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PETER KIRKWOOD COMMODORE

It has been an eventful summer at BHYC to say the least ... I am very proud of the efforts made by the club to put on a good show for LYRA and Bronte Rocks was excellent as well on the racing front.

As you know, we also had some issues at the sailing school which is pointing us to review the program and ensure it is operating well for next season. Thanks to many members who have reached out to be a part of the sailing school.

Fall is here and haul out is just around the corner. Please make sure you have connected with the club on hauling out your boat and arranging for winter storage.

There are still opportunities to make use of your boat. There are more Sunday club races, the Pursuit Race, one of my favourite events, as well as the Turkey Race and Die Hards Regatta. There is one race in the Oakville Challenge Cup remaining and Sunday Stroll as well. I urge you all to continue to get on the water and have fun before our attention turns to winter activities.

Please make note of the upcoming AGM on November 28. There are still some board positions available and if you are like me and hate to keep track of volunteer time, a board position solves that problem for your whole term in office!

Truly the current board is working well together which makes the club run well. Feel free to put your hand up for any area that suits you.

Have fun on the water and be safe out there.

Peter

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REINIER VAN DER WAGEN VICE COMMODORE

The high lake levels are now a distant memory. Thank you to all of you who came to get rid of the sand bags and tidy up the area around the crane. We will be applying additional screenings to the area that was underwater to cover the silt that was left behind and which turns into a mess each time it rains.

Thank you to the four members who came on the Saturday and during the week before Bronte Rocks to tidy up the flower gardens and yard around the clubhouse and clean the outside ice fridge. Finally, thank you to those of you who arrived almost instantaneously on my appeal to empty and clean the garbage cans after Bronte Rocks.

The roof over the door to the west side of the deck has been replaced. It is structurally sound now and looks a lot better to boot.

The rotted exterior window frames have been sealed and capped and we will do our best to replace the two windows on the southwest corner before the winter comes.

We will be posting the winter storage applications on the website in the next week or so. The applications will be fillable and payable on-line. This worked well for the dry sailing and club mooring applications in the spring and we will not be using paper application forms anymore.

Haul-out is scheduled for October 26, 2019 and October 27, 2019. It is my intention to unstack the cradles about two weeks before these dates to facilitate cradle repairs.

As always, please send any suggestions, questions and queries to me at vicecom@bhyc.on.ca.

Reinier





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Cames Night Teaset

Come and experience games and munchies on Friday, October 25, at 6:00pm

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Thursday, November 7th & 21st
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BARRY JASPER RC SAIL

The month of August overflowed with sailing activities right into September. Many of our cruisers took off for distant parts, and those that stayed enjoyed 3 organised weekend outings to Mimico, Fifty point and Newport. When Mike Paulson took over as cruise director 3 years ago, it was a high water year, and it was a real struggle to find destinations that would accept us. This year was a high water year too, but all the contacts and communication avenues are no longer a mystery to Mike, and he did a superb job of stick handling around the obstacles to put on a great programme. Well done Mike.

One more on the schedule September 21-22 to Lakeshore, make sure to put it in your calendar. Let's make the most of a rapidly disappearing season.

There are separate photo collages of many racing events in this edition, giving recognition to the victors. Just my job now to recognize all the volunteers who worked in the background to make it all happen.

First a word of thanks to John Estey and all his crew, for keeping the race committee for the club races rolling, and to Dave McLean and Drew, for their efforts to bring Bluewater V, into full operational status.

We started the month with LYRA, thanks to Dusan Davidovic who looked after registration and regulation; to Mary Ellen Bockler and her band of volunteers who hosted the very successful LYRA Friday night at BHYC.

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

My thanks to the volunteers who helped me with race committee duties for the Oakville Club regatta.

It was a disappointing number of Bronte boats that made the trip to 50 point for Peaches n Phrf, but the weather, and the racing and the food, were worth the trip. I recommend you take a look at the Videos on the website of the last two years races. Not surprisingly Conspiracy led their division.

We all owe a huge round of applause to Barbara Keeley-Watt and Barbara Dermott who started out last winter attracting sponsors for Bronte Rocks, this work and their continued efforts right through to the event, enabled us to put on a top-notch event.

