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Friday	16:00 - 21:00
Saturday	16:00 - 21:00
Sunday	16:00 - 21:00

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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

With the Spring meeting done and the boats launched, we are in "Go Mode". The winter has seen a lot of great work done by all. The Bluewater team has produced a great looking boat for race committee. The Long-Range planning committee is off to a good start as we consider the future. Spring launch went very well, and the yard looks great!

We have an exciting summer on the water in Oakville. LYRA will bring boats in that don't come our way very often. I think we may see a fleet of eight 8Meters and at last look there are 10 Etchells lined up and a bunch of Olson 30's. This will be a very interesting time for us.

As mentioned in the recent Spring meeting, we are trying to create dock space so if you are not a racer and want to visit clubs on a reciprocal basis for that week, or take up Newport's offer to house boats for the week if you don't plan on using your boat, please let me or a board member know and we will help make the arrangements for accommodation. Early indications are that LYRA will be very popular and we could see larger than normal fleets.

Mary Ellen Bockler has generously offered to lead the off the water program and has a tent and caterer lined up for the Friday night dinner at BHYC. She will need lots of help so please, please reach out to Mary Ellen and volunteer.

Special thanks to all members of the board for getting their work done and done well.

Sailpast is next up and racing starts imminently

See you on the water.

Peter

commodore@bhyc.on.ca



OAKVILLE, ON. JUL 28-AUG 4, 2019

2019 LYRA Race Week



BHYC LYRA BBQ

Friday August 2, 2019

17:00 – 22:00 hr

It has taken a bit of time to get off the ground, but as promised, BHYC will be hosting a BBQ for LYRA on the Friday of LYRA week 2019. Tent, chairs, food, and music have all been booked. All we need is **YOU** to show the Lake that we can host, and party like the rest of them.

This year is special as we showcase our club to the international community at LYRA. We can't make this happen without your help and support. Calls and emails will be going out looking for volunteers, please do not hesitate to help with the LYRA events. Many hands make light work.

My goal for this event is FUN, so let's put our best foot forward, and show the lake that we really are the **Friendliest Little Yacht Club on Lake Ontario**

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LYRA 2019 is proud to include **Oakville Easter Seals Regatta** as a companion event. Sailors and boaters are invited to raise funds online in support of **Easter Seals Ontario**. Inspiring moments and a unique opportunity for Easter Seals kids to benefit from the funds raised - and enjoy an active boating experience. All are welcome to join us at our Oakville Easter Seals Regatta for a fun day of activities both on and off the water.



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REINIER VAN DER WAGEN

Vice Commodore

Launch 2019 has come and gone. Thank you to all the members who made this run seamlessly and to those who provided sustenance before, during and after the job was done.

We now all have our eyes on the water level as we arrange to step our masts. Please note that the high water level has made it difficult to step your masts of the larger boats by making use the Club Crane. If you are one of the people in this boat (sorry about the pun) please contact Amy Johnson at the Town of Oakville's Harbours Department. These folks are better equipped to handle the taller masts.

A further reminder to those who still have ladders, cradle bits, cover bits, frames, etc., lying in the yard, chained to the fence or on the mast rack, to come and take it away. We will be removing and dumping anything that we find in about two weeks' time.

This weekend the Gardening Subcommittee had a successful first go at the gardens and it all looks great. Thank you to those who showed up. A suggestion has been made for certain members to adopt a portion of the yard. The idea is that those that adopt a piece of the yard will look after it for the year as and when needed and when it suits these adopters. This would make it unnecessary to schedule a day and time when we all get together at the Club to garden. I will put out a notice with a diagram of the various portions and then we can see if this will work for us.

Our hot water heater is on the fritz and we will be replacing it in the week of May 5. The leaking tank has probably been the cause for the moisture that we have discovered in the area under the stairs over the winter. It has given Phil and I an opportunity to throw out all the stuff that has been dumped in the utility room over the years. There will still be a little more to dump once the room dries out after the tank has been replaced.

Finally, Karen Bennett has asked that anyone who has old sails to donate for reuse as shelters in disaster areas, to please bring leave them in the downstairs lounge area before the end of May. We will relocate them to the storeroom and will then take them to the organization that sorts and ships them to the areas of the world where they can be best used.

