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From the Bridge

from – Lisa Shishis,
Commodore



On Wed. December 11, 2019, I was elected as Commodore of the Britannia Yacht Club, which makes me the 133rd Commodore and the 4th woman to serve in the office. I'm honoured to take on this roll and will do my best to serve the members of the Club with integrity, common sense and a bit of humour. The 2020 Board of Directors is eager to get working and I would like to welcome our new Board members as well as our returning members.

2020 has already started off to be another busy year at BYC. The Breakfast Club teams have been eagerly serving over 80 guests each Sunday to a wonderful breakfast. Thank you to volunteer organizers, the team captains and the many volunteers who have made every Sunday morning something to look forward to. Renovations have also started taking place in the Upper Deck washrooms ensuring that the facilities are accessible to all

members and guests. As well, the carpet on the Upper Deck in front of the bar has been replaced.

There are a number of projects that the Board will be focusing on this year. We are currently working on developing our strategic plan, which will assist us in guiding this Board and future Boards for the next 5 years. Over the upcoming weeks and months, we will be asking for your thoughts and feedback. The Board, along with our Governance Committee, will be reviewing our By-Law, Regulations and Policies, ensuring that they meet the club's needs in 2020 and beyond. There are several improvements planned for the Clubhouse, the grounds and the Harbour. They include: East dam wall, Inner Harbour walls, Sherwood Point, de-watering the Clubhouse and security just to name a few.

Over the past few months we have encouraged you to use on-line baking, or cheques to pay your membership and mooring fees. To date we have saved \$5,000.00 in credit card and banking fees. I would like to thank you for assisting us in reducing our banking fees. Our goal is to save close to \$15,000.00 on credit card and banking fees this year.

I know it is hard to believe that Spring and Summer are just around the corner. There are many exciting events planned for the months ahead. I look forward to meeting more of you and enjoying our wonderful club with you. Please feel free to contact me with questions or any comments you might have.



HARBOURMASTER'S REPORT

by – Al Malo - Rear Commodore



I've been doing some hard hiking on the trails behind my house trying to get back in shape – the usual New Year's resolution. The last couple of weeks, the days have been getting very noticeably longer and the improvement in my mood has been tracking this change. As I write this, we are heading into a second day of 6 to 8 degree weather with sunshine – makes you anxious for the coming sailing season. Time to shake off the winter blues and get back to business.

After the drama of Spring 2019, everyone is talking about the possibility of flooding this year. As we enter March, it's still too early to make predictions. Some of you may have heard news stories about levels on the Great Lakes which were exceptionally high last year and where the high water levels have continued through the winter creating the real possibility of spring flooding for the Lakes this Spring. Here's a link to an Article published by The Weather Network

<https://www.theweathernetwork.com/ca/news/article/great-lakes-lack-of-ice-high-water-levels-will-have-spring-consequences-flooding-potential>.

It's important to remember that the Ottawa River is in a separate watershed so what happens on the Great Lakes only impacts us indirectly so let's not panic. It does remind us

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however that we need to remain alert and have our plans in place.

Last year we completed the refurbishment of the Cassels Street wall. This will make it much easier to deal with high water at the front of the Club this Spring. We'll be fitting stop logs at the ramp area of this wall and preparing for sandbags at the southern end of this wall between the Club property and our neighbours should the need arise. We are looking into the use of large sandbags which can be filled with the tractor instead of the back-breaking work we undertook last spring - I'm getting too old for shifting all that sand.

We'll soon get started on Phase I of the Clubhouse De-watering project which was approved last year. The objective is to be able to pump the water entering under the floor slab of the Dragon Lounge from the furnace room rather than the grates in the Lounge floor. This allows us to keep the floor free from pumping equipment and will allow us to enjoy our Lounge even if we experience high water. Pumping is required when the water level reaches 60.15 meters which historically has been a rare event - 2017 and 2019 being the recent exceptions. In 2019, we were able to pump at a rate sufficient to prevent flooding so we feel that we can achieve the same result from the furnace room and keep the Lounge open.

The General Manager will chair the Flood Committee again this year and the plan is to start these meetings early. The Committee will prepare regular updates to keep you up to date on the status. As in previous years we'll be monitoring the water levels and the forecasts on a daily basis. If you're interested in looking at these yourself, you can find the information using the following websites:

- 1) <http://ottawariver.ca/forecast.php>
water level forecasts by the Ottawa River Regulation Planning Board
- 2) https://wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/mainmenu/real_time_data_index_e.html
- Environment Canada

provides real-time and historical water levels - look for Station Name - Britannia

The Ottawa River Regulation Planning Board also held public sessions last year to help people understand the flooding of 2019 and the limits of the controls that can be used to manage flooding. In the 'Latest Bulletins' section of their website you'll find a set of slides they used for a presentation which was made in Constance Bay on July 9 2019. It's very useful information and can be found at the link that follows - <http://ottawariver.ca/docs/2019/2019-07-09-ConstanceBayPublicMeeting.pdf>

We were not able to undertake the Sherwood Point project last year. Though the existing ramp survived the flood last year, it still remains important to do this project sooner rather than later and it's in our plans for late summer 2020.

Work continues to develop the plan for the western shoreline rehabilitation (the berm). Meetings have taken place with City and Conservation Board officials and more consultations are planned with the engineers who did the initial study in 2016 to further develop our understanding of the options available for the remediation work.