Cam set up the website and registration, David Lord and Amy finalised registration and did the scoring, Ross headed up race committee for the event, Sue Sproule and the sail committee looked after the instructions, the flags and the trophies, Jason docked all the visiting boats, and Dawn was on hand with a band of helpers when it came time to feed everyone.

There was a huge amount of Margarita fueled energy in the room, when it came time for the awards and a very positive vibe for next years event 2020.

Here are the first place Bronte Rocks boats, who took home all the hardware and some very sharp jackets

Beausoleil II	Natalie Bullard	Cruising
Rex	Scott Wheatley	FS3
EZEE	Cam Watt	FS2
Great White North	Grant Jeffery	NFS
Northern Etchells	Irek Zubco	Etchells

Also, amongst the photo collages, a tribute to Jodi Munden, Blind Sailing Canada, our VIP programme, and the 7 day international championship, held in Kingston.

Now a review of what is on the menu for the rest of the season, besides the regular Sunday club races.

Saturday September 28th Pursuit Race, first boat start 11.00; deadline for registration Friday 22.00 hrs

Saturday October 12th Turkey race, skippers meeting 09.30; all are welcome.

Sat-Sun October 19-20th Diehards Regatta, skippers meeting 09.30.

Sat-Sun October 26th Haul-out

Saturday November 16th Awards Night

Thank you everyone who contributes to the effort. Please enjoy the remainder of the season. Being on the water is a special blessing. Let's all make the most of it.

See you on the water, be safe out there.

Barry
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2019 EASTER SEALS REGATTA

On August 3, 2019, the **15th Annual Oakville Regatta for Easter Seals Kids** collaborated with the Oakville hosts of the 2019 LYRA Race Week. LYRA competitors raced for Easter Seals flags as part of the Saturday's LYRA Course Racing competition while the traditional Easter Seals event had its own Race for Non-LYRA boats. The Saturday evening festivities was a shared affair between the LYRA fleet and the traditional Easter Seals fleet.

The Easter Seals Overall trophy was presented to Non-LYRA boat, KACHINA, C&C33, BHYC and to LYRA boat, SARISSA, 8 Metre, Etobicoke YC.

Never to be forgotten, and most grateful for their commitment, for a job well done, thank you to the Race Committee: Peter Wells, Pat Dewar, Randy Scheib, Angel Thompson, Grad Dewar, Drew Thompson and of course, the Scorer, Dusan Davidovic and Barry Jasper.

Pat Dewar crocheted 2 Afghans both Tunisian Crocheted, designed with boats/anchors and donated one for the Live Auction. Pat presented the other Afghan to Sydney Weaver, 2018 Provincial Easter Seals Ambassador. Sydney was surprised and thrilled to receive the Afghan since she told her Mother, Lisa, earlier, that she wanted to bid on the Live Auction Afghan!

When discussing her disability Sydney says, "My life is so typical of any teenager, the only difference is that when planning activities, I have to take my physical disability into account, and make adjustments. Other than that, I can do anything any other kid is capable of." http://www.easterseals.org/introducing-2018-provincial-easter-seals-ambassadors/

Submitted by Natalie Bullard



LYRA OAKVILLE CLUB, August 4th

BHYC was well represented at LYRA week closing at Oakville Club.

TRI ME, Dan Klick winner of the "Commodore World Trophy" for multi-hulls (see front page phote)

RENAISSANCE, Peter Kirkwood, winner of the "Accomodation Cup" (photo below)



Submitted by Natalie Bullard





Blind Fleet Racing World Championship

LYRA 2019 has come and gone, and it was a FUN Friday night at BHYC!

I'm sorry I missed the deadline last month, so here is a belated LYRA Thank you.

Thank you, Paul and Mike who came, out Friday afternoon to help set up in the very hot, bright sun.

Thank you to Britta, Trevor, Terry, and Evie who collected the empty jugs and glasses, so we could keep recycling them for more drinks. People were thirsty.

Thank you to Dave and Eileen who kept the crowds under control at the line up for food

Thank you, John who worked the late shift, cleaning up tables. Next time we will get you some tails and a white towel for your arm to make you look even more professional.

