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P E T E R K I R K W O O D
C o m m o d o r e

It's here. April! Here's to getting the fleet in the water!

Your board has been hard at work over the winter months attending to the business of the club.

We received a report from the long-range planning committee as well as a comprehensive review of our bylaws. The laws governing not for profit enterprises has changed in Ontario and we will be recommending changes at the spring meeting of members to ensure we comply with the new regulations.

Special thanks to Phil Gelsheimer, Ian Comey and Don Harkness for their contributions to the bylaw's amendments.

Also, thanks to the long-range planning committee led by Brian Millar for their good work.

I'm writing this on my way to Florida for a weekend of fishing with a couple of buddies. The laughing you hear is from those that know I don't have a clue about fishing. It is proof however that there is no end of ways to enjoy being on the water.

Looking forward to a great season with all members on the water.

Peter

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R E I N I E R V A N D E R W A G E N
V i c e C o m m o d o r e

The ice in the yard is finally gone and everyone's preparation for this year's launch has begun in earnest.

Launch date is set for April 27, 2019 and will be completed on that day. Barbara has once again arranged for coffee and donuts from 6h30, kindly donated by our local Tim Horton's. Lunch will also be available in the clubhouse kindly prepared and served by the Dan and Steve and their team.

The launch schedule will be posted on-line and at the club by April 19, 2019. Please note that no working on masts anywhere in the yard or on the lawn and no mast stepping will be allowed until 13h00 on April 28, 2019. Sunday morning will be reserved for yard clean-up and Sailing School boat rigging.

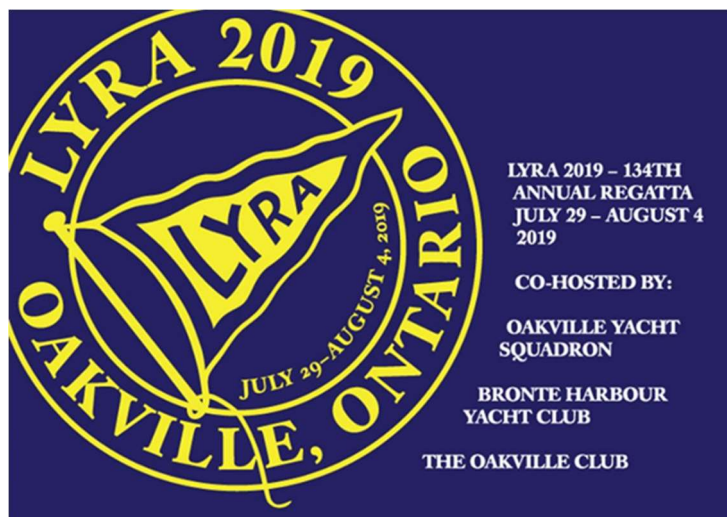
The sign-up sheet for the launch crew on Saturday and yard clean-up crew on Sunday morning will be posted on the lower level notice board closest to the stairs at the club by April 5, 2019. Anyone intending to volunteer for the launch crew and who did not watch the safety video last year needs to come and view it. The video will be shown at the club on Saturday April 20, 2019, at 12h00.

Application forms for wet moorings and storage for dry sailing, dinghies, kayaks, canoes, trailers, etc., are on-line. As previously stated, the application forms will only be available on-line (no paper copies). The electronic application forms are fillable, and you must complete and submit them as well as pay on-line. Applications for wet moorings will be accepted until April 21, 2019, but are allocated on a first come, first serve basis. There is a substantial discount over the Town of Oakville rates and there are only a few left at the time of this writing.

I am still asking for volunteers to form the gardening committee. This committee is important in that it takes care of getting the flower gardens and planters, which make a huge difference to the curb appeal of our Club. The work takes place in four of five weekends spread over the year and will not keep you constantly busy. Please let me know if you are interested.

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

Reinier.





St Paddy's Night was a lot of fun

Best Limerick Table #7 Team Guinness

A guy named Fred from Killarney
His wish was to kiss the stone Blarney
He fell on his Head
And Sadly he's Dead
So his widow wed his friend Barney





BHYC Board 2020

Yes, you read it right!