We are currently working on mooring allocations. The Harbour has gotten much fuller in the last couple of years and that's good news for all of us as the cost of operations is then spread over more users. On the other hand, it makes allocations a bit more difficult. Again this year we have a waiting list. This list includes members wanting to move back to a mooring from storage, members and former members wanting to move their boats back to the Club from other venues and potential new members looking for a Club in Ottawa that can take their boat. For those bringing boats to our Club, they need to give up the arrangements they have at other facilities and to make arrangements for transport. It is important for the Club to be able to make a commitment to these folks in a timely fashion. In order to do that, it's important that our current members let us know whether or not they will be

renewing their mooring. Members do this by paying their mooring fees when they are due - if this is not done, we are in an awkward position as a Club - holding a mooring for a member who may not renew while declining a mooring to someone on the waiting list. This can result in unnecessarily empty moorings, which hurts all of us. I will be looking at Regulation changes to try to address this issue and I encourage you to give me feedback on how best to deal with this problem.

The BYC Dock Program started in 2008. The program proceeded on the basis that the cost of providing the dock service would be borne by the members subscribing to the service. Under the subscription approach, members pre-pay for the dock service over 17 years based on the cost of docks at the time of subscription. This provides the capital required for the Club to purchase the docks without the need to borrow. The subscription agreement provides subscribers with a refund of their unused subscription when they withdraw from the program, which can happen when they retire from active boating, sell their boat, move etc. Over the intervening years, the popularity of the docks has continued to increase. Last year we accommodated 18 new subscribers with the result that the number of moorings in the main harbour totalled 72 subscription dock moorings, 20 T-dock moorings mostly for powerboats, 2 wall tie ups and 30 med moorings.

The demand for docks continues as members

recognize the enhanced convenience and safety of mooring on a dock vs the med mooring. This is especially the case as members have been bringing in bigger boats. This year we will be adding at least one new pod with 7 moorings with a potential for another 6. We will be undertaking work on our Regulations this year to reflect this changing reality. We will also start developing a dock program for the Inner Harbour.

The Harbour Committee will also be participating in two initiatives. The first is a review of security at the Club. The lead for this review is Past-Commodore Rob Brayden. This Harbour Committee will participate in this review as the impacts for mooring holders and for Harbour Operations could be significant. Additionally, we'll be participating in the Green initiative led by House and Grounds Director Alan Galley with a view to helping our members do their part in protecting the environment from which we get so much enjoyment.

I'll sign-off for now with a reminder that the Spring Boat Owners' Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 5 – look for the email blast from the Club for confirmation.

If you want to provide input on any of these issues, I'm at the Club most days and available to discuss. I can also be reached using this email address harbourmaster@byc.ca.



PROJECTS

by – Guy Grimard
Rear Commodore



In the wake of a happy New Year, I have to admit that last season has taken its toll: I am still in

recuperation-mode after a heavy fall schedule of working on the seawall. I imagine that you also have taken time to rest and reflect on a job well done - and not think too much about the next season, except for launching and sailing of course, that we all hope will be sooner this year.

Whatever it is that Mother Nature has in reserve for us we are in good shape on the river front and there is little to do on this side of the gate.

So, what are the plans for this season? No new projects were presented at the AGM; therefore, we will carry on with formwork in the harbour; namely, the eastern dam wall that needs to be restructured before concrete is poured. This will happen as soon as the water level is low enough to excavate the fallen stone, install the formwork, drill the sidewalk and pour a section.

That being said, we are planning the catchment pit in the Main Lounge of the Clubhouse that will divert any water flow that may occur during high water events. Let's hope it is never needed.

The North wall stairs project (the curved staircase to the Upper Deck) will be started this spring, weather permitting, so that we have a decent looking and much safer staircase for everyone.

Another project, the Sherwood Point ramp, needs to be submitted for a permit and we will add a seawall to those drawings. We do not expect an answer soon but, hopefully, by this fall.

I will be soliciting volunteer help again this year; but, I promise it won't be as extensive as last year.

Yours truly – and with gratitude,
Guy



Treasurer's Report

By - Randy Tivy
Honorary Treasurer



It's time again for the three-month update from the Finance deck.

It's early days but at the time of writing our Food and & Beverage results to the end of January are trending better than last year and primarily because of outside events. We have had a modest increase in member sales and it would be great and helpful to see more. BYC provides exceptional food services to members and at very reasonable prices. I encourage all members to enjoy the view, a beverage and a fine meal.

Membership invoices went out in December and we are budgeting for a full harbour. Collections have been good to date but it is too early to project our final results as we expect payments to continue through February and March. I will give an update on our final membership results in the next Full & By. As an aside you may recall that we no longer accept credit cards for membership fee payments. To date this change has saved the Club \$4,700 in credit card fees! As well a "soft sell" was sent out this month to members requesting that we consider paying our monthly chits with electronic bank transfer rather than credit cards. I understand from our Club Manger that we had good response to this request, and this should definitely help our bottom line.

Our capital budget for the harbour and clubhouse is just over \$222,000. The majority of these funds will be used for the harbour. As well we will be purchasing two new coach boats , purchasing kitchen equipment, clubhouse carpeting and flooring and completing the remaining work associated with the accessibility grant.{washrooms, gates/locks, doors and lift} I am sure that you will receive much more detail from the Directors in charge of these projects.

We are putting together a new Finance Committee this year with some familiar faces. I am pleased that Tom Swindells, Michael Bridal, Phil Moorman, Wayne Scrim, Lisa Shishis and Al Malo have agreed to return. In addition, we welcome Rory Harley to the Committee. We meet once a month on the Monday before Board meetings and sincerely welcome questions and suggestions from members.

