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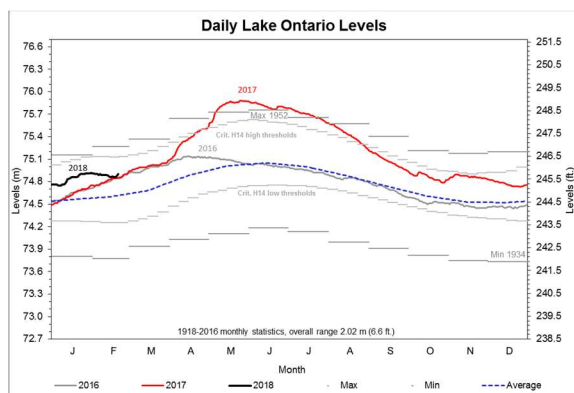
PETER KIRKWOOD Commodore

Report from the Commodore

I'm just back from a week in Florida and visited the Clearwater and St Pete's area for a couple of days. I saw some old friends from 1D Sailing there and was instantly jealous that they are on the water in the middle of winter. I also took in a day of racing courtesy of Stuart Bruce and saw a fleet of 150 lasers racing in the Laser Midwinters. It was an awesome sight to see so many boats racing.

I was, however, glad to come back and see the ice out of the river so spring can't be that far off. The water level does seem a little high Gulp!

The following graph from www.ijc.org shows water levels in early February are slightly higher than at the same time in 2017 and just ticking up a little. The town office indicates water is a foot higher right now than at same time as last year in our river.



I came back to lots of good work being done by your board and their committees and we had a good board meeting on Feb 26. A week late due to the Family Day holiday. We did discuss the Oakville Yacht Squadron lease renegotiation odyssey and they are certainly working hard for their members. Having been through a lease negotiation session a few years ago for BHYC, I am glad that work is behind us. At the time of writing this note, OYS has an agreement with the Town of Oakville and we are happy to see that they will remain a part of the water front in Oakville Harbour.

I'm looking forward to seeing members emerge from winter and get to work on their boats. It's always fun to wander the yard to chat and see what the competition is up to. C'mon Spring!!

Peter

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REINIER VAN DER WAGON Vice Commodore

We are working hard on completing the budget. Part of that process has been to set the fees for our 18 wet moorings, the dry sailing storage, kayaks/ canoes/ paddleboards storage, dinghy storage, trailer storage and locker rentals. Although this is later than we had planned, I am happy to say that we will have agreement on this by March 2, 2018. We have unified the application form as well and these forms will be available early in the week of March 5, 2018. We have done our best to keep the increases as low as possible and you will find that our rates are better than the other clubs in our neighbourhood.

In the interim, would all those who have had a Club wet mooring, stored dry, stored a canoe/kayak/paddleboard with us last year please let me know if you intend to do so again this year. That way, for your loyalty, we will reserve a spot for you. **As interest in these moorings is unusually high, please send me an e-mail at vicecom@bhyc.on.ca before March 9, 2018.**

I am also looking for people to join the following sub-committees: KCP sub-committee (kayak, canoe and paddleboards), Gardening sub-committee and Yard Maintenance sub-committee. This will be a good way to earn your work-party hours in an area that interests you. Again, please send me an e-mail at the abovementioned e-mail address.

Please note that we are planning to hold a safety session for those who work in the yard during launch and you will have to attend this session in order to be allowed to volunteer for this work. We will also be arranging training for those who want to operate the mast crane and who have not received this training as yet and attendance of this training is required in order for you to receive your own key for the crane. We will send out details by e-mail as soon as we have arranged both.

Finally, please go have a look at your boats in the yard. Winter is not quite yet done with us and there are a number of tarps that will last you another season if you go and tighten them up soon.

Remember to contact me if you have any questions.

Reinier

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BARRY JASPER Rear Commodore Sail

Good news, GHYRA has been revived for this year, information, NOR, route, and registration, have all been circulated. Registration is available on the Team App, more information on the facebook page. Any further questions please contact our BHYC rep on the committee Chris Burcher.

Discussions between OYS and BHYC, have resulted in a joint five race series being established. Two Sundays in June at OYS, Two Sundays in September from our existing calendar, plus the Easter Seals race.

Discussions between OYS, BHYC, and OC, and LYRA, have resulted in a tentative proposal for Oakville clubs to jointly host LYRA in 2019.

