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Venetian Night

By Director Ken Low
BYC Venetian Night Chairman

The Mayor's theme for this year's boat parade is "Venetian Night in Summer's Favorite City." I am also pleased to announce that we have decided on a theme for BYC, which is "Lake Shore Drive." As most appropriate, the song will also be "Lake Shore Drive." The Piccolo Theatre in Evanston, IL has graciously offered to assist BYC with their expertise of this theme. This includes materials, costumes, actors, etc. BYC will supply some electrical, materials, sound system, generator, labor. Venetian Night will be held on July 26, 2008 starting at 8:30 p.m. The best views of this spectacular parade can be found along the lakefront between the Shedd Aquarium at Roosevelt Road and Chicago Yacht Club at Monroe Street. If you are interested in contributing to this fun event by working on the Sail Boat Verdict, please make sure to notify me in advance. General work time will begin at 7:00p.m. during the week (specific dates to be determined) and assemble of the props/scenery on the Sailboat Verdict will be held on the actual day of the parade at 8:00a.m. at Chicago Yacht Club. Please keep in mind that we have limited space for anyone who would like to help on Saturday. Once I have established a list of who will be working on the Sail Boat Verdict, an email will be sent with exact dates and times. Hopefully, all BYC members and their families are able to come see this year's parade, BYC's entry, and unbelievable fireworks! Thank you in advance for all your help and support! Ken Low (708) 349-8095 kenlow1@comcast.net

Venetian Night in Summer's Favorite City
Chicago

July 26, 2008
Monroe Harbor
Free Admission

Presented by City of Chicago and 93.1 XRT
Richard M. Daley, Mayor

8:30 pm
Shedd Aquarium Lighted Boat Parade
This spectacular boat parade can be viewed along the lakefront between the Shedd Aquarium at Roosevelt Road and the Chicago Yacht Club at Monroe Street.

9:30 pm
The 93.1 XRT Rock and Roll Fireworks
Turn your radio to 93.1 FM, WRRF and listen to music synchronized perfectly to the fireworks show, which takes place at Monroe Harbor.

For more information visit www.venetiannightchicago.us
312-744-3370, TTY 312-744-2964

To enter your boat in the Boat Parade call (312) 420-6301
Deadline to enter is June 26, 2008. FREE REGISTRATION
This year's theme is Venetian Night in "Summer's Favorite City"

City of Chicago
Richard M. Daley
Mayor

Medals for best decorated boats!
Coast Guard states a "No Wake Zone" on Venetian Night, east of Monroe Harbor, 4-11pm

Produced by the Mayor's Office of Special Events, in cooperation with the Chicago Yachting Association and the Chicago Park District. Special thanks to the Chicago Yacht Club and the Columbia Yacht Club. Fireworks music is produced and simulcast on 93.1 XRT.

93.1 XRT Shedd Aquarium Lighted Boat Parade Chicago Tribune cfa CHICAGO YACHTING ASSOCIATION



Commodore's Corner

Dr. James Sanderson, Commodore



As I write this, summer has officially started and the weather has been great. We have been having our OPEN HOUSE on Fridays and Sundays and attendance is picking up and will get better as you remember we are open. Thank you to the members who have been able to be guest hosts and we have openings left in August for Fridays and July and August for Sundays. This is a perfect time to introduce friends to our facilities. Thanks to Eric, Rear Com John, and Vice Com Tim, we had a great Fleet Review Saturday June 21st. Watch the Byline and check out our Web Site for the many upcoming events, the next one on July 4th at the ship. We have a raft up day, Venetian

Night, and Progressive Dinner still ahead of us so please try to attend these functions. We now have a new security company patrolling our harbor; uniforms, badges and all. If you see them say hello and get one of their cards with the emergency phone numbers. I hope that we will have less trouble this year. See you Fridays and Sundays. Commodore Jim

