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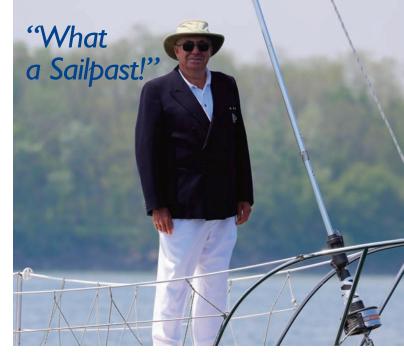
#### **RICHARD BISSONNETTE** Commodore

he only thing I can say is what a day this year's Sailpast was. The weather was superb, the turnout was great and judging by the number of people still around at 2200 hrs – the 'joint was jumping" - a good time was had by all.

First, I must thank **Dawn Greville** and her Social committee for organizing the food and entertainment and **Dusan Davidovic** for coordinating the actual Sailpast. I know from past experience this event requires much work and cooperation between RC Sail, Social and House. Well done All.

With the sailing season underway, we will be welcoming a number of visitors from other clubs. This is a great opportunity to demonstrate we are the "Best Little Club on the Lake Where You Are a Stranger Only Once". Please don't hesitate to offer assistance to our visitors; sometimes a simple "Hello and welcome to BHYC" goes a long way in making people feel at ease and comfort able. Let us not forget, we are all ambassadors of BHYC.

Not much more to report other than your board is



meet friends and diligently in bringing stability to our finances. As always, if you have any ideas on how to make our club greater or require clarifications, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Wishing you all great sailing, Richard



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#### **DUSAN DAVIDOVIC** Rear Commodore, Sail

# Upcoming club rentals

Please be advised that the club has been rented for a variety of functions over the next several weeks as well as one booking for a Fall event, see dates below.

- **Friday, June 10** upstairs 4:00pm 8:30pm; reception; approx.75 guests
- Thursday, June 23 upstairs 6 11pm; rehearsal dinner; 80 guests
  - Sunday, June 26 upstairs, noon 4pm; 70 guests
- **Monday, June 27** TBC; upstairs noon to 4pm; 20 guests
- **Saturday, July 9** upstairs; Noon 11pm; wedding ceremony and dinner; 40 guests
- **Friday, October 7** upstairs, 5 11:30pm; pre-wedding reception; 85 guests

In all cases, we will open the lower bar area for members. The proceeds of these events will help support the purchase of new folding chairs to replace old and weathered ones as well as new linoleum flooring for the main reception, kitchen and bar and the lower floor if costs permit. Will keep you posted once all quotes have been received and reviewed.

#### **DAWN GREVILLE** Social Director

# Sailpast resounding success

Were you there? Did you go? What a great day! What a great evening!

Not only did **Rev. Jim** (from across the street) give his annual blessing of the boats; he invited our own **Alexandra Arden** to join him. Between both Jim and Alex, they delivered a very heartfelt message and blessing (with a little humour thrown in)!

And then most of us were off to our boats to enjoy a beautiful afternoon out on the lake. Flat water and wind; what more could we ask for? Oh yes, a little food, to be sure!

What would a social occasion be at BHYC without food? Once our afternoon sail was over, more than 50 members and friends stayed to take in an evening of music (thanks again, deejay Phil!) and dancing. And food! You would think after nibbling away the afternoon on our boats that we might not be hungry, but the delicious cold buffet that appeared in the evening was enthusiastically received. Thank you to all who helped make Sailpast such a success! Oh, and if you weren't there, if you didn't go, that's too bad. But there is always next year!

# Another race season begins

ay weather was great, let's hope it will continue like this for the rest of the season. I wish to thank all of you who helped and are still helping our sailing program.

This year we introduced the RC Skipper program for club racing. So far it is working well and I'd like to thank all skippers that have already submitted their data.

We had a good number of volunteers for Race Committee so far. I hope that trend is going to continue. Volunteering for Race Committee is a great way to get your work party hours.

I'd like to appeal to everyone to register for the dates they expect to come. It is very simple process, available online, where you can fill the form for Tuesday, Thursday, Fall and also cancel your registration if you are not able to come. It is a valuable tool for skippers to see who is available and for us to plan.

#### **Events ahead:**

- TGIF Race Friday June 10
- VIP Week June 13 to June 17
- Cruise to Caroll's Point Anchorage June 18, 19
- Lady Helm & Crew Chance Regatta Saturday June 25
- GHYRA & BHYC 'Going to the Movies' Friday July 8

Our Bronte Rocks Committee is working hard to make sure we all have another great Regatta. To register go to www.bronterocks.com.

Don't forget Crew Membership is available online If you have any suggestions or questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Best regards, Dusan.

## TGiF Race June 10th

TGiF June 10th, warning gun at 6:45, 6:50 start. Short windward/leeward course, buoy's to port. Monitor channel 16 for race channel.

