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OFFICIAL NOTICE

The next board meeting will be held
Tuesday July 21, 2009
Aboard the BYC Club Ship
John B Mack II



Commodore's Corner

Tim Harrington, Commodore



Welcome to summer, finally!
It seemed spring wanted to
make up for not making an
appearance last year. As I sit
on the upper deck of the
John B Mack II enjoying the
view down the harbor, I'm
also enjoying the new metal



chairs and tables donated by the Past Commodores of BYC. Thank you PCs for the great addition to our club, it really makes the second level more user friendly.- We have had a great 2009 season so far. The car show at the beginning of May was a great success even with the marginal weather we had that day. The Welcome Back party at the end of May was very well attended, and many members had a chance to not only meet each other and discuss boating plans for the year, but also to meet their fellow dock mates, as there were many non-members in attendance. Our Fleet Review during the last weekend in June was a great way to spend some time with your fellow members while enjoying a catered dinner. Many thanks to Fleet Captain Dana Ott - July will be a busy month. We start with our Fourth of July potluck before loading onto volunteer's boats from the power fleet for a ride up to Evanston to watch the fireworks. The following weekend is our Fleet Cruise to Hammond to which all are invited. July also has our club hosting the Chicago Yachting Association's monthly meeting of all the Chicago area yacht clubs. It's a great chance to highlight our great facility. We finish July with the Venetian Night parade and our floating entry aboard the Sea Scout vessel. - Oops, ran out of space. Just a reminder to check the club's calendar online before heading down to the harbor. I hope to see you at the club,

Commodore Tim Harrington

Mark Your Calendars

Friday, July 3

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

Saturday, July 4

- 7:00 pm -11:00 pm : Fourth of July Potluck and Fireworks Cruise

Monday, July 6

- Catherine Van Dorp's Birthday 🎂

Friday, July 10

- 6:00 pm -8:00 pm : Friday Cocktails

Saturday, July 11

- Pat Buckley's Birthday 🎂
- BYC Fleet Cruise / Rendezvous to Hammond

Tuesday, July 21

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

Thursday, July 23

- 5:45 pm -9:00 pm : BYC hosting CYA Dinner Meeting

Friday, July 24

- Conlon's Anniversary

Saturday, July 25

- 8:30 pm -10:00 pm : Venetian Night

Thursday, July 30

- Abdon Bray's Birthday 🎂

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

Next Board Meeting



The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be meeting at BYC's Club Ship, John B Mack II. Socializing begins at 6:30 followed by the business meeting at 7:00. All BYC members are invited to attend. This meeting is also a chance for you to bring up any issues you would like to see addressed by the club. The volunteer members put in many extra hours without pay to keep this club running.

Come see what it takes to keep the club "afloat".

BYC July 4th Potluck Dinner and Fireworks Cruise

On the Fourth of July BYC members will be meeting at the club ship at 7pm 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 ride on a boat to the show should attend the potluck supper and be really nice to the power fleet members planning to take their boats.



BYC Fleet Cruise 2009

Fleet Captain Dana Ott

Please save the weekend of July 11 & 12 and join your fellow members on our 2009 Fleet Cruise and rendezvous. This event is open to all members and their friends. We will be rendezvousing at the



Hammond Marina for dinner and drinks on Saturday, July 11. Those wishing to may then try their luck in the adjacent Horse Shoe Casino. Participants are welcome to arrive by boat or car. Those sailors wishing to travel together will depart Belmont in the late morning; power-boaters will be leaving mid-afternoon. Hammond Marina is 19 miles from the Belmont Harbor mouth. If you are planning to attend please contact Fleet Captain Dana Ott at 773-871-4424 for additional details; to receive slip reservation information; and to reserve your spot(s) for the dinner and/or breakfast. If coming by boat, please

be prepared with Skipper's name, boat name, type, length, and any special docking requirements.

333 miles to Mackinac



Saturday, July 18, marks the start of the 101 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. Today this race attracts about three hundred boats utilizing about three 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 up to pass the check-in point. It is a great Chicago yachting event which brings our city worldwide attention.

Venetian Night 2009 “Hollywood on the Lake”

Venetian Night 2009 will have extravagantly decorated boats, costumed crews, and a fireworks display set to music will once again light up Lake Michigan. Scheduled for an 8 PM start on July 25th, this annual event is coordinated this year by BYC's own Scott Baumgartner through his position as Chicago Yachting Association's Rear Commodore. Approximately 35 boats decorated with lights and props, reflecting the theme “Hollywood on the Lake” will participate in the aquatic parade. There are crowd estimates each year of between 600 to 800,000 spectators on shore, but if you come by boat and anchor on the east side of the Monroe break wall, you will have a front row seat. BYC has a long history of winning recognition in this very well attended event in Monroe Harbor. Our entry this year will be aboard *Bretwalda*, skippered by BYC Commodore Tim Harrington. This 35' sailboat is the one our Sea Scouts from BYC sail. If you would be interested in helping decorate our club's entry down at Monroe Harbor prior to the parade, please contact the Venetian Night Chair Dan Waters.



There & Back Short-Handed Race and Party



Belmont Yacht Club announces its fifth running of the There & Back Short-Handed Race for any sailing vessel. The race will consist of one fleet with two sections - single-handed and double-handed. The race course will be along the Chicago shoreline and will be approximately 47 nm in length. The race will start near the mouth of Belmont Harbor at 08:00 CDT on Saturday, August 1, 2009, and the finish will be at the same location as the start. The “There & Back Short-Handed Regatta” is intended to be a sporting event, encouraging seamanship and fellowship among sailors. Although it is a competitive event, the foremost importance is creating a challenging as well as enjoyable event for both novice and experienced racer alike. To register for the race, please visit <http://www.belmontyc.org> for the registration packet. You may also write to rc@belmontyc.org or leave a message at 773-871-4424. Please include the skipper's name and contact information. Skipper check-in is held the evening before the race at the yacht club and features an informal cook out. Following the race on Saturday, a dinner with awards presentation will be held at 8 PM. All BYC members are encouraged to attend both of these evening events to show their support for our sailing program.

ARCHEOLOGICAL EVIDENCE OF HUMAN ACTIVITY FOUND BENEATH LAKE HURON

More than 100 feet deep in Lake Huron, on a wide stony ridge that 9,000 years ago was a land bridge, University of Michigan researchers have found the first archeological evidence of human activity preserved beneath the Great Lakes. The researchers located what they believe to be caribou-hunting structures and camps used by the early hunters of the period. For the full story and pictures go to: <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2009/06/090608182543.htm>

TIMELY FISH TALE: HAWAII FISH COUGHS UP GOLD WATCH

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/us_odd_fishy_watch

ELEELE, Hawaii – Hawaii resident Curt Carish boasts a timely fish tale: a 10-inch reef fish he caught by hand in shallow water coughed up a ticking gold watch. Carish says he was enjoying a picnic Wednesday on Port Allen beach when he saw the nenu fish awkwardly swimming close to shore. He says a friend gave him a bamboo stick and told him to get the fish. So he jumped into the waist-high water and hit the nenu until it went limp. He noticed the fish had an abnormally large belly as he tossed it into a cooler. A friend opened the cooler later to discover a gold watch next to the fish's mouth. Carish says the watch was ticking and keeping correct time.

