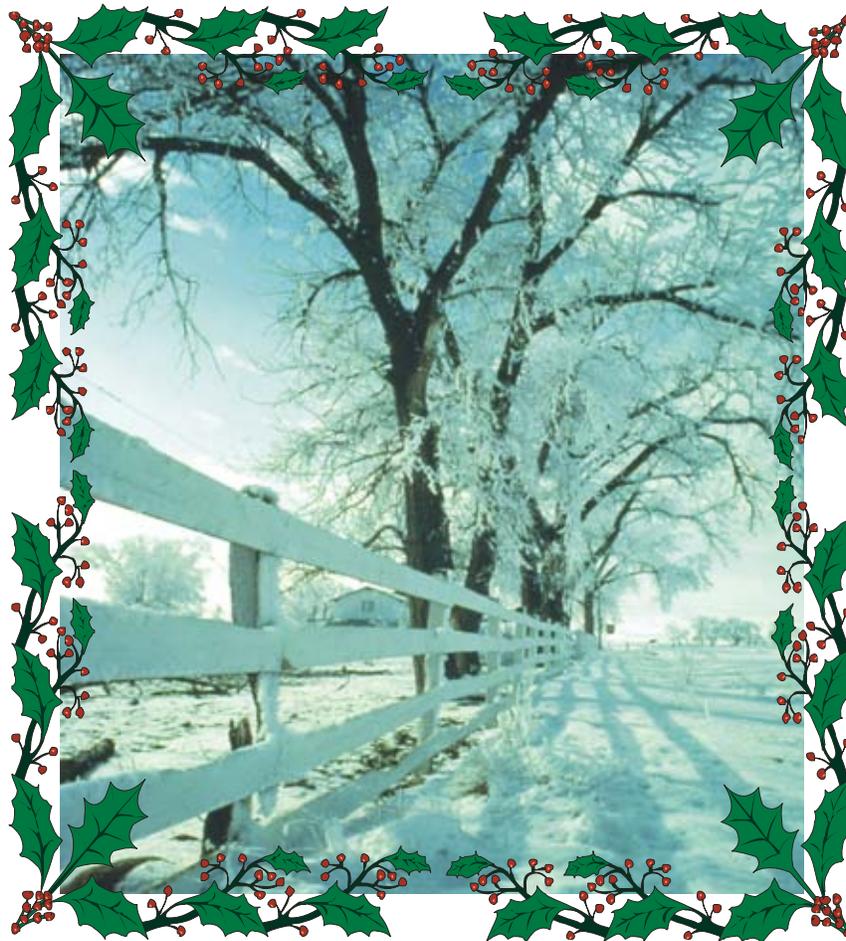




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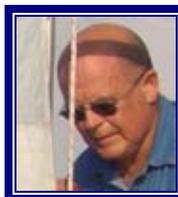
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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Following is a brief biography submitted by a candidate for the 2006 Board of Directors.

GEORGE CLAYBURN

as

Honourary Treasurer

PERSONAL INTRODUCTION: I am an Army Logistics Officer who retired in August 2003 after 37 years service with the Regular Force. In addition to duties in Supply and Transport, I have managed budgets of varying size and complexity. Margaret and I have lived in Orleans since our return from Europe in 1983. Since then I have served outside Canada on a number of UN missions. I learned to sail on the Ottawa River at CFB Petawawa in the mid-1970s and learned to sail Lasers on Lake Timseh, Egypt in 1977. Unfortunately, I was not able to continue sailing until I retired. I completed the Basic and Intermediate Cruising Courses and others at the OSS. Although I am now serving full-time in the Reserves, I am able to make up for lost time.

MEMBERSHIP: I have been a member of BYC since June 2004.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: Since joining BYC I have regularly raced one-design keelboats (Sharks) on Thursday evenings. I also have raced a number of the long distance races on the River.

PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT: I have been on the haul out crews for the past two years.

OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS: I have been a volunteer with the Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre for the past three years. During my service I have also held various positions on Officers' Mess Committees. When I am not sailing, in addition to providing the brawn for Margaret's gardening, I read the history of the areas in which I have served, and sort 35 mm slides, photos and notes gathered during my service.

CLUB COMMITTEE COMMITMENT: I look forward to working with the other Board Members in continuing to move the Club forward. I will form a Finance Committee to ensure that the momentum created by Mary Bundy continues.

OBJECTIVES AS BOARD MEMBER: My objective as the Honourary Treasurer is to build on the outstanding work done by Mary, especially in long-term planning.



