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RICHARD BISSONNETTE Commodore

Well folks by the time you read this article the end of a great season will be just a few weeks away with haul out scheduled for October 29th and 30th.

Don't forget to mark your calendar; the Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 29th. We are looking in slightly modifying the format so that more operational information is available to the attendees prior to the start of the meeting. The goal is to provide clearer information in a clear format; another attempt for more transparency.

On the subject of AGM, this will be time to fill opened positions on the board. As mentioned in my last article, if we don't fill these positions some club activities will be impacted. This would be very sad after the great season we had not being able to maintain the momentum. If you are interested in considering joining the board but would like more information prior to committing, please feel free to call me or contact Brian Miller – Nominating Committee Chair.

There is not much more to report from my end. As always, if you have any questions or wish some clarifications, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Richard

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It's Been Busy at the Farm this Summer!

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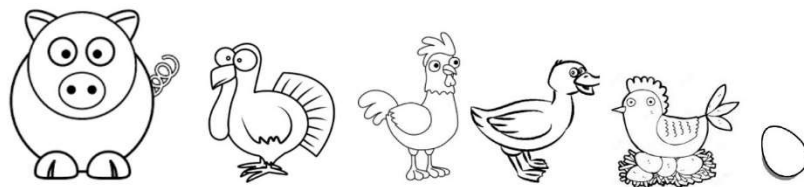
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As you may be aware our fiscal year end is September 30, and to assist in our audit please pay all outstanding accounts as soon as possible so we can properly value our Accounts Receivable at year end.

Eric Pilon will be circulating more information in regards to the storage of boats for the winter but please note to store with the club for the winter your accounts must be current and the storage fees paid. If you have any questions regarding your account please let me know.

Hopefully in early December we will have a regalia super sale of older inventory and this will be an opportunity for the frugal sailors to pick up some wonderful gifts for the holidays.

Game On

This is a call to all Phil ("The Power") Taylor and Deta ("Dark Destroyer") Hedman wannabes as well as anyone who just wants to have a lot of fun.

The 2016/2017 Wednesday evening darts sessions will start on November 9th 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

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IN MEMORY OF
KAREN ANN ALMOND

(May 9, 1956 - September 25, 2016)

At the youthful age of 60, Karen passed away peacefully at home with her family by her side on Sunday, September 25, 2016. Karen was the loving wife of Bill Hewitt, beloved daughter of Noel Almond and the late Florence Almond (nee Thomas) and daughter-in-law of Hazel and the late William Hewitt. She was the cherished sister of Neil Almond (Jennifer) and sister-in-law of Andy Hewitt (Marden) and Freida Hewitt. Karen was the much respected step-sister of Jamie Clark (Karen) and Rob Clark (Marie). She was the greatly loved aunt of Ryan (Siska), Melissa, Greg (Tayah), Kyle, Jessalyn, Evan (Kirsten), Rachel, Ashley and Julia. As well as great aunt to Merissa, Sam, Kyler, Ava, Essi, Hesse and Reid.

Since Karen's initial diagnosis in 2012, she fought a long and courageous battle with cancer. To all who knew and loved her it was nothing short of extraordinary that she was able to accomplish the many things that she did. The endless amount of strength and energy that Karen possessed can be attributed to the fact that she loved and thoroughly enjoyed her life. She felt that she had lived a great life and was most thankful for it.

Karen's professional life started as an entry level employee for an insurance broker, she quickly realized how much she enjoyed the industry and realized the growth potential in her field. With relentless ambition she forged her own path and that transpired into the position of Senior Vice-President with C.I.T., where she was Chief Operating Officer for Global Insurance Services. Karen never backed down from a challenge in business or in life and this trait enabled her to live life to the fullest.

She was the world's most insatiable shopper and never missed an opportunity to check out the stores wherever she was. She had a massive collection of lime green, orange, purple and coral clothing which, she was totally able to carry off with beauty and panache! Karen also had a great love of travel, art, gardening, cooking, murder mystery books, sailing and skiing.

Karen and Bill purchased a property outside Ellicottville, NY. in 2009. At that time they took up skiing where Karen continued to ski enthusiastically up until last winter despite being seriously ill. In fact, after being re-diagnosed one of her goals was to ski again and that she did many times, doing more and more runs with each trip to the hill. She was a force to be reckoned with. Karen was a member of the Bronte Yacht Club for over 30 years and skippered her father's boat (aptly named Karena) with him as crew.

