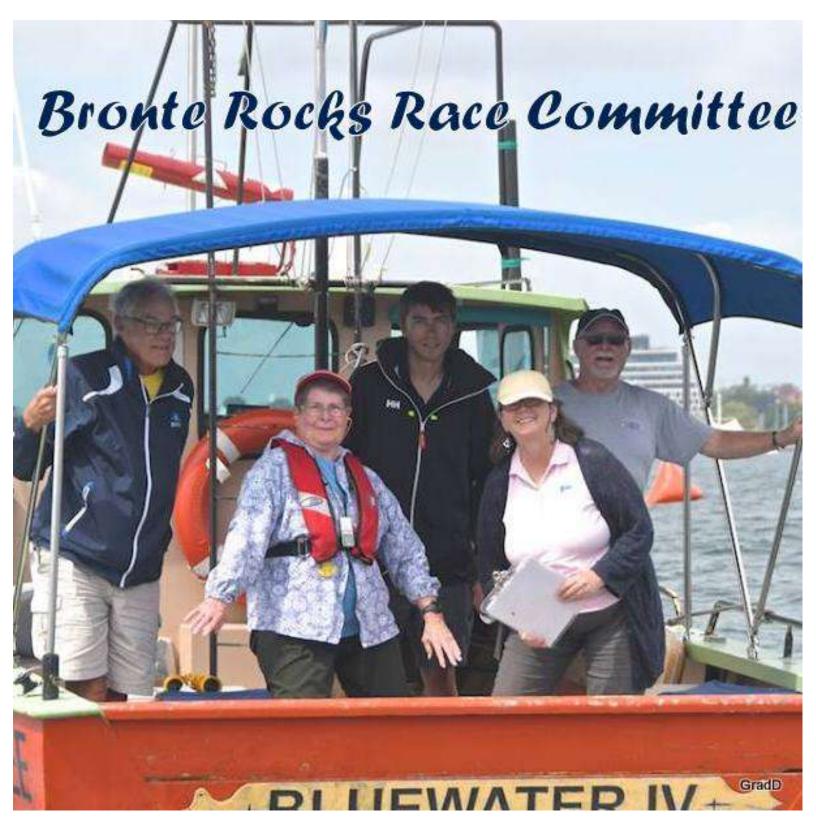
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PETER KIRKWOOD Commodore Vice Commo

Just wrapping up another fun Bronte Rocks. Congratulations to the entire Rocks committee for their tireless efforts to put on a good regatta. Job well done.

Kudos to the race committee and PRO Sam Thompson for running 3 races Saturday in difficult conditions. Terrific work on the water.

As noted at the awards presentation we will be modifying this regatta next year as BHYC is hosting, along with OYS and Oakville Club, the Lake Yacht Racing Association Annual Regatta. We will get to welcome participants from all over Lake Ontario. LYRA regatta will also join up with Easter Seals for this event. It promises to be really great!

Fall is upon us. We shift now to a different race schedule and the cooler weather will soon be upon us. Take every advantage to get the best use of your boat

Fair winds and following seas

Peter

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Labour Day and the Bronte Rocks regatta are gone. That leads us to thinking about Haul-out, which is now confirmed as taking place on October 20 and 21. You will have seen the e-mail from the Barry Jasper, RC Sail, concerning those members who intend to compete in the Die-hards Regatta and who have their masts un-stepped by the Town. We are asking these members 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.

Haul-out and Storing applications will be available in the Clubhouse by the end of the week and on-line shortly thereafter.

I would like to thank those members who came out on 26th of September to tidy up the outside of the Clubhouse, the deck and the yard in preparation for Bronte Rocks. It is clear what a difference you made.

We have discovered that at least four beams that support our deck were extremely rotten. Two were replaced before Bronte Rocks and the other two will be replaced by the end of this week.

Any questions or suggestions, please send me an e-mail at vicecom@bhyc.on.ca.

Reinier.





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DON HARKNESS Treasurer

I hope everyone has had a great summer.

We have added a new method for members to pay their invoices. Effective immediately you may make payments on your account through your online banking portal via an Interac e-Transfer. Simply add payments@bhyc.on.ca as the recipient and indicate your membership number and details of what you are paying (i.e. house, storage, etc.) in the comments section. Your payment will be automatically deposited into BHYC's account and a notification sent to our bookkeeper. There is no need to create and send a password to the recipient. Alternatively, you can still pay by cash, credit or debit at the club bar. Cheques are always welcome as well.

