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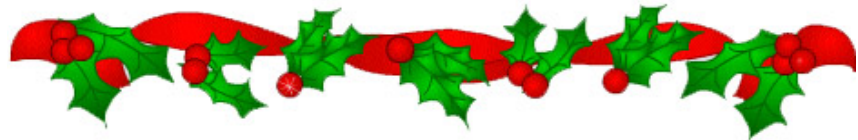


As the year draws to a close I would like to wish you and yours a wonderful holiday season, and a happy and healthy new year from the Bridge and Board of the Belmont Yacht Club. While you are busy scheduling your holiday parties, we are busy having several meetings to get the event calendar for next year ready. While you are thinking of driving in the snow, we are making sure the club ship doesn't get crushed in the ice. While you are concerned with the perfect gift for your loved one, we are making strategic plans for the future of the club. I would just like to assure you that although the harbor may be resting quietly until next spring, your elected board of directors is not. We have much to do in the next four months, but we will do our best to be ready to welcome you back when the 2009 boating season begins. Until then, have a safe and peaceful holiday season.



As always, if you have any ideas that would make your membership better, please drop me a note via email or phone, I would love to hear your thoughts.

Commodore Tim Harrington



2009 Social Events

By Vice Commodore John Graneto

How exciting to be planning this coming year's social events. 2009 promises to be yet another fun filled boating season. So here is a little "heads up", save-the-date sort of information for each month's major activities. In May BYC will once again partner with the Lambda Car Club for a classic car event like last year to be held on Saturday May 9. It's a great opportunity for members to show off some of their great land vehicles. The grilles will be lit and the beverages flowing. Our big Welcome Back to the Harbor Party will be Sunday May 31st. A brunch is planned and the whole harbor will be invited to attend. It's a good opportunity to renew friendship with dock mates from last season and showcase our club to prospective members. This coming season, happy hours will be held once a month on the second Friday in June through October. A co-chair for each night will be responsible for the theme and the party. The Friday Happy Hours are designed to be casual gatherings after a long day at work. The Fleet Review, also a big success, will be held on the traditional "last Saturday" of the June. It's the members opportunity have your own vessel in the parade of boats through the harbor. If you don't own your own boat, opportunities to crew aboard other members boats are always available. Mark your calendars now for some additional big events this summer: Venetian night July 25 and the Air Water Show weekend August 14, 15, 16. More details on these two big events to follow in coming newsletters.



We Had a Ball

By Tim Harrington



Once a year the Chicago Yachting Association holds a black-tie event, the Chicago Yachting Ball, to honor boaters in the Chicago area for various achievements both on the water and off. This year was the 50th Annual and was held in November at the United Club (formally the

Cadillac Club) under the stands at Soldier Field. It was a great chance for boaters from different harbors and different pursuits in boating to come together in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Every member of all the member yacht clubs are invited to attend. Last year brought out over 500 people although this year attendance was a little down. BYC had two tables of guests. The big band played as most danced the night away, while others chose to sit and talk, rekindling old friendships and making new. Those of us that attended had fun, but missed the rest of you. I hope you will plan to attend next year for a fun night out on the town with your fellow Chicago boaters.

