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Happy New Year to one and all. I sincerely hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season.

It promises to be an action-packed year ahead at BHYC starting with the Commodore's Punch Bowl this coming Sunday... as always, not an opportunity to punch the commodore but more about meeting members, new and old as we start the year.

We welcome new board members and say thanks to Ron, Joan and Mary Ellen for their service.

Did you hear, we have a new committee boat! Work is underway to get her ready for the season.... I expect the name will be Bluewater VI in keeping with tradition, but I would like to suggest that we have a naming contest because as many of you know, I tend to ignore the rules. If the secretary gets 10 emails from members saying Yes. Let's have a naming contest, we will commission the contest at the next board meeting.

The events calendar is up to date on the website. Pick the events that you want to attend, and we will see you at the club

Looking forward to another wonderful sailing year.

Peter

<u>commodore@bhyc.on.ca</u>



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Happy New Year to you all.

Please remember to keep extension cords unplugged when you are not on board your boat and come down to the club regularly to see how your boats are doing.

We think we have corrected the cause of the nasty odour that has permeated our building from time to time and which seemed to have become worse during the Fall. I would appreciate your feedback if this is not the case so that we may continue our hunt for the culprit.

Any questions or suggestions, please send me an e-mail at *vicecom@bhyc.on.ca*.

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BARBARA KEELEY-WATT Publicity Director

Happy New Year to everyone, wishing all our BHYC families health & happiness for 2019.

Joan Spares and her team organized a terrific New Years Eve party for us, with over fifty members & guests in attendance. The evening was no small undertaking with only four volunteers serving up a delicious lasagna dinner! A huge thankyou to Joan and team for a great evening.

Our club culture is one of self help, the success of the club events depends on the volunteer assistance of our membership. Please get involved for 2019, you can discuss with any board member your area of interest and they will make sure you are matched up to the board member responsible for your area of interest. If you think of a project, or see a chore that needs doing, talk to any board member.

Have a good January everybody!

Barbara

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DAN LAFERRIÈRE

Social Director

Hope 2019 brings all happiness and health to you and your family. I would like to thank Joan and her team for the amazing job they did in 2018. I hope I can continue the momentum.

The social committee has had their first meeting and we have started to plan the first 3 events in 2019:

Commodore Punch Bowl / New Members Reception (Jan 6);

Valentine dinner/dance (Feb 9)

St Patrick dinner (March)

I hope all can participate at these events. More information will be provided closer to the event dates.

Overall, the committee will plan to do an event every month in 2019, so please come out and support the club. If you want to get involved and help at any of these or future events, please let me know.

(Check the online calendar for these events.)

DAN

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45TH TURKEY ROLL – WHILE STILL FRESH

The last Signal came out close on the heels of the Nov 30th Turkey Roll. I was busy tidying up accounts and missed the opportunity to provide a recap – and most importantly, thank all those involved.

Feedback would indicate that a fun evening was had by all. We raised net proceeds just shy of \$6,800. As has been the custom, the bulk of proceeds are divided in equal portions amongst Ian Anderson House Cancer Palliative Care Hospice, Oakville's Salvation Army Lighthouse and Halton Women's Place. A contribution was made to each of the VIP Program and the Jr. Sailing Program (to help sponsor a spot for an underprivileged kid).

The old adage of many hands make light work was never so true. Whether it be the pre-event arrangements, preparing, serving and cleaning up after the delicious meal, arranging the prize tables, selling raffle tickets, and much more - sincere thanks to **Dawn Greville, Joan Spares, Laura Jurasek, Diana Bissonnette, Beth Stewart, Sandra Banks, Marg Paulson, Dennis Goikas, Amy Pederson, Marion Lyver, Lynsey Watt, Colin Penlerick.** (If I have forgotten anyone, I am shamefaced.)

Turkey Roll is not possible without the generous donations of auction items and raffle prizes, from local merchants and members alike. There are simply far too many to mention here, although I have taken a stab at a list of merchants (see insert). If you were successful in an auction bid or won a raffle prize and know the source/donor – say thanks should you run into them. And make sure to use any gift certificates, and mention that you got it at BHYC's Turkey Roll. It helps open the door when we go canvassing next time around!