*This
Harbourmaster's
Final Report*

by - John Irvin
Vice-Commodore



Thanks to the crews for a safe and effective haulout. It was unfortunate that some members' inability to cooperate meant a long day in some cases. The main thing, though, is that safety was respected. Thanks to Bill Reynen (incoming Harbourmaster) for supervising on Saturday while I went back on a crew.

Andrew is putting the place to bed for the winter. The cranes are being serviced and dismantled, and outside services winterized. He keeps busy filling the wood box for our warm fires, and is doing the winter prep around the clubhouse. He will be taking an extended break for part of December and January at home in Newfoundland, which he has surely earned. I have really enjoyed working with him.

Paul Moore continues to impress, getting out of his office and into the yard to lend a hand.

My thanks again to everyone who made life easier: the Harbour Committee, Bill Christie for his technical advice on the lifting gear, volunteers, and above all, John Vines, who never ceased to provide help and good suggestions. If I didn't have something

else to do, I'd happily continue. I know Bill will do a good job, so I leave things in his hands.

**HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO
MEMBERS
AND THEIR SIGNIFICANT
OTHERS --- their boats!!**



Projects Report

by – Andrew Hope
Rear Commodore



As we reflect back on our accomplishments of 2006, I want to thank all those who participated in BYC's affairs and especially those who contributed their expertise or time and effort to provide and share your views with respect to the Renewal Initiative. While we are still working toward putting the shovel in the ground on one or more projects in 2006, the membership should be commended on its willingness to embrace change. I was particularly impressed by those members at the November 7, 2005, SGM that spoke passionately about the need to move forward on the basis of an equitably sharing of the financial burden. It is this spirit that has been truly inspiring and gives me confidence that BYC will renew itself and be a viable entity in the years to come.

I wish the 2006 Board of Directors every success. There is still much to do what with concluding our discussions with the City of Ottawa and the National Capital Commission, completing the "Constructability Study", undertaking pre-construction engineering studies and of course assembling the requisite funding. Our vision has been challenging to forge. I remain

optimistic we can use it as our beacon for future action. I hope to see many of you at AGM 2005.

**Season's Greetings to one and
all and best wishes
for a healthy, happy and
prosperous New Year.**



Treasurer's Report

by - Mary Bundy



Well it has been an eventful two years as your Honourary Treasurer. My term is now ending and I will be returning to the ranks of member-at-large to enjoy the social and sailing aspects of our wonderful club.

We have had our difficulties this year. We started the year without a Manager and our Acting-Manager took on a caretaker roll; our Accountant/Bookkeeper contractor of 16 yrs resigned, and just before Wassail our new caterer left. Our Officers and Directors stepped into hands-on operational roles to fill the holes and with the help of our staff we struggled through the winter season. We moved to an in-house food and beverage operation resulting in hiring an Executive Chef in April, and at this time our new General Manager and a new Accountant/Bookkeeper contractor were hired. We then had a catch up period from April to June of ensuring the activities and transactions of the winter season were all correctly accounted for.

We became a non-cash club and implemented the Point-of-Sale system to help alleviate the loss of cash that occurred in the first year of my term and to reduce the manual transactions handled in the back office. When we looked at the volume of

transactions required to be handled in the office we found that, even after reducing the workload with the POS system, the Accountant/ Bookkeeper and the Member Service person could not possibly handle the volume of transactions in the hour available! We have budgeted this year to move the Accountant/ Bookkeeper position to a full time position to help ensure the required back office work is completed. A full review of the administrative process should be completed next year to further improve the back office operations.

We have several By-law changes that need to be enacted to formalize decisions made at the various Special General Meetings. We hope that all of you will read these and come out at the Annual General Meeting to vote for or against the motions. Your voice needs to be heard.

You should have already received your statement of accounts for 2004/2005 that reflect the amounts owing from last year. We ask that you please pay these amounts immediately. Not paying these amounts will result in your name being posted prominently at the club as not-in-good-standing. This package also contains your 2005/06 membership and mooring invoice. Please consider paying this in a one-time payment or over a shorter period of time (five months).

I thank you all for the opportunity of being your Honourary Treasurer. I wish our new Honourary Treasurer well in his new position. Please welcome him to the new slate of Officers and Directors -

some of the volunteers who make this club possible.

Hope to see you all at the Annual General Meeting on December 14 as well as our holiday events.

