

# Fall 2018 Newsletter



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## Letter to the Club

As I was writing this I realized it has been one and a half months since I became President of Baystars, and just a few months prior I did not have any soccer in my life! As some may know, I played for Baystars for seven years, then coached for the Club and was the Club Administrator in the 2000's. In 2013, I stepped away from coaching and the club because I was changing careers and needed to focus on all that came with it. It was the right choice at the time, but four years later I felt like something was missing. Earlier this year I started to get an itch and realized how much I had missed being around soccer. It is truly the beautiful game! More importantly, I realized how much sports (and in this case soccer) can create and foster a community. All of the current players of the club are from the Middle Peninsula, creating a common bond that all of the players, parents and past players can share in. If there is one thing that Baystars does well it is that we create a feeling of family within the organization. This is what makes us special and something that sets us apart from other clubs. I hope to continue to grow the club, bring in more players from surrounding communities, and see the Pit host its first games. Through it all I want to make sure our core values stay intact. Everyone should feel welcome within the club, we should be building members of a community, not just soccer players, and instill the values of hard work and perseverance. I am excited about where Baystars is headed and what we can do together in the future.

Sincerely,  
Field Shepherd  
President of Baystars FC

## Fall 2018 — Teams, Coaches and Managers

Team	Head Coach	Assistant Coach	Manager
U10 Admirals	Geoff Gregory	Patrick Bogue	Mary Updike
U10 Mariners	Geoff Gregory	Dave Zoll	Lisa Sheesley
U11 Manta Rays	Garrett Gregory	Dale Blankenship	Crystal Thompson
U11 Marauders	Field Shepherd		Hayley Hanscom
U12 Bullsharks	David Blanks	Craig Raines	Lynne Hurst
U14 Typhoons	Craig Heaton	Joe Lenderman	Kristi Pham
U16 Mobjacks	Jon Lindberg	Dave Nolte	Christy Lindberg
U16 Barracudas	Pete LeBel	Brett Major	Lisa Lawrence
U19 Force	Craig Raines		Tanya Howe

## DC United Trip



On September 2nd Baystars FC traveled to Washington DC to attend a DC United Soccer game. Over 90 players, families and friends attended the game. A number of players were able to see players in the tunnel and escort the players on to the field. The game was very entertaining and ended up with DC United winning 3-1. Kristi Bell, the Event Coordinator, did an excellent job running and organizing the event. We hope to go to another game next year, it's a great time and brings the club together.



Pictures from the game

*“The more things the teams can do to bond outside of soccer helps translate to team work on the field.”*

## Barracuda’s Participate in Mud Run

On August 11th the U16 Barracuda’s participated in the YMCA Armed Forces Mud Run. It took place at Littlecreek in Norfolk. The team has done a number of team building events over the past years and this one was team building and a workout. Coach Pete LeBel feels that getting the team to play well together on the field requires a lot of time off the field as well. He said “The more things the teams

can do to bond outside of soccer helps translate to team work on the field.” The Barracuda’s are off to a good start with a first place finish in the Tri Club Tournament.



The Barracuda’s after the run

## Committees:

### Financial

Mary Updike  
Brooke Wilson  
Doug Vaughn  
Melissa Shepherd  
Field Shepherd

### Operations

Brooke Wilson  
Lisa Sheesley  
Brett Major  
Joe Lenderman  
Field Shepherd

### Tournament (Event)

Jon Lindberg  
Kristi Bell  
Brooke Wilson  
Melissa Shepherd  
Field Shepherd

### Strategic Growth

Field Shepherd  
Rudy Heintaz  
Geoff Gregory

### The Pit

Ray Wamsley  
Christina Mahoney  
Frank Wingfield  
Melisa Wamsley  
Field Shepherd  
Brooke Wilson

Many thanks to our wonderful Club Sponsors!



## Volunteering Opportunities

Baystars is almost entirely run by volunteers. We host and are apart of a number of events throughout the year. This includes internal events, like tournaments, to community festivals or to helping clean up county roads. This sense of community and camaraderie within our club is what has allowed Baystars to be in around for over 25 years. We are always looking for interested coaches and managers as well. If you are interested in helping in any way please let your manager, coach or a Board Member know!