If you have never been to Turkey Roll, you're missing out on a fun evening. Stay tuned for announcements come the fall.

Turkey Roll Committee

John McMullen

Ruth Borst

Mike Paulson

45TH ANNUAL TURKEY ROLL DONORS

There are many, many companies and individuals who donate items and cash to Turkey Roll. Below are donor companies, not included are BHYC members. We know the origin of some donations. Others just mysteriously appear. You all know who you are – and we thank you!

CO₂ Inflatables Cudmore's Nursery **Dockside Chandlery** Dr. Danny Soares, Dentist **El Spero Restaurant** Europe Bound/Outdoor Store **European Time** Fiberglass & Foam Supply Florence Meats **Fogh Boat Supplies GB** Appliance & sons Genco Good Neighbour Garage Harbourside Artisan Kitchen and Bar Home Leisure Joe Paquette Killarney Mountain Lodge KM Bradley boat work **Lighthouse Stables** Million Hair Salon **Mills Designs** Natalie Bullard - Right At Home Realtor North Sails Northshore Boat Works **Oakville** Club Outdoor Store/Europe Bound Shoppers Drug Mart, Bronte Sobeys (Bronte) Taste of Columbia Thai Senses Restaurant The Firehall & Cucci's The Poacher Pub The Town of Oakville Tim Hortons, Bronte **Triton Sails** Watcha Wanna Wear Wood Sculptors/Carvers Guild Wine Kitz, Burlington

DON HARKNESS Treasurer

Happy New Year and Welcome to 2019.

Please make sure your 2018 volunteer hour submissions are up to date. I will be posting a printout listing of reported hours on the bulletin board located in the club front entrance at the end of the first week of January and on the club website. The list will include a description of the activities performed and the corresponding dates by membership number but will not include your name. You may wish to double check your hours. Any member who is short hours will receive an invoice for the missing hours (\$35/hr.) before the end of January.

Our club membership year runs on a calendar basis. Membership renewal invoices will be mailed in January and are payable by the end of February as per the bylaw amendments passed at our last annual meeting. You may make payments on your account through your online banking portal via an Interac e-Transfer. Simply

add **payments@bhyc.on.ca** as the recipient and indicate your membership number and details of what you are paying (i.e. house, membership, work hours, etc.) in the comments section. Your payment will be automatically deposited into BHYC's account and a notification sent to our bookkeeper. There is no need to create and send a password to the recipient. Alternatively, you can still pay by cash, credit or debit at the club bar. Cheques are always welcome as well.

2019 should be an interesting year. We struck a committee in 2018 to review the current state of our various software systems and processes utilized to run the club. Most of these systems are quite old, stand alone and often manual. Our plan for 2019 is to review the requirements of the club and present options to the board to bridge the gap between our requirements and the current state of our back-office systems.

Don treasurer@bhyc.on.ca

IAN CONEY Membership

I hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas and are preparing for a great New Year. Your Board has approved a few changes for 2019. As time and inflation march on, we have increased our dues in some categories by 3%. Senior Memberships go from \$755.00 to \$775.00 and Associate Memberships increase from \$385.00 to \$395.00. Out of Town increases to \$90.00. Crew, Intermediate and Junior stay the same.

Happy New Year!

lan Membership@bhyc.on.ca





PHIL GELSHEIMER House Director

Recent improvements have been made at the club that might be obvious. In December the club's wi-fi was significantly improved by switching to a mesh system allowing the whole club and parking lot to have Internet access. The routers talk to each other and behave like cell towers, switching your device from one to another seamlessly.

Complementing our new alarm system, four of the security cameras mentioned last month have been installed and are working very well. Additional cameras will be installed over the coming months to enable coverage of the yard and parking lot.

If you've come by the club on a Sunday or Monday evening, you have been able to meet Filip, our newest bartender. Last month you were told Michael Hassard was expected to join us as a bartender. Alas, he was unable as he got a full-time job elsewhere and won't be working at the club.

