

SIGNAL

BRONTE HARBOUR YACHT CLUB  JULY 2017 NEWSLETTER



SIGNAL

is published monthly by the Bronte Harbour Yacht Club. Deadline for submissions is the last day of each month.

The SIGNAL
Bronte Harbour Yacht Club
2514 Lakeshore Road West
Oakville ON L6L 1H8

SIGNAL Editor
 Barbara Keeley-Watt
 416-464-3730
signal@bhyc.on.ca

SIGNAL Advertising
 Tony Byrne
 905-847-4495
publicity@bhyc.on.ca

BHyc Announcements
announcement@bhyc.on.ca

Accounts
 Monday-Friday 9am- 5pm
 905-808-6525

Summer Club 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

www.bhyc.on.ca

CLUBHOUSE
905-827-6437

BHyc Board

board@bhyc.on.ca

Commodore
 Richard Bissonnette
 905-827-8782
commodore@bhyc.on.ca

Vice Commodore
Brian Miller
 905-466-5175
vicecommodore@bhyc.on.ca

Rear Commodore, Sail
 Barry Jasper
 905-634-4449
rcsail@bhyc.on.ca

Rear Commodore, Power
 Ron Parker
 416-315-5122
rcpower@bhyc.on.ca

Rear Commodore, Training
 Kevin Corcoran
 905-847-0493
rctraining@bhyc.on.ca

Treasurer
 Stephen Firth
 905-825-5133
treasurer@bhyc.on.ca

Secretary
 Mary Ellen Bockler
 905-334-3365
secretary@bhyc.on.ca

Social Director
 TBA
 905-xxx-xxxx
social@bhyc.on.ca

House Director
 TBA
 905-xxx-xxxx
house@bhyc.on.ca

Membership Director
 Allan Cook
 647-226-8284
membership@bhyc.on.ca

Publicity Director
 Tony Byrne
 905-847-4495
publicity@bhyc.on.ca

Past Commodore
 Brian Miller
 905-466-5175
pastcomm@bhyc.on.ca

Natalie Bullard

Sales Representative

Your Referrals Always Welcome



5111 New St., Appleby Village
 Burlington, ON L7L 1V2
 Each Office Independently Owned and Operated

905-339-9410 Direct
 905-637-1700 Office
 905-637-1070 Fax
Natalie@nataliebullardrealtor.com



INTEGRITY & SERVICE are #1



BRIDGE YACHTS LTD.

SHIP'S STORE & YACHT BROKERS

*Thinking of
 buying or
 selling a
 boat?*

I can help!

Russ Perry

rperry@bridgeyachts.com
www.bridgeyachts.com
 Mobile: 905-512-0417
 Office: 905-304-1648



K-Weld

Inc.

For all your welding repairs and fabrication of stainless, aluminum and steel. Architectural and custom design. C.W.B. and A.S.M.E. certified. *Call Ed or Dan Klick*
 1167 Pettit Rd. Burlington
(905) 336-1434 *or visit us on Tri Me*

Ronald H Prokop, CIM

Financial Advisor

635 Fourth Line
 Unit #10
 Oakville, ON L6L 5W4
 905-842-4911

www.edwardjones.com

Member - Canadian Investor Protection Fund

Edward Jones
 MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING



K.M. Bradley
 Boat Work

Boat Detailing
 Boat Cleaning
 Boat Waxing
 Canvas Work & Repairs

416 464-3730
bkeeley-watt@cogeco.ca

Need help with Spring Boat Chores?
 Call Barbara or visit on Ceilidh

NEW NAME. SAME GREAT STORE!



**FOGHORN
 BOAT
 SUPPLIES**

Formerly known as THE STORE MASONS

foghboatsupplies.com

Port Credit Harbour Marina | 1 Port Street East
 905.278.7005 • 1.800.263.1506



Proud members of
Ontario Sailing



Sailpast 2017



RICHARD BISSONNETTE Commodore

Well the water is receding which is improving the accessibility to our boats, now if only the sun could spend a little more time with us the picture would be complete.

The harbour conditions came close to forcing the postponement of VIP Week. The Town of Oakville Bronte Harbour crew came to the rescue with temporary slips to make the boats easily accessible by our guests and the building of temporary ramps so everyone could keep dry.

As usual the VIP organizing committee did a stellar job in the planning and execution of every little detail required for the smooth running of the event. A special thanks to all the volunteers who make this week a great success. It should be noted that some of our volunteers' took vacation days to help out.

The second half of Sail Past was held on June 17th. The weather cooperated long enough for the Sail Past. For those who missed the event, seventeen boats and 4 members of the racing team participated. A special thank you to Stephen Firth and Dan Laferriere for organizing the dinner.

