



# Up River

Bordentown Yacht Club Newsletter January 2008



## Upcoming Events for January

- 7<sup>th</sup> - General Membership Meeting 8:00 P.M.
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Cruise Meeting
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Trustees Meeting 8:00 P.M.

## Upcoming Events for February

- 4<sup>th</sup> - General Membership Meeting 8:00 P.M.
- 9<sup>th</sup> - AC Boat Show Bus Trip 8:00 A.M.
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Trustees Meeting 8:00 P.M.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Cruise Meeting 8:00 P.M.

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Important Information Inside  
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# BYC Happenings January 2008

## January's Rear Commodore's Report

First off I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! May 2008 bring us all health, wealth and wisdom. Now down to business.... Looking to the New Year: The good news is as of January 1, we have 3 short months, a mere 91 days until the docks open back up. March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Dock Applications due; March 8,<sup>th</sup> Pre Work Party; then the work parties will be split around Easter, March 15/16 and 29/30. The Bumping Party will be March 21<sup>st</sup> (yes that is Good Friday, sorry!) Which would bring us up to the docks being opened: April 1<sup>st</sup> at quarter after 8 (am). Please if you notice anything that needs to be done around the club, let me know so I can get it fixed! See you at the club!  
Melanie

## Cruising Corner January 2008

We had a Cruise meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup>. We were able to set a tentative itinerary for the Chesapeake Cruise. The Cruise will be from July 12<sup>th</sup>, thru July 20<sup>th</sup>.

The planned itinerary is:

Saturday & Sunday	Kent Narrows Mears
Monday & Tuesday	Herrington Harbor South
Wednesday & Thursday	Annapolis Mears
Friday	Maryland Yacht Club
Saturday	Chesapeake City
Commodore's Dinner	Marina

I will be making reservations and confirming the stops in the next couple of weeks. It is not too late to join us, just let me know if you want go.

Our next cruise meeting will be on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm. If you would like to hear more about the cruise or you think you might be interested in going, stop on down.

Scott

## Atlantic City Boat Show Bus Trip

Bordentown Yacht Club is going to the Atlantic City Boat Show. We are leaving from the old Acme

(Farnsworth and Rt. 130) parking lot and going to Trump Plaza in Atlantic City. There is a free shuttle from Trump Plaza to the AC Boat Show at the Convention center. Trump Plaza is returning \$20.00 in coin to each adult.

The Bus will be leaving the Old Acme Parking lot at 7:45am, arriving at the casino at 10:00am. We will meet back at the Casino at 3:45 and arrive back Bordentown at 6:00pm.

The cost for the bus is \$25 and will include coffee and pastries for the ride down and soft drinks on the ride back.

Tickets for the boat show are \$15.00, but if you purchase your Bus & Boat Show Ticket by January 8<sup>th</sup> (our General Membership Meeting), I can get Boat Show tickets for \$10.00. Contact Scott Jones for tickets at 609-915-2200.

## Entertainment Committee

The Entertainment Committee hopes that everyone enjoyed themselves at the two Christmas parties we put together for the members and their families. As chairperson, I would like to thank Norberto Perez and Chuckie Gerofsky for manning the kitchen during the Children's party. They made sure that the kids, little and not so little, had enough to eat. Kevin Zimmer, Justin Edwards, and Tim Vitanza were on hand Friday and Saturday to work on the prepping and cooking for the adult members' party. Danny Povio, Chuckie, and our adopted member, Bill Branchide, completed our team on Saturday. You would not have eaten as well as you did without their efforts and skills. I would be remiss if I did not give a special thank you to Justin, Pete Bergin, and Guy Errickson for pinch hitting as bartenders for a while and tending for our thirsty guests. This year's committee has enthusiastic and creative cooks so we hope you look forward to attending the functions through the year.

## Please welcome our new members:

Thomas and Dorothy Bittner  
John & Bernadine McMonagle

## **Time to Pay our Annual Membership Dues:**

Dues \$300  
Chit Book \$150  
Tax \$21  
**Total \$471**

## **Junior Members**

The Junior Members had their first meeting December 12, at which time we elected our new Treasurer, Rebecca Jones and Secretary Zach Errickson. Junior Membership is geared mostly toward 12-18 year olds, but we would love for every child down here to be a part of it! Current members are in the 12-18 age range. You must attend 5 meetings and be active to retain your membership. We will be mirroring the general membership as much as possible in duties and responsibilities.