An email went out during December letting everyone know the club hours will be expanded to open at 4pm each day. This was based on feedback both from the AGM and discussions with members. That email also noted that bar prices will be adjusted for inflation in January as they have not changed since April 2014, while our suppliers have steadily increased prices over the years. Even after the adjustment, the club bar prices will remain very competitive to local restaurants.

Getting the House back on to better financial footing will allow some improvements to be made in 2019. Items that will be discussed at the Board will include repairing flooring at the main entrance and in the bar area, as well as improving the lower level for members when using the lower bar.

Looking forward to serving you in 2019!

Phil house@bhyc.on.ca



PHIL GELSHEIMER House Director





Whether you've been throwing darts or trimming sails, there is a good chance you'll be having a cold beer at the bar. You might have noticed that BHYC has quite the selection of different sized and shaped glasses, so how do you know you're getting a full 16oz? The good news is that you don't need to carry a measuring cup around with you, just use the glasses!

The glasses of beer you see in the picture are all 16oz glasses, with 16oz poured into them. So regardless of shape or height, how do you know it is filled to the right level? The glass makers make it easy for you, the top of the logos on the glass indicate 16oz. Each leave sufficient space so when a beer is poured there is space for a nice head of foam.

But what about the one on the left, with no logo? That bulge near the top of the glass does more than help stop the glass from slipping through your fingers. The top of the bulge is the 16oz point, just like the top of the logo on the other glasses.

So, if you ever buy a beer and don't see the beer up to these levels, hand it back to the bartender as they have some more pouring to do (though this shouldn't happen much as they know these indicators too).

Phil

House Director



Welcome

There are 3 new board members joining the 2019 BHYC Board

Secretary — Mary Johannesson Social — Dan Laferrière Rear Commodore Power — Dave McLean

Contact information for the new board members can be found on the inside cover of the Signal

MARY JOHANNESSON

Secretary

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the BHYC board in order to assist with the operation of the club. I would like to acknowledge Mary Ellen Bockler for her contributions to the board and the support she is providing to ensure a smooth transition of her responsibilities.

My husband (David) and I joined as Associate members in 2010 and acquired our boat "Naomi" in 2014. You can see our boat from the club balcony docked across from the Bronte Beach Park pavilion. Fellow members are welcome to drop by and say hello at any time.

One of the key administrative functions we would like to complete early in 2019, is to have all members update their personal information on file with the club. Please advise the club membership @bhyc.on.ca of any changes to your address, email, phone number or boat.

Best wishes to all BHYC members and their families for a successful 2019.

PETER WELLS RC Training

We have started the hiring process for the coming year and I am pleased to report that Ally Dandy our chief coach from last year, has agreed to return to the position. We will now be concentrating on filling all the coaching and instructor positions.

We have come to an agreement with Sailing Ontario for the use of Club facilities during May and June for Instructor Certification Classes. These will take place on weekends (but not on the launch and Sail Past weekends) and provides significant revenue to the club. See dates on the calendar!

In October the club was able to purchase a lightly used ZIM C420 with lots of ancillary equipment, so we will now be able to offer 5 such C420s for lease to racers.

The registration program should be up and running at some time in January and there will be an announcement sent out by email when this occurs. You will be able to get first choice for program times for your family members and don't forget the 15% discount for club members plus \$50 discount for registration before April 1st.

Mary secretary@bhyc.on.ca

Peter rctraining@bhyc.on.ca

DAVE MCLEAN Rear Commodore of Power

Happy new year to all!

As a new member of the board this is my first foray into the world of Signal updates so please be kind in your reviews.

Unfortunately, business took me out of town in December, so I was unable to attend the AGM in which I was awarded this position. So, for those that do not know me, I have been a member of BHYC for 8 years, though for 4 of those years my family and I were outport members as we resided in Halifax from 2013 to 2017. Having returned to BHYC last year we are pleased to take part in many of the club activities and are currently sailing "Echo Beach" our Hunter 43.