I wish all of you a wonderful holiday season



Tennis Report

by – Wendy Faas
Director (Tennis)



This is my last Report as Director of Tennis. As most of you know, Jack and I will be off in our RV by the time you read this. I would like to say a special thanks to Johanne Ethier for all her patience and assistance over the last two years and a big thanks to Paul and all the other BYC staff that helped to make my job more understandable and easy.

I would like to welcome Mike Fahmy to the Tennis Directorship and wish him well. I hope the Tennis gang and their pals will be as helpful to him as they were to me. We have approximately \$6,000.00 in Trust in our Tennis Resurfacing Fund at present. Just think!!!! If 100 Tennis Members contributed just \$100.00 each before February 2006 we would have the money to get the courts resurfaced for the next season!!!! **WOW!!!!** Wouldn't that be wonderful!!!! So let's get our there and show the rest of the BYC members what CAN be done. I will have donated my \$100.00 before I leave!!! How about you????? This would also be an attractive addition for enticing new members!!

The Awards Dinner was held October 5. About forty people attended and a good time was had by all. A SPECIAL thanks to Chef Robert for the fabulous meal and to Paul Moore and the staff for a job

well done...well organized, efficient and very professional. Howdy Russell won the Men's Singles event, Sheila Copps & Sylvia Parker, the Ladies' Doubles, Judy Collins & Bob Murray the Mixed Doubles. Unfortunately not everyone was able to get the matches played leaving the Men's Doubles and the Ladies' Singles uncontested. Thanks to all those who took the time to participate. Hopefully others will make more of an effort next year.

It has been an interesting two years for me as a Board member, making me much more aware of all the hours and hard work that Board members put in to help make BYC the great club it is. Remember, they are all VOLUNTEERS trying to do what is best for the majority while trying to attract new members so that BYC will a viable club for future generations to enjoy.

**Wishing everyone
Happy Holidays
and a great Winter Season.
See you when we return.**

Membership Report

from – David Brown



I am looking forward to seeing you at the Wassail Party on December 18th, and at the New Year's Eve Dance.

**Have a GREAT CHRISTMAS and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR.**



ENTERTAINMENT

from – Anne Korchinski
Director (Entertainment)



BBe sure to attend the Wassail and Children's Party on December 18. Also make your reservations now for the New Year's Eve Ball.

*Wishing one and all a
joyous Holiday Season
and a very
Happy New Year*

FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK

by – Paul Moore
General Manager



Once again we had a very successful haulout. The weather was fantastic, and the food was great as always. I would like to thank the many volunteers, too many to list. Of all the clubs that I have worked with over the past twenty years, BYC has the most dedicated group of members I have ever worked with. Thank you for making my job easier, with all of your help.

We have already had our Presentation Dinner, it was my first of many - I was very impressed!

The season sure does come to an end quickly. My first six months have felt like six weeks. As I have mentioned in previous reports, I have enjoyed my short time at BYC and I look forward to the years ahead.

I would also like to thank the outgoing members of the Board. You have all been very supportive towards me, and I thank you for giving me this opportunity. A special note to Paul Delahay, Paul is always available 24/7, no questions asked. Paul spends many hours working behind the scenes of BYC. These hours go unnoticed to general the membership.

I would be remiss, if I forgot to mentioned Mary and Lynn. Both Lynn & Mary have given me a tremendous amount of guidance and support, I thank you for this. I would like to wish the outgoing Board members ; Andrew Hope, Wendy Faas, Kim Moffat, John Przybytek, Anne Korchinski, Dave Welby & John Vines all the best in the years ahead. Please remember, I still have all of your phone numbers on speed dial. I also look forward to working with the new members of the Board.

I would ask members to call the Club and to review the notice boards to be informed on Club hours of operation for the coming months.

At this time, I would also like to thank Mr. Andrew Furey, for all of the hard work of this past summer. Andrew has worked very hard and is always willing to help out with a smile on his face. I would like to congratulate Andrew, on a very successful summer of sailing. Your hard work does not go unnoticed; enjoy your holidays back on the ROCK and many thanks.

I would ask all members to feel free to contact me with any concerns or questions you may have, regarding the club. My door is always open and I would more than happy to help.

**I would like to take this
opportunity to wish all members,
and their families a Happy Holiday
Season.**

CHELSEA CLUB NEWS

from – Beverley Rix, Chelsea Club

The Chelsea Club is Open

BYC members who are downtown during the work week are welcome to drop into the Chelsea Club any time, Monday to Friday, to enjoy a drink, tea or coffee. No reservation needed.

