoming year and the continued growth of the club.

Be sure to watch for details in the upcoming editions of *The Breeze*.

Thank you.
Danielle Detten

New Members Dinner



Casino Night



October 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
					Annual Meeting- 6:30pm	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					Women's Aux-Wine & Cheese Party	Rocktoberfest
12	13	14 Board Meeting- 6:30pm	15	16 CLUB CLOSED	17	18 Club Open For Dinner Ro
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Club Open For Dinner			CLUB CLOSED		Club Open For Dinner	
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 Commodore's Ball
Club Open For Dinner			CLUB CLOSED		Club Open For Dinner	

Manager's Corner

Happy October!!

Where did the season go? The staff and I want to thank you for a most enjoyable summer!! Operations may be winding down in the harbor, but the club is still hopping. Take a look in "The Breeze" for upcoming events like Rocktoberfest, theme nights on the weekends after October 15th, special discounts on wine in the dining room and Bar & Grill specials during Bears Games. Oh yeah, did I mention that **The Holidays** are how many days away?? The club has already started to take reservations for the holiday season, so if you are planning a holiday get together or company parties consider using your club, there is no better place in the city. Look for holiday dinner packages coming soon in "The Breeze".

Cheers!

Andrew

BPYC Summer Hours of Operation

Galley:

- Breakfast: Sat & Sun 9am-12pm
- Lunch: Wed-Sat 12pm-5pm
Sunday 12pm-4pm
- Dinner: Weds & Thurs 5pm-9pm
Fri & Sat 5pm-10pm
Sunday 4pm-9pm

Bar:

- Tues-Thurs - 12pm-10pm
- Friday-Sat - 12pm-12am
- Sunday - 12pm- 10pm

Tender Service:

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

Please call for reservations 312-427-4664

November 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Commodore's Ball
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 WAX Mtg-7 pm
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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COMING EVENTS

Rocktoberfest

October 11

Comodore's Ball

November 1

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

Dinghy Raft Off

2014



Hammond Rendezvous

2014



Burnham Park Yacht Club

2015

Slate of Flag Officers and Board of Directors

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Chris Edmonds

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