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## RICHARD BISSONNETTE Commodore

First, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope everyone had a great Christmas and celebrated the New Year with Family and Friends.

This article will be rather short as your new board has only met once for the transition and the welcoming of new board members. The new board will officially meet later this month. Our primary goals will be to complete the implementation of the unfinished 2016 projects and launch some new initiatives to maintain and build the value of a BHYC membership.

The positions of Social Director and House Director have not yet been officially filled; we anticipate some news on that front before too long.

Also, front and center for 2017 will be short and long term planning. Your board are reviewing a number of suggestions and ideas and will be making some recommendations at the Spring Meeting. Let me assure you, the membership will be consulted and your board will take orders from the membership.

Again, I reiterate, you will get more enjoyment from BHYC if you get involved. This does not necessarily mean run for a board position, there are several committees and sub-committees that require help. Serving on any of these committees offer great opportunities, not only to earn your work party credit requirements, but meet other members and make significant contributions to your club.

As always, if you have any questions or require some clarifications on committee work, please do not hesitate to contact me.

See you around the club.

*Richard*

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## HAPPY 95<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY WISHES TO MURIEL HORNELL

Wishing you a very Happy Birthday Muriel from all of us at BHYC.



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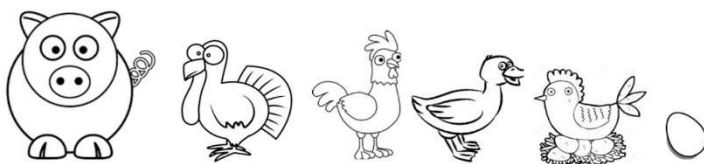
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## Games...Games...Games

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Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
7pm - 10 pm

please bring:

- ✓ your games/cards of choice
- ✓ a snack or munchies to share



For enjoyment only - no gambling please!

## IN MEMORY OF ERIC WIKLUND

February 11, 1940 – December 16, 2016

Eric was an engineering graduate of UBC and relocated to Bronte in 1970 when he joined Ontario Hydro. After spending a year or so paddling a canoe up the creek, he was welcomed in to the club by the late Paul Keeley, who was Commodore at that time.

Forty five percent of the BHYC members sailed dinghies in the 1970's and early 80's, with the Wayfarer fleet totalling 22 boats and the Albacores 12. After gaining experience Eric purchased a wooden Wayfarer, later followed by a fibreglass Wayfarer named Hagar. Most of the dinghies were sailed by families and Eric was no exception. Though after rendering his wife nearly unconscious with the boom, Judy passed the crewing duties on to their children. The dinghies and keel boats sailed on the same course based on the Olympic Circle and Eric was known for loudly remonstrating keel boat skippers as to right of way at turning marks. By the 90's the dinghy fleets had virtually disappeared, and Eric sold the Wayfarer to concentrate on his other activities such as Scouting and Camping.

Eric served a Rear Commodore Training and was responsible for placing many of the club's old records in PDF computer format. In the days when the Training Division was run as a low cost operation he was one of a team that spent long Winter hours in the Junior Club on the West Bank re-building and re-rigging dinghy masts. Latterly he was member of the Committee boat crew until ill health and a failing sense of balance forced him to give it up. Despite not sailing in recent years he retained an interest in the Club, attending some social events and playing darts until last November.

Tribute to Eric written by Peter Brayshaw (Jo Duff)



Eric Wiklund





## ALLAN COOK Membership Director

Happy New Year fellow BHYC members!!

I am very excited to be involved with the BHYC Board as the new Membership Director.

I am relatively new to sailing. My partner, Melanie Smith, introduced me to sailing on a Hobie Cat called Wind Chill on Great Slave Lake in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories. I immediately fell in love with the quietness of it all and how the world just disappears behind you as you head out on the water!

We moved to Burlington in 2013 and are happy to be once again sailing on another Great Lake aboard Treka, our beloved C&C 27. We joined BHYC in 2015 and have really enjoyed the friendliness of BHYC and being part of a larger community of boaters.

I've worked with private member clubs for over 15 years as a Squash Coach and I am hoping to use my experience and knowledge to help grow the BHYC membership. I look forward to working with members and the Board in this endeavor.

Here's looking forward to the 2017 sailing season!

