

BAY SHORE YACHT CLUB

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Rebecka Russo, Editor
May 2020

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

I have a hard act to follow and, on behalf of the club membership, I want to thank Past Commodore Dom Russo for his two years of leadership. He did a wonderful job and I know that he will remain available as a valuable resource for me as I try to step into his shoes. We are assembling a strong leadership team to help guide the club and we ask for the assistance of our membership during the upcoming summer season. This is especially true this summer.

I know that all of the families in our club have been affected by COVID-19, some more dramatically than others. We are facing some unprecedented conditions at the club due to restrictions put in place by public health officials to try to minimize the effects of COVID-19. Unfortunately, we have had to cancel parties, the Commodore's Ball and several club rentals. We continue to plan for our summer sailing program, but I believe that we can only run the program after public health officials give the green light to running similar programs (such as summer camps for kids) over the summer. We may have to significantly shorten or, possibly, cancel the sailing program.



With most things in life, the more that you put into them, the more you get out of them. That's been my experience here at the club. The more involved in club activities I became, the more I got to know and become friends with our members. I also had more fun - and that is what our club should be about. We have a great group at the club and despite the current situation, the club still needs volunteers and we need you all to get involved.

We cannot let our spirits be diminished as we face the future. We have a beautiful spot overlooking the bay and we will continue to prepare to use it to the fullest as we get ready for what, hopefully, will be a full summer season. - *Matt Rainis, Commodore*

FLAG RAISING IN THE TIME OF PANDEMIC

*The Flag Officers and Board of Governors
of the
Bay Shore Yacht Club*



invite you to participate in our first

Virtual Flag Raising

Sunday, May 24th 2020

3:00-3:30 PM

[CLICK HERE](#)

-or-

Check your email for the ZOOM meeting info

Our annual Flag Raising is one of the best traditions here at the Bay Shore Yacht Club. It marks the start of our summer season which, this year, will be very memorable. The brief (approx. 30 mins.) ceremony will be only attended by the flag officers and past commodores who are comfortable coming down to the club will be participating. The Commodore will say a few words to open our summer season and our past commodores will hoist the flags. Of course, our cannons will be fired to mark the start of another boating season. Everyone can raise a glass together at home or on the water. Yearbooks will be available after Sunday. Look for info regarding their distribution.

Let's make the start of this unusual summer one to remember!

FROM OUR FLEET SURGEON - DR PETER JUDGE



Please take a look at the [Safety Plan for Phase I](#) which I took the liberty of completing and will be posted at the club. While this form does NOT need to be formally submitted to the state, we are required to have a copy on display for all members to view. The club will make all possible efforts to keep everyone safe and to be in compliance with all state regulations. **The regulations will evolve going forward and we will update the membership with changes as they occur.**

For the immediate future **large gatherings at the club will not be permitted** until such time as the CDC and Department of Health permit them. (Subject to the approval of the board of governors.) **Members should wear masks any time that social “safe distancing” can not be maintained and are required to do so when they enter the clubhouse.** We are a social club as well as a sailing club. **In order to be welcoming to all - every member needs to be respectful of each other’s personal space and differing assessments of safe social interactions.**

We are required by the state to provide an adequate supply of PPE (masks and gloves) for our employees. We will ask all employees to wear PPE at all times. We will be implementing mandatory health screening assessment before employees begin work each day and for essential visitors, asking about (1) COVID-19 symptoms in past 14 days, (2) positive COVID-19 test in past 14 days, and/or (3) close contact with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case in past 14 days. Assessment responses will be in a log kept at the club.

We’ll need to educate staff and provide cleaning solutions (and disinfectants) for the maintenance of common areas (bathroom, all surfaces, door knobs etc.) on an ongoing basis throughout the day. You’ll soon see signs posted around the club about safe practices of social distancing, wearing masks, hand washing etc. **Please be mindful of your use of the facilities - especially the kitchen, bar and bathroom areas. Now more than ever, it is important to wash and wipe up after yourself, your family and your guests.**

You may not be aware, but members of our Yacht Club have tested positive of the Covid-19 virus; others have lost family members to the disease. It is important that members take the same health inventory that we are asking our staff to take. If you have tested positive, or have been in close contact with someone who has Covid-19 please let us know by contacting either Matt or myself. Obviously, if you're sick or not feeling well, stay home! Give us the opportunity for contact tracing should any of our members or employees become infected with the virus by keeping track of your visits - including your guests.