The current board is hard at work building the value of a BHYC membership, but we must not lose sight that several directors will have fulfilled their mandate and will be due for replacement.

At this point there will be at least six positions opened on the board for 2020. It is critical we identify candidates for these positions as soon as possible. This will enable the candidate(s) the opportunity to shadow the director and learn more about the demands of the position.

If anyone is interested in serving on the board and wishes to know more about the the open positions, feel free to contact me for a confidential discussion.

At this time, we anticipate the following position will be opened:

Commodore
Vice-Commodore
Rear Commodore of Training
Treasurer
Membership Director
Publicity Director

If any of these positions are of particular interest and you wish to know more, please do not hesitate to contact me. Remember all discussions will be treated as confidential.

Richard Bissonnette
Past Commodore / Nominating Committee Chair
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BARBARA KEELEY-WATT Publicity Director

New Website Updates for our members convenience – the 2019 Mooring Application form is now online. The paper forms will no longer be available which will speed up the processing of applications. You can find the digital application form under the Membership Service tab on the website.

Work has started on the 2019 BHYC Regalia and if all goes well, we'll have the new items available for our June Sail Past. Ordering will be the same format as 2018, on line to eliminate overstocking and obsolete inventory. Personalization will be available so your boat name can be embroidered on the clothing.

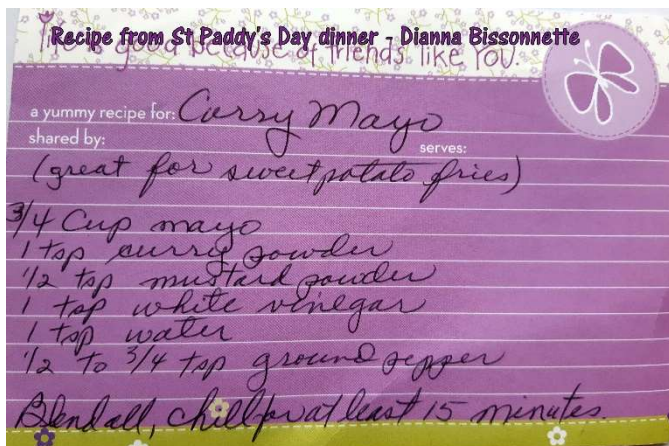
The BHYC Muskoka Chair for Bronte Pier work has begun, Cam Watt our inhouse graphic designer is hard at work with the design, if you would like to help paint the chair, please get in touch.

Bronte Rocks – sponsorship opportunities are available, what a great way to advertise your company and service to the membership and visiting boats.

Wishing everyone a good April

Barbara

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Clubhouse Hours & Lunch for April

The clubhouse & bar will be open at Noon on the following days with lunch available.

Sunday April 7th
Saturday April 13th
Sunday April 14th
Saturday April 20th

We will be offering lunch on April 7th.
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DAVE MCLEAN
Rear Commodore of Power

Bluewater V update:

Work is well underway. The bow has been cut open and delaminated area removed. Structural repairs are on track to complete for launch. New bow roller and fittings for the new anchor are also in work. We have engaged Charlie from CDS Signs (regular advertiser in the signal) to measure and begin design for decals. Samples for review are expected next week. And finally, the fishing accessories that came with the boat have been sold generating some much-needed revenue that will be used for the upgrades underway.

Keep an eye out for a work party email in coming weeks for a final push to wrap things up in preparation for launch.

... and speaking of launch, here's a really helpful Spring Start-up Checklist for all who are getting ready,
<https://www.discoverboating.ca/owning/maintenance/start-up.aspx>

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IAN CONEY
Membership

Well, our open house on March 22nd was an absolute success. We had 80 + people attend, including a number of past members, an encouraging number of whom have expressed a desire to return to the club. We will continue to schedule events such as this as many who were there enjoyed the camaraderie and reacquaintance with members past and present.

Especially for Don Locke I have included the link to the recipe for the turkey meatballs. Uncle Ben's stuffing mix has the most flavor and if the meatballs are too moist, add some bread crumbs.

