

# SIGNAL

BRONTE HARBOUR YACHT CLUB  FEBRUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER

## Michael Ogilvie

Michael Ogilvie (Oggy) 1976 – 2016  
passed away suddenly on Sunday January 10,  
He was fearless, kind to all people he met,  
had a great sense of humor, a smile that  
was contagious, and a heart of gold.  
He will be missed by all  
who knew him



Photo: Grad Dewar

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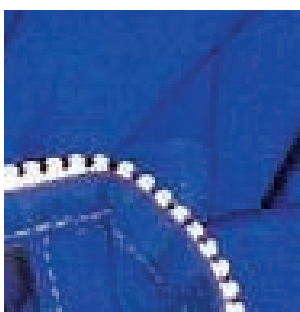


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## Socially off to a great start

Our **Stich n' Wine** group hosted the first Appetizer Night of the year and judging by the attendance of over 60 members one could say it was a great success. As an additional bonus, the funds raised were given to the Visually Impaired Program. If any of you with your crew would like to try your hand at hosting an Appetizer Night, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Dawn or Cheryl (social@bhyc.on.ca or house@bhyc.on.ca) ; they would be more than pleased to provide you with guidance.

The second event of the year was the **Learn to Make Sushi Night** which was enjoyed by 35 members. A big thank you to **Joan** and **Heather Spares** and crew for their instructions and especially their patience in teaching, some of us dexterity challenged, to make California rolls. For the more adventurous, traditional sushi was prepared and offered by **John McMullen**. I think John should start his own sushi bar, as his skill in preparing BBQ eel, tuna, salmon, shrimp and egg sushi bites is as good as any place I visited.

In my last article I mentioned a number of committees are needed to address specific issues facing our club. Directors are in the process of setting up their respective Standing Committees and if you are asked to join, I hope you will accept.

In addition to these standing committees; we need volunteers to help with the following Special Committees:

- Capital Asset Replacement and Assets Conservation / Protection
- Develop Marketing Strategy and Business Plan for Creating a BHYC Value Proposition for Membership Retention, New Member Recruiting and Club Rentals
- Bluewater Replacement
- Transport Canada New Regulations and Compliance
- General maintenance and light repairs of boats and other assets

If you have any of the skills these committees may require and wish to help or you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. These committees are critical to provide a stable platform for the development of our club in a structured environment.

Of a more pressing nature, we need a few volunteers to complete the "refreshing" of the club with a little trim painting. All the heavy lifting is complete, now for the final touches are needed. Please contact Cheryl the House Director for more details. – house@bhyc.on.ca

Please don't forget all work performed contributes to your work party requirements.

Your board is working diligently in bringing financial stability to OUR club while making the premises appealing and a place to meet to enjoy the friendship of fellow boaters.

## We have 5 club slips left to fill

Thankfully it has been a mild winter so far and we have been able to get some outdoor work done.

The front door drainage line was located and blown clear to the south side of the building at the curve in the sidewalk. It appears to be broken at this point. We are drawing up a conceptual (not engineering) report to be presented to the Town. The outstanding issues to be addressed are:

Do we need Town approval?

Whose Property is it?

What would be the cost to fix this?

We have a commitment for 10 moorings on the west bank. I still have up to five slips that need to be filled. If you know of anyone looking for a spot in Bronte Harbour please have them contact me.

## Redesigned Waterway Guide Marinas App for iOS and Android

It has just been released, a fully-redesigned version of the free Waterway Guide Marinas mobile app – now available for Android devices as well as for iPhone and iPad."

This one-of-a-kind app is simple and straightforward, yet powerful – it has all the information a boater needs when looking for a place to dock, stop in for fuel, or get supplies, repairs or other services.

It's a quick and easy tool that lists only the marinas and boatyards that are nearest to you – set at 5, 10, 25, 50, or 100 miles (or "all") – plus service and amenity details for over 3,700 facilities in the Waterway Guide coverage areas.

Need to find the closest fuel dock or pump-out? The preferences view can be now set to show the nearest facility that sells diesel, or gas, or both – or can show just the marinas with dockage that can accommodate your length, draft, or electrical requirements – or show you just the pet-friendly ones, or the ones that offer a courtesy car or restaurant, or the closest pump-out station – or any combination of these and other amenities. Once you find the perfect place, simply tap the phone icon to call to make a reservation.

The new version also takes up less space on your system and takes less time to download; however, we recommend that you use a wi-fi connection when downloading the app to avoid using your mobile data. The app can be found at the App Store or Google play.

- **Mike Ahart**, *Waterway Guide News Editor, Jan. 12, 2016*

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Everyone is provided with the opportunity to participate and be part of the success.

