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## BELMONT YACHT CLUB

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### OFFICIAL NOTICE

The next board meeting will be held  
Tuesday January 16, 2007, 7:00 pm  
At BYC Treasurer Mullen's Home



### Commodore's Corner

Charles N. Goes, Commodore

How about this... another New Year and new challenges.

December's board meeting produced a great calendar of events with the ability to add more as the year goes on. Everyone is very enthused about the year ahead of us and I hope you will be too. Jim Sanderson, our Vice Commodore, is launching some great new member recruiting plans which will require your help. Rear Commodore Tim Harrington also has aggressive plans to continue improving our club ship and a wish list to go with it. Watch for further details in the coming months!

Our biggest challenge for individual boaters this year is the increase in mooring fees. I attended the Chicago Park District's Budget Hearing on December 6 and was allowed to speak before the Commissioners, along with about 15 to 20 other people. It appeared that the Commissioners listened to what we had to say, but the invoices for our mooring fees will contain the 8% increase because the Board of Commissioners approved the budget containing the increase at a subsequent meeting on December 13. At least our voices were heard and maybe we will see some improvements in the harbors, which are long overdue.

We must look ahead to this kind of increase happening again. We have already gone through similar challenges every few years. The 25% suburban resident fee, which was instituted several years ago; a 25% city tax to fund the Chicago Police Marine Unit, which was not instituted until a few years later when it was dragged out and lowered to 7%; and now an 8% fee increase thinly disguised as a season expansion. All of this on top of yearly increases of at least 4% for many years, with very little improvements to the harbors following the initial reconfiguration of the harbors about ten years ago.

The Chicago Yachting Association (CYA) through its By-Laws is prohibited in political action activities, so when the threat to levy the 25% Marine Police tax was resurrected, the Boaters Political Action Committee (Boaters PAC) was organized to lobby Chicago politicians on the behalf of boaters. With only 100 members funding this effort, they were able to get the tax lowered to the 7%. However, once that was accomplished many boaters did not see the need to continue their participation and dropped their membership. Once again though, we are facing increases outpacing the cost of living because the politicians still view us as a ready cash source. I would strongly urge everyone to join this group and help get our message across, now and in the future. Please contact me if you are interested in further information regarding Boaters PAC membership, and what you can do to help.

## Mark Your Calendars

**January 16, Tuesday – 1900hrs Board of Directors Meeting @ BYC Treasurer Mullen's**

**January 17-21 – Chicago Boat & RV Show**

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## Celebrating This Month...

Members celebrating their birthdays this month are;

14 – Louise Sanderson  
19 – Paul Haugh  
24 – James Horwith  
27 – Bette Hannon  
31 – Sondra Edidin



### A Push from The Vice

By Vice Commodore Jim Sanderson

We are going to have a serious membership drive in 2007. With a significant increase in membership we will be able to see our great plans for the BYC and the Mack II come true. I am asking that each member bring in one (or more) new member. We all have dock mates, family, or friends that could enjoy the BYC experience. We are trying to emphasize the value in membership such as; internet access, ice, lounge area, picnic area, barbeque, happy hours, continental breakfasts, and in general a lot of fun. Please use our free get-togethers to introduce prospective members to our facilities and hospitality. We will be offering incentives to current members for bringing in new members, more info to follow soon.

### Next Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be meeting at BYC's Treasurer **Charlotte Mullen** and **Debbie Loviza's** home at 3959 N Washtenaw; near Irving Park Road and California in Chicago. Please contact Charlotte or Debbie if you will be attending the meeting so they may plan accordingly. Social hour begins at 1730 followed by the Board meeting at 1900. All BYC members are invited to attend.



### Sounds from Your Rear

By Rear Commodore Tim Harrington

As our Rear Commodore my primary responsibility is the care and maintenance of our club's assets, with our largest asset being the club vessel, the John B. Mack II. Although our beloved Mack II has been decommissioned for the winter months it does not mean that I get a sabbatical. I am in the process of tracking down the last of the leaks, after which the thorough drying and painting of the bilge will begin. The water heater will be replaced along with some of the plumbing pipes to secure a reliable supply of hot water next season. The electric circuits onboard will be reconfigured in anticipation of additional power being made available in the spring at our dockside pedestal, and conventional light switches will be installed near the entry door. The Cruise-Aire air conditioning / heating system will be receiving a new pump (thank you Ken Low), and the interior of the ductwork will be cleaned. These projects should consume plenty of my free time this winter before the mandated re-commissioning of the vessel in time for the April board meeting. If you feel you have expertise in any of these project areas and would like to lend a hand, or maybe just guidance, please feel free to contact me. I would ask all members that if you are in the area and can stop by, please do. The more eyes we have looking at the place, the better chance we can catch any little problems before they grow. My number is posted on the door. Happy New Year!





## Chicago Boat, RV and Outdoor Show

Whether it's on land or in water, the Chicago Boat, RV & Outdoors Show is the destination choice for outdoor enthusiasts. As the biggest show in the Midwest, exhibitors fill over 350,000 square feet of exhibit space with over 600 boats, 200 RV's and hundreds of booths filled with marine accessories, travel resorts and outfitters. The show is the place to view, board and buy everything you need for summer fun. Show dates are January 17-21, 2007 at McCormick Place.

## Kudos to Our Harbor Neighbor

B Dock neighbor Chicago Sailing's Service Manager, Willie Lynch will be racing aboard *Magic Glove* for Key West Race Week and the Ft. Lauderdale Big Boat Series in January. He will be joining his Irish sailing mates and ABN Amro crew for these prestigious international events. We expect them to be in the winner's circle as this 2006 Jason Kerr designed 50 footer was undefeated (and the boat of the week) at CORK Week this past summer.



## Strictly Sails at Navy Pier

The Midwest's only all-sail boat show, Strictly Sails, returns to Navy Pier February 1-4, 2007. This four-day sailing event features the latest and greatest the sailing industry has to offer. You'll find all the latest boat designs from the industries best designers, the newest sailing gear, accessories and hardware from the industries top suppliers and the most up to date charter information all from more than 250 exhibiting companies from around the globe.

Sailors of all ages and sailing abilities find Strictly Sail Chicago "the sailing event" of the Midwest. This year's activities include a full schedule of seminars for sailors of all ages and abilities, daily prizes and activities suitable for every attendee.

## Coast Guard Training Could Put 430,000 Bullets in Lakes

Excerpted from [http://wcco.com/local/local\\_story\\_289171109.html](http://wcco.com/local/local_story_289171109.html), October 17, 2006 © 2006 The Associated Press.

(AP) Muskegon, Mich. A forum on the Coast Guard's plans for conducting live-fire training exercises on Lake Superior drew about as many supporters as opponents Monday evening.

While no speaker questioned whether the U.S. Coast Guard needs mounted machine guns on its Great Lakes vessels, several wondered if live-fire training on the lakes was worth the potential risks to the environment and wayward boaters. The Coast Guard wants to establish 34 permanent live-fire training zones across the Great Lakes.

U.S. Rep. Jim Oberstar, D-Minn., arranged the hearings after the Coast Guard began exercises [last] summer with little public notice. Coast Guard officials apologized for the misunderstanding. Oberstar endorsed the Coast Guard's plan Monday, but asked for public notification that would go beyond marine radio broadcasts, such as alerting the news media and holding more public meetings.

Each of the proposed live-fire zones would be closed to the public only during the drills and watched over by radar and eyes on the water. An area's closing should total only about 24 hours a year, Coast Guard officials said. The zones avoid shipping lanes, most recreational fishing areas and community water intake pipes.



## Boat Rat's Tip of the Week

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### Four Ways to Keep Diesel Fuel Clean

As every owner of a diesel engine knows, the key to keeping the engine faithful and happy is first to change the oil every 100 hours and second to feed it only the cleanest diesel fuel possible. Here are four ways to keep your fuel as clean as possible:

1. Most of us buy our diesel at local marinas where a lot of boats are filling up, so we know that the quality of the fuel is good. Or, if the marina has a bad batch, everyone knows about it right away. But far from home, there are no guarantees and once you get to the Third World, you never know what quality fuel will be on offer. The first trick is to filter suspect fuel as it flows into the tanks. The famous Baja filter works well but the fuel passes through the filter so slowly you can waste hours putting a hundred gallons into the tanks. An aviation grade fuel filter, used to filter av-gas, works much better and faster. If you do not have a filter with you, cheesecloth or panty hose layered in a funnel will catch most of the bad bits. If you have none of the above, then it is best to decant the fuel by filling jerry jugs first and letting the sediments and water settle to the bottom. You can then pour off the top of the tanks and leave the dirt in the jerry jug.

2. Clean tanks are a must. It is a pain to take off the inspection hatches on your tanks to clean the inside, but if you have loaded on bad fuel, you may have to do this. Most of the crud will settle into the lowest corners of the tank. If the tanks have drain plugs at the lowest corners, you can bleed off the suspect fuel through the plug. But this will leave some sediment at the bottom. A hand pump and a long piece of hose that can be fed to the lowest corners will be the best way to pump out the last ounces of dirty fuel.

3. If you suspect there is any water in the fuel, or if you are cruising in cold water areas where condensation can form inside the tank, you need to add a diesel additive to emulsify the droplets of water. Diesel fuel pumps do not like to pump water and injectors don't burn it well. White exhaust smoke may indicate water in the fuel. Additives are basically alcohol so in a pinch you can simply add a few capfuls of raw alcohol to each tank to break down the water molecules. We like to add diesel additives as a matter of course. Water in the tank will encourage the growth of a particular algae that seems to thrive on diesel; this algae can in time bloom and turn the fuel into gelatinous blobs of gooey tapioca. Try to avoid this.

4. In-line filters are worth their weight in gold. Racor makes the filter of choice for most cruisers and we have to say they work well, so well, in fact, that we prefer to put two inline, one right after the other, as a double insurance policy against foul fuel. Once the fuel has passed through the main in-line filters it will flow through a built-in fine filter. Don't forget to service the fine filter whenever you have loaded on suspect fuel or at least annually.

***Happy New Year from the Byline Editor***



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### Commodore's Corner

Charles N. Goes, Commodore

Once again snow is on the ground and we are between boat shows. I felt the annual Chicago RV and Boat Show as lightly attended, but some great boats to see, along with running into friends along the way. This is the activity that inspires us towards another boating season.

During this off season, your Board of Directors has taken on a challenge that will greatly improve our club and our presence in the harbor, the addition of the second level to our club house. I feel this is a great move for us. It will provide a phenomenal view of our city, a great place for events or just to socialize.

But this improvement comes with a challenge for all of us. Several members have already risen to this challenge by donating toward this cost and more will be needed to help support this and our regular Wish List. Also our budget includes adding 10 new members. Exceeding that goal will also help us afford to continue to improve our club. I ask you to check around your with your friends, dock-mates and others who enjoy boating. Ask them to join us. You might even know some past members to ask to re-join the club.

Your Bridge and Board of Directors wants to improve the Belmont Yacht Club for all to enjoy. We feel that the club has achieved a very good reputation in the harbor. I know that we enjoy the same with the other yacht clubs. We are hoping to host a Chicago Yachting Association meeting this summer and continue to show off our club. Last year we were one of the early stops on the Commodore's Cruise and we impressed several with the new club ship. And we impressed an international group with the Gay Games. Let's continue to improve and impress more.

I am looking forward to another great boating season. I hope you are too!

## Mark Your Calendars

**February 1 – 4 - Strictly Sail @ Navy Pier**

**February 13, Tuesday – 19:00 Board of Directors Meeting @ Baumgartner Residence**

**February 22, Thursday – 17:45 CYA Meeting**

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## Celebrating This Month...

Members celebrating their birthdays this month are;

4 – Chriselle Water  
12 – Gail Premer  
28 – Ken Low



Members celebrating their anniversary this month include;

7 – V/C Jim & Louise Sanderson  
13 – Bill & P/C Jane McMillan



## A Squeeze from The Vice

By Vice Commodore Jim Sanderson

I just got back from the Chicago Boat Show. No purchases made, thank GOD. It was a great show but no customers were there. I had a chance to meet and talk with many of the show-goers and just by wearing our club logo shirt I was able to drum up 2 probable new members that have been on the fence for years. They will be coming to our welcome back party which is scheduled for May 20 and hopefully they will be impressed and join our club. The point is; all it takes is a little conversation, promotion of our many benefits and a friendly invitation to join.

