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What the birdies saw on Launch day

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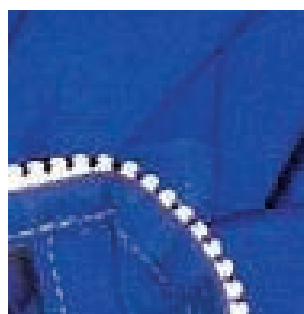


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Passion for this club

I would like to thank all those who took time to attend the Spring Meeting this year. Those in attendance witnessed a passion for our club. This is what BHYC is all about.

Members are shareholders of the corporation, and mandate the board to manage the club's affairs. Shareholders have a duty to respect the people they have appointed and also the responsibility to suggest changes if they see a better way to operate. Under consideration is tweaking the meeting format in order to provide a clearer agenda for asking questions, and time for the directors to respond. I have already received some suggestions and would welcome additional input.

The boats are now launched and I would like to thank **Eric Pilon** and his crew (too many to name) who did a great job in launching all boats on Saturday. Launch day requires a lot of planning – second only to haul out – and as usual the crew delivered. Well done everyone.

A gentle reminder at this time of year, there is a flurry of activity in the yard and we must be considerate of what is going on around us; we have people prepping their masts

for stepping, dry sailors positioning their boats, and sailing school. It is everyone's duty to ensure the yard is kept clean, orderly, and safe for all to enjoy.

By the time you read this article, the racing season will have started. I wish all racers, old and new, a great season. If you have any questions or wish more information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Richard

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RON PARKER *Membership Director*

Crew needed daily or for the week for VIP Week June 13th-17th

We need crew to help on the water, in the clubhouse and at Fifty Point. This is a great way to get work party hours. Email sign-up is the only way. vip@bhyc.on.ca. You will receive a confirmation from **Ole Sigvardt**. Please come out and help.

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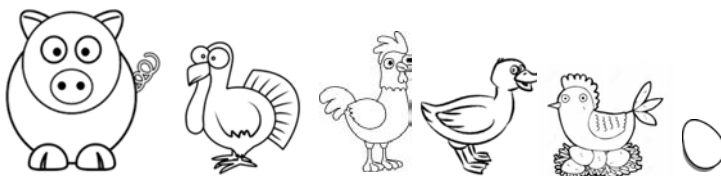
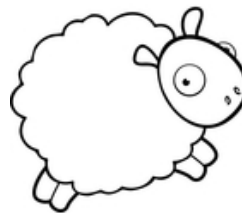
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Winter is finally over and by the time you read this the boats will have been launched. Racers will be looking forward to the racing season and the cruisers will be getting ready to visit new harbours - and your Bronte Rocks Committee is already hard at work planning this years edition of *'The Best Labour Day Weekend Regatta on Lake Ontario!!!'*

It promises to be a fantastic Regatta with lots of new activities and events to supplement the racing.

It is definitely not too early to plan your participation in this year's Bronte Rocks – September 3rd and 4th. There are 3 boats already registered. We'd encourage you to do this as soon as you know you are going to participate – the more boats signed up early, the better the momentum!! You can access registration through the Bronte Rocks Regatta “Quick Link” on the BHYC website or go to www.yatchscoring.com.

So, how can you help us this year?? Everyone can be involved – even if you're not racing – in a couple of key ways: **Sponsorship** – do you have any contacts that would sponsor Bronte 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”.

Volunteering – prior to and throughout the event weekend – this is a great way to fulfill your Work Party commitment. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the clubhouse soon.

Your Bronte Rocks Committee this year is: **Barb Dermott**, Chairperson; **Graham Beattie, Jennifer Brooks, Cheryl Penman, Mike Paulson, Dusan Davidavic, Jamie MacCorkindale, Mark Hellmann, Amy Pedersen, Laura Jurasek, Phil Gelsheimer, Jim Pollock, and Dan Klick.**

Just ask any one of us for more information and we'll be glad to answer any questions you may have. **- Barb Dermott**



Photos: Grad Dewar

Onward and upward

April 30th we saw sailing season start with over 60 boats launched between eight in the morning and two in the afternoon.

Special thanks to all the members who showed up to help, especially new members to the club, and to **Rob Watt** and his crew, **Steve Kernohan** and his crew who made sure the boats were safely put in the water, **John McMullen** and the cradle crew who disassembled the cradles, the tag line crews and finally **Adrian Hanley** who placed the cradles on wooden rails.