Thank you, Mike, Veronica, and Susan who showed, up Saturday morning to disassemble everything ready for pick-up, again in the hot, bright sun.

Thank you, Cheryl and Tess, for all the wonderful Margarietta's.

Thank you, Filip and Maris, for keeping everything running smoothly upstairs and Thank you Maris for keeping the club open just a bit longer for the gang that came back looking for a party!!

Thank you, Peter Howard, just for knowing where everything is and how it works.

Thank you Dusan for all the work you did for the past year organizing the racing. Quietly doing your job.

Thank you, Peter Kirkwood, for putting up with my 4000 emails.

A **BIG** thank you to Barry who pretty much organized it all, went to the meetings and put up with all the politics.

BHYC put on a great party as usual, and still had the energy to do it again Labour Day weekend for Bronte Rocks. It has been a great summer!

Held at Kingston Yacht Club, 14 races over 7 days, all in a rotation of Sharks. Teams from Canada, USA, UK, France, Australia and Japan.

Congratulations to our own Jodi Munden, with her skipper Chris Jonas First Place in B3. Also, to other alumni of the VIP programme David Brown second place in B2, and Tammy Adams fifth place in B1.

Congratulations to a whole army of volunteers and organisers, and to Ross Cameron and his race committee team.

Great venue, friendly club, great spirit, and camaraderie.





Mary Ellen Bockler

OAKVILLE CLUB REGATTA, August 17

BHYC was well represented at the Oakville Club Regatta not only with BLUEWATER, but a number of Bronte competitors. There was also a new inter-club trophy, up for grabs. The RCSail of all clubs that had boats represented in 3 or more fleets were asked to pick 3 boats to represent their clubs. Winner of this first year was Bronte, and our best boats were

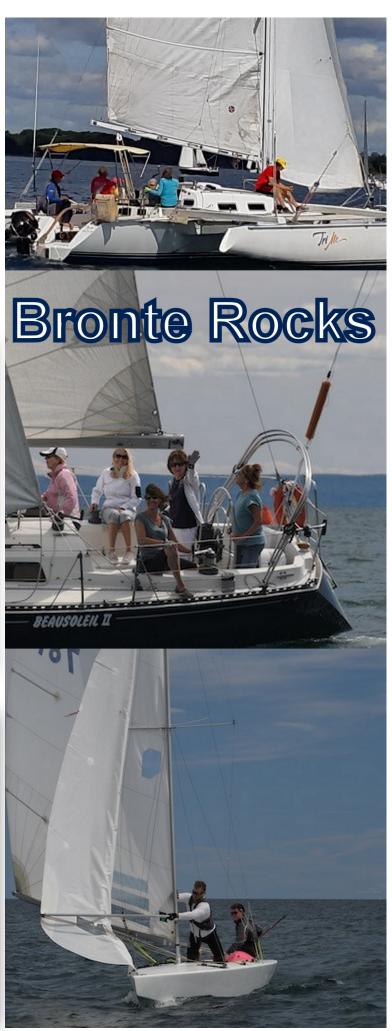
EZEE, BLACKBIRD and IT'S A CONSPIRACY

CONSPIRACY and Adrian and crew, also won the "Overall flying sails Champion Trophy"

EZEE and Cam were second in their fleet, and BLACK-BIRD and Mark was fourth.







Oakville Power & Sail Squadron Ahoy There BHYC!

We hope that you have had a great summer and spent many hours on the water enjoying your boat.

Now that September is here, it is also that time of year again where we at Oakville Power and Sail Squadron are able to offer you an opportunity, to continue to develop your skills and knowledge in VHF Radio, or as the Regulatory bodies refer to it as, Restricted Operator's Certification (Maritime). Our Course which will run on the following Tuesday Nights, October 01, 08,15th, 2019 at Oakville Trafalgar High School, 1460 Devon Rd. Oakville, from 7pm until 10pm.

As a member of BHYC we are offering you a 15% discount,

payable in cash, to you in the first class, when you show your BHYC membership card. This discount applies on top of CPS Membership Rates!

To register go to boatingcourses.ca/cities/oakville

DAVE MCLEAN - RC POWER

Well fall is definitely upon us and as the end of the boating season draws near it's good to have a plan for haul out and winterization.