Allan Cook

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## IN MEMORY OF HUGH ROPER

March 5, 1936 - December 22, 2016

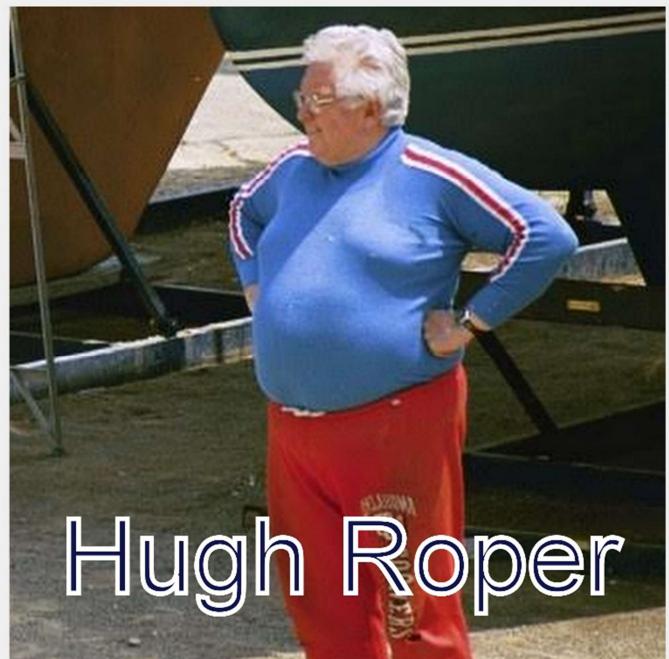
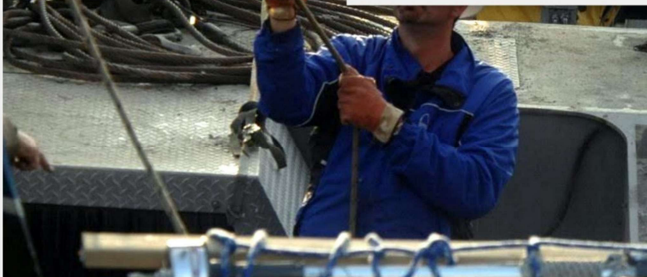
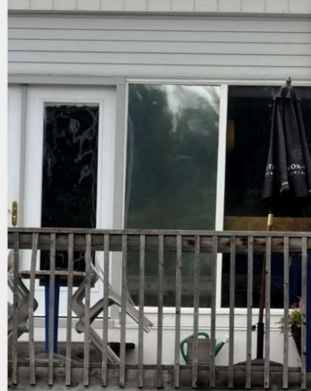
Hugh Roper did an enormous amount of work for the Club, and did it quietly without any fuss. One of the largest projects he took on was refurbishing the Sailing School coach boat "Fetchit". Hugh worked on "Fetchit", and another group worked on "Coaching". Both boats had their useful lives extended by several years,

Hugh also served on the Board as Vice Commodore back in the time when we owned the docks on the west side of the creek, so not only, had he to arrange for boats to be lifted, but had to twist arms to get a work party together to haul the docks and make any necessary repairs. Not an easy task, but he got it done.

He was also an advocate for the "Lightning" class – a 19' dinghy which had a large following at one time, and he organized an annual regatta for the Club Lightnings and any others on the lake that were interested. For many years, even after he bought his CS 27 "Nancy O" he maintained an interest in Lightnings, and the last time I saw his garage/workshop, there were still two of the dinghies in it.

Hugh's son James maintains the Roper connection, racing his Shark "Chaos".

Tribute to Hugh written by Hugh Ramsey (EcoSsaie)



## TONY BYRNE Publicity Director

I'mmmm back! Yes, after a little deliberation I decided to take on another Board position as Publicity Director. I took on this role for two reasons:

1. I want to ensure all our activities are well published, not only internally but externally as well to ensure the Town of Oakville knows what we do for the community (VIP sailing and Turkey Roll as examples).
2. This role is supported by an awesome team including Barbara Keeley-Watt on the Signal and Cam Watt as our webmaster (jack of all trades kind a guy!)

I have had an opportunity to meet with Cam to discuss a few items and am happy to say we are being dragged into the 21<sup>st</sup> century from a technology perspective. Cam has worked hard on a new email system and a new website both of which are more robust, easier to manage and much, much easier to update.