As well succession is top of mind these days in most organizations and our Committee included. We are looking for a couple of members who would like to join us and learn the ropes so to speak.

Hoping for fair weather and an early launch.



House & Grounds Update

from – Alan Galley (Director)



After a relatively quiet January there are a number of projects being started during February. The largest is the renovation of the upstairs washroom space in order to have an accessible bathroom as part of the federal Accessibility Grant obligations. The new design will include an entrance directly off the staircase leading through to an accessible washroom and an

adjacent powder room with a toilet and sink. This new layout also maximizes the storage space available for the kitchen and banquet staff. The renovations should be completed by the end of February.

With regard to repair of water damage outside the shower in the Women's locker room we will wait until renovations to the North Stairs are completed in the spring, as there may be further water incursion during the spring melt. The North Stair renovations will include further sealing of the junction between the North Stairs and the clubhouse wall, reconfiguring the stairs to make them wider and safer, and installing another set of doors to further insulate this entrance way during the winter months.

Also included in the February agenda is to complete the refinishing of the fireplace hearth with a dark grey, epoxy-based, non slip paint. The floor behind the bar will be refinished in order to make it a safer workspace. A group of concerned sailors are getting together to place a steel support below the stern of the Dragon to avoid further "drooping" and will complete refinishing of the flood damage to the keel from the 2017 event.

In order not to have to contemplate closing the Dragon Lounge again due to possible spring flooding there is a plan in place to excavate a sump hole in the furnace room that would allow us to pump out water rising under the foundations from there. This is part of a multi-stage plan that will involve running 1-2 pipes off this sump down to drain in the harbour to alleviate future need for bringing in pumps. We feel that this is a necessary step in flood damage control in support of Guy Grimard's great work in sealing the seawall in front of the clubhouse should drastically cut flood water inflow below the foundation.

I'm still looking for someone interested in re-rigging the Bluenose model that sits in a glass case between the banquet hall and the Sunset Room. I have the rigging plans for anyone who would be interested. It is an expensive and very exact replicate of the original Bluenose

rigging, and when completed a great addition to the Club décor.

If the members have any other inexpensive renovations suggestions for the clubhouse please do not hesitate to contact me.



Tennis Report

from – David Hayes (Courts Director)



Courts 2020

It is going to be an exciting year for the BYC courts. We have planned the best year ever. We have numerous tennis round robins, tournaments and Junior camps. Pickleball will have more players and is a quick reflex and fast-moving game. Did you know that playing tennis and pickleball make you more competitive for sailing. Recent studies show that cross training is a huge trend. Why? Because one uses different muscles and reflexes in different sports. It sharpens the mind. We welcome all new players. We play slightly competitive and mostly fun round robins. Or just play with a friend. Did I mention that all levels of players are welcome? Meet some new friends and sharpen your physical strength and reflexes. I ask that you invite potential members to play tennis with you. If they like the tennis or pickleball and the Club - and who wouldn't - then we can grow our membership. Try and play is what I say. We have

lessons for adults and Juniors. An amazing way to build your skill set. Looking forward to having a game with you.

World Stage: We are looking to bring a group of enthusiasts to the Montreal Open and the Rogers Cup in Toronto. Let us know if you are interested. Federer, Nadal, Novac, Williams, Bianca Andreescu, Eugenie Bouchard and others. Have to play tennis to love these amazing tournaments. Be early as tickets go fast. We are also looking to host some city-wide tournaments at BYC. These tournaments bring in new people and generate lots of awareness for BYC. We will send out a schedule later in the season. Contact us by email and don't forget to bring a friend if you can. Contact us at Courts@BYC.ca. Hope you have a wonderful season.



Social Report

by – Sam Fuller (Director)



Summer is Coming! And so are the summer programs. May 8 is the official kickoff for Friday Night entertainment. Every week from May 8 till the end of summer will have entertainment, food, and social programs for all ages.

The Social Committee will be meeting at the start of March to discuss new social programs that will make better use of existing infrastructure and with a goal of giving more opportunities for members to get together and enjoy the services offered at one of Ottawa's best clubs.

Through the winter months, the Club has remained open for special nights such as Movie Night, Pub Night, bridge, and yoga. Everyone on the Board is encouraged to see an increased use of our Club in the winter months. The Social Committee will be looking to introduce additional programming through winter 2020 and your opinion matters to us on how you would like to enjoy your Club. If you have an idea you would like the Committee to consider, please reach out to us at social@byc.ca.

For additional information on upcoming events, be sure to check in with the BYC weekly email newsletter. Anyone who does not receive the emailed newsletter should contact the Office. Information on Club events can also be found on the website at www.byc.ca



Pickleball - One Member's Story

Garry Logue - Pickleball Coordinator



"Pickleball" for the name of a sport...really? seriously? How could I, or anyone for that matter, take a game seriously with a name like that? But, after years of playing tennis and sidelined by a knee issue I was missing an outdoor summer activity. I had heard that people were playing "pickleball" on a tennis court at the Club but, for a few years I maintained my unwillingness to check it out - mostly because of its silly name.

Well, in late summer 2018, I condescended to have a look at the game and strolled down to the Club to watch from the sidelines. That lasted about 5 minutes before being enticed by Jack Seguin and Dave Wilson to

pick up a “paddle” and hit a few balls, and, as they say, the rest was history.