**Mark these dates on your calendar:
Monday, December 12 from 6 pm:
Christmas Dinner with
Christmas Carols**

Enjoy fine food, service and music in our Victorian heritage home, decorated for the season.

**Sunday, December 18 at 12 noon:
Christmas Brunch with
Food Donations**

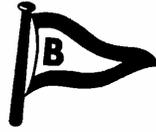
Our monthly brunch is becoming a family affair as the Club welcomes babies, toddlers and young children as well as parents and our older members. Chef Sean Murphy, himself the father of 20-month-old Connor, keeps everyone happy! Please reserve for brunch, and if you plan to bring children, please let Sean know in advance. Parents will need to bring their own booster seats or highchairs. In keeping with the season, the Club is accepting donations to the Ottawa Food Bank

**Every Friday from 4 to 7 pm:
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DECEMBER 14, 2005

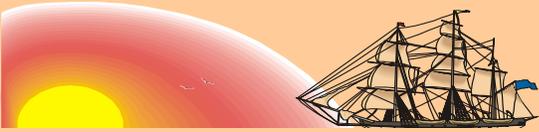
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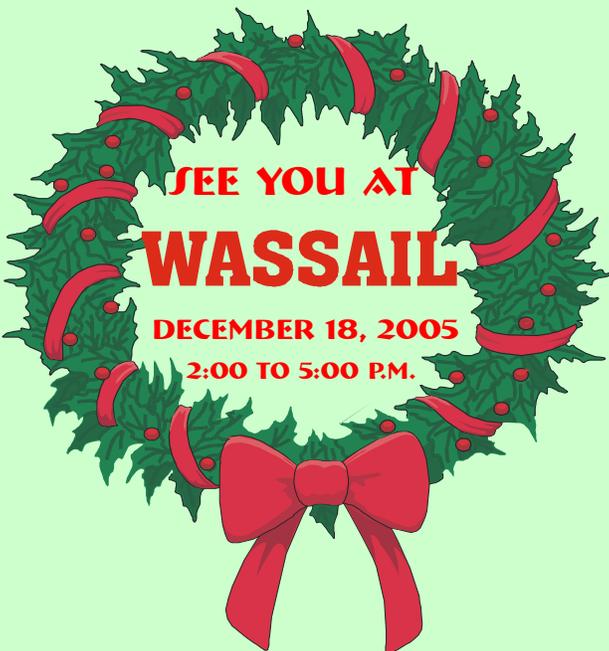
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Arts & Crafts
Fun games
Prizes
Gift Bags

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Between the Sheets

NEWS FOR RACERS AND CRUISERS
December 2005

"JIMMY DURANTE GOES FOR A SAIL

All was well until a 40-mile gale springs up out of nuttin'. First the jib stay snaps, then the port shroud snaps, then the starboard shroud snaps. Everything was tryin' to git into the act! Holdin' fast to my temper wid one hand and the boat wid the other, I gets down the jib and mainsail, and just then the mast snaps. It came quick as a flash that sailin' was a snap. Then the throat halyard snapped and the boat came down with tonsillitis." – Scuttlebutt

FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

by – Kim Moffat



Well it's my final note to you all as Fleet Captain; it has been a rewarding (well the jury is still out on that whole fact) two years. So once this has hit your hands we will have completed the BYC and Interclub awards nights (Congratulations to all the winners!), the Remembrance Day Regatta and Derek Hatfield talking about his Spirit of Canada Open 60 Project for the next Around Alone Race. You should have just enough time to blink and it will be Christmas!

The Ontario Sailing High School Championships and the National Capital Regatta both had successful years and we are looking at being able to invest back into our RC equipment so that we can easily handle multiple course regattas.

The RC boats have all been put to bed and the list of projects to work on them in the spring is not getting any smaller, so I am sure Mike O'Sullivan will be looking for some helpers if we have not been able to draft in the Foy clan already to lead the charge!

The 2006 Regatta calendar at this time does not hold any special new outside events for BYC yet but it will be busy again out on the lake with the NCR and also NSC hosting the Ontario Games in August. So it will be a chance for some of our hard working volunteers to catch their breath or maybe consider travelling to an outside event under the BYC banner!

For a final time I would again like to thank all the Regatta Chairs and volunteers, the Sailing Committee, The Race Committee, The High Performance Team Crew, it has been a pleasure working with you all and this job cannot be done at all without you!

Keep an eye out on the BYC website for sailing lectures announcements. Stay warm, healthy and happy this winter season.

All the best to you and your family this holiday season!

