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RICHARD BISSONNETTE Commodore

First thing, I wish to thank John McMullen and crew for running the auction portion of the Turkey Roll, and Dawn Greville and her crew for feeding the gang a delicious turkey dinner. Clearly, it was a successful evening and many local charities will benefit.

Before going any further, I must thank the 56 members who attended the Annual General Meeting and the 6 members who took the time to provide proxies.

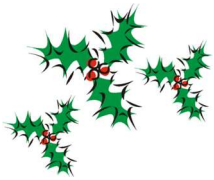
The new format, with more information available prior to the meeting, I referred to this in an earlier article, appears to have been well received. Comments made verbally and received by emails clearly indicate the format is well worth considering as it provides more time to discuss the more important issues facing our club. Another benefit of the new format is that the meeting was over in reasonable time without sacrificing information to the membership.

Unfortunately, we still have 2 positions vacant on the board; I do have a few potential candidates in mind and I am trying hard to fill the positions before year end. If anyone is interested in one of these positions, the search is not closed; please call me.

In 2016, we made good progress in stabilizing the financial health of the club and addressed several issues to make the operations more efficient and the club a welcoming place. We still have more work to do and the board will need some help. Directors will shortly be working on bringing together various sub-committees. Being part of one of the sub-committees is a great opportunity to gain better understanding of what is required to run the club; please consider taking a more active role.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the 2016 board for the work done and the support provided me. A special thank you to Cheryl Penman, Dawn Greville, Dusan Davidovic, Mike Doody, and Sean Dubreuil, who are leaving the board. We enjoyed working with these members and will miss their hard work and input. Also, I would like to welcome to the board the new directors RC Sail Barry Jasper, Membership Director Allan Cook, and Publicity Director Tony Byrne a returning director. I look forward to working with the new board.

This is the last Signal for 2016, I would like to seize this opportunity to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On Tuesday, November 29th the 55th Bronte Harbour Yacht Club AGM was held. It seemed low in attendance but there were enough for a quorum. Each director had a written synopsis of what had been accomplished set out on the tables so people had time to read before the meeting and formulate any questions if they had any. The Auditors also had a financial report for everyone to review.

Three amendments to the current by-laws were proposed and passed.

Kevin Corcoran gave a more detailed report on the sailing school / race team and was available for any questions people had.

At this time of year a new board is voted in, and a list is presented below. As you can see two positions are still vacant and this could jeopardize how the club is run in 2017. If you would like to volunteer please talk to Richard Bissonnette.

Members of the 2017 Board of Directors

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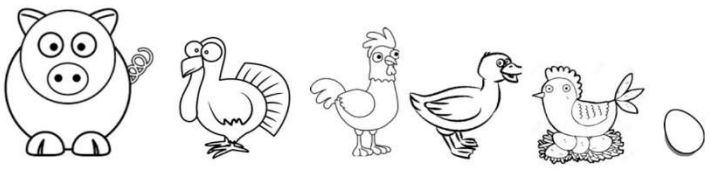