So, when asked (frequently) to describe pickleball my first response is it’s like table tennis (ping pong) except you are standing on the table. Conceived in the mid-60s based loosely on the principles of badminton, over time the originators modified the game to its current design. It’s a game played on a modified tennis court with much smaller courts meaning less territory to cover and, theoretically at least, less stress on knees, hips and other joints that don’t seem to age well.

And, while it’s a game that naturally appeals to older players, it is extremely popular with younger players as well. Like any sport there can be competition but at BYC it’s friendly and very open and welcoming to new players; everyone at one time was a beginner! Its popularity is

skyrocketing, and we are so lucky at BYC to have courts and equipment free for the use of our members.

Organized play times will be set up and publicized as the opening of the courts approaches but any group can basically play anytime that a court is available. This is an enviable situation unique to our club, so we encourage members who are considering an outdoor summer activity to contact me, Garry Logue, and get on our distribution list for any updates and developments.

A summary of the rules will be developed and posted by the equipment shed so that any group can take advantage of the court when tennis is not already arranged for that time slot. We hope to see you all on the court. Contact me at garry@pillowpackers.com or just show up at the times that will be set up as mentioned above.

Finally, what are the normal concerns you might have that could be preventing you from trying out pickleball? Here are the top 3:

1- My knees/hips are weak or sore: Can you walk to the bar and order a drink and return to your table without spilling it? You passed the test, you’re ready for pickleball.

2- My arms/shoulders are weak or sore: If you can you then lift that glass and drink without spilling it, you passed the test and are ready for pickleball.

3- I don’t have equipment or know how to play: All equipment is supplied and every new player starts out not knowing the rules but with the warm welcoming all new players get from the start it won’t be long before you get hooked! You’re ready for pickleball!

See you on the courts!

St. Patrick’s Party



Friday, March 13, 2020

Bar opens at 4:00p.m.

No reservation required – Guests welcome

Hope to see you there



APPLY FOR THE COLIN BLANDY OLYMPIC FUND 2020

The Colin Blandy Fund was established in 1977 by members of the Britannia Yacht Club to provide financial assistance to young BYC members who are committed to a competitive sailing program with Olympic aspirations.

Interested members are invited to submit their applications in writing and addressed to the Colin Blandy Olympic Fund. Applications are being received up until 5:00 p.m., Thursday, April 30, 2020, at the BYC club office. An application form can be picked up at the BYC club office or visit the BYC youth web pages and follow the "Colin Blandy Fund" link at <http://byc.ca/index.php/learn-to-sail-byc/youthfundraising>.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Membership in good standing at BYC in the year immediately preceding the award year;
2. Twenty-five years of age or younger during the award year;
3. Demonstrated interest in competitive sailing;
4. Commitment, in writing, to engage in a competitive sailing and/or a challenging training program during the award year;
5. Submitted a written application before the cut-off date of April 30, 2020.

Applications will be judged on:

1. Previous sailing experience;
2. Demonstrated excellence in competitive sailing and;
3. A sail training development program outline for the award year, which should include plans to attend several major regattas outside of the Ottawa area.

All applications MUST BE accompanied by the development program to which the applicant is prepared to commit their effort.

At the end of the 2020 racing season, successful applicants will be required to provide the Trustees with a written outline of their training and racing activities during the season.

More information can be obtained from any of the following Trustees of the Fund:

Bill Fuller (Chair)	- 613-831-2038 / bill@fuller.ca
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On Board

The Canadian national ensign should be made daily at 0800 and be worn while the owner is aboard his yacht or is close enough to be considered to be in control of it, i.e. in the clubhouse. If sleeping aboard it is entirely up to the individual whether he lowers his national ensign in the evening. When leaving his yacht at the end of a weekend, for instance, it is correct to lower the national ensign until next aboard.

Between the Sheets

NEWS FOR BOATERS - RACERS AND CRUISERS January-March 2020

"The first rule of iceboating: In the event the wind dies, never sail further than you are willing to walk across a cold, frozen lake" – Anon..

DON'T FORGET

BOAT OWNERS' MEETING.....1300h..... ..Sun. Apr 5
SPRING SAILORS' MEETING..after.....Sun. Apr 5

CLASS 1 NEWS & UP-RIVER

PHRF <165 (ish)

by – David Foy (Class 1 & Up-River Rep.)
Trophy Keeper



Ski season is starting to wind down, and the days are getting longer. It's time to start thinking about getting back out on the water.

I will be the Class 1 Rep. and the Trophy Keeper again this year. I will be your voice on the Sailing Committee for these areas. If you have any ideas or thoughts that you would like brought to the Committee, send them my way.

The final tweaks are being put on the Sailing Instructions. They should be available online soon. Please remember to read them. There are important details for races and special events. They also outline what awards are available to be won for each event. There are lots of trophies up for grabs to be won - of course you have to be in races to win them!

We are working on some possible solutions for the Quyon and Mohr Island races to boost participation. Rumour has it that Dennis and Brenda Foy have volunteered to host breakfast again at Mohr Island. This race also happens to land on July 25. Maybe a Christmas in Margaritaville???

Don't forget the Spring Sailors' Meeting on Sunday, April 5. This is the chance for you to come out check the boats and see what's planned for this summer. Watch for the email blasts from the Club office, the posters, or check the website often for more details.

Please remember to register. This can be done online or at the Spring Sailors' Meeting. You are not

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or talk to Catherine or Phil at the club.**



committing to race by registering, but you do need to be registered if you decide to race

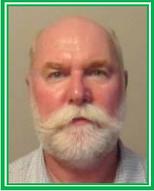
If you are planning to race PHRF you need to have a PHRF certificate. If you don't have one, I can point you to the right group to look after you.

