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Oakville Club Regatta August 19, 2017



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RICHARD BISSONNETTE Commodore

Well the 18th edition of Bronte Rocks Regatta is now in the books. The 2017 version was somewhat challenging especially on Saturday with the lake conditions. I would like to this opportunity to thank the organization committee for a job well done, along with volunteers who cleaned up the yard prior to the event. It was great to see the many members who showed up for one of the “worse” task.

I know from personal experience that staging such a successful event requires an enormous amount of work from a great number of people.

It was unfortunate that the Saturday weather conditions contributed to the cancellation of all racing on the Bravo Course. The situation could have been much worse. Pearl the pin boat provided by OYS capsized, fortunately the crew was rescued by Magical and her crew.

The capsized boat was creating a hazard to navigation. It was secured by Oyster (OYS committee boat) with the assistance a BHYC inflatable manned by Cameron Watt and James Roper until a tug completed the recovery. All this performed in extremely challenging conditions. Well done all – strong seamanship skills displayed.

It is “painful” to raise the next subject – Haul Out is scheduled for October 28th and 29th. This year we are aiming to get a few more boats to store with BHYC. The revenue generated is crucial to the club; it makes a great contribution to covering the club’s operating expenses and helps in keeping membership dues reasonable. If you have not stored with the club in the past, I suggest you look into the cost of storing with the club.

The last subject I wish to raise is the 2018 Board election. It is my understanding that a number of people have shown a keen interest in running for a position. It would be ideal if we could have a genuine election when two or more members run for a position. If you have any interest, please get in touch with a member of the Nomination Committee.

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

Richard

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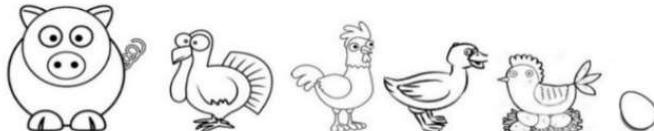
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Bronte Rocks Regatta

September 2017



Photos by Grad Dewar

BARB DERMOTT Bronte Rocks Regatta 2017

According to some that were there, and with T-shirts to prove it, the first Bronte Rocks Regatta was held in 1999 making this the 19th Rocks Regatta, not the 18th as had been previously calculated!

And like its predecessors, this weekend was certainly not predictable. Although registration was down somewhat from past years, those that did come out to race were enthusiastic participants.

Winds from the east on Saturday resulted in more than challenging conditions for competitors and Race Committee alike. The unfortunate swamping and capsize of the mark boat Pearl from OYS, resulted in the cancellation of the Bravo Course. Fortunately, Dale Ward and his Magical crew were close by and able to rescue the two race committee members from OYS. With assistance from others in the area, the location of the submerged boat was marked and protected. Eventually Cam Watt and James Roper returned in one of the club RIBs to help with the salvage of Pearl.

Wind and waves proved to be a challenge for those on Alpha course as well, and those that did race only managed to complete 2 races of a potential 4 that were scheduled.

Fortunately, the winds did a 180 on Sunday and while still quite strong and somewhat shifty, we did have a good long-distance race to the CCIW spider and back. A special thank you goes to our Race Officer, Ross Cameron, who provided valuable guidance throughout the event, and to John Crawley who did the scoring.

Sustenance for our racers was provided by Pig Out, who returned for their 4th year, on Saturday, and Curbside Grill Gourmet Burgers on Sunday. Of course, special mention must go to Peter Fuller and his team who put on a much-appreciated Chili Dinner Friday night for our Sponsors and participants that helped warm everyone on a very "chilly" evening! Once again, DJ Nilo and the band Cloud 9 provided non-stop musical entertainment to keep everyone going Saturday night! And Margaritaville – a Rocks tradition – returned, with special thanks to Laura Jurasek. Thanks also to our bar staff, Peter, Vera, Isobel and Taylor who kept us well-served all weekend.

It has been said that it "takes a village to raise a child". Well, it takes a village to put on an event like this. We had some amazing, tireless, volunteers step up to help us this year and put in the hours it needs to make this a success. Special mention goes to those that helped with the club cleanup, getting rid of the garbage and weeds and transforming the gardens and yard – and building a fence; to those that helped build the dance floor, set up tables and chairs – and take them all down again; to the Race Committee members that sat in the boats for hours on the water while we raced, going up and down, back and forth and sideways, not always in that order; to the Regalia sellers, the ticket takers, the Silent Auction team and the 50/50 draw ticket sellers (cuteness counts!), and to the runners who helped with whatever jobs needed to be done throughout the event! Many, many thanks!

Finally, we are most appreciative of our sponsors, our Title Sponsors – "Marsh" and "Harbour West Marina" – and all the others who helped make this 19th edition of Bronte Rocks a success. Please be sure to support them as they have supported us.