Meet up after in lower level of clubhouse. Pizza will be served, \$5/head. Signup sheet in clubhouse. Payment envelope behind bar. Please pay before heading out as we want to order pizza on the way in.

There will be prizes for best start, first to finish, and best quiz score on racing rules and trivia.(per boat) Some gag gifts also. FLIP FLOPS, T-SHIRTS AND HAWAIIN SHIRTS MANDATORY.

Shake a reef, come on out.

- Mike Mills, Tom Steggles and Al Cook



# Bring on the kids!

big thank you goes out to all of the Sailing School Staff and members in getting things out and ready for the summer sessions! A bigger thank you goes out to BHYC members who have been patient with the Junior Race Team and our first group of Learn to Sail kids. We have been working hard to get routines set in place to make the yard safe and to get things in their right place.

As I mentioned above, we did have a very successful first Learn to Sail group come through BHYC. We were able to have 23 students from our Home School Community learn how to sail with an introduction to sailing session. With less than 4 weeks left of school, our Learn to Sail staff are eager and ready to educate our future sailors. So bring on the kids!

Currently, two of our sessions are **Sold Out!** In order to sell out the remaining sessions, we plan to market ourselves to the surrounding community in a number of ways. Some ideas include a banner along our south fence, mailing post cards ads, attending year end school BBQ's and our Open House! In order for this to be successful, **I NEED YOUR HELP!** I am looking for some members to assist the sailing school with marketing ideas. If you have some ideas on how to get all of our sessions filled, please contact me.

I am also trying to strike up a **Sail Training Committee**. We have the areas of fundraising and accounting covered, but I am also looking for people to assist with our boat

maintenance and repairs, banquet, open house, adult training and grant applications. If at all interested, please email me retraining@bhyc.on.ca or don't hesitate to call me at (905) 399-0493.

#### Junior Race Team on the Podium Early!

Some members of our Race Team have already attended Spring Regatta's. **Liam Bruce**, a 2015 Race Team member, now full time with Ontario Sailing Team, finished 2nd at the TS&CC Icebreakers event in May.

**Kim Kirkpatrick**, 2016 Race team Member, finished 13th overall, and 4th amongst girls.

During our Sail Past, many of our racers attended the **Lilac Regatta** at RHYC. Again, seeing past and current racers on the podiums.

#### LILAC REGATTA - RHYC

Fleet	Racers	Position	
C420	Grey Snyder/Jack Porter	1st	
	Nathan Corcoran/Connor Bey	2nd	
Laser Radial	Liam Bruce (OST)	1st	
	James Juhasz (OST)	4th	
	Kim Kirkpatrick	11th	
	Alex MacQuarrie	16th	
	Ellen Juhasz	22nd	
Opti Red	Harrison Bruce	13th	
	Ava Snyder	14th	
	Kooper Zacharczuk	20th	
Opti Blue	Logan Corcoran	7th	





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Te're back on the water again! Sailpast is over and the season is officially on. With that said, it's time to start thinking about Bronte Rocks - your Rocks Committee is hard at work making plans and registration is now open through the "Bronte Rocks" quick link on the BHYC website or go towww.yatchscoring.com.

Regalia is coming soon – stay tuned!

And....we need YOUR help!

**Sponsorship** – do you have any contacts that would sponsor Rocks this year? Do you have a business that would benefit from the added visibility? We are looking for sponsorship both monetarily and "in kind". Perhaps they/you would consider sponsoring part of the weekend – the tent, a meal, the band…

**Volunteering** – there's always lots of opportunity for you to get involved – and earn Work Party hours! Volunteer lists will be posted soon on the bulletin board near the bar. Looking forward to another great year

- Your Rocks Committee

#### MARY ELLEN BOCKLER Publicity Director

#### I NEED YOUR HELP

On June 25th we are having our "Out On The Water Event" and I need your help to pull this off.

Children that register for the event will be taken out with the sailing school boats. If an adult registers for the event we will need skippers to take them out on your boat for a short sail to give them a taste of the wonderful feeling of sailing! This is a great opportunity to open our club to the public and show them who we are.

I will also need help in other areas of the day so if you are free please let me know and I can find you a job. publicity@bhyc.on.ca

Stephen enjoying Sailpast













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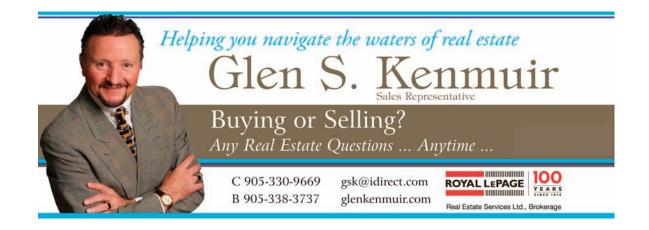




# Check out the furniture and materials for downtown Oakville

We have the preferred contemporary furniture and materials palette for the downtown streetscape design and we'd like to show it to you! Join us on Wednesday, June 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Town Hall to view the materials. Thank you to all who provided valuable feedback at our March 1 public meetings and online. We'll have some of the streetscape materials and furnishings such as pavers, benches, and lights on display at the meeting.

