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RICHARD BISSONNETTE Commodore

As I write this update on your board's activities, preparations for Bronte Rocks are in the final stages, the last club week day race is hours away and haul out planning is well underway – where has the summer gone. Let us not all get depressed, according to the calendar we still have some summer left, fall only arrives on September 22nd – Let's enjoy what is left.

If you haven't been to the club lately, I invite you to drop in. We are all aware that our club house will require some major renovation in the not too distant future, but it is the board's goal to maintain the premises in a safe and attractive condition for the membership and attract new members.

Any major renovations will be executed in complete consultation with the membership.

Some of the recent improvements made include the return of the refinished round table - for which a special thanks is extended to Joe Kolosky and crew for a great job - replacement of the emergency lighting (safety issue) and sprucing up the building exterior with a coat of paint, and the mounting of our new burgee on the side of the building. The superb burgee and sign are the product of Myron Lasko – Many thanks Myron.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday November 29th. Please mark your calendar.

While on the subject of AGM, this is an opportunity for anyone wishing to join the board. There will be a number of positions available and we may be challenged to fill some. Failure to recruit people for the board will impact some club activities. If you or you know someone who would be a great addition to the board, please contact Brian Miller, Past Commodore and Nominating Committee Chair
pastcom@bhyc.on.ca

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

Richard

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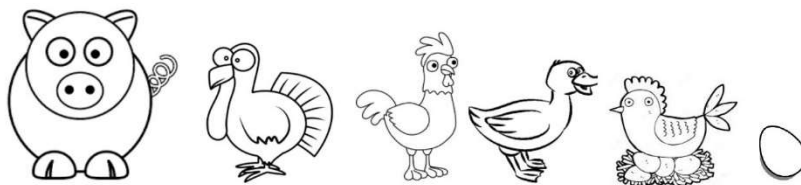
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STEPHEN FIRTH Treasurer

As our fiscal year end approaches (Sept 30) it is important that all outstanding accounts be paid as soon as possible to assist in the completion of our year-end audit.

As you are aware each senior and associate member is responsible to complete work party hours for the benefit of the club. It is important that work party chits be completed and sent to the appropriate Director for approval within 30 days of completion of the task.

We are in the process of updating our work party chits so please remit your chits as soon as possible as we will be updating our records over the next two weeks and hopefully will send out a statement for your review in the next monthly account. We are currently working on a new internal system for electronically recording chits that will be part of our new website development.

If you have any questions regarding your monthly account, please feel free to contact me as soon as possible to discuss.

Obituary

It is with sadness we report the passing of Donna York, beloved wife of Past Commodore Bob York a long serving member of Bronte Harbour Yacht Club.

Donna passed away on Thursday August 25th after a long and challenging journey with Alzheimer's.

Donna was an accomplished harpist and pianist, who entertained on many occasions the members of BHYC. Donna, did not only entertain BHYC members and guests, but has also performed with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra.

For members who wish to do so, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Society

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Report from Chester Race Week

By Ron Barr and Sue Sproule

Chester Race Week bills itself as the largest regatta in Canada. This year there were 121 boats on 4 different courses over 4 days of racing. The largest of the one-design fleets is the Bluenose fleet.

The Bluenose is a 23 foot boat that was originally designed and built in Nova Scotia in the 1940s. Since then, construction of these boats has continued sporadically in both wood and fibreglass. Most of the boats remain in Nova Scotia, however there is a small, but growing fleet of Bluenoses at the Buffalo Canoe Club.

On a 2015 reconnaissance mission, we discovered the special place that the Bluenose fleet has at Chester Race Week. The fleet has its own course and does almost all of its races inside the nearby islands and within sight of the Yacht Club. This provides an "arena sailing" atmosphere, with spectators using binoculars from the Club's veranda to watch the action. Depending on the wind direction, this means that the starting area for many races includes the Club's mooring field. The fleet also has its own on-the-water umpires.