DON'T FORGET

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.....Dec. 14
WASSAIL & CHILDREN'S PARTY.....Dec 18
NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER & DANCE.....Dec. 31
BREAKFAST CLUB EVERY SUNDAY
MOVIE NIGHT EVERY WEDNESDAY

C&C 27 REPORT

by – Mike O'Sullivan,



Well once again our beloved boats are hunkered down under their covers awaiting Christmas and then the return of warmer weather.

The 2005 Presentation Dinner is now history and a great job yet again by Joan Yuile and her team of merry elves who put it all together.

It's now time to reflect on the past season and pass judgement on what went right and/or how we can improve. The 27 fleet now needs a new class rep as I will shortly be assuming the role of Fleet Captain. I suggest that we hold a class event before Christmas and democratically railroad someone into the position. I will be back to you all on this point shortly.

The 27 fleet has definitely become more active but we need to continue to attract more 27s to share the fun. Sadly, John Irvin informs me that Firefly is for sale. Hopefully we can find a way to keep the boat in the Club or at least racing on the river.

As this is the last issue of Full and By before Christmas, I wish to take the opportunity to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and great sailing in 2006.

See you at the AGM if not before.



WINDSURFING REPORT

by – Suzanne Roberge - Windsurfing Rep.



Another year is coming to an end. I sure hope you have put away your equipment because it is cold out there!

We had a small gathering for our October windsurfing dinner with about 17 people. Small indeed compared to the 30 to 40 we attracted for our previous dinners. I suspect a lot of people were down at Cape Hatteras enjoying the hurricane winds!

As far as I know, nothing much happened since my last report. So I wish you a good winter season and hope to see you around the Club or on the slopes!

Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année!

**SHARK BITES**

by – David O'Sullivan



Hello all you Sharkies!

Well the sailing year has come and gone and all our boats are packed away. There was some great racing and although the season is finished, it doesn't mean it has to be the end of the camaraderie. Your current Ottawa Shark Class Association comprised of myself (David O'Sullivan) - Crazy Ivan #815, Michael Lee - Shark Poop #1495, Michael McGoldrick - 007 #7 and Bert Ritcey - Lone Shark #243 are in the final stages of planning for the Ottawa Shark Class Association AGM. Along with that we are hoping to put together a fun night out for all the Sharkies and their significant others, so if you have any suggestions please feel free to forward them to any member of the executive.

For those of you who are computer geeks (like myself) and like to play games, might I suggest a new sailing game that has hit the market. Virtual Skipper 4 is a simulation made over in Europe that features 4 different boat classes to race in. Americas Cup, Melges 24, Offshore monohull and a 60 foot trimaran. This is

where I go to keep up my tactical skills and rule book knowledge. For more information please visit the official site: <http://www.virtualskipper-game.com>.

Happy hibernation! We look forward to seeing all of you again before the spring!

T22 REPORT

by – John Lydon, T22 Rep.



The last month of the season saw the heights of sailing excitement, as the Club's best sailors pitted their skills against one another for the Club Championship using Tanzer 22's. The very brisk wind caused the rules to be changed to using the working jib as the headsail, but even so for a while it looked as if the boats were going to be eliminated faster than the sailors. However, the Tanzer 22 is generally a tough little boat, and although the weakest part of the rigging was discovered in some, they still treated those of us on the patio to an extremely entertaining day right to the end of the final best-of-five duel between David O'Sullivan and crew against John Rae and crew. The latter prevailed three races to two – but it was close – very close. Thanks to OSS, Peter Goodeve, and yours truly, for supplying the boats that allowed the Tanzer 22 fleet to host this very special event.

The Frostbite Race to Pinhey's Point was a very enjoyable single reach in north-easterly winds all the way there. I was disappointed that *Dulcinea* was the only Britannia Tanzer 22 that participated, because it really is a very enjoyable event. Anyway, we had the company of *Blue Mist*, another blue-hulled Tanzer 22 from Nepean Sailing Club. Although sailing side-by-side with an identical looking boat was akin to an out-of-body experience, we enjoyed a neck and neck race almost all the way to Pinhey's Point. I say "almost", because with a couple of hundred metres or so to go, a mighty gust of wind tore my Newfoundland lumberjack's winter hat from my head. I have had that hat for 25 years, and no-one can let an old friend down. I recovered my hat, and with great elation we joined the raft-up.