**EMAIL:** In that regard I would like to announce the following changes to our email accounts:

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2. [Announcement@bhyc.on.ca](mailto:Announcement@bhyc.on.ca) – if you want to send an announcement to the membership, please forward your draft announcement to this email address; it will get to me but only through this email address.
3. [Board@bhyc.on.ca](mailto:Board@bhyc.on.ca) – this is an email group for all the Board members. If you want to email a particular Board member, their addresses are included in the Signal and on the website. The individual emails are pretty easy to remember, i.e. Richard is [Commodore@bhyc.on.ca](mailto:Commodore@bhyc.on.ca), I am [publicity@bhyc.on.ca](mailto:publicity@bhyc.on.ca). Do not use personal emails as the Board members will only be checking the email address listed above.

**Website:** We will be launching a new website effective January 20, 2017. Cam has done an amazing job developing this new website that is more user friendly and easier to update. One of the main features of the new site will be new Google Calendar function that will replace the book behind the bar for recording functions & events at the club. Each Board member will have specific calendar access to record their events such as racing, VIP, Bronte Rocks; House will also have their own calendar tab to add events such as parties, rentals, etc. The main benefit of the new calendar is that all the events will show on the main calendar on our new website so any member can log in and see what's happening at the club in real time.

We are also looking to add the membership form, allow for race registration, sailing school registration and eventually payments through this site. Cam will continue to work to on making this the central repository for all the club actions.

When the new site is launched, I ask all members to read it over and offer suggestions for updates and changes. Each Board member has reviewed, but as we are mostly older and need reading glasses, I am sure we missed a

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## **TONY BYRNE Membership Director (continued)**

few things. Also, there may be a few selections that will show as 'Under Construction' but will be updated in short order.

Overall it is an exciting start to my tenure as Publicity and I want to thank Mary Ellen for her work with Cam to date. She did the heavy lifting I just needed timing.

If I made mistakes on the timing of events, they are mine alone.

'Til next month!

*Tony*

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## **STEPHEN FIRTH Treasurer**

Social Report/House report

Hope everyone had a good holiday season.

The club rang in the New Year with a evening of fun, food and dancing for 44 hardy souls. Thanks to Taylor and Marias for playing the music and bartending also thanks to Grad for all the pictures. A very special thanks to Susan and friends Dan and Heather for their assistance in setting up the food and cleaning up after. The club was decorated with the help of Dawn, Colin and Christel and looked fabulous. We had a wonderful toast at New Year and all the best to everyone for 2017.

Appetizers night will begin Friday January 13th with the board providing the treats. There will be a beer and burger night on Jan 20th for the outrageous price of \$8. A sign up sheet will be posted so get together with a group of friends for future nights.

With the help of Dale and Marge and Trudy there will be a games night on Thursday Jan 12. Bring a game and some nibbles to be shared for the evening. The fun begins at 7 pm.

More events are being planned and will be relayed shortly.

*Stephen*

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## **Mauna-Kea Adventure**

Keep track of our travelling members Ken & Laurie on Mauna-Kea on their blog at <http://mauna-kea-sailing.blogspot.ca/>

## BARRY JASPER Rear Commodore Sail

When you say it fast RC Sail doesn't seem to amount to much. But after my initiation, trial by fire, including meetings relating to the board, to the new website, the new calendar, the sail committee, and the Bronte Rocks committee; I find myself pretty humble and very thankful for the small army of volunteers who took up arms to help me through the process.....

