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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

Gosh its time – already – to start thinking about putting away our toys. Board members are hard at work already planning for another efficient and well managed haul out day or two.

We have had some very good racing this fall in the pursuit race and Sunday club races. The fourth Oakville Challenge Cup was hosted on September 23 with one more race in the series on Sept 30. The OCC was for the most part well run but as expected we ran into a few administrative challenges but all being well, we will run this again next year. Its fun to plan things with our friends in the other Oakville River.

Looking forward to next season with the LYRA regatta coming to Oakville for the first time, we are working hard at finding ways to create space in the harbour for a lot of boats. The cruising division will be working hard to arrange for reserved spaces for interested cruisers at other clubs around the lake - stay tuned and think about the timing of your cruising vacation – it at all possible.

Lots of fun activities will be starting up soon for the winter – check the calendar for times of things that interest you.

Fair winds and following seas

Peter

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R E I N I E R V A N D E R W A G O N
V i c e C o m m o d o r e

Haul-out is scheduled to take place on Saturday, October 20, 2018 and Sunday, October 21, 2018. Haul-out and Storing applications are available in the Clubhouse as well as on-line. Work party signup sheets will be going up on the downstairs noticeboard around October 4, 2018.

Cradle layout will take place in the late afternoon on October 10, 2018 and October 11, 2018. Please let me know if you are helping with this or put your name down on the signup sheet, which will also be posted on the downstairs noticeboard around October 4, 2018. Please schedule any repairs to your cradle requires to take place between October 11, 2018 and October 18, 2018. Make sure your name, your boat's name as well as the "stern" and "bow" ends of the cradle is clearly marked. Remember to erect your cradle by October 19, 2018 but only insert your pads on the day that you are scheduled to be hauled out.

I would like to remind those members who intend to compete in the Die-hards Regatta and who have their masts un-stepped by the Town, to make a mast un-stepping reservation right away with the Town for either the 15th or the 16th of October as the Harbour staff will be hauling out boats at the Oakville harbour on the 17th, 18th and 19th of October. As a result, no work will be taking place in the Bronte harbour yard.

We will be re-grading the parking lot during the day on October 10, 2018. This is overdue, and we are only getting one shot at this. Please make sure that you don't have a car, boat, trailer, etc. parked in the parking lot on that day as we will only have this opportunity on that day.

It's going to be a busy month! Any questions or suggestions, please send me an e-mail at vicecom@bhyc.on.ca.

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In early August, our BHYC "Sip 'n Stitchers" lost a member of our group and a dear friend to many in BHYC: Christel Bullen. Christel was very talented in crochet and needlework and her own designs for crocheted garments and afghans reflected this talent and her creativity. Christel had many skeins of yarn that she hadn't even begun to use and so, with Colin's encouragement, the Sip'n Stitchers (plus other friends) began an undertaking: to use the yarn to crochet (specifically crochet) afghans and donate them to the chemo and renal units at Credit Valley Hospital where Christel was a patient. At least one member of Sip'n Stitch had been knitting for several years now but had never crocheted. She learned under Pat Dewar's patient tutelage! Pat has been a guiding light throughout this project: she and Alex Treiber have inspired us to work hard towards honouring Christel's memory. In these photos you see us hard at work on one of the completed afghans.



MARY ELLEN BOCKLER Secretary

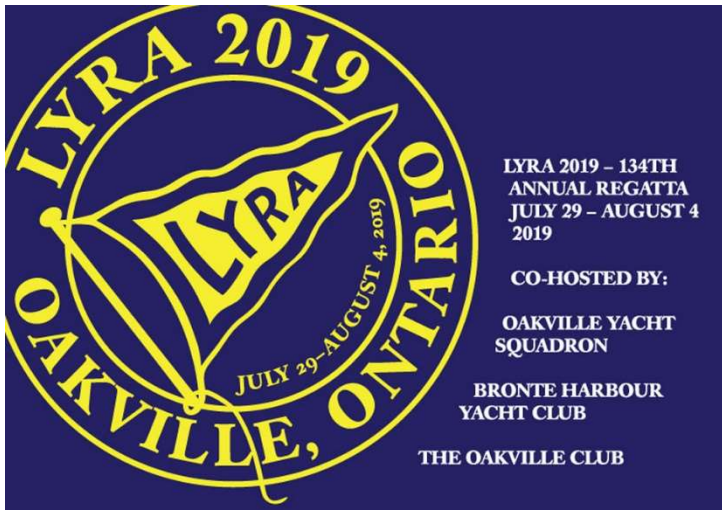
It may seem strange to be thinking summer vacation in October, but if you are starting to plan your cruising schedule for 2019, the last week of July and the first week of August are usually a great time to go. The weather tends to be very agreeable, warm and sunny.