By now I feel that by this point everyone knows what they should or should not do to decrease further propagation of the current pandemic. That is the easy part. We can post signage, provide soap and water, hand sanitizer and even try to regulate people’s behavior with a long list of detailed rules. At the end of the day it comes down to motivation. If people are motivated they are more likely to be compliant with the basic tenants of “social distancing”, hand washing etc. . People need to demonstrate mutual respect and we need to lead by example. We can not always regulate stupidity, but we can set good examples and encourage proper behavior. At the end of the day however people need to be responsible for their own actions and consequences thereof. **This virus requires us to take prudent action to protect our community. But, if we take proper precautions we can still enjoy some of the many benefits of being a member of the Bay Shore Yacht Club.**

PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Which Past Commodore is practicing safe social distancing?

“A” Dom is 6’ away and could safely converse - especially as he is outside and not up or downwind of Matt and Dave and he is not face to face with either Dave or Matt. [Recent studies](#) * indicate that the “B” Dominick, while too close, probably would be ok because he is outside a turned away from his friends. **However, no one in this photo is truly 100% safe because although outside, nobody is wearing a mask!**

* The link is to an article which has a wealth of reliable information.



To increase the odds that the virus will not be passed to or from you - do what these guys are doing and wear a mask.

This is especially important if you or someone you care about is elderly and/ or has underlying health issues. Fortunately, being outdoors greatly reduces the odds of transmission, but do not assume it reduces the rate to 0%. Each member of our club makes a different calculation about the level of risk they are willing to assume. Sometimes it is impractical to be “covid compliant” - But is something to always

be aware of when down at the club. Social distancing measures, albeit restrictive and cumbersome, are put in place with the intent of keeping the membership safe. **Being compliant with CDC regulations regarding the pandemic is a demonstration of respect and consideration for fellow members of the club and is consistent with the mission statement of our club.**

MAY 2020



W E L C O M E

Welcome aboard to our newest members :

Nicky & Todd Madison, Michael & Grace Walther (with Allison and Luke),

David and Colleen Van Tassel (w/Addison and Avery), Todd Blond,

Douglas Wissmann & Dr. Manal Hegazy (with Hunter, Tanner and Cooper),

Barbara Robinson, Steve & Patti Rock

(Kevin & Tracy Cooke, Eric & Gloria Wozniak not pictured)



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MEET OUR “NEWER” MEMBERS WHO’VE JOINED IN THE LAST YEAR:

**Kevin & Krystal Roskott, Lisa Camson & Louis Ramos (with Andrew and Reid),
Douglas & Kathleen Williamson (with Hayden), Jim & Cali O’Brien, Liz Byrne, Steve & Allison Abel
James & Melissa Curley (with Ryan & Alexa)**

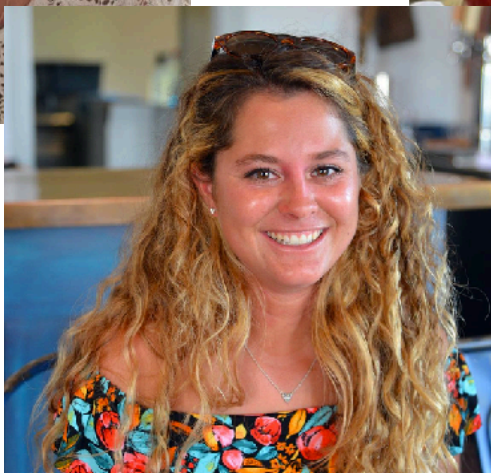




RETURNING MEMBERS:

DR. BRAD & MARY LOUISE COHEN AND STEVE & ELLEN FLOTTERON (with Morgan and Madison)

INTERMEDIATE MEMBER: LAUREN TENHOOPEN



Former members who've resigned in writing from the club and were in good standing can apply to have their membership reinstated. We're happy to welcome back old friends!

Intermediate membership is for younger single adults (ages 21-29) whose parent is a regular member and sponsors them for membership. It allows use the club's facilities. Dues currently are \$120/year. At age 30 or when married, the membership is converted to full membership and dues paid are applied to the initiation fee. For more information see our website or contact Gerard Gravina or Charlie and Barbara Becker.