<https://www.foodnetwork.ca/recipe/turkey-stuffing-meatballs/22216/>

May your big jib be always full,

Ian Coney
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DAN LAFERRIÈRE
Social Director

I would like to personally thank my committee for all the support they have given me over the last few months. So, thank you to Beth Stewart, Diana Bissonnette, Charlene Niziolomski and David Platt as without them these events would not have been as great a success as they have been. Together, we have had 3 wonderful events (Commodore punch party, Valentine Dinner/Dance and St Patrick Dinner/games) and more to come, where at least 45 members attended each event. Thank you to everyone who has supported these events.

March events in review

St Patrick dinner/game: We served 46 meals and gave away a few prizes to the winners of our games. A special congratulation to Susan Shepperd and Mike Niziolomski who won the best dressed for the event. In addition, we had a 50/50 draw where we raised \$75 for the Ian Anderson House.

Kids Movie night: Again, well attended as we had 10 kids who came out to watch a movie. We gave out free pizza/ice cream for the kids and the adults purchased a burger meal. A special thank you to David Platt for picking the movie: Coco.

Events planned for April

Fish and Chips (see poster). Come and join us for another fun evening.

- Date: April 13, 2019.
- Cost: \$15 per person, tax included.
- Meal: Breaded Haddock (oven baked), fries, coleslaw and desert.
- Time: 6pm cocktail and dinner served at 7pm.
- Game: Bingo

Boat launch: a lunch will be available for purchase for anyone at the club that day.

- Date: April 27, 2019
- Cost: \$7 per person, tax included
- Meal: Chili
- Time: approx. Noon to 1pm (depending on when the work crew breaks for lunch)

As usual if you have any ideas for events or want to help please see me or email me.

Dan
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Fish Supper

Date: Saturday, April 13th

Dinner: Breaded Haddock (oven baked)
served with fries, coleslaw and dessert

Price: \$ 15:00 (including tax)

Time: 6:00pm Cocktails; 7:00pm Dinner

BINGO: planning to play Bingo, cards \$1 each,
50% of proceeds will be donated to local charity.

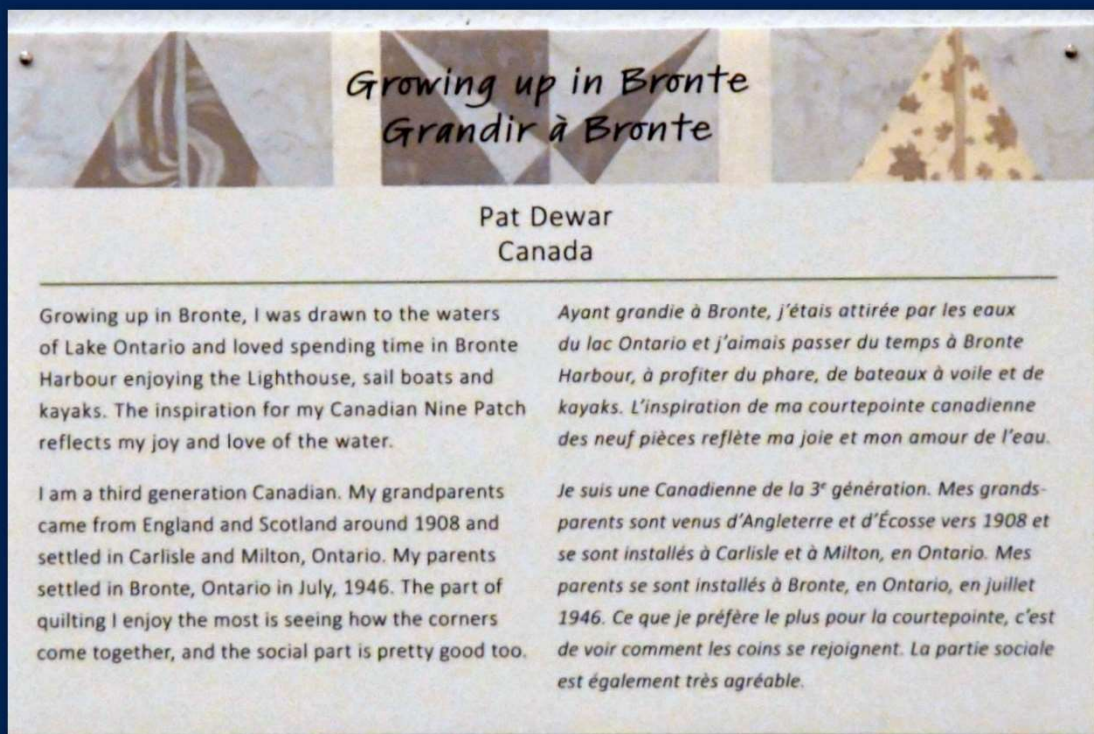
Tickets available at the bar, limit to first 50 members