With the high water, we all agree the beginning of this season has been far from normal. I wish to thank the Bronte Harbour Town personnel for all the help and cooperation they extended to BHYC. This included making every effort to make our boats accessible, finding time to step masts, delivery of sandbags and let's not forget the extra work for VIP.

We still need help to organize some of the social events, if you have ideas and wish to get involved, please contact Stephen Firth at treasurer@bhyc.on.ca or myself at commodore@bhyc.on.ca

Just a reminder the club does not run itself; please consider taking an active role in the club's operations. We anticipate a number of board positions being available. It would be great if we could have a "real" election where candidates put forward their plans and the membership decides who has the best plans for our club.

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

Richard

commodore@bhyc.on.ca



VIP Volunteers
A beautifully crafted oar was presented
by Kaye Leslie VIP participant

The 13th Annual Oakville Regatta For Easter Seals Kids Saturday, July 8, 2017



Obituary Notice

George deKleer (May 1st 1931 – June 22nd 2017)

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of George deKleer beloved husband of Vicki deKleer.

Vicki is a BHYC life member, and launched the Visually Impaired Program at BHYC 40 years ago. George supported Vicki in the early years of the program.

George was born in Dedemsvaart Holland on May 1st 1931; arrived in Canada on June 22nd 1957, died June 22nd 2017 in Oakville Ontario.

Husband of Vicki, father to Meryl, brother to Harold, Anky, Gretha, Bill, and Baan.

Farmer, accomplished musician, vocalist, organist and choirmaster at St George's Anglican Church, Georgetown Christian Reform Church, and St Andrew's Presbyterian Church Fergus, graduate of Wilfred Laurier University.

The family would appreciate donations to the Parkinson Society of Canada in lieu of flowers.

TGIS



Come join us July 22nd, race starts at 16:00,

Race course TBD

Dinner will be served

At 18:30

Sign up at Bar.

Pack Your Freezer For the Winter!

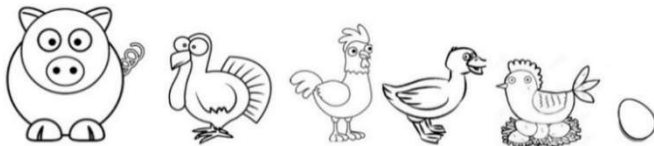
Free range, organic, antibiotic and gmo free chicken available for \$5.50/lb, sizes range from 2-5lbs each. Breasts, thighs, drums and wings now available, vacuumed packed. Contact for pricing.

Pork halves available, \$5.50lb includes butchering. There are 25 varieties of sausage available to choose from! Also have 10lb pork taster box for \$80. There will be other cuts available, contact us for pricing.

Call Sara at 289-242-3462, Jamie at 905-580-5699 or come visit us on Chariot or Escape Pod.

E-mail lighthouse.stables@gmail.com

We also offer horse sales, boarding and farrier services



Mechanical service to Power and Sail, Diesel and Gas

2508 Lakeshore Road West
Bronto Harbour
Oakville Ontario L6L 1H8

G&B Sports Marine

Scott Strang
John Thom
Telephone/Fax: 905-825-0561

MERCURY & MERCUISER
VOLVO PENTA
YANMAR SALES & SERVICE



Big or small we can handle them all, from major refit to small gelcoat repairs.

See us first. **NORTHSHORE** **BOATWORKS LTD**

Contact Jim Pollock or Peter Southall. We're in the Oakville Harbours building.
2508 Lakeshore Rd. West, Oakville, Ontario L6L 1H8 905 825 BOAT (2628)
www.northshoreboatworks.com **Email:** jim@northshoreboatworks.com

Freelton Antique Mall

Over 200 vendors offering a unique
selection of china, glassware, collectibles,
furniture, art, primitives and nostalgia

7 Days A Week Year Round
Plenty Of Free Parking

11am-5pm Weekdays
10am-6pm Weekends



248 FREELTON RD.
in the Village of Freelton off Hwy #6 N
between Hamilton and Guelph

905-659-0948

www.freeltonantiquemall.com

VIP Sailing Week 40



Another Great 40th VIP week!

Despite the high water which created some challenges, BHYC was able to pull off a successful VIP event. This year marked the 40th anniversary of the program, started in 1978 by our BHYC member Vicki deKleer. She made it clear from the beginning that "it was not just a ride on the lake, they have to do work on board"

Great weather, skippers, crew, volunteers and of course VIPs made the official 40th annual VIP week a huge success. Over the five-day period 30 visually impaired sailors attended. Organizers were especially pleased with the overwhelming response from boat owners, crew and volunteers.

