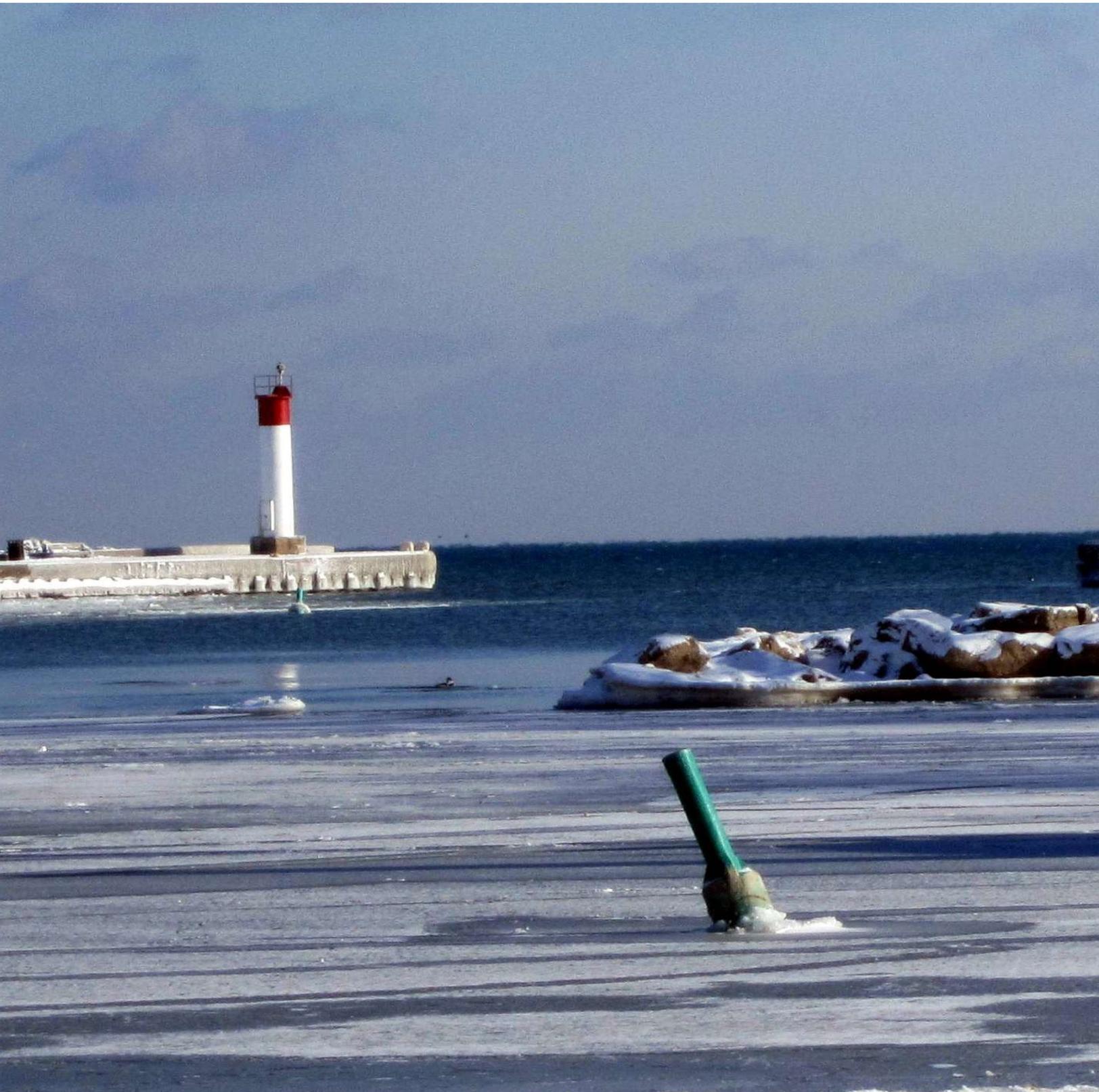


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PETER KIRKWOOD Commodore

Notes from the commodore:

We had our first board meeting in January and I think it went fairly well - the new board got up to speed on things quickly and were well prepared for the meeting, so all good.

We did pass a motion to raise fees a modest amount across the spectrum of memberships as we have to cover some cost increases. We have to raise staff rates to reflect the new minimum wages in Ontario and there are costs associated with the online payment system. Senior membership will increase from \$735 to \$755.

We also approved a motion to temporarily suspend the billing of initiation fees for new memberships as part of our efforts to boost membership. We need to build the membership and there was very modest income in the past few years for initiation, so we aren't dropping a big revenue producer.