At the club we have continued the modifications to Bluewater V with the installation of an anemometer and some new folding seating in the stern. We've also added a new boarding ladder with attach fittings to hold it steady if needed. We are seeking a volunteer to take on a project of making 2 foam seats including upholstery so if you can help please let me know. Some tube and hull repairs have been carried out on the coach boats and more routine maintenance is planned before we put them to bed for the winter.

In all its been a successful summer made possible by the support of many members who helped to keep the fleet in good shape. My thanks to everyone that pitched in to help us get through the learning curve with the new boat and keep things working for the club.

Dave

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presents the

46th Annual Turkey Roll Fundraiser & Banquet

Friday, November 29, 2019

Dinner at 6:00 PM (Tickets \$10:00)

As "old timers" know – but for the benefit of the uninitiated – Turkey Roll is BHYC's premier fundraiser and our way of giving back to the community. All proceeds from the raffles and auction items are divided among local charities and community services, including:

- 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 in whatever way you can:

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

And mark your calendar and join us for a fun and worthwhile – evening!

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

MIKE PAULSON CRUISING DIRECTOR

Since the last Signal Article, we have had not one, but two cruises!! Plus, one cruise that had to be cancelled due to possible stormy weather, (which didn't materialize!!) The first cruise to Mimico Cruising Club was on the Civic long weekend, August 3rd - 5th. Weather wise it was the perfect weekend, sunny, warm and enough wind for a good sail!!

There were 10 boats set sail from Bronte and Don and Julie Harkness joined us on their way back to Bronte from their Sail to the 1000 Islands.

On Saturday evening after everyone was settled, we had shared appetizers and everyone brought along their favourite beverage. Two people were celebrating their Birthdays, so we were also treated to Birthday cake (chocolate!!) as well courtesy of Lynn Kropman. As is usual at our cruises there was so much food no one needed supper!!

Sunday was a beautiful morning and most people met in the restaurant at MCC for breakfast, it was a buffet and included all the usual breakfast fare. We then went our separate ways; some people brought their bikes and went for long bike rides others went for walks. Mimico is such a beautiful spot and there is lots to do and see. In the evening we had the customary potluck supper. Steve Firth and Sue Sheppard drove over and joined us for the supper. After BBQing and sharing sides and desserts everyone was well satisfied!!

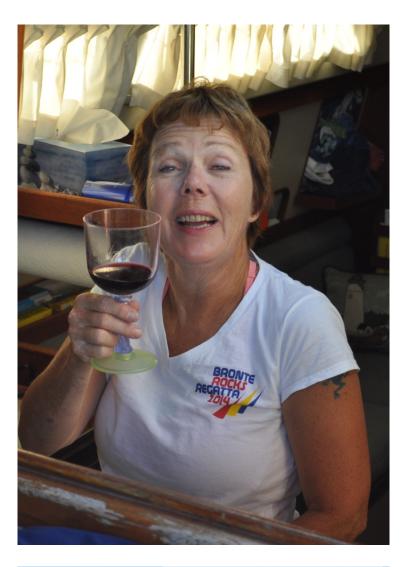
Monday was again a beautiful morning and by the time we left MCC we had fair winds for our sail back to Bronte.

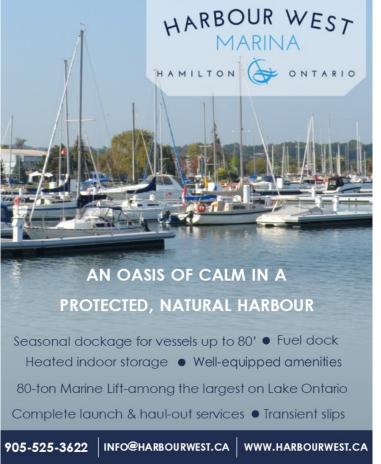
Our cruise to Port Credit was unfortunately cancelled, there were threats of thunderstorms for all of Saturday so in the interest of safety we decided that we would have the potluck dinner at the club, which was attended by 12 cruisers.

The weekend of August 21st - 22nd we set sail for Newport Yacht Club, despite the wind being out of the East it was a good Sail there and back. It was Newport's mix and mingle night on the Saturday and so we were treated to jambalaya, made by Nigel, Sue and two other couples. It was followed by live music, so there was lots of dancing involved as well.

