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PETER KIRKWOOD COMMODORE

I'm writing this after the first 2 days of LYRA with a day of racing to go so if I appear distracted.

I am very proud of the efforts put forward by the club in supporting all LYRA on the water events and want officially recognize Barry Jasper and Dusan Davidovic for their leadership.

I also want to recognize Mary Ellen and everyone who helped put on a true regatta meal on Friday night. It was truly FUN. Mary Ellen showed remarkable flexibility in the face of low numbers of boats by eliminating the expense of the tent and DJ.

BHYC also ran the Easter Seals on water event. Thank you to everyone involved. Natalie represented us well in this important event.

We can now turn our focus to the second half of the season. There are many opportunities coming up to enjoy your boats and join in the fun at the club.

Peter
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REINIER VAN DER WAGEN VICE COMMODORE

The great flood of 2019 is just about over, and we will be scheduling a cleanup of the sandbags, buckets of gravel, markers this coming week. This will soon be followed by another yard work party to get rid of the weeds and make the flower gardens look good for Bronte Rocks.

I am sure that you have noticed that roof over the kitchen door has been replaced by Mike Mills and his crew. Great job Mike.

Electrical protection was added to the crane by Steve Gogo, which now makes it safer to use the crane in damp conditions. The electrical outlets along the fence will be switched on again this week. Thank you to the dry sailors for your patience and understanding.

We are in the process of tackling the repair of the exterior window frames, the repair of the front door floodlight, electrical repairs to our switchgear and tidying up of the mast rack.

Notices will shortly be out sent out by email regarding the date of haul-out and winter storage applications (yes, the days are already getting shorter).

Enjoy your summer and please remember to volunteer when we send out the call for work parties for the above-mentioned tasks.

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BARRY JASPER RC SAIL

Hallelujah, the tide is almost out.

The BHYC overnight July 19-20 was a very rewarding and challenging outing for the participants, with a wild variety of wind and sea conditions. Starting at 8.00 pm and the whole fleet finishing between 9.30 and 11.00am, in time for a good breakfast, and a long well-deserved siesta.

LYRA is now behind us and the results have been recorded, many thanks to Dusan Davidovic who set up registration for them and worked on the NOR's and Sailing Instructions. Many thanks also to Mary Ellen Bockler and her band of volunteers who hosted the LYRA Friday night at BHYC, complete with supper, dancing and awards. The LYRA committee, contrary to the original plan, did not use our race committee, so the cancellation of club racing was not necessary, but it did provide a break between the Spring and Fall series race schedule.

Easter Seals Regatta was part of the LYRA regatta this year, but separate registration was available, Natalie Bullard and her team did a great job pulling this together.

The NOR for Bronte Rocks has been published, the SI's will be available soon, registration is open, for a more compact Rocks this year, Barbara Keeley-Watt and Barbara Dermott and the volunteers have done a great job of attracting sponsors, putting this event on a solid footing, to enable us to put on a top notch event. Cam has done the website and registration set-up. There will be opportunities for volunteer workhours.

Good luck to all the club boats who will be competing at the Oakville Club Regatta and the 50-Point Peaches n" Phrf regatta. If you are at these events make sure our Rocks posters are prominently displayed, and that you "talk up" Bronte Rocks with all your competitors. Word of mouth is still the best motivator, especially in this digital age which relies on technology.

The scoring for the Matalot overall club champion award, has been overhauled by the sail committee under Sue Sproule's Leadership. This has been done to try to make participation more attainable for more boats, the details follow:

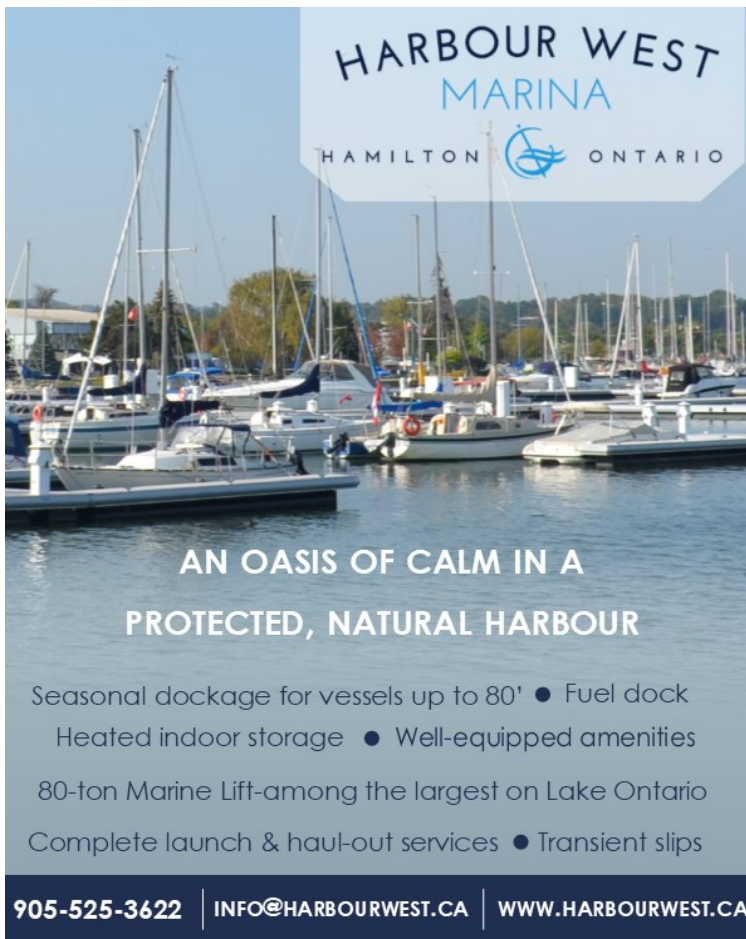
Criteria for the Matalot Trophy were last established in 2015. For events outside of club racing series and Bronte Rocks, these criteria required five boats in a division before points could be earned for the Matalot Trophy (BHYC Fleet Champion). Since then, many of these events have had divisions with fewer than five boats registered, and participants were not given any points.

With a shrinking number of racing boats and wanting to encourage participation in these events, we are removing the five boat requirement and awarding points equal to one more than the number of boats beaten, up to a maximum of 5 for first place, 3 for second place and 1 for third place. To see the revised criteria in full go to the Racing page of the BHYC website.

See you on the water, be safe out there.

Barry

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Dusan Davidovic winner
of Fiasco Regatta.
Trophy presented by Greg Jordan
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**Congratulations to Dusan Davidovic
Winner of 2019 Fiasco Regatta**

MIKE PAULSON CRUISING DIRECTOR

July finally brought our first good weather cruise, with some good sailing thrown in for good measure!!

Seven boats ventured forth to Etobicoke Yacht Club and because there was a threat of thunderstorms on Saturday, two boats decided to leave on Friday and the rest left on Saturday.

The sailing wasn't very good on Friday and it was quite cloudy but the sailors on Saturday reported excellent sailing and all arrived safely.

Shortly after arriving though all hell broke out, the skies darkened, the winds picked up and the heavens opened. It was quite the storm especially since the Ontario 300 had just started. A boat came into the harbour shortly afterwards with the mast broken in half!!

Fortunately, the storm didn't last too long as Saturday evening consisted of a pot luck supper, a great meal was enjoyed by all, followed by an amazing selection of delicious desserts.

Then courtesy of Etobicoke Yacht Club it was time for their annual reggae band to perform, they were a fantastic group and the Bronte Harbour Yacht Club members did the club proud dancing the night away. We think that Ella danced with pretty well everyone at EYC!!

Sunday dawned a beautiful day and when we set off everyone had a fantastic sail home!!

Mike.



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Cruisers having fun at Etobicoke Yacht Club



BARBARA KEELEY-WATT

PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

We had a fun Safety Day Open House on July 13th, a big thank-you to everyone who helped Alex Treiber, Debby Albrecht, Derek Clark, Diana Bissonnette, George Strachan, and Libby Van der Wagen.

The Power & Sail Oakville Squadron visited with us and conducted several Recreational Vessel Courtesy Safety inspections (RVCC). The weather gods cooperated, the water had started to recede, the hamburgers were delicious, and the membership marketing team had a busy time with membership questions. All in all a good day.

Special thanks to Phil, and the team who worked tirelessly in the background putting the club back together in time for the Saturday Open House. (Whew!)

If you missed having a safety check on your vessel, we will plan the Safety Day again for 2020 and try for earlier perhaps May, stay tuned (if the water levels cooperate).

You will notice the video crew around the clubhouse, they are working on our BHYC promotional video. The video will be shown on social media channels and our website, promoting our theme "Get Active on the Water". Several of our members will be interviewed in the coming weeks.

Take a look at new Look Magazine, & BIA Summer brochure. Please support our local Bronte merchants, we are proud to be a part of the Bronte Village.