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

Reinier.

BARRY JASPER

Rear Commodore Sail

We have splashdown, and kicked off the racing season with the Icebreaker May 4th, and the cruising season with the pot luck supper on April 20th. No prizes for who had the more comfortable event, now we need an event for the weather gods, to get them to buy in to the programme.

Peter McDougall's series of Thursday Sailors Nights finished with a crew's hamburger and race registration night April 18th. Many thanks to him for a great series, and to all our members who contributed their expertise, their knowledge and their adventures, to give depth and excitement to the evenings.

Cam Watt has the website up and running, and it is open for registration. If you are coming out for the club racing start May 7th, you need to register by May 4th latest. So that Alan Prits and the scorers will have you on the start sheets, and Sue Sproule and the handicappers can check your ratings.

Sailing instructions for club racing, Oakville Challenge Cup, and Sunday Stroll Series, have been posted on line and on the noticeboard.

Plans are in place for Sailpast, the event schedule is elsewhere in this Signal edition, save the date June 8th.

Planning for Bronte Rocks 2019 will be set out this month by the organising group. Save the date August 31st.

CYA race officer training sessions were held April 12th and 13th at BHYC, well attended by our folks and visitors from clubs stretching from Niagara to Etobicoke, 28 trainees in all.

John Estey and the race committee are looking forward to seeing the New Bluewater on the water and operational.

LYRA registration is open on line and proceeding. Save the date July 29th-August 4th

GHYRA registration is open on line and proceeding. Save the date July 5th.

Barry

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Sailpast 2019 Programme

Saturday, June 8th

1:00pm

Welcome - Commodore
Blessing of the Fleet - Rev James Gill
Introduction of Honoured Guests
Presentation of flags & Insignia to new Board Members-
Richard Bissonnette, Past Commodore
Sailpast Skippers Meeting, sailing Instructions - RC Sail
Pick up Blessing Cards, and New 2019 Rosters

2:30pm

Sailpast on the water.
First the parade of Past Commodores,
followed by the BHYC Fleet

6:00pm

Dinner & Dance at the Clubhouse -
Dan and the Social Committee
Tickets \$35 (tax extra)





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
pastcom@bhyc.on.ca or 289 242 1406

BARBARA KEELEY-WATT Publicity Director

Regalia can be purchased on line until May 17th, don't be disappointed as there will be no inventory held at the club. Available for purchase is a ½ zip fleece in 3 colours. Personalization is available too!

The BHYC Muskoka Chair for Bronte Pier design work has begun, Cam Watt our inhouse graphic designer is working on the design, and thanks to Desirée Squires we have the help needed to put the chair together.

Bronte Rocks – our main sponsors are listed elsewhere in the Signal. Harbour West & Encore Glen Abbey are our “Admiral” level sponsors this year, we appreciate their support.

Wishing everyone a good May.

Barbara

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2019 PHRF News

With the 2019 racing season upon us, please note the following reminders and updates from PHRF-Lake Ontario (PHRF-LO).

2019 Certificates: If you registered for the Club Racing Series in a PHRF fleet, then you have purchased your PHRF certificate. I will be validating certificates for registered boats as soon as PHRF-LO receives our Club's membership dues cheque, which should be very soon.

If you are not registered for the Club Racing series, and you want to renew a PHRF-LO certificate in order to participate in other Club or outside events, please pay for “PHRF only” through the Club's point-of-sale system and then send me an email so that I can validate your certificate. The cost of a certificate is \$40, including HST.

If you have not had a certificate for the last couple of years, have a new boat, have new sails or changes that would affect your certificate, please contact one of your BHYC handicappers, listed below.

What's new for 2019: For 2019, the only change to PHRF-LO's adjustment processes is the inclusion of the Main Girth Top (MGT) measurement. We have been collecting this measurement for a number of years, so if you have had your mainsail measured recently, this measurement is now included in the formula for determining sail area %. You will not see a difference in your ASP rating unless you have significant roach at the top of your mainsail.

If you last had your mainsail measured when we first started measuring mainsails, we may not have this measurement. In this case, the previous formula will be used until next year (2020), when the MGT measurement will become required.

