

Barnegat Bay YRA Opens 51st Season Saturday at Bay Head

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BAY HEAD — The Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association starts its 51st racing season Saturday with the traditional opener at Bay Head Yacht Club.

The organization holds its regatta each season, attracting about 10 to 15,000 members.

The BBYRA, an organization of 18 regular and two associate member clubs, was founded Feb. 11, 1914. The first race was held at Bay Head, later on at Manasquan and Joseph.

BBYRA was organized in 1914 by representatives of the Bay Commodore Club, the Bay Head Yacht Club, the Ocean City Yacht Club, and the Manasquan Yacht Club.

By yacht racing on Barnegat Bay.

The association is still functioning after 50 years. Interest remains strong with dedicated previous boat undertakers and officers at the helm.

Dunes Commodore — Dr. H. Irving Dune, Bay Head Yacht Club, is the commodore. The other flag officers are Clifford A. Warren, Manasquan; John G. Altmeyer, Shore Acres; and J. L. Merrill, Bay Head.

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