LIGHTHOUSE STABLES

2016 TOP 10 BOAT AWARDS&TROPHIES

BOAT	SERIES OR EVENT	PLACE	FLEET	AWARD	HELM
BAY LAUREL	Tuesday Series	**2nd place**	Main & Jib		
	Overall Series	**2nd place**	Main & Jib		
	Bronte Rocks Regatta	**3rd place**	Main & Jib II		**Murray Dinning**
AQUARIUS IX	Thursday Series	**1st place**	Main & Jib		
	Fall Fall Series	**3rd place**	Main & Jib		
	Overall Series	**3rd place**	Main & Jib		**Reiner Van Der Wagen**
REKLIS	Tuesday Series	**2nd place**	Spinnaker II		
	Thursday Series	**3rd place**	Spinnaker II		
	Overall Series	**3rd place**	Spinnaker II		
	Diehards Regatta	**1st place**	Spinnaker	**Rock & Roll Diehards**	**Joe Kolosky**
BLACKBIRD	Tuesday Series	**3rd place**	Spinnaker III		
	Thursday Series	**2nd place**	Spinnaker III		
	Fall Series	**1st place**	Spinnaker III		
	Overall Series	**2nd place**	Spinnaker III		**Mark Fuse**
KACHINA	Tuesday Series	**3rd place**	Spinnaker II		
	Thursday Series	**2nd place**	Spinnaker II		
	Fall Series	**2nd place**	Spinnaker II		
	Overall Series	**2nd place**	Spinnaker II		
	Crew's Chance Race	**3rd place**	Spinnaker		**Sandra Biggar**
	Lady Helmsman Race	**3rd place**	Spinnaker		**Sandra Biggar**
	Pursuit race	**1st place**	Main & Jib		
	Bronte Rocks Regatta	**2nd place**	Spinnaker II		**David Lord**
TOP FIVE BOATS and the next three boats (3rd, 4th and 5th) are in a three way tie					
WHISPER 2	Tuesday Series	**1st place**	Main & Jib		
	Thursday Series	**2nd place**	Main & Jib		
	Fall Series	**2nd place**	Main & Jib		
	Overall Series	**1st place**	Main & Jib	**Nicholson Trophy**	**John Buckminster**
ALA-KAZAM	Tuesday Series	**3rd place**	Shark		
	Thursday Series	**1st place**	Shark		
	Fall Series	**1st place**	Shark		
	Overall Series	**1st place**	Shark	**Best Shark Cup**	**Robert Watt**
HEATWAVE	Tuesday Series	**1st place**	Spinnaker III		
	Thursday Series	**1st place**	Spinnaker III		
	Overall Series	**1st place**	Spinnaker III	**Bramalea Cup**	
	Bronte Rocks Regatta	**1st place**	IRC 1		**Mark Hellmann**
CHAOS	Tuesday Series	**1st place**	Shark		
	Thursday Series	**2nd place**	Shark		
	Fall Series	**3rd place**	Shark		
	Overall Series	**2nd place**	Shark		
	Crew's Chance Race	**1st place**	Spinnaker		**James McTavish**
	Lady Helmsman Race	**2nd place**	Spinnaker		**Angel Thompson**
	Bronte Rocks Regatta	**1st place**	Sharks		**James Roper**
IT'S A CONSPIRACY	Tuesday Series	**1st place**	Spinnaker II		
	Thursday Series	**1st place**	Spinnaker II		
	Fall Series	**1st place**	Spinnaker II		
	Overall Series	**1st place**	Spinnaker II	**Dock 16 Trophy**	
	Turkey Race	**1st place**	Spinnaker		
	Pursuit race	**2nd place**	Spinnaker		
	Bronte Rocks Regatta	**1st place**	Spinnaker II		
	Fleet Champion			**Matulot Trophy**	**Adrian Hanley**

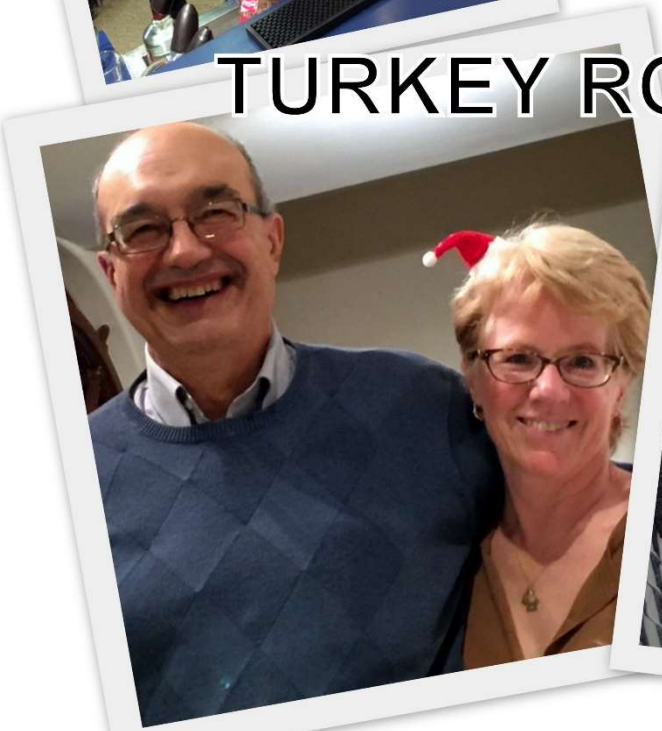
2016 SPECIAL AWARDS&TROPHIES

Trophies chosen by the Board		
Award/Trophy	**Purpose**	**Skipper (boat)**
Allan Gay Memorial	Presented to a club member who is not on the BoD and has quietly helped make the club a better place, always working behind the scene	**Joe Kolosky**
Silent Sam Award	Outstanding Service to BHYC	**Eric Pilon**

