



BARNEGAT BAY YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION  
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Dear Sailors and Friends,

December 7, 2024

We are all fortunate to have access to Barnegat Bay, one of the premier sailing venues in the country. Thank you for your part in making BBYRA a success. There are hundreds of people giving their time year-round to make the BBYRA function. From volunteers at host yacht clubs to race committee members on the water every week, club officers, fleet liaisons, committee members, and sailors, just to name a few. We could also not function without your generous financial support.

The flurry of activity on Saturday morning, as sailors prepare for a day of racing, is a 111-year tradition repeated weekly during the season. The gathering at a different yacht club every Summer Saturday afternoon and watching historic trophies being won is a wonderful way for the sailors and race committee to end their day. The BBYRA is part of the fabric of our lives. Our yacht clubs are decorated with championship flags dating back to 1914, honoring memories of sailors who we have known in the past. More inspiring are the junior programs being run at each club, teaching skills that will one day lead to new bay championship flags.

Sharing our love of sailing is important to each of us and part of the mission of the BBYRA. Because of your generosity, we expanded our support for sailing far beyond Saturday racing. During this past year we have:

- Built excitement and opportunities to learn how to foil at a clinic hosted by IHYC
- Maintained foiling equipment available to all clubs
- Provided opportunities for race committee members, junior sailing instructors and BBYRA members to attend CPR classes and first aid training
- Provided officer training opportunities through US Sailing
- Continued supporting high school sailing in the fall and spring at TRYC
- Provided grants to local sailors who represented the BBYRA at national and

international regattas

- Supported the Tri Boro First Aid Squad, which kindly helps us with safety patrols during our Championship Series.

The BBYRA's outreach has yielded some heartwarming results. We have Sea Scouts participate on the race committee boats, learning about sailboat racing and race management, and even learning and practicing radio communication weekly. Through our partnership with the Sea Scouts, we have introduced these young adults to the joys of our sport. The NJISA has been hugely successful with its fleet, which is used for high school sailing most fall weekends at Toms River Yacht Club.

Plans are underway for the 2025 events, where we will continue engaging youth and building enthusiasm for sailing on Barnegat Bay. Thank you for helping to make the BBYRA as successful as it is today. Please join me in generously supporting us as we enter the next stage of expanding the reach of our wonderful organization while maintaining the historical aspect that made BBYRA what it is today. Your gift makes a difference.

On behalf of everyone at the BBYRA, we want to extend our deepest gratitude for your continued support. We wish you a joyous and peaceful holiday season and look forward to seeing you on the water in 2025.

Warmly,



Christina P. Connell  
Commodore BBYRA



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Thank you for your tax-deductible contribution. It is very much appreciated and will be acknowledged.

Please mail payment with this form to: Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association  
PO Box 5422  
Toms River NJ 08754

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