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RICHARD BISSONNETTE Commodore

I don't know about you, but once the Toronto Boat Show closes, I consider we are in the home stretch towards launch even though we still have 90 days to go and some winter to face. We have a number of the social activities planned which should make the 90 days go fast – stay tuned.

We are still looking for some help with the positions of House and Social directors. In the past, a few people have shown some interest in getting more involved but were reluctant to serving on the board. If anyone wishes to help but does not necessarily wish to serve on the board, please call or email me; we can customize your participation to satisfy your comfort zone.

Currently Stephen Firth and I are filling these two positions.

In spite of not having an official Social Director, I hope everyone is enjoying some of the social activities held so far. I wish to thank those members who have organized the Appetizer Nights - 3 Amigos aka Ron Barr, Dale Ward and Peter McDougall who were ably assisted by Marge Furness and Sue Sproule; and Game Nights organized by Marge Furness and Trudy Doody. I hope I did not forget to recognize someone.

If you haven't done so yet, I invite you to visit our new website to get the latest news and keep an eye on the calendar for upcoming events. If you have any comments or suggestions on the new website, please share them with Tony Byrne (publicity@bhyc.on.ca) and Cameron Watt (webmaster@bhyc.on.ca)

As always, if you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Richard

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Lakeshore Road Bridge Closes



Starting February 3, the Lakeshore Road Bridge over Sixteen Mile Creek will be closed for reconstruction until December 2017. A detour around the bridge will be in place via Kerr, Rebecca and Navy Streets. A map of the [detour](#) is available on oakville.ca.

All businesses on either side of the bridge, as well as the library, the theatre and Centennial Pool will remain open and accessible during reconstruction.

This bridge work is part of the overall Lakeshore Road Reconstruction and Streetscape project. We appreciate your patience.



It may appear to be a little early to raise the subject of the 2018 board.

In 2018, we will be faced with the unusual situation of having to replace four senior board positions. These include:

Commodore

Vice Commodore

RC Training

Treasurer

The purpose of raising the situation early is to provide anyone considering running for one of these position the time to shadow the outgoing director and gain a better understanding of the job.

Interested in finding out more? Please contact Richard or commodore@bhyc.on.ca or Brian at pastcom@bhyc.on.ca



Pack Your Freezer For the Winter!

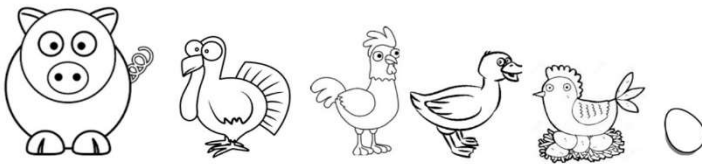
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**Top 'o the Mornin' to you,
me Darlin's!**

Yes, there are just a few weeks left before we celebrate Irish culture with fun, special foods and a whole lot of green! At BHYC, we will be partying with the best of them on

St. Patrick's Day

Friday, March 17

We need volunteers! If that means YOU, then contact

Joan Spares at jspares@gmail.com

[905-827-6732](tel:905-827-6732) or [905-466-6731](tel:905-466-6731) (text or call).

And...

“As you slide down the banisters of life may the splinters never point the wrong way.” (An Irish saying)





Fun'n Games

Come join the BHYC February Games Evening

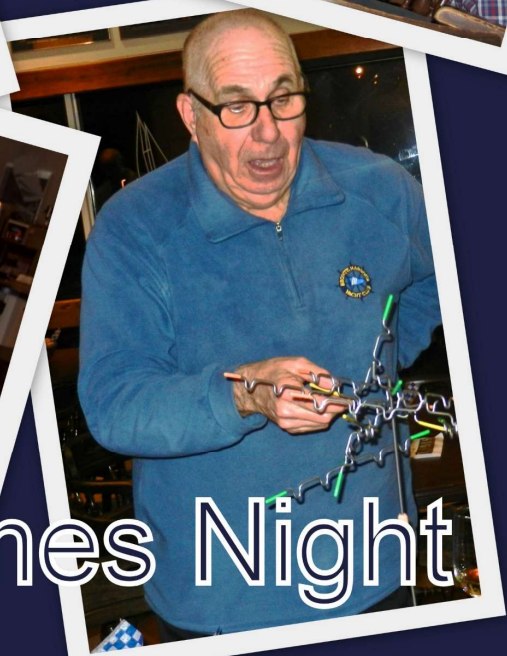
Thursday, February 2nd & 16th, 2017
7pm - 10 pm

please bring:

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



For enjoyment only - no gambling please!