Karen always had time to volunteer in the community and lend a hand to family or friends in need. She could always be relied upon to give advice and guidance and this was often balanced by her great sense of wit and humour. Finally, Karen's generosity of spirit will be sorrowfully missed, by all who had the joy of knowing her. Godspeed sweet angel.

Great thanks go out to all of the staff, nurses and doctors at Mt Sinai Hospital in the Outpatient Oncology Department and in particular to Dr R. Burkes, for all of the love and care they showed toward Karen during her journey with them. They always treated her with respect and could never do enough for her. Karen's final days at home would not have been possible without the support of Dr. Pyle, Dr. Benjamin and our steadfast nurse Glenann -- their dedication to Karen allowed us the gift of keeping her at home with us until the last moment.

Celebration of Karen's life will be held in Oakville on October 23 with further details to follow at the website below. For more information please contact the funeral home.

<http://smithsfh.com/book-of-memories/2716009/Almond-Karen/obituary.php>



Eric Pilon - Vice Commodore

Haul Out Information

Attention all club members cradle layout is scheduled for Saturday October 22nd. This will be an opportunity to get your work party credits and time to work on your cradles. If your cradle is not already in the yard it must be there by Wednesday, October 19.

Cradle pads: Dan Klick from K-Weld will be available to put pads (feet) on the bottom of your cradles to keep the base out of the yard soil. The soil is very acidic when wet and over time (years) will rust out the bottom of your cradle. The cost is \$25.00 per 2 inch pad. If you want a bigger pad, say 3 inches then you must deal directly with Dan. This opportunity is something members have been requesting for several years so take advantage of it. Many marinas will not store your boat unless there are pads on the cradles a sign up sheet is now posted in the front entrance for those wanting pads (feet) added to their cradle. Dinghies etc. Sign up before October 22.

No matter what your membership classification is, if you have a dinghy in the yard and it is not removed by October 15th you will be billed for winter storage. This also applies to members who have kayaks or canoes on the racks. If you have a paddling membership then your winter storage for one kayak or canoe is paid for. If you have an additional kayak or canoe or you are not a paddling member then you must have your kayak or canoe removed by the 15th or you will be billed for winter storage.

Dry sailors storing with the club - please have your boats out into the parking lot by the 26th of October.

This is an exciting time as we get ready for haul out and there are a number of issues to remember to cover.

I am thanking you all in advance for your co-operation and help.

Eric Pilon

ASSISTANCE TAKING YOUR MAST DOWN

If your will be needing assistance in taking your mast down this year, contact Peter McDougall at 905-827-3949 (cell 905-464-4558)

To make arrangements for help. Peter has a team of club members who will help you. His team members will not take your mast down for you unless it is an emergency (i.e. Health related). They will only help you if it is your first time or if you physically need assistance.



DAWN GREVILLE Social Director

Your social committee will be meeting soon to finalize the following upcoming events. Watch for updates on the website or your email.

Saturday October 29

Haul out Lunch

Price \$8.00 (taxes in) – Meat Lasagna

Please order your lunch early to make shopping easier

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

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KEVIN CORCORAN Rear Commodore, Training

Wow! The summer has just flown by. And it has been an extremely busy one. We had a successful learn to sail program this year with a full house for our Junior Banquet. During our banquet, we said goodbye to Julian Howarth our Program Manager and Head Instructor. Julian has been with us the last three years and has done an impeccable job here at Bronte. He is in pursuit of his engineering career and we all wish him the best of luck! As we say come back and visit to Julian, we welcome our new Program Manager, Dayna Hellman! Dayna has been with Bronte since she was young. She participated in our Learn to Sail program, graduated to our racing team and for the last few years, has been an instructor with us.

Bronte Harbour Yacht Club continues to lead the way in both the Learn To Sail program and Junior Race Team. Ontario Sailing recognized our efforts in the sailing community with awarding us the volunteer of the year award. Sport Oakville has also recognized BHYC Junior Race Team on their success over the past few years.

Recently, 4 of our Junior Racers took part in the 1D cup. Nathan Corcoran and Gray Snyder took the helm of two boats and placed 2nd and 4th in the regatta. Our Junior team took part in CORK, our National Event in Kingston, with many of our racers finishing top 10 in each of the fleets. Bronte received lots of recognition during the Ontario Summer Games. In the sport of sailing our racers received 5 of the 9 available medals to be won.

