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#### PETER KIRKWOOD Commodore

As I write this, it is a day after the January "snowmaggedon" – when I lived in London for so many years, we called it "Monday". It is hard to think of spring but here we are planning the rest of the winter activities and looking forward to what promises to be a great season on the water on the north western shore of Lake Ontario.

There is lots going on this winter: Valentine's Day and St Patrick's Day to name two along with regular events like darts on Monday and Wednesday nights, Sailor's nights and games nights. So many chances to meet with fellow members for fun! When it comes to darts, don't worry that you don't have any experience. I dropped in this past Monday night and beat two of the consistent winners in consecutive matches! Could have been beginners' luck but it was lots of fun!

The big sailing event this summer for all of Oakville is the LYRA regatta. This is a chance to show the lake racing community that Bronte still has what it takes to run great regattas and to show we can party with the best of them. More to follow, but please feel free to reach out to RC Sail, House or Social directors as there will be lots of chances to volunteer to this big regatta.

On topic of volunteering for BHYC, our treasurer tallied up over 3,500 hours of volunteer service to the club. Imagine the effect on dues if we were to hire people to do all that great work! Well done all.

Looking forward to another wonderful sailing year.

Peter

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#### REINIER VAN DER WAGEN Vice Commodore

We have had our first real storm of the winter and a number of boats have deep snow in their cockpits and probably ice as well. Some covers have collapsed, so please make a point of checking up on your boat. The yard and boat tops are very slippery, so for obvious reasons, please let someone know if you are going there.

Application forms for wet moorings and storage for dry sailing, dinghies, kayaks, canoes, trailers, etc., should be available on-line in the coming weeks. In order to simplify the creation and accuracy of our records, the application forms will only be available on-line (no paper copies). The electronic application forms will be fillable i.e. you will be able to fill them in and submit them on-line. Please pay the fees due at the bar by the due date, which is April 23, 2019.

The front parking lot and the main entrance are plowed, cleared and salted under contract. However, there is a snow shovel and a bin of salt inside the front door and it would be appreciated that anyone that notices a problem with the clearing of the main entrance, does the minimum to make the area as safe as possible and then please let me know so that I can take it up with the contractor a.s.a.p.

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

#### Reinier.



## BARBARA KEELEY-WATT Publicity Director

January has been a busy month with meetings of the various committees overseeing our 2019 activities. Here is a snapshot of a few of the committees, if you are interested in helping on any of these committees contact the committee chairperson. Watch for news and updates on these activities elsewhere in the Signal Newsletter.

Bluewater 2019 Committee – Dave McLean Managing Upgrades to the new Bluewater V

Membership 2019 Committee – Ian Coney Committee exploring immediate opportunities to stabilize and increase membership

Sponsorship & Advertising 2019 – Barbara Keeley-Watt Building sponsors & advertisers for 2019.

Bronte Rocks 2019 – Barbara Keeley-Watt Coordination of the on-land events for the Aug 31 regatta

Long Range Planning Committee – Peter Kirkwood Committee investigating options for the long range strategy to sustain club membership

LYRA – BHYC on land activities – Peter Kirkwood Coordination of regatta on-land activities during LYRA July 29 – Aug4

Social Committee 2019 - Dan LaFerrière

Sailing Committee 2019 - Barry Jasper

Gardening Committee 2019 – Reinier van der Wagen

House Committee 2019 - Phil Gelsheimer

Bronte Rocks 2019 – the regatta this year is a one-day action packed event on August 31st. The organizing of the Bronte Rocks Regatta will be different from previous years, instead of a dedicated Bronte Rocks committee the organization will fall under the responsibility of House, Social, and Publicity. Planning has started, watch the Signal for updates! Wishing everyone a good February

#### Barbara

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#### SANDRA BRANS Darts

I do not have anything exciting to report from the darts group (yet!). However, I am in discussions with the Lakeshore Club to set dates for the annual darts challenge between LSYC and BHYC. The first match will be in late February and the final match in early March so I will send write-ups and photos from both of these events.

