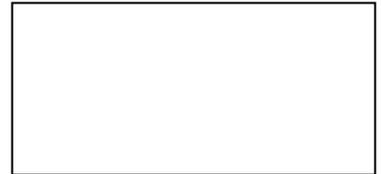


Bonnie Rooney brought her own dancing partner to the Hallowe'en Party

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Note from the Editor;

For several reasons, the October Full & By was a particularly difficult issue to put together. One of the results of the ensuing confusion was the inclusion of the incorrect Annual Report from the Rear Commodore. With my sincere apologies to Guy Grimard and the members, the correct one is included here----.

Rear-Commodore's Annual Report

From – Guy Grimard (Projects)



The time has come to assess what has been done and what remains to be completed and to plan for the next steps in the annual cycle of projects here at BYC. It is with pleasure that I submit this report.

The long-awaited Cassels Street Flood Protection Wall is now well under way. We have dug up a few unanticipated problems during the excavation process that have required creative solutions. We discovered that the front wall, upon which we poured an extra crown last year, had no foundation. The stones were laid on piled shale for one part and on sand for the remainder. This meant that we had to dig all along the front of the wall and pour a concrete supporting wall to underpin the stone wall and act as a water barrier. This has been completed and the fill has been replaced. Resurfacing of the area is to be completed by October with the precious help of a band of volunteers (watch for the call to 'arms' and backs).

We are currently applying for permits to work on Sherwood Point though I am not certain how much will get done this year, but I vow to get what can be done started soon so that we have a head start next spring.

The entrance of the men's washroom was repaired (the crumbling concrete blocks were removed, formwork put in place and concrete poured to support and refresh the archway). The curved stairway that leads to the Upper Deck remains to be refurbished.

This being said, we had plans to repair some parts of the east dam wall that is crumbling, but we are running short of time.

We are now working on a complete main-harbour-wall refurbishing plan. The plan is to be separated into workable chunks – areas to be completed in various seasons. I must say that it could take up to 8 years to get it all done; however, planning is one thing and plans can change.

I finally received the complete BYC area plan and I intend to define the "real" levels (heights of land etc.) of the whole area. This will provide the necessary information to allow the Club to adjust the levels of the different areas on the grounds. This plan, when executed, will help control the drainage of excess water that seems to be a constant problem - especially in the yard that gets flooded every time we have heavy rain.

I must, and want to, and do (most happily) say again that if it weren't for you, the volunteers, none of this would happen.

Respectfully submitted,



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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

Following are brief biographies submitted by the candidates selected by the Nominating Committee for the 2020 Board of Directors

LISA SHISHIS**Nominated for Commodore**

PERSONAL INFORMATION: I'm originally from Toronto, which is where I learned to sail Albacores at the Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club. I was a member of the Toronto Sailing and Canoeing Club before moving to Ottawa. I am a Registered Nurse and work as a Clinical Project Manager and Business Analyst with Gevity Consulting

MEMBERSHIP: I have been an active member at Britannia for 9 years, where my focus has primarily been on the Junior Club. My 3 kids have participated in the Learn-to-Sail and Learn-to-Race programs. Griffin is now a CAN 3/4 sailing coach.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: My activities have focused on the Junior Club. I also participate in the Women's racing on Monday nights. This year I participated on the 100 Mile Race as crew on Thumper. I am also the Chair for the Bob Yuile Memorial National Capital Regatta, I sit on the Sailing Committee, the Membership Committee, Colin Blandy, and the Standards committee. This year I was very excited to Chair the Canadian Optimist Dinghy Championships. I am also the team lead Youth Breakfast Club team.

PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT: I have held the Director position for Youth on the Board of Directors for the last 5 years.

OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS: This was my 4th year on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Optimist Dinghy Association (CODA) - as their Registrar as well as Eastern Ontario Rep. In the summer I am with the Opti and Laser teams as they travel to different regattas. I have also obtained my Assistant Club Race Officer and am working towards my Club Race Officer Certification. This year I was able to certify as a Club Judge with Sail Canada and have participated in 3 protests this summer. I was also RC for the Nepean One-Design Regatta, Mobility Cup, Fall CORK. During the winter I ski with the family at Vorlage.

OBJECTIVES AS BOARD MEMBER: To endeavour to follow in the footsteps of so many of the respected BYC Commodores and maintain the high standard of service to our members. It is my opinion that the Commodore's role is to be the members' representative on the Board. To ensure that while Directors work on narrowly focused projects within their portfolios. To make sure that the big picture of the end result is to the benefit of the membership in general. I commit to helping the Directors achieve their goals for their term on the Board and I will be focusing on membership, both to increase numbers and service quality to our members.

AL MALO
Nominated for Vice Commodore
(Harbourmaster)



PERSONAL INFORMATION: I was born and raised in Northern Ontario and graduated from the University of Toronto with a BA. I learned to sail when I was in university and my first boat was an Aykroyd dinghy which I sailed around Toronto Harbour for several years. I worked in Toronto as an auditor until I moved to Ottawa in 1979 to pursue a career in Information Technology. I spent the rest of my career developing computer systems in roles from programmer to senior management. I have also worked as an IT consultant overseas for a couple of international agencies and continued consulting work here in Ottawa after my retirement. I fully retired last January and now spend most of my time at BYC.

MEMBERSHIP: When I moved to Ottawa, I joined Sail RA. It was there, through members who also belonged to BYC and when attending a National Capital Regatta, that I was introduced to the Club. I joined BYC in 1982 and for a time was a member of both BYC and NSC. I have been a member of BYC ever since.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: I was introduced to the Club through dinghy racing. In 1983 I bought Skidbladnir, Kirby 25 #159, from a BYC member who had 2 footitis, and I started racing keelboats. I mostly race on a C&C 27. Firefly, still sailed Skidladnir this past summer. I also have a cruising boat and, now that I've retired for the final time, I hope to give it the 'tic' it deserves and get out sailing on it next year. From spring through fall, I'm at the Club every day enjoying the racing and social activities the Club has to offer. I also lead the Breakfast Club team that the late Gerry Gunn recruited me into years ago.

PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT: In the past I have been a member of the Sailing Committee and often volunteer as host of and member of the National Capital Regatta and other race committees and was part of the Race Committee for the 2015 Shark Worlds and the 2016 Sail Canada Women's Keelboat Championships. Over the years, I have participated in the IT Committee and provided IT support. For the 125th Anniversary, Joan Yuile and I co-edited the Anniversary book, which provided me with a deeper appreciation for work past members have done to make this a great club. I served 2 years as the IT Director 2015/16 and 2016/17. For 2017/19, I've had the privilege of serving as the Vice Commodore (Harbourmaster). The experience has been very interesting and challenging.

OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS: When I'm not sailing, I enjoy hiking, biking and skiing.

CLUB COMMITTEE COMMITMENT: As Vice Commodore (Harbourmaster), I will continue to work with a Harbour Committee and Club staff to review all aspects of Harbour operations and to develop plans for projects needed to maintain our infrastructure and enhance harbour operations.

OBJECTIVES AS BOARD MEMBER: To ensure the effective management of the Harbour infrastructure and prepare plans for the ongoing maintenance and enhancement of the Harbour facilities. To work with the General Manager and the Harbour Manager to review harbour operations and to take actions that result in enhanced safety and efficiency of the operations and provide the highest quality of services to members. To serve the Mission of the Club, provide high quality services to members and to assist other members of the Board.



GUY GRIMARD
Nominated for Rear Commodore
(Projects)



PERSONAL INFORMATION: I am a very proud father of three children, 6 grandchildren. Still working as a construction teacher, I still build a house every year with the students. Retirement, for me, will come only in 4 to 5 years, even if I have been teaching for 30 years. I also acted as a consultant, doing training engineering for institutions, governments and businesses. Having acted in France, Switzerland, Guinea Conakry, Ivory Coast and Haiti, all of my work involved construction projects, especially wood structures and concrete forming.

