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RICHARD BISSONNETTE Commodore

There is not much to report other than your board is busy finalizing plans for specific goals targeting financial stability while building a clear value proposition for a membership at BHYC.

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, directors are still looking for some help. To date only one person spoke to me about helping out with a specific task. The successful implementation of the plans being drafted will require some manpower.

Let us not forget we are a self-help club and if we are not able to secure sufficient help, we will have no other alternative but to outsource some of the jobs. This route will impact any plans for bringing financial stability.

On a more positive note, I would like to thank Marge Furness for organizing Game Nights and judging by the attendance were clearly appreciated. This was a great new activity to add to our winter schedule.

Please mark your calendar, the Spring Meeting will be held on Monday April 10th. The board will be presenting plans and objectives for the remainder of 2017.

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

Richard

commodore@bhyc.on.ca



Notice of Meeting

Bronte Harbour Yacht Club

Purpose:	Spring Meeting
Date:	Monday, April 10 th , 2017
Place:	Bronte Harbour Yacht Club
Time:	19:30 hours



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!

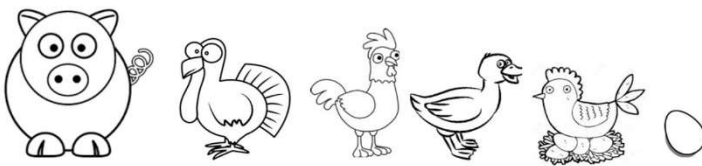
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**Top ‘o the Mornin’ to you,
me Darlin’s!**

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)





Effective Monday April 10th

Summer Hours

Monday	16:00 – 20:00
Tuesday	16:00 – 22:00
Wednesday	16:00 – 20:00
Thursday	16:00 – 22:00
Friday	16:00 – 20:30
Saturday	12:00 – 20:00
Sunday	12:00 – 20:00

2017 Roster

Changes to your Coordinates?

If you have any revisions to your coordinates in the 2016 Roster (address, phones, E-mail address, corrections, etc.) please advise Allan Cook and Peter McDougall by E-mail.

This way the information that Peter will be publishing in the 2017 Roster will be up to date and correct. If the information in the 2016 Roster remains as is, there is no need to advise us.

Email Peter McDougall at: p.mcdougall@lobmail.ca

Email Allan Cook at: membership@bhyc.on.ca



Chariot has new crew

Maverick Anker
Born February 3
Weight 5lb 8oz

Congratulations
Sara & Jamie



GOOD NEWS FOR PADDLERS!

It is important that all membership categories feel like they are an integral part of our club. In order to provide our paddling members with improved communication with the board, Pat Dewar has volunteered to be the Paddler Representative.

Pat will be the “go to” person for all paddlers’ questions or concerns and will be reporting directly to the Commodore and Vice Commodore.

Pat is no stranger around the club, not only she is a keen kayaker who can be seen paddling up down the creek several times a week, but she also participates in activities at other clubs. She has been a member of BHYC for many years, has been on race committee for over 20 years; in other words she knows her way around the club and is the best candidate to advocate on behalf of paddlers.

Pat can be reached at pldewar@icloud.com

On behalf of the board, thanks Pat for taking up the challenge and we look forward to working closely with in providing better value to our paddlers.

Richard

commodore@bhyc.on.ca



TONY BYRNE Publicity

Happy March! I know everyone is looking forward to launch and with daylight savings time changing on March 12th, it will only be a matter of weeks before the yard is hopping with boaters doing what boaters do in the spring.

As always, I will point out the need for members to review the website and make suggestions. We seem to be getting used to the new calendar and more items are popping up each day so keep checking for new activities. We did set up Don Harkness with a new email address as cruising director and you will be seeing cruising updates and events from Don going forward.

We do have a few items where I need help:

1. I need volunteer(s) to develop the burgee as our new logo and would like to have anyone with graphic design talents that can develop different iterations of the logo in formats that are made for printing and scalability to contact me via email.
2. I am trying to publish a history of our club in the local papers; anyone who has something already or would like to be involved in this project can contact me by email.
3. Finally, I want to publish some articles on human interest/community involvement and need some history on three events: Bronte Rocks, Turkey Roll and VIP sailing. Anyone who has a history/information or would like to help, please contact me via email.

We have a number of events coming up at the club to check the calendar and make sure you attend.

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



TRACK THE ADVENTURE OF KEN REYNOLDS AND LAURIE ABOARD MAUNA-KEA

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

Cool pictures posted

Current location – March 1st 2017 – Georgetown, Bahamas.

Drop them a line at kenreyns@gmail.com

ERIC PILON Vice Commodore

Savings Available On 2017 Club Mooring

BHYC has moorings available for club members at a discount, providing a boat owner with a significant savings in 2017.

The rates for 2017 are as follows:

25 foot boat or less is	\$39.80 per foot
26 foot boat is	\$40.57 per foot
27 foot boat is	\$41.34 per foot
28 foot boat is	\$42.12 per foot
29 foot boat is	\$42.89 per foot
30 foot boat is	\$43.66 per foot

The Town's assessment for TOWARF of \$26.52 plus HST must be added into your calculations.

These slips are on the west side of the river (across from the crane) and are available on a first come basis. The 2017 rate provides you with a 25% savings when compared with the Town's cost.