Stay Tuned

Sandra

#### DAN LAFERRIÈRE Social Director

Hello everyone, hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and a great start to 2019.

Our first event has come and gone – Commodore punch bowl party, many people took advantage of the event to catch up and sample some of the food. We had about 50 members show up - a fabulous turn out. Many thanks to my Social team for putting on a wonderful event.

#### Upcoming events:

The second event is Valentine dinner and dance, Feb 9, 2019. Let's continue the trend and hopefully we have a full gathering.

Starting in February (twice a month), appetizer night is starting. This year we are pleased to announce that the host will be reimbursed up to \$50 (supported by bill receipts). Members are encouraged to leave a donation, and don't forget it's supposed to be small snack

First night Feb 15 and the second night will be March 1. Appetiser Sign up sheet will available at the club entrance

The next event will be in March – St Patrick event. Stay tune for more details

I will also put up a suggestion sheet at the entrance where members can provide possible ideas for events. For example, we are considering having a kid's movie night (kids could come with their PJ/blanket and we could serve a simple meal to them). Would that be of any interest?

If you want to help out at any event please contact me



social@bhyc.on.ca



Dinner : Chicken Parmesan & Salad

Time: 7:00pm

Vegetarian Available on Request

Dance to follow with DJ

## Association of Oakville Harbours' Stakeholders – with your interests in mind

AOHS was formed circa 2011, in the wake of the Town of Oakville's funded "Oakville Harbours Financial Strategic Business Plan" (aka "the Hemson Report" named after the eponymous consulting firm) and in the absence of any entity representing the interests of boaters and other stakeholders with interests in the sustainable development of our much-valued harbours. Earlier, the Town had scuttled the Oakville Harbours Advisory Committee (OHAC), along with a number of other such committees designed in theory to provide the Town with insight and advice on community issues. With the demise of OHAC, we wanted to make sure that boaters and kindred spirits had a voice in Council and with Town staff, starting with the Hemson Report.

AOHS is a volunteer driven organization. Active members include representatives from:
Bronte Harbour Yacht Club; The Oakville Club; Oakville Yacht Squadron; Oakville Power Boat Club; Burloak Canoe Club; Wai Nui Outrigger; Halton Region Salmon & Trout Association; TOWARF; Bronte Outer Harbour Marina Boaters Association

Over past years, AOHS has tackled numerous issues: sediment management; provisions for safety within the harbours; docking and other fees; comparison of service offerings with other Lake Ontario marinas; harbour capacity, both present and future; and much more. At all times an overriding objective has been to maintain open and productive channels of communications with the Town in order that we may bring matters of concern to the attention of elected officials and staff - and strive to make sure these are addressed and hopefully resolved. In recent times, the focus has been our desire to see the drafting of a Harbours Master Plan that lays out a vision and a strategy for the maintenance of our existing harbours and the development of additional capacity to meet future demand. It has been a long and arduous journey, but we remain hopeful.

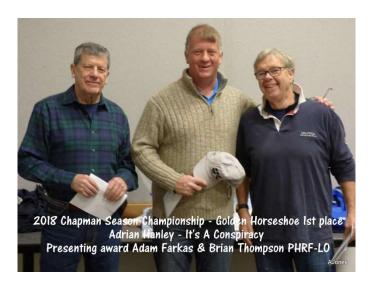
AOHS meets on a monthly basis (summer excepted) with meetings rotating within member clubs.

To learn more about AOHS and, if you wish, review minutes of meetings and other documents, please go to https://oakville-harbours.com/all-pdfs/ Or speak to your AOHS representative which in the case of BHYC is the Past Commodore.

Safe boating.