MEMBERSHIP: I have been a member of BYC since 2015 having started my dream come true sailing at Advantage Boating. Since then, my passion for sailing only increased and I found at this Club a long-forgotten family friendship affair that I appreciate every day more and more.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: Beside sailing, I do not race finding that the maneuvers too tight for me. I rather like to help other sailors on their sailboat or do repairs on mine, trying to refurbish Loki completely. I helped once on the National Capital Regatta, and I get out as much as possible with Newbies Grad Sail; Night from Advantage Boating, and the Open to Public sailing events every year, sharing my passion for sailing.

PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT: Most of my involvement so far has been on tasks related to the harbour, installing the ramp landings, pouring the bollards on the gas dock, and helping the Harbormaster stripping hardware from sailboats to be taken from BYC land. Lately, I participated on the Work Party raising the seawall and installing the benches, building floating docks for the 2019 Opti Canadians and building the Cassels Street Flood Protection Seawall.

OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS: At *la Cité*, besides teaching, I have been a long-time researcher in construction projects associated with businesses to help finalize the conception and applications of new products. Green leader in recycling and material re-use, I focus on giving a second life to products that are to be disposed of especially wood, metals and other finished products.

CLUB COMMITTEE COMMITMENT: I will be forming a Projects Committee to help establish a list of priority projects and a long-term schedule of work to be carried out.

OBJECTIVES AS BOARD MEMBER: My main objective is to help repair and rebuild some of the damaged infrastructure at BYC and respond to the needs of the members during the evolution of the Club. I am also a strong advocate of Work Parties. There is a formidable bank of knowledge within the members and a strong commitment to participate in the improvements of the assets. I intend, members permitting, to make good use of this important Club-sharing-tasks asset that benefits everyone.



AARON MIDDLETON

Nominated for Fleet Captain



PERSONAL INFORMATION: I have lived in Ottawa since February 2000 with my wife and best friend Maureen Kelly, raising our 8½ -year-old daughter, Isla. Originally from Dundas, Ontario, I have been an avid boater since I was 10 and could handle a paddle, learning to use both human, wind and motor-powered vessels in the Hamilton and Haliburton Highlands. Since high-school, I have successfully started and run a number of businesses in the information technology field, leading to 11 years as a public servant focusing on health information technology and culminating in the last 11 years as an Executive Managing Partner and board member in Canada's largest boutique health and social service consulting firms.

MEMBERSHIP: I have been a member since 2002 and moved to a Family Membership in 2004 when Maureen started sailing and, of course, now includes Isla. Maureen is now an avid racer and cruiser, and Isla has even joined in the fun, completing her CanSail 1 at the BYC Junior sailing program.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: My primary activities include racing and cruising during the summer and breakfast club over the off season. I was lucky enough to be introduced to serious racing by the O'Sullivan's on Thumper and have been a full-time crew member since 2002. This includes racing PHRF, One Design and Up-River/Long Distance BYC and Interclub. I have also been found on a few other boats from time-to-time, including Gun Smoke and Firefly. I enjoy helping with local regattas through sponsorship and volunteering for boat inspections and race committee, having completed my Club Race Officer certification. Our family has also been known to do a couple of cruises a year and have made a few appearances at Baskin's weekends.

PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT: I was the Fleet Captain the last two years and the C&C 27 OD rep on the Sailing Committee previously. I have tried to support new approaches and delivery of our sailing program on and off the water this past year and plan to do the same. I have been an emissary for new crew and boat owners, especially those cruisers looking to race for the first time and vice-versa. I am a supporter of youth sailing through our keelboat weekday/long distance racing. I have also been a sponsor and volunteer on numerous regattas and club events and provided advice and guidance on the BYC IT Committee.

OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS: I enjoy skiing (alpine and Nordic), snowshoeing, hiking, canoeing, camping and biking. Anything science and technology is of interest, including the odd video game or Lego building marathon with my daughter. I also have experience as a Cub/Scout leader, lifeguard, swimming instructor and, St. Johns Ambulance volunteer.

CLUB COMMITTEE COMMITMENT: The boating fleet at BYC is a key part of the Club, its members and its prosperity. Making boating from BYC enjoyable and continued focus of growth for the years to come is key responsibility of the Sailing Committee, Race Committee and the Fleet Captain.

OBJECTIVES AS A BOARD MEMBER: To represent ALL areas of boating, power or sail, cruising or racing and their continued safe enjoyment of the Club facilities and their vessels, while providing opportunity for growth in membership and new activities that can be enjoyed by boaters and more. This will include strengthening communications with modern channels between members, the Club and its representatives interested in boating, learning, or experiencing new cruising and racing, or new members looking to join.



SUE LEVESQUE
Nominated for Honorary Secretary



PERSONAL INFORMATION: I was married to Art Levesque who passed away in 2012. I am fortunate in that I have remained very close to my stepson. I am step-grandmother to 2 lovely boys who are 13 and 11 years old. I have always worked in regulated industries such as Bristol Myers, Nordion, and am now working at Canadian Blood Services where I have been employed for 20 years. I enjoy my job tremendously as I get to travel across the country.

MEMBERSHIP: I joined Britannia Yacht Club in the mid-1990s when my late husband and I moved our boat (formerly named Aberro, now re-named Tahiti Princess by the new owners) to BYC from Kingston. Although I was not around the Cub much from 2005 to 2012, I still maintained my membership albeit a Social one, until 2016 when I decided to return to Full membership.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: I have been involved in many events as a member of social committees and as Social Director. My husband and I have participated in every cruise week up until I had to sell our boat. I have not been able to participate in many other club activities due to time constraints however I plan to eventually.

PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT: I served on the Board of Directors as Honorary Secretary in the late '90s. I was Social Director on the Board for the past 2 years. I have also been part of Breakfast Club teams over the years.

OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS: I enjoy reading and am totally obsessed with buying books. I also enjoy going to the ballet and enjoy all types of music.

CLUB COMMITTEE COMMITMENT: I will work with the Governance committee in updating our governance documents such as our By-law No. 1, our regulations and policies. I will endeavour to assist fellow Board members with the objectives set out for their portfolios and establish committee(s), as required, to assist in the position of Honourary Secretary.

OBJECTIVES AS BOARD MEMBER: Although I have enjoyed my position on the Board as Social Director, I want to use the skill sets that I have acquired through my many years of working to my position as Honourary Secretary. To this extent, I will ensure the Board runs smoothly and there are accurate records of Board meetings. Since my job at Canadian Blood Services involves regulations, I will strive to be conversant with our by-laws, regulations and our policies and will update them as required. I will work with other members of the Board in resolving issues brought forward by members. I will continue to promote the Club and ensure new members feel welcomed and part of the Club. I will work with other Board Members on incentives to bring in new members/ and on making improvements to benefit all members.

RANDY TIVY
Nominated for Honorary Treasurer



PERSONAL INFORMATION: Beverly and I live in Britannia Village. We have four adult children and two grandkids. By profession I am a FCPA and a partner with the firm Baker Tilly LLP. My practice today consists primarily of providing business advisory services to family owned businesses, professionals and not for profit

organizations at the local and national level. Prior to 2012 I was involved in the management of the firm at a local and national level. I have many years of audit, accounting and tax experience. I learned to sail at BYC with the Ottawa Sailing Club in 2002 and quickly purchased a Tanzer 22. I have enjoyed some memorable sails in the British Virgin Islands and St Vincent Grenadines. We try to stay active and travel, cycle and play golf.

MEMBERSHIP: I have been a member since 2002.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: I have been crewing on Waskana for the Thursday JAM races for many years. We did ok this year with the light winds. Hoping for a little more wind next year. I have always had a boat moving up to a Grampian 26 from the Tanzer 22. With retirement around the corner I have been testing the market for a sailboat however with another Club member just bought a fishing boat! We enjoy Friday nights at BYC and I have over the past 12 years enjoyed hosting business and community meetings/lunches/dinners at the club. From time to time we get on the tennis courts. Maybe pickle ball next year.

PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT: This will be my third year as Treasurer. The past two years have been a very valued learning experience and have provided the opportunity to meet many members.

OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS: I am a member of a number of Professional associations and have volunteered my time with a number of charities over the years. My terms with the Algonquin College Foundation and Hospice Care Ottawa both ended in September 2019. Nothing planned for the next while except a bit of travel.