If we were going to return to Chester, ideally we wanted to race a Bluenose. The President of the Bluenose Class Association helped to spread the word that we were interested in getting a boat to do Race Week. Eventually, we were contacted by the owner of Chase, a "glass-over-wood" boat, and successfully made arrangements to use the boat for a practice day and the four days of racing. That is how Ron, Sue, Dale Ward and Marge Furness set off for Nova Scotia. Marge was our shore crew.

On our practice day we sailed in light conditions for about two hours to get to know the systems.

On the first day of racing, winds were light in the morning, so our race committee announced that they would try to go out beyond the islands and assess the wind and sea state. By the time they were ready to start a race, the winds had grown to 20 to 25 and the sea state was rough. They started a race, but by the time the fleet reached the windward mark, one boat had lost its mast. The committee abandoned the race and retreated back inside the islands. They ran two more races that day, but on Chase we were just trying to survive, stay on the boat, and not break anything. We finished with a 14 and a 13 that day.

The owner of Chase had admitted that he didn't go out if it was blowing more than 15 knots, so it was not surprising that the first day had revealed some problems. We managed to jury-rig a couple of things and went out for day two. Sailing inside the islands again, the winds on day 2 were lighter and fairly fluky. The first race we managed a very respectful 5th place, and were in very good shape in the second race when Ron was hit by the boom and tea-bagged himself at the leeward mark. Our rescue efforts put us back in 11th place for that race, but we came back with a 6th in the third and final race that day.

The first race of the third day saw us in third place at the first windward mark, with a close crossing of the fourth place boat. However, this boat then overtook, came up into the stern quarter of Chase and forced us to hit the offset mark. We did what turned out to be an unnecessary penalty turn and finished the race in 11th place. The on-the-water umpires had signalled a penalty to the other boat, but they did not do their turns. At the end of the day, they were protested by the Race Committee and accepted a scoring penalty in arbitration. The second race that day was our best. We were again third at the first windward mark, first at the leeward gate, and finished the race in 2nd place. There is a drone video that shows these mark roundings at

<https://www.facebook.com/ChesterRaceWeek/videos/10153676417582611/>. The Bluenose coverage starts at 1:18 minutes.

The last day of racing had no wind for most of the afternoon. Around 3:00 we were all towed back inside the islands and a short, very fluky race was run. We finished 10th in this race.

Overall for the regatta we ended up placing 8 out of 20 boats. Sailing an unfamiliar boat in a very competitive one-design fleet, we were very happy with this result and the crew worked very well together. The other Ontario boat in the regatta was Sabotage, from RHYC, who won their PHRF fleet.

Chester Yacht Club is a small club, with a footprint smaller than BHYC. They do a great job with this regatta and the participants take over much of the town. There are morning briefings by Andreas Josenhans, the former Olympian sailor and local North Sails representative, awards and trophies for each day's results, and a big dance party every evening.

To cap things off, on the way home, the foursome stopped in Shediac, New Brunswick, where Ron and Sue bought their new boat Stealth.



Eric Pilon - Vice Commodore End of Summer Report

Haulout is fast approaching and preparations are well underway. There have been a number of changes this year so please read the following carefully.

The date has been set for both cradle layout and haulout. Although the Town has increased their 2016 price per square foot by 3% over last year rate, the Board has decided to keep the BHYC rate at the 2015 rate of \$3.96 per square foot (plus HST). The application forms for 2016 haulout and winter storage will be available shortly and will provide more detail.

Last year and throughout the year I have received on-going complaints that cradle layout is too close to haulout and there was little time to make any repairs. This year cradle layout will be **October 22nd** and haulout will be **October 29 and 30th**.

Please remember that with haulout on the 29th of October the extra dock will be in place on Friday the 28th. With the dock in place the crane will not be available to take masts down which then makes Thursday, the 27th of October the last date the crane is available.

Now for the changes:

1) Many members have expressed a desire to have pads (feet) put on their cradle to keep it out of the limestone which, when wet, causes the cradle base to rust. Dan Klick (K-Weld - 905-336-1434) has agreed on a flat rate to put pads on cradles. The rate is \$25.00 per 2" pad. If you want a larger pad you will have to deal directly with Dan on a cost. There will be a sign-up sheet in the club when the time gets closer.