*Richard*

## Three more months to Launch!

On January 21, a Sailing Committee meeting took place. Thank you all that took part in it. We are now busy planning 2016 season. Our Club Racing and Cruising Calendar is updated with all planned events for 2016. It is now accessible from the main web page.

As I mentioned earlier, my goal this year is to move into online registrations for all club events. To make this easier, please go and respond to this form:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1VlmJPLNLDligx\\_x7fIfQulSR5JLg8KpgjA75W5e rc0A/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1VlmJPLNLDligx_x7fIfQulSR5JLg8KpgjA75W5e rc0A/viewform), it will take your information to create a registry of all skippers and boats which will be used in all subsequent registrations. Make sure your name, boat name and other information is correct, it will be used for the whole year as is. Please

register if you have a boat and plan to participate as racer or cruiser in BHYC events.

We have a few **sailors nights** planned:

- February 11 - **Race Committee Introduction** (if you are wondering what it is all about, come and we will show you)
  - March 10 - **From Buzzards Bay to Bronte Harbour** by **Dennis Giokas**
  - March 24 - **Strategic Racing Tactics** by **Adrian Hanley**
- If you can contribute to sailors nights, please contact me or **Peter McDougall**.

As usual, we are looking for race committee volunteers. If you are interested, please come and join us on February 11. Launch is getting closer, it is all downhill from here.

**RON PARKER** *Membership Director*

## Membership Campaign 2016

You should by now have received your 2016 membership invoice. You will notice that we are trying to minimize fee increases. This is due largely in part to attracting new members to our club.

We are experiencing some shifting in membership categories. A few Associates recently purchased boats and some Seniors recently sold. Please email me if we have sent the incorrect membership renewal.

There will be, once again, a substantial reduction to the initiation fees for 2016. We grew by over 10% in 2015. The growth of the club is dependent on enticing new members. Recognizing this, we are attempting to make joining our Club as attractive as possible. This reduction will be in place for the first half of the year.

The **Crewing Membership** will change for 2016. The cost has increased from \$100 to \$150 however each crew member will be given a \$50 credit at the bar. We are hoping that crew will be able to drag their skippers off their boats after racing. There will also be a single race work party commitment by crewing members. This will allow them to gain race experience at the same time assist race committee organizers by providing bodies. New Crewing Membership applications can be found on the website and at the bar.

Over the next month Membership and Publicity will form a standing sub-committee to assist in promoting the club. If anyone is interested in serving on this committee, please email me at [membership@bhyc.on.ca](mailto:membership@bhyc.on.ca)

**MARY ELLEN BOCKLER** *Publicity Director*

## We are planning our Open House already

I can't believe it is February already! The club has been a hive of activity. There have been lots of announcements of what is going on at the club and it has been great seeing so many people use the club. Our first Appetizer night hosted by the Sip'nStitch ladies was a resounding success but we need more volunteers to host our Friday, end of the week, YIPPEE it is the weekend, social time. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board as you enter the club house.

Recently we had a meeting to start planning our **"Get Out On The Water – Open House"** set to take place on June 25th. We need a group of people that are willing to help put this event together. This is a great way to introduce children, and adults to sailing, and to show off our clubhouse. In the past we hosted a Dock Party to try to get people interested in our club. **"Get Out On The Water"** was started three years ago by Ontario Sailing and ROWONTARIO with the goal to rejuvenate interest in our sports. It is province wide and great ways for us to piggy back our open house. This was a successful event last year, but with more planning we hope to make it even better this year.

When I took on the position of Director of Publicity I had no idea that it was such a busy position! I am a bit overwhelmed and need help. I need a few people on a committee to help plan advertising, or write articles for publications, help with ideas on how we can get our message out there. Regalia also could use some TLC from someone willing to take this on.



*Apps? Bring 'em on!!*



## Come Learn How to Sail with Us!

Wow! With all the warm weather recently, we should be sailing. Our Youth Learn to Sail program began taking registrations a few weeks ago. We have had several registrations already! If you have a family member or friends who want to participate in our program this summer, they should do it soon! Popular sessions tend to sell out quickly. Save \$50 and register early on our website [www.bhyc.on.ca/learn-to-sail](http://www.bhyc.on.ca/learn-to-sail). Senior members can save an additional 15%. Please contact me at [rctraining@bhyc.on.ca](mailto:rctraining@bhyc.on.ca) to receive your discount code.

I would also like to ask for your help! In moving forward, I would like to strike up a **Learn to Sail committee**. Some of the responsibilities of the committee would involve marketing and advertising, accounting, fleet maintenance and repair, grant applications and planning. I would like to organize our first meeting on Thursday February 11 at 1830hrs. Please contact me ASAP if you are interested at [rctraining@bhyc.on.ca](mailto:rctraining@bhyc.on.ca) or by my cell (905)399-0493. Those on the committee will earn valuable work party hours. So don't delay and join us!