Our next cruise and unfortunately our last will be to Lakeshore Yacht Club, September 21st-22nd. If you are interested in joining us, please email me at: cruising@bhyc.on.ca

Mike.







Keep Saturday November 2nd 2019 OPEN

This will be a dinner and evening to be remembered for its food and fun team challenges.

Don't miss this - never before at BHYC

Limited seating

Stay tuned - more to come

DON HARKNESS-TREASURER

As the sailing season starts to wind up, there is a lot of work required to ready the club for winter. This is your opportunity to get involved in the club and complete your volunteer work hour commitment for 2019. A link to the year to date work hours recorded in our tracking system will go out by email shortly and a hard copy will be placed on the club bulletin board by the front door.

Please review your work party entries to ensure none are missing. Most membership classes require 25 hours of volunteer work per year per member. Any shortfall is billed to the member at \$35/hour.

DON treasurer@bhyc.on.ca

Aiming for Another Fun Darts Season

With school children now sharpening their academic skills, it is time for BHYC darts enthusiasts to sharpen their arrows and math skills.

The 2019/2020 Wednesday evening darts will start on November 6th at 7:15 pm. The fee remains the same as last year and is a real bargain at \$3.00 per session. As usual, the traditional game of "301" and the increasingly popular game of "Cricket" will be played on alternate weeks.

This season will provide the answers to such burning questions as: Can Dave Platt replicate his winning ways of the last two seasons? Will there be a clamour to be placed on Dave's team?

Dave, teamed with Phil Gelsheimer, were the big winners last season, becoming Cricket champions and claiming the overall championship trophy. Dan Laferriere and Mike Paulson inched past Dave and Phil to win the 301 championship. Elsa Beattie earned the anchor trophy as an inspiration to us all.

Everyone is welcome on Wednesday evenings, regardless of their experience at darts. You are guaranteed lots of laughter and camaraderie.

Submitted by Graham Beattie and Sandra Brans



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BARBARA KEELEY-WATT

PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

Thanks to one and all who made our Bronte Rocks 2019 a fun event. A team effort by the board and volunteers made it a successful day! If you haven't already done so please make sure you fill out the Bronte Rocks survey, this will help determine the format for 2020.

We've tried to cover off October events in this months Signal - as you can see there is a lot going on! Thanks to everyone who has sent photos and articles, makes my job as editor so much easier. There won't be an October Issue (Editor Vacation!) but back on track for November. Keep the articles coming please!

Wishing everyone a good September & October Barbara

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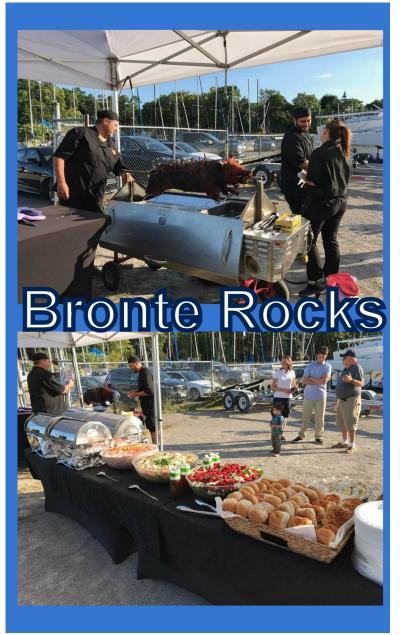
Games Night

The BHYC Games Night Thursdays will return November 7th and 21st from 7 to 9. Please bring your favourite game and a munchie to share and join the camaraderie.

Last year Sequence, Euchre, Cribbage and Scrabble topped the list, but perhaps you have another favourite - Poker or Bridge anyone? Once again we will track the competition and have an overall performer for all game categories at the end of the season.

Come out and connect with other BHYC members, enjoy a libation, some snacks, and plenty of healthy competition. Let the Games begin!

Submitted by Marge Furness



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PHIL GELSHEIMER HOUSE

What do these pictures have in common?







Take a careful look at these pictures; see if you can identify what they have in common.