I have formed a membership committee and I am looking for members to assist. Please consider helping out in what I feel is our most current need, new members. Please email me if you are interested and I will set up a meeting soon. If you can't commit to joining the committee, please pass on any ideas you may have.

## Next Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be meeting at BYC's Past Commodore **Scott Baumgartner's** home at 1618 W Grace, Chicago. Please contact Scott if you will be attending the meeting so he can plan refreshments accordingly. Social hour begins at 1830 followed by the Board meeting at 1900. All BYC members are invited to attend.



## Sounds from Your Rear

By Rear Commodore Tim Harrington

Belmont Yacht Club is moving up, literally. At the January board meeting a vote gave the green light to moving ahead with our expansion of the club to the second level. This will obviously more than double our



usable space, but will also now allow us to have a private outdoor area for parties and relaxation. While we will still have use of the shore-side deck space for larger events, making use of the covered second deck and its commanding view of the harbor will make us THE place to be on the north end of the harbor. Being able to set things up and not worry about pedestrian traffic will be great too. Lounge chair or hammock anyone? I will be meeting with the metal fabricator to discuss details and plans for layout and hope to have a report at the February board meeting. Please don't

forget that the BYC monthly board meetings are open to all members in good standing. So plan to attend the February meeting and see what's going up, literally!



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## Tutorial for Digital Selective Calling (DSC)

The U.S. Coast Guard issued a press release stating that it has produced, under a grant from the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund and administered by the U.S. Coast Guard, the on-line tutorial "*Can You Hear Me?*" designed to educate boatmen on the use of the DSC feature on their VHF radios. The tutorial is available on the BoatU.S. website at [www.BoatUS.com/MMSI](http://www.BoatUS.com/MMSI). The DSC capability has been implemented as part of the U.S. Coast Guard Rescue 21 program to update its search and rescue communications program. To date Rescue 21 has Initial Operations in Atlantic City, NJ and Eastern Shore, MD.

## Beneteau to Premiere Three New Models at Strictly Sail Chicago

The Lake Michigan Dealer for Beneteau and Wauquiez Yachts, Karma Yacht Sales, will premiere three new models at the Strictly Sail Boat Show- February 1-4, 2007 at Chicago's Navy Pier. The New Beneteau 40 will make its Midwest debut. A completely redesigned offering from Beneteau, the new 40 has been turning heads since it was unveiled at the Paris Boat Show in December, 2006. The Beneteau 49, a double wheeled, sleek new design will also premiere at Strictly Sail.

In the Racer/cruiser category, the New First 10R by Farr Yacht Design will also be showcased. A new entry in the performance First Series, the First 10R has already won accolades on race courses across North America. For more information on Strictly Sail or the new Beneteau Models, call Karma Yacht Sales at 1-877-KARMA-Y-S or visit them on the web at [www.KarmaYachtSales.com](http://www.KarmaYachtSales.com).



## Discover Scuba Diving



If you have ever wanted to try scuba diving, swimming with the beautiful fish through the tropical coral or maybe checking out the historic wrecks at the bottom of Lake Michigan (pictured), here's your chance to take the first step. I have made arrangements for members of the Belmont Yacht Club and their families and friends to try a scuba experience at Scuba Systems in Skokie, IL. Members interested need only have a swimsuit and a fun attitude. We will be meeting at the dive shop where we will have our pre-dive briefing poolside in the store before hitting the 87 degree water, and then we will be breathing underwater like the fishies do. The date is

Wednesday, March 7 at 6 PM and we should be done before 9. Scuba Systems is located at 3919 Oakton in Skokie, just east of Crawford. If you would like join me at the bottom of the pool, please call me to reserve one or more of the limited spots. Cost is \$20. **Tim Harrington**, (773) 315-3600.

## Did Ya Hear?

Did ya hear...



- >BYC members **Jerry and Sandy Pryde** sold their sailboat Brandy II
- >Helly Hanson, known in the boating community for its top quality performance sports apparel, has opened a store at 1841 N. Clybourn just north of North Ave. Find out more at [www.hellygreatlakes.com](http://www.hellygreatlakes.com)
- >On January 3<sup>rd</sup>, Michael Perham, age 14, became the youngest person ever to sail solo across the Atlantic. Find out more at [www.sailmike.com](http://www.sailmike.com)
- > Columbia Yacht Club welcomes BYC members during the winter months to use their bar / restaurant



The Leukemia & Lymphoma SailFast™ bracelet is a unique blue band with red and white embroidered accents made from spinnaker cloth. A portion of the proceeds will help advance the Society's mission to find cures for leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. The bracelet was developed with support from North Sails, the world's leading sail making company, and Penfield Marketing Group, a lifestyle marketing company. Available in youth sizes and anklets, just \$3.99 each. Find more information at [www.leukemia-lymphoma.org](http://www.leukemia-lymphoma.org). Buy one for yourself and for your crew and feel good about doing it!

"Nature deficit" disorder, a combination of over-programmed lifestyles and plugged-in playtime, is conspiring to leave kids no time with nature. Get your kids or grandkids outdoors by taking them boating. - BoatUS



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It appears that we've finally turned the corner from winter weather. We'll start unwrapping our boats for the summer and eagerly look forward to boating season once again. And we'll be re-opening our club ship for another summer of enjoyment.

It also means that it is time to renew your membership for the year. I hope that you will do this quickly and consider making a donation to our Upper Deck project or another item on our wish list. It is through these efforts that we are able to keep improving our club ship for everyone's enjoyment.

We also can expand as we get new members to join. Enclosed with every renewal letter is a New Member Brochure. Please give it to someone you think will enjoy membership in our great yacht club.

There are many benefits to being a member. Currently we are hearing information that there is the possibility of mandatory boater safety education and mandatory PFT (personal flotation device) wearing. These are only a couple of issues that your officers represent you to the greater boating community and to the governmental agencies that make these decisions.

There will also be more aggressive representation of the boating community to the Chicago Park District Board through our participation in Chicago Yachting Association. We hope to prevent future high increases in mooring fees and secure promised harbor improvements.

But this and more doesn't happen without your support.

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## Sounds from Your Rear

By Rear Commodore Tim Harrington

Behold, the second level of Belmont Yacht Club. As this issue of the Byline goes to press, work on the installation of our staircase and railing to the upper level is in full swing. The spiral staircase has been installed and the triple railing system and awning supports are being fabricated with installation to be completed soon. Just a reminder that until construction on this project is completed, the

staircase to the upper deck will remain closed for safety reasons. Funding for this project has been voluntary and several members have financially stepped forward to show their support. In recognition of their contribution to the club, the board has decided to affix a plaque to each of the twelve stairs with the name of the first 12 members that donate \$500 or more toward the project. Half of the steps have been claimed. May we put you down for one? I will be planning work days to help get the club ready for this coming season, so watch for something in your mailbox soon. Spending a few hours sprucing up the place will help us keep our costs down and camaraderie high. The club ship will reopen with our April board meeting. Plan to attend.



## A Squeeze from The Vice

By Vice Commodore Jim Sanderson

As Vice Commodore, my primary responsibility is membership. The vitality of our club relies on us retaining the current membership, and growing by welcoming new members. Your 2007 membership renewals have been mailed and a quick response is requested. Open that envelope, check that your information is correct, make any corrections or additions, write the check and get that renewal in the mail. Taking ten minutes now will let your fellow club members know you are committed to the future of BYC. Just as important as your renewal is the growth of our club. I am happy to announce a new incentive program available to current members. Sponsor a new member in 2007 and after his/her membership is accepted by the board, you will receive a \$50 gift certificate to West Marine. This offer is not limited, the more new members you sponsor, the more gift certificates you will receive. This offer is incentive for you to help me fulfill my goal of doubling our membership this year. So make plans to stop and talk with someone on your dock. Ask them if they would like to come over to the club for a drink and a snack. Invite them to join you at the Welcome Back party on May 20, or happy hour Fridays in May, and enjoy the full harbor view from our second level deck. Make sure you mention that our club not only has low yearly dues, but that we have no required yearly spending either. The vitality of the club is on our shoulders; let's make this our membership expansion year.

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## Discount for BYC Members

The owner of the Weather Mark Tavern is pleased to offer a 15% discount off your total food/drink bill to Belmont Yacht Club members. Just bring in this newsletter and show your membership card to receive this fantastic discount. The Weather Mark Tavern is a nautically themed bar / restaurant located at 1503 S. Michigan Ave in the South Loop area. The bridge officers have been there and sampled the menu. The food is creatively delicious, the wait staff really seems happy to be there, and the place is decorated in a very open feeling nautical theme. They also offer a "Rum Passport" that has a list of all the many, many rums they offer. As you sample each one (please not on the same night), they punch your passport. Get all the stamps and your name goes on a plaque on the wall. Check out the menu, weekly specials, and see some pictures of the place on their website [www.weathermarktavern.com](http://www.weathermarktavern.com).



## Kudos, Ms Waters

Immediate past editor of the Byline and current Copy Editor of "Sail" magazine, **Rebecca Waters**, had a feature article on Trailer Sailing in the North Channel of Lake Huron in the February edition and an article on chartering out of Traverse City to Beaver Island in the March Issue, both destinations almost in our back yard if you have a fast boat or a very long vacation. If you missed Rebecca, daughter of club members **Dan and Chris Waters**, at the Sail Magazine's booth at the Strictly Sails show last month, it was because she was on assignment sailing the BVIs that week. Hey, how do I get that job?



## The Tax Man Cometh

Thanks to action taken by Congress in December, tax filers who made a large purchase in 2006, such as a boat, may deduct state and local sales taxes paid if the tax rate applied to the boat was the same as the state's general sales tax.

"Some taxpayers may be confused because the usual extension of these provisions were not approved by Congress until after the IRS had already printed its forms in November for the 2006 tax year," said Elaine Dickinson, assistant vice president of BoatU.S. Government Affairs. For more tax-time information, visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)

## If the Boat is a Rockin'...

From Cruising Compass by Blue Water Sailing

As if you needed another reason to get a boat. According to a survey conducted by Discover Boating and Russell Research, boaters expressed a greater level of satisfaction with their sex life than non-boaters. "Being out on the water, relaxing away from stresses on land instantly sets the right mood for making a love connection," said sociologist and relationship expert Pepper Schwartz, PhD. "Not only is the setting a mood-enhancer, but boaters are more active and exude confidence in their physical appearance, which is naturally going to be attractive to other active people." Visit [www.bymnews.com](http://www.bymnews.com) to read the rest of the story.

## 7th Annual Summer Sailstice

The annual celebration of sailing on the solstice, Summer Sailstice, is taking place this year on June 23rd and 24th. This international event was founded to connect the global sailing community in a fun, creative, multifaceted, multi-location sailing holiday. Sign up (it's free) at [www.summersailstice.com](http://www.summersailstice.com) to let others know about your sailing plans and meet up with other local sailors. There is also the chance that your name might be drawn for a cool prize.

**Do your friends a favor!  
Invite them to join  
The Belmont Yacht Club.**

### Quotable Quickie

The person rowing the boat seldom  
has time to rock it.





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## BELMONT YACHT CLUB

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### OFFICIAL NOTICE

The next meeting will be our board and semi-annual member's meeting and will be held  
Tuesday April 17, 2007, 7:00 pm  
Aboard the John B Mack II, Belmont Harbor



### Commodore's Corner

Charles N. Goes, Commodore

Finally the weather is improving and the harbor is getting ready for boating season to start again. The upper deck is complete on our club and ready for us to start enjoying it along with our club. Work on the interior of our club has already started for the season. Rear Commodore Tim Harrington will be looking for your help, too.

If you are like me, you have been itching for boating season to start since the boat shows. I know I've started work on getting my boat ready to bring back to the harbor.

