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RICHARD BISSONNETTE Commodore

By the time you read this article most boats will be in the early stages of pre-launch prep – it's about time, it has been a "long" winter.

The Spring Meeting is scheduled for Monday April the 10th; I strongly encourage attending. Our club has reached a stage that ignoring the items or issues which have been disregarded for the last few years is no longer an option. Coasting and passing on to the next board the responsibilities of addressing the problems, which some are becoming critical, is simply not wise.

The Board is considering a number of initiatives which will be presented and discussed at the Spring Meeting. Your input is critical for the board to secure a clear mandate supported by the membership.

In 2016, your board was able to bring some improvements to the financial health of BHYC and there still some more work to do in this area; but we also need to deal with some of physical shortcoming of the premises in general.

It is not the objective of this article to be negative, but the time has come where some decisions must be reached to ensure an exciting future for BHYC and its members.

If anyone is considering running for a board position, behind the bar there is a binder containing a draft of job descriptions for each board position. This will give you a better idea of the work involved, but also may provide you with an option of assisting a director with a specific duty or task.

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 10th, 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



Safety Equipment Education and Flare Disposal Days 2017

CPS-ECP is excited to announce their partnership with Transport Canada and CIL Dealers to undertake a project on education and awareness of safety equipment, the care and maintenance of that equipment and how to safely and effectively use and dispose of flares.

Have Your Flares Expired?

If your flares have a manufacture date of 2013 or earlier they have or will expire this year. You can't light them, throw them in the water or in your household garbage to dispose of them. In accordance with Transport Canada requirements, flares are approved for four years from the date of manufacture. If they have expired or will expire during this boating season, you must replace them... it's the law!

Disposing of expired flares has been an ongoing dilemma for boaters across the country. To help boaters dispose of expired flares in a safe and environmentally responsible manner CPS-ECP and selected CIL Dealers are hosting Safety Equipment Education and Flare Disposal Days. On these days, you will be offered the opportunity to learn about required safety equipment and you can bring your outdated flares to be properly disposed of, free of charge.

The following list of locations will host safety equipment days and accept expired flares on the dates noted below.

DATE	RETAILER	LOCATION
April 21-24, 2017	The Rigging Shoppe	44 Midwest Rd Toronto, ON M1P 3A9
May 6-7, 2017	Fogh Boat Supplies	1 Port St E. Mississauga, ON L5G 4N1
May 13, 2017	The Dockside Chandlery	447 Speers Rd. Unit 6 Oakville, ON L6K 3S7
May 26-27, 2017	Fogh Boat Supplies	1 Port St E. Mississauga, ON L5G 4N1
May 27, 2017	Nat's Marine Supplies	590 Liverpool Rd. Pickering, ON L1W 1P9
June 3, 2017	Fogh Marine	901 Oxford St Toronto, ON M8Z 5T1



"Another successful landing of an Air Canada Airbus A330 by copilots Renate and Brian! Here we are at the gate at Pearson awaiting the disembarkment of passengers who thankfully, are still alive! We spent over 2 hours at the controls in the simulator late on a Saturday evening courtesy of Mark Hellman.

We want to thank Mark for arranging this as an item for Turkey Roll and for giving up a Saturday evening to host us.

It was an amazing experience and we have even more respect and admiration for air line pilots and Mark in particular.

Cheers, Brian & Renate"

BHYC JUNIOR SAILORS AWARDS



The George Blanchard Youth Performance Ranking Trophy for best overall results went to the team from Bronte Harbour Yacht Club. Accepting the Award is coach Kevin Corcoran and various members of the sailing team at that club.

Congratulations to the Junior Sailing Team.

Pack Your Freezer For the Winter!

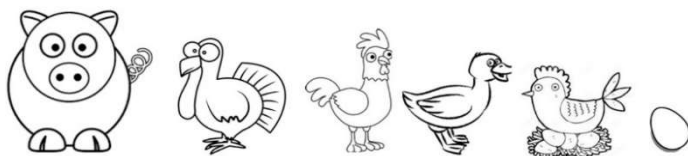
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Major Robert Paul Joseph **Tremblay**, M.S.C., C.D.
Hamilton, Ontario
Meritorious Service Cross (Military Division)

While serving in Haiti from March to September 2015 as United Nations and Haitian National Police (HNP) team leader, Major Robert Paul Joseph Tremblay played a key role in developing electoral security measures. Through his leadership, he helped to establish a command and control structure for operations by the HNP under complex and difficult circumstances. During this deployment, Major Tremblay forged an effective civilian-military team that advanced governance in the region, bringing great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

Maj. Robert Tremblay of the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry has received the Meritorious Service Cross for helping with security during Haiti's recent national elections. Gov. Gen. David Johnston presented Tremblay with the national award — one of the highest the country bestows.