BHYC is a volunteer club and depends on its members to perform most of the activities and services that we all have come to enjoy. In order to ensure everyone has an update of their 2018 work party hours to date, I will be posting a printout on the bulletin board located in the club front entrance the first week in September. It will include all hours recorded online but may be missing some of the most recent hours submitted via paper chits which may still be in the process of being entered. The list will include a description of the activities performed and the corresponding dates by membership number but will not include your name. I will try to post an updated list in early October as well. Any member who is short hours will receive an invoice for the missing hours (\$35/hr.) early in 2019.

There is no shortage of tasks to be completed throughout the year which cover a wide spectrum of member interests and talents. For example, haul out is the next big labour intensive activity the club runs in late October. If you have any concerns about how to complete your volunteer hours, please speak to any member of the board of directors who will be happy to help you find a spot to volunteer.

Don

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So why is there a picture of a scrumptious breakfast shown in this article?

The BHYC Paddling Group met August 27th and discussed activities for paddlers and how to reach out to more paddlers both within the club, and elsewhere. It was a great discussion and some good ideas were discussed.

Our first get-together has been planned for September 15th. We'll meet at the club at 8am for a nice paddle up the creek, and then head to El Spero for a tasty breakfast. If weather is inclement, we'll just start breakfast earlier.

If you couldn't make the meeting but would like to join us, please come down as we'd love for you to join us!

Paddle, paddle, breakfast!

Paddling Committee paddler@bhyc.on.ca



PHIL GELSHEIMER House Director

It's August and that only means Bronte Rocks is coming. Trying to put our best face forward numerous improvements where made including holes in interior walls were patched and painted, along with a big cleanup day where a team gave those walls a good scrub. Grime and marks disappeared, and the place looked so much brighter. Thanks to Doug Houston, Victor Grimble, Mary Johannesson, Joan Spares, Richard Bissonnette, and Rob Bodner for their excellent efforts.

Naturally, as any big event approaches, providence dictates things must go wrong. In the days right before the start of Bronte Rocks the Margaritaville outdoor freezer died prompting quick assistance by Rob Bodner to get it replaced, On the Thursday night before Bronte Rocks, a blocked drain resulted in gallons of water being backed up and flushing through the women's bathroom ceiling. Fortunately, Joan and Sam Spares leapt to action manning mops and buckets to stabilize the women's room. A plumber came in early Friday and cleared the drain out, so we were good to go for the long weekend.

Little things have been taken care of such as stained ceiling tiles replaced throughout, tiles repaired, shower curtains up again, even a toilet seat replaced. These are small things but help make the club feel better maintained.



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Sip 'N Stitch Changeover

After Labour Day comes our changeover day to accommodate darts on Wednesdays and Sailor's and Games nights on Thursdays.

So, Wednesday, September 5th will be our last and will changeover to Tuesday. September 11th.

If you don't have any needles or yarn to start off - please let me and we will dig into our bag of tricks to start you off.

Cheers See you all soon. **Diana Bissonnette**



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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Bronte Rocks was a great success......

Many, many thanks to everyone, who contributed, and were part of a huge volunteer effort. Especially to Mariella Carvallo who headed up the on the land activities, Mike Paulson who set up all the infrastructure, Cam Watt who managed the website, Alan Prits who looked after registration, Barbara Keeley-Watt who kept the event in the public eye by all forms of publicity, Ruth Borst who canvassed the local merchants. Joan Spares and her team who assisted with the food. Peter Howard and all the bar staff who worked tirelessly, Laura and her crew in Margaritaville, Sam Thompson our visiting race officer, all our regular race committee, who don't just do this for one event, but every week of the season, John O'Dwyer our visiting Protest Chair, Robert and Jason our dock-masters, who squeezed a lot of big boats into small spaces, Sue and Peter who took care of the flags and trophies, everyone who helped with the clean-ups, serving, cooking, dance floor set-up, and the great silent auction, the Regalia team who sold BR T-Shirts, and anyone else who I have missed.

Many thanks to everyone who competed or acted as an ambassador by competing at other club's regattas, those who moved their boats to make room for visitors, and for the Town staff who were helpful finding slips.

But, and it is a big but, most of all, thank you to all our sponsors, those who donated cash, or product, or services, or tickets; or sewed, or quilted, or painted, or carved; without whom it would not all be possible.