We already have our first new member, Stan Christenson. And we are looking forward to welcoming more in the next few months. I know that Vice Commodore Jim Sanderson will say more on this. Please join him reaching out to new members. And plan on joining us to welcome prospects during May with our **Aloha Fridays** and **Welcome Back Party**.

Last year we enjoyed several firsts for our club and that tradition will continue this year. We will be hosting for the first time a regular monthly meeting of the Chicago Yachting Association. We will continue with our annual **There and Back Shorthanded Race** and the **John B. Mack Memorial Predicted Log Competition**. These are opportunities for us to showcase our club to other boaters.

I look forward to your participation in many of these club events and enjoying your company in the harbor this summer!

## Mark Your Calendars

**April 17, Tuesday – 19:00 Board of Directors and Semi-Annual Members Meeting at the club, which is open to all members**

**April 26, Thursday – 19:00 Chicago Yachting Association Meeting**

**May 20, Sunday – Welcome Back Breakfast at the Club**

<< Details for all BYC events may be found on our website at [www.BelmontYC.org](http://www.BelmontYC.org) >>

## Celebrating This Month...

Members celebrating their birthdays this month are;

8 – Mary Wun-Len Lee  
17 – Alan Segal  
23 – Sandy Pryde  
27 – Fred Hannon



Members celebrating their anniversary this month include;

3 – Garretts  
15 - Harringtons

## Monthly Board Meetings Changes

The Bridge has announced a change to the monthly board of directors meeting. The meeting, which is open to all members in good standing to attend, will now be held on the third Tuesday of the month in place of the second Tuesday of the month. This change will begin with the April meeting and will remain in place until further notice. Please make it a point to attend one of the monthly board meeting this year and see the effort and time your volunteer board members put into the care and keeping of our club. Learning how things get done may give you a better idea of what we as a club can do to make changes within the harbor that will benefit you. There is strength in numbers and as we grow, so does the volume with which we are heard.



## Sounds from Your Rear

By Rear Commodore Tim Harrington

- I am happy to announce that as of the board meeting of April 17, the club ship *John B Mack II* is open for use by members again for the 2007 season! While some small items are still on the list to be finished, I feel we have a facility we can all be proud of. The new walls and flooring treatments make the interior a comfortable place to be, while the new second level deck gives a beautiful view down the length of the harbor with the Chicago skyline as the backdrop. I can only imagine how many lazy afternoons and gorgeous evenings will be enjoyed from that vantage point with friends and fellow members.
- As a reminder, our party tent is available for use by members. Side walls have been purchased to allow guests under the tent a more weather proof and private gathering. Members may request the tent be in place for their event by contacting me at least one week before their event so I may clear it with the harbormaster.
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- The fridge is stocked and ready for you to enjoy a chilled beer, soda or bottle of water (please see following article), but I need your help in keeping it so. If you use items from the refrigerator please restock it from the supplies under the bar. This will assure the next member stopping by for a cold one will have it available. Who knows, it might be you.
- On the topic of the refrigerator; any member wishing to keep an item cold in the fridge will need to have it clearly marked with their name and the date it was placed. Items found in the fridge without a name will be removed and discarded. We have such limited space we can not provide space for any more science experiments in mold growth thank you.

## No More Free Drinks

By unanimous vote, the board of directors has made a change to a long standing courtesy. No longer will liquid refreshments be made available for free to members. A new system requesting \$1 per bottle or can is now in place. This includes beer, soda, water, and juice. While no past abuse of the current system was noted, it has been an unnecessary financial drain to our coffers. The new honor system will have a locked box available for your contribution located near the bar area. Members are asked to have correct change available as no system for making change will be in place. This is an honor system though, so if you stop by the club and don't have cash, just bring it next time you stop in and cover what you have taken. Our policy of being a "bottle club" still stands in that members may bring in their own wine or spirits and leave them at the club ship for their own and their guests use. Please make sure you have your name clearly marked on your bottles, and please do not use other member's bottles without their permission. Bottle without a name on them are considered fair game for anyone to use, but please replace it upon your next visit with the same brand and size.



## Happy Spring and Boating Season

By Vice Commodore Jim Sanderson

As we enter this time of the year let us not forget the BYC. I recently went up to our new second level and realized how much our club with our limited membership has accomplished in a short time. Just think what we can do with a significant increase in membership. It is up to all of us to promote the club and all our benefits to our friends, boating neighbors, and non boaters. We have the most reasonable membership, a growing facility, and wonderful events. It is our job to pass this around. We will be offering a **\$50.00 West Marine Gift Card**, from our friends on North Ave, for every new member voted into BYC. This a great way to get extra items for your hobby. We have 4 Friday Happy Hours set for May and a welcome back/membership Breakfast set for May 20th. Invite prospective members to any of these events to view the refurbished MACK. Work hard for our club and watch our growth.

## An Open Letter

If you own or crew on a sailboat, I have a simple request of you: extend a 'come out and sail' invitation to someone you know, someone who has never been out on a sailboat. Think back to that time when you first went sailing? And look at you now! What I am really asking is that you return the favor that was once extended to you by passing it along to someone else. You quite possibly may create another sailor. Sure, there are some who just do not 'get' sailing, but there are *many* others who are capable of falling in love with this sport - if they are lucky enough to be introduced to it.

Right now, there is a *GROW BOATING* advertising initiative happening in the USA. I don't think you really can *grow boating* with advertisements. I believe it begins with an invitation; an invitation to the experience of sailing on one of those awesome summer days or evenings we get to spend on Lake Michigan. I truly believe it is up to us, as people who love this sport of sailing, to really *grow boating* - but through the experience of sailing, not a picture of it. I co-own Karma Yacht Sales, the Lake Michigan Beneteau dealer. While we have a lot of boats that would be perfect for those afternoon and evening sails with friends, I make this request simply because I know firsthand that this method works. 17 years ago I was invited out for my first sail...and look at me now!

Jack S. Buoscio [www.karmayachtsales.com](http://www.karmayachtsales.com)

## 7th Annual Summer Sailstice

The annual celebration of sailing on the solstice, Summer Sailstice, is taking place this year on June 23rd and 24th. This international event was founded to connect the global sailing community in a fun, creative, multifaceted, multi-location sailing holiday. Sign up (it's free) at [www.summersailstice.com](http://www.summersailstice.com) to let others know about your sailing plans and meet up with other local sailors. There is also the chance that your name might be drawn for a cool prize.

## Discount for BYC Members

The owner of the Weather Mark Tavern is pleased to offer a 15% discount off your total food/drink bill to Belmont Yacht Club members. Just bring in this newsletter and show your membership card to receive this fantastic discount. The Weather Mark Tavern is a nautically themed bar / restaurant located at 1503 S. Michigan Ave in the South Loop area. The bridge officers have been there and sampled the menu. The food is creatively delicious, the wait staff really seems happy to be there, and the place is decorated in a very open feeling nautical theme. They also offer a "Rum Passport" that has a list of all the 50 or so rums they offer. As you sample each one (please not on the same night), they punch your passport. Get all the stamps and your name goes on a plaque on the wall. Check out the menu, weekly specials, and see some pictures of the place on their website [www.weathermarktavern.com](http://www.weathermarktavern.com).



## Sea Scout Spring Kick Off

For over one hundred years, young adults, ages 14 to 21 from all walks of life, have benefited from Sea Scouts, a division of the Boy Scouts of America. Sea Scouts provides hands-on experience while teaching team work and leadership skills in their sailing programs. Through your support of *2007 Sailing to the Future*, you will provide the opportunity for young adults to build leadership skills and teamwork on the water and to carry with them to all their future endeavors. Guests will enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, with the evening highlighted by a silent auction and music by Bernie Wiczer and Fred Gorr. Set the date for April 19<sup>th</sup> at Chicago Yacht Club, 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. for our annual fundraiser. Help support the Sea Scouts through your participation or donation. Your gifts are tax deductible and go directly toward funding Sea Scout programs. For further information, contact Cmdr. Gary D. Hooper, Columbia Yacht Club 312.938.3625





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### Commodore's Corner

Charles N. Goes, Commodore

How more wonderful could it be? Our club is open, the harbors are open, and we're ready for a great boating season once again!

This month will be our major push for new members. The highlight will be our **Welcome Back** party on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. I want to encourage every member who can make it to join us that day, bring prospective members and talk to others who have come. This is our chance to make our club shine and show everyone the difference from other area clubs.

We also have our newly annual **Aloha Fridays** for the entire month of May. Again, this is a chance for prospective members to meet others from our club in a relaxed atmosphere.

And we really have something to show off this year... our new upper deck! If you haven't been up there yet, you have to check it out. It provides a wonderful view, over the tops of the other boats in the harbor, of our city's wonderful skyline. I bet we'll even be able to see the regular Navy Pier fireworks on Wednesdays and Saturdays! There are other improvements in the works that you will be seeing as we are able to implement them.

For those who made the Member's Meeting last month, your officers are working diligently to provide quality events and excellent facilities for everyone's enjoyment. Please join us for these events and share your club with your friends!

## Mark Your Calendars

**Fridays in May – 1800-2000 Aloha  
Fridays Happy Hours at the club**

**May 15, Tuesday – 1900 Board of  
Directors, open to all members**

**May 20, Sunday – 0900-1200 Welcome  
Back Party at the Club**

**May 24, Thursday – 1900 Chicago  
Yachting Association Meeting**

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12 – Migdalia Pinckney's  
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month include;

3 – Reeds

## Let the Parties Begin

The Chicago Harbors officially open May 1 this year and that means its boating season again and we want to celebrate. Come on down to the club and see the changes that have taken place over the winter. The temperature is up and the beer is chillin', and have ya seen the second deck yet? Oh, ya gotta come see it, it's great! Join your hosts John Graneto, D.J. Reali, and Tim and Joan Harrington for a cool beverage and a kewl view. And what fun is keepin' all the view to yourself? Bring a friend, oh hell, bring two or three if ya got 'em. It's just gunna be a laid back, listen to some tunes, chat with your friends and dream about the fantastic summer kinda get-together. Wear your Hawaiian shirt to this free event and who knows, ya just might get lei'd. 6 to 8 pm every Friday in May.



## Welcome Back Party

Hosted by our always ready to party Vice Commodore Jim Sanderson, our annual welcome back party will take place Sunday, May 20 from 0900 – 1200 hrs. This event is open to everyone in the harbor, not just our members. Please come and enjoy this free event as we acknowledge the opening of the greatest year yet. Festivities include; a continental breakfast with fresh fruits and bakery items, locally roasted coffee, tea, and juices; Other (wink, wink) refreshments to chase away any last chills left over from the winter; Door prizes including some provided by West Marine – North Ave.; and a 50/50 raffle to start the winner's season off with a little cash in your pocket. Please also use this event to invite your dock mates to come and check us out. You're offering them free food and drink for a few minutes of their time, and the only way you might upset them is by NOT inviting them.



## Boater's Prayer

**May there always be water under your boat,  
May she always be seaworthy and ever afloat,  
May your bilge pump be certain to work all night and all day,  
May your compass and charts always show the safe way,  
May you find gentle harbor as every day ends,  
May you lower your anchor amidst peace and good friends.**



## Sounds from Your Rear

By Rear Commodore Tim Harrington

Just a quick update on how things are settling in for the season. My responsibilities include almost everything as it relates to the club ship, from maintenance and repairs to stocking drinks and toilet paper. So if you see anything I should know about or have a request to have something onboard that is not, please contact me via phone or e-mail. I am happy to serve.

- The fridge is stocked and ready for you to enjoy a chilled beer, soda or bottle of water. If you use items from the refrigerator please restock it from the supplies under the bar. Also please remember that no longer will liquid refreshments be made available for free to members. A new system requesting \$1 per bottle or can is now in place. The new honor system will have a locked box available for your contribution located near the bar area. Members are asked to have correct change available as no system for making change will be in place.
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- Please double check to make sure all windows and doors are locked if you are the last to leave. Please empty the garbage cans also; you would be surprised how bad the club can smell by morning with just a small amount of trash left closed up inside.
- Contributions are still needed for the construction cost of the second deck staircase, railing and awning. Creative financing was arranged in order to have the second deck available before the season opening of the club this year. No general operating funds have been used for this project and further donations are still necessary to pay for this fantastic new amenity. Please, while you are enjoying this new attraction, consider digging into your pocket to help put this debt to rest.