Mark Your Calendars

Thursday, July 3

- 9:00 pm -9:30 pm : Chicago's Independence Day Fireworks

Friday, July 4

- Potluck Dinner and Evanston Fireworks Cruise
- 7:00 pm -9:00 pm : Friday Social Hours

Sunday, July 6

- Catherine Van Dorp's Birthday
- 8:00 am -11:00 am : Free Coffee & Newspaper

Friday, July 11

- Pat Buckley's Birthday
- 7:00 pm -9:00 pm : Friday Social Hours

Sunday, July 13

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

Tuesday, July 15

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

Friday, July 18

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

Sunday, July 20

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

Thursday, July 24

- Conlon's Anniversary
- 5:45 pm -9:00 pm : CYA Meeting

Friday, July 25

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

Saturday, July 26

- Venetian Night

Sunday, July 27

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

Wednesday, July 30

- Abdon Bray's Birthday

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

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.





My Job is Easy

By Vice Commodore Tim Harrington



Being the membership chair is easy with a great club and you helping promote it! I am happy to report the addition of four new members this month, bring the total number of new members this spring to eight.

Current members referred all four of these new members to our club. While I continue to receive membership applications both in the mail and through our website, please do your dock mates a favor and invite them to

join BYC. Or maybe you have people that are regular visitors to your vessel as crew or passenger; maybe they would like to be invited to join. Some of the new members I have talked to were just waiting to be asked. The board has streamlined our membership application approval system and we can get applications processed in as little as a few days. If your dock mate, crew, or friends applied this weekend he/she could be enjoying membership by next weekend. Just mention the cost of membership; I think you will get a surprised look.

333 miles to Mackinac



Saturday, July 19, marks the start of the 100 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. This year the race has attracted about four hundred and seventy boats utilizing about five 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

New Members



BYC extends a hearty welcome to the newest members voted in at the June board meeting: **Suzanne Brown** holds a resident in Chicago, San Diego and has a 22 foot Bayliner sailboat named “Cassalyssa” in Grapevine, Texas. We also welcome **Eric Kalnins** and his 1st Mate **Melanie** who live in Chicago and have a 29’ Powerboat named “Y-Knot” in Belmont on C-5. BYC also welcomes **Phil Boardman** of Chicago who keeps his Ericson 29 sailboat “That Lady” at C-13 dock in Belmont.

Greeting go out to **Dan Sosnowski** of Chicago and his boat “Drifter” on B-11. Welcome one and all to the Belmont Yacht Club!

Membership has It’s Benefits

When joining or renewing a Boat/US membership, remember to enter the BYC code **GA83310Y** to receive your discount. One more way being a BYC member pays you back.



A recent study found the average American walks about 900 miles per year. Another study found Americans drink, on average, 22 gallons of beer a year. That means, on average, Americans get about 41 miles to the gallon. Kind of makes you proud to be an American.

NOAA / Google Earth Maps

The French company Magic Instinct Software has created a collection of more than 1,000 NOAA raster charts for the entire coastline of the U.S. (including Hawaii and Alaska) that are overlaid onto Google Earth satellite images resulting in the latest weapon in the arsenal of computer-aided navigation. They are very nice to play with and available to view at <http://demo.geogarage.com/noaa>.

Can You Say Ouch

From SailingScuttlebutt.com

The high cost of fuel got a little higher for one boater who was feeling a little 'fuelish' in Stuart, FL, when he pumped about 100 gallons of \$4.89/gallon gasoline into the boat's fishing rod holder. Not only was it an expensive mistake - the gas tank was still empty in the end. An employee of the Finest Kind Marina said the owner of the 28-foot center console fishing boat was getting ready to fill his gas tank when his cell phone rang. Distracted, he put the fuel hose in the rod holder, which was only about 6 inches from the fuel tank and looks similar to the fuel tank opening, and squeezed the trigger, and walked to the other end of the dock to talk on the phone while his "tank" was filling. The fuel went into the bilge and the mistake was not discovered until the fuel got high enough to kick on the bilge pump.