That's all for now, come on Spring...



CLASS 8 REPORT

from – Brian Williamson – Class 8 Rep.



The T-22 Turns 50

Not to ignore other Class 8 boats, but this newsletter focuses on a special one of the class designs that celebrates a special milestone

This year, 2020, marks 50 years since the first production Tanzer 22 hit the water, and the BYC and NSC sailing committees have agreed to plan events to mark this.

The T-22 was (and remains) a very popular boat, designed and built by Tanzer Industries Limited in Dorion, Quebec, with a production run of 2271 boats between 1970 and 1986. Both Lac Deschênes and the waters around Montreal still have significant, active T-22 fleets. Johan Tanzer designed the T-22 to be fast, but also safe and forgiving, that you would not need to be expert to sail, and that would let families sail together. Most of the eleven T-22s at BYC get exactly this use – the pleasant relaxation of undemanding day cruising.

But the T-22 has been, and a half century later, is still a popular racing design. Last season on Lac Deschênes saw:

- 7 boats in the Class 8 (PHRF Div 3) series
- 5 boats in the JAM series fleets
- 7 boats in the Tanzer 22 one-design series
- 5 boats in the inter-club long distance series

Plans are still in development – I'll be working with the T-22 rep at NSC on ways to celebrate this anniversary together. Current ideas include a flotilla and raft-up event (for cruisers), racing in the Nepean One Design regatta and potentially transporting boats to race regattas in Montreal (for racers).

All other T-22 owners are welcome to contribute additional ideas, or help plan and organize events - please contact me at class8Rep@byc.ca – I'd be glad to hear your ideas and input.



OLYMPIC CIRCLE

by - Tony Latus – Your Buoy Boy



Well 2019 has turned out to be the year of very few marks on the Lake. We had the entire circle restored in 2018 after quite a lot of work but lost almost everything over the course of the winter and spring. With the backing of your Fleet Captain and the BYC Sailing Committee I was asked to continue last year's work and set about restoring the circle for 2019.

After this spring's high-water mark passed, some BYC Members expressed confidence that the marks were simply submerged and would reappear at some point. Sadly, that and two dollars still didn't buy a cup of coffee, and all we had left was a three-quarter submerged/sinking 'S' Mark, 'E' mark in good shape but off-station, and a mostly submerged & sinking 'A' Mark also off-station. I personally scoured the Britannia Beach and eastern shoreline areas and also the backwater cove behind the water plant for possible survivors, of which there was only one, spotted by members of NSC. This was soon delivered to be BYC for repainting in preparation for laying.

With the cooperation of NSC and CVGR, we obtained 4 brand-new plastic yellow marks, which were painted up & labeled according to Coast Guard standards. A purchase order was submitted for new steel chain, sufficiently heavy to preclude the need for additional counterweights. The original plan for 2019 was to lay all-new Moorings, with 200 pound cement weights, similar to last year. In the event, we managed to replace the old sinking 'S' Mark and 'A' Mark on their original moorings. The mooring for 'S' seems quite durable & has remained almost exactly on station for some years. 'A' mark on the other hand is well off station and the mooring seems a little underweight, as we were able to drag it fairly easily using the Whaler when replacing the mark itself. The task of laying heavy-duty cement mooring weights is not trivial and requires good weather and a decent-sized platform.

As the season progressed your Sailing Committee discussed the possibility of returning to a lighter weight mooring system, and this will now be trialed in the replacement of 'C' Mark as soon as possible. Under this plan, the marks will have an adequate length of heavy weight steel chain and a Danforth anchor, making both laying & recovery relatively simple. The intention is to see how well 'C' Mark survives the first few October gales and then recover it for the winter. Assuming this works out well, this method will be expanded to the other marks in 2020. This method will make setting out &

recovering the marks an annual routine, but in fact it should be a relatively quick & painless exercise on a calm day. My estimate is that the Whaler can carry an outfit of three marks on each trip, thus completing the entire job in about half a day.

The photograph below shows what we have in the water right now, circled in orange; it also indicates how far off-station the current marks were as of late August. I would like to thank Brian Williamson, Konrad Lewinski, Daryl Cormier, Steven Glover and Al Malo for their participation in this year's mark work, plus the NSC staff who arranged the purchase of the new marks for BYC to use. I hope to provide more good news in the next issue of F&B.



LASER FLEET NEWS

by –Andrew Fraser (Director)



It's February - time to start reading those Laser, I mean ILCA, magazine articles again and thinking about how one of us in the Laser fleet can take Matt Hobbs from his multi-year BYC series #1 position. More time in the gym? Training camps in MX or the DR? Midwinters in Fla? More YouTube videos? Who knows? Or, it may be one of the up and coming BYC Elite team members.

I asked Nicolas Kim, the Laser Team coach, what was up with his team through the winter and he provided the following.

