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Friday	16:00 - 20:30
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## RICHARD BISSONNETTE Commodore

As I am writing this article, the haul out crew are finishing the last bottom washings and tidying the yard for the winter. I would like to thank the entire crew for a superb job. What was particularly great to see, was the number of new members getting involved and our not so new members, who have clearly exceeded the number of work party requirements, stepping up. Well done all.

A little reminder, perhaps not so little, we have open positions on the board for 2017 for which we need candidates. If these positions are not filled, there will be a direct impact on our club. A short board will create extra work for the current board members, which may cause some directors to question themselves about remaining on the board, and will affect the club in member retention, new member recruiting, and some key club activities such as racing, social and club hours may not meet expectations.

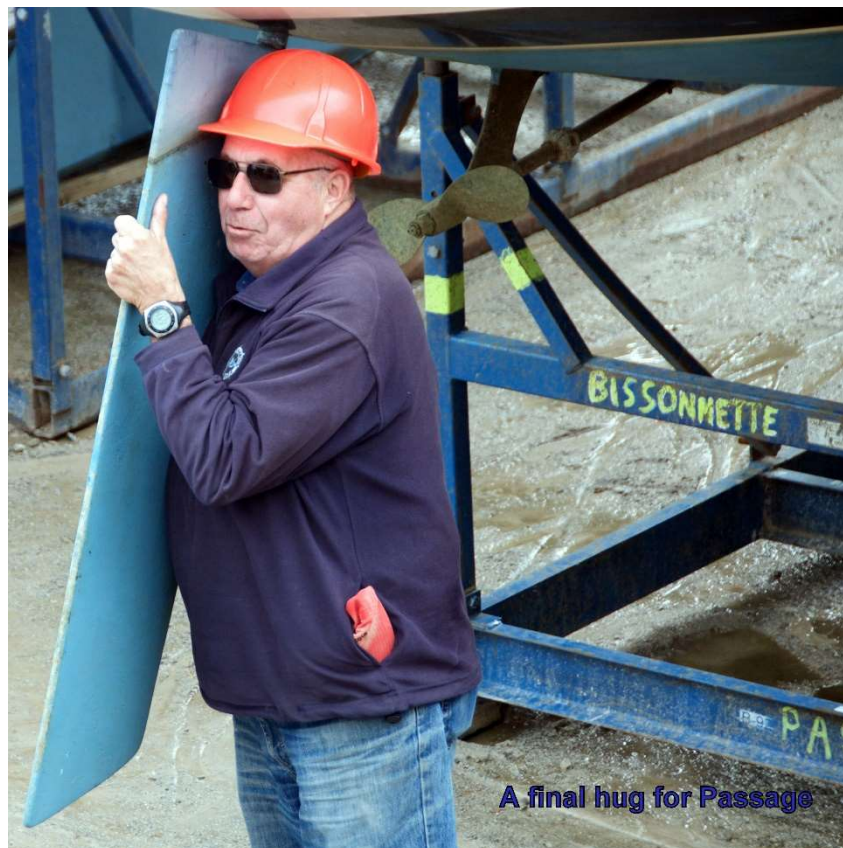
In 2016, your board made reasonable progress in improving our club, both operationally and physically; and if we are going to make 2017 a better year, we need YOU. Interested? Please contact Brian Miller [pastcomm@bhyc.on.ca](mailto:pastcomm@bhyc.on.ca) or me [commodore@bhyc.on.ca](mailto:commodore@bhyc.on.ca)

The AGM is on November 29<sup>th</sup>, the meeting will start at 1930hrs, I suggest you come earlier to have time to review the additional information which will be available, in addition to the Annual Report.

As always, if you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Richard*

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A final hug for Passage

## **BRIAN MILLER Past Commodore, Nominating Committee Chair**

### **Attention Members: Your BOARD needs you!!**

Your nominating committee has been busy and we have filled most board positions with candidates except for the following:

RC Sail  
House Director  
Social Director  
Publicity

I am encouraging anyone who has an interest and ability to step up for one of these positions. We are a self-help club and depend on all our members to keep things running here at BHYC. Yes, a board position requires a significant amount of time but it is so worthwhile to contribute and know you are having a significant impact on our club. Let's face it, the alternative is not good!