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A Very Special Visit for Pat Dewar

Pat Dewar is a very talented member of BHYC family, you will see her artistic creations at our BHYC silent auction and Turkey Roll charity event. Last year, the 150th anniversary of our Confederation, Canadians came together to celebrate what it means to be Canadian. In honour of the Canada 150, Pat created a beautiful quilt entitled "Growing Up In Bronte". Pat's quilt, along with a quilt designed by Leslie Prokop (past member of BHYC), toured Canada for the 150 celebration. Earlier this year the quilt display arrived at the Canadian Embassy in Washington. Pat and husband Grad went on a very special road trip so that Pat could see her work on display.





Annual Darts tournament



SANDRA BRANS

Darts

Annual Darts Challenge – Soooo Close

BHYC hosted the final leg of the annual darts challenge on Sunday, March 3rd. The Lakeshore Yacht Club came into this leg with a two-game lead in the series.

Players from both clubs were confident. Although the game type switched to '301' for the final round, LSYC's expertise in the game 'cricket' would generate big scores, once they were able to start the game with a double number (not an easy task to accomplish). The LSYC teams knew they just had to keep the score even and they would win by virtue of their two-game lead. The BHYC teams were not fazed by the game deficit, assured that they could erase LSYC's lead. At the mid-way point, we were a bit taken aback to find the score tied. LSYC's strategy was working!

The lunch break featured an impressive array of delectable entrees, prepared by our creative chefs, Steve Firth and Dan LaFerriere. The appetizers were a mouth-watering lead-in and the delicious dessert offerings included Graham Beattie's famous fudge, which he made before leaving on a cruise. Serving and tidy-up was a team effort and huge thanks go to all who helped.

The remaining games were played with fierce determination and by the end, BHYC had indeed erased LSYC's lead. A shoot out is an awful way to decide the result of any sporting competition. But that is what we faced, having set that protocol several years ago when the end result was also a tie. Being the host club, BHYC let the LSYC teams shoot first, each player throwing just one dart and totalling the score from all of the throws. Unfortunately, LSYC's total score was a bit more than ours so they jubilantly took the trophy for display in their club.

"Next year" will be our mantra for the 2020 challenge.

(Darts continued.....)

Our WinMau¹ warriors for the final round were: Diana Bissonnette, Mary Ellen Bockler, Sandra Brans, Rona Devreese, Grad Dewar, Steve Firth, Phil Gelsheimer, Pat Jeffrey, Dan LaFerriere, John McMullen, Brian Miller, Dave Platt, Jim Pollock and Renate Weidner.

Submitted by Sandra Brans with remote inspiration from Graham Beattie

¹Winmau is a renown British manufacturer of darts, boards, accessories and sponsor of the oldest darts tournament still running. We use Winmau boards at the club.