During launch a number of cradles were identified as desperately in need of repair. They were left out of the stack and hopefully they will be fixed and placed in the rack shortly.

Now that launch has been completed we will move back to our to do list.

- 1) The decals are now in and we will be implementing an identification process for club assets, boats that are being dry sailed, and the kayaks and canoes in the rack.
- 2) The crane inspection has been completed.
- 3) Crane training is scheduled for May 11, 2016 from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m.
- 4) There are still three boats yet to arrive which will be moored along the west bank.
- 4) **Peter McDougall** and his team have agreed to help new members step their masts.

In addition to the above there are a number of projects about to start.

- a) The eaves need to be cleaned.
- b) the leak in the north east corner of the roof.
- c) **Nigel Reed** has found the reason for the lights on the roof to be on constantly. Should be fixed shortly.
- d) The report dealing with the drainage issue is being written.
- e) Quotes for painting the north side of the building (facing Lakeshore Road) are being gathered.

It's going to be a busy summer and hopefully a productive one.

In spite of a long winter...

April was all about preparation for the new racing and cruising season. As you noticed, we introduced a new **RC Skipper program** and moved to an online registration model this year. As with any change, it is not without hiccups along the way. Nevertheless I hope you will find the new process is simpler and easier than before.

We also have a few **new web pages** related to all racing information racing@BHYC, you will find anything you need to know about our racing program.

There was some confusion about the online registration process. This year we have a two step registration for racing:

Step 1 - OnTheWater registration form. This data is saved and is used in the database for all other events we organize. This form should be filled with all members that have a boat.

Step 2 - Complete the Club Racing Series Registration form. Enter information about fleet, select a date for you to organize a race, and select how you are going to pay (payments are made at the bar).

As of May 2, we have 33 registered boats for Club racing series. I am hoping to hit 40 by the start of the season. If you are planning to race, please register as soon as possible so we can make sure that all is prepared for the first race of the season. Hope to see you on race course or on one of our cruises!

SI's are now published

Please note that there is change in class splits that will influence your start times. You can access SI's and class splits by series on racing@BHYC/events.

If you have any suggestions or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Regards, Dusan.

NEW - Online Registration for Cruisers

Cruisers can now subscribe to BHYC organized cruises. It is two step process:

Step 1 - Fill OnTheWater registration form. This data is saved and is used as database for all other events we organize.

Step 2 - Go to Cruising Corner page and register for the cruise. There you can maintain your entries and see all other boats subscribed for the cruise.

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Hello one and all

Spring is finally showing her face. The air is a bit warmer, the boats are in the water, and we are off to the races.

I would like to thank everyone who sends in pictures and articles for The Signal. It is a great way to show off our club and let members see or hear about events they may have missed or would like to participate in. Proper procedure is to send any photos or articles to publicity@bhyc.on.ca I look forward hearing from you.

June 25th we will be hosting ***“Get Out On The Water – Open House”***. This is a great way to introduce children, and adults to sailing, and to show off our clubhouse. It is an Ontario wide event organized by Ontario Sailing and ROWONTARIO with the goal to rejuvenate interest in these sports. I am looking for more people to help with this event. Please contact me if you are interested.

I am also looking for someone who loves Facebook and Twitter and would be willing to keep these two social media mediums up to date.

If you need a nice white shirt for Sailpast we have men's and ladies with the BHYC logo. Sale Price until May 28th \$25.00. See you out on the water!!

DAWN GREVILLE *Social Director*

Sailpast Saturday May 28

1200hrs.- Blessing of the fleet with Reverend Gill

1400 hrs.– Sailpast

1800-2200 hrs.– dancing to DJ

Around 2000 hours (8 pm), an evening snack table of meats/cheeses/rolls/salads and sweets will be served. The total price for the evening of dancing and food will be \$20 per person. A minimum of 40 pre-paid attendees are needed to cover the cost for the DJ and food, so please sign up early.



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Darts finale - Many champions

The start of the sailing season heralds the end of the darts season. The final darts evening of the 2015-2016 session was held on Wednesday, April 20th.