We are already starting to plan our activities for the year, as you see, with roller skating and bowling events. We will be the "ice committee" for 2008. We will resume bagging the ice, free of charge, for the members; we only ask in return that you support us when we do have fund raisers.

Our next meeting will be Friday January 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm at the clubhouse.

Any questions regarding Movie Night or Junior Membership, please contact Melanie 609-923-0963 or Scott 609-915-2200

## **We need a princess!**

Female relative of a member, between 16 & 21. Any questions regarding any portion of the princess process, ask a former princess! (Melanie 609-923-0963.)

## **Editor's Notes:**

Please email news items, corrections, and column ideas, to the editor (John Griffin) at: [john@mosey.org](mailto:john@mosey.org)

## **The Junior Members present Kids' Movie Night AKA Parents' Night out alone**

Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> (the Bar is CLOSED)  
This is *Valentine's* Weekend! 6p-10:30p

Make it a date night and let us watch the kids!  
Ages 6 and up please \$15 per child  
Parents are responsible to bring sleeping bag, pillow,  
& snacks

We will provide the movie and popcorn.  
PJ's are acceptable and suggested attire, fun slippers  
however are a must.

## **FROM THE COMMODORE:**

The words to one of my favorite Jimmy Buffett songs say: "I took off for a weekend, last month, just to try and recall the whole year... All of the faces and all of the places, wonder where they all disappeared."

It's amazing to look back and see all of the transition that occurred within just one year. The tendency is to reflect on just the negative, but 2007 was a very positive year for our club. Sadly, we lost a few members and friends, but that gave us room to accept new members and ultimately new friends. The turnover in membership also allowed new members to get their boats on the dock right up front! Our fleet went through the season with very few major mechanical problems (sorry, Captain Hook!). We didn't have any flooding or low water situations due to drought and Mother Nature gave us beautiful weather for most of the days. Old Man River cooperated by keeping his waters clean and debris free.

We had deck parties, the boater flea market & test-pig day, raft-ups in the cove and a flotilla of jet-skiers. We also had all of our officers parading through Bordentown on our land-bound "Pirate Ship", towed by an antique tractor, no less. And we can't forget that a few industrious and creative members provided BYC with our very own pig cooker.

BYC had a pretty good year with DRYL activities, too. We elected a new Princess who made us proud at the pageant, registered the highest number of boats attending the Poker Run (at which we also won the Grand Prize) and had a few visiting clubs come to our Crab Feast. All things considered..... not too bad, not too bad at all!

In the same song, Mr. Buffett also said: "If we weren't crazy, we'd all go insane!" So, what are we going to do in 2008? MORE of it. The only way to top last year is to keep the momentum going. We're off to a good start!

(The song also said: "Ran into a chum with a bottle of rum...." but that'll be a subject for the future.

May 2008 bring Fair Winds and Calm Seas to all.

Bill Ulrich

## **Boating Tech Talk**

Since we in boating often have contact with the U.S. Coast Guard, I thought you might be interested in its history. This information was obtained from:  
<http://www.uscg.mil/history/>

### **“Coast Guard History**

The United States Coast Guard, one of the country's five armed services, is a unique agency of the federal government. We trace our history back to 4 August 1790, when the first Congress authorized the construction of ten vessels to enforce tariff and trade laws, prevent smuggling, and protect the collection of the federal revenue. Known variously as the Revenue Marine and the Revenue Cutter Service, we expanded in size and responsibilities as the nation grew.

The service received its present name in 1915 under an act of Congress when the Revenue Cutter Service merged with the Life-Saving Service. The nation then had a single maritime service dedicated to saving life at sea and enforcing the nation's maritime laws. The Coast Guard began to maintain the country's aids to maritime navigation, including operating the nation's lighthouses, when President Franklin Roosevelt authorized the transfer of the Lighthouse Service to the Coast Guard in 1939. Later, in 1946, Congress permanently transferred the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation to the Coast Guard, thereby placing merchant marine licensing and merchant vessel safety under our purview.

