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Sunset from the BHYC race course

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PETER KIRKWOOD COMMODORE

As skippers we expect a lot of our crew - and now they need to walk on water too!!

Obvious to all we are dealing with high water again and it should be with us for a while. Please heed town warnings about dangerous areas around the boat yards and hopefully waters will start to recede soon.

I am looking forward to Sailpast on June 8 ... I hope everyone can make it out that day for the fun on the water and return to the club for a dinner and dance that evening.

Lyra is coming! Check in with Mary Ellen Bockler for your volunteer opportunities. This party will be a blast. Lots of FUN!!!

Stay safe out there and have a good time on the water.

Peter





BHYC LYRA BBQ And Distance Race Awards Night Friday August 2, 2019 17:00 – 22:00 hr

Time is flying, and yes, the warm dry weather will be coming just in time for LYRA!! I have had several people volunteer, but I will still need lots more. Many hands make light work. We need **YOU** to show the Lake that we can host, and party like the rest of them, by throwing a great party!

If not already the LYRA website will soon be capable of taking your dinner ticket orders.

Grilled Chicken with fresh pineapple Choice of Artisan Sausage Baby spinach salad Mediterranean pasta salad Herb and garlic baby potatoes Corn on the cob By pre order **request only** a vegetarian option of Roasted Stuffed Peppers For only \$24.00

Meals must be ordered in advance so don't wait to the last minute. Even if you are not racing it is a great way to kick off a long weekend, and rub elbows with some serious sailors.

FUN is the goal for the weekend, so let's put our best foot forward, and show the lake we really are the

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Oakville Easter Seals Regatta Joins LYRA 2019 Saturday, August 3, 2019 marks the 15th annual Oakville Easter Seals Regatta.



The Oakville Clubs are gearing up for LYRA2019 on the Creeks. Bronte Harbour Yacht Club, Oakville Yacht Squadron and the Oakville Club are hosting LYRA 2019. The boats will begin arriving on Tuesday July 30 with the main activities commencing on Thursday July 30. The opening ceremonies will be proceeded by parties and onshore activities hosted by each club every day and night (July 30 – Aug 4). We are packing in activities, parties and great food so don't miss out Register Now!!! <u>https://2019.lyrawaters.org/registration/</u>

Our LYRA 2019 committee wants to give back to our community and as a one day special event we are hosting a Regatta within a Regatta. On Saturday, August 3, 2019 our dedicated group of volunteers from Yacht Squadron will host the 14th annual Oakville Easter Seals Regatta raising funds in our community for kids with physical disabilities. Sailors and boaters are all invited to raise funds online in support of Easter Seals Ontario.

It's a day filled with inspiring moments and a unique opportunity for Easter Seals kids to not just benefit from the funds raised but to also actively participate and enjoy a boating experience. All are welcome to join us at for LYRA (3 days of course racing including Easter Seals) or if you want a one day event then just register for the Oakville Easter Seals Regatta for a fun day of activities both on and off the water.

All proceeds for the day will be donated to Easter Seals.

ALLY DANDY HEAD COACH

With the water warming up and the sun shining more often, our race teams have been keen to start training this month. Our C420, Laser and Opti race teams participated in their first regatta of the season at Royal Hamilton Yacht Club last weekend. Special shout out to C420 sailors Logan Corcoran and Michael Tahir for finishing just off the podium in 4th, Laser radial sailor Jerry Ciao finishing 7th and Opti sailor Sterling Ott finishing 1st in white fleet. All teams are back home training right now before they begin their summer regattas in July.

Four of our C420 race team members were named to the Ontario Sailing C420 Development team for the 2018-2019 season. Congrats to Logan Corcoran, Michael Tahir, Sydney Barz and Mason Barz. Keep up the hard work!

Our summer sailing school programs are filling up or are already sold out!

ALLy Registration @bhyc.on.ca





PETER WELLS RC TRAINING

Registration is proceeding so well that we now have no places left for 8 to 10-year old's in the CanSail 1/2 category.