See you for our 20th!!

The Bronte Rocks Committee

A new Season of Friday Happy Hour

The BHYC Board will start the tradition of sponsoring **Friday Night Happy Hour** on September 29th.

Come out and enjoy some yummy appetizers after work at 6pm.

A donation jar will be on the table with proceeds going towards VIP week 2018.

A signup list has been posted on the bulletin board at the front entrance.

or email Secretary@bhyc.on.ca and let me know if you would like to organize a night.

Bronte Harbour Yacht Club

2017 / 2018 Winter Storage Fees (all fees subject to HST)

- 1) Haul out & subsequent launch for **boats not storing at BHYC** is:
 - a. Paid prior to September 17th 2017 \$328.75 for up to 25ft, \$13.15 per ft. thereafter.
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- 2) Dinghy storage 16 ft. and under
 - a. Paid prior to September 17th 2017 \$263.00
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- 3) Haul out & launch, cradle placement, bottom wash for sailboats, large dinghies (over 16 ft.) and power boats storing at BHYC – square footage(**LOA X Maximum beam**) rate
 - a. Paid prior to September 17th 2017 \$3.96 sq. ft.
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 - a. Paid prior to September 17th 2017 \$100.00
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BARRY JASPER Rear Commodore Sail

The chill that was in the air, at 6.00 pm Friday September 1st, was perhaps a portent of mother nature's intentions, to test the mettle of the racers gathering for the Bronte Rocks Regatta.

But, thanks to Peter Fuller and his crew, we met that with bowls of steaming Chili, and a warm Bronte welcome to all the visiting boats; and that warmth and determination continued through the weekend, despite the race committee mark boat capsize and rescue, visiting cruisers who came in injured, races delayed, curtailed, and abandoned.

Everyone involved in organising and running the regatta kept their cool, and the racers responded positively, I didn't hear a single harsh criticism. They jammed the tent and the clubhouse, enjoyed the great food and entertainment, and were rewarded with excellent racing conditions on the Sunday, another Rocks to remember.

The organising committee and their army of volunteers deserve a huge vote of thanks for pulling this off. Jamie, Dan, Jim, website, sponsors; Mike Paulson, infrastructure and logistics, Mike Mills and the cleanup crew: Amy and John, the food; Mark, the entertainment, and all the margarita makers. But, most of all to Mariela and Barb, for keeping everyone on track and focused and organised, looking after the banners, shirts, prizes, auction, and all the paperwork.

Thanks are also due to the visiting race officers, Ross Cameron from Kingston, and Malcolm Macfarlane and the OYS Oyster crew, and John Crawley who did the scoring, backed up by our own race committee regulars and volunteers. A huge effort on Saturday, well done everyone! Plus Peter for organizing the flags, and Sue for organizing the trophies.

A huge thank you is also due to all the staff who worked relentlessly, especially Peter who was always first in early in the mornings.

None of this would have been possible without the sponsors. Please, please, take a really good look at the list and make a conscious effort to support the businesses that support us.

Finally, a word of thanks to Dale Ward and his crew on Magical who rescued the OYS pin boat crew, and Cam Watt & James Roper for retrieving the boat. Great job in upholding the reputation and spirit of BHYC.

The club racing season continues on Sunday's through September, with first gun at 13.00.

The Pursuit Race is scheduled for Saturday September 23rd, and is open to all the Bronte boats. The race will be run by Jamie MacCorkindale, as I will be away in Ireland.

Let's all hope for a Fall to remember, perhaps a bonus after the Spring to forget.

Barry

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Drier conditions, record-high outflows starting to bring relief to Lake Ontario

2017/09/07

A stretch of mild, dry weather has accelerated the decline in Lake Ontario water levels in recent weeks, bringing some welcome signs of relief to many of those impacted by wide-spread flooding and coastal damages across the Lake Ontario – St. Lawrence River basin this year. Nonetheless, high levels remain a concern, and the Board continues to maximize outflows with the goal of continuing to reduce Lake Ontario as quickly and safely as possible.

The Board met on 31 August 2017 to assess current conditions and hydrologic forecasts, and review ongoing impacts of high water levels and flows throughout the Lake Ontario – St. Lawrence River system. Lake Ontario fell 35 cm (13.8 inches) over the past month, the greatest decline for the month of August since records began in 1918. Lake Ontario is 70 cm (27.6 in.) below the peak level recorded earlier this spring and 30 cm (11.8 in) below the highest levels previously recorded at this time of year in 1947 as of 6 September. Outflows were 9220 m³/s (325,600 cfs) during the last week until Saturday, 9 September 2017, at midnight, when they will be lowered to 8960 m³/s (316,400 cfs). Despite the decrease, this will be a near record outflow for this time of year, as the Board continues to maximize outflows to further reduce Lake Ontario levels.