## National Boating Education Standards on the Horizon

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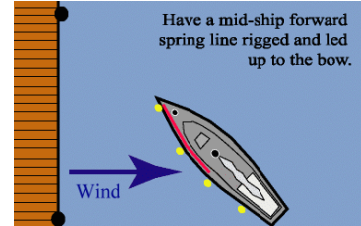
The U.S. Coast Guard is seeking authority from Congress that could someday lead to a national standard on boating education. The Coast Guard's Office of Boating Safety submitted a legislative proposal as part of the Coast Guard's authorization bill for fiscal 2007. The proposal would amend a section of the United States Code to give the Secretary of Transportation the authority to establish "minimum requirements for recreational vessel operator proficiency." This provision would allow the Coast Guard to issue regulations that adopt and enforce existing state standard, and apply a federal standard where no state standard exists. Currently, 44 of 56 states and territories already have some level of operator proficiency standards. "This is several years down the road," says Jeanne Timmons, chief of the program management division for the Office of Boating Safety. "All this does is give us the authority to establish regulations. The regulatory process can be very slow." She says the process, which includes public hearings, can take up to three or four years. Both the National Boating Safety Advisory Council and the Towing Safety Advisory Committee have adopted resolutions urging the Coast Guard to seek statutory authority that would require boaters to have a certificate of proficiency. This provision also is consistent with the National Transportation Safety Board recommendation that states be required to enhance recreational boating safety through mandatory education programs.



# Spring Line Docking Maneuver

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Spring lines can be a huge help wrestling a boat in and out of tight quarters. Here is a simple trick with spring lines that can help make the whole process less troublesome. If you are trying to get into a berth sideways and the dock you want to moor at has a space between two other boats just long enough for your boat to fit, and the wind is piping off the dock so you can just swing in and do a quick dash to get the docking lines rigged. The easiest way to bring the boat in this situation is to fix a spring line to the amidships cleats, then point the bow toward the middle of the open dock and power up to it so you can drop off a trusted crew member with the spring line. He should take a couple of wraps around a cleat or bollard at the end of the opening where you want the stern. Let the bow fall off in the direction you want it to end up and then begin to motor forward with the helm steering away from the dock. Have the crew on the dock make the spring fast when you are parallel to the open space; give the engine some gas and power forward on the spring, still steering away from the dock a bit. The boat will start to crab sideways and will soon be pressed up against the dock and will stay there as long as you continue to power forward on the after spring.



## Monthly Board Meetings Change Reminder



Just a “aide memoire” that the monthly board of directors meeting is open to all members in good standing to attend and will now be held on the third instead of the second Tuesday of each month. This change will remain in place until further notice. Please make it a point to attend one of the monthly board meeting this year and see the effort and time your volunteer board members put into the care and keeping of our club. Learning how things get done may give you a better idea of what we as a club can do to make changes within the harbor that will benefit you. There is strength in numbers and as we grow, so does the volume with which we are heard.





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### Commodore's Corner

Charles N. Goes, Commodore



In just a few days, I will pass another milestone in my life. It has caused me to stop and reflect on my boating over the years and what it means to me. And hopefully you'll indulge me as I do this.

I am unable to remember a time that boating has not been in my life. My earliest memories are of Saturday sail race days and spending the afternoon back at the yacht club. Over the years, the location and people changed, but the activity remained essentially the same. Along the way I moved from being a youthful spectator on a powerboat, to sailing, to being a spectator again and then helping with race committee. I eventually joined the Belmont Yacht Club in 1995 where I have taken on leadership positions and even become a certified Race Officer.

Along the way, I acquired a small powerboat of my own, *Anything Goes*, a 19' Wellcraft. When my grandmother passed away, I moved it to Chicago and after a few seasons, moored it in Belmont Harbor. Then came the inevitable "two-foot-itus" and the trade up to *Digiplay*, my current 27' Monterey powerboat.

The people I have met through boating have been great people, some of the friendliest people who are always willing to help a fellow boater. I've also heard a few stories about the one that got away, whether it's been a fish or a race. The solitude of going out, past the cribs to get away from the city for a short time, or the enjoyment of having friends aboard to enjoy the experience has always made me feel better. I enjoy my time on the water and love to share it with others.

As we start another summer season of boating, I wish everyone all the joy I have derived from boating. May we all enjoy this sport, this activity for many more years. I for one cannot imagine my life without boating and wonderful people that come with it.

## Mark Your Calendars

**June 3, Sunday – 0900-1200**  
Commodore's Appreciation and Birthday  
Brunch

**June 9, Saturday**  
Coast Guard Inspections sponsored by BYC

**June 19, Tuesday – 1900**  
Board of Directors Meeting, open to all  
members

**June 23, Saturday – 1500-2100**  
Fleet Review and Blessing

**June 28, Thursday – 1900**  
Chicago Yachting Association Meeting

## Celebrating This Month...

Members celebrating their birthdays this  
month are;

1 – Charlotte Mullen  
3 – Charles Goes  
22 – John Graneto  
30 – Nancy Reed

Members celebrating their anniversary  
this month include;

3 – Baumgartner-Lee

## The Commodore is so old that ...



Although not planned to be a roast, please bring your best “Chuck” story to share as Belmont Yacht Club celebrates our Commodore’s 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. Members and guest will all be welcomed Sunday, June 3, as John and D.J. are preparing a wonderful brunch for everyone to come and enjoy on this monumental occasion. Come tip your hat to our club leader and show you care. Chuck is requesting no gifts, so please bring a smile and a story, but no embarrassing stories, because at 9 AM no one wants a Chuck Roast (rim shot please).

## BYC Education Days

On Saturday, June 9, Belmont Yacht Club will be holding an educational event for all the boaters in Belmont Harbor. On that day we will host the Coast Guard Auxiliary who will be doing the complimentary boat safety inspections. These inspections carry no penalties and are a great way to ensure your boat meets Coast Guard regulations and is as safe as possible for you, your family and guests. When you pass the inspection you receive a sticker for your boat. If you’re later boarded by the Coast Guard or Marine Police, they do notice and take into account the sticker. To schedule an inspection, please call the club ship at 773.871.4424 with your preferred time, and boat location. A member of the Auxiliary will meet you at your boat. Please tell your Belmont boating acquaintances about this opportunity. It is for all Belmont Harbor boaters, not just BYC members, as this is part of our commitment to support the Corinthian spirit and boater education. If you could possibly help man the club ship during the inspections, it would be appreciated. We are looking for volunteers to help for a couple of hours on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Please call Dan Waters at 219.241.7316 or e-mail him at Dan.W@skydesign.com if you can help host the Auxiliary and assist with scheduling inspections for boaters. It is a good way to meet some interesting people who love boating as you do!



## USCG Rescue 21

The modernization of the Coast Guard’s communication capability, generally summarized under the heading “Rescue 21” is moving forward. Both the Great Lakes Region and the Western Rivers Region are scheduled to start initial operation in 2008, with complete operations readiness to be achieved by 2011.



## Fleet Review, Blessing, & Dinner

By Fleet Captain Eric Schuermann



I am finishing all the last minute preparations for our annual fleet review to take place in Belmont Harbor, Saturday, June 23. Participating Skippers are required to attend the briefing at 1500 hrs which is then followed at 1600 by the fleet blessing and boat procession, and then the catered reception back at 1700 aboard the club. All members are strongly encouraged to participate. The dinner reception will feature NY Strip, side, salad, dessert and wine and beer, and is available for \$50 per person. Reservations for dinner must be received by June 10.

Please contact me at 773-878-5144 or [eric.schuermann@comcast.net](mailto:eric.schuermann@comcast.net) with Skipper and boat name, and number of dinner reservations.



## Sounds from Your Rear

By Rear Commodore Tim Harrington



I continue to be awed by the high caliber of people we have in our club. The unselfishness that is rampant throughout, the willingness to give of time and talent, often without reward. So I want to use my column this month to acknowledge some of the people that have done so much in the last six weeks. If you have not been in the club in the last month you may not be aware of the metamorphosis our little vessel has gone through. I would like to list "who did what" and I don't intend to exclude anyone, but as with all things of this nature I'm sure I will remember someone right after I mail

this newsletter. Many people listed worked on more projects than I am listing, but here are the main things; to Ken for hanging the wall panels and a dozen other things; to Charlotte and Debbie for the beautiful new paint job, new tables and chairs, and for sending their cleaning lady to the club regularly; to Fred for installing the new trim and assisting with several other projects; to Mike for installing the new ice machine water filter; to Steve for planting the flowers in our containers; to John for helping assemble the new storage shed; to Scott for helping repair the heads, and vacuum pumping the bilge; to Jane and others for cleaning out the galley and bar areas; to Jim for helping with anything I ask; and to all the others that have helped clean and get the place ready for the season that I have forgotten, thank you. Your gift of time and ability has made my job as Rear Commodore a breeze. I truly thank you all.



## Sun Safety for Boaters

By Dr. John Graneto, Secretary - Board of Directors



Early in the summer boaters sometimes forget that sunburn can occur, even on cold days. Sun exposed areas such as the top of the head and ears, the exposed face and even the tops of the hands on the steering wheel are particularly at risk. Children on your boats are prone to sunburned tops of their shoulders, tips of their ears as well as the tops of their feet (even with sandals). Those of us with thinning hair need to keep the tops of our heads covered as well. Later in the season, areas forgotten also include the tops of your feet while standing at the helm all day. These are all areas which should have sunscreen

applied, even on cold (but sunny) days. SPF factor 15 or greater is sufficient for most boating excursions lasting just a few hours. Some companies make a spray on aerosolized (but still good for the ozone layer) SPF 30 in a blue spray bottle. This is very helpful when the captain is out for a solo voyage and needs to apply sunscreen without any mates aboard. If its too late and sun burn has already occurred, it appears first as redness, usually a few hours after the initial exposure. Applying sunscreen at this point is probably too late for the burn that has already occurred. It reaches a peak redness and pain at 12- 24 hours after exposure. Blistering may occur later as the inflammation continues to be present. Treatment of sunburn is best accomplished by FIRST stopping the heat, by applying ice or cool water, as with any household burn. Cool water actually relieves ongoing heat injury to the skin tissues. SECOND taking oral medication such as acetaminophen, naproxen or ibuprofen helps you feel better and may contribute to healing. THIRD using topical creams such as corticosteroids cream may help relieve inflammation symptoms as well, but should be used sparingly. Additionally, some common over the counter topical agents such as benzocaine are used to relieve the pain at the nerve pain receptors in the skin. Another topical preparation that contains Aloe Vera is also helpful in making the burn feel better. MYTH: A common myth is that butter helps a burn, but it does not help and may in fact make some burns worse.

## Catalina Sailor Take Note



The Lake Michigan Catalina Association will hold their 14<sup>th</sup> annual *Mac Bay Get Away* Rendezvous July 13-15, 2007, at the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club in Holland, MI. Planned events include; Fulbright Cup Race for Cruisers and Racers, Friday night shrimp boil, seminars, and award luncheon. For more information please check their website at [LMCA.com](http://LMCA.com)

## Useless Info – Rule of Thumb

The original "**Rule of Thumb**" is thought to be the principle adopted by shipmasters to avoid dangers. They would never allow their vessel to approach a danger nearer than the distance that corresponded to a thumb's width on the chart. On a large-scale chart with plenty of detail they could navigate closer to potential dangers than on a small-scale chart with less detail.

## Weather Forecasting – Christopher Columbus Style

Sailors have historically relied on their power of observation to journey as safely as possible. We all know the 'Red sky at night, sailors delight' but here is one to add to your list: 'Rain before wind; better take 'er in. Wind before rain: soon you'll sail again.' The meaning is that when rain comes before wind, it is often the result of an approaching front, which frequently means unsettled weather for a day or two. If wind comes before rain, it is often just the downdraft from an approaching local rainstorm, which will likely blow over in a few hours.

Life is a grindstone. Whether it grinds us down or polishes us up depends on us.