Fun at Games Night

TONY BYRNE Publicity

My last article started with 'I'm Back' now it is 'Wheew'.

We started out 2017 with changing our internal email system that is really only visible to the Board but will help with future changes of Board Members and facilitate easier transition for future Boards.

We did add 'signal@bhyc.on.ca' for anyone wishing to send articles to the Signal and 'announcements@bhyc.on.ca' if you want to broadcast something to the entire membership.

The big change is to the website. Again, I can't thank Cam enough for his efforts and creativity in setting this up as well as the previous Board for supporting this initiative.

Website:

I did receive a lot of emails with suggested improvements and passed these on to Cam to try to implement as many as are possible. Thanks to all those that did take the trouble to contribute; keep it up. I look forward to all feedback to make the website ours. Funny fact is that 90% of the feedback was on the lighter font color Cam chose. Time for us all to visit the Optometrist!

Website Hi-lights (take from my email)

Club Calendar

One of the main features of the new site will be the Google Calendar function that will replace the book behind the bar for recording functions/events at the club and bring together all of our racing and social activities.

Each Board member has the ability to record and publish their events such as racing, VIP, Bronte Rocks and Social Events. House will also have their own calendar tab to add events such as parties, rentals, etc. All of these events will show on the homepage calendar on our new website so any member can log in and see what's happening at the club in real time.

Club News

Club news for members will remain the same with bluewater e-mail announcements. News that we want to share more publicly on the front page of our website be sent out via twitter @BronteHarbourYC which is visible on the front of the website. You can follow with the twitter app and get updates on your smartphone.

Information for Members

The members tab at the top of the site houses resources for new members and current members. Winter storage and summer dock applications, as well as a form to submit volunteer hours electronically can be found under this tab.

Other Improvements

In the coming weeks we will be adding a 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.

Feedback

Continue with your feedback as noted above. Please send any suggestions to publicity@bhyc.on.ca Til next month!

Tony

publicity@bhyc.on.ca



MEMBERSHIP 2017 RENEWAL

You will soon be receiving an invoice for your 2017 membership fees. For those who were not able to attend the Annual General Meeting last November, a few changes were agreed in order to streamline the membership categories. You will find below the changes along with the associated fees for 2017. Reminder annual fees are due no later than March 31st to maintain club privilege

Category	Annual Fee	
Senior	\$735.00*	
Associate	\$375.00*	
Associate / Paddling	\$375.00*	plus \$95.00* for seasonal storage
Associate / Dinghy	\$375.00*	plus seasonal storage based on "footprint"
Associate / Boatshare	\$375.00*	plus \$375.00* – boat component
Crew	\$150.00*	
Intermediate	\$420.00*	
Junior	\$59.00*	
Out of Town	\$81.00*	* Plus HST

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Mauna Kea - Hello to all BYHC members

I wanted to write to the members to let people know about our trip in case anyone is interested in this kind of journey. This trip started with an idea the last time I was in the British Virgin Islands. I wondered if I could sail my own boat down here from Bronte.

At that time, I believed I wasn't experienced enough, but as years went by I found that reading other people's web sites and blog spots that having no ocean experience it was possible.

After purchasing Mauna Kea a 36 CS I believed I had the right boat for the trip. I am finding out that a 36 foot boat is a good size and maybe the minimum that would be comfortable for a long trip.

We have planned to be gone for a two year period and I think that would satisfy our dreams. Who knows maybe we would do it again. We chose to join a rally (http://icwally.com/ICWally/Sail_to_the_Sun_Rally!.html) with Wally Moran to travel down the Inter Coastal Water Way.

Some people said to me, why would you pay someone to lead you through a water way when you could do it yourself? When we joined the rally there were twenty boats and a lot of great people. We have made some friends for life and I have never regretted making that decision to travel with that group.

Wally Moran (<https://bloggingtheicw.blogspot.com/>) who is from Sudbury has traveled the ICW thirty times and he has shown us the best places to see. The rally began in Hampton Virginia and ended in Coconut Grove south of Miami.

The places and things we have seen have been a great experience. We are still traveling through the Bahamas with four of the boats from the rally and we are having a great time with our new friends.

Today we are in George Town Bahamas and are planning to move on the Turks and Caicos. To all of you who love to sail and hate the winter this is great trip to experience. Have a look at my Blog Spot and contact me with any questions.