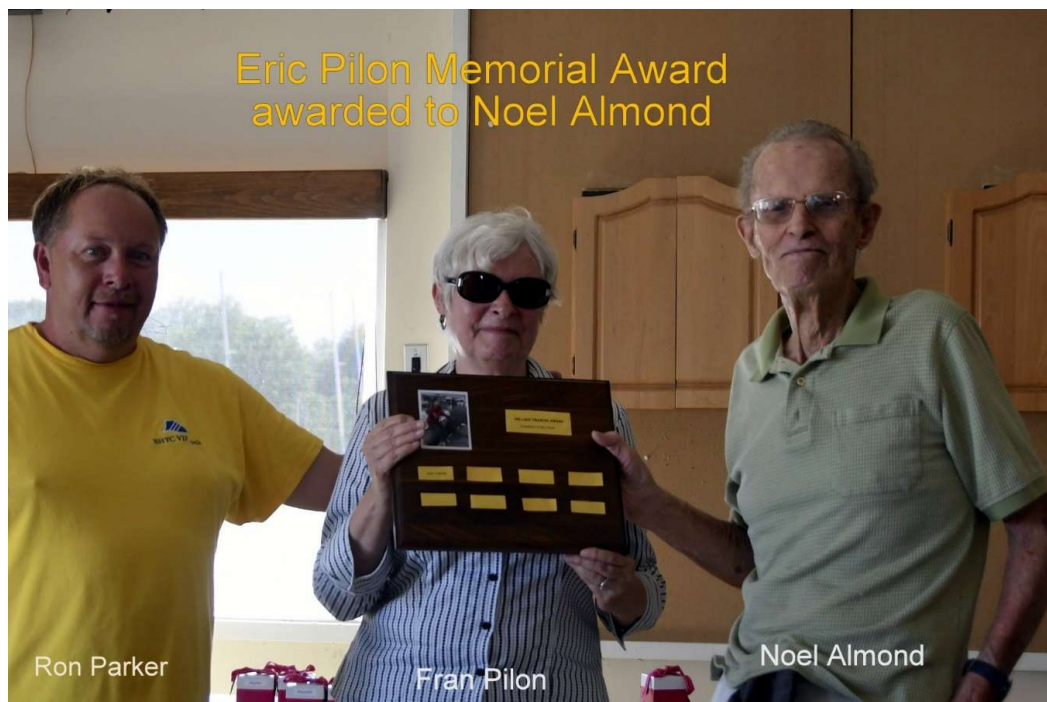
Wednesday, our usual trip to 50 Point had to be cancelled. It appears we are not the only marina affected by high water. However, it turns out the pizza in Bronte is just as good as pizza in Grimsby.

Friday's racing was enjoyed by all VIPs on nine boats. The VIPs on Bay Laurel, Dave Brown, Bob Reid and Iona Gherasin, won first overall. Their names will be engraved on the recently resurrected VIP Sailing Club Champion trophy.

I would like to personally thank many individuals for their hard work; Dawn Grenville, who with the help of many volunteers in the kitchen organized over seventy lunches and snacks each day. Ole Sigvardt for organizing daily crew and VIP assignments, Mark Bowen who was responsible for invitations and communicating train and bus schedules. Many thanks to those nameless who donated to the program.

In memory of Eric Pilon, the VIP Committee formed an award to be presented to a volunteer who selflessly gives time for the Visually Impaired Sailing Program without being asked. It will be presented during VIP Week. The award is called the Lady Frances Award and was presented by Fran Pilon to Noel Almond. Noel was involved very early on in the program volunteering for decades. In addition to showing up each year, he commissioned the construction of the audible race marks used every Friday of VIP week. Eric will be sadly missed but I'm sure he would be happy with this legacy.

Thank you once again for all those who volunteered their time. I look forward to our 41st VIP Week next year.
- RON PARKER





SEPTEMBER 2ND-3RD 2017

BRONTE HARBOUR YACHT CLUB

WWW.BRONTEROCKS.COM

Crews Chance - Lady Helmsman



International Lake Ontario - St. Lawrence River Board

The following report has been taken from the International Lake Ontario-St Lawrence River board weekly report at <https://www.facebook.com/InternationalLakeOntarioStLawrenceRiverBoard> (English), July 1, 2017

Weekly update of water levels, flows and water supplies, along with an updated forecast. Unfortunately, it was a very wet week. Widespread, heavy showers and thunderstorms occurred Thursday (22 June) and were much greater than forecasted.