Dusan Davidovic and I, attended a meeting with the Oakville Club and Oakville Yacht Squadron last week, at their invitation, to talk about how the racing programmes could do more things together and it was nice to see all the clubs discussing ways to work together for the benefits of members. We agreed to look at our calendar to see if we could race with each other a couple of times on weekends in the spring or fall and if that works out, maybe we can generate a little interclub competition and camaraderie. The matter has been referred to the Sailing Committee for review so stay tuned.

Lastly, I was driving down Lakeshore Rd on Jan 27th and there was a motor boat running down the lake. Now I know it was a nice day but wow that is early. I took it as a good sign that spring is around the corner.

Peter

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New Year, New Us

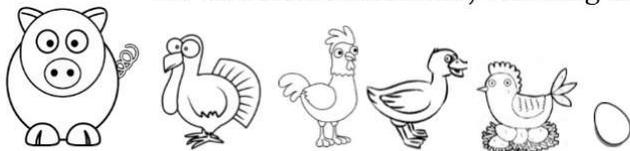
We're busy gearing up for a great 2018 season, both on the water and on the farm. This year we're going to do something a little different, we'd like to feature a recipe every month that is a tried and true favorite or simple boat made meal. As a lot of you know we do a lot of cooking on board, both for cruising and racing. We only use what we have raised here on the farm (minus the occasional Pogo).

This year we will be raising pork, chicken and lamb. We can do custom grows if you contact us soon otherwise we will have a number of packages as well as individual cuts available. We have just gotten back our 2018 pork and have a bit of everything available.

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Welcome new Members

When you see a new member in the club, please introduce yourself and help to make the newcomers welcome.

A warm welcome to our new associate member **Adam Spencer**. Adam crews on Renaissance.

"You are a stranger but once".

Early Beginnings of BHYC: The original formation of BHYC came about when select members from the Hamilton Yacht Club, a mixture of Power and Sail, left and formed their own club - Burlington Yacht Club. The site at that time was in the area of Spencer Smith Park, as it is known today. Then, owing to a shortage of space, launching facilities etc., it was moved into an area on the south shore of Hamilton Bay, west of the canal, and a club house was built there.

When the Skyway Bridge was built, the property was expropriated, and the club house was demolished. At this time, the members decided to look for another location and, as there seemed to be none available in Burlington or Hamilton, they began to look towards the Bronte area. The Bronte Creek had a few fishing boats and some dockage for pleasure boaters, and a saw mill down by the bridge. Because of the fishing fleet, the Government used to dredge the harbour, making it an ideal location. The area across the creek looked very different than it does today, made up of marshland full of bulrushes, with just a few mooring buoys. In the fall of 1960, the first meeting of interested people was held in the sail loft of Metro Marine. Twelve people attended, mostly members of BYC plus a few boaters who had Metro slips. The meeting produced enough interest to proceed.

Yacht Club Construction: City Service Petroleum Company, later sold to B.P. Fuels, put up \$60 000.00 to start the club on certain conditions. Conditions were that BHYC have 100 members guarantee \$600.00 each if the Club failed its obligations or went bankrupt. When the club was founded the Town of Oakville leased the property where the Club now stands for the token sum of \$1.00 per year. Additionally, Metro Marine leased the property that provides BHYC with access to the water, where the launching ramps and crane are now situated, with the provision that it be used for Junior Sailing programs. Our Junior Sailing Programme was started by Ed Breckon in 1963 and it has gained ground each year. This was greatly responsible for getting members who became interested in sailing to join the Club.

First BHYC Events: With funding in place, the club was formed, and the first regatta was held using a marquee as a Club House. The first Sail Past consisted of approximately fifteen keel boats.

"You are a stranger but once". (continued)

The Club House as it stands today was completed in 1962. The first Commodore was Bob Crewson, Secretary-Treasurer was Harold Sellers, Rear Commodore Power was George Green and Rear Commodore Sail was Al Black. At this time, BHYC ran their own bar, with members filling in as bar tenders. There was not a committee boat, so power boaters would volunteer their own boats in this capacity for regattas, Sail Past, etc. Fred and Elsie Lowe operated the Vick Vance to start the Wednesday and Sunday races and Elsie kept times. Blue Water, a steel hull power boat, was purchased as the committee boat in the year 1967, and was refurbished several times until its sale, when the second Blue Water was bought. Everyone volunteered and pulled their weight. It was a very happy Club.

Burgee Design: BHYC's burgee reflects the surrounding land that is steeped in history, going back to the days of Admiral Lord Nelson. It was designed by Peter Coslett, Harold Sellers and Bill Sargent. Oakville and the surrounding area was originally settled after the Napoleonic war by Royal Navy service men and Lord Nelson's contributions are honoured throughout region. Trafalgar County, Nelson Township and Bronte were all named after the life history of Lord Nelson. With this thought in mind, the first executive designed the burgee to reflect the sagas of those years. The three white stripes commemorate the three battles of Nelson: Nile, Copenhagen, and Trafalgar. They were slanted in such a way to allow for the addition of a crown in the upper corner of the tack, if and when the Club ever became fortunate enough to be granted a Royal Charter. A commemorative burgee was created for the 25th and 50th anniversary of the club. Long standing members are able to fly them on special occasions and celebrate these two BHYC anniversaries.

