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Race Committee needs your help!

Fall club racing series starts on August 9. If you are thinking of volunteering, please register on our web site. Registration is easy: Go to Volunteers Page and follow the link: Register for the Fall Series. Your registration will help skippers responsible for racing (RC Skipper subscriptions) with planning. - Dusan Davidovic



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Are we having too much fun?

T's hard to believe that the Club Racing Fall series will have kicked off by the time you read this article; where does the time go? Let's not dwell too much on the fact that fall is coming up, but rather look forward to the fair amount of summer left and the planned activities at BHYC.

I would like to remind everyone this is a self-help club and the board still has a number of initiatives which require some "manpower". These are mini projects which have been ignored, delayed or postponed for the next board to deal with. If you are interested in helping out, please feel free to give me a call and I will bring you up to speed.

One of the areas we need help is with the Officer of the Day program. As mentioned in earlier articles, this is probably the easiest way of meeting your work party requirements.

It should be noted that work party requirements must be met by December 31st and after Haul Out there are fewer opportunities to fulfill the obligations. On the subject of haul out, there are a limited number of hours available.

As the season advances, the **Annual General Meeting** is getting closer and the time to renew certain board positions. As a result of terms coming to end, people stepping down for personal reasons and other board members wishing or asked to assume new responsibilities, there will be several positions opened. For those of you who have ideas on how to improve the club, this is a great opportunity for you to be part of the team implementing improvements. If you have any interest or wish to learn more about serving on the board, please contact Past Commodore **Brian Miller** who is Chair of the Nominating Committee or contact me by email, phone or collar me at the club; both Brian and I would be more than pleased to answer your questions. See you around the club.

Wishing you all great sailing.

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It's Been Busy at the Farm this Summer!

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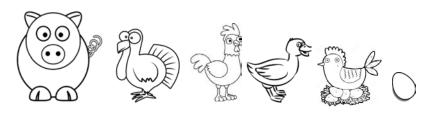
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A compendium of ongoing projects

This is the first time in a while where I have had the time to sit down and write for the Signal. The grand-kids have gone home, the pool is quiet and there is just me, my music and computer. So here we go, a complete lineup of all the projects currently on our desk.

Projects Completed

- 1) All of the club assets have been identified by a decal.
- 2) All of the dry sailing spots have been sold.
- 3) All of the spots on the new kayak/canoe rack have been sold.
- 4) All of the mooring slips but two have been sold. Of the two left over there is a commitment for one and the remaining one is by the bridge.
- 5) With Kevin's help the yellow laser on the lawn will be gone this week while *Thing 1* and *Thing 2* (Optis) are gone.
- 6) **Rebecca** and her gardening team have done a great job planting flowers. The grounds look great.
- 7) Training on the use of the crane has been completed. Another session will most likely be scheduled for the fall.
- 8) **Ed Tait** has cut away the bushes and shrub, east of the front door and south to the Town's yard and west to the club gate.
- 9) This year for the first time we put together a team led by **Peter McDougall** to help and show new members how to take their mast down. We modelled this after the group led by **Colin Bullen**. For those who aren't familiar with Colin's group, it used to be mostly the CS 30 owners that needed help so they would all get together one day and do as many as nine (9) boats. We would then go to the Coach and Four for fish and chips. Over the past couple that has dropped to about five or six boats since most of us have now retired and need our afternoon nap.
- 10) All of the cradles that were left out to have work done are now back in the rack with the work completed. Unfortunately, we now have two new cradles with work needed. Dan is just waiting for your call.

Projects Underway

1) During the last week of July, Richard and I met with an electrician to discuss the outside lights. During our discussions we mentioned the inside emergency lights where one seemed to have shorted out. The electrician asked us if we would like him to have a look and we said "of course" Well it appears that emergency lights should be on when there is power to the building and when there is no power they should still be on. At BHYC the emergency lights are on when there is power and OFF when there is no power.