We are fortunate to have many new members and we all want them to feel comfortable at the BSYC. So please, help to set a good example by wearing your name tag at functions. This way newer members--as well as older members (pun intended)—can get to know each other more readily. Please remember to put your tag back on the tower before you leave.

HOUSE & GROUNDS:



Thanks to Barbara & Charlie Becker, the Club now has a Davis Weather Instrument, located near the end of the bar by the bell. This instrument will measure:

- ◆ **Temperature:** Present inside & outside, highs and lows for both locations.
- ◆ **Wind:** Present speed, direction & highest gust.
- ◆ **Wind chill:** Present & lowest recorded.

The date and time are also indicated for each of the above events. In general, highs and lows are displayed by pressing RECL (RECALL) once or twice. The high or low appears in the display along with the word HIGH or LOW and the words which normally accompany the function (e.g., OUTSIDE and TEMPERATURE for outside temperature) To see what time a high or low was recorded, wait a few seconds after pressing RECL. The time the high or low occurred will appear. Wait a few more seconds and the date will appear.



A few days after the installation of this instrument (in April), the weather service was predicting near hurricane force winds for Long Island. Our instrument measured a gust at **60 MPH!** As a comparison, at my house just south of Montauk Highway I recorded the highest gust at 32 MPH on the same type of instrument.

You can always check the conditions on the water by the club by logging into BSYC.COM - click on "MORE" and view the live stream - or- ([CLICK HERE](#)).

NOTE: ACCESS TO THE LIVE FEED IS NOW PASSWORD PROTECTED (Sorry, but the door was open to hackers as well as News12). THE USER NAME IS "bsyc" - PASSWORD IS "bsyc2c"

Thanks to Dominick Russo & Charlie Becker for putting in new high definition cameras!
Hot summer evenings are always cooler down at the club enjoying those cool bay breezes. Come down to the Club to enjoy them.



ENTERTAINMENT - ROSEANNE RAINIS



BSYC Super Bowl Party



Sunday Feb. 2, 5pm

Heroes, Beer, Wine & Soda

Free admission if you take the Polar Plunge on the BSYC Beach at Spinnaker



Kids and Guests Welcome!

Super Bowl Boxes Pool for Even More Fun



BSYC IN THE "OFF SEASON"



Oktoberfest
At the BSYC Annual Meeting
Friday, October 25th
Doors Open 7pm w/ Traditional Oktoberfest Foods
(Meeting begins @ 7:30)
RSVP The Russos
631-666-3309 or
DWReb@optonline.net
Bring Your Favorite German Beer, Wine - or -
German inspired Dessert or Dish to Share.



Local Beer and Wine Tasting at BSYC
Sunday, October 27th from 4:00 – 7:30pm



Hosted by - Jeanne Grampp, Betsy Mayo
Peter & Ana Espina and John & Colleen Valdini

FEATURING - Local Brewery
Destination Unknown Beer Co. - DUBCO!!

Also FEATURING - VILLA VESTE Winery -
Fabulous Organic Red and White Wines
Imported from Italy!!
Wine Tasting Instruction by local wine expert
starting at 5:00
Presenting Domestic and International Wines

Delicious Food pairings and Great music!!
If you are a beer and wine lover
DON'T MISS THIS EVENT!!



Please join us for the
Bay Shore Yacht Club Christmas Holiday Cocktail Party

ON THE WATER IN THE "OFF SEASON"



**RAY TERRY CUP
& ATLANTIQUE RENDEVOUS
COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND**



BSYC Paddlers in October



Ready for the Summer!



1st Paddle of 2020



SAILING WHILE SOCIALLY DISTANT



Sailing can be a sport that lends itself to these days of maintaining distance. As you can see from the illustration above - most sailors prefer to keep their distance from one another (Preferably behind or to leeward ;)

If you are new to the club or sailing - beginning Tuesday, June 30th (fingers crossed) and every Tuesday night thereafter a sunset sail/pursuit race takes place just east of the Brightwaters canal at Bouy #1. If you are interested in joining in the fun [click here](#) for more information or contact our fleet captain, Roger Daisley who can point you in the right direction.