The big news of course from the power side of the house is the completed acquisition of the "*New*" committee boat. Thanks go to Ron and all involved in the purchase and getting the boat to our yard. Now for the work to begin, which it has!

Thanks to all the members that took part in a work party mid-December during which all the fishing equipment was removed, and a plan established to begin the modifications with the goal to be ready for the 2019 season. Next to come will be the temporary cover to enable the fiberglass work to begin. Note to all, we still have in our possession the removed fishing gear including electric downriggers, rod holders and an outboard with remote controls. If any members or friends are interested in purchasing some or all of this gear, please get in touch with me.

Anyone interested in helping with the repairs and modifications to the new boat please let me know.

Looking forward to a great summer on our new vessel!

Cheers

Dave

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



The Origin of the BHYC Crisis Trophy

As we awarded the Crisis Trophy to Ron Barr and Sue Sproule for saving the boat and hopefully the drinks after a run in with a weather tower, it appeared to me that there were several stories about the trophy. I want to set the record straight about this trophy.

It was named after a red Star class boat called Crisis and owned by a former commodore of the club, Danny Karfell. Danny was a teacher and along with a fellow teacher, Chuck Bentley, were participating in the RHYC regatta. As was the case with Ron and Sue, the breeze was gentle, the sun was shining, and the seas were calm. In spite of these conditions, Danny and Chuck sailed poor Crisis into the side of an anchored freighter in Hamilton Harbour. The boat was aptly named as a crisis did ensue, but the trophy was named after the boat and not the calamity.

I am keenly aware of the trophy's pedigree because my dad arranged for it to be made. There is a persistent rumour that Danny Klick in his early apprenticeship days was the welder, but we cannot verify.

When the trophy was returned to the house from the shop, it clearly needed to be painted so we got out a can of red lead spray paint and covered it in what turned out to be orange. Who knew red lead is orange... I was the painter.

It was quite exciting to award the trophy this year given all the parallels between the original event and this year's event

- both skippers were teachers
- both skippers are in the Sailing Hall of Fame
- weather conditions were ideal

- it is incomprehensible to figure out how anyone can sail into such a large immovable steel object and remain a good sport!

Peter Kirkwood





BARRY JASPER Rear Commodore Sail

All best wishes for 2019 to all our sailors, crews, officials and volunteers.

The first event of the sailing calendar, will be the GHYRA 8th night party and Kick-off night for the 2019 regatta, come out to the big reveal of route for this year, and plans for the cruisers and racers events, at BHYC January 12th. Tickets are on sail on TeamApp.ghyra 2019

Peter McDougall has been working diligently to put together a series of Thursday Sailors Nights through April 18th. As usual he has put together an interesting programme of eclectic topics relating to our love of the water. The first of these scheduled for January 10th will be a presentation on the refurbishing of a Herreshoff Classic NY40 "Marilee"

The basics for this year's Bronte Rocks Regatta were set in motion by the sail committee in December. Thank you to all the folks who have stepped up to handle the leadership of this important event for this year. Save the date August 31

The plans for LYRA are progressing at pace, and the NOR will be published shortly. Save the date July 30 through August 4

The Lyra 2019 Steering Committee is as follows:

Regatta Chair:	Alison Jones, PCYC			
Treasurer:	Denis Dinsmore, OYS			
Secretary:	Michelle Kissoore. OYS			
Racing:	Andre Beese, OYS			
Awards:	Barry Jasper, BHYC			
Sponsorship:	Courtnay Cayley, OC			
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	& Natalie Bullard. BHYC			
Executive Liason & One Design Racing:				
	Luc D'Aoust. NYC			

As we turn our focus towards the new year, I would like to give sincere thanks to a couple of folks that have made my journey as RCSail a lot smoother.

First, many thanks to Jamie MacCorkindale who has overseen all the work of the scorers and has been a great resource for many things over the past two years.

Jamie will be relinquishing his duties this year. The scoring director this year will be Alan Prits, we thank him for assuming these responsibilities, and wish him luck.