The Meritorious Service Decorations celebrate Canadians who have performed an exceptional deed or activity bringing honour to Canada. They are separated into military and civil divisions, with two levels each: a cross and a medal.

While serving in Haiti from March to September 2015 as United Nations and Haitian National Police (HNP) team leader, Tremblay helped to develop electoral security measures and establish a command and control structure for the Haitian National Police under difficult circumstances. "During this deployment, Maj. Tremblay forged an effective civilian-military team that advanced governance in the region, bringing great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada," says the Meritorious Service Cross citation.



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



Leprachauns at St Patrick's evening



Paddlers News – Pat Dewar 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 can be reached at pldewar@icloud.com

Cruising News – Don Harkness Attention All Cruisers, Past Cruisers and Those Interested in Learning about Cruising. Launch is just a few weeks away and your Cruising Committee has been hard at work organizing this seasons cruising activities.

Please join us for a Pot Luck dinner Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 18:00hrs to visit with friends, enjoy a shared meal and learn about the activities scheduled for 2017.

A pot luck dinner has been a tradition on our cruises. Please bring along your favorite appetizer, main course or dessert.

The Carrol's Point overnight anchorage is planned for sometime in June. All cruise details are posted on the calendar for your reference.

For more information contact Don Harkness cruising@bhyc.on.ca or 905-902-4384

Signal Editor - Barbara Keeley-Wat If you have an article you would like published in the Signal please forward the article to me at Signal@bhyc.on.ca Interesting on the water stories, club activities or boating vacations, from our members would be wonderful.

The best format is emailed with an attachment; word document with photos in "jpg" format and in the highest resolution possible. The monthly cut off for articles is last day of the month to guarantee publishing in the current month.

VIP Week - June 12th -16th Our Club's biggest community event every year and once again we are looking for skippers, boats and crew to help on the water, in the clubhouse and at Fifty Point. Email sign-up is the only way. vip@bhyc.on.ca. You will receive a confirmation from Ole Sigvardt. Please come out and help.

RON PARKER



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

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

Cool pictures posted

Current location – April 4, 2017, Clarence Town, Bahamas.

Drop them a line at kenreyns@gmail.com



LAUNCH IS SATURDAY APRIL 29TH.

A few reminders:

1. We expect to have all boats launched by mid-afternoon – so please be on time
2. We will need volunteers for the actual launch operations and a clean-up crew for Sunday. Sign up will be available at the club or email vicecom@bhyc.on.ca & commodore@bhyc.on.ca to confirm which job you wish to volunteer for.
3. Mast stepping not before Monday May 1st
4. Cradle pads should be identified removed from the yard ASAP. This avoids people losing their pads or ending up with someone else's pads
5. A launch schedule will be posted at the club
6. Please monitor your emails for any changes

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I can feel the tempo gradually increasing, and the beat getting louder, as the yard becomes busier and noisier and smellier, and the countdown to launch gets shorter and shorter.

I look forward to seeing you all in the yard during the month...and seeing you on the water at it's climax.....

Along with all the dust and dirt, and scrubbing and waxing, there are a host of other activities scheduled during April to get everyone prepared for another season of cruising and racing.....please mark your calendars with the following dates...

I am hopeful that we now have another person, to head up the second club race series. That said, we have agreed to leave the RC Skipper programme in place for 2017. So all racing skippers will be responsible for ensuring that there is full race committee, each for two race nights throughout the year. So, I am expecting to see the majority of you out Saturday 8th at 10.00am, for a training session to be hosted by Dusan and Richard. There will also be a Bluewater operating session Sunday 7th of May at 10.00am.

Many thanks to Peter and Robbert, for overseeing the Skipper's Nights programme in my absence; and to all the members, John, Sue, Vera, and Brian, who stepped forward to host evenings.....

There is a full slate of skippers nights scheduled during April, I am confident that you will find them both entertaining, and full of good information.....

The April 6th night will be a presentation by Adrian Hanley entitled "Racing Tactics"

The April 13th night will be Geoff Moore, reviewing the new rules and revisiting some of the old ones
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The April 20th night will be an opportunity for all cruisers and racers to get assistance with the on-line registration process; and will be a crew social night. This will offer an opportunity for racing skippers to invite their crews for an evening of beer and hamburgers and old stories and new dreams.....