The club also has a fleet of sunfish which are normally single-handed boats. **Commodore Matt Rainis would like to try and build on the enthusiastic response to last September's Sunfish sailing event by having several of mini-regattas for members over the course of the summer.** These events are not just for experienced skippers. If you can sail a Sunfish (even barely – names withheld to avoid embarrassment), you can have fun participating. As with everything these days - dates are TBD.

BOAT MAINTENANCE - HELP WANTED

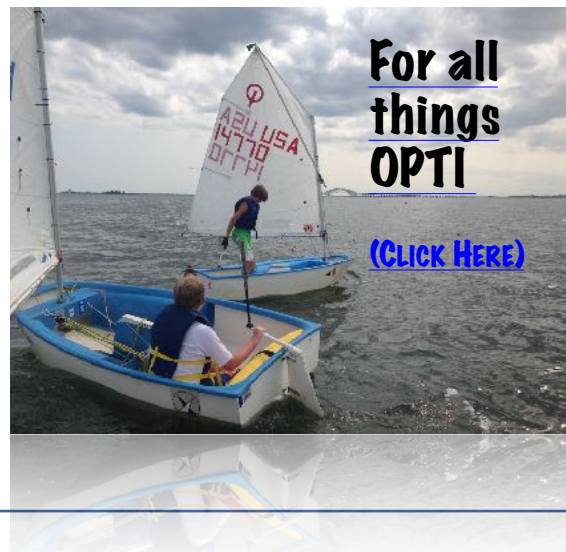


The good news is that thanks to former Boat Maintenance chair, Larry Becker - the boats were put away last fall in great shape. The other good news is we have 6 Sunfish and 7 Optis which are single handed (or 2 person = sunfish) boats with which to use for our Junior sailing program — (in addition to the Mercuries, 420s, Flying Scot and powerboats.) **But without a boat maintenance chair and people to help keep the boats sailing worthy we will have significant problems this summer with or without the issues with Social Distancing and Covid-19!**

WE NEED SOMEONE TO VOLUNTEER FOR THIS CRITICAL POSITION. Larry has offered to provide guidance but can not continue to be responsible for maintaining the fleet. We are beyond the point where we need to start unwrapping the boats for the summer and doing the work needed to have them ready. Fortunately, both the sunfish and opti are relatively simple boats in terms of their level of rigging and maintenance complexity so this summer is a perfect time to learn the ropes of this position.

A sailor's work is never done....This is a position (and committee) whose commitment is ongoing during the summer as the boats are used and abused by our junior sailors. If you have no experience - no problem - there are boats that require nothing more than a little elbow grease. If you want to know what the position entails **contact Larry via text message at 631-987-7047.**

Below are some links that might answer some questions:

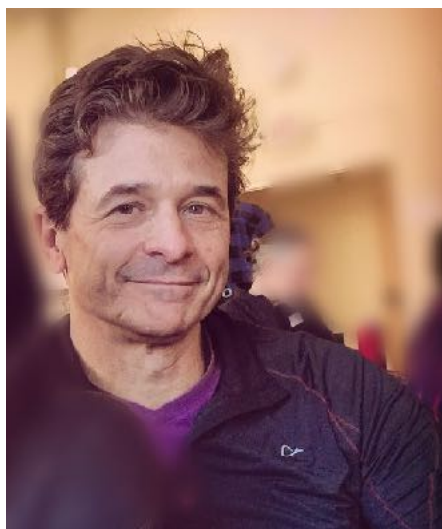
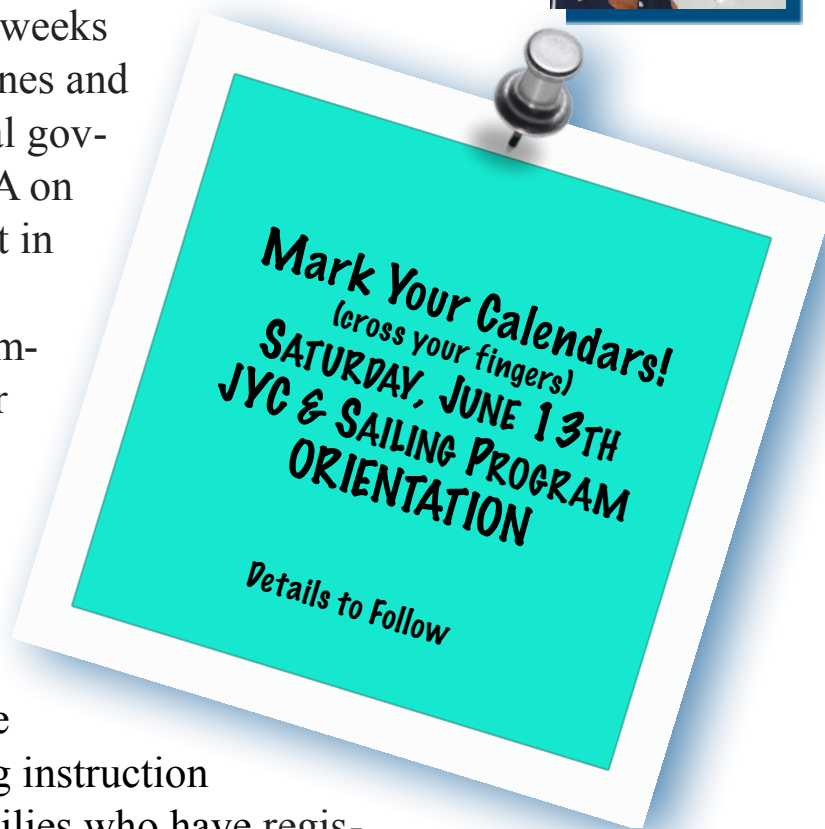