## We have the Best Junior Race Team in Ontario!

For the second year in a row, Ontario Sailing has awarded us the George Blanchard Youth Performance Trophy for the best Junior Race Team in Ontario! **Grey Snyder** and **Jack Porter** were awarded the Fogh Marine Youth Sailors of the year award as well as winning the Ontario Grand Prix for Double Handed Racing. **Colton Ladouceur** also won the Laser Full Rig in The Grand Prix. And finally, we also won the Edward Ison Doublehand award. Congratulations go out to all of our racers, parents and coaches.

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We recently had our Junior Race Team open house. We currently have openings in all race classes. If you know of any juniors who are interested in racing, have them register online or contact me if they have any questions  
**"Go Fast and Have Fun!"**

2015 BHYC Junior Race Team – photo by Elle Bruce







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**You now NEED a cruising permit to enter the US.** Canadians have always needed a cruising permit in US waters. This is what is new: As part of this enhanced security, **most yachts (including US and Canadian ones) are required to submit a float plan under the Small Vessel Registration Scheme (SVRS).** See the official US website for the details.

This also applies to those boaters registered under the LBO and NEXUS schemes. This online system allows you to "pre-establish" yourself with the CBP and in many cases avoid having to physically report to a Customs office when you enter the US from a foreign country on a small vessel. For those returning to the US from the Bahamas, Puerto Rico, USVI's

or Canada, this free scheme offers a much quicker and easier option for clearing back into the US. For foreign boats, however, a face-to-face inspection is usually required and a Port of Entry must be used.

Call 1 (800) 432 1216 or 1 (800) 451 0393. Procedures vary slightly depending on where entry is made. Current regulations regarding entry clearance and cruising licence are on the US government site.

**TIP:** *Cruisers recommend not arriving in the US on Fri/Sat/Sun as the phone line is permanently engaged.*

- RCR Yachts, Youngstown, New York

## Appetizer Nights

We had a turnout of over 60 people for our first appetizer night and proceeds have been earmarked for the VIP week event at the request of the Tuesday night Stitch and Wine group.

The Appetizer sign-up sheet is on the front entrance bulletin board. Here's how it works: all food is donated and proceeds go back to the club either to general revenue or to support a specific club activity. Get together with fellow boaters, crew and friends to put on a table of goodies and plan to serve between 6 and 7 pm. Any questions, just let me know.

## BY-LAW Change

There was a By-law change accepted at the last Annual General Meeting that allows Members who choose to do so will receive notices of meeting by email to the last known email address on file. The same conditions will apply to an emailed notification as to the regular mail notification. As a result of this change we need signatures from everyone who wants notification by email. A list will be kept behind the bar and next time you are at the club it would be appreciated if you could take the time to add your signature. If you were at the AGM you would have given your signature at that time. Thank you.

## Sushi Night great success!

Sushi Night was very busy with over 33 people preparing maki (sushi rolls) and then eating it alongside homemade miso soup and mango salad. **John McMullen** demonstrated how to make nigiri sushi (small rice logs with toppings such as salmon, tuna and egg) and diners were able to taste this... thank-you, John! I would like to thank **Joan Spares** for all the assistance with the shopping (Chinatown was fun!). Thanks, too, to all the help that Saturday from Joan and her daughter **Heather, Christel Bullen, Gini McKee, Beth Stewart, Alexandra Arden** and **Michelle Kirby** (from the Oakville Hospital Foundation). Sunday February 7 – **Meet the Board** 2-4pm

Come down and meet your new board and enjoy a few appetizers. Continue afterwards into an evening of **Super Bowl** fun and enjoy chili/bun/nacho chips all for \$10 (taxes included). Bring your loonies for the 'random pool' of scores.

Saturday February 13 – **Social Committee Meeting** 1:30 pm. All members (young, old, new members, long time members, male, female) are encouraged to bring your ideas for future events. See what's happening for you to earn your volunteer hours.

Saturday March 12 – **'Irish' Night** at BHYC.



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# A short history lesson: The Wheel and Beer

The two most important events in all of history were the invention of beer and the invention of the wheel.

Beer required grain, and that was the beginning of agriculture. Neither the glass bottle nor aluminum can were invented yet, so while our early humans were sitting around waiting for them to be invented, they just stayed close to the brewery. That's how villages were formed.

The wheel was invented to get man to the beer.

These two were the foundation of modern civilization and together were the catalyst for the splitting of humanity into two distinct subgroups:

Liberals and Conservatives.

Some Men spent their days tracking and killing animals to BBQ at night while they were drinking beer. This was the beginning of what is known as the Conservative movement.