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Although the snow is deep and the air cold, our BYC athletes are already preparing for the start of the 2020 season just a few months away. Although we did not have enough athletes registered for a winter program this year, one BYC Laser Team member, Aethan Cubitt, spent just over a week in Florida to participate in the first Youth National team selection camp. Twelve of the top youth Radial sailors from across the country were invited to the January tryouts in Florida that had a variety of wind conditions over the week. National team coaches were in charge of the event and organized a gruelling 7 days, consisting of fitness evaluations and long sessions of drills and racing on water. By the end of the intense week, 6 athletes were chosen to join the 2020 Youth

National Laser team and amongst them was our BYC representative Aethan Cubitt, who joined the Laser team in 2016 after racing two years on the Club's Optimist team. Aethan will have a busy year ahead of him in order to maintain a spot on the National team, as he must participate in Kiel week regatta in Germany, the Radial Youth Worlds in Poland, and the Laser North Americans in San Francisco. His fellow BYC teammate, Rafael Hebert, will join him in San Francisco, as Rafael is also looking to qualify as the top Canadian youth at the event as they will be chosen to represent Canada at the prestigious ISAF Youth Worlds. Rafael narrowly missed the qualification for the Florida tryouts camp, and so he's ready for another chance this year at making the youth team. As Aethan and Rafael are heading off to university in September, this will be their final year to qualify as youth sailors. The transitional year of Grade 12 to university is a challenging one for most, and yet these two athletes are able to balance academics with the sport they love. They are both considering Queen's University in order to keep up with their sailing and hopefully qualify for the senior national team. Members of the National Sailing Team get their university tuition paid for along with a monthly stipend, as this allows them to focus all their time on sailing and school.

The BYC team will begin spring training this year in early May in preparation for 3 big regattas we will be attending: the Laser Canadians (Kingston), CORK (Kingston), and Youth Nationals (Montreal). Of course, they will also be competing in the BYC National Capital Regatta along with other local regattas and, my favourite, Wednesday night racing at the Club.

Nic Kim



Aethan Cubitt from BYC & Blair Treadwell from RCYC pose in front of their boats

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It is wonderful for the Club to have such a strong program, building national and world caliber athletes. Seeing their progress when they show up on Wednesday nights is quite something.

On the Masters' fleet front, we too are gearing up for a big season. In addition to the two regattas we run each year, the Britannia Cup and Laser Valley Masters, we will be hosting the Canadian Masters Championships on Aug 21-23. If you are interested in helping out with the regatta, we will need volunteers and would appreciate any help we can get. More info to come on that.

Lastly, I would like to put a call out to anyone interested in joining our Wednesday night racing. We

are a fun bunch and welcome anyone, at any skill level who wants join.

Enjoy the rest of your winter!



WOMEN, WIND & WAVES

by – Ruth Martin – Women's Fleet Rep.



Since last year's racing ended, the Clubs have continued to work together on our shared interests for the 2020 sailing season. Your suggestions to improve women's racing are always welcome.

One of the highlights planned for this year is the late-April Women in Wind Conference. BYC will host this interclub event on Saturday, April 25, 2020. Organized by the Ottawa River Women's Interclub Fleet Committee, this day of workshops and presentations aims to provide a learning environment for women who are experienced racers, cruisers and new members alike. Topics covered during the conference will range from basic sailing interests to racing strategies.

An open Women's Racing Meeting will take place on the Upper Deck on Monday, May 4 at 7 pm. The meeting is open to all BYC participants in the women's fleet as well as members interested in learning more about Monday night racing. New and potential members are welcome to join us to network with previous years' racers at this early season meeting. Agenda items will include election of BYC's Women's Representative; issues related to the women's fleet, crew bank and 2020 Sailing Instructions; and initiatives for next season.

Series I of Monday evening racing is scheduled to run from May 25 to July 20. The Series I Raft-up will take place on July 20, weather permitting. Series II will start July 27 and continue through September 28. There will be no races on holiday Mondays.

Several sailors asked if the annual Women's Up-River Race could take place in September starting in 2020. Discussions within BYC's Sailing Committee and with NSC established this year's race date as Sunday, September 13. The start is planned for 1400hrs. and will follow the Queen's Park racecourse, approximately 8.4 Nm. All types of keelboats are welcome to participate. Like Monday night racing, this third up-river race will have results for coached and non-coached teams. Save the date and invite your friends to join us.

Dates to remember for the 2020 sailing season include:

WOMEN IN WIND CONFERENCE - Saturday, April 25

WOMEN'S RACING MEETING - Monday, May 4

SERIES I STARTS - Monday, May 25

SERIES I RAFT-UP - Monday, July 20

SERIES II STARTS - Monday, July 27

INTERCLUB UP-RIVER RACE - Sunday, September 13

END OF SEASON CELEBRATION - Monday, October 5

If you are looking for information on sailing events, there are several local sources for news. In addition to the Full & By, material on women's sailing activities is posted on the Women's Fleet page on BYC's website. For those on Facebook, the Ottawa Ladies' Sailing Facebook group is another source of information.

Women interested in being included in the Monday evening Racing Crew Bank for the 2020 season; members who might consider loaning their keelboats on Monday nights to allow us to expand the fleet, and anyone with suggestions or questions regarding women's racing or the 2020 Women in Wind Conference can contact me at womensrep@byc.ca

Youth Report

by – Imbaw Storer (Director)



It's hard to believe that it was only a couple of months ago that I joined the BYC Board. With the AGM in December, the timing is such that a new Youth Director has to jump right into the planning for the upcoming season. Fortunately, I have an established and successful program already in place, thanks to my predecessor, and new BYC Commodore, Lisa Shishis. Under Lisa's stewardship, and with the help of our strong coaching and management staff, we've been able to deliver solid CANSail instruction, as well as grow to be one of the largest youth race teams in the country.

Of course with growth, we can get a bit ahead of ourselves, and it is my intent to take a step or two back and spend time strengthening the underlying policies and procedures of the Junior Club. With the help of the Youth Committee, and in particular Vice-Chair John Doucette and Club Manager Paul Moore, significant progress has already been made in determining where we are at and where we need to get to. Number one on the priority list is creating more structured programs that do not need to be reevaluated as much as they have each season. This means consulting with parents, sailors and coaches to develop consistent model programs that we know will be in place for years to

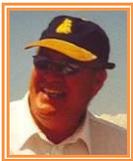
come. A close second priority will be forming an equipment management group to oversee our valuable assets.

