



# Up River

Bordentown Yacht Club Newsletter January 2008



## 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.

## Upcoming Events for March

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - General Membership Meeting 8:00 P.M.

### **Dock Applications Due By Close of Meeting!**

- 8<sup>th</sup> - Pre-Work Party
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Cruise Meeting
- 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> - Work Party
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Trustees Meeting 8:00 P.M.
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Bumping Party & Pasta Dinner
- 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> - Work Party

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## February's Rear Commodore's Report

It's time to start thinking about spring work parties! Email me with any projects or things you have noticed that need to get done.

Important dates: Dock applications are due by the March meeting, March 3<sup>rd</sup> remember to give me a current insurance declarations page.

The Pre-Work party will be March 8<sup>th</sup>  
Work parties are split due to Easter this time March 15/16 and 29/30. This gives us the Bumping Party on Good Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> and the Docks opening April 1<sup>st</sup> @ "quarter after" 8a.m. {That puts us 57 days away from the docks opening as of February 4<sup>th</sup>.}

As always we need kitchen volunteers for all 4 work parties and if you know what days you will be attending, it is a huge help to let me know! If you know ahead of time that you will not be able to attend the work parties, please let me know ASAP so I can plan accordingly.

The membership picture board has been updated, so check it out!

See you at the club!  
Melanie

## Cruising Corner February 2008

We had a Cruise meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup>. We were able to finalize the cruise itinerary for the Chesapeake Cruise. The Cruise will be from July 12<sup>th</sup>, thru July 20<sup>th</sup>.

The itinerary is:

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

All of the marinas have confirmed, and each cruiser needs to contact each marina with their credit card information to confirm their dockage.

Our next cruise meeting will be on February 22<sup>nd</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

We still have seats available for the February 9<sup>th</sup> bus trip to the Atlantic City Boat Show. The bus will be leaving the old Acme parking lot (corner of Farnsworth and Rt 130) at 8:00am.

The cost for the Bus is \$25 per person. There will be coffee and Danish on the trip down and soft drinks, and snack on the way back. We will be going to Trump Plaza Casino and Trump will be giving \$20 in coin. They also have a free shuttle between the casino and the Boat show.

You can contact Scott Jones for tickets. 609-915-2200, or [spj8864@gmail.com](mailto:spj8864@gmail.com)

## Junior Members

The next junior membership meeting will be Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. A reminder for those members between 12 & 18, to retain your membership you must pay your 2008 dues by the March general membership meeting, AND you must attend 5 of our meetings, and put in "committee" time.

To all those that attended Roller Skating Sunday, I hope you had as much fun as I did! And I did get a schedule incase anyone wants to go back! ☺

We had mostly an older crowd for bowling, but just as much fun! We may have to look into having 2 teams for the league next year!

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 for bringing a sleeping bag, pillow, & snacks.

We will provide the movies (Shrek I, II, III time permitting) pizza, and popcorn.

PJ's are acceptable attire, and suggested, fun slippers however are a ***must***

We are limiting the number of tickets sold, so let us know sooner than later!

February 8<sup>th</sup> (junior membership meeting night) deadline

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! Please let Melanie know by March meeting (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)

## FROM THE COMMODORE:

As I sit here looking out my window at the cold, cold January day upon us, I find my thoughts turning to warm, relaxing days out on the river. Ah yes, drifting in sturdy crafts designed to float gracefully atop King Neptune's domain. Such is the dream of any young lad, like myself. But alas, my mind is occupied with matters of a higher order.... floating on things that were never designed to float. 'Tis a puzzlement; how does one, or better yet a team, stay afloat on an object that does not float? The bigger question is why would any sane persons attempt such a feat? The answer to this conundrum is written in the stars. It has to be the return of the **BYC Raft Race!** (uh, ok, it's not *really* written in the stars, just written on one of our fliers:)

That's right, Gang, this year we're bringing back the Raft Race, and were challenging all other clubs to race for the pride and honor of the Delaware. What could be a better trophy for any Commodore to display than the prestigious winner (or possibly longest survivor) of the Crosswicks Creek Splash. Truly, these are the feelings that warm the heart and light the way on such a dank day.

My thoughts of winning and displaying such a coveted award are suddenly cut to the quick with the startling realization that : Holy sh&%, we've got to build us a raft. What a concept... if we're going to *win* the race, we have to be *IN* the race, with raft and a Captain and Crew, and fuel for the team! By challenging the creativity and fortitude of other clubs, we have challenged ourselves, as well.

The details surrounding the event and the raft specifications are still being documented, but it's not too early to start thinking about a cutting-edge design for the raft. One criterion has emerged above all others; the rafts must be made out of items that were never designed to float. Hey, I think I just came up with the slogan for race day: *If it doesn't float, it's welcome at BYC!*

To hold this magnificent craft on it's appointed course, we will need a crew of fearless sturdy mariners who are willing to risk life, limb and possibly their pride in this glorious quest. As the Jamaican Bobsled Team proved at the 1994 Olympics; "No amount of skill will ever replace dumb luck!". I'm sure that our trusty crew can personify this statement beyond all doubt. Also, we will need contributions from our more technical members (or, at least, those who can apply duct tape in the proper spots).

Ah, these are the challenges that try men's souls and imaginations.... So here's the deal... we need your help for creating the design, scavenging the components, duct taping them together, launching it and then find the brave souls to actually ride on it! Please let me know if you are interested!

Fair Winds and Calm Seas (especially on race Day) to All.

Bill Ulrich

## **Boating Tech Talk**

From Past Commodore, Lifetime Member, Current Secretary, and Member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Chester Klabbatz:

New Jersey laws regulating recreational boating have recently changed.

No longer may everyone legally operate their boat on New Jersey's waters without first having completed an accredited boating Safety course.

The requirements depend on your date of birth and the year of boat operation. Ultimately, everyone will have to have completed a safety course, in order to operate their vessel in New Jersey waters.

Your local US Coast Guard Auxiliary conducts American Boating Courses from time to time. The next series of the three ABC courses will be conducted at the Bordentown Regional Middle School. Each will have three days of classroom instruction, starting at 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM. Classes will be conducted:

February 11,13,20.

February 25,27, March 3.

March 5,10,12

Exams are given and certificates awarded on the last day of each session. A passing exam grade of 80%, is required.

The fee is \$50 paid to the Bordentown Regional Middle School.

You must register with the school by calling 609-298-0674 X1202.

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