On Saturday, October 22nd at 10am, we are looking for some volunteers to help pack the school away for the winter season! Most of the boats are already packed away, but will need assistance to pack the rest of the boats away and to cover them for the winter.

Our first Junior Race Team Open House for the 2017 season is occurring on Saturday November 12th from 1-4pm. We hope to announce our coaches for the next season, answer any questions new racers might have and welcome Olympian Brenda Bowskill to say a few words and share her experience in Rio. If you know someone who might want to race with us, have them join us on November 12th.



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Cruising Corner

The on-water activities of our cruising season have come to an end, but not without some excitement.

In the July issue of the Signal I had said “And by the time you read this update, 9 club boats will have spent the August long weekend in Toronto at the Toronto Hydroplane and Sailing Club exploring the Beaches neighbourhood.” Apparently Mother Nature took exception to such a boastful statement and delivered strong easterly winds for a few days in a row resulting in 2 meter waves and unrelenting headwinds on the day we set sail. So, what I meant to say was that 9 boats started out for the Toronto Hydroplane and Sailing Club (TH&SC) and the 3 boats that made it (Mark Hellman, Sandra and Craig Biggar and Robbert and Ruth Borst) had a wonderful time. Two boats hunkered down at Alexandria Yacht Club, two boats decided to stay at Port Credit Yacht Club while two boats returned to Bronte. Special mention to Sam and Steph Spares who drove to TH&SC after deciding that a SOG of 2 to 3 knots was not going to get them there by water.

At the end of August we had 7 boats set sail for Port Credit Yacht Club. I am happy to report that we all made it.

What I really enjoy about cruising is the opportunity to meet different club members. We had three first time cruisers join us. Melanie Smith and Alan Cook’s and infant daughter Isabelle proved to be a real trooper and seemed to enjoy herself. Long-time member Mike O’Connor and his 1st mate Ronni Brierley ventured off the race circuit long enough to discover that cruisers are fun people too. Dennis and Sharon Hyduk along with their two children rounded out the group. We enjoyed a great pot luck dinner and discovered that six of our members had lived and worked in Canada’s far north.

Bronte Rocks saw the cruising division well represented by Bronte club members. Congratulations to Colin and Christel Bullen on their first place finish.

September weather can be hit and miss. Our weekend cruise to Hanlan’s Point proved to be a little wet on the Saturday although the Sunday was beautiful. Three boats made the trip and I can personally attest to the fact that we all had a great time. This was my first trip to Hanlan’s and entering Toronto Harbour at night with the back drop of city lights was both mesmerizing and a bit disorienting. I was reminded again what a great gem we have in the Toronto Islands which are only a short sail away.

While the summer is too short and our cruising season is over I hope to organize some on-land activities to tie us over the winter months. Please stay tuned.

43rd Annual

Turkey Roll

When: Friday, December 2nd

Where: Bronte Harbour Yacht Club

MARY ELLEN BOCKLER - Publicity Director

RON PARKER - Membership Director

Web site update:

We have been working hard on the new web site and hope to have something to present to the membership soon. We are taking our time to make sure it works, and looks good.

Signal Update:

Barbara Keeley-Watt is the new editor of the Signal and did a fantastic job on her first edition last month. If you have any articles or pictures you would like to share on facebook or the Signal please submit them to publicity@bhyc.on.ca or if you want to send a Blue Water announcement to the membership send your message to announce@bhyc.on.ca

See you around the club!

New Members

Please join me in welcoming recent new club members. They may require some help with club orientation and Haul-out. Offer to assist where you can.

Senior

Trevor & Britta Miles
Darrell MacLean

Associate

John Forde & Beverly Bester



Annual General Meeting

Date: Tuesday November 29th 2016

Place: Bronte Harbour Yacht Club

Time: 19:30 hours

Vote



October 2016

Upcoming Events

Awards Night
November 18

AGM
November 29

Darts
2016 November 9th to
December 21st
2017 January 4th to
April 19th

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1	2 Fall Series 13:00
3	4	5	6	7	8 Turkey Race	9
10	11 Sip & Stitch	12	13	14	15 Diehards Regatta	16 Diehards Regatta
17	18 Sip & Stitch	19	20	21	22 Cradle Layout, Yard Clear Out	23
24	25 Sip & Stitch	26	27 Last Day crane is available	28	29 Haul Out (Lasagna Lunch)	30 Haul Out
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Upcoming Events

43rd Annual Turkey Roll
December 2

November 2016

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