Beyond making sure we are able to continue to deliver strong programming, I also want to make sure we are following all the Safe Sport guidelines as provided by Ontario Sailing and their COAST program. Related to this, Phase 2 of Rowan's Law, regarding removal and return for concussions goes into effect this July, and it will take no small effort to make sure we have all the protocols in place. For those that haven't been following this, Phase 1 focussed on concussion education and awareness, and came into effect July 2019.

That's enough boring high-level reporting and next issue I promise to focus on more exciting news. For example, we have sailors and coaches performing well on the national and international level and I want to let you know all about that. For now, I will get back to making sure everything is in place for the 2020 edition of BYC Junior Club. Registration for our programs is up on the BYC website and I ask that you spread the word about them. Thank you, and please do not hesitate to contact me at youth@byc.ca if there is anything you wish to discuss about youth sailing at BYC.



from - Kirk Robertson – Handicapper & Jury Chair



There is a new alternate Time on Time B value of 550. Our fleets should use it as it is meant for 8-10 knot winds while the old values were designed for 15-20 knot winds. Pretty easy to change Sailwave, set new B value and then add mean boat rating to that to get A Value. PHRF-LO is suggesting using 100 as the mean boat. It does not change rating gains or losses, so we can use either.

42 boats paid for PHRF certificates last year; if you don't register for racing and don't start any PHRF races this year, you will not get billed next year. The fleet is slowly getting smaller for all the reasons you might expect. Last summer we dual scored Divisions 1&2 using PHRF and National Handicap Cruising (NHC) on a weekly basis. The results are on the web site. There were almost no

changes in Division 2; but a few in Division 1. The difference seems to be there are fewer ties under NHC. It is up to the fleets which way they will go; but NHC requires a lot less work (and money).

Please measure any new sails in the Spring before racing begins; it is so much easier. Both Devon and I will help.

RUST Series

Some racers want to reset everyone's handicaps to initial values this year at least. This is not normally done (The rating you are sailing to is better than some equation, or group, determined). However, it will give us a chance to generate better initial handicaps, so I am game. By April, I will have a list of handicaps for you to peruse and the math (with assumptions) that goes with it. Hope you enjoy the effort. As usual in things like this, the more boat measurements you have the more likely the starting rating will be accurate, although over time the ratings will reflect your boat, your sails and how you sail it.

CORK is running a Basic Scoring course on March 29 at Kingston Yacht Club. This course is designed for those looking to learn, update, or add to their Sailwave skills. There is no pre-requisite for the Basic Scoring workshop, but an ability to focus and attend to details in an open environment, and a solid understanding of Windows operating system are desirable assets. Participants who bring their own laptop computer loaded with the latest version of Sailwave will benefit most from the Basic workshop.

CORK Basic Scoring course:

Saturday March 29

Kingston Yacht Club (1 Maitland St)

9:30am-4pm

Registration is found here:

http://www.cork.org/members/sign_in.php

Click on Competitor Registration, Register for an event, choose

Sailwave Basic Scoring

The cost for this training is \$30

Includes Coffee/tea continental breakfast and lunch

This workshop will cover:

- CORK's Results Management Manual
- CORK's Scoring System refresher
- Sailwave Basics
- Working with Registration
- Scoring Races
- Scoring Changes



BITSY

by – Tony Liaison - your BITSY Fleet Captain



BITSY Model Radio-Controlled Boat Group

QUESTION: How can I sail or race at Britannia Yacht Club when the harbour gates are closed, or we're iced in? **ANSWER:** Join the BITSY model remote-controlled sailboat race series! "BITSY" stands for Britannia Interclub Toy Sailboat & Yacht, & last year this group of sailors & racers gathered at BYC with their little yachts, inside & around the harbour areas several times, with great success. BITSY sailors are able to race completely different designs of remote-controlled sailboat in one fleet, using a handicap system. Any kind of design, small or large, inexpensive or top-of-the-line, can race together reasonably fairly. You can buy a ready-to-sail boat for under \$200, build one yourself from scratch, or spend your lifesavings on a custom-made boat costing more than your big yacht.

Beyond racing, we also just get together to have casual sails when the opportunity presents itself. Photos below show some of the activities of 2019's season, plus we also recently had a mid-winter get-together at BYC. This gave us the chance to examine the different model designs more closely in the Main Lounge, and exchange tuning, repair & construction tips.

Almost all the members of the BITSY group are also active sailors & racers of full-sized keelboats, so when it's not possible to do that because of conditions such as ice, or harbour gates being in, this is a great alternative. It feels almost as much fun as being out in Britannia Bay in your big boat. In some ways it's even more challenging: you have to be able to detect wind shifts while remaining quite a distance from your yacht, the judgment of distance & perspective (i.e. Port/Starboard encounters) requires plenty of mental focus, and you do all the work yourself (i.e. - no crew to yell at!).

For more info, contact me (your self-appointed BITSY Fleet Captain) at bycalias@gmail.com and I can send you a copy of the BITSY Racing Instruction, plus add you to the BITSY Group email list, so you'll know when an event is upcoming. It's all entirely casual, and the racing is really for fun, but the thrill of handling your own small yacht is very real. Hope to see you around the Club and on the water!



