

Here you have an additional vote for an item you feel strongly about, either positively or negatively.
Please indicate which project, and whether you are positive or negative about it and why.
#5 - EBSF is supposedly an independent organization and it is not the role or mission of BYC to act as a bank. Non-profit organizations either live within their budgets or determine ways to raise funds. Relying on BYC to perform this role is not acceptable or appropriate.
#5. Would like to keep promoting sailing to youth & adult. We are part of a yacht club
A No vote for the pavilion. I don't see the need, except possibly for renovation of the outdoor baths.
A vibrant, thriving and safe instructional program that provides increased sailing and charter opportunities to BYC members is essential to the future success and sustainability of the BYC.
against #5
Any of these projects do not have an impact on my needs or wants at our Club. They will only increase our annual dues and benefit only a small segment of the membership.
As a member of the social committee, I can see how expanding the current club space with an outdoor pavilion can enhance our social events, providing additional space for greater participation.
do not confuse EBSF with BYC. when Matt Hayes set it up in the 90'S it was to sail on its own. By making BYC identify with it as much as it does, outside funding support is discouraged. The primary purpose of capital projects should be BYC members as a whole.
Don't send EBSF money. Solve the problem don't sustain it with a band-aid. They appear to be trying to run an expanding community boating program from our small facility, and now with even more of our money; needed because they can't make it on the money they raise/charge.
EBSF Financial stability is my highest priority
EBSF needs the clubs support.
EBSF should be more self sufficient.
Expressed above. I give a nod to the boat maintenance part and to some improvements to the ramp (without the crane and dredging).
Favorable
Financial sustainability is most important
Find a long term organizational structure for BYC/EBSF to coexist for the betterment of the club and it's membership. I have ideas about how this can be accomplished and improve on the current tensions.
Fix the dock and waterfront first. Everyone depends on it including the EBSF. Let's get a couple of profitable years under our belts before embarking on empire-building. Maybe work a deal with BM for extra parking space; we have too little as it is and people cannot park on the street. Lastly we do not want to see the BYC become a Romper Room for EBSF.

Funding EBSF is critically important. Without a strong sailing program the longevity of our club is critically at risk.

I again have my concerns about rushing into the pavilion complex so soon after the house is completed. Membership has not had time to become reacquainted with the house concerning events. You are looking to expand our facilities and yet you have not considered your parking issues. We have major issues between membership and Hog Island non members that use the club lot all summer. This is not even addressed. I feel you are looking to do too much too fast without taking everything into consideration. Our grounds are just so big, you expand our racing fleets, the boats have taken space on the ground, the storage lockers take space on the ground, you are looking to expand this and make another pavilion and possibly have two events at the same time, 100 people inside the house and 100 people outside? Where will the membership park that just want to go out for a sail? Colt State Park?

I am absolutely negative and against the construction of the Roofed Outdoor Pavilion. I don't see the value to the members, I don't like it how it will block the view of the bay, I don't like the idea of building a \$350,000 class room for EBSF for them to use, when members may want to use it. No mention of how many additional staff will be needed to professionally clean it to COVID-19 standards for the foreseeable future. This is a major boondoggle.

Renovate the existing bathrooms and showers which are badly outdated, that is something to benefit the members. Air conditioning, no touch toilets, no touch faucets as an example, especially in this time of Covid.

I am against any expansion of EBSF financial support as I feel the club offers more support than other clubs in the area. The foundation should strive for self sufficiency like other sailing programs in the area.

I am opposed to taking on any additional financial responsibilities until the Covid epidemic is under control. Financial repercussions will be felt for a few years after it is resolved. We have already experienced two years of full dues without full functioning of the Club.

I am positive about the crane and maintenance facilities. The outdoor activities improvement is important, but seems unlikely that we would be able to use the new investment given covid limiting numbers.

I am positive or neutral on all items. I also am sensitive to the demographics of BYC. Other organizations I belong to that are similar in structure to BYC struggle with the dues issue to support capital expenditures. The above 65 demo think the dues are too high and the under 65 demo think you are giving the place away and dues are a deal.

I feel most strongly about supporting the EBSF financial sustainability project because the Club is vibrant when youth are included and the future depends on engagement of all age groups.

I feel strongly about halting all five projects as they are poorly researched and very expensive. The worst project is the pavillion. There is no data on the demand for rentals, how often are there requests for two rentals on the same date? Unless this happens very frequently, there is no justification for the pavillion. The Bristol Yacht Club should not be in the facility or boat rental business.

I feel strongly that we need to have a hurricane reserve fund \$1M. We have been lucky to not have a major hurricane since ~1938. We relocated to West side of the Bay - Poppasquash for this reason that the downtown water front was obliterated!, but we had 13ft surge and it was not even a direct hit... we could see 20ft water surge and it would certainly flood the 1st floor. I dont think we should build a lot of party houses and then see them destroyed a year later. We should have a reserve fund and (like Congress) we can dip into from time to time for EBSF or other things that need maintenance.