This opportunity is only available until March 15, 2017. You must have your applications in by then. After March 15, the slips go to first come first serve.

Contact Eric Pilon - vicecommodore@bhyc.on.ca for a mooring application or pick-up an application from the web site (under membership) at: <https://bhyc.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/2017-Mooring-Form.pdf> Please hand the form in at the bar with your cheque to the attention of vice commodore.

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Sailing School Shark

The Board of Directors has decided to divest the club of the remaining sailing school Shark.

The boat, cradle, 9.9 outboard and equipment therein are included and are being sold "AS IS, WHERE IS".

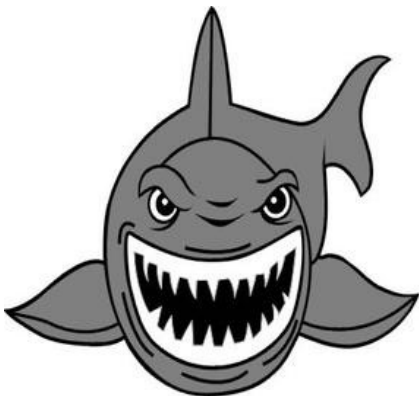
Bronte Harbour Yacht Club makes no guarantee or warranty as to the condition of the items for sale.

We will be accepting sealed bids at a minimum of \$1,500.00 + HST to the attention of the Rear Commodore of Power up until 15:00hrs, March 31, 2017.

Bids are to be hand delivered to the bar. All bidders should send an email to rcpower@bhyc.on.ca confirming a bid has been submitted **(do not state amount of bid)**.

The sale price will include storage for the remainder of this year and launch.

The Shark is lying in the yard and can be inspected at any time up until bid closing.



BARRY JASPER Rear Commodore Sail

BHYC Sailor's Nights 2017

This winter season we have already had several interesting Sailors' Nights and we advise you of the following sessions which are upcoming. Please book them in your calendar and come out to enjoy the instructional evenings.

Medical session (Vera)

March 9, 19:30 hrs

This will be an instructional evening of First Aid procedures, how to operate the defibrillator at the club, how to give CPR, and what to do in other medical emergencies that may arrive at the club or on board your vessel.

Crew night social (Social evening)

March 23, 18:30 hrs

We invite the skippers that will be racing to invite all of their crew members to join us at the club for a social get together. We will provide a very economical special for a pint of beer and a burger and everyone will have a chance to mix and discuss the up-coming racing season.

We also invite other members of the club that may be interested in dipping their toes into racing by presenting themselves as possible crew members on one of the racing boats.

Brian Bennett video on navigation

March 30, 19:30 hrs

An interesting video explanation of Tahitian navigation methods used 1500 years ago.

Racing tactics (Adrian Hanley)

April 6, 19:30 hrs

Racing rules (Geoff Moore)

April 13, 19:30 hrs

PRO Training Session (Richard Bissonnette & Dusan Davidovic)

April 8 10:00 hrs

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

Barry Jasper

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ATTENTION 2017 GHYRA WANNABE'S

There are still a few spots open in all categories this year – 6 Day Racing, 3 Day Racing and Cruising. Registration is still limited to GHYRA club members but only until March 18th. After that date, registration will be open to all yacht club members on the lake.

So get your registration done now to assure a spot in this year's regatta. You can go to the GHYRA website or to BHYC's website to register.

Any questions, please speak to me, pastcom@bhyc.on.ca, and I will do my best to answer them!

Cheers,

Brian Miller
Past Commodore

Obituary for Margaret Jones (Life Member)

Sadly, Marg Jones passed away February 6, 2017, beloved wife of the late Frank Jones (1999). Marg and Frank were long standing members of BHYC always cruising their sailboat HAAPIS. Among the many club activities, they were involved with such as the Friday night card game WHIST, they were pioneers of BHYC's Annual Turkey Roll.



Marg & Frank Jones

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Upcoming Events

St Patrick's Day

March 17

Sailors Night

March 9 First Aid
 March 23 Crew Social
 March 30 Navigation
 April 6 Racing Tactics
 April 13 New Rule Book

Darts

April 19 Awards Night

Race Committee Training

April 8

Summer Hours April 10


Club Racing & Cruising Registration

April 20

Launch

April 29 – 30

March 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1 Darts 19:15	2	3	4	5 Darts Challenge LSYC
6 Club Closed Winter Hours	7 Sip & Stitch	8 Darts 19:15	9 Sailors Night First Aid 19:30-20:30	10	11	12
13 Club Closed Winter Hours	14 Sip & Stitch	15 Darts 19:15	16	17 St Patrick's Day at BHYC 	18	19 Darts Challenge BHYC
20 Club Closed Winter Hours	21 Sip & Stitch	22 Darts 19:15	23 Sailors Night Crew Social 18:30	24	25	26
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10 Spring Meeting 19:30	11 Sip & Stitch	12 Darts 19:15	13 Sailors Night New Rule Book 19:30-20:30	14 Good Friday	15	16 Easter
17	18 Sip & Stitch	19 Darts 19:15 Awards Night	20 Registration Club Racing & Cruising	21	22	23
24	25 Sip & Stitch	26	27	28	29 Launch	30 Launch