I would hate to see us not have a racing program next year, but, no RC Sail, no race program. We are partiers – but no Social Director, no events for the year. Lastly, but certainly not least – without a House Director we would have to drastically reduce our hours not just over the winter but all year long – where are we going to get our beer? (Where am I going to get my Scotch?!).

I would urge you to consider a commitment to the Board such that when we get to our AGM at the end of November we have candidates selected for all positions.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions about these open Board positions

## **It's Been Busy at the Farm this Summer!**

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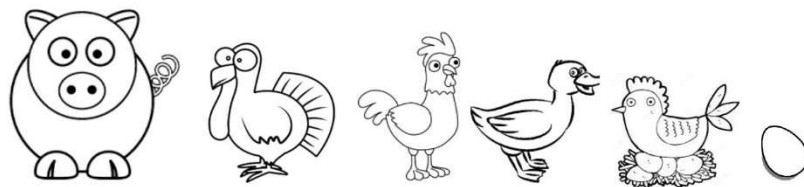
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## DARTS NIGHT REMINDER

The 2016/2017 Wednesday evening darts sessions will start on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 pm. The fee remains the same as last year and is a bargain at \$3.00 per session. The traditional game of "301" and the increasingly popular game of "Cricket" will be played on alternate weeks.

These evenings are a wonderful way for new comers to meet more club members. Beat those winter blahs and come to the club on Wednesdays for laughter, camaraderie and a bit of spirited competition.

Sandra Brans

## LOST & FOUND

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**DAWN GREVILLE Social Director**

Join us for our Annual Awards Night at the Harbour Banquet Centre November 18th. Open to all members, racers, crew, families and friends! \$60 per person. See our house staff to book tickets. See you there!

**Friday November 18**

**Awards Night**

**Open to all members – racers, crew, families and friends!**

Harbour Banquet Centre

5:30 pm Arrival – **cash bar**

6:30 pm Opening Remarks /Dinner Served

**MENU**

**Starter:**

Tangled Green Salad/Tomato Maple Vinaigrette

OR

Squash Soup

**Entrée:**

**(Includes potato/seasonal vegetable)**

Sundried Tomato and Brie Stuffed Chicken

OR

Slow Roasted Prime Rib of Beef

**Dessert**

**Coffee/Tea**

Dancing till 1 pm to DJ Neil

\$60 per person (taxes in)

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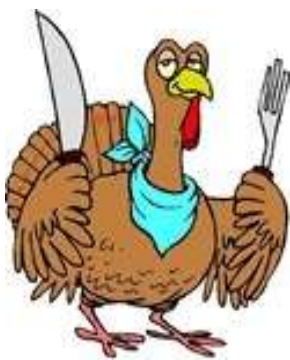
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## **Bronte Harbour Yacht Club**

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### **43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Turkey Roll Fundraiser & Banquet**

**Friday, December 2, 2016**

**Dinner at 6:00 PM (\$10 + HST – on sale later in November)**

Turkey Roll is BHYC's premier fundraiser and our way of giving back to the community. All proceeds from the evening's raffles and auction are divided primarily among local charities and community services, including:

- Halton Women's Place
- Oakville Salvation Army's Lighthouse
- Ian Anderson House Cancer Palliative Care Hospice

Support is also provided to BHYC's much heralded VIP Program, and to the sailing school in order to allow some spots for underprivileged children.

BHYC members know Turkey Roll as a fun-filled evening – good food, excellent raffle tables, exciting auction items!

Please help support this highly worthwhile effort by donating whatever you can: cash donations (so we can purchase more raffle items), interesting products or whatever you think would appeal.

Also, volunteers are needed for dinner prep, serving and clean up, selling raffle tickets, etc.