I feel very strongly about the negative impact many of these projects will foster. This is a small yacht club on a small parcel of land in a beautiful harbor. There seems to now be a huge push to make this a massive yachting center and rental opportunity. In financially supporting the sustainability of another company, EBSF, we are throwing away the membership's funds...perhaps roll it into our Club. These are the farthest reasons from why I joined this Club and why this Club was originally established. This is a disservice to the membership and is moving in the wrong direction.

I fully support the outdoor pavilion. It will give a larger space for socializing, and will be a great asset to the club.

I have never heard before of voting no or yes twice. Why?

If I need to vote twice, I vote a second no to the crane project until such time as it is researched properly and those findings are presented.

I think I made this clear as to other individual projects proposed as well. I thank the presenters for their work but I feel strongly these projects are not researched fully enough to make a judgment. Presenters need to be able to answer basic questions and most (not all) were not. Sorry, but I vote no or neutral to everything pending better information and a comprehensive plan for the club.

I hope my comments for each project are self explanatory.

I think EBSF is vital to the long-term health of the club by keeping us close to the core values of the club (a sailing club) and is a natural membership feeder

I think that the waterfront should be expanded eastward by about 45 feet. It allows deeper draft boats and creates the potential for more overnight spaces at the dock.

I think the Outdoor pavilion would be beneficial for club member use and as a source of revenue so I will cast my additional vote for it.

I would like to see the SWOT analysis updated and shared so all members and "Flags"

<p>It would seem that EBSF wants our yacht club to become a community sailing center. I don't think that is what we should be. We are a private yacht club. If we were to take into account all of these things we would indeed be moving in the direction of a community sailing center. In my opinion, we don't have the the right waterfront to support such an endeavor. I would agree to some additional funding for EBSF but not anywhere near the many projects that they are asking for support on.</p> <p>It would seem that BYC and EBSF are not on the same page as to our future. This really needs to be addressed. I think it is great that there is so much enthusiasm from EBSF but it would seem that BYC and EBSF need to address a shared vision for the future. And the view of the future should help drive funding and scope of services offered.</p>
<p>More dinghy dock room would be nice. Inflatable dinghies are wider than the old row boats.</p>
<p>neg. about pavilion. we would have to rent the club out 8 times just to carry the interest on a 350k mortgage.</p>
<p>Negative - Ramp/crane project has the least benefit to current club and EBSF programs. To fix the ramp, buried in mud, we need to raise it. As someone pointed out, the ramp worked fine a long time ago - when the water was 10" shallower. The crane is introducing more complexity, parking requirements, and more competition for members usage of the ramps.</p>
<p>Negative about the pavilion. Strongly support improvements to exterior bath & shower facility.</p>
<p>Negative on all projects.</p> <p>Before we even look at these "ideas" BYC needs to pay for the dock expansion, replace the docks and replace the pier which should come out of the cap ex but there are insufficient funds to cover this project at this point in time. Remember no docks = no BYC. After this is somehow paid then BYC has to build up its cap ex account to be prepared for uninsured storm damage, septic system work, etc. After the finances are put in order then BYC can entertain ideas to benefit the BYC members first and foremost. If a member project can also benefit EBSF that is fine but not the other way around. I personally think getting BYC's financial house in order is going to take all of 5 years or possibly longer unless assessments are levied.</p>
<p>Negative on any additional capital projects until BYC can successfully fund existing facilities maintenance and replacement projects well into the future.</p>
<p>No to #1</p>
<p>Odd that you use the term "vote," when the survey was defined as not being a vote.</p>
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<p>Outdoor Pavilion positive</p>
<p>Parking space and storage of empty boat trailers needs to be addressed.</p>
<p>PLEASE SUPPORT EBSF Sustainability. It's not a future wish - it's an immediate NEED.</p>