Trophies chosen by the Sail Committee		
Award/Trophy	**Purpose**	
Ambassador	For Competition Outside BHYC	**Adrian Hanley**
Pussers' Navy Rum	Most Tenacious Sailor	**Dave Crompton**
Powder Puff	Most Active Lady Skipper	**Amy Pedersen**
Grey Shark Award	Lowest total BCE, whole series, no drops	**Robert Watt**

Trophies chosen by the Cruising Committee		
Award/Trophy	**Purpose**	
I.T. Hamilton	Cruise racing	**Colin & Christel Bullen (Rufus)**
Jane Emily	Cruising	**Don & Julie Harkness (Argyll Legend)**
Tail End Charlie	Cruising	**Sam & Stephanie Spares (Chelsea III)**

TURKEY ROLL 2016



TURKEY ROLL ANOTHER SUCCESS

Last Friday, Dec 2nd, BHYC held its 43rd annual Turkey Roll Fundraiser. True to this event's track record, it was another success and fun was had by all.

The capacity crowd enjoyed a sumptuous turkey dinner with all the trimmings, thanks to Dawn Greville and her crew of preparers, servers and tidy-uppers (Joan Spares, Alexandra Arden, Christel Bullen, Beth Stewart, Fran Pilon, Diana and Richard Bissonnette, and Steve aka "Suds" Firth). Joan's wine-infused cranberry dressing was a hit, with leftover jars sold to a lucky few.

We don't have the net proceeds at the time of writing, but it's safe to say that they are in line with recent years and more than sufficient to make worthwhile donations to our three designated charities – Ian Anderson House Cancer Palliative Care Hospice, Halton Women's Shelter and Salvation Army Lighthouse. There were a number of very attractive auction items, both big and small. The marque auction item was a 2 hour/2 person session on an Air Canada flight simulator, arranged through the kind efforts of Mark Hellmann. At the request of AC, proceeds from this particular item, are directed to Ian Anderson House.

The many raffle table gifts and auction items were donated by local merchants and BHYC members alike, with most if not all of the latter choosing to remain anonymous. Our heartfelt thanks to all donors - their generosity is what makes Turkey Roll the success that it is.

Thanks go also to Marion Lyver, Dennis Giokas, Renate Weidner, Barb Dermott and Beth Stewart for selling raffle tickets, and to Cheryl "The Banker" Etherington for acting as our indispensable on-site cashier.
If you missed it, there's always next year!

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RON PARKER Commodore

At our recent AGM, we proposed three amendments to our By-laws to modify family inclusion and streamline membership classes.

Membership voted to add spouses/partners and children up to the age of majority, to the definition of Senior and Associate Membership.

Also approved was the elimination of the Dinghy Membership class in an effort to simplify membership structure. We will now have a “base” Associate Membership and add-ons for Dinghy and Kayak/Canoe storage and Boat Share usage.

Associate membership numbers will increase from 20 to 36, giving 16 additional people voting rights and the ability to serve on the Board. Fees for this class of membership will be reduced from the current $410.00 to $375.00. Initiation fees will be waived for the new Associates and volunteer hours will be set at 15 hours annually.

If you have any questions on these changes, please feel free to email me at membership@bhyc.on.ca

I would like to thank Al Cook for agreeing to fill my shoes in the New Year as Membership Director. Al is the Squash Director at the Ontario Racquet Club and brings much experience with him. Please welcome Al in his new role at our club.

Please join me in welcoming recent new club members.

Senior:_Richard Kropman;_John & Claudia McClay

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BARRY JASPER Rear Commodore Sail

Season's Greetings from the new but as yet unofficial RC of Sail. I accepted the nomination at the AGM with some reservations, since I will be out of the country for most of January, February and March; so please forgive me if I try and get a head start on 2017 a bit early.