These were followed by additional scattered rainfall over the next several days and resulted in water supplies to Lake Ontario exceeding record highs for this time of year, the third week that this has occurred in 2017.

While the record-high outflow of 10400 m³/s (367,300 cfs) helped offset some of the effects of the record-high inflows, Lake Ontario rose 3 cm (1.2 in.) during the past week. Significant rainfall is occurring again today, Saturday, July 1st, and this will likely result in a further rise in lake levels.

However, this will be followed by drier weather and more seasonal temperatures starting tomorrow, and if these conditions continue, Lake Ontario levels are expected to resume their gradual decline later this coming week. Downstream, Lake St. Louis levels had been steadily declining as Ottawa River flows continue to fall, but have risen rapidly over the past day with heavy rainfall received in the eastern part of Ontario and southern Quebec, and were at 22.31 m (73.2 feet) as of this morning.

2017 Roster

On behalf of the Membership and Publicity Directors, I have done the preparation for the 2017 Roster. A few things beyond my control (not the high-water levels) have delayed things, however I am pleased to report that it is in the final stages of proof reading and printing. It will be available soon. Sorry for the delay.

DON HARKNESS Cruising Director

Despite the cancellations of spring cruises due to high water, I am happy to report the cruise to New Port Yacht Club is still a go. In addition to catching up with Nigel and Sue Reed, our friends at NPYC are planning a party for us Saturday night and are requesting an estimate of how many BHYC members will be attending.

We will be arriving on Saturday July 15th. BYOB and Appetizers. Dinner is \$7.50 per person and will be provided by NPYC (they usually put on a very good spread). Live music provided by the band "Now and Then"

Please register online through the BHYC club website under the cruising section ASAP so I can let them know rough numbers.

More details to follow closer to the date.

Give me a shout if you have any questions.

Don

cruising@bhyc.on.ca

905-902-4384

KEVIN CORCORAN - RC TRAINING

Well, summer has officially begun! Kids are on their summer break and have joined us at BHYC to enjoy their summer. Every year, we see well over 175 kids come and join us for at least 2 weeks at a time. They come to learn how to sail, enjoy the water, meet new friends and make great memories! Although some are as small as 8 years old, they don't bite! So don't be afraid to say "Hi and Welcome to Bronte!" Some of them really do enjoy talking. So much so, that they have a hard time stopping. I have to honestly say it's fantastic seeing the yard so busy.

This week is the first session of 4 for the summer. Each session lasts for 2 weeks and our instructors work diligently from the get go, to get our kids set into routines to keep them safe on water and on land. After 2 weeks have passed with a group, our instructors welcome a whole new group and do it all over again. It's truly amazing how much energy our instructors have to keep everybody learning.

Our remaining Learn to Sail sessions are almost all sold out. Our goal is to fill in every spot! So please share with family and friends who we are and what we have to offer. Members receive a 15% discount when they register family and / or friends to the program. Please contact me at rctraining@bhyc.on.ca to receive the discount code when applying online.

Once again, thank you and see you at the club.

Kevin

DAYNNA HELLMANN - Head Instructor

June is officially upon us, meaning our sailing school is fully open and operating! Our programs started July 3rd and will be running every weekday until the 25th of August. We have some new coaches joining our team this year and we could not be more excited to introduce our sport to new sailors and broaden the sailing community!

Along with our Learn to Sail Program, our four Race Teams are geared up to compete and travel to Sarnia, Hamilton, Port Credit, and Kingston. Some will even be traveling as far as Halifax!

Despite the challenges of the high water levels this season, our staff is working hard to make sure the summer runs as smoothly as possible. Because of the limited space in the compound our Learn to Sail program will be operating out of old sailing school shed located at 81 West River Street (just across the bridge).

So far our summer is off to an incredible start and the weather could not be nicer. I am truly proud of the hard work the staff has put forward so far to make the first week of sailing school a success. We look forward to seeing you around the harbour this summer!

If you have any questions you can email at registration@bhyc.on.ca

Dayna

(Note from Editor – Dayna will be keeping us updated over the summer with the accomplishments and results of the race team and their achievements at regattas.)

For a complete and up to date calendar of club events please view the website calendar.

Interesting BHYC sailing articles can be submitted to signal@bhyc.on.ca

Website Photos – would you like to see your sailing, kayaking, and social photos on the website? Please submit to webmaster@bhyc.on.ca



REMINDER

The yard is still partially under water and we have the same of number of dry sail boats and the learn to sail program.

Let's all make an extra effort to keep the yard orderly and clean. Please ensure all boats occupy the most efficient footprint.

Many thanks for everyone's cooperation.

Richard J. Bissonnette

Commodore