### Volunteers Needed

- Bird Day Bash Tournament
- Surf & Turf Tournament
- Clean Gloucester Day
- Guinea Jubilee
- End of Season Party
- Haunted Trail
- Daffodil Festival
- Field/Equipment Maintenance

## National Wolves Camp

In early June two coaches from the Wolverhampton Wanderers came to Gloucester and put on a three day camp for Baystars. This was a great opportunity for our players and coaches to learn from a world class organization.

Throughout the camp the Wolves coaches are evaluating players and will select players to go to the National Wolves Camp. This year the National Wolves Camp

was in Rome Georgia. We had eight players selected this year, including; Dylan Jayquish, Merrick Barrett, Kolin Wilson, Austin Davis, Gavin Blanks, Eva Updike, Alex Hogge and Riley Jayquish. Kolin Wilson said he “learned a lot better ball control” and one of the best skills he picked up while at the camp was “how to throw a defender off balance.” Keep an ear out for next years dates for the camp!



## Tri Club Tournament

Baystars participated in the Tri Cub tournament August 25th/26th in Yorktown. This tournament helps kick off the season and allows coaches to see where teams strengths and weaknesses lie. It was a warm weekend but our Club had a great showing. The U14 Typhoons, U16 Barracudas and U19 Force took first place in their divisions. The U11 Manta Rays and U12 Bullsharks finished second place in

their divisions. All the teams who participated put forth strong efforts and are ready to get back to practice. When asked about the tournament, Typhoons coach Craig Heaton said “The Bay Rivers Tri Club Tournament is always a great event to help prepare teams for their upcoming seasons.”



The U11 Manta Rays and Marauders

### **Board of Directors**

President - Field Shepherd

Vice President - Brooke Wilson

Secretary - Katie Duff

Treasurer - Mary Updike

Past President - Pete LeBel

### **Board Members**

Parent Rep - Lisa Sheesley

Managers Rep—Crystal Thompson

Coaches Rep - Craig Raines

Safety & Grounds - Joe Lenderman

Event Coordinator -- Kristi Bell

Construction Coordinator - Ray Wamsley

Player Rep - Jace Ellison (non voting)

### **Administrators**

Club Administrator—Brett Major & Melissa Shepherd

Director of Coaching—Pete LeBel

Director of Youth Academy—Garrett Gregory

Tournament Director — Jon Lindberg

Grant Writer — Open

## The Pit

Did you know that Baystars FC is a land owner?

A little over two years ago Baystars bought a piece of land right off Short Lane in Gloucester. It sits across from Gloucester High School and was being used as a sand mining pit. Yes, this means we are a mining company as well! Reclamation is underway and we are in the process of turning it into a multi sport complex serving the Middle Peninsula.



A long number of hours have been put in by Chris Clifford and Ray Wamsley in moving dirt, leveling the ground and preparing to grow grass for soccer fields. This facility will be the home of Baystars providing us with a place for practices, games and tournaments. The longer term plans are still being finalized but there will be a bathroom facility, concessions and a work house. If you are interested in helping please let us know!

## Fall Events

Guinea Jubilee — September 28/29

Columbus Day Tournament — October 6/7

Haunted Trail — October 26/27

Clean Gloucester Day — October 13

Pit Event — October 13

End of Season Party — TBD

Bird Day Bash — TBD

Christmas Day Parade — December 1

**Please let us know if you are interested in helping plan or participate in any of the events above.**



## Academy

The Baystars Academy is a player focused development program for the U6 through U9 age group. It is designed to bridge the gap between recreation and travel soccer. The key principles of the Academy are individual player development. Practices are intended to get players as

many touches as possible while introducing them to the basics of the game. This encourages players to think creatively, solve problems, and develop their skills through playing and participating in the game. Fall 2018 is the second season of the Academy and we have

over 20 players from Gloucester, Mathews and Middlesex. Garrett Gregory, the Director of Youth Development said "we are striving to provide the best instruction for the most reasonable cost." Joining Garrett is Geoff Gregory and Derek Hansen as the Academy Coaches.

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