John McMullen Past Chair, AOHS

## Outstanding Achievement for Bronte Harbour Yacht Club member Adrian Hanley



PHRF-LO presented the 2018 Chapman Season Championship 1st in Golden Horseshoe District to BHYC member Adrian Hanley - It's a Conspiracy at the Toronto International Boat Show on Saturday 19 January. The 2018 Season Championship tracked the racing performance of 648 competitors in 58 designated events on 5 bodies of water. It's a Conspiracy sailed well in the Susan Hood, LO 300, Oakville Club & Peaches n' PHRF regattas. Adrian's name is inscribed on the PHRF-LO Chapman Season Championship trophy (pictured above). For the 2019 season this trophy will be displayed at Nepean Sailing Club the home club of the overall winner Tim Nason - Eastern District. The Executive at PHRF-LO extend our congratulations to Adrian and his crew aboard It's a Conspiracy!

The 2019 Chapman Season Championship designated events will be posted on phrf-lo.org by May 1st, 2019.

Mike Campbell President

The Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of Lake Ontario represents 1488 certificate holders from 59-member clubs within 6 geographical districts racing on Lake Ontario, Lake Nipissing, Lake Simcoe, Georgian Bay and the Ottawa River.

Thanks to **Alison Jones PCYC** for submitting this article & photo.



## YOUTH SAILING





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#### Learn To Sail this Summer at BHYC

Our Sailing School offers CANSAIL programming with an emphasis on learning practical skills on the water. Our youth program offers a safe, fun and active learning environment. Sailors learn the skills and enter into fun and challenging experiences suited to their age and stage of development. Our programming is designed to get-and keep-sailors excited about sailing for life!

#### Contact Us

Website: www.bhyc.on.ca EM: registration@bhyc.on.ca



#### PETER WELLS RC Training

The Ontario Sailing Association Instructor training courses will be held at the club on the weekends of May 4-5<sup>th</sup>, May 14-16<sup>th</sup> June and June 21-23<sup>rd</sup>. (House will provide bar service for the members throughout these dates)

Learn to Sail open house is planned February/March. The date has yet to be fixed so watch announcement for date. Discount is available of 15% for club members who are paying for family members (children, grandchildren, nephews and nieces) in both the Learn to Sail and Racing Programs.

This year, a new Opti Learn to Race program will run July and August. The cost of the Opti Learn to Race is \$2000 (\$1750 with the early bird registration) (plus an additional 15% off for members) compared to Opti Race Program which runs May-October, and costs \$2500. The new program is offered for the more advanced Learn to Sail grads interested in racing.

Registration will open soon, watch for announcement. Take advantage of enrolling your family members in your preferred session and get the benefit of early bird discount as well as the members discount.

#### 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!

CO<sub>2</sub> 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

#### PHIL GELSHEIMER

#### **House Director**

Surprises continued in January as the compressor for our bottled beer cooler gave out. Thanks to our member Don Locke, the parts for the repair have been ordered, and he expects to install them shortly. Meanwhile chilled bottled beer is still available as our bartenders have kept them in another cooler, mind you it has been so cold lately the temperature of the storage room for beer is like a refrigerator.

The glass washer in the bar has been fixed and does not seem to be leaking anymore into the women's shower area. The stained ceiling tiles in that area have been replaced, though there is still a little touch up needed on some of the tiles.

The process of getting quotes to repair/upgrade the flooring in the club is underway with the aim to upgrade the lower level and repair areas in the bar and entrance. By the end of February, we hope to have an idea of what can be done and the cost.

During February there will be an effort to de-clutter the club and you'll see emails on that as it begins.

Stay warm!

### Phil

house@bhyc.on.ca

#### DAVE MCLEAN

#### **Rear Commodore of Power**

Work continues "Bluewater V" as the frames are in place and soon it will be under wraps so that the structural work can begin. Drive shaft runout ck and rudder inspections are complete as well. The work committee met again in mid Jan to determine a budget and timeline for the project with aims to be ready for the spring launch. Of note plans include the installation of a bow/fore deck plate to attach a windlass and anchor guide on. A flag system is to be installed as well as testing and updating of electronics as required.