The Coast Guard is one of the oldest organizations of the federal government and, until the Navy Department was established in 1798, we served as the nation's only armed force afloat. We have continued to protect the nation throughout our long history and have served proudly in every one of the nation's conflicts. Our national defense responsibilities remain one of our most important functions even today.

In times of peace we operate as part of the Department of Homeland Security, serving as the nation's front-line agency for enforcing our laws at sea, protecting our coastline and ports, and saving life. In times of war, or on direction of the President, we serve under the Navy Department. “

And here is some information about the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, obtained from:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United\\_States\\_Coast\\_Guard\\_Auxiliary](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Coast_Guard_Auxiliary)

”The **United States Coast Guard Auxiliary** was established on [June 23, 1939](#) by an act of Congress as the [United States Coast Guard Reserve](#) and re-designated as the Auxiliary on [February 19, 1941](#). It is a volunteer uniformed component of the [United States Coast Guard](#) (USCG) and works with the rest of the Coast Guard in all of its varied missions with the exception that Auxiliary Members (Auxiliarists) may only support, but not directly participate in, the Coast Guard's military and law enforcement missions. Auxiliarists are not allowed to carry any weapons while serving in any Auxiliary capacity. As of [November 18, 2007](#) there were 30,074 active Auxiliarists.

Auxiliarists are civilians and as such are always volunteers. They are true volunteers and are not paid for any service they perform. Members give what they can when they can. They are not obligated to any military service. Unlike the active duty and reserve components of the USCG, Auxiliarists are not subject to the [Uniform Code of Military Justice](#) (UCMJ).

Auxiliarists usually use their own boats, aircraft and radios (and also serve on Coast Guard assets) in carrying out Coast Guard operation missions, or apply specialized skills such as carpentry, cooking, or professional skills such as medical, legal or computer sciences to assist in Coast Guard missions. When using their own boats, aircraft and radios they first offer their property to the Coast Guard, and upon acceptance, become US Government property while they are performing authorized missions for the Coast Guard.”

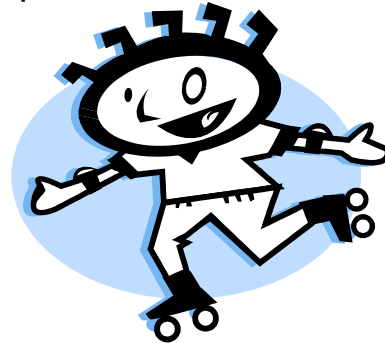
### **Missions and core values**

Historically, the primary missions of the Auxiliary have been providing free Vessel Safety Checks, boater education and USCG operations supplement. These three missions, together with Fellowship (the "glue" which held these missions and its members together), are known as the "Four Cornerstones" of the Auxiliary. Through the years, these four cornerstones served the Auxiliary and the Coast Guard well. In the current era, the Auxiliary's four cornerstones have become Member Services, Operations and Marine Safety, Recreational Boating Safety & Fellowship.”

## *Roller Sunday*



Come join our Jr Members for an afternoon of roller skating.  
Where: Holiday Skating Center, Rt 130 & Creek Rd, Delanco  
When: Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> 1-5 (meet 12:30 to caravan)  
Cost: \$4.50 per person Rentals: Skates \$2 Inlines \$3



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**Roller Skating not your thing? What about bowling?**



**Saturday Night Moonlight Bowling**



Where: Papp's Bowling Center, Rts 130 & 206, Bordentown  
When: Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> 8pm Start



Both events are intended for kids of *all* ages!  
For info on either event contact Melanie @ 609-923-0963 or Scott 609-915-2200



# **Bordentown Yacht Club's Bus Trip To Atlantic City International Power Boat Show & Casino**



**From:** Parking Lot Corner of Farnsworth Ave & Route 130

**To:** Trump Plaza Casino & Hotel

The Casino will have a free shuttle to the Boat Show.  
\$20 - In Coin From the Casino for each adult.

**When:** February 9<sup>th</sup> 2008

Bus Leaves 8:00am and returns at 6:00pm

**Cost:** Bus Only \$25.00

Boat Show, Before January 9<sup>th</sup>, \$10.00 - Save \$5.00  
off door price

Cost includes - Bus ride to and from Atlantic City. Coffee, Juice and  
pastries in the morning, Soft drinks and snacks in the afternoon.

**Tickets:** Contact Scott Jones - BYC Fleet Captain

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