



BARNEGAT BAY YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION
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8 December 2016

Year-End Letter from your Commodore

Dear BBYRA Members and Friends,

This is my first correspondence to the general membership since being elected as your Commodore. It is my privilege and honor to serve in this capacity on your behalf. Please join me in congratulating my fellow officers on their election as well: Mark Masur, Vice Commodore; Allan Terhune Sr., Rear Commodore; Russell Lucas, Fleet Captain; Lorraine Morrow, Secretary; Tim Faranetta, Treasurer and John Applegate Jr., Measurer. We very much look forward to working together, along with the various committees that serve each of us. I'd also like to extend my gratitude to outgoing officers June Kingman and Ned Thomson for their dedicated service to the BBYRA, and look forward to their continued involvement and counsel going forward.

Our offseason work has already begun in earnest. Very productive Class Liaison and Regatta Committee Meetings were held on November 19th. With the inputs received from those two groups, our Sailing Instructions Committee (chaired by Russ Lines) has begun their work with an eye toward having all of our race management documents in place for the 2017 Championship Series that is scheduled to begin next June 24th (just 197 days from now, but who's counting?).

At the same time, as most you are aware, there has been an ongoing effort over the past year to bring our by-laws up to date and in line with current NJNCA and 501(c)(3) codes. That work continues and we'll have more to report on that at a later date.

For now, we would like to ask for your support of our mission which is "to foster amateur sailboat racing competition in yachts on Barnegat Bay and on a national and international level and to support and develop amateur athletes for the sport of sailboat racing." That encompasses far more than just our conduct of the BBYRA Championship Series, which our registration fees and member dues barely cover the costs of. There are any number of other worthy endeavors we would like to (make that need to) pursue on behalf of our sailing community. One such example, with new Racing Rules of Sailing coming into force in 2017, would be to offer a free seminar on this topic to all interested sailors in our area, as we have done in past years, as given by rules guru Dave Perry. Our status as a 501(c)(3) non-profit



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organization demands such community outreach, yet with limited funds this proves difficult to provide. We want to avoid any increases in registration fees or member dues to fund any such activities, so I am asking all of you for your support in the form of charitable donations to the BBYRA to help cover such activities. Your help would be very much appreciated and would allow us to further our mission for the greater good of our sailing community. And what better time than year-end to do so? Please make a tax-deductible contribution of \$100 or \$200 or whatever amount you feel comfortable with. Donations by check (payable to BBYRA) can be mailed to the BBYRA at PO Box 5422, Toms River NJ 08754. A donation form is attached to this letter for your convenience.

With your past generosity providing donations to the BBYRA, we have supported sailing on the bay for over 100 years now. Without a little extra financial help, we will survive, but not advance.

I hope that you will join me in supporting sailing on Barnegat Bay.

In closing, let me take this opportunity to wish you and your families the most Joyful of Holiday Seasons and a Safe, Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Should you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Fair winds and smooth sailing,

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