



BARNEGAT BAY YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION

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Dear Members,

December 9, 2020

For over 100 years, the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association has been instrumental in supporting sailing on the bay. A wonderful and unique quality of sailors is our ability to adapt and change to meet the conditions we encounter, and this year has been a testament to that spirit! As we look towards next year, we need your financial help to continue to achieve our sailing and organizational goals, in whatever conditions we encounter. While registration and membership fees are important, they are not enough to sustain the organization for all the work we do on Barnegat Bay. Your donation helps us to fund educational projects, safety initiatives, and program equipment for junior sailing. I want to take this opportunity to share what we do and thank you for supporting us with both your time and your money. We are a volunteer organization and each of you is critical to our continued success.

Through the years, groups of dedicated and diverse volunteers have spent hours preparing for the season and managing it once underway. Each year, this group meets the challenges before them and provides a unique sailing experience not found anywhere else in our country. We have invested countless time and energy in improving our racing infrastructure as well as the experience of each sailor every time they launch their craft. Some of our initiatives implemented and new ones underway include:

1. Seminars
2. Trainings
3. Junior programs
4. Community outreach
5. Website
6. Scoring System

From sailing instructions, course configuration, and race management the BBYRA has excelled. Hosting seminars, trainings, and adding EMT patrols to our racecourses have been welcome additions.

The BBYRA provides youth sports opportunities for junior sailors by supporting a fleet of FJs for high school sailors and Ribcraft support boats for local and national junior events held in our area. The Ribcraft boats are supplied to each club along with ongoing boat maintenance. These boats are available for clubs to use for their own junior and adult sailing programs throughout the season.

Community outreach is part of our mission and last year BBYRA supported the Rocking the Boat campaign. Our member clubs came together to provide both on-water and financial support. The campaign was a huge success raising over \$129,000 for Rocking the Boat. Pictures of the inspiring day of community support are available on our new website.

That's right! Our new site is now bringing us together and communicating in ways we never had before. Fleet pages with scoring, news and calendars have been arranged for easy updating and quick access. A generous donation has provided the funds to hire a professional photographer to capture photos of all fleets in 2021 and post them on the new website each week. The site will also contain our archived information.

A new scoring system is being implemented this year with the goal of getting the scores quickly posted to the website. Thanks to PC Jack Heacock for all his scoring and historical archiving service and for being so helpful in this transition.

The BBYRA is very special to us all and has had significant meaning in our lives. This labor of love takes time and people, but also takes money. We are so appreciative of your support in the past and encourage you to help us continue to expand our impact on the bay. This year, we have benefitted from donations to support the new website, photography and our marketing initiative.

As a 501(c)(3) corporation, your donations are fully tax deductible. We meet our operating expenses through dues and registration but are able to expand and sustain our support through willing volunteers and generous donations from you.

Please think about the great times you've had and want your families to have in the future sailing on the bay. Hopefully, you'll see the value not only in each flag hung in your homes and clubs but in the memories, friendships and experiences that have helped shape lives. I look forward to being Commodore this year and serving such a fine organization and group to the best of my ability.

To make it easy for you, please use the attached form to mail with your donation. To donate with a credit card or if you are interested in donating appreciated securities, please contact me or Rob Vogel treasurer@bbyra.org and we can help with the process.

I thank you in advance for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Allan Terhune Sr
Commodore BBYRA