For more information, to make a donation, and to volunteer, please contact John McMullen at 905-635-4162 or [john.mcmullen@teksavvy.com](mailto:john.mcmullen@teksavvy.com)

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## DUSAN DAVIDOVIC Rear Commodore Sail

### 2016 Sailing Season is over...now we wait for 2017.

In 2016 BHYC organized:

- 38 Club Series Races
- 9 weekend regatta days
- 8 Cruising events
- RC participated in GHYRA, Easter Seals, OYS & Oakville Club

This year we had 41 boats registered for the Club Racing Series, which is a slight drop from previous years. Bronte Rocks also experienced a decrease in enrolment for various reasons. But overall, our numbers are still healthy although we would all like to grow more.

All this was possible because of a dedicated group of volunteers in Sailing, Racing and Bronte Rocks committee. More than 40 people participated in Race Committee and spent more than 800 hours on the water.

This year we introduced a new program, RC Skipper. Overall it was success. Many of you helped organize the running of our club races and I hope this program will continue to be important in the future. We also added a few new website pages about racing and I hope it made registering for events and getting information about events easier than in the past.

It was my privilege to serve as Rear Commodore of Sail for the last two years. I will be stepping down to allow new people with new ideas to take over.

I would like to extend my gratitude to all members that helped me to fill this role, without your help it wouldn't be impossible.

Thank you,

Dusan







## Association of Oakville Harbours Stakeholders activities - Fall 2016

The Association of Oakville Harbours' Stakeholders (AOHS) is a volunteer group comprised of representatives of the users of Oakville harbours including anglers, canoeists and paddlers, as well as the sailors, power boaters and TOWARF. AOHS liaises with the Town of Oakville to provide input that represents the interests of the stakeholders. AOHS meets regularly with Town staff on harbour matters, attends the Mayor's breakfast meetings, hosts open houses for the public on significant harbour-related issues and has made presentations to Town Council on harbour matters.

**Harbours Master Plan (HMP):** As most people are aware, the Town had engaged a consultant to develop a long-term vision and harbours master plan (HMP) for both Oakville and Bronte Harbours that includes, among other objectives, a potential site for a new marina. AOHS had provided input to the studies terms of reference.

The Town hosted a public information workshop on May 3, and several AOHS representatives attended and provided input. AOHS also met separately with the consultant team. The Town had also invited residents and harbour users to participate in an online survey (which has now ended). Currently Town staff have revised the HMP process and will be separating out the issue of a new marina from other harbour issues in their submission to Council, once the HMP study is completed.

**Harbour Services:** AOHS met with Town staff to revise the process of setting rates and fees for harbour services, with a view to reducing the complexity of the rate structure. In 2017, harbour fees will increase by 3% and dredging fees portion by 5%. As for the rate structure, the number of individual rates has been reduced significantly.

AOHS has requested that the Town replace the flags that were removed from the western hill of Sixteen Mile Creek Outer Harbour (Town staff are considering this).

AOHS has also discussed the bylaw banning use of barbecues on boats in the harbours (the bylaw will not change) and has recommended that the pay phone at Bronte Harbour remain in place for safety/emergency reasons.

AOHS has requested that payment for pump outs be made simpler (currently boaters in Sixteen Mile Creek have to go to the ticket machine in the parking lot on the west side of the creek before taking their boats to the pump out facility on the east side).

**Metro Marine:** The Town had designated Metro Marine in Bronte Harbour as a heritage building. Currently there is only one tenant and the future use is unclear. AOHS favours removing the designation, so the building can become more functional for harbour uses.

Chris Bishop  
Chair, AOHS

### Burgee Exchange

#### Club de Voile Senneville Yacht Club

Commodore formalizing reciprocal with Club de Voile Senneville Yacht Club on October 4<sup>th</sup> while visiting family in Quebec.