Our Bronte Rocks Regatta is just a few weeks away, registration is now open at www.bronterocks.com (see the poster elsewhere in the Signal) You don't have to be a racer to enjoy the Bronte Rocks party, buy your dinner tickets, and T-shirts online at www.bronterocks.com. We've got a fantastic regatta planned for Saturday, August 31st including, one big rockin day of course racing, tasty meals, and a kick'n party. Register at <http://www.bronterocks.com>. Registration includes a skipper bag and one free Bronte Rocks T-Shirt. T-Shirts will be on sale in the club house watch announcements for display & purchase hours.

Dan organized the Friday night BBQ in July which was well attended and good fun. He has another BBQ Friday planned for September, this one "Bring your own meat to throw on the Grill", Sides, Salad, and Dessert will be provided.

Just a note about the Signal - the September Signal will be published later than usual, as there will be no October Issue (Editor Vacation!). November will be a bit later too! (Editor will still be on Vacation!)

Wishing everyone a good August, Get ready for Bronte Rocks! Watch for announcements in the next few weeks, we'll be needing help for the on land Bronte Rocks event.

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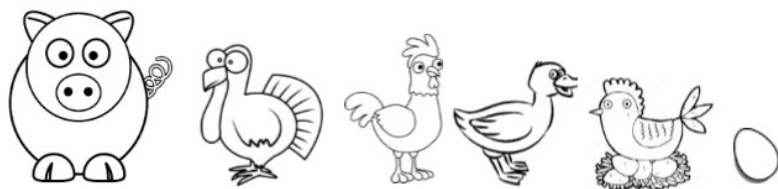


Chicken is Here!

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.

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BHYC Board 2020

Like many other clubs, BHYC is challenged to find members willing to serve on its board. For 2020 we have 8 positions to fill. Fortunately, three incumbent directors have agreed to stand for another term.

The table below provides a clear picture of the overall board situation.

Position	Status for 2020
Commodore	Open
Vice Commodore	Open
RC Sailing	Incumbent Barry Jasper has agreed to stand for another term
RC Power	Dave McLean will be serving second year of term
RC Training	Open
Treasurer	A potential candidate is currently shadowing, candidacy not yet confirmed.
Secretary	Mary Johannesson will be serving second year of term.
Social Director	Dan Laferrière will be serving second year of term.
House Director	Open
Membership Director	Incumbent Ian Coney has agreed to stand another term.
Publicity Director	Incumbent Barbara Keeley-Watt has agreed to stand for another term.
Past Commodore	Peter Kirkwood

The Nominating Committee will be shifting in high gear to recruit candidates for the open position. The current board has a number of initiatives in progress and it is critical we have a complete board for 2020 to see these projects to completion. There are no more words I can add to impress the need to have a complete board for 2020 if we are to continue building a value proposition in a club membership.

If anyone is interested in running or wish to have more information on the main responsibilities associated with each position, please don not hesitate to contact me.

Richard Bissonnette
Past Commodore/ Chair of Nominating Committee
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PHIL GELSHEIMER HOUSE

Anyone who has renovated knows you get surprises, and fixing the club floors was no different. The main entrance proceeded uneventfully but the bar floor was a real handful. Gord Fyfe, Paul Mailer and Mike Mills did a great job of clearing out the bar area of everything on wheels.

The original intention of having the new flooring going around the heavy wheel-less coolers was shattered when Mike correctly pointed out that the floors under them were rotting.

On Sunday Mike devised a scheme of levers to lift the two coolers onto a dolly so that one could be rolled out to the dance floor while the other, still connect to the draft tap lines, could be moved around so flooring could be laid everywhere.

As I was vacationing in Montreal, Mike stepped up and oversaw the folks from Speers Broadloom repair the bar floor. As it was, still more fun was to be had when it was realized the plumbing shut off valves under and around the floor needed to be replaced. Mike brought in a plumber who also fixed the valves as well as our drainage issues. Mike also laid up some laminated board behind the bar so it was no longer unsightly 2x4s, and improvised a bar sink support. Many thanks to Mike for all his efforts!

All this flooring work impacted the wiring of the club alarm, hence ADT came repaired the alarm as well as taking the sailing school office door off the alarm. Now the school can access their office without needing to deactivate the club alarm.

Coming in August will be a repair to the pixilation problem of the bar TV, and the replacement of the worn out door handle on the double doors.

If reading this make you hot and tired, please know members can get bags of ice in the outside freezer in the rear of the club. It is unlocked and you can take your ice, just be sure to complete a chit and leave it in the box in the freezer indicating your member number, name, and number of bags of ice you took. Cost of a bag is \$3.00 and there is no HST applied.

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