Secondly, a word of thanks to Barbara Keeley-Watt and family, who have donated a set of new signal flags to the Race Committee and the RC Power, for use on the new Bluewater and a personal thank you for all the work that both Barbara and Cam put in behind the scenes, that make my job much easier.

Barry csail@bhyc.on.ca



LYRA - The Thomas Lipton Cup

With LYRA race week to be hosted by the Oakville Yacht Clubs this year, you will be able to witness the awarding of a huge inventory of award hardware, there will be three awards nights, one at BHYC for the distance races, one at OYS for the Easter Seals and one at OC for the course racing.

We already have in storage 14 trophies which were not awarded last year and expect to receive 24 more back from last year's recipients. Quite an eclectic variety of silverware, but if you want to see something exceptional, take a long hard look at the Lipton Cup, one of the six original Lipton Cups made for North America.....

Three years ago, Peggy and I took a trip in the fall to three of the Hawaiian Islands, during the visit we were invited to the awards night held at the Honolulu Yacht Club, and got to drink Rum out of the Lipton Cup, which is awarded annually to the boat with the best overall results in the three island regattas and 4 distance races. The cup was awarded to "High Tension" for the fourth year running.

Here are some photos which show the extraordinary workmanship and elegant artwork on these cups, which Lipton wanted to make a great impression with. Pictured with the cup are a rather flushed Chris Fendres the owner and foredeck man from High Tension; Yovo Stefaniak and his now wife Michelle the trimmer, and our son Craig the helmsman and tactician.

Sir Thomas Lipton (1848-1931) – A Brief History

Thomas, the fellow with the English sounding name, was actually of Irish descent, but grew up in Scotland. His parents had fled from the potato famine in Ireland and ran a modest grocery store in the notorious Gorbals area of Glasgow.

As a young man traveling to Ireland on the daily ferry, he acquired both a love of the sea, and a sense of adventure, which took him to the USA and other far off countries.

When he returned to Glasgow, he took over the family business and expanded with stores in the wealthier neighborhoods of the city. The wealthy had a passion for the wide variety of exotic teas which were all the rage; but Thomas found it frustrating that he was not able to sell tea to the majority of his regular poorer clientele.

<u>Sir Thomas Lipton (1848-1931) – A Brief History</u> (continued)

He journeyed to Ceylon (Sri Lanka), signed contracts for large quantities of the lower grade teas, which he imported and skillfully blended to produce, what was in effect a mass-produced high-quality packaged product, that was affordable to the masses. And Lipton Tea was born.

Along the way, he became very wealthy and indulged his love of the sea with a succession of sailing craft. Between 1899 and 1920 he mounted four America's Cup challenges, all unsuccessful.

After the fourth challenge where his entrant "Shamrock IV" lost in the tie breaking fifth race against the New York Yacht Club's "Resolute" he found himself in conversation with the hosts at the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club, on Oyster Bay, on Long Island.

They expected this to be his final challenge, but he vowed to be back to challenge again. His hosts went one step further and said that he would never see the name Thomas Lipton on a cup in America, this resulted in a significant wager being made between the two sides.

Thomas did return in 1930, with "Shamrock V" and six amazing trophies, which he presented to a variety of boating organisations. "Shamrock V" lost four straight races, and the Americas Cup was to remain in American hands until the 1980's. But, Thomas Lipton, did win the wager, and managed to recover some of his costs.

Lipton cups are still awarded by the San Diego Yacht Club, the Gulf Yachting Association, the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club, the Waikiki Yacht Club, the Lake Yachting Association, the Provincetown Schooner Regatta, and the Manitoba Rowing Association.

Later on, additional cups were given to some Australian Yacht Clubs, and by special request, one more found its way to America to the Squantom Yacht Club in Massachusetts, where it is awarded annually to the best overall dinghy in their regatta. Thomas remained true to his modest roots, everyone has a chance to win a Lipton Cup, whether they sail a fishing schooner, or an 8 meter, or an Opti.

Barry Jasper



High Tension



Winner of the Lipton Cup for 4 years in a row!