Any members interested in assisting should drop me a line at RCPower@bhyc.on.ca

As the weather warms up, we will need all hands-on deck to be ready for the launch.

#### Dave

RCPower@bhyc.on.ca

#### IAN CONEY Membership

I hope everyone is enjoying a good old-fashioned Canadian winter. We haven't had one like this for a while. We can complain all we want about the snow and the cold temperatures, (a Canadian pastime) but I'll take this any day over rain and mud.

We are embarking on a campaign to attract new members, and hopefully to woo some of our former members to return to the fold. With this in mind, we are planning a BHYC reunion which will be held at the club Friday March 22 from 17:00 to 21:00. Champagne and appetizers will of course abound. More on this will follow but hold that date open for an evening of laughter, friendship and nostalgia.

Stay warm,

#### lan

Membership@bhyc.on.ca







### Fun 'n Games

# Come join the BHYC February Games Nights Thursday, February 14th and 28th, 2019, 7pm - 9 pm please bring:

- ♦ your games/cards of choice
- a snack or munchies to share

For enjoyment only - no gambling please!

#### Chicken is Here!

Chicken is here! We have farm raised chicken available in pieces. Frozen and vacuum sealed. Contact us to send a price list and availability. We will be doing a group of full chickens later this summer. Taking orders for pork halves and wholes as well as lamb halves and wholes. Pork half is about three wine boxes and half lamb is about one. They will be ready in the fall and can be custom cut.

Chicken dry rub: you can either put the rub on at home and keep in a zip lock bag or mix it and put it on before grilling (or baking or frying). Mix 1tsp paprika, 1 tsp cumin, 1 tsp onion powder, 1\2 tsp garlic powder, 1\4 black pepper, 1\2 tsp seasoning salt and 1/8 cayenne powder (optional). Brush chicken with olive oil or even just pat on dry. Does enough for two chicken breasts or similar. Adjust spices to your own personal taste.

Call Jamie at 905-580-5699, Sara at 289-242-3462, visit at Flash or Escape Pod or email lighthouse.stables@gmail.com





## lan Anderson House Thanks our membership for their Generous Support



January 9, 2019

Mr. John McMullen Bronte Harbour Yacht Club 2514 Lakeshore Rd W Oakville, ON L6L 1H8

On behalf of the Members of the Board and all at Ian Anderson House, I wish to express donation to the Bronte Harhour Vacht Club for the very generalic donation Dear Mr. McMullen,

On behalf of the Members of the Board and 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 \$2 000 00 made to our hospice from your 45th Annual Turkey Roll our sincere manks, once again, to the Bronte Harbour Yacht Club for the of \$2,000.00 made to our hospice from your 45th Annual Turkey Roll.

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Again, from all at our "House", our sincere thanks for your generous support that

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

M. Marino per Margaret Anderson, Founder, IAH

#### SAILORS NIGHT Peter McDougall

Mark the Sailors Night dates in your calendars:

**February 7th** Phillip Williamson of North Sails (Dale Ward's son in law) will be giving a presentation on Sail design, implementation to production, construction, and on the water performance.

**February 21st** Jodi Munden, one of our VIP sailors will be giving a presentation on blind sailing experiences.

March 7th Julie Harkness will be giving a presentation on her crossing in September 2018 Na Wahine O Ke Kai Molokai to Oahu OC6

March 21st Peter McDougall will present a film on the Bluenose, Canada's fastest fishing schooner, along with a model and details of races against the American schooners following the fishing seasons in the early 1900's.

**April 4th** Adrian Hanley will give a presentation on racing strategies and tactics with some emphasis on starting techniques. His expertise will be of great interest and help to all.

**April 18th** Mark Hellmann will be presenting pictures of the BHYC racing season during a social evening for Skippers and Crew Members, with beer and burgers.