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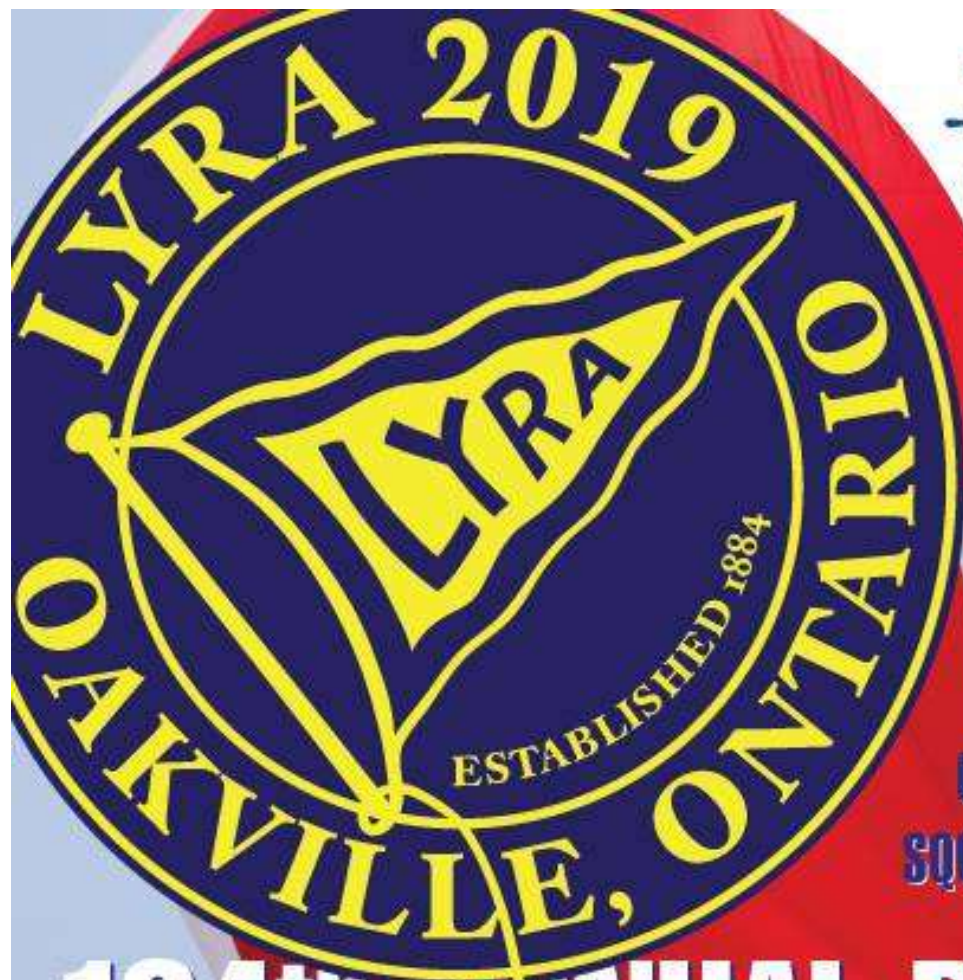


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BRONTE HARBOUR YACHT CLUB YOUTH SAILING



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BHYC RACE TEAM



PETER WELLS RC Training

We had a successful Open House for the Learn to Sail and Racing Programs on 29th March and I am pleased to report that the rate that registrations have been coming in has increased since then. Many thanks to Barbara Keeley-Watt for providing the publicity, Kevin Corcoran (Racing Program Leader) and Ally Dandy, (Head Coach) for doing much of the work to get the club house ready and to provide the information to the participants.

We are offering the same discount of 15% for club members who are paying for family members (children, grandchildren, nephews and nieces) as last year in both the Learn to Sail and

Racing Programs and there is also the early bird discount of \$50 per program if you register by the 21st of April so I would encourage you to get those registrations in and please send me an email (rctraining@bhyc.on.ca) to get the discount code.

I would also like to bring to your attention the chance to get some work hours on the 28th April (day after launch) when we need to rig six C420s and get three coach boats ready for the water in preparation for them to be used by the Ontario Sailing Association (OSA) for the Sailing Instructor course which will be held at the club the following weekend. The OSA courses provide significant revenue to the club and also mean that our instructors and coaches do not have to travel long distances to attend them.

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BHYC - Reunion 2019



PHIL GELSHEIMER

House Director

After a fine meal prepared by Dan and his Social Committee, there will be the inevitable task of cleaning dishes. Some of you might be aware that the appliance in the kitchen long referred to as a sanitizer is in reality a commercial dishwasher. I have been asked questions on how to use this dishwasher and thought it might be helpful to pass along some details since it is not the same as the dishwasher in your home.