Now you may ask “why am I trying to get you to vacation these particular weeks?” Hopefully you have noticed the signs around the club and read that Oakville will be hosting LYRA in 2019. Bronte Harbour Yacht Club, Oakville Club, and Oakville Yacht Squadron are co-hosting. This is a large week-long event with the possibility of up to 100 boats that will need a place to dock for a week. The actual event is from **July 28th to August 4th**. so if you are planning a fun cruise this summer with family and friends, this would be great time to go. We will be looking for every available vacant slip in Oakville to house boats. If your boat is in the outer harbour we will be looking for spots there as well.

Finding space for regattas is always a challenge so this is why we thought we would be proactive and if you haven't settled on dates for you cruise next summer we would love it if you would keep these dates in mind.

Mary Ellen

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Maybe because we know fall is coming and that soon enough winter will follow, any day in September that we boaters can be on the lake is a gift.

On a Saturday morning in mid-September the BHYC paddlers launched their kayaks and canoes to enjoy one of those days. We had the yard to ourselves and were on the water by 8 a.m.

It was so quiet in the harbour that it was a surprise to see all the activity on the Bronte pier and break wall where fishermen were casting their lines. Further out past the lighthouse we could see the small boats with even more early risers hoping for a catch.

The water was calm and there was a light haze as we paddled past Bronte Beach and the houses on the shore heading toward the Shell pier.

After we got back to the yard, put our canoes and kayaks back on the storage racks or on top of our vehicles, we headed to El Spero's for coffee and a hearty breakfast.

Our next event is Sat. Oct. 6th. We'll meet in the club yard at 9 a.m. for a paddle followed by brunch at El Spero's.

Paddling Committee
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PHIL GELSHEIMER House Director

The process of how the club house was booked for club events and external rentals has been problematic with a past history of double bookings, leaving members no place to mingle. This came to a head recently when the club house was inadvertently triple booked. There was a baby shower rental upstairs, a member's birthday party downstairs, and Sunday race sailors coming in for after race food and drink.

Fortunately the weather was good for sitting at picnic tables, but still it was stressful for all. Many thanks to Sharon Hyde for keeping things going upstairs, and to Dan Lafferriere and Stephen Firth for pitching in to help on the lower level!

To keep this from happening again, how the club house is booked is changing. Gone will be the schedule in a binder behind the bar, and instead members and Directors who wish to book the club house need only email reservation@bhyc.on.ca and our friendly House Manager, Peter Howard, will respond and take care of you. The club website's calendar will show all club house bookings and external rentals.

It will take couple weeks to get fully implemented, but multiple bookings at the same time should soon become a thing of the past.

Safety is paramount to the club, and I noticed we have a very nice automated external defibrillator (AED) behind the bar (that thing on the wall that can restart your heart).

Most members don't know how to use it, so the Club arranged AED training on November 3rd as well as CPR and emergency first aid. Taught by a certified Red Cross partner, the group discount keeps the cost to only \$75 + HST per person. At the end you will get a Class C certification which covers adult, child and infant resuscitation. Attendance is limited, but some spots are still available as I write this article. Just ask at the bar to book yourself... or your buddy, so they can save your life one day!

Phil

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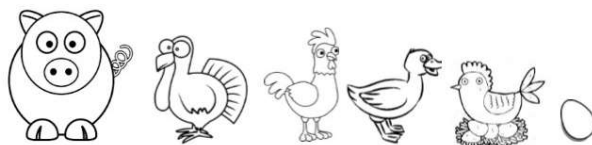
Note: Club Winter Hours will be start November 1.

