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From the Commodore

2009 has begun with great economic and social upheavals. We all are bombarded by the vicissitudes of the market place. Lucky are we who can escape to the peaceful calming certainty of the shore. Our club also has undergone change. The new Commodores' Quarters welcomes all members to enjoy a cocktail before Chef Al's and new sous chef Andrew's delicious meals. The summer weekends will be filled with excellent opportunities to shed the city's cares and enjoy good food, lively music, and the companionship of friends. All the flag officers and their wives look forward to meeting you. We are here to make your summer a happy one. Keep Mother's Day and Easter open for the YCSH buffets. The Grille Room is also open each weekend through Memorial Day.

A. David Johnson, Jr., Commodore



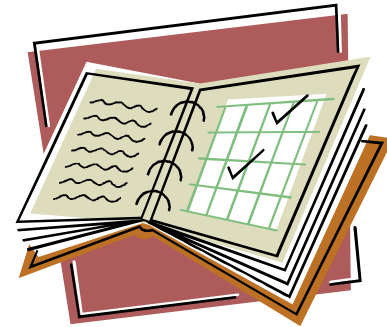
Coming Events

Now - Every Friday & Saturday Night - **Grille Room open at 6 pm**

Sunday, April 12 - **Easter Brunch, 11:30 am**

Sunday, May 10 - **Mother's Day Brunch, 11:30 am**

Saturday, May 23 - **Flag Raising Ceremony, 6 pm**



Blinker Schedule Welcome to Spring

Deadline for Articles

April 29, 2009

May 13

May 27

June 10

Issue Date

May 6, 2009

May 20

June 3

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 or call me to work out getting me your copy.

I'll reserve the right to edit all submitted material, based upon space available. Each club event is important, but in many cases an event should only be written up twice - in the two issues before it takes place. E-mails should contain the proposed text of an article or an attachment with the intended copy. Don't worry about the font, text size or formatting - I'll convert everything into a consistent format for publication. I really prefer a basic text document or e-mail so that my formatting isn't corrupted by whatever your document has embedded in it. If you have a favorite graphic you'd like used, please send it along, otherwise I'll find something appropriate. Please be sure to include the name and time/date of your event, where it's being held, need for reservations, if any, costs, any special what to wear comments, and a contact person with phone number.

Ron Workman, Blinker Editor



Miner's Gems



Hello YCSH Members,

Spring is in the air, and not too soon for all of us down here at the shore. It has been a cold, frigid winter in South Jersey and the higher temperatures are quite welcome.

Commodore Johnson and his wife Joanna have been working very closely with the staff while finishing the Grille Room and planning a great 2009 season. The quad fold calendar that we all look forward to is posted online, but the final printed product will be to the club soon for your pick up. Then the summer planning for your family can start.

As most of you know the grille room is now open on Friday and Saturday nights starting at 6 pm both nights. The Grille Room renovation turned out great and I am sure you will be very pleased with the finished product. The idea of the Grille Room bar was to give the membership an area to have a pre-dinner beverage when the rest of the club had been rented for a wedding reception. The bar met and exceeded my expectations. Many thanks to Nick Amatucci, Paulie Tripoli and Mike Webster for all of their hard work.

Chef Al and his staff have put together a great early season Grille Room menu, including Al's famous crab cakes and hand made hamburgers with Kobe, Bison and Angus beef. The salad bar has been expanded and includes up to 15 different offerings. Fresh breads of many styles are also included on the salad bar.

Dining Room Manager Nancy Hart has returned again to make sure you are greeted warmly and served professionally. She has most of her staff returning as well, but I'm sure there will also be some new faces in the dining room. Stop in and say hello to Nancy and be treated with the kindness you have come to expect from her and her staff.

Grille Room and Dining Room reservations are always appreciated; call the club office to make yours now.

YAP Director Laura Owens has also returned for another year of overseeing our Sailing program. She has been planning many different things for this year's YAP to keep the kids interested, safe and smiling. Our sailing and activities program has become the benchmark for many programs on the East Coast, which is because of Laura's hard work and her excellent staff's dedication.

Business Manager Lorraine Matalucci is of course back again for her 22nd + years of service to the members of YCSH. Lorraine is always here to answer your questions about the club, whether about billing or sailing schedules, she can usually find the correct answer. Ramona Davis, our receptionist and reservationist is also back in our newly renovated Ship's Store. Ramona is usually the person who first answers the phone and directs your call to the right person. Make sure you call Ramona to make all of your dinner reservations.

Some key dates to remember: Easter Brunch is on April 12th starting at 11:30 am, Mothers Day Brunch is on May 10th starting at 11:30 am, Flag Raising is May 23 starting at 6 pm and Fathers Day is June 21st starting at 11:30 am. The YAP registration deadline is April 20th and the first session of YAP starts on June 29th. Get those kids signed up now.

If you have not been receiving our club wide emails, please call the office and we will make certain your email address is corrected.

Please make it to the shore soon and check out your new and improved club.

Looking forward to a great summer of 2009

Peter Miner
General Manager



Chef's Corner

Hello YCSH Diners,

The season is right around the corner and we can feel it here at The Club. The opening weekend for the Grille Room was a success. Everyone enjoyed the new menu with our new burger blend and our bountiful salad bar. It was nice to see everyone again now that the cold, bitter days are becoming less and less frequent.

We have a new addition to the kitchen staff as well. I would like to introduce Andrew Riegel as one of our sous chefs. He has worked for places such as Marriott Hotel Corp. and the Borgata Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City. He has a wealth of kitchen experience and will be a great asset in the kitchen here at the Club.

The Dining Room is going to be exciting this year. We are going to have an upscale **Dish of the Week**, with more details to follow. We will also be placing upscale sandwiches on the Dining Room Menu, in which the possibilities are endless and delicious.

Well, that's all for now, I have to get back to the kitchen. We are very excited in the kitchen to have the season starting again. We have many ideas for the summer and cannot wait to prepare them for you

Bon Appetit
Chef Albert



Dance Instruction returning to YCSH

Spring is here and time to dust off your dancing shoes, so dig out the DVD and get ready for the second year of Dancing with the Yacht Clubbers. We are fortunate to have Ron Troy and Barbara Strong instructing us again. All last year's dancers remember their wonderful classes. Instruction kicks off on Tuesday June 30th at 6:30 and will continue on most Tuesdays until September 1st. We invite couples and single dancers at all levels to join us for the fun (and serious learning). A complete schedule and particulars will be available within the month. Please contact Alice and Joe Scandura (alice@scandura.com) to be added to the list. Let's Dance!!

News Years Eve at AYC

Approximately seventy intrepid YCSH members and guests including flag officers and past commodores braved a cold windy night to celebrate the arrival of the New Year at the festively decorated Avalon Yacht Club.

AYC Rear Commodore John Groskoph presented a Champagne toast to the gathering, celebrating our second New Years eve party together on 7 Mile Island. He graciously welcomed our contingent with a history of our involvement in the formation of and the sailing competition with AYC. John mentioned and displayed an Interclub Regatta Trophy symbolic of our friendly competition between Comet sailors, over the years. The Trophy now resides at AYC, and we agreed to investigate a resumption of the Regatta with another class of boats because, as our RC Terry Wochok indicated, "we want the trophy back in our case"

A good time was had by all with our friends to the north. We hope to continue this tradition in the future.
John Hueser