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### Commodore's Corner

Charles N. Goes, Commodore



I am so surprised that we've already arrived at July. The season is moving so rapidly, as it always seems to happen. But we do have several good months of boating enjoyment ahead of us along with many club events to come.

We are now looking forward to our 4<sup>th</sup> of July Pot Luck and viewing of the Evanston Fireworks. This is a fun event and

the power boaters invite all members to jump on one of the boats to come and watch with us. Last year we had 4 boats for the trip and the fireworks are great to watch, especially with friends. Of course it is always good to ask ahead for the ride, but we always make sure everyone gets a ride.

I am very pleased with the interest we have been able to generate in our club this year. Vice Commodore Jim Sanderson presented 7 new people for membership this last board meeting. And we have had several applications since. This is great for our club and our future. This is happening thanks to everyone's interest in sharing our club with friends and neighbors.

We also have just finished a great *Fleet Review* with a great attendance. Our thanks go to Fleet Captain Eric Schuermann and the many people who assisted in organizing a great event. As always Westrec, the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary lead off our parade of boats. I am sure that we woke up the harbor as our cannon saluted each boat as they passed in review before the Bridge and honored guests. And what a special guest Eric's sister Lt. Cmdr. Melissa Schuermann was! I know that everyone had a great time even with the cooler, overcast weather.

And Eric is working on some new ideas for our *Fleet Cruise*, coming soon. Barry Lewis, Jane McMillan and Edna Nelson are working on our *Annual There & Back Short Handed Regatta* on the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of August. Betty Lerner is getting ready for the Air & Water Show Brunch on Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup> for our members to enjoy before heading out for the show. And coming at the end of August is our very popular *Progressive Dinner* that John & Jill Garrett are organizing.

## Mark Your Calendars

**July 4, Sunday – 1600-2300 Potluck Dinner / Evanston Fireworks Cruise**

**July 14, Saturday 1000-1500 Race to Mackinac Parade & Start**

**July 17, Tuesday – 1900-2100 Board of Directors Meeting, open to all members**

**July 20, 21, and 22 Belmont Yacht Club Member's Fleet Cruise**

**July 26, Thursday – 1900 Chicago Yachting Association Meeting**

**July 28, Saturday – 2000-2200 Venetian Night Boat Parade**

**August 4, Saturday – 2000-2200 BYC's There and Back Regatta**



### Celebrating This Month...

Members celebrating their birthdays this month are;

11 – Pat Buckley  
29 – James Harries  
30 – Abdon Bray



### More New Members

BYC extends a hearty welcome to new members voted in at the last board meeting: **Richard Siegel** and **Sandra Jaffe**; **John Williams** and **Martin Fluhrer**; **Mike and Linda Cortez**; **Roger Staedtke** and **David Dewaard**; and **Kevin Gross**. Welcome to Belmont Yacht Club!

## BYC Potluck Dinner and Fireworks Cruise

On the Fourth of July BYC members will be meeting at the club ship for a potluck supper before boarding vessels and heading north to watch the Evanston fireworks show from the water. In years past the water has been the best place to see this show as, because although the shore is crowded, the water remains lightly populated. Members needing to arrange a crew spot on a boat for a ride to the show should attend the potluck supper and be really nice to the members planning to take their boats.



## 333 miles to Mackinac



Saturday, July 14, marks the start of the 99 running of the Chicago to Mackinac sailboat race, the longest regularly held freshwater race in the world. First run in 1898 and then intermittently until after WWI, 1921 marked the beginning of holding the race annually. Today this race attracts about three hundred boats utilizing about three thousand crew members to finish the race to the top of the lake and the finish line 333 statute miles (about 290 nautical miles) away. Most of the fleet takes between forty and sixty hours to finish. The race begins on Saturday with a mandatory check-in of competing vessels by parading past the end of Navy Pier before heading out to the starting line located off Monroe Harbor. Members wishing to see this spectacular sight near the pier should plan to view from outside of the break wall as the inner harbor becomes quite crowded with participants hurriedly rounding up to pass the check-in point. It is a great Chicago yachting event which brings our city worldwide attention.



## BYC Fleet Cruise 2007

By Fleet Captain Eric Schuermann



Please save the weekend of July 20 – 22 and join your fellow members on our 2007 Fleet Cruise. Unfortunately the final details were not available in time to have them published here, but keep an eye out for a special mailing with all the important information that I will send out as soon as I lock down a few last details. In the mean time if you are planning to attend please contact me at 773-878-5144 or [eric.schuermann@comcast.net](mailto:eric.schuermann@comcast.net) with Skipper; boat name, type, length, and any special docking requirements; and the number of dinner reservations.

## Venetian Night 2007

Scheduled for an 8 PM start on July 28th, Venetian Night 2007 will have extravagantly decorated boats, costumed crews, and a fireworks display set to music by 93XRT will once again light up Lake Michigan. Approximately 35 boats decorated with lights and props reflecting the theme “Chicago’s Greatest Memories” will participate in the aquatic parade. BYC has a long history of winning recognition in this very well attended event in Monroe Harbor. Last year our entry “The Floating Stones” (pictured here) aboard Dan Waters’ boat *Chriselle Marie* took second place. Our entry this year will be aboard *The Verdict* owned by BYC member and retired judge Bob Buckley, and his son Robert Jr. will be the skipper and Venetian Night committee chairman. Members interested in helping decorate during the week prior to the event should contact Bob to volunteer.



## There & Back Short-Handed Regatta and Party



Belmont Yacht Club announces its forth annual There & Back Short-Handed Race for any sailing vessel. The race will consist of one fleet with two sections - single-handed and double-handed. The race course will be along the Chicago shoreline and will be approximately 47 nm in length. The race will start near the mouth of Belmont Harbor at 08:00 CDT on Saturday, August 4, 2007, and the finish will be at the same location as the start.

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## Membership Growing Rapidly

By Vice Commodore Jim Sanderson



I would like to welcome our 2007 new members: Stan Christensen; Robert Buckley, Jr; Gina Sanderson; Steve and Dianne Paulson; Mark and Cortney James; Christopher Meyer and Terry Harvey; John and Jackie Conlon; Richard Siegel and Sandra Jaffe; John Williams and Martin Fluhrer; Mike and Linda Cortez; Roger Staedtke and David Dewaard; and Kevin Gross.

I want to thank all those current members that have helped with increasing our membership to a recent all time high. We achieved our budgeted goal of 10 new members for this calendar year in June and are closing in on 14 as I write. If we keep up our momentum we could easily hit my personal goal of doubling the membership this year (14 more). The interest in the club is at its highest due to all the work members have done making it look great. Remember, as an incentive for you to bring in a new member, you will receive a \$50 gift card from West Marine for every member listing you as his/her reason for joining. This card is even more valuable because in addition to the \$50 value, you get a discount off the original purchase price too. Keep up the good work and see you at the club.



## Sounds from Your Rear

By Rear Commodore Tim Harrington



"If it's not one thing, it's the other" is an old saying that has become my mantra the last few weeks. It seems every time I think I have finished a project on the club ship, a new unforeseen issue surfaces. So here's a short review of what I have going on: The ice maker is dead, a hole in the compressor is unrepairable and a quality replacement ice maker is being sought. The exterior antenna for the internet hotspot is up and running but not getting the coverage we were hoping for, a solution is being researched. The air conditioning aboard the ship is working like a champ, but the repairs shattered my budget. Seals on the heads have been replaced but we still have an icky smell at times, a solution is being investigated. The newly painted floors are beautiful but some of the chairs are scratching the finish, rubber and fabric pads have both been tried and failed, but a new attempt will be made using wood footings. All these issues are being addressed but please keep in mind I'm doing what I can with the time I currently have available. Anyone want to take over writing the newsletter? ☺

## CYA Ball Info

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## Latest Results on Insect Repellents

Reprinted from the October, 2006 issue of **Undercurrent**  
 Consumer Reporting for the Scuba Diving Community since 1975 [www.undercurrent.org](http://www.undercurrent.org)  
 And brought to you by Dr. John Graneto, Secretary - Board of Directors



Many divers avoid some tropical venues because of biting bugs like mosquitoes and no-see-ums. Here's help. Consumer Reports (June 2006) used human subjects who tested 18 repellents by thrusting their arms into cages with 200 aedes mosquitoes, an aggressive species that can carry dengue fever, or 200 culex mosquitoes, a calmer species that can carry West Nile virus. Both can be found on every continent but Antarctica. In general, the higher concentration of the chemical DEET, the more effective the repellent. The top rated Deep Woods Off is 98 percent DEET, and kept the aedes away for 12 hours and the culex at bay for 13. Several products with 30 to 34 percent DEET protected for at least five hours. Products with seven percent DEET lasted only an hour against the aedes. While the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has found DEET safe when used according to directions, many divers use non DEET products such as Repel Plant-Based Lemon Eucalyptus. It finished behind the products with 20 percent DEET, but offered nearly four hours of protection. Herbals like Bite Blocker and Natrapel offered little if any protection against the aedes mosquito, though some against the culex. A favorite with divers, Skin-So-Soft, offered no protection at all against the aedes mosquito. In tests last year, Cutter Advanced with 7 percent picaridin repelled mosquitoes well, but this time they found less protection. Most botanicals tested were middling or worse.





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### Commodore's Corner

Charles N. Goes, Commodore



This summer has been very busy for me. We've just finished Venetian Night, which is always an exciting event for everyone to enjoy. There are many more exciting opportunities in the coming months, both with our club and Chicago Yachting Association.

Our annual ***There and Back Short Handed Race*** on August 3-4, 2007. This has become a popular event with sailors and is a great opportunity for us to showcase our club. Come join us Friday night for the Cookout and Skipper's Meeting and then return Saturday night for the Awards and Dinner.

We also have our ***Air & Water Show Brunch***, which is sounding very exciting. Again a great opportunity for everyone to get together before going out to watch the exciting show.

And we can't forget our ***Fleet Cruise***. This year we will be participating in the ***Leukemia Cup's Poker Run*** from Columbia Yacht Club, sponsored by Chicago Yachting Association. Fleet Captain Eric Schuermann has been working on organizing this after the successful Fleet Review. Some of the pictures are in the Members' area of our web site.

Looking ahead to September, CYA will be having their ***911 Remembrance*** prior to our club's ever-popular ***Progressive Dinner***. And it's hard to believe that the ***Commodore's Party*** will be coming up, as my thank you for everyone's support while I've been your Commodore for the past 2 years.

I look forward to seeing you at many of these events and just around the harbor.

## Mark Your Calendars

**August 3, Friday – 1800-2000 There & Back Skipper Meeting and Cookout**

**August 4, Saturday 0800 Race / 2000 Dinner There & Back Race and Award Dinner**

**August 11, Saturday Afternoon and Evening Fleet Cruise / Charity Poker Run**



**August 19, Sunday 1000 – 1300 Air & Water Show Brunch**

**August 21, Tuesday – 1900-2100 Board of Directors Meeting, open to all members**

**August 31, Friday – Afternoon Event / 1800 Dinner John B Mack Predicted Log**

## There & Back Short-Handed Regatta and Party



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## Celebrating This Month...