There were also moments of excitement back on land. After the last Tuesday night PHRF race, I was assisting Judy Goodwin plant perennials in the Emerald Cay gardens, by illuminating the flower bed with the headlights of my car. The first plant went in with no problem, but the second hole coincided with a ground wasp nest. Judy escaped with just one sting - until we got to the main parking lot! It was there that other wasps which must have got into her fleece finally

found skin and started exacting their revenge. There is only one thing to do under these circumstances, and that is to remove one's clothing as quickly as possible, throw them away as far as one can, and make a hasty retreat to the powder room. A liberal application of BYC vinegar soothed the stings but only then did it strike me that perhaps the most remarkable thing about the whole event was how non-plussed those members were who passed by the excitement without batting an eye. Is this a commentary on the staid nature of the Britannia membership or is it not unusual at BYC for women to scream and strip in the parking lot after dark?

With all the boats safely nestled into their cradles or on their trailers for the winter, there seems to be little left to ruminate on. However, noting that *Dulcinea* was given one of the best views of the lake for the winter, the topic of tarpaulins comes to mind. Having the best view brings with it the responsibility of being an effective wind break against south-westerly to north-westerly gales for all those other boats with a lesser view of the lake. It would seem that I just don't have the knack for tying-down those cheapie blue polyethylene tarpaulins. Using just its grommets to tie them down results in just a succession of grommet rings scattered along the length of the tie-down rope and a fraying tarp flapping in the wind. Adding tie-down ropes over the ridge may help in saving a grommet or two but their main effect is to provide something for the tarp to chafe against and a consequent increase in the number of fraying centers.

End of winter sees a well-frayed tarp and hundreds of little blue polyethylene strands scattered over the yards. Recalling that last year I had to use two of those cheapie blue tarpaulins (one for the period before the New Year and one for the remainder of the winter), I decided that this year it might be prudent to upgrade to the "Polar Protector" sold by *The Chandlery* to save me the work of a mid-winter tarp replacement. It will be next spring before I will know whether I really ought to learn to properly cover a boat for the winter or whether the Polar Protector is really worth the extra money.

Talking of money, Christmas is coming and now is the time to make it blatantly obvious to your loved ones what items of a maritime nature you would like to see under the Christmas tree. Remember, if you can't make your boat go faster then you can certainly make it more beautiful or more labour-saving – there are countless items to choose from.

May the peace and joy of Christmas be with you throughout the coming year - especially when rounding a mark or launching a spinnaker.



by - Dave Watts - Mirage 24 Rep.

With the fleet safely tucked away for the winter, several Mirage owners are already looking forward to next year and planning to purchase new sails. They are also interested in hearing from other owners who may also be considering new sails, the feeling being that, if the sail manufacturers were approached with a bulk order, a better price could be obtained. If there is sufficient interest, we will schedule a meeting at a Sunday Breakfast in early December to determine the potential size of the order and manufacturers to be approached. If any other owners have successfully tried this approach in the past we would also be interested in hearing from you.

If you are interested in participating in this initiative and would like to be notified of the date of our initial meeting please send me a note indicating the type and size of your boat and sails you are interested in replacing. dwatts@devon.com

A friendly reminder that the food and beverage operations of the BYC still count on and need our support over the winter months. Try the Sunday Carvery from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Main Lounge.

Best wishes for a Happy Holiday season

JAMMING WITH BRIAN

by- Brian Hargadon, JAM Rep

Another haul out and, for some, a time for hibernation. However the social part of the Club is active and I urge you to take advantage of the various events, particularly the Breakfast Club run by the volunteers. Best deal in town in great surroundings.

Hope Christmas and the New Year are extra special bringing you good health, happiness and contentment.

And of course to the volunteers and staff a sincere thank you for all your work.



CHICKS' CHATTER

by – Kelly Lyon - Women's Rep.



A few things to report on before the newsletter takes a break for the next couple of months.....

2006 CYA Women's Keelboat National Championship

Last month, I reported that the CYA presented us with the option of hosting the 2006 Women's National Keelboat Championship - Alberta has declined. The thinking was that we might be able to turn the event into a 2-year success with our sponsors and volunteers from both clubs. A meeting was held on Nov 2 to determine if there was enough interest within the women groups at NSC and BYC to structure a committee to host the 2006 Championship. Unfortunately, we were unable to identify a Chairman or supporting committee, and therefore have declined the invitation to host next year's event. Please note, however, that some limited funding is available should a team from either club choose to travel to compete in the Nationals next year once a venue is found.

BYC Awards In case you haven't noticed, the BYC Trophy cabinet holds a number of distinguished awards that are available for presentation to qualifying BYC women sailors. Sadly, this year, not one of those awards left the shelves. If we can look forward to more active race participation next summer, here is the bounty that awaits you and your crew.....