If you say they are all women, well you are correct, but all you get is a participation pin. If you note they are all women who are public speaking, congratulations you've earned the respect of your colleagues. However if your response is that they are public speaking and know how to use a microphone you win the deep appreciation of the House Director!

The club's new microphones are directional, meaning they don't pick up background noises, including the helpful comments from those around you. For these microphones to work you need to hold them close to your **mouth** and your voice will be heard.

Please don't hold the mic at your chest, no one will hear you and there is a chance you might be heckled.

If you attend the upcoming annual general meeting and have an opportunity to speak, please hold the microphone correctly as shown so we can all benefit from your comments.

Just a reminder there is no change in club house hours as the winter season arrives. The hours will remain 4pm – 9pm, with the observance that if no members are at the club after 7pm the club may close early.

Phil

Chicken is Here!

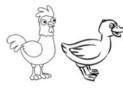
Chicken is here! We have farm raised chicken available in pieces. Frozen and vacuum sealed. Contact us to send a price list and availability. We will be doing a group of full chickens later this summer. Taking orders for pork halves and wholes as well as lamb halves and wholes. Pork half is about three 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.

Call Jamie at 905-580-5699, Sara at 289-242-3462, visit at Flash or Escape Pod or email lighthouse.stables@gmail.com













BHYC Board 2020

Since our last update, our situation has slightly improved thanks to some sitting directors agreeing to serve an additional term. These positions are highlighted with an *. The table below provides a clear picture of the overall board situation.

Position	Status for 2020	
Commodore *	Peter Kirkwood	
Vice Commodore	Open	
RC Sailing *	Barry Jasper	
RC Power	Dave McLean	
RC Training	Potential Candidate considering	
Treasurer	Potential Candidate considering	
Secretary	Mary Johannesson	
Social Director	Open	
House Director	Open	
Membership Director *	lan Coney	
Publicity Director *	Barbara Keeley-Watt	
Past Commodore	Richard Bissonnette	

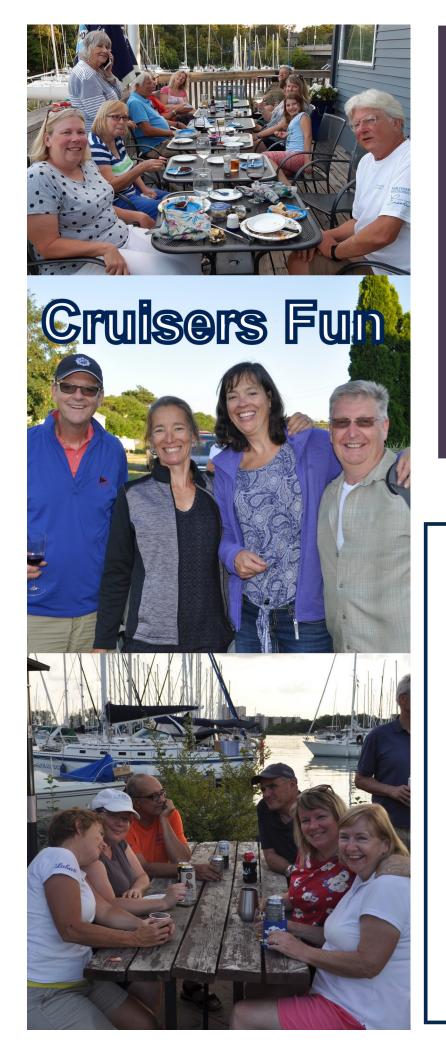
As mentioned earlier it is critical that a full board be in place to keep the momentum going on the initiatives in progress.

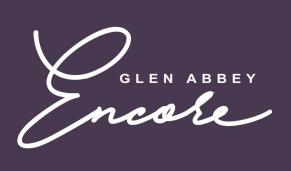
Not only are we searching for candidates for the opened positions, we are also recruiting for members for active roles in the various sub-committees which may be established by the directors. Anyone interested in serving on any sub-committee should feel free to contact the Chair of Nominating Committee for more details.

For those members who usually come up to a director with the "Do you know what you should do" comment; there are numerous opportunities to become "Doers".

Anyone interested in contributing in running for a position or wish more information, feel free to contact me.

Richard Bissonnette
Past Commodore / Chair of Nominating Committee
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