Members celebrating their birthdays this month are;

10 – Jane McMillan  
14 – Geoffery Engel  
Robert Buckley  
16 – Mike Premer



Members celebrating their anniversary this month include;

14 - Williams

## Cool Stuff on the Web

[www.sailflow.com](http://www.sailflow.com)

This is a new weather web site offering detailed wind forecasts specifically for sailors, but you smudge-potters might find it useful too



## BYC Fleet Cruise 2007

By Fleet Captain Eric Schuermann



Make your plans for the 2007 Fleet Cruise, on Saturday, August 11, which will take us on a Poker Run through the Chicago Harbors hosted by the Columbia Yacht Club, in conjunction with a charity event to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The event begins with a Skippers meeting at Columbia at 1300, Poker Run Starts at 1430 and is about 20 miles in length and takes us to 5 harbors beginning and ending at Columbia. Each boat is a \$100 with one dinner and overnight mooring at Columbia included. All boats are welcome - sail and power alike. For that you get a Captains Bag, T Shirt, other marine goodies, 1 Poker hand, and 1 Dinner. Also everyone on your boat is eligible to buy a hand for themselves at \$25.00 per hand. Additional dinners are also available for \$15.00 per person. There are prizes for best and worst 5 card stud hand, as well as last year we also played Omaha. We also have raffle prizes and a couple of live auction items. There will be a live band and party at Columbia Yacht Club going from basically 5:00 pm-Midnight. Also, we will have full use of the club and they will provide overnight docking until 12 Noon the following day for those wanting / needing to stay overnight! If you are planning to attend please contact me no later than August 3 at 773-878-5144 or [eric.schuermann@comcast.net](mailto:eric.schuermann@comcast.net) with Skipper; boat name, type, length, and any special docking requirements; and the number of dinner reservations. Please contact me with any questions and RSVP one way or the other to let me know if you will attend. Also, please be sure to register for the event online at [http://www.lls.org/all\\_cal\\_detail.adp?item\\_id=470975](http://www.lls.org/all_cal_detail.adp?item_id=470975) which is a requirement to participate - mention that you are with our group - Belmont Yacht Club Fleet Cruise.



## Air & Water Show Brunch

Hosted by Past Commodore, Betty Lerner



Members and guests looking for a refreshing brunch before heading out to watch the Air & Water Show need look no further than the Belmont Yacht Club. Brunch will be served from 1000 - 1300 Sunday morning, August 19<sup>th</sup>. The planned menu will include; Assorted Juices with or without Champagne, Fresh Fruit, Brunch Eggs (Delicious and I'll give you the recipe too!), Canadian Bacon, Assorted Breads and Sweets, and Coffee all for the low suggested donation of \$10. So I'll know how many to prepare for, please respond by August 17<sup>th</sup> with how many are in your party. Betty Lerner, [cendrillon@comcast.net](mailto:cendrillon@comcast.net) or (847) 676-9755.

## John B Mack Predicted Log

Belmont Yacht Club is the sponsor of the John B. Mack Memorial Predicted Log Contest on Friday, August 31. Designed to please the competitive urges of the BYC power squadron, Predicted Logging, also known as a Cruiser Navigation Contest, is a sure way to practice navigation and satisfy your competitive nature in a friendly environment. This is not a test of speed - it's a test of accuracy. It doesn't take a special boat or high priced electronics. All it takes is a boat, a compass, a tachometer, and a chart. Predicted Log Contests are similar to road rallies on the water. You don't remember road rallies? You don't have to! All you have to do is predict the time your boat will take to get from point to point on a designated course. You do the predictions in advance and then run the course in your boat on the day of the contest without clock or speedometer.

The contest starts from Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station, at the south end of Belmont Harbor at 1:00 pm. If you are interested in competing or riding along with someone else, please contact Commodore Goes at 773.973.4840 to make arrangements. Lots of help is available for first timers, and lots of fun can be expected in return. Following the on water contest, participants and friends will rendezvous back at the Belmont Yacht Club ship at 1800 for a cook out party and award presentation. Bring a main dish for you and a side dish and smile to share.



## Plan to Attend the 2007 CYA Ball

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## An Invitation from Our Neighbors to the South

Enjoy a Saturday and/or Sunday Brunch at Scenic Jackson Park Yacht Club Their Self-Serve Brunch will be available from 9am to 1pm through the boating season \$10.00 per person – Children under 12 \$6.00 each. Their menu will be featuring Eggs, Starbucks® Coffee, Fruit Salad, Bacon, Sausage, Pancakes, Belgium Waffle, Potatoes O'Brien or Grits, Bagel, Toast or Pastry, Cereal and Milk.





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### Commodore's Corner

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I am amazed that we are heading for fall already. It seems that the summer is just getting going. And the Commodore's Party is upon us. Yes, you will all be getting an invite soon. Once again our entry in **Venetian Night**, Bob Buckley's *The Verdict* placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in its category. Our thanks to everyone who made our entry a success this year.

Our 4<sup>th</sup> annual **There and Back Race** was a great success also. There were 18 participants, although there only was one in the Single Handed class. We had a great crowd for the closing dinner too and several members helping out, as always. Thanks to everyone who helped make this the great event it has become.

Betty Lerner hosted a special brunch on Sunday of the **Air & Water Show**. There were raves from all who attended.

It is through the participation and leadership of all our members that the Belmont Yacht Club remains the great club that it has always been. As we prepare to change our leadership for the next year, people are being asked to take leadership and more will be asked as the calendar of events for next year begins to be formulated. I hope that you will agree to help when asked.

Looking ahead, we have some great events coming up. We will be shifting the **John B. Mack Memorial Predicted Log** a bit and I hope that many of our power boaters will participate. Jane & I are most willing to sit down and show you how to prepare and compete in the event. I've always found it a great time. Everyone's favorite, the **Progressive Dinner** will be Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> hosted by John & Jill Garrett. The **9/11 Remembrance** boat parade will be Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM. The **Commodore's Party** will be Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 PM. And for you fishermen, Chicago Yachting Association will be holding the first **Salmon Classic** on September 29<sup>th</sup>, which will include bus transportation to the Horseshoe Casino from Columbia Yacht Club for everyone. Horseshoe Casino has stepped up to be a major sponsor of the event.

## Mark Your Calendars

Sept 7, Friday 0900 – 2100 Big Team Regatta

Sept 8, Saturday 1800 – 2100 Progressive Dinner

Sept 16, Sunday 1700 – 2000 Commodore's Party

Sept 18, Tuesday – 1900-2100 Board of Directors Meeting, open to all members



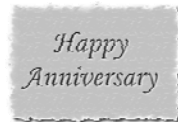
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15 – Wm Pinckney  
23 – Barry Lewis  
16 – Lynn Low



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3 – Hannon  
11 – Bray  
16 – Van Dorpe  
24 – Buckley

## Big Team Regatta

Belmont Yacht Club is a host sponsor of the Big Team Regatta on Friday, September 7. Corporate sponsored sailboats race against each other for the benefit of underprivileged children in Chicago. Last year's entrants included the John Buck Company, Sara Lee, Credit Suisse, Booz Allen and DRW Trading, and raised over \$29,000 for this worthwhile charity.

The day begins with a shore side briefing under our tent and a continental breakfast, and it is there that teams are assigned to their boats. The morning races are followed by lunch back under the tent dockside.

Racing continues in the afternoon, followed by an awards party on our docks. All of last year's activities were professionally filmed and edited to an exciting DVD. A short version is available online at

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LR7QQXN-ZNE>.

They have a few openings for teams remaining and would

love to fill them with fun crews. It is an excellent opportunity for you and your coworkers or clients to have tons of fun while contributing to a most worthwhile cause. If you or your company would like to participate, please contact Alan Veenstra 773-791-7923 or visit the website at <http://bigchi.bigteamregatta.com>



## Progressive Dinner

Want to peek at other member's boats, eat too much, drink responsibly, and have a blast doing it? Then the BYC Progressive Dinner is for you. A Progressive Dinner is a dinner where each course is served at a different boat, and the diners "progress" to each boat en masse. At the BYC Progressive Dinner, organizers plan a meal together where each course is served at a different participant's boat, so that the party literally moves from slip to slip throughout the harbor during the evening. The evening starts at the club ship at 1800 hours and will go well into the night as we move through out the harbor. This is a BYC member only party. The committee chairs need a head count so the presenters of dishes can plan accordingly, so please call the Garretts immediately if you plan to attend.



## 2007 Commodore's Party

The annual Commodore's Party will be Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 1700 hrs (5 PM). This is a chance for our Commodore to express his thanks for your support during the last year by buying us dinner. Commodore Goes has a delicious dinner planned, but wants to remind everyone to please R.S.V.P. as food this good ain't cheap. Members will receive an invitation in the mail shortly. When you get it please don't wait to long to respond in the affirmative. The food is free and the company is great, so come on down and join the Commodore and your fellow members for dinner.



### Picturing You

By Vice Commodore Jim Sanderson



Calling all photographers! I am looking for someone or maybe a team of two people that has a good quality digital camera and would be willing to take a few pictures of the club members. I would like to augment our current membership guide with a picture of the member and first mate to go along with the statistical information currently contained in the guide. This project would entail you as the volunteer photographer to take a "head and shoulder" photo of each member and mate and submit it electronically along with their name and date taken. This would be a great project for a new member as it will give you the chance to meet all the members. If you attend a few of the club functions with your camera in hand, you should be able to get most of the member photos taken. You can expect help both from me and my fellow officers in contacting members who do not regularly attend the functions to help arrange your photo opportunity. So members; expect to be asked to have your photo taken for the guide, and if you have the equipment, please consider giving a little of your time to benefit all the members of Belmont Yacht Club. For questions or to volunteer, please contact me via phone or e-mail. Also, this has been one of best years for new membership growth. Thanks to everyone for promoting BYC. We still have club events remaining so invite dock mates or friends to our events. We can still use a few quality members. Thank you.



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### Thank You All

This October issue of the Byline marks the beginning of my third year as editor. I want to thank everyone who has expressed their appreciation for this labor of love. Please continue to send me any articles or websites you might want to share with your fellow boaters, and please continue to enjoy.

Tim Harrington



### Commodore's Corner

Charles N. Goes, Commodore



It is hard for me to believe that I am ending two years as your Commodore. The time has gone by very fast. I am honored to have served the club as an officer for the last eight years. I do know that as a Past Commodore, I will continue to serve. I have seen those who have gone before me and their continued dedication to our club. All of them have assisted me over the years in many ways and I have appreciated that support. And of course, you as a member have been supportive too.

Belmont Yacht Club, more than many of the other clubs, relies on the interest and support of its membership to continue. We don't have staff to direct our energies; we have to do it ourselves. And I suspect this is what keeps us as vital and exciting as we are. I can only encourage you to continue your support of our club and its officers as we move forward.

On October 13 we will be having our **Annual Meeting**, reviewing what has been accomplished this last year and electing new officers. That will be followed by our **Installation Dinner** where we will install the new officers and directors, recognize those who have helped in the last year and present to very special awards, The **Buchbinder Award** and the **Gordon Award** to two very special people.

Of course, at the end of the month, we will once again have our Halloween Party at our club. This has become our season end party and it is always a great time.

## Mark Your Calendars

**Oct 13, Saturday 1800 – 2100 Combined Annual Meeting and Dinner to Elect and Install Officers and Board for 2008**

**Oct 27, Saturday 1700 – 2000 BYC Halloween Party**

<< Details and updated info for all BYC events may be found on our website at [www.BelmontYC.org](http://www.BelmontYC.org) >>

## Celebrating This Month...

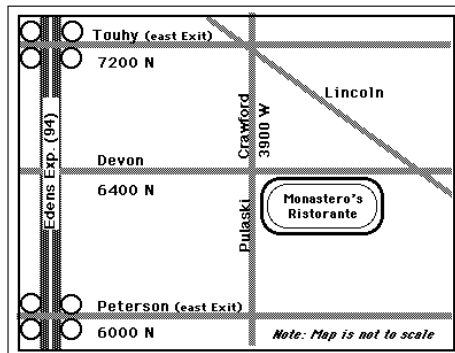
Members celebrating their birthdays this month are;

15 – William Pinckney  
23 – Barry Lewis  
16 – Lynn Low



## Annual Member's Meeting and BYC Installation Dinner

Our annual Member's Meeting combined with the Installation Dinner will take place on Saturday, October 13. At this yearly event the officers and board for the following year are presented for consideration and election by the general membership of the club. Please plan to attend, and if you cannot attend, please contact a member that will be attending and arrange to cast your vote by proxy. The Installation Dinner, arranged by **Jim and Louise Sanderson**, will be at Monastero's Restaurant; 3935 W. Devon, Chicago. Cocktail hour begins at 1800 with dinner being served at 1900.



Following dinner, the nominating committee will present the slate of candidates for election. The formal installation of our flag officers and board members will follow. The officers and board will then go on to recognize those members that have assisted the club's forward progress during the last twelve months. Your presence is a great way to show your support for these individuals that freely volunteer their time and considerable effort to make our club work. Every member in good standing should have received their invitation at this point. If you have not responded, please do so immediately.

