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## BELMONT YACHT CLUB

September 2008

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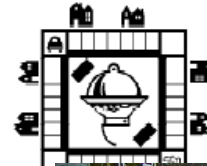
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### Progressive Dinner 2008



It's that time of year again to peek at other member's boats, eat too much, drink responsibly, and have a blast doing it! The BYC Progressive Dinner is 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 will be 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 throughout the harbor. This is a BYC member only party, so members and their immediate family only please. The committee chairs need a head count so the presenters of dishes can plan accordingly, so please call Debbie Lovisa or Charlotte Mullen immediately if you plan to attend.



## Commodore's Corner

Dr. James Sanderson, Commodore



The Belmont Yacht Club historically has run on a volunteer system, which allows us to remain a bargain among Chicago Yacht Clubs. We have come a long way in the last several years due to the many volunteer hours and donations of materials and cash by members and we would not be where we are if we had to rely on membership fees alone. I would like to extend a thank you to all that have volunteered so far this year and to those that will still help at our next **WORK DAYS**, which have been scheduled for Tuesday, September 2, from 3 – 6 pm, and again on Saturday, September 27, from 8 am - 1 pm. The first date will be a light duty day of small projects and general organizing. On the later date we will paint, power wash, clean, organize the shed, and whatever else our Rear Commodore has in store for us to be ready for the quickly approaching winter season. Please try to attend. I will provide refreshments for all.

*Commodore Jim*

## Mark Your Calendars

### Wednesday, September 3

- Hannon's Anniversary

### Thursday, September 11

- Bray's Anniversary

### Saturday, September 13

- 6:00 pm -10:00 pm : Members Only Progressive Dinner

### Monday, September 15

- William Pinckney's Birthday

### Tuesday, September 16

- Van Dorp's Anniversary
- 7:00 pm -9:00 pm : Board of Directors Meeting

### Friday, September 19

- International Talk Like a Pirate Day

### Tuesday, September 23

- Barry Lewis' Birthday

### Wednesday, September 24

- Buckley's Anniversary

### Thursday, September 25

- Lynn Low's Birthday
- 5:45 pm -9:00 pm : CYA Meeting

### Sunday, September 28

- Larry Cady's Birthday

< Details for all these BYC events are available on our website at [www.BelmontYC.org](http://www.BelmontYC.org) >

## BYC Past Commodore Named Sailor of the Month



The internationally distributed Sail Magazine has honored Past Commodore (1989) **William Pinkney** and Paul Mixon as the August 2008 Sailors of the Month. Both Pinkney and



Mixon are sighted as credited as leaders in promoting sailing amongst the black community worldwide. Mixon through his introduction of the Black Boaters Summit, a flotilla held in the BVIs each August, and Pinkney through his sailing achievements. BYC sponsored Pinkney in 1991, who after a 22-month long sail became the first African American to sail around the world alone. I'm not sure what it says about our club if the Commodore finishes his term and then needs to be alone on a boat for two years?! Bill was back in Chicago during the summer 2003 for the Tall Ships Festival with his newest boat, Amistad, built as a replica of the famous slave ship, which Bill uses as a vehicle to teach history and tolerance. Our hats are off to one of our own.

## Upcoming Work Days at the Club

By Rear Commodore **John Graneto**



An impromptu gathing was held Tuesday, August 26 to knock off some club maintenance projects. The gutters were removed to allow access to the caulking above the windows. Due to the large gaps found, it is likely these were the source of our persistent leaks. Replacement flashing / gutters will need to be installed and tested before the club can hopefully be declared dry. By having this work done by volunteer labor, we will save the club hundreds of dollars in executing the work by outside contractors. I would like to thank Vice Commodore **Tim Harrington, Dana**

**Ott, Mike Premer, and Alan Veenstra** for all stopping by and lending their support on this day. Upcoming planned work days will be Tuesday, Sept 2, from 3 – 6 pm, and Saturday, Sept 27, from 8 am - 1 pm, volunteers will be needed. Please check your e-mails for details.

## BYC Sea Scouts Entertain Visitors

By Emily Harrington, Boatswain

The Belmont Yacht Club sponsored Sea Scout Ship "Cutlass" entertained Venture Crew #559 from Stoughton, WI. over the weekend of Aug 16-17. The connection between our groups goes back to the Christmas Tree Ship event last December when Venture "Crew" (kids) and Sea Scout "Ships" (kids) help unload trees being donated to Chicago area families from the Coast Guard Cutter *Mackinaw*. Some of their crew and our ship spent time together and a friendship was born. Not being able to entertain them during the frozen months, a commitment was made to have them back this summer. They drove down from their hometown via a stop in Milwaukee and arrived late on Saturday evening. After a hot snack at the Belmont Yacht Club, we all loaded onto *Bretwalda*, our newly donated J-35, for a brisk sunset sail out on beautiful Lake Michigan. The evening ended with a fine return sail under near perfect conditions following the spectacular Navy Pier fireworks show, a show we told them we had arranged in their honor. The Crew and leaders bedded down back at the yacht club with the females sleeping aboard the sailboat while the adults and male venture crew slept in the yacht club vessel. Sunday morning started with a big scout breakfast, then after clean up, we all loaded back onto *Bretwalda*. The Big B was our vehicle to a front row seat for the Chicago Air & Water Show. To say our guests were impressed with our city I believe would be an understatement. We look forward to inviting them back next year to enjoy what Chicago and the Sea Scout program can offer.



## Look Mom, All the Boats Look Alike

California to City Island, New York.

If you look out at the lake September 3 – 6 you might think you need to have your sight checked. Thirty-three competitors from around North America will be competing for the title of North American Champion next week just off of Belmont harbor as Chicago Yacht Club hosts the Beneteau First 36.7 National One-Design Class. The NA's (as they are called) welcome competitors from both coasts and far away areas as San Diego,

## Just Out for a Cruise

By Ken Low

Commodore **James Sanderson** and Board Director **Ken Low** along with guests, embarked on a beautiful trip up the North branch of Chicago River on Wednesday, August 20th. We started at Belmont Harbor around 10:00 AM and cruised up to Irving Park Road then turned around. We then traveled down the south branch and had lunch at Laurence's Fishery. It is located about 21st and Canal and has place to dock your boat. We were back at our slip in Belmont around 3:00PM. It was a great day of boating, food and fun!



## How reliable are your distress signals?

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Even if your pyrotechnic devices (flares) are within the expiration date printed on each flare, you can only presume that 50% of them will actually work properly. This is a sensible rule of thumb for any small vessel venturing out of protected waters. The U.S. Coast Guard minimum requirements do not take into account the often damp and exposed stowage conditions of pyrotechnics on small vessels. Although you can never know for sure whether the device will work properly until you try it, you can make some precautions to increase your odds. Start by checking your existing flares by pulling off the striker top. If you find beads of moisture inside, you can probably rest assured that they will not work. Next, place your **NEW** flares in a waterproof, zip lock container. Lastly, if available put a packet of silica (the kind you find in electronic equipment boxes to absorb moisture) in the bag with the flares.



In addition to many informative articles and boating tips this website <http://boatsafe.com> contains the first Nationally approved Basic Boating Safety Course. This course is approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) and recognized by the US Coast Guard as acceptable to the National Recreational Boating Safety Program. Most marine insurance companies, in all states, give discounts to boat owners who have successfully completed such a course.

