



# Smooth Sailing

December 2011

## From the Bridge Brigitte Hoey, Commodore

Beachwood Yacht Club

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2011 is coming to a close as is my time as your commodore. I'd like to wish our incoming Commodore, Neil Brooks, as well as all the flags & BOG best wishes in their upcoming terms and want to offer my full support. I am confident that all BYC members will follow suit and continue to help BYC become the best club we can. We've been able to accomplish quite a bit over the past several years and still have a long way to go but know we can get there. I urge all members, flags and bog to continue to stay involved, help each other and work toward the common goal of a long term healthy future for BYC.

As the holiday season has begun, we have on the schedule the Family Christmas party on December 10th and the Holiday Cocktail party on December 17th. January is a quiet month at the club but there will be much going on behind the scenes getting the club organized, social calendar established and many other functions that many folks do not realize occur during the quiet months. I urge all committee chairs to reach out to their committees and use them! Folks have some great ideas..you just have to ask and you'll be surprised at what may surface.

### Upcoming Events:

Family Christmas  
Party 12/10

Christmas Cocktail  
Party 12/17

I personally want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have supported me during my tenure as commodore and have helped move the club in a forward direction. BYC has been such an integral part of my family's life for the past 10 years and has given us the wonderful opportunity to form lasting memories and friendships. I personally would not be the same person without having all of your touch my life in some way, shape or form. I want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and leave you with the following Irish blessing....

May love and laughter light your days,  
and warm your heart and home.  
May good and faithful friends be yours,  
wherever you may roam.  
May peace and plenty bless your world  
with joy that long endures.  
May all life's passing seasons  
bring the best to you and yours!

Think Warm Thoughts!

Brigitte Hoey

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### Off season maintenance and storage

While many of our sailors have probably packed up their boats for the winter, this time of year is the last chance to fix storage and maintenance issues. Personally, I have spent too many late springs working on an improperly stored boat, or waited on a maintenance issue when I could have been out sailing. Here are a few tips to hopefully help you along.

#### Storage

Make sure the inside of your boat is completely dry. Water left in the boat will thaw and freeze throughout the winter damaging and as a result softening the hull. A soft hull takes away speed and is difficult to fix.

If you store your boat on a dolly for the winter, place the dolly axel on blocks and take the pressure of the tires. Tires can be removed and stored indoors. Tires and bearings last considerably longer when performing this step.

Most small boats can safely be stored on their side, preventing snow build up and cover collapse

#### Maintenance

Make sure rudders can be deployed all the way down and stay put once they are lowered. A common problem with small boats is rudder hang up, where the rudder does not go down far enough. This takes away speed.

Disconnect tiller extensions from the tiller. This will help keep the joint that connects them around longer (rubbery looking one not a bolt)

Order replacement parts now. Backorders are common in the spring.

Dave Mooney



Sunshine Barbara Walling

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If you know of a Club member or their immediate family who is sick or deceased, please contact Barbara Walling at 732-270-5994 so she can send a card on behalf of the Club.

#### *From the Editor:*

*All articles for the following month's newsletter are due the 20th of the month. You can email them to:*

*[jisdanavage@hotmail.com](mailto:jisdanavage@hotmail.com)*

*All submissions may be edited at the discretion of the editor.*

*Anyone wanting to include an attachment with the newsletter must provide 20 copies prior to the 20th of the month, at least 1 month prior to the event.*

*Thank you.*

The 2012 invoice for membership dues and sailing program will be in the mail on Dec. 5. If you do not receive them in a timely manner (any delays by the post office), please contact me directly to my email: [robertshaw.31@comcast.net](mailto:robertshaw.31@comcast.net) and I will resend another copy.

Note to the family membership: if your child has reached the age of 19 in the year 2012, you are entitled to become a member as husband and wife. Please send me an email, so I can correct your invoice accordingly and resend to you.

Enclosed with your invoice is a covering letter noting a few important notes. Please take the time to read them.

On the back of the covering letter is a form to be filled out regarding your volunteering for at least one committee. We request that you return this with your **first** payment to enable our 2012 officers to set up our calendar and book for 2012.

Family and Individual with child members will also be receiving the application for 2012 sailing program supplied by Sailing Coordinator for 2012. It is important that you read the information provided on the application regarding the deposit of \$50.00 per sailor before January 31, 2012 .

One check can be sent for your payment of membership fees and sailing program. Make a note on your check designating what payment is to be applied to membership and/or sailing program.

Any questions you may have, please call me or send me an email

Maryellen Robertshaw

BYC Financial Secretary

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