



April 2, 2024

From the Desk of the Commodore:

On behalf of Chair Brigid Smircich, Vice Chair Dan Kane and the entire Normandy Beach Yacht Club Board, welcome to the 2024 season. The weather is not ready yet, but we are. Thanks to the efforts of many throughout the winter, we all hope to provide you an exciting and enjoyable summer at the Club filled with entertainment, food, camaraderie and, of course, sailing!

Let me start by laying out the **Hosted Summer Schedule**, events that are made possible by the efforts and enjoyment of your fellow members. If you have any questions about an event, feel free to contact me, or our hosts – I encourage any of you to join in the volunteerism and ask if you can help and learn how easy and fun it is to contribute to bringing these events to life.

Date	Event	Host
Saturday, May 4, 2024	Flag Raising/Kentucky Derby	Bob and Carole Ceresi
Saturday, May 25, 2024	5th Annual Corn Hole Tournament	Tyler and Rachel Hoops
Saturday, June 8, 2024	Second Annual Sunfish Regatta	Vice Commodore Wayne McCaughey
Saturday, June 29, 2024	Commodore Cocktail Party	Commodore Mark Connell
Saturday, July 6, 2024	Local Smoke Barbecue Bash	Loren and Steve Raab and Family
Sunday, July 7, 2024	Barnegat Oyster Collective Day	Robert and Nancy Palmisano
Friday, July 12, 2024	The E STREET BAND CONCERT	Jim Dunkley and his Friends
Saturday, July 13, 2024	Italian Night	Michael and Kathleen Conte and Kelly and Danny Loughlin
Friday, July 19, 2024	The JOE BARACATA CONCERT	The Jago Kid
Saturday, July 20, 2024	Beef Steak Bonanza	Zusi Family
Friday, July 26, 2024	Comedian Michael Somerville	Brendan and Karen Maher
Saturday, July 27, 2024	Lobster night	The Kirby Families
Saturday, August 3, 2024	Prom Night	Gus and Cindy Diaz
Friday, August 9, 2024	Entertainer Jimmy Keys	The Florida Guys
Saturday, August 10, 2024	BBYRA Hawian Night	Connell Family
Saturday, August 17, 2024	World Famous Irish Night	Jim and Carolyn Dunkley and Clan
Friday, August 23, 2024	The CLIFFS CONCERT	The Other Jago Kid
Saturday, August 24, 2024	Fiesta Night	The Gates Family
Saturday, August 31, 2024	New Member Night	TBD

Steve and Vin are back to assist with any event, as well as continue to ply us with refreshment and nourishment, if you know what I mean. They both are looking forward to helping members any way they can. Which doesn't mean when you are around, you can't ask how you might be able to help them.

As you can see from above, the weekends during the season are chock full of events. But wait, there is more, and the entire calendar will be published soon.

After Flag Raising, and we ease towards the opening of the full season, the weekends are littered with some private events and special activities – including but not only, Cinco De Mayo Party, the Fifth Annual Corn Hole tournament, and a Memorial Day Grill Night, the Second Annual NBYC Sunfish Regatta and Party, Sailabration, and Father's Day with Rich Meyers. Details will be forthcoming. And any weekend day that an event is not occurring, the bar will be open and appetizers will be available.

The full season starts Wednesday June 26 with the Bar and Kitchen in full force – Thirsty Lobsters and Vinnies Pub Food await. The bar and kitchen will be open Wednesdays through Sundays throughout the summer – Sunfish Racing on Thursdays, Trivia or Shows on Fridays, Hosted Events on Saturdays, and Sunday Fundays after Sunday Sailing on, well, you know, Sundays.

And remember, all this does not happen by itself. You out there who have helped know who you are. If anyone wants to be part of those who make things happen, let me or any host above know. If you have any questions, you can turn to our line officers for their particular responsibilities:

Wayne McCaughey – Vice Commodore – sailing activities and all-around stuff.

Rob Brautigan – Rear Commodore – the Club grounds.

Rick Lill – Fleet Captain – the Club boats and whatever the others don't do.

Thanks to each of them for their willingness and efforts to improve the Club for those who come after us.

So, get ready for a great season, dust off the Sunfish, and show up to workday. The starting sequence has begun, be at the line with speed when the gun goes off. And, most of all, enjoy fair winds and smooth sailing.

Very best regards,

Mark Connell

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