## Boo-mont Yacht Club 2007 Howl-oween Party

Our fantastic harbor party season will finish with our ghoulishly fun Halloween Party, Saturday October 27, which is expected to be a howling good time. The old haunted club house will be decorated for the event, and prizes for the best costumes will be awarded. We will even have a real funeral director there. Festivities begin at seven and go well into the night. This is an adult event so "spirits" will be served along with frightfully good food. The winner of our 50/50 raffle will be drawn... and maybe quartered. So "dig up" an outfit

and party with us until *mourning*. For additional information or to lend a hand, please contact the party scare-man, **Dan Waters**.



BYC Decorated Halloween 2006



The 4 Boys as The 4 Girls last year



## Non-Boater to Vice Commodore

By Vice Commodore Jim Sanderson



Since joining Belmont Yacht Club in 2000 I have watched an interesting transformation to where we are today. I joined as a boater want-to-be primarily for the location. We had the John B. Mack moored at the end of C Dock and it looked inviting as a place to hang out on the water. The club still had a larger membership from the gas dock days and parties were active and the ship in good condition. I met many great people who are friends to this day. I soon became a boater with Jim's Buoy 1 and being on a star dock the Mack Dock was a blessing to pick up passengers, etc. That first year also led to many years decorating Venetian Night Boats. In spring I signed up for a work day at Crowleys and asked my friend Ken Low if he would like to help, well that's all history now. We spent many hours trying to stop the Mack 1 from leaking (never succeeded) and this has been our quest ever since. I volunteered to be BYLINE editor which led to a board position. I was asked to be Rear Commodore under Bill Mania and agreed since Ken and I knew the Mack as well as anyone except Scott. My first job as Rear was to move the "MACK" to Goose Island. It took a week to get the engines running and then we had an uneventful cruise to storage. The Mack came out of the water but never was re-launched. The old girl's hull collapsed and was not repairable. We were now without a club and as Rear. I started looking for a replacement with the help of the club and especially Ken and Scott. We spent many hours and miles looking for suitable vessel to no avail. Late in the season, still with an empty dock, we heard about a boat stored at my winter facility (Pier 11). Ken, Scott, and I looked it over, made an impossible offer and they took it. Well at first she was no beauty but lots of work made her presentable enough to move her to the harbor in mid August 2005. We have come a long way in 3 years and we will keep improving. Thanks to all members we now have membership of 45, a recent historical high and I see no reason we can not reach 60 in 2008 with effort from all. We are a hidden treasure in the Harbor system. Pass out the map and directions to all.



## Sounds from Your Rear

By Rear Commodore Tim Harrington



I love my job, I love my job, I love my job... has been my mantra for the last year as your Rear Commodore, sometimes said through clinched teeth, other times shouted out loud in joy. For the past year I have had the great privilege of working with many giving volunteer/members to get the club ship-shape and available for all of us to use. When you enter the club and look around almost everything you see has been done or redone this past year. The freshly painted floors and walls, the beautiful wood trim, new bistro-style chairs and tables, and decorative wall hangings (including our collection of burgees from other clubs), was all done by our members volunteering both their time and money to give us all a place to be proud of. The list is long and I risk missing names if I try mentioning them all, but there is by far one standout member who gave selflessly of her resources; Charlotte Mullen. Her eye for decorating is equaled by her drive to get it done. She not only selected the color pallet for the club (with my approval), but she also followed up by purchasing the paint and then applying it. Furthermore, it is she that sends her housekeeper down on Thursdays to make sure the heads, galley, and everything else is all clean for the members to use on the weekend. So a big "thank you" to Charlotte from me for all the ways you made my job easier.

And what a job it has been. I have had the pleasure of overseeing many projects this year including; the final decorative touches being added to the inside of the club, the procurement of a much needed dockside storage building, new air conditioning water pump to give us reliable cooling and heating, the new ice machine and the unfortunate multiple warranted service calls to get it working right, new (to us) refrigerator in the galley, and the biggest project to date; the addition of the second deck.

One project that is still in the works is the refitting of a new electrical panel to address our *current* need for more power. The board has approved the work to be done over the winter months so as not to interfere with member use of the club during the season. I can happily report that I have secured the services of a licensed electrical contractor gratis, so our only cost will be the contractor's price on materials. Work will begin after the club closes for the season on November fifteenth of this year and will include the addition of standard light switches inside the entry door.

I have truly enjoyed this past year serving the members of the club as your Rear Commodore, even through some trying times, and I look forward to continuing to champion our club throughout the boating community in Chicago and beyond well into the future.



## A Note from the Secretary

By John Graneto, Secretary



This past year I had the pleasure of serving on the Bridge as the Secretary of the Board of Directors. The Secretary's job is typically to assure communications of the Board to and from the members. The Board's agenda and minutes are distributed each month by the secretary. Early in the year we developed a Word Document that has served as a template for our Letterhead stationary. I also helped coordinate/promote the Calendar of events that we agreed on back in December 2006.

Also I had the opportunity to explore some of the wonderful products available on the US postal services on-line mailing. Here you can order reminder postcards and use an excel spreadsheet full of data to mail merge and send out documents from your computer. It really saved time without my having to buy stamps and lick and stick labels, etc.

Working with the Bridge Officers and Board Members always adds multiple perspectives to our discussions and we have all benefited from the various opinions offered.

I look forward to the coming year.



## BYC Fleet Cruise 2007

By Treasurer Charlotte Mullen



It has been my privilege to serve as treasurer of Belmont Yacht Club for the past two years. I can not help but be inspired by the volunteerism of this organization. Officers, board members, everyone, is willing to give their time, their talents, and their money to help the club. It is an inspiration to be counted a part of such a group of people.

For the coming year I have been asked to run on the slate for secretary. I will be happy to serve. It seems with each person's contribution, the whole club becomes more organized

and more attractive to new members.

My accomplishments this year have been personally gratifying. We have a decorated clean club ship and a better financial record. But it is the development of the whole that really makes me proud. Therefore, I appeal to all members, especially the new ones to get more involved. You will receive from the club in proportion to what you give. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as an officer of Belmont Yacht Club. I am very proud of our little crew.

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## I didn't know that...



You may know that the large, colorful, rounded sails often seen on racing boats while they are sailing downwind are called spinnakers, but few know where the name comes from. The word is derived from the name of the first yacht to use such a sail, the "Sphinx". The sail was so much larger than any other sail previously seen that it became known as "Sphinx's acre"; hence the term spinnacre or spinnaker.

## Estimating Distance Off

Have you ever been out cruising, admiring the beautiful Chicago skyline, when one of your guest asks how far from shore or other object you are? You may give them your best guess and make it sound like fact, but do you really know? Here's a guide that can help you answer with more confidence next time. Some rules of thumb you can use are as follows:

- A light-colored beach can be seen at approximately 4 miles offshore from the deck of a typical small boat.
- Individual windows in buildings can be distinguished by day or night at about 2 miles off.
- A large buoy is visible at 2 miles.
- A small buoy is visible at 1.5 miles but color and shape will not be clear.
- The shape of a small buoy can be distinguished at about 1 mile.
- The color of a large buoy can be distinguished at about 1 mile.
- Distinguishing individual trees in a group or forest can be done at about 1 mile.
- A person is seen as a moving black dot without limbs at 1 mile.
- Movement of a person's legs or arms can be distinguished at about 400 yards.
- Faces can be seen, but not necessarily recognizable, at 250 to 300 yards.



## One of two Great Lakes cruise ships pulling out in 2008

### Departure of MS Columbus leaves just Grande Mariner on inland waters

Sunday, August 26, 2007

Susan Glaser

Plain Dealer Reporter – Reprinted with permission

Efforts to revive the once-thriving cruise industry on the Great Lakes have stalled, due in part to low water levels and a short sailing season. Hapag-Lloyd Cruises, a German company, has pulled its popular ship, the MS Columbus, from the Great Lakes for next year and possibly beyond. That leaves just one ship, the 100-passenger Grande Mariner, sailing in the region in 2008. Though disappointed, travel agent Chris Conlin said he remains convinced that the region will ultimately succeed as a cruising destination. "It's a temporary blip in the rebirth of cruising on the Great Lakes," said Conlin, owner of Michigan-based Great Lakes Cruise Co. "By next summer, I hope we'll be able to announce more capacity in the Great Lakes." The Columbus, a luxury ship with room for 423, has been a mainstay in the region since the late 1990s. Built to cruise the Great Lakes, the ship is narrow and shallow enough to maneuver through the region's locks and tight waterways.

But those waterways have gotten too tight in recent years. The water levels in Lake Michigan and Lake Huron, for example, are down 3 to 4 feet since the late 1990s, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Cindy Tanenbaum, a spokeswoman for Hapag-Lloyd, said declining water levels in the Great Lakes contributed to the company's decision to remove the ship, at least temporarily. Just this year, Hapag-Lloyd dropped Sault Ste. Marie, on the St. Mary's River in central Ontario, from the Columbus' ports of call because of low water levels.



MS Columbus with itineraries including Chicago

Three Great Lakes cruises on the Columbus remain this fall: a 10-day Toronto-to-Chicago sailing, starting Monday, Sept. 17; a 10-day Chicago-to-Chicago itinerary, beginning Thursday, Sept. 27; and a 10-day Chicago-to-

Toronto cruise beginning Monday, Oct. 8. Ports of call include Mackinac Island and Traverse City, Mich.; Milwaukee; and Windsor, Ontario. All three trips are sold out. The popularity of both the ship and its itineraries have never been an issue, said Conlin. "It constantly exceeds our customers' expectations."

## PANBO

In the market for some cool new electronic gadgets for your boat? Get the real scoop on Panbo! Panbo is the name of a marine electronics blog by Ben Ellison, who has been on and around boats in Camden, Maine, for more than 30 years. Researching and writing about marine electronics is his full-time job, and his blog is loaded with cool information. There are archives on the site back to February 2004, as well. Check it out at [www.panbo.com](http://www.panbo.com)

### Avast, Mateys! Girlfriend Makes Man Walk the Plank?

NELSON, New Zealand -- The next time you take a date out on a boat, be sure you're wearing water wings (or a life preserver) just in case your date doesn't go the way you planned. This is no joke. A Nelson, New Zealand, man ended up having to swim to shore after his date made him walk the plank and stole his boat following an argument on the vessel. Nelson Police Sergeant Dave Gibbons told reporters the man was entertaining the woman on his boat when an argument broke out, resulting in the woman pushing the man overboard. The woman then sailed off leaving the man to swim a short distance to shore.

However, things did not go swimmingly for the woman either who became stuck on a sandbar and was arrested when the tide went out, Gibbons said. The Nelson Volunteer Coastguard was called by police to assist but the Haven was too shallow so the Surf Rescue team was called.





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Belmont Yacht Club Ship, Belmont Harbor



### Commodore's Corner

Dr. James Sanderson, Commodore



I am proud to take over the helm of the BYC along with my fellow Bridge and Board members. We have a dynamic group to advance our club to the next level. Thanks to all the previous officers and Past Commodores for all their efforts over the years and to all those that helped me as Rear and Vice Commodore over the past 3 years.

With the help of the Board and committee members we plan on increasing the number of hours that the club facilities will be open to for socializing with the addition of Friday nights and Sunday coffees. We hope to have our computer bugs fixed, finish painting, and in general continuing the great remodeling job started last season.

We will be having a combined board, bridge, and committee meeting on November 20th aboard the John B. Mack II to formulate our calendar for 2008. If you can please try to attend and bring your ideas to us for review. It is only with all the members input and energy that we can go forward.

I plan on sending out an email the beginning of each month with upcoming events and requests for volunteers for various committees. Watch for the committee lists to be announced shortly.