SAILING INSTRUCTION - DAVE (& SUE) DERUVO



As of right now, we are planning to run the program this summer. Over the next few weeks we will be listening out for the guidelines and recommendations of our state and local government, US Sailing, and the GSBYRA on what limitations and precautions to put in place in order to run a safe youth program. Social distancing through limited use of multi-handed boats, smaller class sizes, washing of boats and equipment between each use may be necessary.

Over the winter an "advisory committee" has met to help me develop the short and long term goals of the sailing instruction program. Already we have twenty families who have registered their children for classes! Obviously, we are all anxious for the summer to start where we left off last year, but given the uncertainties ask for your patience as we navigate these uncharted waters.



We have selected a new head instructor for this summer, Drew Goodwin. He lives in Islip and together with his partner, Gina Lee, is the owner of Barefoot Yoga on Main Street in Bay Shore. He has tremendous experience with sailing instruction for both youth and adults. We are very please to have him aboard!

Instructor Alysa Jette has committed to returning to our program this summer as has Helena Schnorr.

IN MEMORIAM

During the season of Halloween/All Saints and All Souls Days, we bid bon voyage to three people who made an indelible mark on our club. They leave behind a legacy of encouragement and support of boating at the BSYC and on the Great South Bay.



Adolph was a character with a dry wit and commentary. He and his late wife Carol loved being on the water and were very active members of the club. In his later years Adolf would drive his big Cadillac down to the club and his boat where he could be found sitting on its stern watching the comings and goings of members. He reluctantly gave up the keys to his beloved boat the Carol Jean when he was well in his 80s. A life-long resident of Bay Shore, long time member and former Commodore of the BSYC, Adolph was beloved by the “younger members” (who were the same vintage as his children Gretchen Douglas and Bill) for the many stories and observations he would share.



If you've ever sailed on the Great South Bay over the course of the last 50 years you know how passionate **Diane** was about sailing. She made sure you knew it and was not afraid to tell you that you should share her enthusiasm for the sport. A fierce competitor, Diane was quick to tell you her green Narrasketuck, “Slime” definitely had the right of way! Diane was the sailing instruction chair for many years and along with her husband Glen - promoted youth sailing up and down the bay. Underneath her feisty and salty ways she had a soft spot for children and they and their parents returned the sentiment. Her love of sailing, the bay and our club was passed down not only to her daughters, Past Commodore Melodie Linekin and Gretchen Stang but to many of the club's children who now have children of their own.



John worked tirelessly for our community - as a NYS legislator, Suffolk County treasurer and most importantly as an officer in the US Navy and Naval Reserve. As a BSYC flag officer, he was instrumental in moving the club from the Bay Shore marina to its current location. John and his wife Betty's tenure as Commodore was filled with the hard work of getting us settled into our current location. Like Adolph, John was a graduate of Bay Shore High School. And like Diane, John encouraged youth to get out on the water. His grandchildren learned how to sail off the BSYC. In his capacity as a Blue and Gold officer, he helped high school graduates obtain appointments to the US Naval Academy in Annapolis. His daughter and fellow member Betsy (Mayo) continues his commitment to our club and community.