Lorelei Trophy Awarded for a BYC women's' regatta. The award, donated by Leo McKenna, was first presented in 1957 but it hasn't been presented in several years. (This beautiful silver platter is my personal favourite – but it's getting dusty ladies.)

BYC Annual Keelboat Regatta Trophies- Divisions I, II and III. Three striking trophies originally were awarded for BYC Annual Keelboat Regatta, Divisions I, II, and III. They were first awarded in 1988. This event ended in 1992, and the three trophies were re-dedicated in 1997 for BYC in Women's PHRF Keelboat racing to encourage BYC women to participate. Currently awarded to BYC boats in Women's PHRF Fleet Series I, II and a Season Overall winner.

The Season Overall recipient then is invited to the Club Championship if all requirements are in place. These awards are currently on display in the main trophy showcase. Your names would look great on any one of them!

Well ladies, 'tis the season once again and I'd like to wish all of you a **Very Merry Christmas followed by a Happy New Year!** I hope you find a ton of well deserved sailing regalia wrapped up under the tree this year.

AWARDS NIGHT

from – Joan Yuile - Trophy Keeper

I owe KONRAD LEWINSKI a great **BIG apology!!** When thanking various people for their assistance in preparing for the Awards Night I neglected to thank him for - yet once again - supplying the projector and laptop that allows the PowerPoint presentation to be displayed. Konrad has very kindly supplied this equipment for the Awards Dinner for the past 5 years, and without his cooperation and generosity we would probably have to rent it. Thank you most sincerely, Konrad, I owe you a couple of scotches – one for providing the equipment, and one for neglecting to publicly thank you.

I also want to thank the great trophy polishers - Suzanne Roberge, Linda McBurnie, Sandra Collins, Kirk Robertson and Marc Charbonneau.

Apart from the omission of Konrad, the Awards Dinner was a great success with about 140 sailors in attendance. Once again I want to thank Chef Robert for filling us up and his great staff for excellent table service, and Manager Paul for the great cooperation he gave me in preparing for this event. Thanks also went to Al Malo, Andrew Furey, Denny Foy and my husband Bob for helping with the set up - and where would we be without the dedication of Brenda, David and Ashlie Foy in helping to prepare for this event in any way required.

It was great to see the gang from the High Performance Team there, and congratulations are in order for **Amy Cada** who was the recipient of both the **Bob Ross Trophy** for 'Best Performance by a Junior Member of the Club in a national or international regatta' (2nd out of 90 boats in the CYA Youth Championships Byte Class and 12th Byte out of 70 in the North American Championship), and the **Yuile Award** for Top Junior Sailor.

One other award of note was for the **Broken Prop Award** – the picture below says it all. Thanks to Jim Gilmore for the very appropriate comment!



THOUGHTS ON SPORTSMANSHIP

(Excerpt from Scuttlebutt)

The subject of sportsmanship in sailing is a frequent topic at post race discussions these days. There has also been a lot written about sportsmanship problems recently. Sailors are concerned about illegal kinetics, lying, unfair tactics and unprotested infractions, to name a few. I agree that there are some problems. But instead of focusing on the negatives, I'd rather look at what we can do about the situation. So I have made a list of actions that any sailor can take to make our sport a little more pleasant for us all.

Compliment your competitors when they make a good move. A few weeks ago during one frostbite race, two interclubs rounded the weather mark, one with a pretty good lead over the next boat. "Nice weather leg," I heard from the second place boat. At which point the leader smiled a bit and said, "Thanks." Another natural time for compliments is after the race. It's easy to say, "Good going" to the top couple of boats, but they'll hear that from almost everyone. It's more of a challenge to notice what someone in the middle or back of the fleet did well, and appreciate that. "Hey, George," you might say, "I know you didn't end up so well, but it looked like you played the shifts almost perfectly on the second beat." I'd feel pretty good if someone said that to me.

Make it part of your goal to play by the rules. It's clear that winning is a major objective of sailboat racing. Unfortunately, some people seem willing to use almost any means to get to this end. But that only makes for a hollow victory. If your goal is to play fair and square, you may not win as many races, but I guarantee that the respect you get from your competitors will be much greater. And this will certainly be the best strategy in the long run. Pretend for a minute, that you're leading the race and you hit the last leeward mark. No one sees this except you and your crew. Do you keep going and win the race, or re-round the mark and lose a few boats? Either choice is possible; it depends on what you value. If winning is not your only goal on the race course, you'll certainly be happier more of the time.