CLUB COMMITTEE COMMITMENT: As a member of the Club I have been very pleased with the progress and continual improvements by our past Boards and Management. I have been very impressed with the amount of volunteerism and commitment by our current Board, committees and members in general. This past year we formalized and had approved by the Board, the terms and references for a Finance Committee. I expect this document will enhance the governance and decision making of the Club. Proud to say I am member of BYC. I hope to use my experience to assist the Club move forward and at the same time maintain long term financial health.

OBJECTIVES AS BOARD MEMBER: I am a team player and look forward to working with Board members and Management to build on our past successes as a private club. I look forward to the challenges of capital projects and will carefully keep in mind the approaches and successes of past Honorary Treasurers in this area.

ALAN GALLEY
Nominated for Director
(House and Grounds)



PERSONAL INTRODUCTION: I am 65 years old and a Professional Geologist with 27 years federal government experience as a research scientist, program manager and as head of the national minerals program. I currently run my own firm and consult internationally.

MEMBERSHIP: I have been a member of BYC since 2007, first owning a Hughes 26 (John Graham's *Dashing Wave*) and now a Beneteau Oceanis 281Le *Rendez Vous*. My wife, Doreen Ames, is also an avid cruiser and racer (Martin 16s).

CLUB ACTIVITIES: I have a number of years experience as race crew out of both BYC and NSC, racing in Tanser 22s, C&C 27s, and have raced both *Dashing Wave* and *Le Rendez Vous* on a limited basis (slow boats!), but now mainly cruise the river. Up until now I have traveled extensively with my work and have not had the opportunity to consistently take part in other formal club activities. This is what I wish to change by contributing more to BYC.

PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT: This will be my third year as Director of House and Grounds, and I'm looking forward to working with my fellow directors, the Business Manager, the H&G committee to ensure BYC continues to serve its members in the most optimum manner.

OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS: My hobbies are sailing, road biking, listening to jazz and travel. We have chartered in the BVIs a number of times (monohulls and catamaran), crewed on the Lord Nelson tall ship this summer (QC to Nfld) and just completed a cruise of the Croatian coast. I am involved in the Able Sail program at NSC as a sailing companion, assist on the board for the National Capital Able Sailing Association, and am leading the proposal to have the Mobility Cup 2019 back in Ottawa. I am also active in various professional associations.

CLUB COMMITTEE COMMITMENT: The House and Grounds portfolio has involved some long term, very dedicated individuals with whom I look forward to working over the next year. I will form a House and Grounds Committee to ensure the BYC Strategic Plan continues to be implemented. The Committee will also deal with the unexpected (floods, winds and associated damage) in an expedient and orderly manner. I also look forward to working closely with Paul Moore and coordinately with the Harbourmaster and Projects Director on overlapping concerns.

OBJECTIVES AS BOARD MEMBER: To work with club management and fellow Directors to ensure that the BYC buildings and grounds provide a safe, secure and pleasant environment for the present and future club members and staff. I will also work to see that BYC continues to be considered by those in the Ottawa region as a superb location for business meetings, weddings and other social events.



PAMELA BEST
Nominated for Director
(Membership)



PERSONAL INFORMATION: I am a mother of four boys--all of whom have taken part in the Junior Program at BYC and one who has chosen a career as a seafarer after having been inspired sailing on the Black Jack and Fair Jeanne. Last year he was second mate on the Bluenose II and is now working in the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre for the Canadian Coast Guard. My career has been at Statistics Canada where I have worked for over thirty years in various areas including Finance and IT, however, my passion is the social subject matter area where I have recently been working in the area of ethno-cultural and Indigenous statistics.

MEMBERSHIP: I joined BYC in 2004 after having completed my Basic Cruising.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: My first years in BYC I was very active sailing PHRF and One-Design on my Shark (*Mischief*). After my twins were born, I raced exclusively in the Women's Fleet on 'Thumper'. In addition to sailing, as a family, we enjoy the social aspects of the Club and playing for fun on the tennis courts.

PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT: My club involvement has mostly been ad hoc. helping where needed, including with launch and haulout before the crane was installed. Most recently I had the pleasure of assisting with the construction of the Cassels Street Sea Wall.

OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS: Full-time work and herding my small hoard of children has not left loads of time for other activities. However, I love to cycle and commute to work from spring to fall along the Ottawa River Bike Path. I have also been a member of St. James Choir in Manotick since 1979 and have volunteered in various capacities for that parish.

CLUB COMMITTEE COMMITMENT: I commit to forming a Membership Committee, understanding how the categories evolved in recent years and working to ensure that new avenues are explored to maintain and expand the family of members at BYC.

OBJECTIVES AS BOARD MEMBER: To ensure that Britannia Yacht Club continues to thrive as a community where divers members feel welcome and to foster an environment where all are encouraged to contribute to the life of the Club.



RANDY IRWIN
Nominated for Director
(Information Technology)



PERSONAL INFORMATION: I began my career as a Software Developer then became a Systems Integrator and have been working in the IT industry for over 20 years. I know specialize in large-scale document management projects with mostly Government departments as my clients. I was married to my wife, Gemma, at the club in 2018 and am the very proud father of a new baby boy, Alexander, born in 2019.

MEMBERSHIP: I am a relatively new Britannia Yacht Club member, having joined in 2016 after acquiring my Alberg 29, *Who Cares*. As an avid surfer I also have a wake boat at the Club.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: Living in Britannia Village we spend a lot of time at the club and thoroughly enjoy the social aspects it offers.

PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT: 20 years or so ago, I had friends with a boat at BYC and I crewed on race nights

OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS: I am an avid soccer player and currently play in the over 35 division OCSL for Gloucester FC. I enjoy playing the guitar and a little Karaoke every now and again.

CLUB COMMITTEE COMMITMENT: As IT Director, I plan to create and work with an IT Committee and staff to review all aspects of IT at the Club and to undertake projects to better serve the mission of the Club, provide services to members and assist other members of the Board.

OBJECTIVES AS BOARD MEMBER: Over the past couple of years I have seen all the hard-working individuals who make the Club possible and a great place for members and families. This has inspired me to join the Board and help out as much as possible.

TREVOR CLARK
Nominated for Director
(Marketing & Public Relations)



PERSONAL INFORMATION: I originally grew up in Stittsville and now live within walking distance of the Club with my girlfriend Sarah. I'm a Realtor, business owner and water activity enthusiast. I have been involved in real estate investing and sales for 10 years and run a large shared office space and 'business anchorage' for entrepreneurs in the west end of Ottawa. I have a dog named Stella who can often be found making friends around the Club. I'm lucky to have all my family living in the Ottawa area as well, and we enjoy spending time with many nieces and nephews in Constance bay. Fun fact: I was once a bodyguard for the backstreet boys.

MEMBERSHIP: I have been a member of the Club for 4 years. I've always been involved in boating, camping, and cottaging, and ever since stepping foot in the Club, we've found BYC to be a welcoming second home.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: This past year I took up racing for the first time and enjoyed the new challenge. I spend a fair amount of time on the tennis courts and I have a 32' power boat named "*Angel In My Pocket*," (I adopted this name) and I look forward to learning how to sail over the coming years.

PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT: This will be my second year with the BOD.

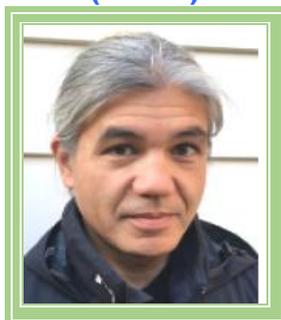
OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS: I am an active community member and involved in various business and charitable organizations including the Children's Miracle Network as a Champion agent. I'm an avid hockey player and enjoy most sports.

CLUB COMMITTEE COMMITMENT: I will continue to run a Marketing & Public Relations Committee

OBJECTIVES AS BOARD MEMBER: Marketing has been and continues to be a full-time study that I am passionate about. I am excited for the opportunity to put my knowledge to use for the benefit of the Club and its members. I value how important the Club programs and traditions are to many members, and I look forward to continuing to work alongside many great people.