Visit arranged by our Peter McDougall who was Commodore of CVSYC for many years. Representing CVSYC at the burgee exchange were from left to right, Normand Prévost, Gerry Hickey and Jean Martin,





## KEVIN CORCORAN - Rear Commodore, Training

### SPORT OAKVILLE - BHYC 2016 Team Award - Nomination submitted by Angie MacQuarrie – Parent of BHYC Racer

Our team consists of 21 number of sailors ranging in age from 9-17. They commit to on water training locally for 8 out of 12 months of the year from April - November - sailing out of Bronte and in addition many team members travel to warmer climates through the winter months to continue to train. The team competes in 4 different classes of boats - Optimist (single handed under 15yrs), Club 420s (double handed), Laser Radial (single handed female Olympic class and male Olympic development class) and 29er (double handed youth Olympic development class).

#### LOCAL / REGIONAL

- attended 4 regional regattas
- on podium in 8 times for a total of 3-1st, 2-2nd and 3-3rd place finishes

#### PROVINCIAL

- attended 5 of provincial regattas
- on podium in 8 number of times for a total of 2-1st, 4-2nd and 2-3rd place finishes

#### NATIONAL

- attended 3 national regattas

#### OVERALL

- won the Steerer trophy for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row which honours the top performing junior club at the regatta which is attended by all the top sailing clubs from throughout Ontario
- 6 of our current race team members attended the Ontario Summer Games and won 5 medals (2 gold, 3 silver), plus an additional gold and silver medal were won by two of our recent team alumni who are now members of the Ontario Sailing Elite Team.
- we currently have 1/4 of our racers on the Ontario Sailing team - for the past 3 years BHYC has consistently seen as much as 1/2 of it's team awarded spots on the Provincial Sailing Team
- 3 of our team members have been recognized by the Ontario Quest For Gold program for their continued "pursuit of athletic excellence at the highest levels of national and international competition"

Many of our racers continue to make contributions to the sport of sailing and our community by becoming coaches in our own racing and, other sailing clubs, sailing programs

#### RATIONAL

We are a small club that proudly represents the Town of Oakville throughout the many communities in Ontario, and sometimes further afield, in which we compete. We are asked so often over the course of the season, how is such a small club so successful? Our success comes from our heart and the fact that we are a true community within the Town of Oakville. Many of our kids, coaches and parents think of our team as an extended family as we spend so much time together during the long racing season. The kids in our program are encouraging and supportive of each other even as they are competing against each other. Our success is twofold – as individuals and, more importantly, as a team – just like a family. Sport Oakville has been a great supporter of our team by helping us to cover coaching costs as well as buy used boats. Your support has helped us to become to the successful team that we are today. We have a bright future ahead of us as our sailors continue to train and compete to become the best sailors in Ontario!

TEAM MEMBERS: Nathan Corcoran, Connor Bey, Grey Snyder, Jack Porter, Linus Reiger, Michael Dandy, Kimberly Kirkpatrick, Alex MacQuarrie, Ellen, Juhasz, Drake, McGillivray, Matt, Finkle, Harrison Bruce, Ava Snyder, Lucas Fogh, Logan Corcoran, Kooper Zacharczuk, Michael Tahir, James Hume, Kaite Bowie, Oliver Hume, Jack Brown, Ryan Coxon





# Annual General Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday November 29<sup>th</sup> 2016

**Place:** Bronte Harbour Yacht Club

**Time:** 19:30 hours





# November 2016

## Upcoming Events

Awards Night  
November 18

AGM  
November 29

43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Turkey Roll  
December 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 Sip & Stitch	2	3	4	5	6
7 Club Closed Winter Hours	8 Sip & Stitch	9 Darts 19:15	10	11	12	13
14 Club Closed Winter Hours	15 Sip & Stitch	16 Darts 19:15	17	18 Awards Night 17:30	19	20
21 Club Closed Winter Hours	22 Sip & Stitch	23 Darts 19:15	24	25	26	27
28 Club Closed Winter Hours	29 AGM 19:30	30 Darts 19:15				



## Upcoming Events

Darts  
2017 January 4<sup>th</sup> to  
April 19<sup>th</sup>

# December 2016

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			1	2 Turkey Roll 18:00	3	4
5 Club Closed Winter Hours	6	7 Darts 19:15	8	9	10	11
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