- Bronte Rocks committee of 9 folks under the leadership of Peter Fuller already laying plans and starting work.
- GHYRA Representative - Chris Burcher, with 2 other folks on the main GHYRA committee, and 4 others organizing the Bronte regatta night.
- TGIF - Mike Mills, as the TGIF coordinator, with 3 assistants planning their schedule of events.
- Cruising Director - Don Harkness, with 2 weekend events already on the calendar, heading to the boat show to meet with his counterparts from other clubs, to set up more reciprocal cruises.
- Sailors Nights - Peter McDougall and Robbert Borst are organizing a series of Thursday night Sailors Nights through the winter including presentations on sailing in Croatia, sailing the North Channel, on sail trim, on sail tactics, and on the new rules.
- Race Officer Training - Dusan and Richard will be putting on Race Officer Training in April and Bluewater Training in May.
- PHRF - Sue Sproule and her 2 handicapping assistants attending PHRF Lake Ontario workshops, adjusting their sail measurement formulas, and getting ready to familiarize themselves with any changes in the 2017-2021 rule book.
- Scoring- Jamie MacCorkindale with his 2 scoring assistants, ready for the new season.
- Protest Committee - Dan Klick and his group of Protest Chairs, bracing for the worst, but praying for the best, a quiet protest season, like the last one.....
- Race Committee Regatta's - Dawn Greville, Pat Dewar and Grad Dewar, who have agreed to form the nucleus of a weekend regatta race committee.

The sail committee of 18 members has met and reviewed the club race and regatta race schedule, and the notice of race for the club series. A copy of the NOR for the series is posted on the racing board in the lower hall.

The only area of real concern, right now, is the on-the-water club race committee, the one area on life support, needing an infusion of new blood. The requirements for membership are a willingness to learn, good eyesight, basic math, and a wicked sense of humour.....oh and I forgot, an appreciation of Grad's jokes.....

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## **BARRY JASPER Rear Commodore Sail (continued)**

Right now I am wondering who I am going to catch hell from, for missing them off the list.....but seriously, we all need to raise a glass, and a vote of thanks, to everyone who came forward to help out with this great sailing program, the beating heart of this club.....thank you everyone.....

Big thanks are also due to Cam, it may only be the beginning of January, but Cam Watt has already logged in his work party hours readying the new website and calendar, so that it can go live, sometime this month.....

Since I don't want to make you wait for that, I will outline the following important dates for you with a little background.....

- SAILORS NIGHTS are scheduled for January 26<sup>th</sup>, February 9<sup>th</sup>, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.....mark them down please..... (See Signal Calendar)
- THE GHYRA 8<sup>TH</sup> NIGHT PARTY, is set for Saturday January 21<sup>st</sup> at Royal Hamilton Yacht Club. This event allows all those who participated last year to pick up where they left off on the seventh night of the regatta. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, it allows anyone who is interested in participating in 2017, to get the scoop on the route and dates for this year regatta. Plus, learn any changes in the registration process. I can disclose this much, the grandfathering tradition has been dropped, and registration will be on a first come, first served basis. Also, the registration limit of 60 boats, 45 racers and 15 cruisers, will be raised to 75. If you have considered joining in this premier event, now is your chance. In the past 6 years this event has won best volunteer organizing group in Canada once, and best regatta in Canada twice, awards presented by the Canadian Yachting Association. Register on line for this night at [www.ghyra.wufoo.com](http://www.ghyra.wufoo.com) for more information on the regatta see the GYHRA Facebook page and download the team app. GHYRA 2017 REGATTA REGISTRATION will open 9.00 am EDT on January 29<sup>th</sup>

Now all we need is to move up launch, looking forward to seeing you on the water.....

*Barry Jasper*

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## **RON PARKER Rear Commodore Power**

Bluewater Committee: The first order of business for the 2017 will be to form a "Bluewater Committee". The purpose will be to determine replacement cost and determine immediate repairs required prior to the upcoming racing season.

If you are interested, please email me at [rcpower@bhyc.on.ca](mailto:rcpower@bhyc.on.ca)

*Ron*

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Happy New Year  
2017







## Upcoming Events

### Games Night

January 12

### Appetizer Night

January 13

### Beer & Burger Night

January 20

### Darts

January 4 - April 19

### Sailors Night

January 26

February 9 & 23

March 9 & 23

# January

# 2017

### Toronto Boat Show

January 21-28

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 Games Night 19:00	13 Appetizer Night	14	15
16 Club Closed Winter Hours	17 Sip & Stitch	18 Darts 19:15	19	20 Beer & Burger Night	21 GHYRA 8 <sup>th</sup> Night - RHYC	22
23	24 Sip & Stitch	25 Darts 19:15	26 Sailors Night 19:30	27	31	



## Upcoming Events

### Sailors Night

February 9  
February 23  
March 9  
March 23

### Darts

January 4 - April 19

### Race Committee Training

April 8

### Launch

April 29 - 30

# February 2017

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