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Summer is Here! Let the Parties Begin!

Our party season, oops, I mean our summer season, starts off with our annual welcome back party will take place Sunday, June 1 from 0900 – 1200 hrs. This free event is open to everyone in the harbor, not just our



members. Please come and enjoy friendship and food as we acknowledge the opening of yet another great summer boating season in Chicago. The menu includes; a continental breakfast with fresh fruits and bakery items, locally roasted coffee, tea, and juices. The bar will be open to help chase away any last chills left over from the winter;

Please use this event to invite your dock mates to come and check us out. You're offering them free food and a chance to meet other Belmont boaters. The only way you might upset them is by NOT inviting them.

June also marks the beginning of our weekly Friday night happy hours, and Sunday morning coffee. We are planning to be having these through the end of the season, but we will need some help from the members for staffing. If you could please contact our Commodore with the date or dates you would be willing to help, it would allow us to guarantee coverage throughout the season. The Friday night festivities will be from 7 to 9 PM, and the Sunday coffees are 8 to 11 AM. Light snacks provided at both recurring events.



June also marks our annual Fleet Review. This event is always well attended and is sure to be even larger this year. The dinner party following the parade of boats takes place back at the club ship and spills over to the



picnic area. Last year we entertained dignitaries from the Chicago Police Marine Unit, Coast Guard Station Calumet, and the key note speaker was a club relative from the United States Navy. Following the formalities, the party continued well into the night. Our Fleet Captain John Garrett has put in a request for good weather, so polish your brightworks and make your reservations early.



Commodore's Corner

Dr. James Sanderson, Commodore



The harbor is full of boats and potential new members. With the cost of fuel at, by now, \$5.00 per gallon more boaters may be staying closer to the dock than in the past so membership should be a desirable option. Whenever

you have a chance talk up the club and invite them down for a drink Friday nights or coffee Sunday mornings.

To this end the Board decided to open the club on Friday nights and Sunday mornings to increase awareness of our dynamite club. We will need help at these events, the commitment is not long and the work is little so please look at your calendars and email the dates you can help as soon as possible. Check your email as I did

send a request with dates. With the help of all members we can grow our club into a driving force for harbor improvements.

At the last CYA meeting there was discussion about the new Harbor Advisory Council. They suggested that each yacht club attempt to set up their own Advisory Council made up by and run by all boaters in the Harbor not the yacht club alone. We will need volunteers to attend an exploratory meeting held at our club. This could help extend our presence in the harbor and Park District both. Look for more info on this subject.

SEE YOU FRIDAYS or SUNDAYS

Happy Boating Season, Commodore Jim

Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, June 1

- Charlotte Mullen's Birthday 🎂
- 9:00 am -12:00 pm : Welcome Back Brunch

Tuesday, June 3

- Charles Goes' Birthday 🎂

Friday, June 6

- 7:00 pm -9:00 pm : Friday Social Hours

Sunday, June 8

- 8:00 am -11:00 am : Free Coffee & Newspaper

Friday, June 13

- 7:00 pm -9:00 pm : Friday Social Hours

Saturday, June 14

- Schuermann-Cady Anniversary

Sunday, June 15

- 8:00 am -11:00 am : Free Coffee & Newspaper

Tuesday, June 17

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

Friday, June 20

- 7:00 pm -9:00 pm : Friday Social Hours

Saturday, June 21

- Paulson's Anniversary
- 3:00 pm -9:00 pm : Fleet Review
- 4:00pm Parade of Boats, 6:00pm Dinner

Sunday, June 22

- John Graneto's Birthday 🎂
- 8:00 am -11:00 am : Free Coffee & Newspaper

Wednesday, June 25

- Baumgartner-Lee's Anniversary
- John Conlon's Birthday 🎂

Thursday, June 26

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

Friday, June 27

- 7:00 pm -9:00 pm : Friday Social Hours

Sunday, June 29

- 8:00 am -11:00 am : Free Coffee & Newspaper

<< Details for all these BYC events are available on our website at www.BelmontYC.org >>

Membership has It's Benefits

When joining or renewing a Boat/US membership, remember to enter the BYC discount code **GA83310Y**



Please Ask AND Tell

By Vice Commodore Tim Harrington



The word is out! BYC is the place to be. I am continuing to receive membership applications both in the mail and through our website. This month we welcome three new members, and I already have two new applicants for the board to vote on next month. The word is out. People want to be a part of our friendly little club in Belmont Harbor. Please do your dockmates a favor and invite them to join BYC. Some of the new members

I've talked to were just waiting to be asked. They simply were not aware of our open application system. While many other clubs require a current member to refer any new potential members, BYC freely welcomes every applicant, whether they know a member or not. As we all know, once you are a member you will meet many new people sharing the boating interest, and many new friendships are formed through the club. So do that neighbor a favor, ask them to consider joining Belmont Yacht Club.

Venetian Night July 26 – May Update

By Director Ken Low - BYC Venetian Night Chairman

We are still working on this year's theme and music, but everything is looking good and seems to be on schedule. For our new members, here is some information: Our entry this year is a 41' sailboat called the "Verdict". The waterside parade of approximately 35 crafts will be at Monroe Harbor starting a 7:45 PM with a dramatic re-enactment of an air and sea rescue. At 8:25 PM, Lima Lima Fly Over, and at 8:30 PM the parade will begin and end with fireworks at 9:30 PM. The event is best viewed along the lakefront from Shed Aquarium to the Chicago Yacht Club. Once again as I had mentioned in previous articles the mayor's office has given us an overall theme, "**Venetian Night in Summer's Favorite City**". From this the BYC committee will come up with its own theme to coincide with the mayor's theme. Work will start on displays and music on July 17th, 18th, 24th & 25th, time and location to be announced. All members are welcome and **needed** to help



with this project! On Saturday, the 26th at 9:00AM (Monroe Harbor) work will be completed as we we install our displays on the Verdict and have a final rehearsal of music. Thanks for all your help and support. Ken Low
kenlow1@comcast.net or 708-349-8095

More New Members



BYC extends a hearty welcome to the newest members voted in at the May board meeting: **Gregory Joubert** and his 1st Mate **Cyndi Dunn-Joubert**, reside in Chicago and have a 28 foot Sea Ray named "Cy's In Paradise" on the C dock. We also welcomes **Dana Ott** and his 1st Mate **Wendy Oatis** who also live in Chicago and have a 30' Catalina named "Contango" on a star dock in Belmont. BYC also welcomes **David Donnersberger** of Chicago who keeps his 34' sailboat "Far Niente" on the E dock in Belmont Welcome to Belmont Yacht Club!

A wife asked her husband, "What do you like most in me: my pretty face or my sexy body?" He looked at her from head to toe and replied, "I like your sense of humor."



Fleet Blessing, Review, & Dinner

By Fleet Captain John Garrett

Our annual fleet review will take place in Belmont Harbor, Saturday, June 21. Our Commodore strongly encourages all members to participate by entering their vessel in the review. The parade of boats, typically lead by the Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary, and Chicago Police Marine Unit, always draws a crowd and is a great way for members to show off their boats. Each member's boat is announced over the public address system, and then saluted by the BYC club officers, visiting dignitaries, and a single canon shot. Participating Skippers are required to attend the briefing at 1500 hrs, followed at 1600 by the fleet blessing and boat procession, and then the catered reception at 1700 back aboard the club ship. The dinner reception following the parade is available for \$50 per person. Reservations for dinner must be received by June 10. Please contact me at (708) 702-2684 or jgarrettinsure@aol.com with Skipper and boat name, and number of dinner reservations.