To make best use of the dishwasher and avoid clogging the drains in the club, use the following basic approach:

1. Open the dishwasher and remove all racks inside and check that the screens on the bottom are clear. If these screens get blocked the dishwasher will over flow.
2. Turn the dishwasher on 20 minutes before you expect to use it. This allows the dishwasher to heat the water to clean sufficiently.
3. Check the bottles of cleaning fluid on the floor leading to the dishwasher, replace if empty. More is available in the supply room, just ask the bar staff. If replacing an empty bottle, after connecting it, press the 'Prime' button on the dishwasher until you see fluid come out inside the dishwasher on the bottom right side. This is the only time you need to press the Prime button.
4. Scrape the plates so all food items go into a garbage pail. This step is **critical** as food and grease dumped down the drain causes blockages.

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These blockages are what cause water to back up and flood the bar floor and eventually drain into the women's washroom ceiling; staining and if enough, collapsing the ceiling.

5. Place a rack on the sink and load with dishes. Use the overhead sprayer to rinse the dishes thoroughly, focusing on areas missed in the scraping process.
6. Load the rack into the dishwasher and press the green button. In 2 minutes, you will have hot and clean dishes.
7. For cutlery, I suggest letting it soak in a bin while you clean the dishes, then pour out the bin onto a flat rack. Rinse with the sprayer and now it's ready for the dishwasher.
8. For pots and pans, scrape as you did for dishes and then you will need to wash them in the sink. Once done it is a good idea to run them through the dishwasher too.

If you prefer to see how all of this done, this 8-minute training video shows the process:

<https://youtu.be/f1dO8UGAq7A> .

Note that the video shows a kitchen sink equipped with a food disposal unit (a.k.a. garburator). Since the club's kitchen does not have one of those, good scraping of the dishes is paramount.

For all those cleaning dishes at the club, a big thank you and I hope these tips make it easier for you.



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Blue Water Sail Racing and Modern Navigation with Tips on Weather.

Presentation by Marc Drouin:

The Evening, is a presentation on his adventures racing from Quebec City to St Malo France will take place. Navigation, Weather Tools, plus the Trials and Tribulations of off shore racing, and Emergency Preparedness will be discussed.

Thursday April 18, 2019 from 7pm until 10 pm

Seminars are \$5.00 for CPS members and \$10.00 for non-CPS members.

There will be some refreshments and Pizza Pizza available at the break.

This seminar will start at 7pm and run until approximately 10:00pm, in the Bronte Room, of Oakville Town Hall, 1225 Trafalgar Rd, Oakville.

To register, contact Mike Johnson at 905-220-3358 or copy and paste this link to register online.

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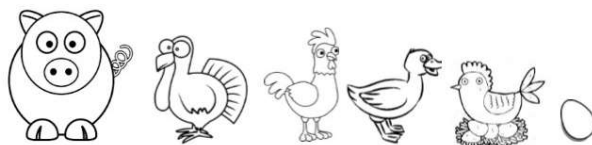
Please note the original date has changed from April 11, 2019 to April 18, 2019.

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





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BARRY JASPER Rear Commodore Sail

We are well into Spring now, and thanks to the work of a multitude of folks, a lot of preparations are in place to ensure that this will be a cruising and racing season to remember.

- GHYRA registration is open on line and proceeding. Save the date July 5th.
- Peter McDougall's series of Thursday Sailors Nights will finish in April culminating in a crew's hamburger and race registration night April 18th.
- The parameters for this year's Bronte Rocks will be set out this month by the organizing group. Save the date August 31st.
- CYA race officer training sessions are booked for April 12th and 13th at BHYC, registration is on Sail Ontario website.
- "New Bluewater" acclimatization training will be scheduled, once it is operational.
- Lyra registration is open on line and proceeding. Save the date July 29th-August 4th
- NOR's for club racing, Oakville Challenge Cup, and Sunday Stroll Series, have been posted on line and on the noticeboards.
- Cam has the website cleaned out, and it is now open for registration.

