



Commodore's Quarterly Newsletter

April 2021

Spring is finally here. The vaccine is here. We are still here. What could be better?

Ahh, I know! Motoring smoothly down the bay on the way to Oxford or sailing north in 12 knots of wind to Eagle Cove on the Magothy River. Once there you will meet with your BCYC friends for a great time.

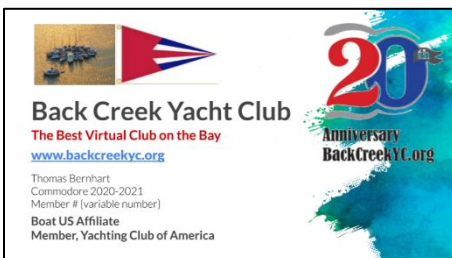
Spring greetings to everyone. It is my expectation that the above and many other possibilities will soon be available to BCYC members. So now, I would like to give you an update of some of the many events and activities that are coming to the BCYC in 2021.

As you know, this year is the "20th Anniversary of the Back Creek Yacht Club". As "The Best Virtual Yacht Club on the Bay" we have earned a reputation as the small Cruising Club that has the most fun and the best activities. I believe that this year will live up to that reputation.

Throughout this year, you will see numerous events dedicated to celebrating BCYC's anniversary. Our Social Directors Gail Higginbotham and Madi Yates along with our 20th Anniversary Committee, headed by Rosie Cavin, have filled the club calendar for 2021 with Zoom events for now. Land and Sea events are beginning May 22nd with a Land/Sea "shake-down cruise" to Rock Creek on the south side of the Patapsco River. This will be followed a week later by the annual Fleet Captain's Cruise to several nearby locations. Of special interest to members is our upcoming Fabulous Lobster Feast June 26 and 27 with the Flip, Flop and Drop Chef's Sunday morning!, and our "Grand 20th Anniversary Party" and Annual Meeting October 2nd. For a more detailed look at what our Directors have planned, please see the calendar below. You may also print it out now from here. Remember, however, that event details may *change*, and new events will be added. Please check the website for the latest information.

I want to assure everyone that all BCYC "in-person events" will be held in strict accordance with the state and CDC guidelines in place at the time of the event. With the availability of vaccinations soon to be open to all, this should become easier to do. We are currently asking anyone who has not been vaccinated to notify the host of an in-person event when you register.

By now all of you should have received your 20th Anniversary Membership Card which identifies you as a member. It can also be used for reciprocity privileges **with** another yacht club. You should have also received a few BCYC business cards. These are designed for you to give to prospective members to point them to the website and help them get in touch with the Membership Chair if they are interested in obtaining further information about joining the club. Keep in mind that you may bring a prospective member to a club event to for the "in person experience and fun". I would like to thank Rosie



Cavin and John Yates and Laura Treuth for making the cards possible.

In order to increase the club's visibility, we also have a new banner that can be used on land and at a raft-up. I would ask that event hosts use the banner at every opportunity. For more information, please contact one of our Event Directors.

Have you accessed the BCYC Website lately? If not, please take a minute to check out the many superb upgrades Webmaster Bob Higginbotham and team have made. Many thanks to them. Here is a link [Back Creek Website](#).

We also have a Facebook page which is available to all members. [BCYC Facebook](#). Please feel free to post anything about the club and our events.

Below are some BOG Meeting Notes that may be of Interest to members. If you wish more details, please check out the complete meeting minutes on Members Only Section of the Back Creek YC website.

January 31, Meeting:

Treasurer, Westbrook Murphy indicated that our finances were up to date and that the club's financial condition was healthy.

Rear Commodore, John Yates proposed a marketing plan to bring new members into the club. His ideas included: New membership cards, a new club banner, boosting our presence on Facebook, and advertising in SpinSheet Magazine. The board approved his plan and requested that he work towards completing it.

Fleet Captain, Justin Tindale suggested a number of water events and the board approved that we start planning water events for later in the year.

March 21, Meeting:

Treasurer, Westbrook Murphy indicated that all dues have been paid and that our finances were up to date and that the club's financial condition was very healthy.

Rear Commodore, John Yates discussed plans to place an advertisement in SpinSheet.

A decision was made to post our calendar of events on the Website's front page so that a non-member, who is interested, could see what we were planning for this year. Event registration will, however, remain available only to members. Webmaster, Bob Higginbotham, was asked to make this change.

Fleet Captain, Justin Tindale reported that on the water event bookings were beginning to take place and proposed that our first event could be in Rock Creek at his home.

In closing I would like to say that I am extremely optimistic and excited about the coming events and I am looking forward to seeing all of you soon at our next events.

Stay Safe and Well.

Tom Bernhart

Commodore Back Creek Yacht Club



BACK CREEK YACHT CLUB EVENTS 2021

Commodore: Tom Bernhart
 Vice Commodore: Tim Feldmann
 Rear Commodore: John Yates (Land Events) Social Director South: Madi Yates
 Cruise Director: Lynn Egan
 Social Director: Gail Higginbotham
 Fleet Captain: Justin Tindale (Sea Events)

Events in red pertain to club members wintering or visiting in Florida

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
24 20th Anniversary Wine Tasting	13 Red Wine, Chocolate & Limmericks	20 Trivia Contest		15 Virtual Raft Up @ Eagle Cove	19 Lobster Feast
31 Board of Governors		21 Board of Governors	17 Joke Night	22 Shake Down Cruise	20 FF & D Breakfast
	5 Beach Party Round Hill Vero	4 Beach Party		23 Board of Governors	26 Pickering Creek Raft Up
22 Beach Party Jensen Beach	18 Beach Party	17 St Patty's Day	8 Pompano Beach Day	29-6 JUN Annual Cruise	
		30 Talk House	29 Beach Party		
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
04 Fireworks	7 Crab Feast	4 Labor Day Cruise	02 Annual Meeting, Change of Watch & Auction		
17 Excuse Cruise	13-15 Rock Hall	Oxford MD			
TBD Infinity Theatre	Pirates Weekend	11 Eastport Oyster Boys			
31 Friendship Day Cruise	21 Full Moon Cruise	Shaw Bay	8-11 Goose Cruise		
		18 Full Moon Cruise			

All of the dates on this calendar are subject to change due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances. An announcement will be sent out, two weeks prior to the date of each event, showing the location, cost and other details. If you have any questions or want more information about the scheduled events, please contact the Fleet Captain or Cruise Director for water events and the Social Director for land events.