The commodore has agreed to represent BHYC, at the LORC general meeting, to evaluate whether there is any potential for advancement of BHYC aims and regattas, associated with continuing this membership commitment, and the costs involved.

BHYC club racing NOR and SI'S to be finalized and posted in early March.

Sailors nights have now been finalized for March 8 and 22 and April 5 and 19th, details elsewhere in the signal.

Race Officer training courses are at OYS, March 3rd and 4th.

We are looking forward to reports on Bluewater replacement moving forward.

Barry

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PETER WELLS Rear Commodore of Training

I am pleased to report that the Board gave its approval for the purchase of a new ZIM C420 and a deposit has been paid. We will take delivery of the boat in May in time for the start of the racing program.

We are planning for a Learn to Sail open house on either the 25th or 26th of March. Please watch for a confirmatory announcement on announce@bhyc.on.ca.

Registration is proceeding well with some programs already sold out. I should remind you that the early registration discount evaporates on the 1st of April so please, if you are thinking of register your youngsters in the program, please do so before the end of the month and take advantage of both the members discount and the early bird savings.

Peter Wells

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Sailors Night

March 8 Julie Harness
Discussion and explanation of Dragon Boat racing

March 22 Adrian Hanley
Informative discussion on boat speed

April 5 John Gayford
Preparing and delivering a Beneteau 373 from Bronte to St Martin in 2017

April 22 Crew Night
Skippers invite your crew for a social night for racers. An opportunity also for those people interested in becoming crew on a race boat. Burger, potato salad and/or roasted potato for \$ 5.00 taxes included

Check the online calendar for further details. All events start at 19:00hrs.

Peter McDougall

New Year, New Us

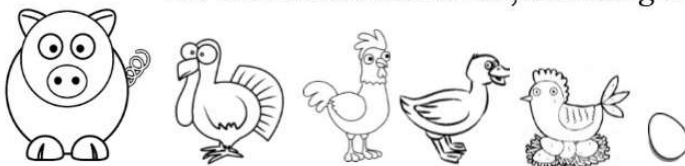
We're busy gearing up for a great 2018 season, both on the water and on the farm. This year we're going to do something a little different, we'd like to feature a recipe every month that is a tried and true favorite or simple boat made meal. As a lot of you know we do a lot of cooking on board, both for cruising and racing. We only use what we have raised here on the farm (minus the occasional Pogo).

This year we will be raising pork, chicken and lamb. We can do custom grows if you contact us soon otherwise we will have a number of packages as well as individual cuts available. We have just gotten back our 2018 pork and have a bit of everything available.

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Bronte - the new guide dog

Bronte, has been donated by Sam & Angel's breeder, Willow Lane Farms, in Memory of Bill Bullard. Bronte is a standard poodle, a Party poodle like Angel.

Bronte is the new addition to the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides, arrived at the training center on Friday, February 9th.

Bronte will be assigned to a family who will teach her the finer social skills, and upon completion Bronte will be enrolled in the formal training part of the program.

We will keep in touch with Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides on Bronte's progress and possibly arrange for Bronte to visit BHYC at one of our events.



Willow Lane Farms bred Bill's dogs and avid sailors Sam and Angel. <http://www.willowlanefarms.com/>



Town to spend \$90,000 holding Oakville Canada Day event for 2018

The town will spend more than \$90,000 holding Oakville's Canada Day celebration for 2018. The majority of council voted Feb. 27 to essentially take ownership of the renowned event, which has been held in the Bronte Village since 1964. The move comes following an announcement by the Bronte Business Improvement Area (BIA) that they would not be holding the celebration due to the costs involved. Bronte BIA executive director Ann Sargent said the 2017 festival cost around \$178,000 to hold.

The event has been steadily growing in scale since 2009, with organizers estimating the Canada Day celebration now draws a crowd of at least 50,000. Before the Bronte BIA made the announcement, Sargent had asked for a town contribution of \$88,000 for the 2018 celebration. The town's director of recreation and culture, Nina de Vaal, said other logistical supports the BIA was asking for would have put the total funding request well above \$100,000. The 2018 budget committee voted to provide the BIA with a \$15,000 event grant, \$25,000 worth of support and \$1,500 worth of fee waivers. Sargent noted this was not sufficient and that the Bronte BIA could not hold the celebration any longer if this was all that would be offered. Oakville Mayor Rob Burton says he doesn't like the idea of the celebration simply not being held this year.