The sail committee will meet Tuesday April 11th at 6.30 pm to review the SI's for club racing and the Icebreaker. We will review the progress of plans for hosting, the High School Championship, the Ghyra Regatta, and Bronte Rocks.....

Good luck to everyone, may the force be with you.

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

Barry Jasper

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KEVIN CORCORAN Rear Commodore, Training

Spring Is In The Air Happy Spring everyone! Wow! Great to see everyone busy as a bee in the yard getting ready for the new season. Things have been busy as well with our Training Academy and Junior Race Team. Registrations went live on line in the beginning of February and registrations have been coming in steady. The price for this season has remained the same, \$550 for a two week session. Spots are filling up quickly and if interested, you should register soon to get your preferred dates. Although the early registration discount has past, Senior BHYC Members can still take advantage of 15% off regular registration fees. Please contact Kevin Corcoran via email rctraining@bhyc.on.ca to receive a discount code before registering online.

5 Minutes to the First Gun Our Junior Race Team had its first official meeting on Sunday April 2nd. Our Junior Race Team is 22 members strong again this year. The race team plans to meet several times in the month of April participating in Team Building activities and strength training. The Race team plans to bring their boats to the club on Monday May 1st, after launch. We were already in the water this time last year! But due to the crowded yard and the hustle and bustle of getting the boats ready for launch, we can all agree that waiting until the boats are in, is the best for all. To avoid stepping on each other's toes during the first week with mast prepping, we plan to section off a small area for the junior racers to store their boats. Our Junior racers are very excited to get on the water as we all are. Please don't hesitate to speak with any of them to help you out on race nights. They are all eager to learn and desperately want to get on the big boats whenever they can. If you are interested in having some of the older racers on your boat, send me an email at rctraining@bhyc.on.ca and I will set up the meeting.

There Is No I in Team For the past three years and now in my fourth, I have had a lot of fun running the training part of the club. To be honest, there has been some ups and downs over the past three years. But overall, it has been the best years at the club. Due to family responsibilities and taking closer care of my aging parents I regretfully have to say that this will be my last year as the RC of Training. Knowing this, I am hopeful in having a few members work closely with me this year, allowing me to mentor the new successor. My plan is not to completely separate myself from the role the following year. My plan is to work alongside the new RC of Training, if need be, for the following years.

So if you would like to see what the hype is all about, please don't hesitate to contact me via email rctraining@bhyc.on.ca or by cell (905)399-0493. I am also looking for members to help with unpacking, setting up and repairing boats throughout the summer.

Cheers and see you on the water!

Kevin

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Upcoming Events

Sailors Night

April 6 Racing Tactics
April 13 New Rule Book

Darts

April 19 Awards Night

Summer Hours April 10
Race Committee Training
April 8

**Club Racing & Cruising
Registration & Crew Social**
April 20

Cruiser's Pot Luck Dinner
April 22

Launch

April 29 – 30

VIP week

June 12th – 16th

April 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1	2
3 Club Closed Winter Hours	4 Sip & Stitch	5 Darts 19:15	6 Sailors Night Racing Tactics 19:30-20:30	7	8 RO Training 10:00	9
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 Summer Hours	18 Sip & Stitch	19 Darts 19:15 Awards Night	20 Registration Club Racing & Cruising Crew Social	21	22 Cruisers Pot Luck Dinner	23
24 Summer Hours	25 Sip & Stitch	26	27	28	29 Launch	30 Launch



Upcoming Events

Blue Water Training

May 7

Sailing Season Begins

May 9 – Tuesday series

May 12 Thursday series

Cruises

Visit the online calendar for
cruise dates

Sip & Stitch Wednesdays

starting May 10

VIP Week – June 12th to 16th

May 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2 Sip & Stitch	3	4	5	6 Ice Breaker Regatta	7 Blue Water Training
8	9 Club Series Tuesday	10 Sip & Stitch	11	12 Club Series Thursday	13	14
15	16 Club Series Tuesday	17 Sip & Stitch	18	19 Club Series Thursday	20 Cruise to Macassa Bay	21 Cruise to Macassa Bay
22 Victoria Day Cruise to Macassa Bay	23 Club Series Tuesday	24 Sip & Stitch	25	26 Club Series Thursday	27	28
29	30 Club Series Tuesday	31 Sip & Stitch				