



BARNEGAT BAY YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION
PO Box 5422
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14 December 2017

Dear BBYRA Members and Friends,

I hope this letter finds you in joyful anticipation of the fast approaching Holidays. Beverley and I are so looking forward to celebrating Christmas with our family, and equally excited for what the New Year may bring.

As your Commodore, I am grateful for the support that all of you provide our organization as members of the BBYRA. I am especially grateful for all those that volunteer their services throughout the year on behalf of our fellow sailors, helping us to provide weekly racing the likes of which very few organizations around the country offer anymore. What a truly unique thing we have going here. Attached is a brief summary of highlights from BBYRA's 2017 season which I hope you all enjoy.

There is still much more we would like to do to support not only our Championship Series, but to further our mission with several other initiatives that can benefit our individual members and member clubs as well as the sailing community as a whole. These include:

- Implement an Annual Maintenance Program for the BBYRA Ribcraft Fleet
- Staff on-water EMT Response Crews at BBYRA events, for enhanced safety
- Provide Seminars on Racing Rules, Tactics and other such Sailing topics
- Subsidize Training for Race Management, Safe Boat Handling, Patrol Boat Use and Level 1 Junior Instructor Certification Programs
- Enhance our Web and Social Media Presence to better reach and interact with our membership and others in the sailing community

Our status as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization demands such community outreach, yet with limited funds this proves difficult to provide. We could use your help. I am asking for your support in the form of charitable donations to the BBYRA to help cover such activities. Your help would be greatly 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.



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I do hope that you will join me again in supporting sailing on Barnegat Bay. I am humbled and ever grateful for the past support you have provided.

In closing, let me wish you and your families Peace and Joy this Holiday Season. Here's hoping for a Safe, Happy and Prosperous New Year for all.

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

Fair winds and smooth sailing,

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CHARITABLE DONATION FORM

Enclosed is my gift of: \$ _____ (make check payable to BBYRA)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I would like my gift to remain anonymous:

Comments/Special Requests: _____

Thank you for your tax deductible contribution. It is very much appreciated and will be acknowledged.

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BBYRA 2017 Highlights

- May 27th: BHYC revives the Championship of BBYRA Champions Regatta, sailed in Turbo Tech Dinghies and won by MYC's 2016 Midget Champ Luke Arnone
- June 2nd: BBYRA presents Dave Dellenbaugh (North U) giving his very informative and entertaining talk on Racing Tactics to a packed auditorium at OCC.
- June 10th: LYC hosts the 2017 "Sail-a-Bration" Party, with proceeds benefiting the BBYRA. A beautifully memorable evening!
- June 24th: Our 103rd Championship Series opens with windy conditions for 11 fleets at MYC, co-hosted by BHYC and MCYC. And a real nice gathering at BHYC after the days racing.
- July 8th and 15th: Following terrific race days at MYC and TRYC respectively, our sponsor-partner BMW offers test drives for soggy sailors coming in off the water. A sight to behold!
- July 21st: The John Callahan Classic Boat Regatta at BHYC welcomes Malcolm Paige, 2 time Gold Medalist and CEO of US Olympic Sailing, as its featured speaker for its morning seminar, before some beautiful racing in the afternoon on the Metedeconk River.
- July 22nd: SAYC hosts Week 5 of our Championship Series where, after the day's racing, all got to see the progress on the their new clubhouse (pilings driven, framing started). We're so looking forward to its completion in 2018!
- July 24-25: IHYC does its usual outstanding job hosting the 2017 Mid Atlantic Junior Olympics Regatta for over 250 boats on the Toms River. Wow, what an undertaking this is!
- Aug 1-4: MCYC hosts the Lightning Class WJM (Womens/Juniors/Masters) North American Championship Regatta, welcoming 43 boats and teams from all over the country.
- Aug 7-11: TRYC hosts the US Sailing Chubb U.S. Junior Championships for some 90 sailors from near and far, all supported by the entire fleet of BBYRA Ribcraft Patrol Boats.
- Aug 21-22: MYC hosts the New Jersey State Optimist Championship for some 160 boats, here too supported by the entire fleet of BBYRA Ribcraft Patrol Boats
- Sept 2nd: Our 2017 Championship Series concludes at SPYC with traditional season awards presented to 11 Class Champions and 112 qualifiers. Congratulations all!
- Oct 7th: Peet Must (TRYC) is elected BBYRA Measurer to replace John Applegate who chose to step down. Welcome aboard Peet, and thanks John for your many years of service!
- Nov 18th: The MC Scow Class is accepted as a provisional class on the bay for 2018, to be included in the morning schedule. We are thrilled to welcome this new fleet to the BBYRA!

Looking forward to many more such highlights next year!