

On the Wind

Burnham Park Yacht Club Monthly Newsletter • January 2015

Commodore's Log

I hope everyone had a wonderful time during the Holidays with friends and family.

December 6th Burnham Park Yacht Club hosted the CYA Yachting Celebration Event. Everyone enjoyed the large assortment of appetizers, carving stations of beef and ham and of course the desserts. A live band, card reader, photo booth were included to make the evening fun. CYA had given out several awards and had raffle gifts. I especially enjoyed seeing the Sea Scouts at this event. All went well and everyone had a very enjoyable time. Burnham hopes to be considered for the event again come next December.

The Naval Militia Officers Mess had their 20th anniversary dinner at the Club on Friday December 5th. I was honored to be invited to the cocktail reception to accept the plaque given to the Club. They have been coming to Burnham ever since the Armory had closed 20 years ago. It was fortunate for us that they considered Burnham for their twice a year meeting and dinners. Please come into the Club and take note of the plaque that is hung on the wall.

The Flag would like to set up a mentor program. We are looking to make our new members more welcome and comfortable. Members need to sign up and take a new member to communicate with in explaining the uses of the Club, also to take any suggestions the new member may have to contribute to the running of the Club.

Our staff has done an outstanding job with parties we have had at the Club. They are a wonderful team!! Our calendar for the upcoming year is getting filled with special events and I am confident with our staff that these events will run smoothly and deliciously!! A BIG

thank you to the members who contributed towards the Christmas bonus for all of our employees. It shows how much we the members have appreciated them throughout the year.

Congratulations to Joanne Murphy for becoming a Senior Member.

January 10th starting at 9 AM is the Club Clean-up Day. We invite all members to pitch in and make the Club sparkle. A pizza lunch will be served for all the cleanup participants. Please contact Phil Edwards at phil@twinoakslandscaping.com – we need team work to

get this Club in ship shape for the New Year.



May this new year all your dreams turn into reality and all your efforts into great achievements.

I would like to inform the membership that our office manager, Michelle Bruno, has resigned from Burnham Park Yacht Club effective December 23,

2014. Michelle had been employed at the club for approximately 18 months. She was a benefit to all and will be missed. Join me in wishing her good luck in her future endeavors.

Hope your holidays were merry and bright! Here's to a great new year!

Janet McCarthy

Vice Commodore

Anyone miss boating? It's only been less than two months. Withdrawal is a tough thing. I, for one, have almost all of my "honey-do" projects done already. What fun...

This year, Commodore McCarthy has assigned the following Committees to be overseen by the Vice Commodore: House, Membership/Marketing, Docks and Grounds, Park Relations, Sail Fleet and Regatta.

HOUSE: Chairman Phil Edwards has taken the helm (and if we were in the horse racing business, it would be the "reins") and is already working hard getting ready for the Annual Clean-Up Day on January 10, 2015, at 9:30 a.m. and pizza get together. He has put together an all-encompassing to-do-list of projects and is requesting volunteers. Please come to help and have some fun. It actually is fun with everyone there working together. Please contact Phil or myself.

MEMBERSHIP and MARKETING: Chairman Hank Feine is already planning for the Chicago Boat Show booth which is (January 14-18, 2015.) Volunteers to man (or lady) the booth would be great and this is a fun activity, as well. You often see many of your fellow boaters from the Harbor. A party is scheduled at the Club on Saturday the 17th, so invite some people from the Boat Show and get them to join the Club. Remember each member you sponsor, you will receive a \$200.00 Club credit. Hank has also set the dates for our membership drive Open Houses (April 18, 2015, May 17, 2015 and June 20, 2015) and these are fun to watch. People come in and get excited about

Rear Commodore

I'm pleased to announce we hired our new Chef, Lisa Grant. Lisa joins Burnham Park Yacht Club as Executive Chef in December. With more than 13 years of professional cooking experience, the Chicago native has made a name for herself as a personal chef, specializing in world class cuisine and specialized dietary menus. A former student of Le Cordon Bleu Culinary School, Lisa has served in the kitchen of some of the city's most prestigious locations, including the W Hotel. Lisa excels because of a lifetime love of cooking, which began at the age of 8 in her grandmother's kitchen. She's still guided by those early recipes and techniques as she creates tantalizing dishes with a modern spin. Her passion for food and customer service makes her a dynamic leader poised to drive her team to success. Recognized for her friendly demeanor, contagious smile and unrivaled work ethic, Lisa is constantly looking for ways to raise the bar. Whether it's a custom red velvet cake or a succulent steak, Lisa is sure to satisfy even the pickiest of palettes.