Heads up for 2020: Next year there will be a major change to the way PHRF-LO determines the difference between your flying sail (FS) rating and your non-flying sail (NFS) rating. The NFS ratings for most classes of boats will change. More information about this change, the reasons for it, and the effect it will have on ratings will be provided as the 2020 season approaches.

Your BHYC Handicappers,
Sue Sproule, Peter McDougall and David Platt

Upper Keys Sailing Club – Blackwater Sound Regatta

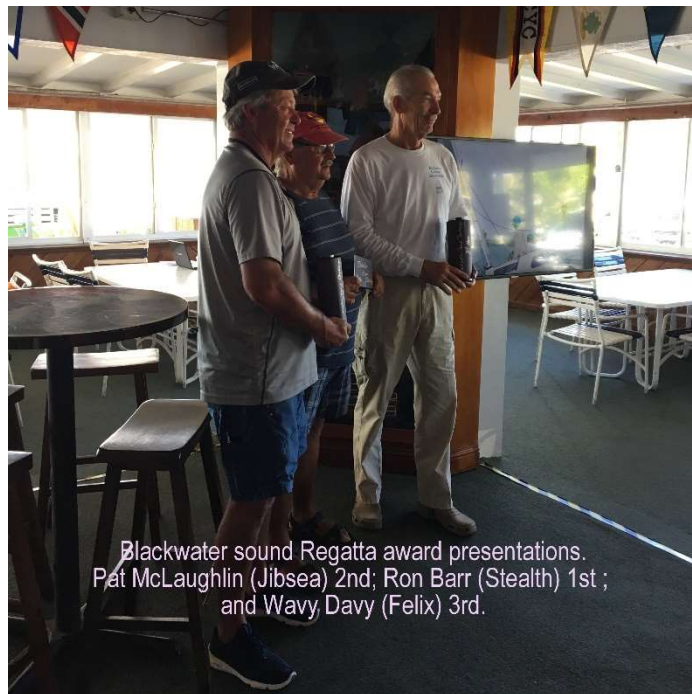
by Ron Barr and Sue Sproule

One of the benefits of owning a trailer-able boat is the chance to visit and compete at sailing clubs in far-flung (and warmer) parts of the continent.

As you probably know, we escaped the cold this winter and took Stealth to the Florida Keys for three months. A highlight of our time down south was visiting and racing at the Upper Keys Sailing Club (UKSC) in Key Largo. UKSC is a self-help club with a clubhouse footprint very similar to BHYC. They have TGIF potlucks every week, games nights and special dinners prepared by members in a kitchen much like ours. Needless to say, we felt very much at home.

We first took the boat to UKSC for their Fleet Captain's regatta in February, but after an 8-hour delivery and a night on their dock, we woke up to a perfectly still morning and the racing was called off. The Super Bowl was being played that evening, so we hung around the Club, wandered around Key Largo, and attended their Super Bowl party, before returning to Marathon the next day.

The Blackwater Sound Regatta is a two-day regatta in March, so we took our chances and made the trip again. Gord Fyfe (Platypus) flew in and joined us for the trip and the racing. Mike, a friend from Marathon, also joined us. We hired Mike to free-dive and clean the bottom and he wanted to learn about sailboat racing. This time we had perfect conditions for 5 races over the two days. With a 1-(2)-1-1-1 record, Stealth took first place and brought home a bottle of rum.



Blackwater sound Regatta award presentations.
Pat McLaughlin (Jibsea) 2nd; Ron Barr (Stealth) 1st ;
and Wavy Davy (Felix) 3rd.



Ron & Sue exchanging burgees with Chip Short, Commodore of the Upper Keys Sailing Club in Key Largo



Upper Keys Sailing Club - View from the veranda

Pasta Dinner

Friday, May 10th

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



Price: \$ 15.00 (tax included)

Dinner Menu

Pasta with Meat Sauce

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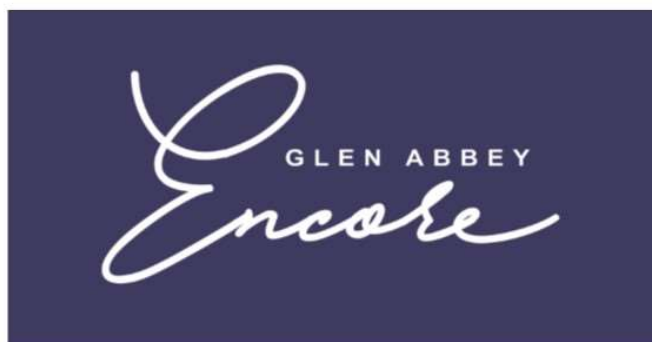
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Contact Us