"I'm going to support this because I don't want to skip Canada Day," he said. Town staff are currently looking at holding a modified evening event, focusing on fireworks at the Bronte Heritage Waterfront Park. While no significant entertainment, aside from the fireworks, would be provided, staff recommends a variety of small-scale, low-cost activities for the event.

These activities could include: Musical and cultural performances by various community groups at the Pavilion in Bronte Heritage Waterfront Park; A selection of food trucks and vendors on-site. Passive-play games, materials and equipment (for example, outdoor board games, Frisbees, sidewalk chalk, etc.); Roaming performers (such as buskers, dancers, magicians); Community information and outreach booths.....

Except from News Feb 28, 2018 by [David Lea](#) Oakville Beaver

Friday Night Appetiser Night



JOAN SPARES Social Director

What a great sushi making group we had on Saturday, February 3rd! After a hour plus of learning, filling, rolling, and cutting, AND a few bites of John's nigiri, our newly qualified sushi makers were able to enjoy a delicious meal. This comprised of (homemade) miso soup, mango salad, maki (freshly prepared by themselves!) and ice cream.

It was a busy weekend at BHYC... on Sunday, we had another group meeting for Super Bowl and a potluck to share. Thank you, Peter, for hosting a Commodore's Super Bowl Party!

A big thank you goes out to the groups who have prepared appetizers for Friday nights this year. It really gives us something to look forward to at the end of the week. We hope to see this continuing on through to the start April. Contact Social to sign up for a Friday night in March: We still need members for two more Friday nights.

And now it's March! Already! How lucky we are to be celebrating St. Paddy's ON St. Paddy's Day this year. Sign up at the Club for your tickets soon; the price is the same as last year (\$15). Check for details on the poster in the February Signal and those posters around the Club.

As well, look for the Bluewater email on the Cruisers' Potluck (which invites current, past and wannabe Cruisers!). This will be happening later in March.

And as the Irish say... " May you live to be 100 years, with one extra year to repent!

Joan

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Top 'o the Mornin' to you, me Darlin's!

Yes, there are just a few weeks left before we celebrate Irish culture with fun, special foods and a whole lot of green!

At BHYC, we will be partying with the best of them on St. Patrick's Day and we need volunteers!

If that means YOU, then contact
Joan Spares at social@bhyc.on.ca or 905-616-4037

And...

“As you slide down the banisters of life may the splinters never point the wrong way.” (An Irish saying)



BARBARA KEELEY-WATT
Publicity Director

February was another busy month for the board preparing the club budget for the coming year.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the Regalia survey, we now have a good feel for the styles and colours that most members would like to wear. A Spring and Fall custom Regalia order is the 2018 plan. We are hoping to start taking Spring Regalia orders early April for delivery in May in time for Sail Past June 9. Watch your inbox for the Regalia announcements.

The new 2018 sponsor advertisements are now up and running in the Signal. A big thank you to all our sponsors, please support our advertising sponsors whenever you can, they are an integral part of our club community.

The online calendar is routinely updated with club activities, check regularly for event updates, Sailors Nights and Games Nights will be running through the month of March.

A tentative date of Saturday, May 26 has been set for an BHYC Open House & also a yard sale & BBQ lunch. This will be a great opportunity to sort out your boating gear and sell of what you don't need. The yard sale will take place on the front lawn, tables will be limited so please book your spot with me. Tentative timing 1100-1400hrs, hamburgers and hot dogs for lunch. Stay tuned for more details.

Don't forget to send me your photos that you would like published in the Signal.

Have a good March everyone!

Barbara

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STEIN PEDERSEN House
Director

Club Lockers. Sailing season is almost here. The club lockers will be available for rental for all members, sailing school, and paddlers. Application forms are part of the mooring/dry sail forms. Lockers will be cleaned out at the end of March. Contents not spoken for will be part of a rummage sale.

If you have any questions, my cell no. is 416 407-9021.

Cheers,

Stein

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Massive Log Jam north of bridge

Brian Bennett submitted this photo showing the log jam up the Bronte Creek, north of the bridge on February 22. The following day the logs were washed down river and out to the lake.



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