As usual there was a delicious meal provided by the Bronte Chinese restaurant, lots of laughter as well as suspense and delight with the awarding of trophies.

The teams were pretty evenly matched all season and the competition for top spot in cricket and 301 was decided only in the last few evenings. Special thanks were given to **Jim Pollock** for not playing this year and allowing other teams to take top honours. **Graham Beattie, Cecile Tremblay** and **Phil Spink** came first in cricket. Two teams tied for first place in 301. **Nigel Reed** and **Peter Brayshaw** were co-winners along with **Lise Haig, Terry Jenkins** and **Maura Peacock**. By virtue of a second place finish in cricket and a first in 301, Lise, Terry and Maura captured the overall championship. **Adrian Hanley** was awarded the anchor trophy as a testament to his unflagging support of his team and contribution in making darts an incredibly fun event.

There were plenty of highlights throughout the season:

teams sweeping all four games in one night, **Eric Wiklund** finishing a game in one turn, **Sue Reed** scoring two double bulls.

Nigel Reed introduced a new term in cricket, calling it "collateral advantage". This strategy comprises shooting for the bulls eye and, if the dart misses the bull, chances are good that it will fall into a slot that does count. My team mates gave me a nickname but I have to be very precise when saying it; the nickname is "bull shooter".

The darts evenings are the epitome of the saying "many hands make light work". Huge thanks go to those on the spares list who make a critical contribution and to everyone who helps with set up, clean up and keeping the games running smoothly. Special thanks go to **Graham** and **Elsa Beattie** and **Dave Cavell**.

Wednesday darts evenings are always lively with the decibel level increasing mightily with every great shot and victorious outcome. We can anticipate another enjoyable darts season, starting in November.