IMBAW STORER Nominated for Director (Youth)



PERSONAL INFORMATION: I am married with two children. My wife, Michèle Loewen, is the original sailor in the family having sailed at Gimli Yacht Club in her youth. Our boys, Thomas (12) and Nathaniel (10) compete for BYC's Opti Race Team. My limited sailing ability and knowledge has been picked up through osmosis rather than through any direct instruction. A stay at home Dad, I spend much of my time getting the boys to their activities, as well as volunteering around our local community. A long time ago I might have been the Assistant Director of a rowing club, and the Operations Manager for an internet start up.

MEMBERSHIP: We moved to Ottawa in the fall of 2014, and after a year or so getting the lay of the land (or should I say water?) we joined BYC for the 2016 season having purchased a Shark for Michèle to compete in the Women's National Keelboat Championship hosted by BYC. Thomas also joined the Opti Race Team that year and Nathaniel started CANSail. We've been members ever since.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: Most of my time at BYC has focused on the boys' involvement with the Opti Race Team, getting them to and from practices and regattas, as well as keeping their equipment in good order. Unfortunately, all the traveling has prevented us from getting out in the Shark as much as we would have liked, but we do manage to participate in the odd up-river or Thursday night race. Michele and I purchased a 505 this year that we intend to race because we didn't know what to do with all of our free time.

PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT: As a committed sailing parent, I've been able to find time to help out with the Junior Club BBQs and Breakfast Club days, and quite often I will tow the Opti Team's 8-boat trailer to regattas. This year I worked the finish line of the Opti National Championships hosted by BYC. Our hectic schedule has prevented us from taking advantage of all that BYC has to offer, but we hope that will change as the kids get older.

OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS: Since moving to Ottawa, I have served on several Boards, including VP of the Board of our neighborhood community association, and as Chair of our local public school's Council. Additionally, I served as President of a local multi-sport recreational club which, interestingly, included sailing and tennis among its offerings. I have recently cleared my plate of all these commitments as I gave several years to each organization and feel it's time to shift my focus to other endeavors. For winter fun, we ski, and the boys compete for, a X-country ski club just over the river in QC.

CLUB COMMITTEE COMMITMENT: As a newish sailor I intend to rely heavily on Committee members for support with all aspects of the portfolio. Thanks to Lisa's great efforts as the current Youth Director, there is a strong team ready to serve and I intend to take full advantage of everyone.

OBJECTIVES AS BOARD MEMBER: As the Director (Youth) I will work to see that BYC provides the Junior Club participants and their families the best experience possible with the available resources. I will also work to leverage the success of our Junior Program into benefiting BYC as a whole.



DAVID HAYES
Nominated or Director
(Tennis)



PERSONAL INFORMATION: I am a local technology executive, entrepreneur and consultant. I have been a Marketing executive, Chief Information Security Officer and Chief Bottle Washer. I am an Ottawa resident and have lived locally for 40 years. My wife, Marcia, and I have two children. I am the recipient of a Governor General Award.

MEMBERSHIP: I have been a BYC member for many years. I owned a C&C sailboat and was an enthusiastic sailor for several years and then entered the tennis realm. I was the BYC Men's Singles champion in 2015, currently standing champion in Men's Doubles 2019, and second in Mixed Doubles and Men's' Singles 2019. I also play BYC tennis regularly in the weekly round robin events.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: I have been involved in Club activities for over 20 years. With an extensive background in the Ottawa community and as an executive in marketing, I will help improve the tennis membership and quality of the facilities supporting tennis. I am an avid tennis aficionado and am a get things done kind of guy.

PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT: This involved things such as clean ups to the recent sandbag fill volunteer. 200 bags but who's counting. A great BYC achievement for all members.

OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS: I am involved in my local community and often help local entrepreneurs to build their businesses. I spend time with local investors and at Invest Ottawa. I was a volunteer coach and convener at Nepean Soccer for over ten years.

CLUB COMMITTEE COMMITMENT: I will work with a Tennis Committee to engage more of our current membership in our programs on the courts

OBJECTIVES AS BOARD MEMBER: I will use my extensive marketing experience to enhance the positive image of BYC to the Ottawa community. I will help increase tennis membership and improve the tennis court space within the budget and help raise money for added budget to improve the tennis space. As a security expert, I will help with protection measures that will prevent non-members from using the tennis facility and keeping the boat yard free from theft and improper intrusion.



SAM FULLER
Nominated for Director
(Social)



PERSONAL INFORMATION: I am a project manager for Fuller Construction and have been working in the industry for 10 years. I enjoy an active lifestyle with my wife, Elisa, and our two kids. I competitively raced Lasers for 10 years, competing on an international level with a top world Laser ranking of 145th. I made lifelong friends at the Club and we spent most of our summers there as young adults.

MEMBERSHIP: I have been a member of the Club since the age of 7, completing White sail 1 through to Silver by the age of 12. I have been racing and representing BYC since the age of 12, winning the Ontario gold cup circuit twice. I currently own a boat in the harbour and have a family membership with my wife.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: I am a keen racer and compete in the PHRF Series on Tuesdays and Laser sailing on Wednesdays.

PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT: I have served on three committees over the past 5 years. Twice on the Social Committee, twice on the Nominating Committee, and on the Marketing Committee.

OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS: My hobbies include sailing, swimming, hockey, and running. I play hockey through the winter in a men's hockey league at Carleton University. I am an active member in the Ottawa Construction Association, General Contractors Association, and Ottawa Young Construction Leaders.

CLUB COMMITTEE COMMITMENT: As Social Director, I will ensure the continuation of a Social Committee and our social program. I will continue to be committed to getting involvement from members that represent the demographics of the Club, and those that are new to the Club and have expressed an interest in being part of the Social Committee. I will continue to be committed to listening to members and potential new members and obtaining feedback on social activities in order to improve future entertainment and events.

OBJECTIVES AS BOARD MEMBER: My grandfather, Thomas Fuller, always said "you only get out of your club what you put into it." What I bring to the Board is an active interest in promoting the Club's growing social community and offering events that cater to families as well as adults. My ambition is to promote the active lifestyle of the Club and extend our social agenda to a wider range of audiences. I would like to see our younger members feel that they have a safe and enjoyable place to spend their summer.



On Nov 27, 7pm, BYC is hosting "Sailing the Top of the World", Arctic Circle June 2019 Creative Research Expedition, Svalbard Archipelago (70 to 79°16'94 N, 011°57'1 E), by Sandra Hawkins. The presentation is her visual and anecdotal stories as one of thirty selected artists, writers, architects and educators whose creative research contributes to climate warming discussions. The Expedition's log, tall ship's sails and rigging diagrams, and map of Svalbard fjords sailed is available in a 9-page document, a link to be available at either of the two websites below. The poster in the Club provides more information. Websites for log link will be at - sandrahawkins.ca, or <https://wordpress.com/view/sandrahawkinsarcticexpeditionjourney.wordpress.com>



From the Bridge

from – Rob Braden,
Commodore



Cool, clear, crispy fall days lead to cold snowy winters when we dream about sailing instead of participating.

The beautiful days for sailing by mid Fall get fewer and further between so it was a shame that the Town Hall fell on such a beautiful day. But it did help with the turnout at the Club for the meeting. We counted 80+ people who came to hear our song and dance.

And dance we did. A lot was packed into a 2-hour meeting with a hard finish time.

The Club has had a very good year considering how drearily it started with the flood and the cold, wet beginning to June. Good weather though, does not mean everything is rosy. Don't get me wrong, as I told the members at the Town Hall, the Club is doing fine financially, but we do not want to fall back into the 'scraping by' days of 25 years ago. We have the Club working well now and providing better service and facilities than it ever has.

The main point of the town hall from the boards perspective was to provide the members with the background and issues that have gone into making the decisions we needed to make to balance our budget for next year.

Rory gave his final report on his hard work on membership. He showed us how averaging membership across 17 clubs similar to ours shows that our membership fees are close to \$700 below average. That is a great indicator of how well the Club has managed things considering we have put almost \$2 million into infrastructure improvements and additions in the last 10 years and yet we only have a mortgage of \$226K. But success breeds it's own problems as I will draw attention to in a minute.