<http://www.mauna-kea-sailing.blogspot.ca/>

Ken Reynolds & Laurie McCoy



KEVIN CORCORAN Rear Commodore Training

Registration is now OPEN! Can it be true? Yes! Online registration is now open for the 2017 sailing season. Visit our new website www.bhyc.on.ca to register early and SAVE! Space is limited register before April 1st to save \$50 and to get the dates you want. Visit www.bhycraceteam.com if interested in joining are award winning team! Senior members can register family members and receive 15% off youth Learn to Sail and Youth Racing programs.



It's a Threepeat! Congratulations to BHYC and the Junior Race team in winning the Edward Ison Double Handed Sailing Championship & George Blanchard Youth Performance Ranking Trophy for the third year in a row! Extra congratulations goes out to Grey Snyder and Jack Porter in receiving the Fogh Marine Youth Sailors of the Year from our C420's. Another congratulations goes out to Nathan Corcoran and Connor Bey in winning the C420 Grand Prix Series! Congratulations to our athletes and our Coaches for a great 2016!



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BARRY JASPER Rear Commodore Sail

February is the shortest month of the year. Some might argue that it could be improved by making it even shorter....

This will probably be the shortest RCSail report of the year, I am not sure that I could make it any shorter, but it could probably be improved upon.....

I do have one important announcement. This is to congratulate Robbert Borst, on being the recipient of the "RCSail volunteer of the month award" Robbert has agreed to be Race Officer for the majority of one of the club race series.

I am looking now for another person, who can step forward from the shadows to head up the second series. If you are that person, please e-mail me at rcsail@bhyc.on.ca or leave me a phone message.....I would like to send you on a weekend course so that you can be fully certified by sail Canada.....

SAILORS NIGHTS are scheduled for February 9, February 23 and March 9th.

The Feb 9th night will be a presentation by John Mc Mullen entitled "Sailing the North Channel of Georgian Bay"

The Feb 23rd night is yet to be finalized.

The March 9th night will be an instruction session on the use of the Defibrillator, which is behind the clubhouse bar; followed by a course on emergency on-the-water first aid, hints and tips on making the most of the limited on board materials.....all by our own Dr. Vera.....

GHYRA 2017 REGATTA REGISTRATION for the alternate 3 day regatta will open 1.00 pm EDT on February 5th

That's all I have for this month.....

Barry Jasper

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2017 GHYRA WEEK - TWO REGATTAS IN ONE!

One **3 day regatta**: July 1-3, 2017

One **6 day regatta**: July 1-6, 2017 (as usual), includes entry into the 3 day regatta

Friday June 30 2017

Come to the RHYC to get "registered" by land or by sea from 7-9pm

Each skipper (or designate) will receive a free drink on us!

Saturday July 1, 2017

Race to Bronte Harbour Yacht Club

1st race for both the 6 day regatta and the 3 day regatta (1pm start time)

Sunday July 2, 2017

Race to Dalhousie Yacht Club

2nd Race for both regattas - Pursuit race

Monday July 3, 2017

Race to Newport Yacht Club

3rd race for both the regattas

Tuesday July 4, 2017

Race to Port Credit Yacht Club

4th race Pursuit race for 6 day regatta participants only

Wednesday July 5, 2017

Race to Oakville Yacht Squadron / Oakville Club

5th race for 6 day regatta participants only

Thursday July 6, 2017

Race to Burlington Sailing and Boating Club

6th and final race for 6 day regatta participants only

Thursday July 6, 2017 - Awards night for both regattas

Finish a day earlier than usual – time to get your boat back or stay an extra day in the Bay on **Friday, July 7, 2017**

Register online at www.ghyra.org, navigate to 2017 event info and chose.....\$125 pb



Upcoming Events

Sailors Night

February 9- North Channel
 February 23 TBA
 March 9 First Aid
 March 23 TBA

Games Night

February 2nd
 February 16th

St Patrick's Day

March 17

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 Games Night 19:00-22:00	3	4	5 GHYRA 2017 Registration opens
6 Club Closed Winter Hours	7 Sip & Stitch	8 Darts 19:15	9 Sailors Night North Channel 19:30-20:30	10	11	12
13 Club Closed Winter Hours	14 Sip & Stitch	15 Darts 19:15	16 Games Night 19:00-22:00	17	18	19
20 Club Closed Winter Hours Family Day	21 Sip & Stitch	22 Darts 19:15	23 Sailors Night	24	25	26
27 Club Closed Winter Hours	28 Sip & Stitch					



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St Patrick's Day

March 17

Sailors Night

March 9 First Aid
 March 23 TBA
 April 6 Racing Tactics
 April 13 New Rule Book

Darts

January 4 - April 19

Race Committee Training

April 8


Club Racing & Cruising Registration

April 20

Launch

April 29 – 30

March 2017

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