BOAT OWNERS' MEETING,.

**Sunday, April 5,
2020**

1:30p.m.

**Following
BREAKFAST CLUB**

SPRING SAILORS' MEETING,

**Sunday, April 5,
2020**

**Following
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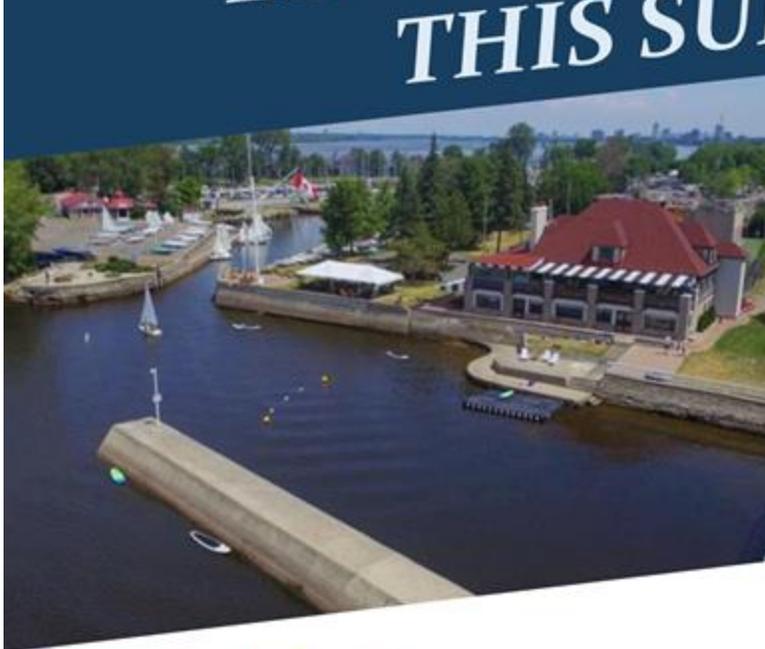
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WANT TO CREW OR NEED A CREW?



WANT TO CREW

NAME: _____ TEL.#: _____ E.MAIL: _____

Type of Boat Preferred: - Dinghy Keelboat

Sailing Preference - Racing Cruising/Day Sailing Occasional Regular

When available - Evenings Mon. Women's Tues. PHRF Wed. Dinghies Thur. O-D
 Weekdays Weekends: Overnight Day Sails

Previous experience in fifteen words or less: _____

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NEED A CREW

NAME: _____ TEL. #: _____ E.MAIL: _____

Type of Boat and Size: Dinghy _____ Keelboat _____

Occasional Regular Racing Cruising/Day Sailing

Racing Evening Series:

Mon. Women's Tues. PHRF Wed. Dinghies Thurs. One-Design

Racing Weekends

Cruising/Day Sailing: Evenings Weekdays Weekends

Level of Intensity in fifteen words or less: _____

DATE: _____ Leave in Club Office, attention Joan Yuile

Britannia Yacht Club Activities Calendar

March 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Office Hours: Open Mon. to Fri. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Bar Hours: Tues., Wed. & Fri. - 4:00 p.m. to Close Saturday - 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Sunday - 12:00 noon - 7:00 p.m. Breakfast Club - 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.						1 Breakfast Club 9:30 - 11:30 Lisa Shishis Junior Club Team
2	3 Movie Night 7:00 p.m. KNIVES OUT	4	5	6	7	8 Breakfast Club 9:30 - 11:30 Jennifer Welcher Team Daylight Saving Time Begins
First Quarter						
9	10 Movie Night 7:00 p.m. PARASITE	11 Pub Night	12	13  St. Patrick's Party	14	15 Breakfast Club 9:30 - 11:30 Al Malo Team
Full Moon						
16	17 Movie Night 7:00 p.m. JO JO RABBIT	18 Pub Night	19  First Day of Spring	20	21	22 Breakfast Club 9:30 - 11:30 Guy Grimard Team
Last Quarter						
23	24 Movie Night 7:00 p.m. RICHARD JEWEL	25 Pub Night	26	27	28	29 Breakfast Club 9:30 - 11:30 Rob Braden Team
New moon						
30	31 Movie Night 7:00 p.m. LITTLE WOMEN	Pub Night				Breakfast Club 9:30 - 11:30 Al Malo Team (Last one)

Britannia Yacht Club Activities Calendar

April 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Office Hours: Open Mon. to Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Bar Hours: Wed & Fri - 4:00 p.m. - 1:00:00 p.m. Sundays - 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Saturdays April 23 & 30 - 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Summer Hours start April 21: Office Hours: Mon. - Fri. 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Bar Hours: Monday to Friday - 4:00 - Close Sat & Sun - 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.						
						Food services: Meals always available when bar is open
		1 Pub Night	2	3	4	5 BOAT OWNERS' MEETING - 1:00p.m. SPRING SAILORS' MING. follows Boat Owners' Mtg. RYA Coastal/Offshore Course 9:AM - 5:PM PALM SUNDAY
APRIL FOOL'S DAY First quarter						
6	7 Movie Night 7:00 p.m. The Post	8 Pub Night	9	10	11	12  EASTER SUNDAY
Full Moon						
13	14 Movie Night 7:00 p.m. All is Lost (Last one)	15 Pub Night	16	17	18	19
EASTER MONDAY						
Last quarter						
20	21	22 Pub Night	23	24	25	26
Earth Day New Moon						
RAMADAN BEGINS						
27	28	29	30			
						Private Event
						TENNIS SPRING WORK PARTY