Rory then went on to show the result of membership category changes and the cleaning up of the Senior 65 membership category for full voting members. If passed at the AGM one would no longer be required to go in request the senior 65 benefit from the office, it would be automatic. A strong benefit to being a full member. It will also encourage full members to remain voting members after they have sold their boats, thus keeping the Club well stocked with voting members that have history with the Club.

Al Malo and Guy Grimard got up to explain the progress of projects in and around the harbour, especially the Cassel street wall project, which will most likely be finished by the time you read this. The project did have typical BYC unexpected needs for scope creep when it was discovered that the front wall and the Cassel street wall were not built on solid foundations but rather on loose till, so Guy needed to dig down under the current front wall to shore up and build a solid foundation under the wall. The result was that we now have a wall built down to the bedrock, between the club house and the water, which hopefully means water can't seep under the foundation and rise up into the bar, or not nearly as easily as it did in 2017 and this past spring.

Lisa Shishis reported on the success of the BYC Opti National Championship and the Junior Club race teams. She also had to tell us that Ontario Sailing has mandated a change in the ratio of coaches to students for sailing schools meaning

we will have to add an additional coach next year, which includes resources to support that coach.

I presented the issue of the Club's need for resources. A result of success is we now have more active members and a full harbour. That means we are basically running the Club on the same relative budget as we did 15 years ago, except that we have 50 more boats and the food services at BYC is now a million dollar operation. This means that the harbour staff has to deal with more service issues from an additional boats and that administration is dealing with 5x as many transactions as they did before, but the staffing hasn't changed. So we need to add additional resources - read staff and supporting equipment - to maintain our current level of service and infrastructure. If we don't then we will burn out the excellent staff we have and risk going backwards in service levels.

With our Honorary Treasurer out of town, we culminated with a presentation by Past Commodore Phil Moorman who sits on the Finance Committee, on the issues facing the finance committee to meet the changes required to deal with: the hit to operations caused by the flood; the unexpected increases in insurance of \$3,400; the financial issues surrounding downgrading of full members to social members; the need to fund the flood water mitigation projects so that we don't have similar hits to operations in the future; and the need for additional staff resources in the Junior program, in the harbour and administration.

It has been a very busy and tough year for the Finance Committee trying to coral all the issues into a plan to move forward with and around which to build the next year's budget. But they have, and though not perfect, it does reflect the many discussions the Board of Directors had about solutions. We are aiming for a balanced budget next year, rather than the normal profit large enough to cover the mortgage payment, which means that payment will come out of restricted funds, which in turn means we are reducing the available funds

for projects, and asset maintenance for next year. It is a give and take response that keeps the members pocketbooks in mind.

The key thing is that we have a plan to work towards that encompasses all the issues presented above and will keep the club operating at the level we have come to expect and are proud to show off to our friends without hitting anyone too hard in fee increases. The final recommendation as reported at the Town Hall, along with feedback from members during and (mostly) after the meeting will now be voted on in November and put to the voting members at the Annual General Meeting on December 11.

In closing, as this is my last Full&By report as Commodore, I want to take a moment to thank all the support I have had from the hard working Directors of our Board, they have made the significant successes we have achieved together so much easier. Paul Moore, with his knowledge of historical continuity of the Club and management experience has been a valuable resource when working out Board direction.

I really valued the support and words of encouragement from members, who have contributed so much to the Club and committees that keep the board working effectively. And of course, Joan Yuile, who with her constant badgering has kept communication flowing in the F&B from the directors and you.

Several Directors are stepping down at the end of this year. Of course, John Morrow will have completed

his term as immediate Past Commodore, he was always generous with his time when I needed to discuss history of a current issue. Marion Xhignesse apart from her role as Tennis Director also has started and will hopefully carry on with a Green Committee, helping the Club to work effectively in a manner appropriate to today's standards for environmental sensitivity. Rory Harley did an amazing amount of work on the membership categories and the implications of current structure and fees. He made solid recommendations to help lead us out of the dark into the light on some very complex issues. And finally, Kevin Bundy, our current Honorary Secretary has been my left hand (he always seems at my left at Board meetings) man for the past 2 years. Keeping me aware when discussions or issues stray from what the By-law and Regulations dictate. He ran the Governness Advisory Committee which looks after the monumental task of bringing our By-law and Regulations up to date and eliminating conflicts that have seeped into them over the years. And he kept myself and the rest of the Board on track to do what we said we would do. To all of you, thank you.

Next year I will keep working on security to bring our current practices and infrastructure up to date to deal with current issues and try to do more sailing instead of meetings.

Social Report

by – Sue Levesque (Director)



In the October issue of the Full & By I thanked the members on my Social Committee but failed to recognize the support that I got from the members of the Club. With that said, I want to thank all of you for your support and feedback

throughout the year. After all it is the members who are instrumental in the success of our events.

Although a little early, I want to take this opportunity to wish all of you the best over the holidays and hope to see many of you at events leading up to them and especially at the New Year's Eve party.

**ENTERTAINMENT
CALENDAR**





Dec. 13 - Christmas Buffet
Dec. 15 - Wassail
Dec. 18 - Xmas Cheer
Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve

**MOVIE NIGHT
RETURNS
TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 5
1st Movie
"ROCKETMAN"**

**Enjoy dinner and watch a
movie on the big screen in the
Main Lounge
Movies start at 7:00pm**

Membership

by – Rory Harley (Director)



Last fall, as I took over as Membership Director, BYC was changing tacks away from the Club’s experiment with cheap social memberships to return to a membership structure followed by most senior yacht clubs.

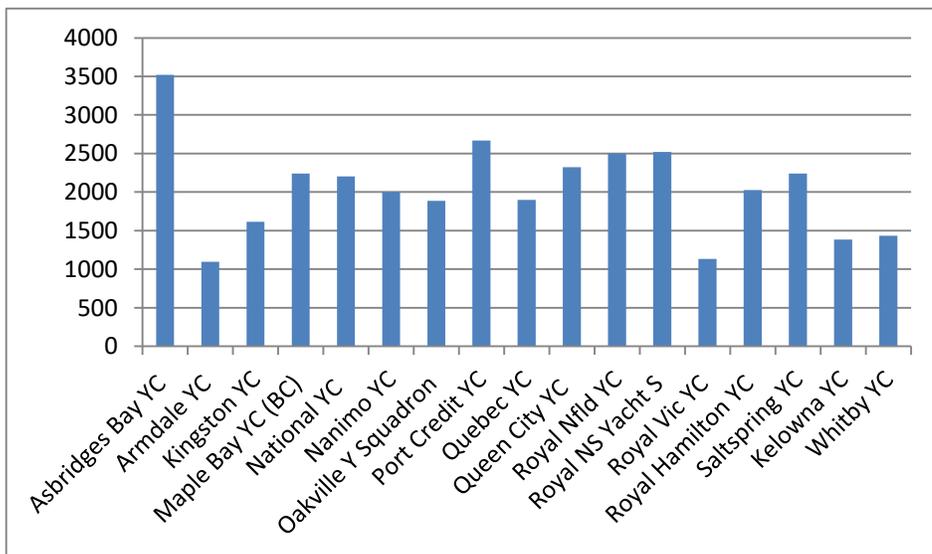
BYC now has the following categories. Voting categories consist of; the Intermediate for the 18 to 35 set, Full for the 36 to 65 age group, Senior 65 for up to the age of 85 with 20 years continuous voting membership, and the Senior Emeritus starting at 85 for those that have won God’s lottery. The non -voting categories consist of the Junior, Student, Introductory, and Non-Resident.

Now, comes the more difficult part of this transition, establishing guidance for fee levels that allow the Club to optimally function but does not turn members away. Now, with the low-cost memberships gone, 2020 will mark the return to membership categories used by most of the senior yacht clubs in Canada

Voting Members

I would like to return to a previous Full and By article where I observed that BYC’s membership fees were significantly lower than the averages of 17 peer yacht clubs. I tried to limit my survey to yacht clubs that are similar in stature, size, are open year-round, offer restaurant quality food, and like Britannia, have a historical roots, and thus most likely qualify as the ‘senior club’ in their area. I have excluded the expensive ‘elite’ Clubs in Toronto and Vancouver. The following histogram presents in alphabetical order the Annual Voting Full Member Couple fees in CAD for clubs that appear similar to BYC .