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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Hard to believe that we are into fall, the last club race and the last Challenge cup race are in the record books. Many thanks to all our participants, to all the many race committee, sail committee, and other volunteers for making it all happen.....again.....week after week of dedication.

Next weekend I will be celebrating Thanksgiving in Nova Scotia....

But, the race calendar will continue, with the Saturday TURKEY RACE, Dusan will be looking after the on the water activities and Dawn has promised to look after the prize. Many thanks to them for looking after this fun outing.

Sunday will be the final wrap up of the SUNDAY STROLL RACE SERIES, many thanks to Dusan and Jamie for organising this series.

That only leaves two more sailing events for this year.

October 13 – 14th DIEHARDS REGATTA don't miss it.

November 17th AWARDS NIGHT. (watch the email announcement for ticket sales)

This year this event will be held at BHYC, I know that Prime Rib and a DJ are involved as well as a multitude of cups and flags, but I will let Joan and Dawn give you all the details.

We are in the home stretch, last chance to come out and enjoy the lake, and all the challenges it offers.

See you on the water, be safe, have fun out there.....

Barry

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IAN CONEY
Membership Director

As the sailing season is rapidly drawing to a close, I hope that everyone had a great season on the water. I continue to be encouraged by the number of inquiries for membership.

Please welcome Jonathan Stanton-Humphries and Kevin Richards who joined us in September. New members are still signing up!

I want to remind all that if you haven't fulfilled your volunteer hour obligations, please do so before the end of the year as \$35.00 per hour for unfulfilled volunteer hours can get expensive very quickly.

A happy and safe Thanksgiving to everyone.

IAN

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RICHARD BISSONNETTE
Past Commodore / Chair of
Nominating Committee

BHyc Needs You

It is that time of the year again; 4 board positions need to be filled. This is the opportunity for members to step forward and participate in creating value in a BHyc membership.

Like many clubs, we are facing some challenges and it is paramount we have a strong board in place to meet these challenges. This is your chance to make a difference. There is much satisfaction in serving on the board and contribute to the smooth running of the club.

The opened positions are:

- Rear Commodore of Sail
- Rear Commodore of Power
- Secretary
- Social Director

If any of these positions are of interest to you and wish to find out more; please do not hesitate to contact me.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Richard

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JOAN SPARES
Social Director

As summer winds to an end, so do our Club Races (and after race food!). A big thank you (again) to the team of Dan and Steve for preparing food for after our Sunday races, as well as to Dawn for her assistance in "Wing Day"!

For Haul out, Dan and Steve will be preparing a lunch; more information on what this includes will be provided with be sent out closer to the date. Even if you don't have a boat, come in and enjoy lunch in the Club!

Starting in November, Games nights return on Thursdays. However, on FRIDAY, October 26, Marge, Barb and Trudy will give a teaser of what is to come with a "Munchies and Games" night. Hope to see you there! The dates of other Games Nights will be posted on the BHyc calendar, but they are usually held every other week.

Another point (or is that "pint") to raise... darts! Hopefully, you have kept your skills sharp (ouch), because beginning November 7, it's the return of Wednesday darts night. From 7 to 9:30, that competitive spirit that we see on the lake will be in full force in the club! AIM to be there...

Can we really be talking about Christmas already? Yes! You have plenty of time to keep Friday, December 14th open. That night, you will be able to whet your whistle and tune your pipes! That is the date of our annual Christmas Singalong. Put it in your calendar!

Friday Night Appetizers will start up again in the new year. More information on this will be in subsequent Signal publications.

(Check the online calendar for these events.)

Joan

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BHVC Board Positions Open for 2019

Rear Commodore of Sail

Rear commodore of Power

Secretary

Social Director

This is great opportunity to step away from the sidelines and actively participate in the running of your club.

If you are interested and wish to have more information, contact Richard Bissonnette
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BARBARA KEELEY-WATT

Publicity Director

October already and my boat was hauled to her winter storage location in that howling gale Sept 24! By the time you read this I will be off on my 5-week vacation exploring the Highlands & Islands of Scotland. Wet weather gear is packed!

