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From the Commodore

Our season is off to a great start. The Easter Brunch was a rousing success. The kitchen staff of Chef Al, Sous Chef Andrew, and Sous Chef Dan outdid themselves serving a delicious buffet. Mother's Day is upon us, and the Yacht Club will honor our Mothers with an equally excellent repast.

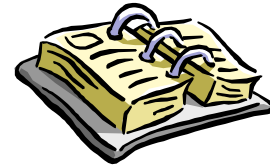
Other exciting developments around the club include the newly reorganized Ship's Store. Among the recent arrivals is a calendar featuring scenes from Yap and other club activities. The club events are noted on each month for your convenience. Coffee mugs with a new club logo are a good gift for Mother's Day. In the offering are a club T with the past year book covers screened on the back to commemorate 80 years of YCSH and coasters with the club burgee and sail boat on opposing sides.

The Grille Room is in full operation to full reservations each weekend. A new concept this year is the revolving menu featuring innovative dishes which change biweekly. The salad bar has been expanded to rave revues by all who have partaken. The excellence of the grille room presages an exciting dining experience in the main dining room.

If you are looking for a quick bite, please consider joining the sailors for a simple lunch and beverage after their Saturday sail. The deck has been newly renovated with tables and chairs. This is a spectacular location to spend a Saturday noon enjoying tall tales of sailing, excellent food, and a beautiful view.

More great social events are in store for the season with special dinners, entertainment and family fun. Please note these events both in the calendar and quadfold and get ready for a wonderful season.

A. David Johnson, Jr., Commodore



Coming Events

- Now - Every Friday & Saturday Night - **Grille Room open at 6 pm**
- Sunday, May 10 - **Mother's Day Brunch, 11:30 am**
- Saturday, May 23 - **New Members Orientation - 10 am, Photography Meeting- 11:30 am, Flag Raising Ceremony, 6 pm**
- Wednesday, June 10 - **Bridge Lessons - 10 am, First Duplicate Bridge - 7 pm**
- Friday, June 12 - **Golf Outing**
- Friday, June 19 - **First Book Discussion Group - 10:30 am**
- Thursday, June 25 - **Women's Organizational Tea, 3 to 5 pm**



In Memoriam

The Club mourns the death of Past Commodore Greg Hufner, who passed away on Wednesday, April 29. Greg gave unselfishly of himself so that the Yacht Club would be a place where we would all feel welcome. His quiet presence was ever a support for the Flag Officers and the Board of the Club.

A. David Johnson, Jr.
Commodore



Blinker Schedule

<u>Deadline for Articles</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
May 13	May 20
May 27	June 3
June 10	June 17

The deadline for each issue is 5 pm on the **Wednesday** before Issue Date. Please e-mail your copy to me at blinker@ycsh.org to work out getting me your copy.

Ron Workman, Blinker Editor



**Miner's
Gems**



Hello YCSH Members

We are still hard at work finishing up the final details of our renovation and are all anxiously waiting the arrival of summer. These recent hot days gave us hope for an early summer. Although without all of this rain we would not have the beautiful May flowers. We have learned to take the good with the bad.

As Mother's Day approaches, keep in mind our fabulous tradition of the Mother's Day Brunch. Chef Al and his crew have created another marvelous menu to keep all diners pleased and full. There is an article in this blinker describing what our talented culinary staff is cooking up. The Commodore and his wife Joanna have also decided to include a complimentary Peach Bellini for each mother in attendance. If you enjoy Peach Schnapps and Champagne garnished with

a fresh peach, come and enjoy.

Our YAP program will see another great season, with almost everyone making it in by the deadline. We have purchased a few new boats and have reorganized the boat yard again. We are constantly trying to make this program and this club better for all of our members and guests. Check out the rest of the blinker for the new boat yard layout and get your rack rental form sent in. The rack rental form has a place for your email address, please include one, we will be sending out an early warning on severe weather alerts so you can take preventative measures to ensure your boats safety.

If you are not receiving our club wide emails with weekly updates, please call the club with your updated information.

The staff and I are looking forward to a great summer season.

Peter Miner, General Manager



Kenny Griffin Wins MAYRA Awards

At the annual MAYRA awards dinner, Kenny Griffin was recognized for finishing second place among all Optimist sailors in the MAYRA circuit for the 2008 season. Kenny was also recognized for his qualification for the Midget finals competition held at Tred Avon Yacht Club in Oxford, MD. Kenny not only distinguished himself as the most active travelling sailor from YCSH, but he sailed in more MAYRA regattas than any of the other 48 travelling Optimist sailors from the 15 MAYRA Yacht Clubs.



Book Discussion Group

First Meeting will be Friday, June 19 at 10:30 am
"The Soloist" by Steve Lopez

Friday, July 17
"Baker Towers" by Jennifer Haigh

Friday, August 21
"Tallgrass" by Sandra Dallas

The Atlantic Bookshop on 96th Street will stock each selection. Mention the YCSH to receive our discount. Call Jean Hepke if you have any questions.



Attention All Photographers!

The Photo Committee will be meeting on May 23rd at 11:30 am. We are looking for volunteers to take shots at the various events held throughout the season. No experience needed - just carry a camera with you. If you have helped us in the past, please attend our meeting, but if you haven't and would like to get involved please plan on attending. Get some use out of that new digital camera!