Comparison of Voting Couple Membership Fees at Canadian Senior Yacht Clubs



Removing the ‘outlier’ of Ashbridges Bay YC the average fee becomes \$2014. BYC’s 2019 fee for a voting member couple fee is of \$1240, and therefore some \$774 less than the Full voting Couple average fee of all these clubs.

Not all Canadian senior yacht clubs differentiate between a ‘single’ voting member and a ‘couple’ voting member. In other words, many clubs appear to have a single voting category that incorporated the spouse/partner as a ‘free’ equal member. BYC is therefore somewhat unique in that we have a Voting Single Member category priced at \$980 or point .8 of our Voting Full Couple Membership.

In order to best give a representation of the comparative costs for a membership, I did not include non-recurring costs such as shares, debentures, or initiation fees, etc., but did include any annual mandatory fees such as minimum

restaurant purchases. They can make a material difference. For example, the Royal Victoria Yacht Club’s fee this year is \$1134, and thus appears lower than BYC’s fee. However, Royal Vic has an initiation fee of \$3748, and if one amortizes this amount over ten years, their average annual fee climbs to \$1508. Consequently, if my survey similarly amortized all the non-recurring costs such as initiation fees, etc., that these clubs charge, the fee average would rise, thereby further spreading the difference between their fee average and BYC’s fee.

It should be noted that many of these ‘senior’ clubs are based in urban areas cities that have a similar socio-economic basis as Ottawa upon which to draw members. Most importantly, most of these clubs have competition in the form of nearby lower-cost yacht clubs and marinas, and yet maintain a sufficient number of voting member boat-owners that are willing to pay a premium to belong to the local senior club.

Why Are BYC’s Voting Fees So Low?

So how did it come to pass that Britannia charges less than our peer clubs across the country? Perhaps the answer lies in the history of our Club and our members’ value perspectives over the last 45 years. Boat purchase prices have fallen dramatically over the last decade or so, and thus one can buy a boat far cheaper than ever before. If one is comparatively new to sailing - say the last decade or two, it is likely you would not have a true appreciation of the high cost your boat’s original owner paid. This gives a skewed view of the cost of boat ownership. The problem, of course is that while boat prices are going down, the cost of a club membership, mooring, hauling and storage are always going up.

Britannia, for many years felt it needed to price compete with the Nepean Sailing Club’s lower fees. We have something of a two-way street across Lake Deschênes. Britannia lost members who didn’t want to pay for BYC’s premium, and we have gained members that were willing to pay for the benefits our Club had to offer. Mercifully the tide has turned to Britannia’s favour with new boat owner members willing to pay for the BYC’s value.

In addition, BYC went in a diagonally opposite direction than all other Canadian senior yacht clubs in recent years. Instead of raising the fees of our core members, we offered a range of cheap social memberships; the Summer Social, Summer Social Extended, and the Senior Social 65 categories.

The chart below provides a view of the magnitude of these now cancelled categories, which were composed of both our downgrading members mixed with new members willing to pay a couple of hundred bucks for access to our food and sunsets.

Category – Full year	Number of Memberships	Category -Summer	Number of Memberships
Single Social	62		
Social Couple	46		
Total			

These cheap social memberships are now in their last year of reprieve. The number of these members that will be returning next year when they have to purchase year-long memberships is unknown.

BYC still suffers from the leftover effects of these cheap categories. They introduced and enforced a mindset that one could enjoy BYC’s for a low cost, and flip easily between the social and voting memberships without penalty. BYC’s current low voting fees, in comparison to our peer clubs, introduced an expectation of unrealistically low fees. The cheap social memberships lowered that expectation even further.

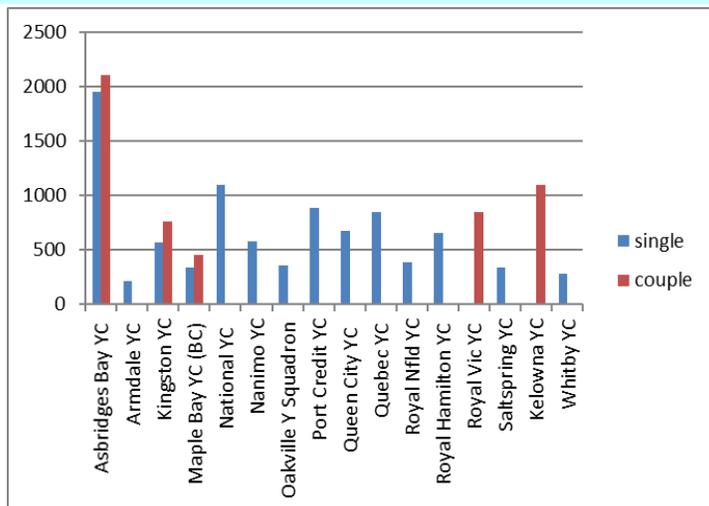
Dropping these low-cost memberships is returning BYC to a place where we need to have a fee structure similar to our peer clubs. BYC’s core members are now faced to make up the difference from an experiment that seemed like a good idea at the time.

Associate Memberships

It may come as a surprise, but the term ‘Social Member’ does not exist in BYC’s By Law. Rather the related definition exists in Article 1.3 as; “Associate Member; means a member who is eighteen years of age or older for casual, tennis, social and crewing activities.” I shall therefore use this term in the future.

My analysis showed material variation in how Associate fee levels are assigned in our peer clubs across the country. Some clubs, like RNSYS, do not offer an Associate Membership. Note that of the clubs surveyed, the majority appear to offer only a single social membership. The average of the single social memberships is \$514, some \$116, less than BYC’s fee of \$630. However, any social couple would be obligated to buy 2 memberships, thereby doubling the fees paid.

Comparison of Associate/Social Fees at Canadian Senior Yacht Clubs



So why is there such a large variance in formats and social fee levels across the country? When a club sets voting fees, it does so with a mandate to provide a service to its boat owner members. When any club elects to introduce Associate memberships, the prime objective is solely to generate the maximum amount of possible revenue, as measured by the product of the number of social members and their respective fee levels.

A member once mentioned to me that BYC has had social members 'forever'. This is perhaps a valid perspective to someone that joined 20 years ago. In fact, 'Associate' memberships, were introduced in the 1980s, and then only as single 'introductory' membership. They have subsequently been incorporated as mislabelled Single and Couple 'Social' memberships using the same fee ratio of .8 as used for single/couple voting memberships.

BYC's Senior 65 Members versus our Older Associate Members

The title of this section suggests grey-haired fisticuffs around the Dragon Bar between our voting Senior 65 members and our older Associate members. Actually we get along pretty well. However, these two membership categories are in lockstep competition.

The Senior 65 category is a voting category for members that have 20 or more years of continuous voting membership. The original concept was to give voting members turning 65 some financial relief to 'freeze' their fees, so that as time passed, their dues would appear to decline as the under 65 voting membership fees climbed with inflation.

Some of our older Senior 65 members now enjoy low fees. However, most new and recent inductees do not have fee relief, nor any vision as to how their fees might decline over time. In reality, the Senior 65 membership fees do not drop below those of the Associate categories until these voting members are well into their 80s, due to By Law changes previously made at unfreezing these fees. However, Senior 65 members have a clear view of the now lower paying Single and Couple Social fees of \$630 and \$785 respectively. Consequently, any Senior 65 member no longer requiring 'boat associated privileges', is presented the strong temptation to downgrade to the lower fee Associate categories.

In 2019 an additional 24 singles and 62 couple members 'transferred' into the yearly Associate categories, thereby underscoring that downgrading remains a revenue losing issue for the Club. In order to remedy this situation I have proposed to the Board, the Club harmonize both the Senior 65 and Social Couple fees so that both categories pay a ratio of .75 (or \$930) of the Full Voting Couple member fee of \$1240 (based on 2019's rates). However, as this will cause lost revenue, the Board has not yet decided to take action, given the high costs the Club is now facing.