- John McMullen



# The 12th Annual Oakville Regatta For Easter Seals Kids Saturday, July 16, 2016



Hosted by BHYC, OYS & OPBC

Fleets: Cruising, Flying Sails, Non Flying Sails

Registration: BHYC & OYS /Fri. July 15th - 6pm to 7:30pm or

Saturday at OPBC July 16th from 9am to 10:30 am

Registration \$75. includes

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Skipper and crew breakfast, 9 – 10:30am OPBC\*

Entry with wristband only; Additional wristbands \$25. ea

Skipper's Meeting: 10:30 am OPBC

First Gun 12 noon--course off Coronation Park (3 races, weather permitting)

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Awards: 6 pm at OYS

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# Small Boat Anchoring

In the western end of Lake Ontario good spots to anchor are few and far between. Many of us do not develop the skill of anchoring and view the process as something to avoid. This a rational viewpoint because a lot of bad things can happen when you anchor. Your anchor can drag. \Your boat can swing into the boat in the anchorage that has less scope than everyone else around. Your anchor can foul on unseen items on the bottom. You can wrap anchor lines around your propeller. (Trust me – this can happen). If you must anchor in a small boat, you should have a process that is practiced, well thought out and repeatable. Here are a few things you might want to think about. For the purposes of this article a small boat is one in which the anchor is lowered and raised by hand.

An excellent way to start an argument in a group of sailors is to initiate a debate about anchor types. I keep Bruce and a Danforth anchor on board. I use the Bruce if I am sleeping at anchor or leaving the boat and the Danforth for a lunch hook. That is all I have to say about anchor types. Everyone has their own preferred anchor type and this article is not intended to fuel any further debate on that aspect of the issue.

No one ever regrets having an oversize anchor when the wind is blowing 25 knots in the middle of the night. While researching this article I came across conflicting recommendations for anchor sizes. When shopping for my Bruce anchor I picked the biggest one I could physically handle without using an anchor windlass. I ended up with a 22 lb. Bruce anchor. I added 12 feet of chain and 140 feet of nylon rode. Before leaving the store I made sure that this combination was something that I could handle physically. Thus far, this combination, which is sufficient for about 20' of water depth, has not dragged. Get an anchor that you can physically handle that meets or exceeds the manufacturers recommended size for the boat.

Scope is the ratio between the depth of water where your anchor lays and the amount of anchor line you have out. Canadian Power Squadron teaches that the ideal amount of scope is 7:1 and while some may take issue with the numbers, one indisputable fact is that you need to know what your scope is. You might not be able to get the ideal ratio every time but you should have a good idea of what it is so you can assess its potential holding power in your current conditions. Keep track of your scope by measuring the amount of rode you have left on the boat. I make 4' coils of the

rode, count the number of loops of rode left, multiply by 4 and subtract the resulting figure from the known length of 150'.

Mark your anchor line at significant points. My rode is marked at 20 ft and 30ft. I initially marked it at 20' with some whipping line so I would know when then anchor had hit bottom. The 6' chain exerts a downward pull on the rode as well so I added a whipping at the 30' mark as well. These marks let you assess the depth of water that the anchor is lying in.

You should have a plan before starting to anchor. This plan will require you to know a few things. How deep is the water that you are anchoring in, how long you are planning to stay anchored, how other boats in the anchorage are set up and some type of guess as to what the bottom might consist of. This guess can be derived from previous experience in the area or from scuttlebutt obtained from people who have anchored in the area before. Once the information is known, you can decide where you will drop the hook, what anchor you will use, and how much scope you will let out.

There are a lot of advantages to deploying and retrieving your anchor from the stern on a small boat. The steering and engine controls are at hand. Keeping the boat downwind of the anchor is much easier going forward than it is in reverse. The thrust provided by most engines is much greater in forward gear. This thrust enables the anchor to set securely. The anchor can often be raised and lowered over the swim ladder which will help to protect the topsides. Muddy anchors can be towed behind the boat to clean them off.

If you decide to try deploying the anchor from the stern, a good first step is to splice a six inch loop in the bitter end of the anchor rode. You loop this over a handy winch or cleat before doing anything else. We all know what happens to anchors that do not have the bitter end secured. Deploy and set the anchor. Once you are sure the anchor is set take the rode to the bow and cleat it off. Once the rode is cleated, unhook the bitter end, walk it forward and loop the bitter end over another cleat. Now you just have to pay out the rode while letting the boat drift back until you have reached your planned scope.

Anchoring is not a required skill in western Lake Ontario. If you plan to expand your cruising horizons however, practice here before you leave. Learning on the job in a crowded anchorage is possible but the scars from humiliation last a lifetime.



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