Looking forward to September......

Club racing fall series, Sundays, first gun 1.00

Sept 9 and 23 Oakville challenge cup again at 1.00

Sept 22 Pursuit Race, first gun is a mystery

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

Barry

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JOAN SPARES Social Director

With the summer fast coming to an end, we are looking at dinners and events that will keep us moving until next summer!

Tuesday/Thursday races have ended but we will continue to offer food after many of the Sunday races.

Keep an ear out for what we will be offering on Sundays... and remember! You don't have to be racing to come in and enjoy our offerings. Almost all are "XXX and a pint" for \$10. How can you go wrong!?

Joan social@bhyc.on.ca

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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PETER WELLS Rear Commodore of Training

The Sailing School Program is now complete, and our instructors/coaches have put all the Learn to Sail dinghies away. We have taken inventory on the boats to see what needs to be repaired or replaced.

Our final Registration was at 85% of capacity in the Learn to Sail program while the Racing Program remained at 77% of capacity with the single handed (Laser) fleet at two being the main area of overcapacity. The Learn to Sail and Racing Program had a very successful combined Awards Banquet in the clubhouse on the evening of the 22nd of August and I would like to thank Kevin Corcoran very much, the past RC of Sail for emceeing the event and Richard Bissonnette our Past Commodore for doing a great job of selling raffle tickets as he raised well over \$200. I would like to thank Ally Dandy, Head Coach and all the Instructors for putting on an excellent Learn to Sail program.

As noted previously, we had lots of good feedback from our young sailors and I have high hopes that we will have an even higher enrollment next year and lots of sailors going on to the racing program. The Racing Program will be continuing until the end of October weather permitting. As reported by Ally, some of our racers have had great success in recent regattas and the team will be taking part in more regatta's in September so we are wishing them well and looking for more podium performances.

I have been a member of a working group spearheaded by Mark Gillespie of Etobicoke Yacht club which is planning to bring to the Ontario Sailing Association's attention methods for reducing the current high cost, both in time and money, to young sailors for qualifying themselves as instructors for learn to sail programs. I expect to call in for the next meeting on 21st of September and for the presentation to the OSA on the 18th of October. If anyone has any thoughts or suggestions about this, please bring them to my attention at your earliest convenience.

Peter Wells

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BHYC 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 em: pastcom@bhyc.on.ca

BARBARA KEELEY-WATT Publicity Director

Gosh can you believe it's September already and we're starting to organize haul out! Where did the summer go.....!

There are several projects on the go with the BHYC website and the wufoo support platform where customized BHYC online forms can be built to suit. For those that participated in the Bronte Rocks Regatta registrations were set up online through the website and the collection of this data enabled efficient regatta communications via email, to the participants (providing they included their email address of cours!). The si's, NOR, event schedule, and yes even race results were gathered via the website. After the regatta a final communication was sent to the participants with access to the race results, and regatta photos through facebook. A follow up survey will be sent to competitors requesting feedback on the regatta.

You can check out the photos from Bronte Rocks on our BHYC facebook page, thank you to Grad for the great photos, some of which you will find in the September issue of the Signal. We're using facebook and twitter to communicate many of the club activities, check in on the BHYC page to see the advertising and posters for the club events.

Make sure you keep your Workparty hours up to date, log them on the website. Let me know if you need help email at publicity@bhyc.on.ca.

A committee has been formed, and we are reviewing the various systems in use at the club (and there are several). We'll keep you updated with the progress as we consolidate and streamline the club information. Hopefully we can move some of the paper forms to the BHYC online system very soon. Stay tuned for updates.

A huge thank you to all the Bronte Rocks Sponsors and to our local merchants, and to all who donated gifts for the silent auction. You can find a full list of the sponsors in this issue. Special thank you to our talented members; Pat Dewar for all the beautiful crochet work you do and to Sue Sproule - did everyone see her beautiful paintings?

Sponsorship and Advertising for 2019 has begun, packages are available for advertising in the The Signal, The Roster, and event advertising. Email me at publicity@bhyc.on.ca and we can chat about a custom advertising package for your company or product.

Get ready for the Games Night, they will be back again this year and I'm told by Marge Furness, this year we can expect competitions.

Don't forget to keep the club updated with any changes to your contact information, we want to make sure you have the latest news on events and activities.

Have a good September everyone

Barbara

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