BHYC Traditions: BHYC was founded by several members with a rich naval background and that influence is reflected in the clubhouse today. The ship's helm at the top of the clubhouse staircase came from the Burlington Yacht Club. It had been damaged in a fire and was taken apart, refurbished and put together again by Wally Pollard. The anchor at the front of the building was donated by Mr. Wilf Locking from the Canadian Steamship Liner "Dalhousie City", a pleasure boat sailing from Toronto to Port Dalhousie during the twenties, thirties and early forties.

Today the throbbing of power boat engines and the wind in the stays of sailing craft have brought back the nautical atmosphere of Twelve Mile Creek and the Village of Bronte. If Nelson were to tack into Bronte Harbour today, he would feel right at home and welcome to visit BHYC where, as our club motto says, "You are a stranger but once".

BARRY JASPER Rear Commodore Sail

Welcome to February, 6 weeks of Winter down and only 7 to go.

Just three short topics to contribute for your reading pleasure.

Firstly, the GHYRA regatta week is on Hiatus for this year, the committee will be meeting in April to set plans for 2019, with hopefully a new Chair, Communications Director, and Race Director. The Treasurer, Secretary and Cruising Director are already in place.....

Meanwhile for this year, Newport will be putting on a 3 mark FIASCO RACE on July 1st; and for the cruisers, our Mike Paulson and NYC's Nigel Reed are making plans for an informal cruise week,

At publication time, there is another initiative afoot to try to run a full regatta this year. It may well be too little too late, but if anything comes of it Chris Burcher our representative on the committee, will keep us all abreast of developments. Since this puts things "up in the air", the annual 8th night party is postponed indefinitely.

Secondly, many thanks to Peter McDonald for putting together a full slate of Sailors Nights. The schedule for these, is posted elsewhere in the signal and is on the calendar.

Thirdly, many thanks to Dusan for being our representative on the inter-club racing committee and coming up with some initiatives to run some joint races with OYS. And, (yes I know you are not supposed to start a sentence with a preposition) also to Sue Sproule for convening a sail committee meeting, in my absence; in order to rationalize these ideas into items on our racing schedule.

Barry

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PETER WELLS Rear Commodore of Training

Our Learn to Sail registration went on line on the 11th of January, the Racing Program registration was available on the 19th of January and I am pleased to report that registrations for both programs are progressing well with the C420 double-handed program oversold.

I am working with Don Harkness (BHYP Treasurer) to flesh out the Sailing School/Race Team budget and, if the financial justification is satisfactory, I will be asking the board for capital to purchase two new ZIM C420s.

We have sent offers to all of the instructors we will need and have signed contracts back from all except one who is thought to be out of the country at the moment.

I would like to remind members that there is an early registration discount of \$50 on all Sailing School Courses which expires on the 1st of April and there is a 15% discount when members are registering family (including nephews and nieces) for either program. Please take full advantage of these discounts and have your future crew well versed in all the fundamentals of sailing.

Peter

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CRUISING NEWS Mike Paulson

We did have our first "cruising crew" meeting, attended by Steve Firth, Sara and Jamie MacCorkindale, Sam Spares and myself. Steve has agreed to go to the LOCCA meeting on 25th February. We discussed where we would like to go cruising this Summer and came up with a tentative list, which will be finalized at a later date, after the LOCCA meeting.

We will be having a pot luck dinner on a Sunday either at the end of March, or the beginning of April, to discuss our plans with other interested cruisers.

Cheers

Mike

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REINIER VAN DER WAGEN
Vice Commodore

As we have just gone through another round of snow it appears that the snow clearing and salting of the front parking lot and at the front door is being carried out as required. All the same, you are requested to please take care when walking through or working anywhere on the premises.

I would also like to remind everyone that electrical extension cords that are connected to the electrical supply may not be left connected any boat that is unattended. This is for everybody's personal safety as well as the fire safety in the yard and your cooperation would be very much appreciated.

Applications for our club's wet moorings on the west bank of the creek will be available by mid-February. There are only 18 spots available, the dock is virtually brand new and fresh water and electrical power is also available on the dock. The maximum size of boat that can be accommodated is 30 feet. The rates are good when compared to those charged by the Town, especially for boats in the 26 to 30 foot range. We will send out an e-mail blast as soon as the forms are ready and please leave your completed applications at the bar for my attention (vice-commodore).