Not the way they are supposed to work. The emergency lights will be fixed during the first week of August. I have one quote for fixing the outside lights and I am in the process of getting two more. I am hoping to have them fixed by the middle of August.

- 2) I have the required three quotes for painting the north side of the building. However we have run into a problem with the air conditioner mounted through the wall where the beer delivery is made. If you were to look at the bottom of the wall you will see that the brick is very wet as the water is running down the inside of the wall. We are concerned that the wall may be too wet and interfere with the paint sticking to the siding. We are hoping **Michael Mills** can lend us his expert opinion and if there are no major repairs necessary, have the painting done by the middle of August and put the Burgee sign up.
- 3) When I was elected as Vice Commodore I must have had close to 10 members complaining to me about the grass/weeds/bushes on the hill, north side of the parking lot up to Lakeshore Rd. Well after much discussion with the people that plough the parking lot during the winter (much more discussion with these people is still to be had) I managed to get them to go at the hill with their weed whackers. The same people were asked over a month ago to provide a quote to clear the bushes/weeds/vines/shrubs away from the mast rack. This project hasn't started as they have not responded yet. This is scheduled to be done middle to end of August.
- 4) The biggest project and the one with the most complication so far is the issue of the crane. When dry sailors attempt to swing the crane to put their boats in the water the crane often will not swing. It seems that the pins which are no longer round do not slide that well in holes that are oblong. We have been greasing the pins regularly but that is only a temporary fix. The issue is that the people that fix cranes want to see engineering drawings which apparently the club has, but we haven't been able to locate them. I have to thank **Colin Bullen** specifically for his patience and guidance on this project.

Projects on the Books

- 1) Halton Region is planning on doing some work around the gas probes located within the BHYC yard. The work is scheduled to be done the first week of September, once the sailing school is finished.
- 2) **Steve Kernohan** has suggested we survey the club members who did not store with us last year to determine why they chose to go with the Town and not the club. I'm in the process of putting that together and hopefully get it out by the end of next week.
- 3) Water pooling in the front entrance way.

August already

By the time you read this, the Tuesday and Thursday series will be completed and the Fall racing series started. Many of you helped running the races by volunteering on Race Committee and a BIG THANK YOU for all your help.

The Race Committee now needs volunteers for the Fall series, so far only a few have signed up. We especially need people who can run the race to come and help. This is a fun and great way to get work party hours. Please sign up, so we don't have any hiccups over the next few weeks.

Don't forget to check Racing and Sailing Calendar for upcoming events.

Bronte Rocks is fast approaching and the committee is working hard to make sure we all have another great Regatta. To register go to www.bronterocks.com.

Last but not least, I would like to congratulate our club members and their crews that participated in LO300 race on their success.

First place PHRF Overall: *It's A Conspiracy -* Adrian Hanley

Second Place in Multihulls: *TriToFly* - John Heizer **Fourth place in PHRF DH-1**: *Tim-Foolery* - Tim Thomas **Honorable mention** - Retired: *Ruffian* - Peter Wells

If you have any suggestions or questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Best regards, *Dusan Davidovic*



KEVIN CORCORAN Rear Commodore, Training

Half way there!

Learn to Sail program is receiving rave reviews! Big thank you goes out to **Julian**, our head instructor, and our staff who have been having a great time with the kids. Parents have written thank you letters and kids are wanting more. That being said, we still have some spots left in the last two weeks of the program. If any member knows of anyone who is interested in trying our junior sail program in the last two weeks of summer, they can receive a **10%** (\$55) discount. All they will need to do is email me at rctraining@bhyc.on.ca, mention your name in the email and they will receive a discount code to register online.

I am also looking for a group of volunteers to help with packing the program up for the summer in the last week of August. Anyone looking to knock off some volunteer hours should contact me at rctraining@bhyc.on.ca.

Junior Race Team Makes it a ThreePeat!

