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At the November AGM we brought the membership up to speed on the club operations and the financials. We have a strong team on the 2020 board, who will restructure the Sailing School program, which we all agree hit some difficulties for 2019. Welcome to the new board members Mark Hellmann (RC Training), Peter Fuller (House), and Victor Grimble (Treasurer).

On behalf of the board and the membership, we extend a huge thank you to the departing board members for all their hard work. Thanks goes to Phil Gelsheimer, Don Harkness, Dan Laferrière, and Peter Wells.

There are lots of opportunities coming up to enjoy the club including a caroling night and New Years Eve as well the Commodore's Punch Bowl kicks off 2020.

On behalf of the board, Merry Christmas to all !!

It's been a busy past few weeks at the club and I'm grateful for many things that are happening at the club.

Please plan to join in for darts, carol sing and New Year's Eve. In January our famous Commodore's Punch Bowl is not to be missed.

Please be safe over the holidays. Please don't drink and drive !

Happy holidays to all

Peter



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Christmas Sing Along

"Fa la la la laaaaah"

It's time to warm up your pipes! What better way to get in the Christmas spirit.

Date: December 14th

Time: 7:00pm

Join us for an evening of singing Christmas favourites!



New Years Eve at BHYC

**Bring in the New Year and new
decade in Bronte!**

**Say goodbye to 2019
and hello to 2020 at the Club.**

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Tickets will be limited to 50!

Watch announcements for details.

BARRY JASPER RC SAIL

The snow is flying and some of the tarps in the yard are flying too

Half our sailors are focusing on Christmas and the Ski Season to follow, the other half are focusing on the 25th parallel and beyond, warmer climes and plans for travel whichever camp you are in, please enjoy yourselves, and be safe....

Meanwhile the sail committee has met and focused on laying the groundwork for the 2020 season. Next week we will get confirmation of the LORC, LOR, LOSHRS, LYRA, and GHYRA, schedules; and as usual the 2020 BHYC race calendar will be on the website before New Years.

Any new members who want to contribute next year to the Race committee, Sail committee, Rocks committee, Ghyra committee, TGIF, or the cruising programme, please drop me an e-mail to rcsail@bhyc.on.ca

All the hardware has been distributed from awards night, there are still some flags and plaques behind the bar awaiting pick-up.

All the congratulations have been handed out, well done everyone.

Especially to Ron and Sue our Ambassadors of the year, Adrian and his crew for their LO300 victory, and to Jodi the "Ontario Sailing, female sailor of the year".

Many thanks to all the Social folks who pulled off a very Special Night to remember.

May you and all your families, experience all the blessings of the Christmas Season.

Barry

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TURKEY ROLL

46 YEARS AND STILL ROLLING ON!

The 46th Annual Turkey Roll fundraiser held Nov 29th was yet another success. Net proceeds of close to eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) was raised which will be divided amongst the Ian Anderson house Cancer Palliative Care Hospice, Halton Women's Place and Salvation Army Lighthouse, with contributions also made to BHYC's VIP Program and the Junior Sailing program (to help fund places for underprivileged kids).

There are three ingredients in the making of a successful Turkey Roll. One is the many – repeat, many donations big and small that allow for an exciting auction and bountiful raffle prizes. (See the list that follows.) To all of these generous donors, thank you!

Then of course there are the individuals, members and non-members alike, who attended the fun evening and bid enthusiastically during the auction or spend their many loonies and toonies. Let's just say that at the end of the evening the cash box was a heavy lift.

And finally, but most important are the numerous volunteers who pitched in, whether canvassing for donations, cooking the turkeys, setting up the evening, selling tickets, serving the tasty dinner, tidying up afterwards, and much more. Without Ruth Borst, Jodi Munden, Mike Paulson, Sandra Brans, Marg Paulson, Sara MacCorkindale, Lynsey Watt, Barb Dermott, Marion Lyver, Dennis Giokas, Dawn Greville, Beth Stewart, Diana Bissonnette, Joan Spares, Eileen Pratt, Heather Laferriere and Richard Bissonnette it wouldn't have happened.

Until next year!

John McMullen



Turkey Roll 2019 was a great Success!

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MARK HELLMAN, RC TRAINING

Sailing School Update

After a long hiatus from the Board I'm glad to be back in this roll! First of all, I'd like to thank Kevin Corcoran and Peter Wells for all their efforts on this incredible program! It's a time-consuming program guys and I appreciate your efforts!

As a bystander for the past few years I have to admire the race team and all its accomplishments, but I've also noticed the Junior program can use an energy boost! I believe house construction principals apply to many things in life, it all starts with a good foundation, no point putting a nice house on a lousy foundation! I will focus on the Junior program and return the program and its assets back to profitability!

To do this, I will ask you for \$ in the spring to have the CL-14s looked at. When they were purchased for the school maybe 10 years ago, I never thought they would still be here today, but they are, and they need work. I had the boats made stronger than normal CL-14s and the cost to replace these work horses is considerable, I believe money spent on these boats would be well worth it if we get another 3 years from them. The sails are shot, they need glass repairs, trim reattached etc. I will contract this work out!