A new **online reservation system for visiting** boats with reciprocal privileges is in the final stages of design and will be the coordinated efforts of Vice Commodore & RC Power to fit visitors with available docks. We will need everybody to make this work by making sure you notify the club when your boat leaves on vacation and how many days your dock will be available for visitors. Stay tuned for updates on this.

The 2019 advertising and sponsorship program will be ready late November and we are planning some exciting changes to give our advertisers and sponsors maximum exposure throughout 2019. I will need some assistance in this area, anyone with marketing / sales experience interested in helping out please give me a whistle! Show your support to our local sponsors and advertisers listed in the newsletter – their help is much appreciated.

Have a great October Everyone – Happy Thanksgiving

Barbara

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Help keep Turkey Roll rolling!

Turkey Roll is BHYC's premier fundraiser and our way of giving back to the community. This November 30th will be the 45th consecutive year BHYC has presented Turkey Roll. However, to ensure that this year is a success, and that we can continue to present Turkey Roll in years to come, we need volunteers – to help with preparations, with canvassing for donations, and with the many tasks the night of this fun event. Without this necessary support, Turkey Roll may falter.

To help continue the TR tradition, volunteer your services by contacting John McMullen at john.mcmullen@teksavvy.com or by phone 905-635-4162.

MIKE PAULSON Cruising

On September 17th we had our first planning meeting for the 2019 cruising season. We discussed dates and destinations and with LYRA coming to Oakville this year we are planning a cruise to either Cathedral Bluffs, Ashbridges Bay or Highland Yacht Club to free up slips for visiting boats. If any other club members are going to be away on vacation during the week of July 29th - August 4th please sign your boat out.

If any members are interested in joining the "Cruising Crew" (helping organize cruises) send me an email and I'll inform you of upcoming meetings.

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Mike

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Friday, November 30, 2018

Dinner at 6:00 PM

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- **Halton Women's Place**
- **Oakville Salvation Army's Lighthouse**
- **Ian Anderson House Cancer Palliative Care Hospice**

Support is also provided to BHYC's signature Visually Impaired Program (VIP) and to the Junior Sailing Program to sponsor spots for underprivileged kids.

Please support this highly worthwhile effort by donating:

- **Gift cards**
- **Products or services**
- **Cash (with which we purchase yet more raffle prizes)**

For more information, to make a donation, *or to volunteer*, please contact John McMullen at 905-635-4162 or john.mcmullen@teksavvy.com

Games Night Teaser & Appetizer Night

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*September Sailing Photos
Thanks Grad Dewar*



BHYC 56th Anniversary Awards Night

Friday November 17th

Bronte Harbour Yacht Club

Cocktails 17:00

Dinner 18:00

Menu

Starter

Roasted Butternut Squash Salad with warm Cider Vinaigrette

Entrée

Prime Rib

OR

Chicken Parmesan

accompanied by Roasted Potatoes, Grilled Mixed Peppers,

&

Brussels Sprouts with Bacon and Onions

Dessert

Chocolate Mousse with Fresh Raspberries

Coffee/Tea

\$ 35 per person

Please inquire if you have special dietary requests.

Awards Presentation following supper and then the floor is yours!

You can dance up a storm until midnight with music provided by our Awards Night deejay, Neil!

Watch your email inbox in October for the ticket announcement.

Tickets are limited this year; there will only be 72 seats available.

PETER WELLS

Rear Commodore Training

The racing program is now over as far as regattas are concerned but the teams will continue to train on Saturdays as long as the weather holds which in the past has sometimes allowed sailing in November to these hardy souls! The club has purchased another C420, this time a used one which comes with a lot of ancillary equipment and, depending on the enrollment in the racing program next year, we may be moving one or two of the older racing boats to the Learn to Sail program and retiring the oldest Learn to Sail boat which are now 14 years old.

A work part was held on the morning of the 29th September to put away all the Learn to Sail boats that are still in the yard and the coach boats other than those required for the continuing training.

I attended the meeting of the Working Group, lead by Mark Gilesie of Etobicoke Yacht Club which is trying to get the Ontario Sailing Association (OSA) to make it easier both in cost and time for young sailors to qualify themselves as instructors. The group has come up with numerous suggestions that will be presented to the OSA on the 18th of October and I expect to be at that meeting and be able to report the outcome to the membership in the November Signal

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