Looking forward to launch April 27th
See you in the yard

Barry

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Roster 2019 Peter McDougall

The preparation of the new Roster is well underway. I have updated the contact and boat information for members with all the information that I have received since the publication of the 2018 Roster. However, if you have any doubts as to your information and/or if any of your particulars have changed, please advise me and I will make the appropriate updates.

Just send me an Email with the revised information.

Peter McDougall
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Congratulations Mike

Special note of Congratulations goes to Mike Mills on the removal and installation of a new cutlass bearing. His perseverance paid off with the help of the yard support group! Well done!



An advertisement for FOGH Boat Supplies. The top half features a logo with a stylized 'A' inside a circle, with the word 'FOGH' underneath. Below the logo, it says 'THE STORE FOR ALL YOUR MARINE SUPPLIES' in bold, red, sans-serif font. The background of the ad shows a sailboat on the water. At the bottom, there is a black banner with the text 'FOGH BOAT SUPPLIES.com' in red, and 'phone 905 278 7005 toll free 1 800 2631506' in white.

What is with the Wheel?

Every time I come to the clubhouse; I pass the ship wheel built into the wall at the stairs. I've often wondered about its origin. Did it actually come from a ship or was it just a fine replica from a 1960's equivalent of Urban Barn? Looking closely, it appeared real enough, but there was no dates or manufacturer identified. Only the initials O.M. POE stamped into the brass center. But what did that mean?

It turns out there is some history in that wheel. It appears to have come from one of the largest steamships to plow the Great Lakes in the early 20th century and was named after a US Civil War brigadier general, General Orlando Metcalfe Poe.

The steamship was built in Cleveland and entered service in 1900 with the Bessemer Steamship Company. Its LOA was 490' with a beam of 90' and a depth of 29'. To move this big ship around it used its coal-fired boilers which delivered 2300 HP.

Originally it was built with two stacks situated fore and aft. One stack removed when the vessel was reboilered in 1910. As a bulk freighter it carried goods around the lakes until it was sold in 1954 to Wyandotte Transportation Co. and converted to a barge. It came to an end in 1955 when it was sold for scrap to the Steel Company of Canada in Hamilton.

So that was the ship, but who was General Poe?

Orlando Metcalfe Poe was born on the family farm in Navarre, Ohio on March 7, 1832. He attended several public schools and two years in Canton Academy in Canton, Ohio before ultimately attaining his dream – attending the United States Military Academy in West Point,

New York. Poe excelled particularly in mathematics and graduated sixth in his class of 1856. After graduation, Poe sought to put his engineering skills to work for the military. He moved to Detroit to join the Topographical Engineers. Wartime duties for topographical engineers included surveying positions of the army and its enemy, sketching routes of the enemy and preparing maps of battlefields. In peacetime, they surveyed and charted the nation's rivers and lakes.

During the Civil War Poe was known for his bravery, intelligence, and athleticism. Because of his successful command of a number of significant battles, he was selected by General William Sherman to be his chief engineer. Poe oversaw the burning of Atlanta and continued as engineer for Sherman's March to the Sea. After the war, Poe once again served as engineer to General Sherman.

Poe distinguished himself with his lighthouse design on Lake Huron and is responsible for many lighthouses, canals, and locks on the Great Lakes in Michigan. His work on the locks at Sault Ste. Marie opened up the shipping industry in the area and assisted in the creation of the U. S. steel industry. He died October 2, 1895, as a result of multiple broken bones he suffered in a fall while inspecting the Soo Locks in Michigan.

One item I have not been able to connect is how the ship's wheel made it to our club. If any of our members know the story, please share it with me. It's history worth remembering.
Phil



Note from the Editor – thanks to our sleuth Phil for tracking down the history of the ship's wheel. Here is a little excerpt from our website <https://bhyc.on.ca/about/history/> about how the wheel ended up at the present location of BHYC.

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 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. Hughie Ramsay is researching how the wheel ended up at the original club.