Other Men who were less skilled at hunting learned to live off the conservatives by showing up for the nightly BBQ's and doing the sewing, fetching, and hair dressing. This was the beginning of the Liberal movement.

Some of these liberal Men evolved into women. Others became known as girly-men. Some noteworthy Liberal achievements include the domestication of cats, the invention of group therapy, group hugs, and the concept of democratic voting to decide how to divide the meat and beer that Conservatives provided.

Over the years Conservatives came to be symbolized by the largest, most powerful land animal on earth, the elephant. Liberals are symbolized by the jackass for obvious reasons.

Modern Liberals prefer white wine or imported bottled water. They eat raw fish but like their beef well done. Sushi, tofu, and French food are standard Liberal fare. Another interesting evolutionary side note: many Liberal women have higher testosterone levels than their Men.

Most college professors, social workers, personal injury attorneys, journalists, film makers in Hollywood, group therapists, and community organizers are Liberals. Liberals meddled in our national pastime and invented the

designated hitter rule because it wasn't fair to make the pitcher also bat.

Conservatives drink real beer. They eat red meat and still provide for their women. Conservatives are big game hunters, rodeo cowboys, lumberjacks, construction workers, firemen, medical doctors, police officers, engineers, corporate executives, athletes, members of the military, airline pilots, and generally anyone who works productively. Conservatives who own companies hire other conservatives who want to work for a living.

Liberals produce little or nothing. They like to govern the producers and decide what to do with the production. Liberals believe Europeans are more enlightened than Americans. That is why most of the Liberals remained in Europe when Conservatives were coming to America. They crept in after the Wild West was tamed and created a business of trying to get more for nothing.

Here ends today's lesson in world history. It should be noted that a Liberal may have a momentary urge to angrily respond to this post.

A Conservative will simply laugh and be so convinced of the absolute truth of this history that it will be shared immediately to other true believers and to just tick off more liberals.

And there you have it. Let your next action reveal your true self.

*Contributed by Brett Davis*

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## New to Cruising!

I have been racing at BHYC for several years on *Kachina* but my husband and I just became members this past year. We would like to say thank-you to the members at BHYC for making us feel welcome and a part of the Club.

First of all I have to say a big thank-you to the race committee and all those involved in making BHYC such a successful racing club. But in 2015 we also discovered a whole new area: cruising! We went to RHYC and bumped into a lovely wedding happening on their lawn just as the kids were returning after competing in the Youth Lilac Regatta. And who did we happen to notice but the BHYC youth racing team!

We also joined the club cruise to LSYC and were welcomed at a pot luck dinner with other BHYC cruisers. We had fun eating and talking and drinking late into the evening with our new friends.

And we also signed up for Ken's Cruise to Mimico. We sailed by the OC Regatta and recognized many BHYC spinnakers out racing on a beautiful summer day. We dropped an anchor near Mimico and spent a lovely evening with Ken and Laurie from Mauna Kea.

What a great club we have joined. Hope to see you all again this summer both racing and cruising.

- Sandra & Craig Biggar



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7 <b>Meet new board 2-4pm</b> Appetizers <i>February</i>	8 <b>club is closed Mondays for the winter</b>	9 <b>Sip 'n Stitch</b>	10 <b>Darts 7:15</b>	11 <b>Sailors Night 'Introduction to Race Committee'</b> 7:00 pm	12	13 <b>Social Committee Meeting 1:30pm</b>
14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> 	15 <i>Family Day</i> 	16 <b>Sip 'n Stitch</b>	17 <b>Darts 7:15</b>	18	19	20
21 <b>LYC-BHYC Darts Tourney</b> here at BHYC 1pm	22	23 <b>Sip 'n Stitch</b>	24 <b>Darts 7:15</b>	25	26	27
28	29	1 <b>Sip 'n Stitch</b>	2 <b>Darts 7:15</b>	3	4	5
<i>March</i>						
6 <b>LYC-BHYC Darts Tourney</b> at Lakeshore YC 1pm	7	8 <b>Sip 'n Stitch</b>	9 <b>Darts 7:15</b>	10 <b>Sailors Night 'Buzzards Bay to Bronte Harbour'</b> Dennis Giokas 7:00 pm	11 <b>App Night</b> sponsored by BHYC Cruisers	12 <b>Irish Night</b> Irish stew, soda bread, green beer etc. 
13	14	15 <b>Sip 'n Stitch</b>	16 <b>Darts 7:15</b>	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18	19
20	21	22 <b>Sip 'n Stitch</b>	23 <b>Darts 7:15</b>	24 <b>Sailors Night 'Strategic Racing Tactics'</b> Adrian Hanley 7:00 pm	25	26
27	28	29 <b>Sip 'n Stitch</b>	30 <b>Darts 7:15</b>	31	1 April Fools Day 2 <i>April</i>	

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