We have had many events and private parties at the club during

Docks & Grounds

Happy Holidays to all. I am very excited to be working on the Docks and Grounds committee this season. A big thanks to Pam Grist who did a wonderful job landscaping and improving the club grounds last year.

joining a Yacht Club is a great sight. All this Yacht Club stuff is really a lot of fun. Work too, but still fun.

DOCKS and GROUNDS: CHAIRMAN Paulette Horn doesn't have too much to do...yet! Come Spring, I know she will make the Club grounds look terrific. Any issues with the Docks, Paulette will be the "go to" person. A project is underway to hopefully allow us a dock right in front of the Club for docking all of our auxiliary boats and dinghies. We are hoping the Park District or Westrac will work with us in regards to this endeavor.

SAIL FLEETS: Chairman Bill Van Emburg has agreed to head this Committee again. We are very grateful and look forward to another spectacular year.

REGATTA: Chairman Don Waller has also agreed to be in charge, as he does such a wonderful job every year. He is so passionate about sailing.

Speaking of passionate, this new Board that you now have is really excited about the upcoming year. The energy and willingness to work is exhilarating. Fasten your seatbelts for a great upcoming boating season. Hope to see you at the Club.

Sincerely,

Chris Edmonds

Vice Commodore

the month of December and we have a few scheduled after our Christmas break in January.

Danielle, our programs director, has a great schedule of events planned for the upcoming months. We kick off with the boat show weekend. We will have a shuttle going from the club to McCormick Place. No need to fight traffic or pay for parking. Park at the club, shuttle back and forth and stick around for dinner or a cocktail. Saturday night we will have Johnny V back at the club. The first Sunday in February will be our Football weekend, complete with food specials, drink specials and a fundraiser. Watch *The Breeze* for more info.

Hope everyone enjoyed the Holidays!

Keith Moore

Rear Commodore

I will keep you posted about upcoming projects as we get closer to the Boating Season.

Paulette Horne

Programs

Happy New Year to everyone!

We are starting to put a calendar together of programs and events. We have a LONG list and plan to schedule as many as the calendar allows – to be enjoyed throughout the upcoming year.

As soon as other local schedules are available, we will firm up the dates and will get them out to you via *The Breeze, On The Wind* and via the BPYC Website Calendar.

We can always use extra help with these events, so I'll be asking you to contact me or grab a friend or two and help plan or set up an event. The more help you give, the more we can do!

Be sure to catch The Boat Show at McCormack Place and then have dinner at the Club on Saturday, January 17th and enjoy the music of Johnny V and visiting with friends and other club mem-

As it turns out, although the White Elephant party was cancelled many members showed up at the club to party anyway. Kathy made an amazing holiday martini with cranberry, vodka and lime. It was delicious and festive. We had originally thought there was no count for the party and the evening turned out with a good number of members enjoying a holiday meal and drink. We will make sure next year to just continue on with the party and possibly enhance it with an ugly holiday sweater contest.

The Women's Auxiliary will not have a meeting in January. We will have our annual planning meeting Sunday, Febru-

It's a tradition at our club to present awards to members who went above and beyond the call of duty for our club. The "Yachtsman of the Year" award for Power Fleet was awarded to two people, Pam Grist and Hank Fiene. One of the advantages of belonging to our club is the ability to meet so many nice people. Pam is super nice and an extremely hard worker. She was our Docks and Grounds chairman and devoted a lot of time to this.

For starters, when the tender needed cleaning, waxing, and fixing, Pam was there. She was also really good at coaxing her husband "Mr. Generous" Duane who worked hard to get our tender boat in shape and other projects throughout the year. When we had the clean up day, Pam was there hard at work. When it came time to plant flowers and weed the grounds, Pam was there to do it. Pam was a very active board member who helped with recruiting new members and making things happen. Our Super Bowl raffle was a big success and one of the reasons is Pam sold 25 tickets. I can go on and on about her but I think you get the point.