2) In talking to members who have stored with the club in the past but recently decided to store with the Town, the reason they gave for the change were; taking the mast down and putting it up in the spring and the fixed dates for haulout and launch.

This year we are putting together teams of senior members who will help with the process. They **will not do it for you**, but they will help you so you must be there as well.

In addition, if you are not available on the day of haulout or launch, a number of senior members will be available to bring your boat over to the haulout ramp and baby your boat until it is safely in its cradle.

Other Items

At the August 22nd Board of Directors meeting, approval was given to put the club shark, that has been along the fence all summer and is now in the parking lot, up for sale. It will be sold, as is, and with or without the motor. The proceeds will be set aside to help pay for the repairs to the crane.

Special thanks to Ed Tait who spent the hottest days of the year cutting and clearing bush/vines and assorted junk away from the mast rack.

By the time this edition of the Signal is issued, you may have noticed that the outside of the club has been painted and the new Burgee and sign are in place. Many thanks to Myron Lasko who made the new Burgee and sign. I have to say that the most rewarding thing was watching a team of double A personalities; Peter McDougall, Reiner Van Der Wagen, Michael Mills, Derek Clark, assisted and supervised by Don Locke, John Estey, and Pat Jeffery who put the sign and Burgee up.

Special thanks to Michael who let Peter use his own drill to put in a few screws.



The superb burgee and sign are the product of Myron Lasko – Many thanks Myron.

sprucing up the building exterior with a coat of paint, and the mounting of our new burgee on the side of the building



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The Bronte Rocks Regatta - 17th Edition, is now just a memory! What a great weekend with the weatherman providing us unlimited sunshine and enough wind to get it done!

Obviously an event this size does not run itself. It takes many, many volunteers to step in and give hours of their time. While we can't thank them all individually, we want them to know it is much appreciated! A big thank you goes out to all those who made this event possible:

- **Race Committee** from BHYC, supported by Oyster from OYS for ensuring we had quality days on the water.
- **Peter Howard** and the bar staff for looking after our refreshment needs
- **Laura Jurasek** and her team behind the Margaritaville bar.
- **BBQ Volunteers** who brought us Burgers and Sausages Friday night.
- **Mark Hellmann** for bringing us **Cloud 9**, plus a DJ on Saturday night to make sure we never stopped dancing!

Once again food was a hit with "Pig Out" on Saturday and "Jonny Blonde" Gourmet Food Truck on Sunday.

I would also like to recognize your Rocks Committee members who went the extra distance, giving their time, energy and enthusiasm over the past months. It couldn't have happened without them: **Dusan Davidovic, Graham Beattie, Jennifer Brooks, Phil Gelsheimer, Mark Hellman, Laura Jurasek, Dan Klick, Jamie MacCorkindale, Mike Paulson, Amy Pedersen, Cheryl Penman, and Jim Pollock**. Please thank them when you see them around the club!

Finally, we say a BIG thanks to those who **Sponsored** us this year, supporting us both monetarily and with great Silent Auction and Raffle prizes - their names are on the banners and websites and will continue to be shown in the Signal. Please be sure to recognize them in the community and around the club

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⁵	⁶	⁷	⁸	⁹ TGIF 18:00	¹⁰	¹¹ Fall Series 13:00
¹²	¹³ Stitch & Wine	¹⁴	¹⁵	¹⁶	¹⁷ Cruise to Hanlans Island Wall LOSHRS #5 PCYC to DYC	¹⁸ Fall Series 13:00 LOSHRS #5 PCYC to DYC
¹⁹	²⁰ Stitch & Wine	²¹	²²	²³	²⁴ Pursuit Race	²⁵ Fall Series 13:00
²⁶	²⁷ Stitch & Wine	²⁸	²⁹	³⁰		



October 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1	2 Fall Series 13:00
3	4 Stitch & Wine	5	6	7	8 Turkey Race	9
10	11 Stitch & Wine	12	13	14	15 Diehards Regatta	16 Diehards Regatta
17	18 Stitch & Wine	19	20	21	22 Cradle Layout	23
24	25 Stitch & Wine	26	27	28	29 Haul Out	30 Haul Out
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