



Dear Friends,

December, 2025

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 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 awarded 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 supported sailing far beyond Saturday racing. During this past year we have:

- Maintained foiling equipment available to all yacht club junior sailing programs.
- Provided opportunities for race committee members, junior sailing instructors, and BBYRA members to attend CPR classes and first aid training.
- Provided race officer and club judge training opportunities through US Sailing
- Continued supporting high school sailing in the fall and spring at TRYC.
- Supported Sunfish sailors going to the Sunfish World Championship in Ecuador.
- Contributed to the first World Sneakbox World Championship to encourage rehabilitation of these beautiful classic wood boats.



The BBYRA's outreach program has also yielded some heartwarming results.

- The Sea Scouts participated on race committee patrol boats, learning about sailboat racing, race management, and practicing radio communication during our weekly race days.
- The NJ Interscholastic Sailing Association has been hugely successful with its fleet of Flying Junior sailboats which are used for high school sailing most of the fall and spring weekends at Toms River Yacht Club.

Plans are underway for the 2026 season, 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 the 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.

Regards,

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Commodore