The proposal to harmonize the Couple Social and the Couple Senior 65 membership fees is intended to introduce fairness for our long term dedicated voting members, without removing our Club's opportunity to gain revenue from Associate Couple members. Given the significant track record of downgrading voting members, it would appear that coming on a frigid December Wednesday night for right to vote at an AGM is enough incentive to a pay for a higher cost voting membership. The Club is eventually going to have to address this issue and our Associate Couple members will have to decide if they are willing to pay the same amounts as the Senior 65 members sitting across from them in the Dragon Lounge.

Conclusion

The financial effects of the now cancelled cheap memberships will be fully evident next year with a loss in revenue. If that wasn't enough, the Club is facing losses from the flooding this spring and will have to pay additional funds for

rebuilding the Cassels St. and Sherwood Point Seawalls. Longer term, the Club has to find, and finance a remedy for significant erosion of the north-west berm.

BYC has a total of about 900 core members. The burden of properly financing our Club can only fall on our Full Voting, Senior 65, and Associate Members, whom have a true interest in Britannia and express that commitment via the fees we pay.

Once the Board of Directors comes to grips with what the fee increases will be for 2020, you will be duly informed. Club governance dictates that voting members at our AGM have the end approval of membership classifications and fee levels, and thus our voting members will have the final say.

BYC Christmas Events 2019

<p style="text-align: center;">Christmas Buffet</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday December 13</p> <p>Traditional Turkey Dinner Buffet</p> <p>\$30.00 per person <small>-HST</small></p> <p>Cocktails at 6:00pm Dinner at 6:30pm</p> <p>Entertainment by Roxy Swan</p> <p>Call the office to reserve your spot today!</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Wassail</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday December 15</p> <p>1:00pm-4:00pm</p> <p>Light Refreshments</p> <p>Face Painting and Balloon Twisting!</p> <p>Entertainment by Bev Dunn</p> <p>Hope to see you all there!</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Christmas Cheer</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday December 18</p> <p>Lower Lounge</p> <p>4:00pm</p> <p>Light snacks will be provided</p> <p>No reservations required</p> <p>Entertainment by Paul Telfer</p> 
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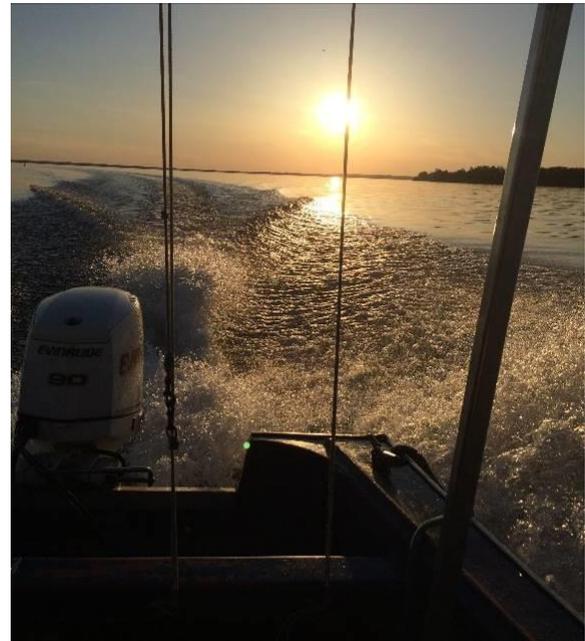
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Wake of the Bob Ross
 (Photo courtesy of Jennifer Welcher May 2015)

Between the Sheets

NEWS FOR BOATERS - RACERS AND CRUISERS November 2019

"Whoever wrote "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas" never shoveled a walkway" – CURMUDGEON'S OBSERVATION

DON'T FORGET

PRESENTATION DINNER.....Sat. Nov 9

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C&C 27 REPORT

by- Mohamed H. Fahmy, C&C 27 Rep.



By the time you read this article, your boat is definitely on her cradle or trailer, covered and like you, hoping for a warm snowless winter. For your boat, whether she is a C&C 27 or any other class, to spend the winter peacefully, did you remember to do all the preparations to keep her healthy and happy during her hibernation. I shall remind you of several must do things and others that are not that critical but better do them anyway.

If your boat uses river water for cooling, as a must, you should drain the engine of every drop of water and replace it with antifreeze. Notice that there is antifreeze that is good only for plastic tubes, no good for your engine. Unless you have a plastic engine, buy the one for metal.

Drain your water tank, your head (the boat's head not yours), make sure to pump out while the boat is still in the water and add some antifreeze in the waste tank in case some liquid stayed there. If you are sure you emptied the water tank and all the tubes completely, no need to put antifreeze in the water tank, cleaning the system in the spring if you put antifreeze, is a big headache.

It is always better to winter the boat's engine with clean oil, the engine will thank you and will serve you well in the next season.

It is always better to fill-up your tank with fuel and add fuel treatment, this would prevent water condensation in the tank, that can cause you problems the next season.

As for taking your cushions and sails home, there are two schools, taking them or leaving them on the boat. If the cushions are new take them, if they are falling apart, don't bother. The same applies to the sails. If your decision is to keep them on the boat, make sure they are well ventilated all around.

I always recommend taking the batteries home and keep them from freezing cold on the boat. This would prolong their life and at least you can recharge them before reinstalling them on the boat.

It is important to keep the cabin well ventilated to avoid water condensation and the risk of mildew. If that is not feasible, do what I do, I place metal or plastic trays filled with cat litter, yes cat litter, they absorb moisture like magic.

Water in the bilge can be a source of humidity in the cabin, try to drain it completely and add some antifreeze there.

Though it wouldn't cause catastrophic problems, don't forget to empty the icebox or refrigerator of drinks and food.

Washing the boat below waterline at haulout can save you lots of elbow grease in the spring.

Finally, the boat appreciates a good cover, so invest some money buying a good quality cover that can last the winter and resists wind, snow, rain and bird excretions.

This is my last article for the year, so, I wish all my fellow BYC members, sailors or not, a very warm winter, a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2020.



WINDSURFING REPORT

From - Suzanne Roberge



Yes, the windsurfing fleet is still alive! Not very active this summer but present.

Looking at the results, it looks like a few of us raced on two occasions in the Summer series and none in the Spring and Fall series. We'll have to do better next year.

Denis Dagenais (ex-member) and I travelled to Toronto for the Canadian Masters Windsurfing Association (CMWA) championship. In the Kona One Design class, we did very well - Denis finishing 3rd and myself 4th in a fleet of 10.

On September 7th, we had our BYC Open with only 3 racers, but they had fun. We were supposed to have 6 but for various reasons some had to cancel, myself included (but I took pictures from the Committee boat). The day started with light wind, but they went out and raced 4 races before lunch. The wind picked up and they had 2 more races after lunch before the old arms gave out. The winner of the day was none other than Andrew Hope, followed by Michelle Loewen and ex-member Dave Luck who is making a comeback this year. Thanks to the race committee for being there for us.

Next year, the CMWA championship will be at BYC so we hope that all our local racers will participate. More information to come at a later date.



And boy did we ever need the warm gear. The first day was pretty light but we managed to get two races off. Saturday was a bust with wind that would not settle in but Sunday did not disappoint. We were treated to some classic fall sailing in 10-degree weather, 15+ knots of wind and big seas - the perfect setting for four exceptionally well run races. We had some strong BYC finishes with Matt Hobbs finishing second in the Apprentice group and Duncan Whitrow finishing 2nd Master and 4th overall in the radial fleet. Well done gentlemen. More Dark and Stormy's for you next year.



LASER FLEET NEWS

by –Andrew Fraser, Rep.



'Tis the season to pack the boats away and start to think about plans for next year. For the Laser fleet, 2020 will be another busy one with a few regattas planned including the Laser Masters Canadians in late August. And, I know as I type this, the Elite Racing team is dreaming of some warm climate winter training.

To finish off the season, 7 BYC masters sailors pulled all the warm rubber they could find out of their closets in order to participate in the 2019 Laser Master north Americans in Marblehead MA.



A great time was had by all. Eastern Yacht Club is a wonderful venue and the hospitality was tremendous. All we need next time is an AirBnB with the heat turned on!

Wishing you all the best for the cold frozen months ahead.

See you in the spring if not in the bar around the fire.

