



Bellport Bay Yacht Club
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Dear Membership -

The 2017 Sailing Season is here!!! All of us are prepared to start this year off with a Bang. Yacht Club racing starts tomorrow with the Lite Series at 1pm. This year's message from the Commodore is a simple one--the club is open. Come on down and enjoy the club. If you don't have a boat, come and enjoy the view of the bay *from the club*. Feel the wind. If you don't have a boat, come down and sail with someone who does. And if you have a boat, drag a few new friends aboard for some of the fun. There are a total of 20 races starting this Sunday and working through til the end of summer. That's 20 opportunities to tangle a few lines and enjoy one of the best sailing venues on Long Island with some new friends and some old ones.

Additionally, this year we are proud to host some other events. In July, we are holding a 2 day event for PHRF boats, and the first day of Junior Race Week. In August, we will be holding the Labor Day Invitational, and Queen of the Bay (weather dependent). In October, we are hosting the 420 Mid-Atlantic Championships and expect to have over 60 of the region's top sailors competing.

What's New? I am proud to introduce my brother Eric J. Everitt as the Rear Commodore. He is a fun loving guy with a great knowledge of the bay. Eric has been responsible for the major upgrade to the BBYC's website. The site is incredible. Much of the information previously handed out in our membership packet like the club calendar is on the website plus a new web cam, weather station, and cool pictures of club activities and racing. The site is packed with great information and useful links to other sites. Thank you Eric!

The sailing foundation is thriving with over 125 young sailors enrolled. This is exciting as we are always looking to share the beauty of our sport and encourage others. We are also proud to announce that the Jim Datri Scholarship award has been awarded to J.C. Hermus and Walter Henry who won 1st place at the I420 North American Championship. Way to go guys! Scholarship money was also awarded to Laura Slovensky who represented BBYC and we look forward to awarding the Datri scholarship again in the fall. The foundation has purchased a new inflatable boat in efforts to continuously upgrade the fleet. Thank you to all of you who support our fundraisers and make this possible!!!

Lastly, we expect to see more people enjoying the club with their families this summer. And if there are questions, ideas, or new opportunities for you and our club do not hesitate to contact one of the Flag Officers or trustees. Thank you to past Commodore Holker, and Pokorny, and all of the board, past and present for all of the work that you do.

This is your Commodore signing off- GO SAILING!!

John W D Everitt