Scott Jarden



Women's Organizational Tea

All Women are invited to an organizational tea on Thursday, June 25 from 3 to 5 pm at the Club. We'll supply tables and chairs for all committees that would like to participate, with committee chairs only needing to supply sign up sheets, which should include the title of the event, date, time and cost, as well as a place for volunteers to sign up, if needed. Call Judi Wochok or Judy Phelps with any questions. Committee Chairs are asked to let us know if you need a table. This is a great event for the women of the club to get together, to get involved in one or more committees, and to be able to sign up for events you'd like to attend!

Please RSVP by Thursday, June 19, 2009 to the YCSH Office

Judi Wochok, Judy Phelps
Co-Chairs



Boat Slip Available

Erik Zapf has a boat slip available for rent at \$1,700 for the season. Please call if you are interested.



Duplicate Bridge Starts Early

Even though the calendar states that the first game will be June 17th, we're going to begin the games this season on June 10th beginning at 7 pm. Come join us for a fun evening. Any questions, call Kay Wade.

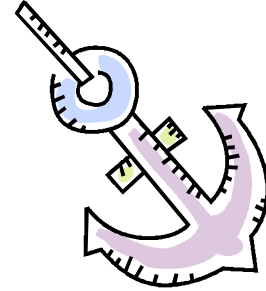
Bridge Lessons

Bridge Lessons are being offered again this year at the Intermediate Level. Lessons will begin on June 10 and last for 11 weeks, with no lessons the week of July 1 because of the Regional Philadelphia Tournament. Lessons will begin promptly at 10 am and last about 2 hours, with 1 hour for a lecture and 1 hour for playing practice hands.

There is a limited amount of space, so sign up early at Fbeisel@aol.com to ensure a place. There is no charge for the lessons except for the cost of a student book.

Correction

In the recently published Committee Chairs list, Barbara Chatham and June Duncan were listed as Chairs of Thursday evening Contract Bridge, while the actual chairs are June & Lee Duncan and Barbara & John Chatham. This is an equal opportunity committee. Sorry for the confusion.



Stone Harbor Museum to add Nautical Section

Bill Stump and Jim Wren have been given the go ahead to establish a Nautical section of the Stone Harbor Museum in the garage behind the Museum at 253 93rd Street.

They are requesting help from current and retired sailors in rounding up photos, articles, models, surviving hulls, etc. of each of the one design sailboats that have raced as a fleet at the Club between the 1930s and today. This includes Comet, Moth, Sunfish, GP-14, Laser, Cheetah Cat, 420, Flying Scot, Sunray, Pram, Opti and any others. They would appreciate any ideas you might offer.

They also plan a special recognition of Edme and Bebe Deschamps' contribution to the whole sailing program at the Club. Please contact Bill or Jim if you wish to contribute anything or be a part of this effort.



Ahoy New Members!

Please join us for an Orientation on Saturday, May 23 at 10 am. The Flag Officers, Trustees and key Staff Members will be there to give you an overview of the club and this season's activities, and lead tours of the facility. Questions? Call Janis Abraham or email janisabe@gmail.com.



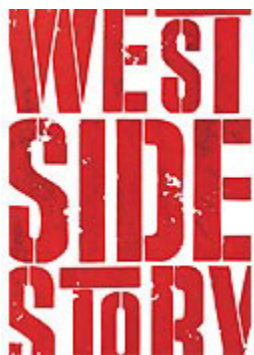
YCSH Golf Outing

It's time now to save Friday June 12 as our Annual Outing to the Avalon Golf Club. Registration Form and details will be available shortly. Any questions, call Miles Truesdell.



NYC Trips

There are two trips planned to New York City this summer



West Side Story

The classic American musical returns to Broadway.

The story of *Romeo and Juliet* is transported to the turbulent streets of New York City in the 1950s. Star-crossed lovers are caught between rival street gangs. Directed by librettist Arthur Laurents, the show features Leonard Bernstein

and Stephen Sondheim's legendary score.

This will be on Wednesday, July 15. We have orchestra tickets for \$175 pp and balcony for \$115. The price includes a great lunch in NYC and deluxe bus transportation as well as all taxes and gratuities.

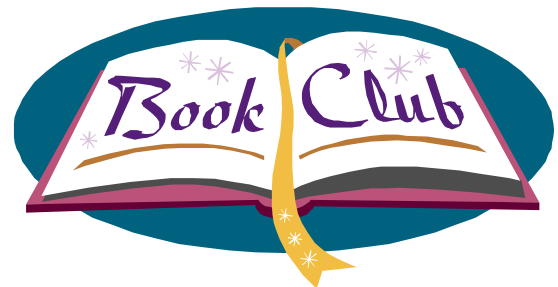
The Marvelous Wonderettes

A must-take musical trip down memory lane.

Go to the 1958 Springfield High School prom and meet the Wonderettes - four girls with hopes and dreams as big as their crinoline skirts. The girls perform classic '50s and '60s songs such as "Lollipop," "Dream Lover," "Stupid Cupid," "Lipstick on Your Collar," "Hold Me, Thrill Me, Kiss Me," "It's My Party" and more.

This trip will be on Wednesday August 5. The price is \$115 pp for orchestra tickets and will include a great lunch in NYC and deluxe bus transportation as well as all taxes and gratuities.

Please call the club to reserve your ticket today!! You can email Mary Lide at marylide@aol.com or call her for any other questions or more info.



Girl's Book Club

The first meeting of the Girl's Book Club will be on Tuesday, July 7 from 4 - 5 pm. Donna Van Horn and Kathy Hallamore will be chairing the club. Please email Kathy at hotch56@gmail.com with any questions, and call the club if you're planning to attend so that Kathy & Donna can prepare for all of you.