Yes! BHYC does it again! For the third time in a row, our Junior Race team took the PCYC Steers Trophy home. Congratulations to the racers, coaches and parents. The first day saw upward of 20 knots of wind! Many racers from other clubs came in from the extreme weather while most if not all of the BHYC racers stayed out to compete! This goes to show the talent of our race coaches and the dedication and grit from our racers. Congrats everyone on

a job well done!

On an individual note, congratulations to **Ryan Coxson** who was 2nd in Opti Green Fleet, **Kim Kirkpatrick** who was 1st in girls radial, **Nathan Corcoran** and **Michael Dandy** who were 1st in C420 for the Steers Regatta and Nathan and Connor Bey scored 1st for the Four Sisters regatta.

BHYC also did extremely well in Sarnia's Sailfest. Congratulations to **Gray Snyder** and **Jack Porter** who won for the Double Hands and **Nathan Corcoran** and **Conner Bey** placing 3rd. **Kim Kirkpatrick** won for Laser Radial female class.

BHYC also had a great showing at the Mid-Ontario Championships at Sturgeon Lake. **Nathan Corcoran** and **Connor Bey** won the Double Hand under 16 trophy and scored 2nd overall in the Regatta.

A final congratulations goes out to **Gray Snyder** and **Jack Porter** who traveled to the U.S. Nationals in Maine. The first day racers were faced with high winds topping 30 knots and huge waves. In a fleet of 150 racers, they scored in the top quarter and had scored a 6th in one of the races. Well done boys!

The biggest challenge is just ahead of us with all of our racers going to the Nationals in Kingston, Lasers and C420 in the Ontario Summer Games and the Opti's going to ABYC for Opti Canadians.



SAILING FOR KIDS Easter Seals Regatta 2016

n behalf of Halton region Easter Seals children, thank you for supporting and participating in the 12thAnnual Oakville Easter Seals Regatta. Your participation is "Helping Kids with Physical Disabilities Succeed; help purchase expensive equipment needed for mobility and communication; send kids to fully accessible camps and other recreational programmes".

The Regatta's renowned success is due to the following yacht clubs: Bronte Harbour Yacht Club, Oakville Yacht Squadron, and Oakville Power Boat Club - who generously hosted this event, along with Volunteers from these clubs who organized and ran the Regatta, including Volunteers from the Community.

For those who are not aware, this event is not just a Cruising/Racing Regatta, but also gives Easter Seals children an opportunity to cruise on a Power Boat while Sail boats are Sailing for Kids.

BHYC organizes the Racing event, while OPBC members take the children for a cruise and host the morning event,

with OYS hosting the afternoon event with Culinary Tasting experience, Silent Live auctions & more. We cannot forget the local firemen's participation assisting the Children on to power boats.

A big thank you to:

- BHYC's amazing Race Committee: *GRAYDON*: **Grad Dewar, Drew Thompson**; *BLUEWATER*: **David and Mary Johannesson, Pat Dewar, Frances Downham, Stein Pedersen, Bill Bullard** (David, you did a fantastic job navigating and docking "one minded" *Bluewater*)
- Rear Commodore of Sail, **Dusan Davidovic** for his much appreciated assistance and dedication to our BHYC sailing programme.
- Silent/Live auction donors: **Pat Dewar, Christel Bullen**, apologies to those who were inadvertently omitted. We look forward to your participation and generous support in 2017. Let's bring the Overall Trophy back to BHYC!!!!!

- Natalie Bullard



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GHYRA 2016 - another wonderful success for BHYC!

s many of you know this year's edition of the GHYRA Regatta Week culminated in a wonderful dinner, awards and party at BHYC. An amazing and wonderful week on the water for both the racers and cruisers ended on a high note primarily due to the efforts of Mariela Carvallo and Dawn Greville and their crews. The theme for the evening was "The Oscars, A Night At The Movies!". Once again, BHYC was one of only two clubs to use volunteers to prepare the meal and set up the clubhouse. The dinner was very well organized, absolutely delicious and the participants loved it! Once again, everyone was talking about how great everything was at BHYC and it really was the best night of the Regatta. Also of note – Laura Jurasek and her crew ran a VERY successful Margarita Bar all evening.

