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BYC Morns Passing of a Founder

By Past Commodore Scott Baumgartner

I am saddened by the news of Nancy Mack, 79, passing away on Friday, February 29. It is a real loss to the Belmont Yacht Club. Nancy, along with her husband John B. Mack for which our clubship is named, was a founding member of our Belmont Yacht Club and she remained active in our club up to the end.

Although she struggled with failing health over the past few years, Nancy was able to attend the BYC Fleet Review last summer and participated in our

clubship christening the year before. She was a staunch supporter of our club through her generous financial donations to support the various projects the club has undertaken and through her donations of various nautical and BYC memorabilia over the years. Throughout her life, Nancy was very active in the boating community. Both she and John were active members in the Chicago Power Squadron and Nancy taught many boating skills courses over the years. Although they started out together sailing in the early years, they moved into power boating in their later years and transferred all their boating skills to that sport. Nancy served as the President of the Power Squadron Women's

Auxiliary for many years and was she also the editor of the BYC Byline for many, many years. In addition, she was actively involved with the Chicago Yachting Association while John served on the Bridge and then he served as Commodore of that organization. Nancy was

instrumental in helping to organize Venetian Night for many years and she was an active organizer for the annual Chicago to Mackinac race. Both she and John were two of the earliest organizers of the Predicted Log competition that is held annually for our power boaters.

Funeral services for Nancy were held March 5. We have lost a valued member and dear friend.





Commodore's Corner

Dr. James Sanderson, Commodore



FINALLY SPRING IS IN THE AIR
- To get in the mood I recently went to visit my boat in storage and found that it survived the winter well. I am glad to have less work this year than last which will allow me more time for our work

days on the Mack. The Mack does need our care this year so please plan on attending as many clean up dates as possible (see Rear's report for dates). I will be meeting with our Harbor Master along with our Rear Commodore soon so please contact either of us with any

concerns you might have with our harbor and we will try to address them along with our plans. If you have not sent in your dues please do so now to continue use of the club, BYLINE, and all the events we have planned and remember to invite boating friends and dock neighbors to our Auto Show and our many open houses. Our goal this year is to increase our presence and allow more use of our facilities. The more activity the better, I always feel better when I see people using the Mack. Please attend our first Board Meeting on the Mack April 15 to help get back in the GROOVE.

Mark Your Calendars

Thursday, April 3

- Garrett's Anniversary

Tuesday, April 8

- Mary Wun-Len Lee's Birthday

Thursday, April 10

- Chicago Sea Scout Party & Silent Auction at CYC Monroe

Monday, April 14

- Davidson's Anniversary

Tuesday, April 15

- 7:00 pm -9:00 pm : Board of Directors Meeting

- Harrington's Anniversary

Wednesday, April 23

- Fred Hannon's Birthday

Thursday, April 24

- 5:45 pm -9:00 pm : CYA Meeting

Saturday, May 10

- 10:00 am -2:00 pm : Car Show at Belmont Harbor Meeting

<< *Details for all BYC events may be found on our website at www.BelmontYC.org* >>

Quotable Quickie: No one ever says "It's only a game." when his team is winning.



Clubship Doors Reopen for 2008 Season

By Rear Commodore John Graneto



Hard at work we are, preparing the John B Mack for another great season of fun. As Rear Commodore, I have scheduled 3 work days and the last one is coming up soon. Thanks to all who may help out and have

emailed and volunteered their time. Hopefully it will be warm and sunny on this last work day: Saturday April 12, 10 am to 2 pm. The goals are to: 1) Have the padlocks and door locks changed, 2) Have the Galley cleaned out, 3) Have the Wood trim finished, 4) Have the

decorations up on the walls, 5) reinstall the upper deck awning (lack of snow permitting), and 6) Have an on-board computer up and running (for checking your e-mail and the local weather). I am working with Tim Harrington and his electrician brother-in-law to have an upgraded electrical service hopefully done before that week as well. All of this will be in time for the **first meeting of the season to be held Tuesday April 15 onboard the John B Mack**. Please contact me if you will be able to help, or you can just show up, you will not be turned away. Anyone and everyone's volunteer time is appreciated.