The main concern is now with the water levels and the safety of our young charges as they launch and bring boats ashore. They will, of course, all be wearing lifejackets, but it could be traumatic for someone to get over the side and disappear into deep water.

Peter Rctraining@bhyc.on.ca







BARRY JASPER RC SAIL

Bluewater V – Structural repairs and the windlass installation are complete! Thanks again to all involved. We have been utilizing the new committee boat for club racing with success and iln doing so we have also learned, as expected, of some additional changes that need to be made.

The Bimini that was moved over from the old Bluewater is creating a safety concern when launching and retrieving the marks so will have to be modified. We have ordered a replacement for the engine controls to eliminate the duel lever system and install a single lever for the throttle and transmission. The new chart plotter (big thank you to our anonymous donor) has been installed and we will have wind speed and water depth sensors connected shortly. Also to be installed is a new horn that has been acquired. We still have some changes to the seating arrangements to make and a few other small things but overall I'm very pleased with the help and feedback that race committee volunteers have been providing.

Sale and decommission of BW IV has commenced so if anyone knows of an interested party please let me know. And lastly I am looking for a volunteer to assist with the Oficer of the day program that is now online thanks to Cam. If you can help out with some emails please get in touch.

Dave rcpower@bhyc.on.ca



Plans are in place for Sailpast June 8th. At time of writing we are proceeding cautiously, with one eye on the widening creek and the other on the disappearing parking lot; by publication time that may have changed......

The cruising season continues with a Newport trip June 1st.

Thanks to Cam Watt for registration. Alan Prits and the scorers, and Sue Sproule and the handicappers, and a giant effort by Reiner in the yard, Bronte club racing got underway, far more effortlessly, than anyone has any right to expect well done everyone.

Oakville Challenge Cup started 26th and continues on June 9th. Sunday Stroll Series first race is June 23rd. The SI's are online and on the noticeboard.

Lady helm and Crews chance races will be held on June 22nd

Bronte Rocks website will probably open this month once the NOR is finalised. Save the date August 31st good job Barbara for keeping the wheels moving.

John Estey and the race committee are still acquainting themselves with the new Bluewater there will be driver training on the morning of June 8th; but the committee has been out in force, and we have postponed, race skipper participation indefinitely, good job everyone.

Kudos to Dave Mclean for having Bluewater V on the water and operational for the first club race. It is still a work in progress, but will be a great asset, when all the little wrinkles disappear, we are indebted to everyone who has worked on this important project.

Lyra registration continues. Save the date August 2nd. GHYRA registration continues. Save the date July 5th.

Stay safe, watch the slippery docks, see you on the water.

Barry

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

IAN CONEY MEMBERSHIP

New Members – To date we have welcomed 10 new members, categories as follows: Senior 2; Associate 6; Junior 1; Crew 1

Unfortunately, we had to turn away 3 applicants as there was no way to accommodate their large power boats and so they went elsewhere.

Open House – We have decided to postpone indefinitely the open house that was originally scheduled for June1. We will keep you posted on updates as they occur. Still looking at new and different ways to attract new members and keep the interest of existing members. More to came as we flesh out the details

Cheers, **lan** membership@bhyc.on.ca

MIKE PAULSON CRUISING

Last year our Victoria Day Cruise to Macassa Bay was warm and sunny. This year unfortunately it was decidedly cooler, but despite it being a bit chilly, the wind coming out of the East and everyone dressed in their winter woolies, Paw Prints, Argyle Legend, Chelsea III, Flash, My-Way, Pectus II, Dream Chaser, Echo Beach and Grey Fox, set sail on May 20th on route to Royal Hamilton Yacht Club. Everyone sailed at least to the Bridge and some all the way.

We were joined by three other couples who drove to RHYC on Saturday evening and everyone enjoyed hot and cold appetizers including desserts. Thanks go to everyone for proving such a great selection of food. As were all pretty frozen by the time the food was finished, we made our way hastily back to our boats to put on the heaters and enjoy some warming libations!!

