Greetings NBYC from your Vice Commodore,

The days are still chilly but the sun is out more and more every day. That means we will soon be enjoying another season at Normandy Beach Yacht Club. To that end, your line, board and holding company have been busy getting the club ready for another great summer.

First, Junior Sailing news. I’m happy to announce that Jesse Leffler has stepped in as our new Junior Sailing Coordinator. A HUGE THANKS to Amy Schwartz for all her service last year and for leaving Jesse everything she needs to continue the growth of the program. We have a great lineup of instructors this year with Thomas Deloy as head instructor and Sydney Mihalko, Alex Emmons and James McCarthy rounding out the crew. Be on the lookout for a future email with registration information for this great program.

I have reached out to the membership regarding dockage and have heard from several of you. Anyone else looking to keep their boat at the club for the summer, please reach out to me to see if we have room. I ask that you fill out the contract even if using the lift, so we have a record. The lift charge for sailboats stored on the hard is $300 for the season.

Since we are a YACHT club, I want to inform you of the sailing activities we have at NBYC. I am happy to report the Race Committee is ready and waiting to run our Sunday Sailing Series that will kick off on June 22, 2025. Big props to Fleet Captain Kevin Kollar getting the Ellis and the new Parker in great shape for the race committee. Link for registration for Sunday Races is here:

<https://theclubspot.com/dashboard/regatta/W8rNlLfLMD/>

The increased fleet of Sunfish is a testament to the popularity of Sunfish Sailing Night, otherwise known as Thirsty Thursday Sunfish Sailing. This somewhat informal series will start on June 26,2025. No registration is required and fun is the focus here. The race is run in our own little cove and quite visible from the club. We have had some very memorable times in the last few years with great crowds in attendance cheering the fleet on. The race is followed by a legendary NBYC sunset more often than not. Time to be announced, but something near 5-530 for captains meeting. The big news is that we are planning on a more formal Sunday Sunfish Racing Program. Details are still being worked out, but since we have had an explosion of people interested in sailing the humble but surprisingly sporty little boat, we want to establish a racing fleet with all the formal rules and competetive spirit. We are looking at a Sunday morning 10 am time to not interfere with the Sanderlings, Sandpipers and Auxilliary fleet. The fee for sailing either series (or both) will be the same. More details to follow.

For those of you who don't sail but have an interest, we will be having 2 sailing clinics staffed by some of our volunteer sailors. We had some weather issues last year, so look for another email with dates (and rain dates). This is a good way to see how much fun sailing is and get a start.

One last note. I personally would like to invite members who are somewhat interested/curious about sailing to take advantage of the opportunities of the club. From personal experience, I came to the club with nearly no sailing experience. I observed how much fun sailing seemed to be, got involved, slowly, and now, can say I can flip any sailboat in the fleet! Come out to watch, crew a race boat, take a lesson, borrow a sunfish, go out on the bay with one of our very accomplished sailors, take a chance! You may find yourself asking for dockage for a 28 foot sailboat in a little bit. Sailors are a fun loving bunch who are happy to share their love for the sport. It is a yacht club, after all!

Cheers! See you soon!

Rob Brautigan

Vice Commodore 2025

Some dates on events with details to follow:

Sunfish Regatta June 14

July 20 Mid Bay Race (@NBYC)

August 10 Mid Bay Race (@SAYC)

Junior Sailing June 23-Aug 20

BBYRA Day August 9