Positive - EBSF financial sustainability. Without youth sailing programs our sport is bound to fall into the obsolete. Additionally youth sailing is a great platform to help kids learn so many aspects of life - leadership, responsibility, STEM, environmental stewardship, independence, and self motivation. Losing this (especially in the "Ocean State") would be a tragedy for the sport of sailing and the town of Bristol.
Positive for outdoor pavilion
Positive for the Outdoor Pavilion space and new heads
Positive vote for Outdoor Pavilion. It would give us the flexibility to host regattas, visiting YC cruises, BYC events, rentals, and not push members out of facilities when many things going on. This project would contribute most to member enjoyment of BYC premises.
Pravillion NO
Project #1: I am very concerned about the parking situation for members. Bristol Marine may allow parking at their facility however they also have parking problems at times too. Also, the issue of our club, of which I have been a member for almost 40 years, becoming more of a social gathering place rather than the yacht club it was intended to be does not appeal to me. We are doing quite well with social functions as it is without becoming a "go to" place for other events. If the membership decides to move forward with this proposal perhaps we should also look into eliminating the paid trailer storage area out by Poppasquash Road which would allow for more parking along the wall.
Project #2 - POSITIVE; will expand boating options for members
Project #5 is a partnership that should be valued.
Project 2 is the most important. It will open up the clubs ability to host dinghy and small keel boat regattas. It will also make it less intimidating for kids and new sailors to come into the ramp in breezy conditions. All something we need to support sailing.
Project 4
Ramp and crane
Renovations to heads and outdoor shelter are priority items for me.
Roofed Outdoor Pavilion. STRONG NEGATIVE. Huge outlay that moves away from core mission of BYC which should be about boating. Also, Covid may cause major shift in the wedding/event business, and I don't think that this project is sustainable. We just rebuilt the club house! Let's get a chance to use it and see how it functions before we go down a rabbit hole. I do think that the existing heads could use some refurbishing.
The Club should have an onsite work shop for the staff to use. As club progresses into the future and our needs change, having such a facility will be quite important. Most clubs of our size do have some type of onsite to facilitate easier, timely and routine maintenance which assists with keeping expenses down.
The grounds, and in particular parking needs to be brought under control. We continue to be the free parking lot and utility terminal for a certain island in Portsmouth. As a result, the members and their guests are denied on-premise parking throughout the season.
The Pavilion is the worst use of BYC's (members") monies. I do not support any of the projects as they are now presented.
The pavilion project

The project that is most relevant is none of the above. We need new docks which will cost a LOT of money. That project should have been presented before these long term projects were introduced. I only learned of the dock situation a month ago. I know they are gathering quotes now, so lets see where those numbers go before anything else is proposed. The last 2 years have hit our reserve funds for other projects. I'm for being fiscally responsible for our organization. Lets be mindful to our members about big assessments. We are anxiously waiting for Covid to depart and enjoy the beauty of what we already have a beautiful new House and the great people of this club!!

The ramp has been an issue for a really long time and I think working on solving that is a priority.

This is a divisive issue that has festered long enough. I applaud the Commodore for continuing to shine a light on it and bringing it to the membership for consideration.

Unfavorable

Very supportive of Pavilion project. Would provide much needed and wanted outdoor space.

Strongly Against: supporting the EBSF: financially and physical space

I believe the majority of the members with boats pay a yard for launching and storage. It doesn't seem fair to me that club funds would be used to cover the cost of dredging and a crane. Is this something Bristol Marine would entertain owning where members and visitors would pay them per use which would include trailer storage? If the project isn't funded I am still passionate about all trailer storage being contracted with BM. So many excellent improvements have been made to the grounds which are negatively impacted by trailers left behind.

A pool would be great

Project #5 POSITIVE! This is a must for us to stay vibrant as a sailing community and to give back to the Town of Bristol and surrounding towns to say "Thank You" for trusting us to manage this part of your beautiful harbor and waterfront! We need to keep teaching kids and adults, our own members and the public; that keeps us a living community of ardent sailors. People join the BYC because it is a yacht club, not just a fancy marina with facilities for parties and a nice backdrop of the water. We need to honor our traditions and our main tradition is to teach and support sailing. By doing this, through a welcoming non-profit open to the public at large, we give back to our community around us and say Thank You! It is a privilege to be stewards of such a beautiful little part of Narragansett Bay. We honor the trust placed in us by welcoming the community and sharing what we do best: sailing.

EBSF has been a huge part of my family since I was a junior sailor at BYC. Back then the local kids - non members - came to sail in the summer at BYC. Everyone wanted to sail sunfish back then and BYC jr Sailing was open to all and ready to teach everyone about how awesome a sport it is. It's a passion that can be enjoyed for your whole life.

From my boys starting at age 5 in the same Mercs that I sailed, to my almost 90 year-old, past Commodore Dad sailing with me still, BYC has been my whole life. It's also been my sons whole life and my Wife has dedicated herself to making EBSF great for the past 3 years. I fully support BYC giving EBSF capital funds to invest in making it safer and better. Especially if it makes it easier on our BYC/ EBSF members who volunteer to make it run!

If getting kids and even adults into sailing is possible with our old Mercs and our j22s, then we win. Why wouldn't we support anything to keep this going and make it better? BYC and EBSF racing is the best in the bay. We are so lucky.

MUST DO items should be prioritized

EBSF sustainability project

EBSF sustainability. For.

Pavilion and actual use thereof for more member social events & dinners!

No on Project #1 Outdoor Pavillion. Ditto my previous comments.

I really hope that we take the time to enjoy our "renew"

I am against the pavilion - an extra capital expense and abuse of our limited human resources; added ongoing expense of more facility maintenance/insurance - especially as threatened by hurricanes/off season storms.

In the proposed plan, the bathrooms are accessed via a vestibule; this is OK for brides, but of no advantage to wet, salty sailors coming off boats. In fact it is just more to clean. If the pavilion is approved, I would prefer direct access as it is now.