Mariela was the chair of this event and that MBA of hers came in very handy as the club profited to the tune of over \$2,000 for the evening. She did an absolutely amazing job organizing this event and kept everything on track.

On another note, BHYC sailors did very well on the racing side of things and our own RC Sail **Dusan Davidovic** took home a first in his division on *That's It* – sailing mostly single handed! Congratulations Dusan.

This year I had the good fortune to be the Cruising Director and we shook things up big time! The cruisers had their own racing and other fun things on the water (including invading Youngstown and reminding our American friends who really won the War of 1812). Best of all – we

had the best prizes – even better than the racers – as they were all liquid, all week!!!

GHYRA Regatta week is a lot of fun, period. I would urge all of you to consider marking the first week in July 2017 and setting it aside for a little fun at our end of Lake Ontario. - *Brian Miller*, GHYRA 2016 Cruising Director



GHYRA at Oakville Photos: Renate Weidner



Volunteers needed for Officer of the Day

There are still looking for volunteers for the Officer of the Day program. There have been a few inquiries, asking what the O.O.D. duties entail. As officer of the day, you check in with the bar staff at the beginning of your shift, You will be given an Officer of the Day box. In it, you will find a hand held VHF radio, and some Visitor Registration forms. Your duties are to monitor Ch 68 on the VHF radio, and listen for any visitors hailing BHYC on frequency, and assign them a slip. There is a white board in the hallway leading from the club yard to the washrooms. There are a dozen or so empty slips in the harbour this season. The permanently vacant slips are all listed at the bottom of the white board, and any vacant member slips will be listed on the board as well.

You will guide the visitors to a vacant slip, and greet and assist them upon their arrival. They are required to fill out the visitors form, and you can direct them to the bar if any overnight fees apply. Visitors who show proof of membership from reciprocal clubs enjoy 3 free nights at BHYC.

Give them an introduction to the club, including the essentials such as the gate/bathroom code, clubhouse hours, where to get ice, etc. Recommend your favorite local eatery, attraction, and let them know where Sobeys is in case they need groceries...

The advantage of being Officer of the Day is that between hosting visitors, you can spend your time any way you wish, you just have to monitor ch. 68 on the handheld. So sign up and be a BHYC ambassador, and in the meantime while you monitor the VHF, catch up on some work in the clubhouse, watch a Jays game, or tackle those minor repairs to the boat you've been putting off all summer!

Thank you Myron

Por those of you unaware Myron and Jane moved east to Bloomfield (Prince Edward County) at the end of May, and Myron has decided it is time to let someone else take a turn at the helm and steer the editing of the SIGNAL.

Myron has been editor of the SIGNAL for I believe 15 years (a long time). The SIGNAL is one of my duties as Director of Publicity and trust me it is no small feat getting it published every month. It takes a lot of dedication to put it all together, and usually a scramble to collect, and edit so it is delivered to the membership in a timely fashion. He not only has to find space for the advertising but every month we have a wealth of photos that need to be filtered and dispersed amongst the articles that are submitted. Myron often makes this look very simple but then he is usually on the other side of the computer so I can't hear what he is really mumbling under his breath. (too much of a gentleman to voice his frustration out loud). He will be missed as editor of the SIGNAL.

I don't want people to worry that the SIGNAL will disappear. Barbara Keeley-Watt has volunteered to take over as editor. I look forward to working with Barbara as we feel our way over the next few months, to continue to put a newsletter together with the same standards as before. To make life a bit easier for Barbara I ask that all pictures, articles, and advertising be sent to signal@bhyc.on.ca and not to Barbara directly. As always if you have any ideas, comments or questions I am always willing to listen. Happy Sailing, Mary Ellen Editor's note: if you are going to spend 15 years volunteering pick a job you really like, It's been my pleasure serving this club in this capacity the whole time we were here. Special thanks go to Grad, Lorie, Renate, Mike and all of our fine photographers. Behind you all the way Barbara. Thank you friends for 15 great BHYC years,

- Myron and Jane







The Best Labour Day Weekend on Lake Ontario

is less than a month away and your Rocks Committee is hard at work finalizing plans.