I will stream line the program, make it smaller, reduce staff and take the emphasis off a "Levels obtained" program to a fun "day camp" where levels are

achieved along the way but the real reason kids are here is to enjoy the water and sailing! Sailing is just part of it, but we need to offer more! I will ask your support to purchase 10 rotomolded SUPs in the spring! I'm a big believer that the fun factor will keep kids returning, and we can increase enrolment and decrease our assets by managing them better. Feel free to talk to me about it at the club if you have any questions. Members will get to use the SUPs this summer on Monday nights! Julie Harkness has offered to assist members who'd like to explore Stand up paddling, those of you with boards or Kayaks can join in as well for another great evening around our club! Adult lessons will return this summer on Monday and Wednesday nights and I'd like to ask all of you to offer to take these adults out on a Wednesday evening or TGIF as a way of introducing these potential members to our club! I'd like to make this night arranged so I can let these students know about it and we can all plan the evening! Perhaps House or Social can tag on here too!

I plan to offer Member's and their family a 25% discount on our programs! Hopefully families and individuals realize membership is worth it!

It's my hope to have the program set and priced by the time you read this so Gift certificates are available in time for Christmas!

Get ready BHYC, 2020 will be a great year!

Mark

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SAILORS' NIGHT

Again, this winter we will be having Sailors' Nights at BHYC every second Thursday evening at 7:00 PM alternating with the Thursday Games Nights.

The first Sailors' Night will be on January 9th. There will be presentation on the Panama Canal. The elaborate history and impressive engineering that went into the construction of the great Panama Canal will be presented in a very interesting film. As well, 6 of our BHYC members who cruised the canal last year will share their experience. Save the date.

Again, this year, I will be organizing the Sailors' Nights and I have a few presentations already being prepared. I would ask any member that may have an interesting sailing subject to share with us, to please contact me. As well, if you have a suggestion for any such presentation, please contact me. Many of our members have considerable expertise or have experienced interesting events that could certainly be of interest.

Jan 9th Construction and history of the Panama Canal and trip through it by BHYC members.

Jan 23rd Still to be determined.

Feb 6th Big Cruising on a Small Boat in the North Channel by BHYC family.

Please contact me at p.mcdougall@lobmail.ca


Peter McDougall




Congratulations to Jodi Munden who was awarded the Ontario Sailing 2019 – Female Sailor of the Year

The award is presented to the female sailor who has achieved results on a Provincial, National, and/or International level, which demonstrated a high level of skill and expertise in her discipline.

Seen here receiving her award 2019 Joanne Abbot Female Sailor of the Year Award Winner Jodi Munden (right) -- Presented by Ontario Sailing Board of Director Daina Morgan (left)



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Games Night on Thursdays is off to a great start! Competition is alive and well in all games of choice. December games are happening on the 5th and 19th from 7pm to 9pm at BHYC. All you need to compete is your favourite game and a munchie to share. A night away from the demands of work life and the season's busyness is a wonderful refresher. All are welcome...come and join in the fun.

Marge Furness

OAKVILLE POWER AND SAIL

Check out the boating courses offered by **Oakville Power and Sail** at boatingcourses.ca/cities/Oakville. This is a great winter activity while updating your boating skills.



BARBARA KEELEY-WATT—PUBLICITY

The BHYC Muskoka chair was auctioned at the annual Turkey Roll and raised over \$ 600 !!

What an amazing journey this little chair's had through our Bronte Community. From our local BIA donating the unassembled chair; Then the BHYC chair was designed and painted by our own Cam Watt; Then displayed on the Bronte Pier to be enjoyed by visitors to our beautiful Bronte Village, organized by Bronte BIA. Last night this little chair raised \$600 at our BHYC 2019 Turkey Roll.

The money raised from the Turkey Roll goes to various local charities, as well as supporting our BHYC Visually Impaired Program, and our sailing program for underprivileged youth Sailors. Thank you to everyone who helped make this happen!

Wishing you and yours Merry Christmas & the very Best for 2020.

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All good things...

Well, here I am. This is my last Signal submission as I throw the torch to Peter Fuller so he may hold it high, but hopefully not too high or we'll be collecting insurance.

I am sure Peter will be a fine new House Director, and most will know Peter as an avid racer, a burgeoning cruiser and no stranger to the clubhouse. Peter has a solid understanding of what he has signed up for given at one time he was BHYC Secretary and interim RC Training director.

Now Peter told me he has zero experience in the hospitality industry, which I take as having 100% experience as a customer. We agree this makes him perfectly qualified in understanding the needs of members and hence perfect for the role.

I have prepared a few notes for him along with a gift box of loose keys, so if you hear jingling behind you this Christmas it is probably not Santa, but Peter trying to figure out which key goes where.

Please join me in welcoming Peter to his new role!

Just a reminder, the clubhouse will be closed December 24th – 26th.

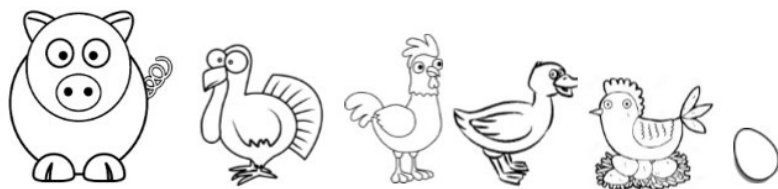
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Chicken is Here!

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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Membership Director *	Ian Coney
Publicity Director *	Barbara Keeley-Watt
Past Commodore*	Richard Bissonnette

This is the official BHYC board for 2020. New board members are Peter Fuller, Victor Grimble, and Mark Hellmann. Welcome to these new board members.

The only position for which no candidate has stepped forward is Social Director. It should be mentioned that there is a complete support committee in place for this position. What is missing is someone willing to sit on the board to represent the social committee and provide coordination of the social activities.

Richard Bissonnette
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