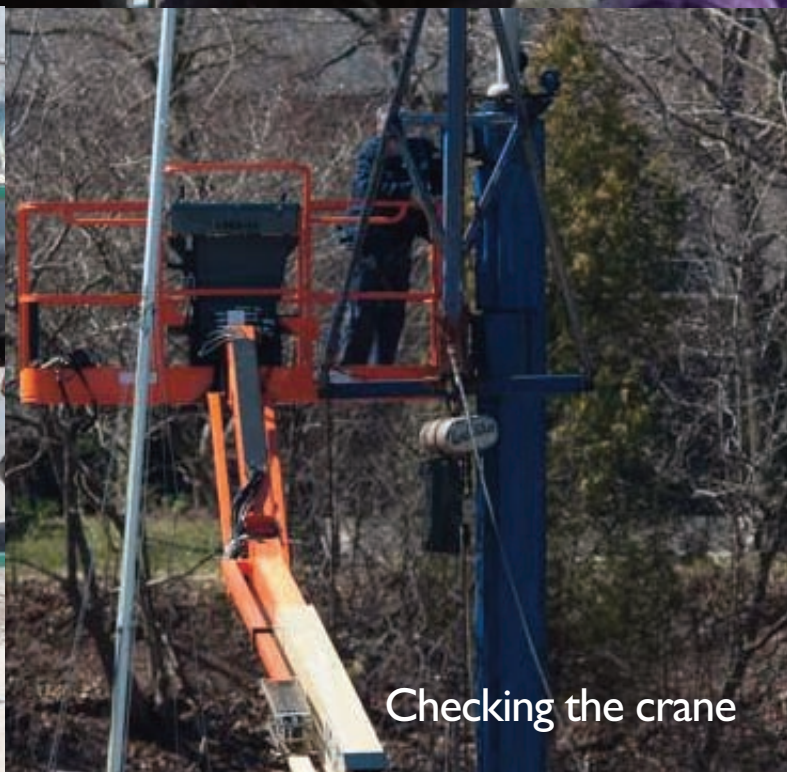
- Sandra Brans



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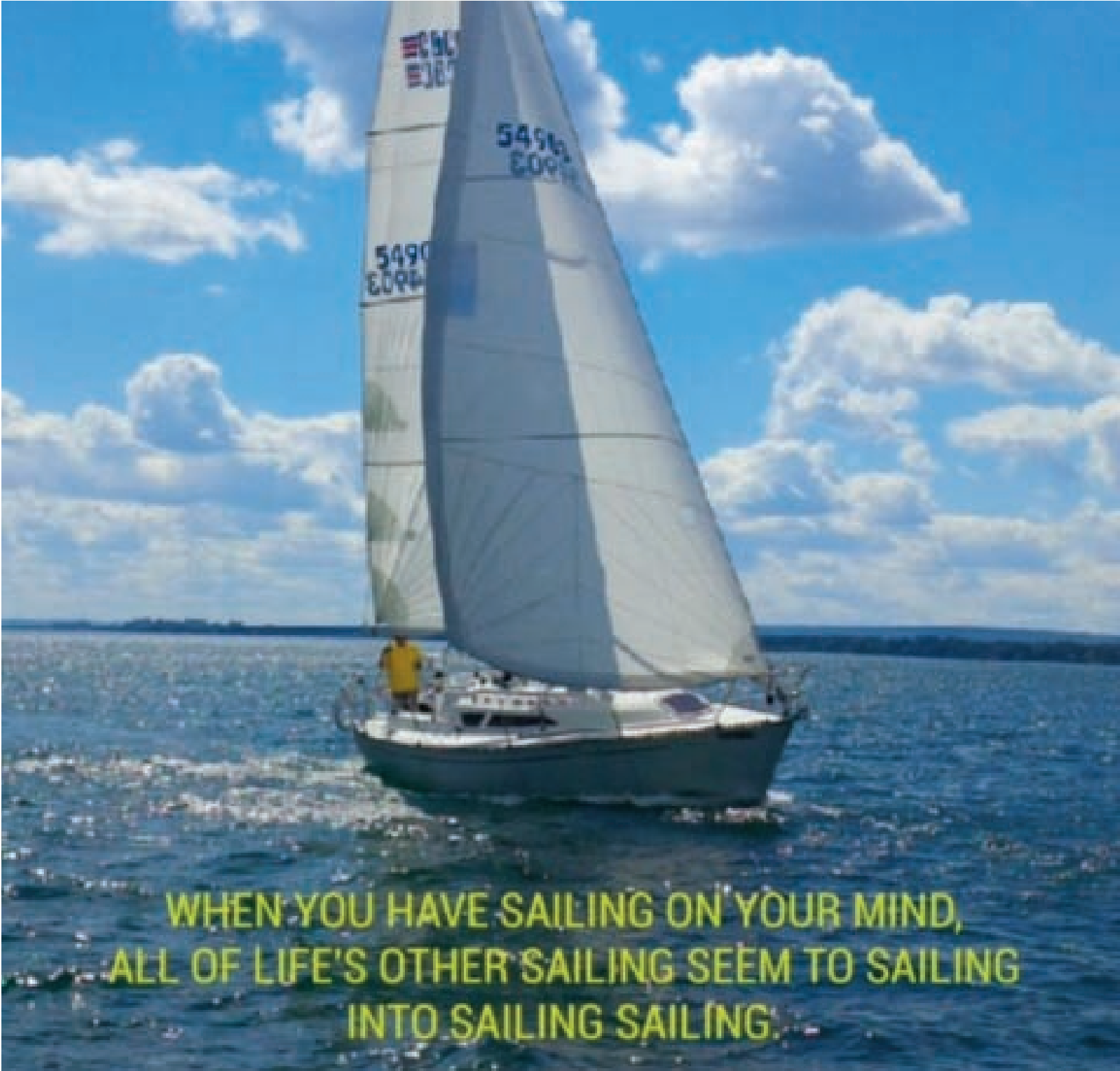
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15 <i>May</i>	16	17 Tuesday race night	18 Sip 'n Stitch	19 Thursday race night	20	21 Club cruise to RHYC
22 Club cruise to RHYC	23 <i>Victoria Day</i>	24 Tuesday race night	25 Sip 'n Stitch	26 Thursday race night	27	28 SAILPAST 12:00 Blessing of the Fleet 2:00pm Sailpast
29	30	31 Tuesday race night	1 Sip 'n Stitch	2 Thursday race night	3	4
5	6	7 Tuesday race night	8 <i>June</i>	9 Thursday race night	10	11
12	13	14 Tuesday race night	15 Sip 'n Stitch	16 Thursday race night	17 TGIF Race	18
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19	20	21 Tuesday race night	22 Sip 'n Stitch	23 Thursday race night	24	25 Lady Helms & Crew's Chance Regatta
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