Gradual reductions in outflows will continue to be required as Lake Ontario declines in order to balance the impacts to navigation and other interests in the upper St. Lawrence River. The high outflows and falling lake levels together are continuing to cause low levels on Lake St. Lawrence (near Cornwall, Ontario and Massena, NY), the lowest at this time of year since 1998, and levels here are likely to continue declining into the fall. A short term flow reduction scheduled over one weekend in mid-October may be considered to assist with boat haul-outs on Lake St. Lawrence. As Lake Ontario drops, this also results in increased currents and potentially hazardous navigation conditions for all in the international section of the St. Lawrence River. Further downstream, levels of Lake St. Louis (near Montreal) continue near record highs for this time of year but remain below flood levels.

Thus, the Board will continue to maximize outflows in consideration of impacts throughout the system. Water levels are expected to continue to decline rapidly into the fall, and the Board, in conjunction with its staff, will continue to monitor and reassess conditions on an ongoing basis.

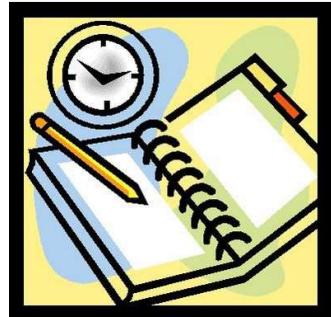
Information on hydrologic conditions, water levels and outflows are posted to the Board's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/InternationalLakeOntarioStLawrenceRiverBoard> and additional information is available on its website at http://ijc.org/en/_islrbc.

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Club Burgees and 2017 Rosters



We now have a supply of club burgees available for \$20.00 HST included. It took a little longer than expected to order the burgees, as we were looking for a supplier guaranteeing that all work was done in Canada. The burgees can be purchased at the bar.

Any new member who have not received a courtesy burgee, please contact Richard Bissonnette at commodore@bhyc.on.ca

Any member who has not yet received a copy of the 2017 Roster, please contact Richard Bissonnette at commodore@bhyc.on.ca and a copy will be left at the club for pick up.



KEVIN CORCORAN Rear Commodore Training

BHYC Junior Race was Busy in August!

Wow what a road trip in the month of August! My truck completed close to 5000km while traveling to CORK in Kingston and Canada Youth Championship in Halifax Nova Scotia. At both events, we had top 10 finishes in most Opti, Laser, C420 and 29'er classes! Well done team!

During the CORK international regatta, we had Sebastien Shelton podium in first place for green fleet! Congratulations Sebastien! Kingston usually brings big air. However, this year was not the case except for one day. Still our racers persevered and did their best! It was great to hear from the volunteers saying that our team were so polite and courteous both on the water and off.

Shortly after Kingston, most of our racers headed East to St. Margarets Bay Sailing Club, just outside Halifax Nova Scotia for Canada Youth Championship. One of our Opti racers Kooper Zacharczuk, attended Canadian Opti Championship at Royal Nova Scotia and was able to place 3rd in the team event! Congratulations Kooper! BHYC had one of the largest teams there! Racers were excited about sailing in salt water and gaining experience on the open ocean. They were not too excited to hear about a 600kg Great White shark called Hilton that happened to be nearby from Florida! I am pleased to say that there were no "JAWS" moments in the water. However, racers were in awe that a group of porpoises swam beside them during races! What an experience.

Although the racers travelled far to experience big wind, waves and currents, they only got it for 1 out of the 4 days of racing! For days, a tropical cyclone hovered over the area creating a wall of high pressure which equaled no wind! Once the wind came up, our racers excelled! After the racing was done, families and racers were grateful and thankful for doing the trip! That being said,, I believe we were all excited to hear that 2018 Canada Youth Champs will be held at RCYC in Toronto.

Successful Year for Learn to Sail!

Thank You! Thank you, members, staff and volunteers, for making this year successful!

As you might have noticed, most of the sailboats have been packed away for the winter. All opti's are in the Junior building across the river and the CL14's have been stored on the racks beside the club. Those coach boats that will not be used for the fall are now ready to haul. If you can help with this, and need to knock off some volunteer hours, please email me at rctraining@bhyc.on.ca and I will coordinate a date and time for us to get together.

It was great to see the kids having a great time and also good to hear the compliments from parents and members on how well and hard the staff were working.

As most of you know, I will be taking a leave of absence from the position Rear Commodore of Training. I must attend to family matters over the next year and will not be able to commit to a board position. My plan is to still be involved with the program and assist the new Rear Commodore of Training in any way possible. I have already set things in motion for the next year to be simple and have plenty of assistance with the staff we have now and will have the following year.

If you would like to be a part of the future of our club, please don't hesitate to contact me! Call me if you would like to know more about the Learn to Sail program.

Kevin

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Well done Junior Sailors!