Sunday was decidedly warmer so most enjoyed wandering around Hamilton. Brewers chandlery was open so several of us purchased some much-needed supplies.

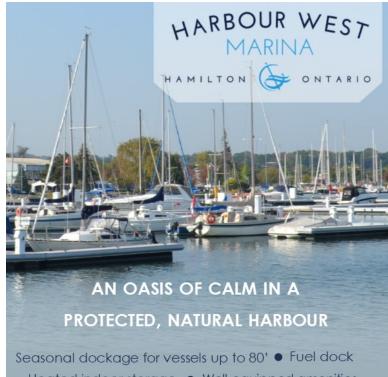
As high winds were the order of the day on Monday, we made it home to Bronte in record time, one and a half hours from the bridge to our dock!!

Our next cruise, to Mimico Cruising Club will be from June 29th to July 1st. Hopefully by then the water levels will be lower and the weather will be warmer. If you would like to participate in the cruise, please register on the BHYC website so that we will have some idea of how many are going.

Mike, cruising@bhyc.on.ca







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VIP WEEK IS COMING SOON

JUNE 17TH - 21ST

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 <u>p.mcdougall@lobmail.ca</u>. You will receive a confirmation from Peter McDougall. Please come out and help.

- RON PARKER

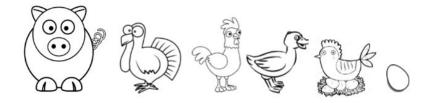


Chicken is Here!

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





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)



Save the date Bronte Rocks Regatta 2019. We are hard at work planning an action packed one day open regatta. More details will follow at www.bronterocks.com. Hosted by Bronte Harbour Yacht Club

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REINIER VAN DER WAGEN

Who would have thought that we would have a one in a hundred-year high lake water level event two years after the last one. It looks like the 2019 level is going to exceed the 2017 level.

It has left the yard looking like a bit of a mess, which has been made worse by lots of unwanted junk left over from our launch preparations. If and when you walk through the yard, please pick up any junk that you notice and get rid of it in the bin. If anything has floated from its place, please stack neatly where this will not re-occur.

There is also a substantial amount of silt being deposited in the yard, which makes it difficult to see the bottom of the flooded areas and makes the bottom slippery. Please take your time and take care when you wade in to launch your boats or go to the committee boats.

As always, please forward any questions or suggestions to me at vicecom@bhyc.on.ca.

Regards, *Reinier*



DON HARKNESS TREASURER

Just a reminder that membership dues were due February 28^{th.} If you haven't paid yet you should have received a personalized email from yours truly reminding you to bring your account up to date. Account statements are mailed monthly. If you are not receiving them, please ensure we have your correct address on file by updating Phaedra Renaud <u>bhyc.pr@gmail.com</u>

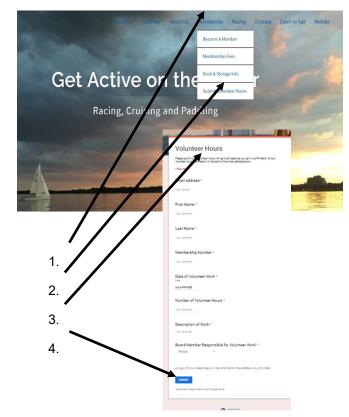
There are a number of 2018 work party hour invoices still outstanding. Please pay these invoices or If you disagree with the amount, please reach out to me at <u>treasur</u><u>er@bhyc.on.ca</u>rather than waiting for my reminder email.

To ensure your 2019 volunteer hours are properly recorded please enter them online through our website on a timely basis . It can be found under the Membership tab.

If you need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact one of the board members or bar staff. There is a computer and tablet available at the club if you do not have a personal device. The board member responsible will approve your hours after they have been submitted.

If you have reasonable excel skills and are looking for ways to earn volunteer hours, we require a member to assist Peter Howard with a monthly inventory count of the bar's stock of wine, liquor, beer and other supplies. The count occurs the last day of each month and will be conducted during the day. To be clear you will be counting inventory and not sampling it! If interested please email me at <u>treasurer@bhyc.on.ca</u>.