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PETER WELLS RC Training

The Learn to Sail program is now in the difficult position of having all spots filled except 4 in the Opti (aged 8-10) CanSail 1/2 program. We are looking at how we can make more spots available. Things are not looking as good in the Racing Program and it now looks as though we will have 19 racers compared to a budget of 24.

I am pleased to report that the club has again received notification that we have qualified for a Summer Jobs grant from the Federal Government which will make our financial position much more robust than it would be otherwise.

Members will note that the C420s are all set up in the boat yard and, by the time you read this, will have been used by the Ontario Sailing Association for their Boating Safety course on the 4th and 5th of May. As noted previously, BHVC gets significant revenue from providing a venue for these courses and it also means that our own instructors do not have to travel long distances to attend them.


(training continued).....


There were both positive and negative comments at the Spring General Meeting about the Training initiative which envisages the purchase of ten paddle boards for the use of the sailing school during day-time Learn To Sail sessions in July and August and for members at large during all other times. The initiative has been proposed in order to provide an additional on-water activity for participants in the Learn to Sail programs when the wind does not co-operate, as an added value to members and an inducement to younger people to join the club. There will now be a survey which will be sent to all members to see if there is general support for this purchase.

I would encourage members to take advantage of the members' 15% discount to enroll their children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews or grand nieces and grand nephews in the sailing program. Please contact me at rctraining@bhyc.on.ca to get the discount code.

PETER

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PHIL GELSHEIMER

House Director

April has just ended and as I write this the grey clouds overhead drench the grounds with rain and the 7°C temperature induces a chill. My mind wanders and I find myself thinking about the glorious warm days of times past... ah yes, how I miss February.

February this year ended in sun and an audacious 16°C temperature; a perfect day to sit on the deck enjoying a libation. Such days will come again and hopefully we will not have to wait until next February. When they do arrive you'll be able to take comfort in the new deck furniture the club has acquired. Made of metal and with seats perforated to avoid collecting water, those who have already ensconced themselves report the chairs are very comfortable.

You will see the same tables and chairs in the lower level, making this area a quiet area to get away should the upstairs become too boisterous. It may come to pass that some of the lower level tables and chairs may find their way to the deck as members desire more deck seating. This is fine and may settle into a seasonal migration, time will tell.

Speaking of enjoying libations you'll notice a new bartender, Cheryl Grummett. She has joined BHYC to help out when our regular crew is taking some time off. Cheryl is very familiar with the club so many of you may already know her.

Your longing for warmer weather House Director,

Phil

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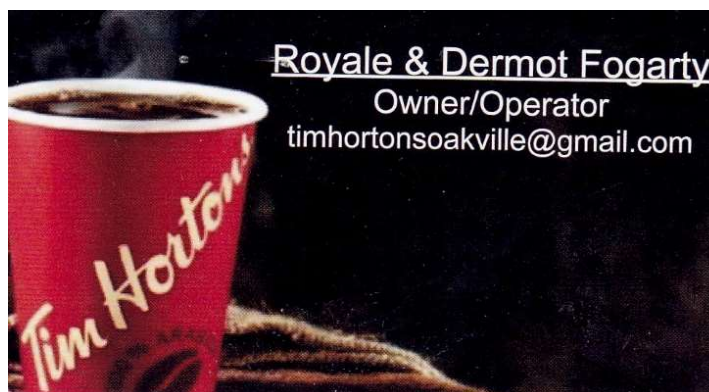
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Roster 2019

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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VIP Week is coming soon! (June 17th -21th)

Our Club's biggest community event every year and once again we are looking for skippers, boats and crew to help on the water and in the clubhouse. Email sign-up has changed this year. Please register at p.mcdougall@lobmail.ca. You will receive a confirmation from Peter McDougall. Please come out and help.

- RON PARKER



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