***We wish fair winds and following seas
to our members who have sailed off on their final voyage.***

Past Commodore (1989) Adolph Linden (1928-2019)
Past Commodore (1977-'78) John Cochrane, Sr. (1930-2019)
Diane Schmidt(1937-2019)

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631-666-6372 - or - Darlene at 631-220-8379 with questions
or suggestions.**

GSBYRA NEWS

- GLENN SCHMIDT



Welcome to Summer 2020 everybody!

Make sure to pick up and take a look at the GSBYRA yearbook which is included in your annual packet distributed after Flag Raising.

This booklet is especially helpful for our younger sailors who can find information on qualifications for GSBYRA sailing grants (scholarships). NOTE: COVID-19 CONTINUES TO CAUSE CANCELLATIONS AND POSTPONEMENTS AT ALL LEVELS OF SAILING --- US SAILING, RSA'S AND LSO'S, IMPACTING EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE SAILING COMMUNITY.

"To sail a boat is to negotiate a life... As humans, we live with the constant presumption of dominion. We believe that we own the world, that it belongs to us, that we have it under our firm control. But the sailor knows all too well the fallacy of this view."

Richard Bode, Author - *FIRST YOU HAVE TO ROW A LITTLE BOAT*
The author learned about sailing and life lessons while sailing on the Great South Bay.
[Click Here for more information](#)

ALL ABOUT OUR BURGEES - CHARLIE BECKER



Thanks to our membership, the Bay Shore Yacht Club's colorful hanging Burgee Collection presently numbers 315! Our *World Wide Collection* consists of burgees donated or traded by our club members. The details and donor's names are posted on the list hanging by the trophy case in the Commodore's room or [on our website](#).

The list is alphabetical by state/country. The list locates a particular burgee's information. If you see a blank space on this list and know the information that is missing please contact me so I can make the update.

Listed below are the COUNTRIES and STATES that members have visited and secured burgees for our club's display. Our dated records start with 1985 but some were donated before then. () Indicates # of different burgees from this location.

COUNTRIES

Antigua (1)	Argentina (1)	Australia (9)	Barbados (1)
Bermuda (2)	British Virgin Islands (2)	Canada (2)	Canary Islands (1)
Cayman Islands (1)	Chile (1)	China (1)	Cuba (2)
Denmark (1)	England (6)	Germany (1)	Ireland (3)
Jamaica (2)	Martinique (1)	New Zealand (1)	Panama (1)
Portugal (2)	Puerto Rico (2)	Singapore (1)	South Africa (2)
Spain (1)	Sweden (1)	Thailand (1)	United Kingdom (1)
United States (1)	Uruguay (1)	US Virgin Islands (1)	Wales (1)

STATES

Alaska (1)	Arizona (2)	California (17)	Colorado (1)	Connecticut (25)
Florida (44)	Hawaii (4)	Illinois (2)	Louisiana (2)	Maine (5)
Maryland (7)	Massachusetts (14)	Michigan (3)	New Jersey (8)	New York (78)
North Carolina (4)	Ohio (3)	Oklahoma (1)	Oregon (1)	Pennsylvania (2)
Rhode Island (10)	South Carolina (7)	Texas (4)	Utah (1)	Virginia (4)
Washington (4)	Wisconsin (1)	"Paper Plate Club" (1)		

YOU can add to our collection and help make our club rafters more colorful. Next time you plan a vacation or are just "out of town," **take your Bay Shore Yacht Club membership card and look up the local yacht club.** Many clubs offer reciprocity which would entitle you to the use of their facilities, including lounges and restaurants. You must pay for your purchases. Check our main hall showcase for special invitations. **When visiting you can purchase or agree to trade a burgee.** Please first check the "Burgee List" on-line or down at the club by the trophy case. The link is provided above.

If you do secure a burgee for our collection please (on a piece of paper attached to the burgee) print the club's name, city, state (or country), and your name. You can then give it to me or drop it thru my mail slot at home. I will then make up the plaque and add your name to an updated listing. After all, we still have a few more feet of rafter space available to decorate. Recently, there were two unidentified burgees. We discovered one was old and faded but we discovered its from the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club! The other hailed from Clearwater Yacht Club.

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