First, let me say that we are all seriously indebted to Dusan for leading the racing program these past few years, and to congratulate him on a very successful 2016 season. I hope that I can follow along in that tradition….

Secondly, I would like to acknowledge the time, effort and commitment of all the volunteers, too many to name here, who made it all happen…..the cruising director, on-land race committee, the on the water race committee, the scorers, handicappers, protest chairs, awards organizers. Bronte Rocks organizers, GHYRA reps, sailor's night organizers, and TGIF organizers……..everyone did a great job.

Thirdly, and most importantly I want all of those who I mentioned above, you know who you are, to try the following dexterity test. Too bad….didn't they teach you in school that there is always a test……While patting yourselves on the back with your left hand, take the right hand and tap out a cryptic e-mail too me, to confirm or deny your interest in being involved next year…..

Fourthly, and finally, to anyone in the Bronte Harbour family, who would be prepared to join this fabulous army of volunteers, or would like to make suggestions, or comments, or criticisms on the racing and/or cruising programs. Now is your chance to jump into the spotlight, or to have those ideas put front and center, before I get swamped with day-to-day stuff…….

A special thank you, to everyone who has already contacted me, and made a commitment for 2017.

My short term goal, is to be in contact with all you folks in December, to have a Sailor's Night program, and a spring race officer training session in place by New Years. I will be holding race committee meetings and the first Bronte Rocks committee meeting, the first week of January. I am looking forward to it, with I hope, an adequate mixture of enthusiasm and trepidation……..

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KEVIN CORCORAN – Rear Commodore, Training

First, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! My family and I hope the holidays bring you and your families lots of cheer!

2016 was a fantastic year for us involving the Learn to Sail and Junior Racing program! Here are just a few notes from Training that were shared at the AGM.

The Highlights:

- Would say that we had a “Good” year!
- + $900 budget including $40K + Depreciation Capital Costs
- Learn to Sail program did better in attendance
- Hired two new staff members (past Racers)
- Attended Oakville Children's Festival to promote
- Classes were 76% full – up from 69% 2015
- BHYC awarded Best Junior Race Team
- 5 out of 9 medals from Ontario Summer Games
- Volunteer of the Year – Ontario Sailing
- Julian Howarth retirement
- Dayna Hellmann hired as the New Head Coach

2016 Concerns:

- Tried to strike up a Learn to Sail Committee several times
- Certain wage grants were no longer available
- Learn to Sail 420 damage due to collision
- Plan to replace aging capital on an ongoing basis
- Fundraising, donations and sponsorships
- 6 Junior racers moved on (age, instructing, Tier 1 Provincial Team)
- Hiring 2017 staff
- Support from members

Moving Forward:

- Applying for Ontario Trillium Grant
- Hiring 2017 staff
- Advertising
- Adult Training
- Someone to take on the RC Training role in 2018
- Looking for apprentice / hire full time Learn to Sail Director
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So in ending, it was a very good year involving Training at Bronte. I would like to thank all of you who helped make this year such a great success! I would also like to thank those who attended the AGM, who took the time to listen and understand how and why I run the Training program. For those who could not attend the AGM and have any questions on how it is run and/or wish to help in the New Year, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

December 2016

Upcoming Events

Christmas Carol Sing
December 10, at 19:00

Darts Night Pot Luck
December 21

New Years Eve Celebration
December 31, 18:30

Darts
2017 January 4th to April 19th

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1	2 Turkey Roll 18:00	3	4
5 Club Closed Winter Hours	6	7 Darts 19:15	8	9	10 Carol Sing 19:00	11
12 Club Closed Winter Hours	13 Sip & Stitch	14 Darts 19:15	15	16	17	18
19 Club Closed Winter Hours	20 Sip & Stitch	21 Darts 19:15 Pot Luck	22	23	24	25
26 	27 Sip & Stitch	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve Party 18:30	

Upcoming Events

Darts
2017 January 4th to
April 19th

January 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
						1 Happy New Year!
2 Club Closed Winter Hours	3	4 Darts 19:15	5	6	7	8
9 Club Closed Winter Hours	10 Sip & Stitch	11 Darts 19:15	12	13	14	15
16 Club Closed Winter Hours	17 Sip & Stitch	18 Darts 19:15	19	20	21	22
23	24 Sip & Stitch	25	26	27	31	