## Oakville Historical Society Phil Brimacombe

Phil Brimacombe has provided details of the Oakville marine history collection which can be viewed at 110 King St, Oakville, ON L6J 1B1. Perhaps this is an outing for one of these cold winter days, Phil describes the collection as follows:

The "Bob Davis Collection" has approximately 600 books, many of them connected with yachting. Since my retirement from teaching in 2010, I have been adding more material on local marine history, especially stonehooking, commercial fishing and cargo schooners. I have also put together 2 large albums on the history of yachting in the Oakville/Bronte area.

Your members are welcome to come by and visit to have a look at what we have! We're open Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1:30 to 4:30, and I open the museum and offices on the third Sunday of each month from 12:30 to 5:00 P.M.

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



Come see us in the Oakville Harbours Building

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Contact Peter Southall EMail: Peter@northshoreboatworks.com

#### BARRY JASPER Rear Commodore Sail

First of all many thanks to Peter McDougall for organising some great sailors nights. A list of the events is shown under Sailors Night.

The GHYRA 2019 kickoff party was a great success, well attended by most of the local clubs. The dates, programme and route are all on the Team App website, which can also be accessed from the GHYRA Facebook page, they are trying to limit to 40 boats this year, so if you are game for a week on the water, don't delay, registration is open now.

The LYRA 2019 Committee has been busy finalising the Notice of Race, and all the information required for the expected influx of visiting boats, who will be housed in all three harbours. Many thanks to our Dusan Davidovic for taking the lead with the NOR and taking charge of registration.

Registration opened February 2<sup>nd</sup>, this can be accessed from the Lyrawaters.org website, or directly from Yachtscoring.com. I encourage all our racers and cruisers to consider entering at least a couple of the events. There are both distance and course races and the Easter Seals regatta, something for everyone. Separate awards will be given for all the individual races, which are spread over a full week.

Peter Kirkwood is in the process of setting up a committee to be responsible for off- the-water activities in Bronte during the regatta and is actively searching for a dock master team to look after directing, welcoming, and docking all the visiting boats. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact him.

Bronte Rocks preparations are underway, at present most of the emphasis is on securing sponsors and Barbara Keeley-Watt has a report on the regatta in the publicity section of the Signal.

In preparation for our club racing season, the sail Committee will be reviewing NOR and Sailing instructions for issuing in March and registration will open in April.

Meanwhile the race Committee under John Estey's leadership are preparing for another season, and we are hosting a combined Assistant and Race Officer training refresher course in the evening of Friday April 12<sup>th</sup> and during the day April 13<sup>th</sup>.

We hope to have all our ARO's and CRO's fully certified and encourage all racing skippers and crews who volunteer for committee duty to consider attending the Friday night session. Registration is on the ontariosailing.ca website under the course registration tab

I hope that as a result of all this activity, you can see a way forward, through all the cold, snow and ice towards a more the more temperate days ahead.

Barry

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#### CRUISING Mike Paulson

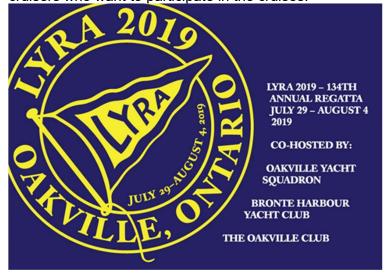
Well here we are in the middle of winter and as I am writing this, we are battling the snow storm of the winter so far!!

So why am I writing about Summer cruising? Well it's never too early to start the planning process.

I attended the LOCCA (Lake Ontario Club Cruising Association) meeting in early November and met some very interesting people, one couple had driven all the way from from Tuscarora Yacht Club in Wilson New York in time for the early start. The thing that surprised me the most though was that a lot of clubs were already full and couldn't take anymore cruisers this year. I had thought that we were well ahead of the game this year!! Obviously not!!

No need to despair though, we have managed to confirm four cruises so far and hopefully a few more in the offing for the Summer months.

We will have our annual cruisers pot luck, probably mid-April, where we will have signup sheets for cruise captains who will organize the individual cruises and for cruisers who want to participate in the cruises.





Save the Date March 16, 2019 Dinner

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