Hank Fiene will not like the fact that I am publicly acknowledging him so I am sorry Hank. To me I think it is important for all our members to understand our club is run by volunteers and that is what makes our club great. Hank, who has a heart of gold, takes a lot of pride in the club. The chart room floor bothered Hank so he replaced it with some help from others. This took a lot of time and work but he made it happen. Our curtains on the patio needed replacing so Hank acquired a sewing machine and made the curtains. Everybody noticed how much better our beautiful view looked when you looked through the new curtains. You cannot

bers.

We will have a Football Party on Sunday, February 1st. A menu and drink specials will be available.

By popular demand, the Club is doing a 50/50 Football Square board again this year. Squares are \$25 each **CASH ONLY** please. Squares are available for purchase at the Club. Be sure to get your square for your chance to win, and as a great way to support your club. Payouts are: \$250 for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd quarters and \$500 for the final score, you need not be present to win.

More to come...

See you at the club!

Danielle Detten

Women's Auxiliary

ary 8th. Come and join us to get your ideas heard. We offer a meal to those that attend and it's a great time of year to get out of the house and party with your club mates. As we did last year, bring a new idea to the meeting and you will be entered into a raffle to receive a surprise gift.

On behalf of the Auxiliary, we want to wish you all the treasures of good friends, a blessed holiday season and prosperous New Year.

Bonnie Riordan

Past Commodore's Notes

believe how much time it took Mr. Incredible to do this.

When the Rendezvous was getting organized Hank stepped up to help out. Everyone who was there appreciated the spirit of the event that Hank fostered. He made up T-shirts like it's no big deal. He does so much for the club he is just incredible. When our membership chairman moved away, Hank stepped up to take his place and volunteered a lot of hours to work all the open houses. If we had to pay for all the signs he made for us this past year it would probably be over a \$1,000 dollars at least.

Our Sail Fleet "Yachtsman of the Year" award went to Larry Dalsin, a long time member of our club. Larry is one of those guys who really loves the club and it shows. When something is broke, Larry is there to fix it. He does many things for the club that no one ever knows about because that's the way he is. In addition to always being there to help out to fix things, you can always count on Larry for his wisdom and advice. He can take a look at a problem and see it from many view points and come up with a recommendation that makes the most sense. He doesn't mind talking to you like your older brother and letting you know if you're not doing something right so he can help you do a better job. One reason he can do this is because he has so much history with the club by being involved for so many years. He and his wife Pat are such great people who are always there to help, year in, year out!

I am hoping we start a new tradition at the club and recognize a past commodore of the year for all their help. This past year, the past commodores were a huge help to me with the generosity of their time and talents. To me it is incredible how many past

January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 CLUB CLEAN UP DAY
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			Chicago Boat Show and Strictly Sail Show			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Boat Show						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Past Commodore's Notes—Continued

commodores are so willing to help out after putting in so much time on the board and serving as commodore. Talk about someone who really really loves the club and you have to think of Dick O'Connell. Dick does so many things for the club no one ever finds out about. We kindly refer to him as "Mr. Fix It". If something needs to be repaired, Dick just fixes it. To get things ready for the Chicago Yachting Association party, Dick built a roof over the patio so the heat would stay in and we would have a successful event. This took a lot of time and since it was Fall, was not the easiest time of the year to get things done. Dick has been a very active member of the board and is very knowledgeable when it

comes to understanding the clubs finances. As a board member, you can count on Dick to offer a very candid honest opinion on things happening with the board. The club is a much better place because of Dick O'Connell, our recipient of the "Past Commodore of the Year award. I will always be grateful to Dick for his tremendous generosity of his time and talent and tremendous enthusiasm he has for our club.

Charlie Martin



February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Football Party	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Women's Aux Meeting	9	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

COMING EVENTS

Club Clean Up Day
January 10

Boat/Strictly Sail Shows
January 14 — 18

Super Bowl Party
Feb 1

Club Winter Hours

Now in Effect Through
May 15, 2014

Monday—Thursday - CLOSED

Friday - Dinner 5:00pm-9:00pm

Saturday - Dinner 5:00pm-9:00pm

Sunday - Dinner 5:00pm-8:00pm

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUESTED

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