Don





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 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

PHIL GELSHEIMER HOUSE

Last month I led off the Signal submission decrying the constant rain and alas, the past month has been no different. Nonetheless activity has been busy within the House. First off we had competition to replace Coors Light, a draft beer that is both expensive for the club and has many alternatives available from Ontario craft brewers. Local Cameron's Brewery won the competition with their First Light lager, which also won the 2019 Canadian Brewer's Award in the Light beer category. We do have some kegs of Coors Lite to finish off, so a special draft price is available until it's gone.

The long rumoured repairs to the floors of the front entrance and behind the bar should begin shortly. The contract has been signed and paid for and now just working on scheduling. Expect that the front entrance might be inaccessible for a couple days and also we'll be opening the lower bar for members while the upper bar area is cleared out to repair the floor. Email broadcasts will alert members once the dates are established so you won't be surprised.

We've also had a fire inspection performed and found numerous items to update so we are consistent with the fire code, particularly the fire extinguishers and the kitchen's fire suppression system. We are just working with the supplier to schedule the work, and I don't expect it to impact your enjoyment of the club.

Speaking of the kitchen, a new charbroiler has been ordered and expected to be delivered in June. Our friend Dan of Social Director fame will be pleased he does not have to cook burgers and steaks in the ever present rain.

Stay dry if you can,

PHIL house@bhyc.on.ca

Phil's adventures:

I was down at the club one May morning awaiting some service folks to arrive and took a peek in our dumpster to see if it had been emptied. When I looked in, a couple masked eyes were looking back!

Don't know how long these little fellas had been stuck in the dumpster but they sure looked scared, nonetheless one of them immediately became very helpful as I stuck a wood 2x4 into the dumpster. The little hand reached out and guided it down, then immediately started to climb up. As soon as it got out and scurried off, the other began its own ascent. Each time I held the top until they made it to the edge, and then retreated quickly to let them escape.

They were last spotted racing across the yard to the grassy area near the bridge. I closed the lids on the dumpster to avoid a re occurrence.

The brilliant idea to use the wood as an escape ladder was Reinier who texted me what I asked what should be done.





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(May 24, 2019)

Supporting Boating Safety – Saving Lives

The Canadian Safe Boating Council (CSBC) will be participating in the LCBO's Provincial Donation Box Program, May 26 – June 22. Next time you visit your local outlet, the CSBC would appreciate your support in this fundraising campaign to help make Canada's waterways safer.

For nearly three decades, the Canadian Safe Boating Council has been in the business of promoting safe and responsible boating throughout Canada. The CSBC and partner organizations have worked to decrease boating related drownings by 40% over the past 15 years. This is significant given the phenomenal growth of boat ownership and boating activities in Canada.

But tragically, approximately 130 Canadians will lose their lives this year due to boating related drownings. That is why funds raised through the Donation Box Program are so important - to help the CSBC continue its work.

The CSBC is a charitable, volunteer-based organization that depends on funding from members, industry and government. With those contributions, the CSBC has been at the forefront of promoting safe and responsible boating through creative educational programs and outreach to boaters.

"Money raised during this month-long campaign will be used to educate Canadians about boating safety and teach boaters to be better prepared and better informed," states John Gullick, CSBC Chair. "We're extremely happy to be partnering in LCBO's Donation Box Program," adds Gullick, "especially as it follows on the heels of the 2019 Safe Boating Awareness Week May 18th – 24th."

The purpose of Safe Boating Awareness Week is to provide boaters with five key reminders as they prepare to embark on another boating season.

- 1) Wear a PFD or lifejacket.
- 2) Boat sober.
- 3) Take a boating course.
- 4) Be prepared, both you and your vessel.
- 5) And be wary of the dangers of cold water immersion.

So when you visit your local LCBO, keep the Canadian Safe Boating Council in mind. Through your donation you can help make our waterways safer for everyone.

For more information: John McMullen 905-635-4162 <u>info@csbc.ca</u> www.csbc.ca





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