# RIVER VIEWS

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE MANASQUAN RIVER YACHT CLUB

Annual Eggnog Cocktail Party
Saturday, December 4th from

5 to 7pm
Complimentary beer, wine and hors d'oeuvres.

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This is a Members Only event!



Thank you to the Ferrara family who donated this awesome air hockey table!
Huge shout out to Fleet
Captain Kevin Carton and his son Sean for picking it up and setting it up in the lower level! Our younger members are sure to enjoy this addition to the club.

## A NOTE FROM THE COMMODORE

#### **COMMODORE BETH BACCARO**

## Volunteer of the Month: Bryan Smith

It is with great pleasure that Manasquan River Yacht Club has selected Bryan Smith as December's Volunteer of the Month!

Bryan is a wonderful example of the volunteer spirit at MRYC. Bryan and his wife, Stephanie have been members since 2012 and have always worked tirelessly to help with any work that needs to be accomplished around the Club. As a member of the Dock & Harbor Committee, Bryan is always ready to lend a hand to get things done. Bryan can be found at every Spring and Fall Clean Up Days and tackles the toughest projects. Bryan can also be found at almost every sailing event on the MRYC calendar volunteering his time to the patrol boats.

Not only is Bryan very active on the water and with Dock & Harbor, he can frequently be found on the tennis courts playing a sport he loves and supporting all the scheduled tennis events. Most of all, Bryan and his wife love to be out on the water in their family boat, Godspeed. We are very grateful for all the hard work Bryan devotes to Manasquan River Yacht Club and we wish Bryan and his family many more years of enjoyment at MRYC.



# ROOTS...A Look Back Through MRYC's History

This column each month will look back to the future -- the people, places and events through MRYC's 120-year history. You'll see that some things have changed...while other things have remained quite the same.

#### A New "Winterized" Home on the River

Today, we all take for granted our year-round fun and friends at MRYC. And even more so with the addition of the bar and Bluffs. With winter coming on, think about this: there was no "winter" at MRYC for the first half of our history. Until 1962, MRYC was a summeronly club, with the exception of Board meetings off-premises. The old clubhouse opened in late June and closed just after Labor Day. Screens were stored, the water turned off and the club's only boat at that time, a rowboat, plus a few sneakbox sailboat, were stored under the clubhouse.

That all changed in 1962, when a new modern clubhouse was born. It was an ambitious undertaking, after raising \$33,000 from members through 105 pledges for non-interest bearing bonds. Although the entire project would cost about \$75,000, it was worth much more than that from the beginning, with time and material largely donated by members. After one last blow-out party capping the 1961 summer season, the old clubhouse was torn down, reportedly a traumatic event for many members. And then everyone rolled up their sleeves. A club Trustee and well known contractor personally supervised the building, while yet-to-be Commodores Ward Wight, Jim Kelly and Carl Wiedmann, plus many others, did much of the interior work. Look for their photos in the Bridge Room! And the next time you're in the clubhouse for dinner or at the bar, look up. The strong graceful arches forming the ribs of the main deck emulate ribs of a ship and were transported by train from the Pacific coast, each in one piece! These massive piers support the 4-inch thick all-wood ceiling, which ultimately was blanketed with the acoustic tiles you still see today, to subdue noise levels.

All through the winter of 1962, with snow on the ground, members and builders worked. On a warm June evening in 1962—four months after John Glenn first orbited earth-- the new clubhouse was officially dedicated. A milestone for sure—for this was much more than a modern, bigger roof over the Membership's heads. It was winterized. Complete with a big, cozy fireplace. After final interior touches that fall and winter, so began true year-round club life.

MRYC's first pool party, Halloween fest, Thanksgiving dinner, and New Year's Eve celebration all debuted in 1963. In fact, Sr. Entertainment made a profit of \$2,000 that year! And reservations always neared capacity. Even sailing expanded into the colder months. The first Frostbite Series, which was actually a fall series rather than the later winter-long series, was in 1961, as the building process was just underway.

So, winter on with warm thoughts at MRYC this season. Next month we'll go back to the very beginning of how MRYC's property moved and grew, and our clubhouses evolved from an ice cream parlor!

## REGATTA COMMITTEE UPDATES

### **REAR COMMODORE ED FLYNN**

Thank you to Win Miller for images from the annual Mike Cunningham Memorial race.

\*SAVE THE DATE: Sailing Awards Dinner is Saturday, December 11th at 6pm





## Women's Auxiliary Ladies Night Out

Thank you to everyone who came out to another successful Ladies Night Out! It was a lovely evening enjoyed by all who attended.





## **MRYC BOOK CLUB**



MRYC Book Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 where we share a light meal and adult beverages while discussing some awesome books.

Everyone is welcome! Depending upon weather, we meet on The Bluffs or in the Clubhouse.

### **December**

The Lager Queen of Minnesota by J. Ryan Stradal

### **January**

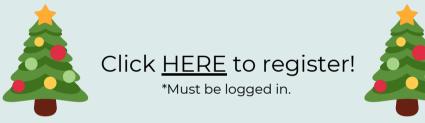
The Midnight Library by Matt Haig

Lots of great books to curl up with! Join us to talk about them! For more information contact Sharon Borgatti at scborgatti@gmail.com.

## ENTERTAINMENT UPDATES

## Christmas Voyage Dinner

Holiday Wine Dinner featuring the Reyla culinary team and Katie Califano with Fedway. Price includes five courses with wine pairings inspired by traditional Christmas dishes from around the world.



# The Entertainment Committee Presents:

# NEW YEAR'S EWE





SAVE THE DATE - 12/31/21 - DETAILS TO COME!

## **BBYRA** - Call For Race Committee Volunteers

During our shortened 2020 Pandemic season and 2021 season, we kept the on-water Regatta Committee small and socially distanced. Now with our 2022 season ahead of us, we need to reinvigorate the RC team. So, this is a call for volunteers past and new to join the group!

Would you like to spend some of your Saturdays on the water? Would you like to provide valuable help and learn how a regatta is run? We always have jobs for newbies who want to learn and for returning experienced volunteers. Not to worry, you will always be assisting an experienced Regatta Committee Member.

Our day starts early, at 7:30 am at the host club, and we get back between 4-5 pm. Lunches are provided, and there is usually some type of social event at the host club after racing.

There are numerous boats used to conduct the races:

- Committee Boat (Start Boat) manages the races
- Line Boat sets the starting pin, leeward marks, and the downwind finish mark
- Dog Leg Finish Boat records finishes and works with members of the Scorer's team
- Mark Set Boat sets the windward mark, offset, short leeward, and upwind finish mark
- Upwind Finish Boat records finishes and works with members of the Scorer's team

So How Can You Help if you Barely Know Port from Starboard? Can you use a clipboard to write down sail numbers?

Then you could work on the Start Boat to record boats checking in before the race, and you will learn to identify the different race classes. You might also work on the Finish Boat to record sail numbers called out by the line judge.

Can you inflate/deflate marks and drop them in the water or lift them out?

Then you could work on the Mark Set or Line Boat under the direction of a senior RC member. As you learn different jobs, you might also advance to other tasks such as:

- Radio Operator
- Tracker
- Course Board Operator
- Signal Flags
- Cannon Operator
- Wind Reader
- Line Call, and others

Please have your Commodore add you to their BBYRA Regatta Committee list for 2022. You can also email me directly with questions. Our season will start in late June and end on the first Saturday in September. Our final schedule will be available soon.

Regards, Scott Yates BBYRA Vice Commodore scott.yates001@gmail.com

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And Barnegat Light

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