Commodore Jim

## Mark Your Calendars

**November 10, Saturday – Chicago Yachting Association’s Annual Ball**

**November 20, Tuesday – 1930hrs Board of Directors Meeting at the Club Ship open to all members. Come meet the new Bridge and Board at the last meeting aboard the Mack II this year.**

<< Details for all BYC events may be found on our website at [www.BelmontYC.org](http://www.BelmontYC.org) >>

## Celebrating This Month...



Members celebrating their birthdays in November are;

- 3 – Jerry Pride
- 4 – Clyde Wayne Reed
- 5 – John Garrett, *Fleet Captain*
- 12 – Debbie Lovisa, *Board Member*
- 23 – Dan Waters, *Board Member*
- 30 – D.J. Reali

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## Your New Bridge Officers and Board Members Installed

YOU have some new volunteers running your yacht club. Alright, maybe they are all the old familiar faces, but many of them have new “jobs” working for you. We have an eye doctor as Commodore, seeing a clear path for us to follow next year; a funeral director as Vice Commodore, to get rid of the dead weight and bring in the new members; an E.R. doctor as Rear Commodore, to keep the club ship healthy; a financial planner as Secretary, keeping notes to keep us on track; and a temporarily retired salesman as treasurer, to help us “sail” into financial security; and a retired fireman and a guy who’s work title is “Internal Controls” volunteering on the Board of Directors. Those are just the folks who have changed duties at the club, but we should not forget the returning board members and all the hours of volunteer work that they do for you and the club. Next time you see one of these giving individuals, let them know you are thankful for what they do for YOU.



## BYC Presents Buckbinder and Gordon Awards

The most prestigious awards the Belmont Yacht Club bestows each year went to two very deserving winners. Each year the Belmont Yacht Club presents the Buckbinder Award to a member for the most outstanding contribution to the progress of our club. This beautiful Helmsman's Wheel trophy of rare woods was established in honor of Edward Nathan Buckbinder because of his spirit of unselfish and unstinting service, outstanding club loyalty and unflagging co-operation. This year the prestigious Buckbinder Award was presented to Charlotte Mullen.

The Gordon Award is a second award presented by the club and is given each year to a member who has accomplished a navigational feat. Because of her far flung travels in the Caribbean, the 2007 Gordon Award was presented to Jane McMillian. Congratulations Jane. Any BYC member can

qualify to win this award so if you complete a challenging bit of navigational prowess during this coming year, please make a club officer aware so we may consider you for next year's tribute.



### Vice T

By Vice Commodore Tim Harrington



As the newly installed Vice Commodore I also became the new membership chairman of the club. Look at that handsome face to the left, that's me. I want you to know me because I want you to feel free to talk to me. Tell me what you like about BYC; tell me what you don't like. I need to have this input so I can make club membership attractive and keep you as a member. My duties as membership chair doesn't just mean to bring in new members, it means acting as the liaison for the existing members between the board and you. Tell me what you need, tell me what you want, tell me what would make the club better; I want to know so I can try to make it happen. To that end I have sent out a simple survey to all current members in good standing, and by this point you should have received it in the mail. I will ask that if you have not yet filled it out to take a few minutes to do so and pop it in the mail. I enclosed a stamped return envelope for your convenience. I would greatly appreciate your response to help me help you make your membership as valuable as possible. I will compile all the answers and publish the highlights in a future issue of the *Byline*.



### Got a Question for Ya...

Do you have a favorite place to take your boat, other than once around the crib and home? Maybe a favorite place to go for lunch or dinner via water? Or a great harbor to overnight in with a wonderful restaurant within walking distance? You may not want to share it with the world, but I would ask you share it with your fellow club members. Just give me the basics of; the place, and what you want to highlight about it, and I will write an article on your behalf and place it in a future *Byline*. I can't think of how to make this easier for you. OK, I know you're sitting there right now thinking of that perfect burger you had at that little joint in fill-in-the-blank, or how nice the people were and how everything was so clean at so-and-so harbor. Take a second and drop me a note or e-mail me at [barrchgo@aol.com](mailto:barrchgo@aol.com). Your fellow BYC members would appreciate it, and maybe they will buy you a cocktail for the great tip.



## Engine Education

Most sailors don't like to admit it, but experiencing engine problems and not knowing how to solve them while offshore or in a secluded harbor is a scary situation. Committed to educating its customers, Mack Boring & Parts Company again offers its informative one-day Basic and two-day Hands-On Marine Diesel Maintenance engine seminars. Running now through June 2008, the seminars instill boaters with confidence by teaching necessary maintenance and repair skills.

Proper and periodic maintenance is the first step to preventing engine troubles. The popular one-day Basic Diesel Engine Seminar covers fundamental components and operation. Participants will learn how to maintain the lubrication, fuel, cooling and electrical systems. Winterizing and owner questions will also be addressed.



Tackling essential maintenance and emergency repairs on the operation systems, the two-day Hands-On Diesel Engine Seminar allows boat owners to familiarize themselves in a working environment. The thorough class is over 60-percent hands-on, and participants will work exclusively on Yanmar engines. Work clothes are recommended.

All classes run from 8am to 5pm and include training literature as well as a continental breakfast and lunch. The next one in our area takes place at Mack Boring's training facilities in Wauconda, IL, with one and two day classes starting in February. Check it out at [www.mackboring.com/training/Boat\\_Owner\\_Training.aspx](http://www.mackboring.com/training/Boat_Owner_Training.aspx)



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### Commodore's Corner

Dr. James Sanderson, Commodore

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL.** Looking out at the empty harbor all that remains is our John B. Mack II floating proudly for all to see. The ship has been winterized thanks to our Rear Commodore John, Vice Commodore Tim, and Ken Low. The bubbler was installed by Pam and her crew and should protect the Mack well. If any member has the opportunity, please stop by the Mack during the winter and check to see if the bubbler is working and that she is secure in general. If a problem is noted call the emergency number on the door.



At the November board meeting we discussed off season get-togethers such as bowling, tours of Coast Guard facilities, etc. I would like input from you, the members. Give us ideas and let me know if you would participate or lead an outing. We have in the past met at the Boat Show and Strictly Sail Show and went to dinner after the shows. Watch for information on this idea. We have a chance to share a booth at the Chicago Boat Show and will need a few volunteers to meet/greet. I will keep you posted. The dates are January 16-20th at McCormack Place.

As usual all members are invited to attend Board meetings- the next one is at Rear Commodore John Graneto and DJ Reali's home. Please try to stop by for a little Holiday Cheer. Have a safe and healthy Holiday and hope to see you soon.

*Commodore Jim*

## Mark Your Calendars

**December 18, Tuesday – 1900 hrs Board of Directors Meeting at the Graneto Residence open to all members. RSVP required as dinner will be served.**

<< Details for all BYC events may be found on our website at [www.BelmontYC.org](http://www.BelmontYC.org) >>

The coldest Christmas morning on record for the city of Chicago was minus 17 degrees Fahrenheit in 1983



## Celebrating This Month...



Members celebrating their birthdays this month are;

2 – Sally Veenstra  
5 – Bill McMillian

Happy Anniversary wishes go out to;

3 – John and Jill Garrett  
13 - Jerry and Sandy Pryde

## CYA Ball a Formal Blast

What a great club we have! We not only had the largest turn out of club members in recent memory, but we proudly were the club with the highest percentage of their membership attending the annual Chicago Yachting Association Ball held at Navy Pier. Pictured here are thirteen of the more than twenty BYC members and guests that attended. We stand in support of our own Bob Buckley who is wearing his third place Venetian Night medal with pride. Bob and his



beautiful wife Pat, along with many other members, went on to dance the night away to the live band. A professional photographer was on hand to capture the event and a slide show can be viewed on her website at <http://angelaswan.com/slideshows/CYA/index.html>. Those that were there had fun, if you missed it, we missed you and hope you will join us next year.



## Survey Results Create Roadmap for Improvement

By Vice Commodore Tim Harrington



The results are in. The member's survey I sent out received a statistically high response and I am very pleased to have the information. Through the use of these results, change has already begun, some you will see reflected right here in this issue of the *Byline*. The full written compilation of responses has been reviewed by the bridge and was made available at the October board meeting to all members in attendance. A link to the survey results is also available on the BYC website in the "Member's Only" section. Some of the results were expected, some were a surprise, while still others were just funny. Let me share just a few of the remarks with you. Under the expected (or should I say hoped for) heading would be the overwhelmingly high marks for friendliness and helpfulness of the club members, we certainly are a friendly bunch. Under the surprise heading I would put the low rating when asked whether all members are involved in events, which is to bad; and under the funny would have to go the response to, "What added benefit would make your membership more valuable?" To which a member replied, "Unlimited Scotch."



**Rear "G force"**

By Rear Commodore John Graneto



The John B Mack II is closed for the winter season. Winterizing begins with the heads being pumped out by the Honey Jug on Halloween and then closed for use, followed by the water supply being disconnected. Next in the process is for the water supply pipes to be blown out with an air compressor, they were winterized with the help of **Commodore Jim Sanderson** and **Board Member Ken Low**. Outside the club, the awning was taken down with the help of **Vice Commodore Tim Harrington**. Harrington also helped reorganize the items in the storage shed. The outside tent was taken by **Dan Waters** for cleaning and lettering over the winter. The bubblers are ready to be turned on for the winter season by the park district. The park district has asked that the club not be used in the off season and that only limited access for repairs etc will be permitted. The door code has been deactivated to limit access until next spring. Until the spring thaw, space heaters have been placed inside the club ship. I look forward to continuing the improvements of the facility as we move through the next year.



## Treasurer's Statement

By Treasurer Mike Premer



I have recently been given the privilege of becoming the Treasurer of The Belmont Yacht Club for 2007-2008. I have been in Belmont Harbor for 26 years and a Member of Belmont Yacht Club since 2000. Needless to say I have seen many changes in the harbor and the Club in those many years. My wife Gail and I are on our second sailing Jack Russell Terrier since 1991. We sail off of 'C' dock and are there most weekends. I look forward to working with the Bridge Committee and the Board of Directors to keep the Club solvent and hopefully approach my office with many revenue creating endeavors and allocation of sums to further enhance the growth of the Club. We have seen our membership grow within the past few years and we have to remember that we are all about members. I urge everyone involved to constantly be on the lookout for new members. I believe the Friday night cocktail hours are a wonderful venue to ask potential members to join us and see what we are all about. Please contact me at any time regarding your concerns and question. Looking forward to a great 2008 boating season!

## Engine Education

Most sailors don't like to admit it, but experiencing engine problems and not knowing how to solve them while offshore or in a secluded harbor is a scary situation. Committed to educating its customers, Mack Boring & Parts Company again offers its informative one-day Basic and two-day Hands-On Marine Diesel Maintenance engine seminars. Running now through June 2008, the seminars instill boaters with confidence by teaching necessary maintenance and repair skills.

Proper and periodic maintenance is the first step to preventing engine troubles. The popular one-day Basic Diesel Engine Seminar covers fundamental components and operation. Participants will learn how to maintain the lubrication, fuel, cooling and electrical systems. Winterizing and owner questions will also be addressed.



Tackling essential maintenance and emergency repairs on the operation systems, the two-day Hands-On Diesel Engine Seminar allows boat owners to familiarize themselves in a working environment. The thorough class is over 60-percent hands-on, and participants will work exclusively on Yanmar engines. Work clothes are recommended.

All classes run from 8am to 5pm and include training literature as well as a continental breakfast and lunch. The next one in our area takes place at Mack Boring's training facilities in Wauconda, IL, with one and two day classes starting in February. Check it out

at [www.mackboring.com/training/Boat\\_Owner\\_Training.aspx](http://www.mackboring.com/training/Boat_Owner_Training.aspx)

## Where should I invest?

By Charlotte Mullen, Club Secretary

In my profession as a financial advisor, I am asked questions on economy or personal finances on a regular basis. I will now be offering my insights here in our newsletter where I'll be answering members questions. Please send any questions to our newsletter editor at [byline@belmontyc.org](mailto:byline@belmontyc.org) and they will be forwarded on to me. Let me start this column with a common question these days: Where should I invest during this volatile/risky time?

My best advice is "stay the course". Don't try to time the market, it's not possible. Everything runs in cycles; Stocks: 3-4 years; Bonds: 4-5 years; Real Estate: 10+ years. A "down" cycle provides buying opportunities. Most likely, the stock market will experience a down cycle.

Are you buying stock every month?