Finally, the boat show has come and gone, January is already a thing of the past and launch is scheduled for April 28, 2018. Time to get working on the tillers, wash boards, whipping, washing, etc.

Please give me a shout if you have any questions or suggestions.

Reinier

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PETER McDUGALL
Sailors Night

Sailors Night

February 8 Kent Paisley an ocean sailor who has won the Sydney Hobart Race will talk about his ocean experiences. Kent Paisley races his Etchell out of Oakville in the summer when he is not off accumulating thousands of offshore racing miles. He is part of the Canadian contingent of a US owned boat named Triple Lindy which was just named by Sail Canada as the winner of the Gerry Roufs Trophy for 2017. Triple Lindy won their division in the Rolex Middle Sea Race this past summer and placed 13th overall. Kent participated in both the 2016 and 2017 Sidney Hobart. While both races were on Triple Lindy, the boat went from a Swan 44 in 2016 to a Cookson 50 in 2017 and Kent will be speaking on those races".

February 22 Bob Duggan will give a discussion on Rules of Racing and answer questions from the audience

March 8 Julie Harkness will be discussing Dragon Boat experiences.

March 22 Adrian Hanley will be discussing boat speed.

Check the online calendar for further details. All events start at 19:00hrs.

Peter McDougall



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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 and we need volunteers! If that means YOU, then contact Joan Spares at social@bhyc.on.ca, [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)





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Mr. John McMullen
Bronte Harbour Yacht Club
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January 11, 2018

Dear Mr. McMullen,

On behalf of all at Ian Anderson House, I wish to express our sincere thanks, once again, to the Bronte Harbour Yacht Club for the very generous donation of \$2600.00 from the proceeds of your 44rd Annual Turkey Roll Fundrasier and the auction of an Air Canada flight simulator session.

True to hospice philosophy we provide our end-of-life palliative care without charge and must rely on the generosity of the community-at-large, and on our own fundraising efforts and on third-party events held in support of Ian Anderson House that have allowed us to care for and support more than 2300 residents and their families since opening on November 15th, 1997.

Again, from all at our "House" our sincere thanks for your ongoing support that will help us to continue to offer a much-needed service to families in our community.

Yours truly,

Margaret Anderson
Margaret Anderson
Founder, IAH

BARBARA KEELEY-WATT
Publicity Director

January was a busy month getting up to speed with board activities and the activities of the publicity area. So far off to a good start, with the help and guidance of Dawn Greville (announcements), Cameron Watt (website), Phaedra Renaud (accounting), and Marge Furness (Regalia).

Our Signal sponsors have confirmed their continued advertising for 2018, please support our advertising sponsors whenever you can, they are an integral part of our club community. Have you considered advertising your business services in the Signal? Special advertising rates apply to members, this is a great way to communicate! Contact signal@bhyc.on.ca

The BHYC Regalia inventory sale ran throughout the month of January and was very successful. We sold much of the old inventory and are working on new clothing options for 2018. There will be a short Regalia survey arrive in your email mailbox soon, take a few minutes to provide feedback on your preferences for style and colours. The plan for 2018 is to organize custom Regalia orders for Spring & Fall, with the goal to have an online Regalia purchase option. Stay tuned for updates!

On the website, BHYC Calendar has been updated with most of the 2018 club activities including social, launch, sail past, and regattas. To view future months, click on the < or > beside the month to scroll forward or backward. The calendar is updated in real time, so check regularly for updates.

Your volunteer hours can be kept up to date by logging them online. It's simple go to www.bhyc.on.ca, under the membership tab, choose "submit your volunteer hours" and complete the form details. The 2018 volunteer commitment is Senior – 25 hours; Associate – 15 hours; Associate Paddling – 15 hours; Associate Dinghy – 15 hours; Intermediate – 25 hours.

Contact any board member to chat about work party ideas.

Have a good February everyone!

Barbara

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STEIN PEDERSEN
House Director

House will continue on steady with no major changes. Pricing will be dictated by price increases by suppliers.

I am looking for a committee to assist with small repairs, decorating, and maintenance. A lot of this has fallen on a select group of volunteers and as I have a great appreciation for what they have done, I don't want them to get tired.

The carpets will be cleaned right after launch, before the tracked in yard grit attacks the fibers in the rug. I would also like to provide some easy food in the kitchen. I thought Sysco, but they no longer do any single meals. Any thoughts would be appreciated.

Our staff is our front line, the first person an outsider meets. Please don't take out your peeves on them. Let me know instead. For anyone who does not have a roster handy, my cell no. is 416 407-9021.

Finally, if anyone sees a problem, or something that could use refreshing, let me know so it can be addressed.
Cheers,

Stein

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