CRUISING

by – Catherine Trinkwon



Cruise Week 2019 (July 14-19) was another fun week in the sun and heat! Twenty-one boats joined the fleet the first

night, and an average of 15 boats stayed throughout the week. Crews included new BYC members, new sailors, people who've cruised and raced throughout the world, racers, delivery crew, and even world circumnavigators.

After a lively beat to Pinhey's Point on Sunday afternoon, we started Cruise Week with an onshore BBQ. We welcomed back long-time BYC cruisers David and Barbara (Okyanos) and Rory and Jane (Harmonia), and welcomed Cruise Week first-timers Sophie and Martin and their daughter Mireille (Carina II), Richard and his children William and Elizabeth (Days Off), Nelson and Kim (Privateer), and Guy and Marjorie (Loki).

We shared a variety of appetizers and beverages and had great discussions during our meal. This was also the occasion to raise a toast to Dan and Catherine (White Pearl) and wish them fair winds as they start their journey on bigger waters later this year. Many thanks to BYC for the burgee – our club will be well-represented throughout their travels.



Socializing continued on several boats and peals of laughter could be heard long into the evening.

On Monday the lake was flat, so many boats motored to Baskin's (Heron was one of a few boats with sails up, capturing what little wind there was). After lunch, a swim, and a snooze, we headed ashore for the World Nautical Bocce tournament. Dan (Veritas) made many skillful shots, and Sylvie (Mon Reve) was competitive despite playing with her non-dominant hand. Congratulations to winners Dan, Bob, Mary, and Phil, who received Chandlery gift certificates. Runners-up: Alan, Donald, Angela, and Sylvie.



We maximized our enjoyment of the Baskin's property by having Happy Hour ashore. Martin and Mireille (Carina II) enjoyed the games painted on the picnic tables. On Tuesday, the fleet had an easy 10-14kn sail to Mohr Island. Several boats completed skills for the Nautical Challenge. Upon arrival, many people went for a swim and some toured around the island.

At Happy Hour, we had our annual wine tasting hosted aboard Mon Reve and Spallpeen. We sampled a mix of white, rose, and several reds. Talon d'Or's homemade red was popular. Insightful comments from our would-be sommeliers included, "Goes well with insulin," "Take me home, sailor!", "Removes paint", "Why is it empty?!".



On Wednesday, group whim determined we'd stay at Mohr Island. But the quest for thirst-quenching beverages (and ice) took some to Quyon...and beyond! Bob lead the group to Quyon, into Pontiac Bay, and up to the dam.

After an adventurous afternoon, Wednesday's happy hour was hosted by Carina II, Casual Elegance, and Days Off. We toured all three boats, checking out the roomy interiors, as shown in the photos.



On Wednesday night, we had a full moon island beach party, complete with a fire on the water. Many thanks to Guy for making this last-minute wish a reality. In the glow of the full moon and fire, we had a great evening including dancing, roasting marshmallows, and swapping sailing stories.



By 0530h on Thursday morning, many were up on an early anchor watch. The wind had shifted and was from the west at about 16 kn, gusting over 20kn. By 11am, most boats were on their way to Baskin's for a more relaxing time at anchor. One boat's anchor had become fouled by a deadhead. Patience and creative use of spinnaker halyards eventually freed the unnecessary weight.

Thursday evening at Baskin's, the final Happy Hour, featured a rum tasting. Several bottles were enthusiastically sampled. Some of the fleet headed to Pinhey's early in anticipation of shifting winds.

On Friday, many boats returned for Caribbean Night at the Club.

We had prizes to hand out for many random events, including:

- **Lumberjack** award: Mon Reve, for finding the deadhead at Mohr Island.
- **Nautical Challenge** winners: Privateer had their name drawn from the pot of all those who completed any four of these skills: using the emergency tiller, heaving to, steering with sails, crew overboard retrieval, 720 turns, and reefing.
- **Builders** award: Rory, for his homemade punt.
- **Good Samaritan** award: Angela, for helping the single handers weigh anchor in high winds and a crowded anchorage.

Kudos, too, to the single handers - you make it look easy: Alan, Bob, Jay, Ian, Roger.

The people make Cruise Week special. Spending time on the river with this group forges new friendships, strengthens long-term ones, and generates many laughs and fond memories.

Special thanks to BYC, The Chandlery, and North Sails for supporting our Club's tradition.



From Tony Latus – your Trusty Rusty Rep.



Well folks that's a wrap for RUST! And what a season it has been! We even managed to squeeze in an extra post-season race on 9 October, although it didn't count for

points, bringing the grand total to 15 races with the possibility of one last gasp after that, if the weather is favorable. I personally was particularly happy to see Dennis Foy return to the racecourse in the RUST Fleet, doing very well in Lively Lady. I was also very happy to see Quinton Gallon show up in his Finn and do a fantastic job in a strong wind, leading the pack across the line to a well-deserved 1st place.

Most of the RUST fleet got together after the last official race and held its now-traditional end-of-season potluck extravaganza over on the north side of harbour, on a beautiful sunny day. The fleet members brought an amazing array of sophisticated & delightful snacks, appetizers and goodies (see first photo). I took this opportunity to introduce the Rust racers special cocktail, developed after much consultation & trial & error with Alex at the BYC bar. It is available in alcoholic & non-alcoholic versions and is definitely engineered for consumption on a warm summer's day (see second photo). The bar has all the necessary ingredients in regular stock, so all you have to remember are the names: 'RUST Racer' for no-alcohol, or 'RUST Eraser' for the zinger.

Assuming the success of the lightweight race Mark mooring system, we will have the full Olympic circle to play with next year and the courses will be longer.



PRESENTATION DINNER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2019



COCKTAILS 5:30p.m. -- BUFFET DINNER 6:30p.m.

AWARDS 7:30p.m.

MENU: TBA

\$30.00+HST/PERSON

RESERVE YOUR TABLE NOW WITH CLUB OFFICE - 613-828-5167

Payment in advance required

Britannia Yacht Club Activities Calendar

November 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
STARTING NOV. 1						
Office Hours: Mon. - Fri. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.						
Bar & Kitchen Hours: Tues., Wed. & Fri. - 4:00 p.m. to close Sat. 12:00 noon to close, Sun. 1:00 p.m. to close						
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					Private Wedding	End of Daylight Saving Time
ALL SAINTS DAY						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Movie Night 7:00 p.m. ROCKETMAN					
First Quarter			PRESENTATION DINNER			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
 AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE 10:40 A.M.	Movie Night 7:00 p.m. TBD					BREAKFAST CLUB STARTS 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Al Malo's Team
	Full Moon				Private Wedding	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Movie Night 7:00 p.m. TBD					Breakfast Club 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Rob Braden's Team GREY CUP PARTY
	Last Quarter					
25	26	27	28	29	30	
	Movie Night 7:00 p.m. TBD					
New Moon						

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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Britannia Yacht Club Activities Calendar

December 2019

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Bar & Kitchen Hours: Tues. Wed. & Fri. - 4:00 p.m. to close Sun. - 12:00 noon - 7:00 p.m.						
Closed Dec. 21 to Jan. 5 Open Fri., Dec. 27 4:00 p.m. to close, closed Sat. Dec 28-30 Sun. Dec. 31 1:00 p.m. to close						
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					Private Event	Breakfast Club Guy Grimards' Team
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Movie Night 7:00 p.m. OCEAN'S 8					Breakfast Club Lisa Shishis's Opti Team
				Private Event	Private Event	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Movie Night 7:00 p.m. MISSION IMPOSSIBLE - FALLOUT	BYCF AGM 6:00 p.m. BYC AGM 7:00 p.m.			BYC Christmas Buffet Upper Deck	WASSAIL
		First Quarter				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Movie Night 7:00 p.m. CRAZY RICH ASIANS	Last Quarter Christmas Cheer				Club Closed  Hannukkah Begins
				Full Moon	Club Closed Winter Solstice	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Club Closed	CHRISTMAS EVE Club Closed 	 CHRISTMAS DAY Club Closed	Boxing Day Club Closed	Club OPEN 4:00 P.M. to close	Club Closed	Club Closed
			New Moon			
30	31					
 Hannukkah Ends	NEW YEAR'S EVE Club OPEN 1:00 P.M. to close 	 2019				

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