Membership and Other Fun Stuff

By Vice Commodore Tim Harrington



Welcome to the 2008 boating season in Chicago. After a winter we would all like to forget, it will feel good to get our boats back in the harbor where they belong. I want to thank all those who renewed early, the board took that as a sign we are guiding the club in the right direction. We are also happy with all the great suggestions we have received with ways to make the club even better. We have several returning events and a few we have not tried before. The events are done for your enjoyment and we hope the calendar this year reflects events of value to you. Each of these events requires hours of planning by the volunteer chairperson and their team. The hope is that you will attend and bring

your dock neighbors as your guests. By design there will be less events open to public, you will need to be a BYC member or guest of a member to attend. We will be kicking off the season on Saturday, May 10 with a new type of event for us, a classic car show and cook out at the harbor. Please contact the chairman of this event, Eric Schuermann for details on showing YOUR car. The end of May will also begin our Friday night cocktails / open grills and Sunday morning brunch. The chairpersons of these events are making big commitments of their time to ensure the club is open for all members and their guests throughout the season. If you can, please stop by the club on Friday evenings and Sunday mornings to show your support to them.

Venetian Night July 26

By Director Ken Low - BYC Venetian Night Chairman

The theme for this year's Venetian Night has been received from the Mayor's Office: **"Venetian Night in Summer's Favorite City"** Our committee will be meeting soon and we still need volunteers! Eric Schuermann who is one of our committee members came up with a list of what needs to be done now:

- 1) Committee volunteers and commitment as a club to participate
- 2) Establish where we can work to set up the display
- 3) Think of a theme for our club entry
- 4) Get firm commitment for a boat (*with a stand in/back up boat in case there are any issues with the primary boat*)
- 5) Establish who on the committee will be in charge of: *boat, art work and art supplies, generator/power etc.*
- 6) Establish the committee meetings – once a month till the event; then the work days to set up the display immediately prior to the event.
- 7) Logistics and meeting place for the day of event.



Please contact me as soon as possible as we want to schedule our first committee meeting sometime in April. All committee members will be advised of the date and time of our first meeting. If we do not have #1 & #4 from above list soon it will be very difficult for our club to be a participant in this year's Venetian Night! All members please feel free to contact me with any ideas you may have for this year's theme. We need everyone's help to make this year's Venetian Night a success.

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Chicago Sea Scouts Need Your Support

By Tim Harrington, BYC's Sea Scout Representative

Set the date, April 10, 2008. The Chicago area Sea Scouts will be having our Spring Kick Off – *2008 Looking to the Future* party and silent auction. Guests will enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres along with music provided by Bernie Wiczner and Fred Gorr. For over one hundred years, young adults ages 14 to 21, from all walks of life, have benefited from Sea Scouts by providing hands-on experience, while teaching team work and leadership skills in our sailing program. As I have said before, I was a Sea Scout in high school and I attribute my experiences in the program for instilling my love of sailing on our beautiful lake. *2008 Looking to the Future* will be Chicago Sea Scouts **only major fundraiser of the year**, and the money donated is used to offset the high cost of mooring, maintaining, and storing three vessels for the youths to use during the season. We

need your support through your participation or donation. Your gifts are tax deductible and go directly toward funding the Chicago Sea Scout program. So please reserve the hours between 6 and 9 PM on Thursday, April 10 and join us at the Chicago Yacht Club, Monroe Station. We will have thousands of dollars worth of donated items available for bid. If you cannot join us that night, please consider making a donation to the Sea Scout program in BYC's Ship #2006 name. We are also looking for auction items to add to our expanding list. For further information or to arrange a donation, contact PC Gary Hooper, Columbia YC, 312-938-3625. The kids thank you for your support.



Helpful Hint

You can use a moisture-barrier lubricant like WD-40 or CRC to clean tar and grit from fenders, decks, shoes, or topsides. Spray on liberally, let sit for a couple of minutes, and then wipe clean

Heavy Snowfall Help Great Lakes Levels

The Associated Press 3/7/2008

DETROIT (AP) — Water levels are expected to rise in parts of the Great Lakes this summer after one of the snowiest winters in years, a much-needed boost for boaters and lakeside businesses. "We didn't expect this dramatic turnaround," said Scott Thieme, chief hydrologist of the Detroit office of the Army Corps of Engineers. "It's a much better picture than it was six months ago." Last fall, projections were dire. Lake Superior hit record lows in August and September, and Lakes Michigan and Huron were near all-time lows. The Corps expected spring to bring new record lows. Meteorologists across the Great Lakes said this season's heavy storms have pulled in moisture from as far away as the Gulf of Mexico. This snow is heavy, dense and full of water. The imported moisture

also bodes well for thirsty streams, rivers and inland lakes, some of which also had reached extremely low levels. "We've had copious snow and rain across the Great Lakes into Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois, so I would think they'll be on the high side of the projections," said Bill Deedler, meteorologist with the National Weather Service office in White Lake Township. Those projections generally suggest levels in the upper Great Lakes this summer will be 6 to 12 inches higher than they were last summer. Although the Great Lakes are expected to rebound higher through August, the Corps said the upper lakes — Superior, Michigan and Huron — will [continue to] be below their long-term averages.