Excerpts from a story by Dave Dellenbaugh on the Yacht Racer Online website, full story:
<http://www.yachtracersonline.com/sportsmanship.htm>

PLAQUES TO BE PICKED UP

The following plaques remained at the end of the Awards presentation evening:

2005

- Tom Babcock - 1
- Bev & David Brown - 1
- Brad Cairns - 4
- Paul Hanvey - 1
- Brian Hargadon - 1
- Krystin Hope - 1
- Jim Knight - 1
- John Laskoski - 3
- Michelle Martin - 1
- Don Melick - 3
- Matt Owers - 1
- Neal Parker - 2
- Bill Priest - 3
- David Raymond - 2
- The Diane Crew
(Queen's Park) - 1

2004

- Eric Calvert - 1
- Sean Pierce - 1
- Iain Worley - 1

If you see me at the Club be sure to ask me for them, or let me know when you will be at the Club and I'll meet you there, or let me know if you want your plaque(s) left at the Club Office for pick up.

Joan bobjoan@sympatico.ca



**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS**

et
BONNE VOILE

Britannia Yacht Club Sailing Calendar

December 2005

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Office Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Dec. 18 - 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed Dec. 24 - 26 & Jan. 1 & 2 Bar Hours: Dec. 24 - 4:00 - 10:00 p.m. Closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 Dec. 31 - Noon - 1:00 a.m. Tue. & Thurs. - 4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Wed. & Fri. - 4:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Sat. & Sun. - Noon - 8:00 Food services: Tues - Fri. 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Sat. Noon - 5:00 p.m. Sun. 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.						
			 1 SENATORS BOSTON AWARDS B. Y. C.	2	3	4
				SENATORS VS. LOS ANGELES		BREAKFAST CLUB Sunday Carvery Main Lounge 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Last Quarter
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Full Moon	Games Evening	Duplicate Bridge Movie Night	TENNIS XMAS PARTY	SENATORS @ VANCOUVER	Friday Night Buffet	BREAKFAST CLUB Sunday Carvery Main Lounge 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. New Moon
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
SENATORS @ COLORADO	Games Evening	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	SENATORS VS. DALLAS	Friday Night Buffet	SENATORS VS. MAPLE LEAFS	WASSAIL CHILDRENS XMAS PARTY Sunday Carvery Main Lounge
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Games Evening	Duplicate Bridge Movie Night	Derek Hatfield Spirit of Canada Open 60 Campaign 7:00 p.m.	SENATORS @ NY ISLANDERS	Bar open Noon - 5:00 p.m.	 CHRISTMAS DAY
 Hanukkah Begins Boxing Day	Winter Soiree		SENATORS @ PHILLY	Friday Night Buffet	 NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY	 2005
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	Games Evening	Duplicate Bridge Movie Night		SENATORS @ NY ISLANDERS		

Britannia Yacht Club Activities Calendar

January 2006

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Office Hours: Closed Jan. 1, 2 & 3 Open Tues. to Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Open Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Bar Hours: Closed Jan. 1, 2 & 3 Tues. - 4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Wed. & Fri. - 4:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Sat. & Sun. - Noon - 8:00 Food services: Tues & Wed 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Fri. Noon - 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Sat. Noon - 5:00 p.m. Sun. 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.						
						 1 New Year's Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
 Hanukkah Ends		Duplicate Bridge Movie Night		Friday Night Buffet		BREAKFAST CLUB Sunday Carvery Main Lounge 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
		SENATORS @ WASHINGTON				SENATORS @ MONTREAL
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Games Evening	Duplicate Bridge Movie Night		Friday Night Buffet	SENATORS @ EDMONTON	BREAKFAST CLUB Sunday Carvery Main Lounge 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
					Toronto Boat Show January 14 - 22, 2006.....	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
SENATORS @ MINNESOTA	Games Evening	Duplicate Bridge Movie Night		Friday Night Buffet	SENATORS VS. TORONTO	BREAKFAST CLUB Sunday Carvery Main Lounge 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Toronto Boat Show January 14 - 22, 2006.....						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
SENATORS VS. TORONTO	Games Evening	Duplicate Bridge Movie Night		Friday Night Buffet		BREAKFAST CLUB Sunday Carvery Main Lounge 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
30	31					
SENATORS VS. BOSTON						

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**PHOTO TAKEN 10 SECONDS AFTER THE FINISH
OF THE FINAL RACE OF THE
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**
(Photo courtesy of John Lydon)



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