Posters are up around the club and community and at other clubs on the lake.

T-shirts are on sale after racing on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and can be purchased at the bar. You can see samples in the front foyer showcase. Short-sleeve in Blue, men's or women's, \$25; Long-sleeve Red, \$30.

We've got some strong sponsorship again this year, and we are grateful as always to those individuals and companies who have supported us - look for a listing of their names on our Rocks website and be sure to support them in turn!

There is also an opportunity for you, our club members, to sponsor your regatta as well. Monetary donations can be made by cash or cheque to BHYC – indicating Bronte Rocks Regatta. If you have items you would like to donate to our Silent Auction or Raffle, please contact one of the committee members. Your contributions will be acknowledged in Signal and will help make Rocks the premiere event it has always been.

Now it's up to YOU! It's **time to register** through the Rocks link on the BHYC website. We're off to a great start, but please spread the word to your fellow boaters, both here and at other



clubs. And if you're not racing, then sign up on our volunteer board to help out - it's a great way to use up your work party hours!! **Volunteer sheets** will be posted in the front foyer.

This year, when the racing is done for the day, we have some extra fun lined up. We have secured the services of **wha'SUP**, a paddle board company who will be giving paddle board demonstrations and the opportunity to get out on the creek and try it out!!!

For the latest Rocks updates, watch the club website over the next month. Say a few prayers to the weather gods for sunny days and great winds. See you on the water and at the party!

- Your Bronte Rocks Committee



Great cruising summer!

his year's cruising season is well underway. We got off to a rough start when our Hamilton cruise scheduled for the May long weekend was cancelled at the last minute due to problems with the docks at the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club. Thanks to some quick planning by Cheryl Etherington (Windvain), the 5 boats participating in the cruise were able to be accommodated at Fifty Point.

The Carroll's Point overnight anchorage in June went off without a hitch (or drag). Four boats rafted up on a beautiful Saturday afternoon for the event. We fired up our BBQs for dinner and were joined by **Ron** and **Sue** (*Counter Intelligence*) later in the evening for a cocktail.

Over the July 1st long weekend we welcomed 9 visiting cruisers from Bluffers Yacht Club while four of our boats headed over to the Etobicoke Yacht Club and on July 16th 4 boats sailed to the Mimico Cruising Club. Mimico has over 300 boat slips and a very nice restaurant. Unfortunately the restaurant was closed for a wedding so our gang headed up Lakeshore Road to a new Italian restaurant discovered the previous day by **Dennis** and **Marion** (*Dream Catcher*) for an excellent meal.

Club cruisers also participated in GHYRA Regatta Week in early July. 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.

The good news is that we are only half way through the season. Club cruises are a great way to get to know other members, discover new neighbourhoods, take advantage of your reciprocal visiting rights at different clubs around the lake and hone your sail trimming skills. I hope you will consider joining us on one of our upcoming cruises to Fifty Point, Port Credit or Toronto Island. Remember you can also register for the cruising class in the Bronte Rocks Regatta. Please visit the Cruising Page on the club's website for more details and to register online for an upcoming cruise. I look forward to having you join us.

- Don Harkness

Dear Cruisers:

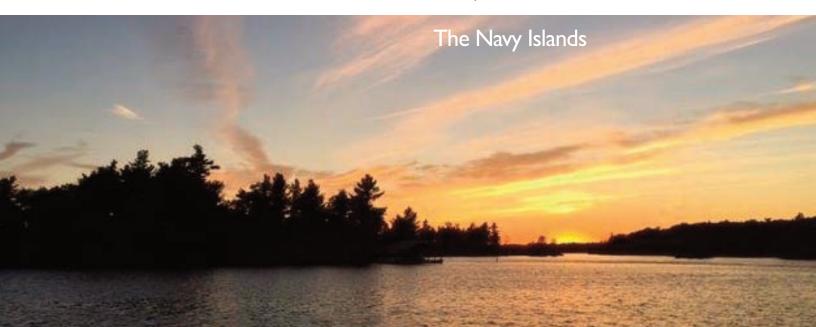
Cruising Corner

s I indicated a few months ago we are now in Gananoque. I took *Windflyer* up to Gan right after GHYRA and it was a long and uneventful 4 days to get there! But we're here now having spent the third weekend of July anchored between Lindsay and Baurivage Islands along with *Wanderer* (Dave and Eileen) and *Mauna Kea* (Ken and Laurie). For the August long weekend we headed to a lovely spot just off Ninette Island in the Navy Islands. We have been blessed with wonderful weather and have been exploring by both kayak and Zodiac!

The attached pictures just give a glimpse of how wonderful it is here – I would encourage any of you who have not made the trip to do so. We will be around this coming weekend but then heading to the American side for two weeks returning to Gan for the third and fourth weekends of August, returning after that to beautiful Bronte. Renate and I would love to connect with any of you who may be in the area so send an email or a text to let us know if you are around!! Cheers, *Brian & Renate S/V Windflyer*



Photos by Renate Weidner



Catnip Spray keeps biting flies at bay

We all know how annoying those darn flies can be out on the lake – and they seem to be getting worse – the current variety like to bite!! I came across the accompanying article in the March issue of Practical Sailor. I'd love to hear from any of you that might try this or have other remedies.

-Brian Miller, Past Commodore S/V Windflyer

ne of the biggest nuisances that a sailor may face is the biting fly. They will find you in the middle of the bay in a howling wind; they will stay with the boat once they come aboard; they are undeterred by DEET and every formulation we've tried; and they are seriously distracting, often biting right through your clothes.

In our research to put an end to onboard biting flies, we came across an interesting USDA Agricultural Research Service article: naldc.nal.usda.gov/download/32633/PDF on using catnip oil to repel stable flies. In the words of the and its active compounds—nepetalactones—are powerful repellents against stable flies. ... Catnip is repellent identified [including DEET and DMP] so far, for flies that bite. Catnip oil is also a good larvicide," meaning it can be used for reducing stable fly larval development, he adds.

Since we couldn't find anyone marketing catnip oil as a fly repellent, we went to our local pet store and bought a convenient spray bottle of the kitty treat to put to the test during a summer-long trial on Chesapeake Bay.

Catnip oil has a mild, earthy odor. It sprays and spreads easily, is harmless to plastics (we soaked samples of common boat materials, including soft vinyl window materials, which DEET melts on contact), is non-irritating to the skin, and washes off easily. While it only repels the flies (deer fly, green head fly, and horse fly) for about 30 to 60 minutes, it is instantly effective and can be sprayed on the legs

with one hand while steering with the other. (Even though our cat is a serious catnip junky, he showed no interest in our legs or clothes after use.) Testers found the oil only moderately effective against mosquitoes; DEET is far better.

Bottom line: While not a durable repellent like DEET is for mosquitoes, catnip oil was more effective against biting flies than DEET or any commercial brew we've tried, plus it's plastic-safe, people-safe, fast, and pleasant smelling. The pet store spray cost \$5 for an 8-ounce bottle (www.petco.com). We leave it to our readers to search out the most potent version and report back.



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Club Cruise to Port Credit Yacht Club		Tuesday race night	Sip 'n Stitch	Thursday race night	ember	BRONTE ROCKS REGATTA
BRONTE	5 Labour Day	6	7	8	9	10
ROCKS REGATTA			Sip 'n Stitch		TGIF Race	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
First Fall series Sunday race			Sip 'n Stitch			Club Cruise to Hanlon's Island (wall) Sept.17-18
18 Fall series	15	16	17	18	19	20
Sunday race			Sip 'n Stitch			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Fall series Sunday race			Sip 'n Stitch Turkey Race Saturday October 8			

Big or small we can handle them all, from major refit to small gelcoat repairs.



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