

From the Commodore

from - John Irvin



It's an old Chinese curse "may you live in interesting times". That certainly sums up the first three months on the Board for me.

I am pleased to report progress beyond what was mentioned in last month's letter to the membership. The Treasurer, his advisory committee, and our staff, Paul Moore and Mark Walton, have done an admirable job of keeping a weather eye on finances. Things are improving. As more of you submit your fees, it can only get better.

The budget is being revised in the context of our new financial reality, and we are committed to a positive bottom line. Food and beverage and the social events so far have all met this target.

The Board is meeting in an all-day retreat session to look at our corporate goals and strategies. This is to be a concrete session, building on the philosophical ideas that surfaced in the Dinghy Report and the renewal initiative. This exercise will be especially useful for our

newer Board members as they learn their portfolios.

A management committee will be established shortly with a new mandate to advise the Board. Thanks to Bill Fenton for his report which gave us food for thought on our operations. Many of his suggestions are already being implemented.

On a sadder note, our thoughts and prayers are with Art and Sue Levesque as Art struggles with the effects of a severe stroke.

I commend my colleagues on the Board for their extraordinary efforts right now. There are many activities and initiatives taking place that require their time and concentration: negotiations with the City and the NCC, a revitalized website, new membership ideas - stay tuned.



Rear Commodore's Report

by – Bill Reynen (Harbour)



It's early March as I write this article and May seems so far off but the days are getting longer and soon we'll be busy preparing our boats for launch on May 6 and 7, water levels permitting. Be sure to mark the lifting

IN MEMORIAM

It is with profound sadness that we report the death of long time member

RICHARD JOHN (RICK) SCHUMMAN

on Monday, February 13, 2006

The Board of Directors and Members of Britannia Yacht Club extend their deepest sympathy to his dear wife Elaine Salmon his family and his many friends.

points on your boat, and please fold up your cradle as soon as possible after you are launched. Also, make sure you have provided proof of insurance and signed your liability waivers prior to launch so we don't leave your boat up in its cradle!

As you start to work on your boats, remember the guidelines about waste, hazardous materials, etc. Please have consideration for your neighbours if you are doing major work. Use tarps and shields when spraying. Remember that owners doing extensive work are subject to electricity charges and an environmental assessment as was mentioned last year.

As you may be aware, I'm new to the Board this year and I hope to make major improvements to our harbour facilities to accommodate existing members and attract new ones. Your suggestions are most welcome! I should have an e-mail address for you in the next edition of the F&B. In the meantime, please drop off any suggestions you may

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have to the front office. We will be planning a Work Party the following weekend after launch so we'll try to incorporate any suggestions you may have into our work plans. We have also received an offer from the Army Cadets to help out in June so what we don't get around to in May, we'll hopefully tackle in June. I'm looking forward to working with all of you to make BYC the sailing club of choice on the Ottawa River.



Treasurer's Report

by - George Clayburn



As we are now well into our second quarter, work continues apace on the cleaning up and refining of the financial controls and reporting that were started by Mary Bundy last year. Nancy Sinclair has graciously agreed to help me put in place revised controls and reports that will contribute to providing timely financial analysis to the Board so that we can exercise good management and governance of the Club. Our goal is to ensure that the financial results for 2006 move the Club towards a more solid financial base. We are working towards monthly and more frequent financial reports which are easy to produce and understand. In due course these will be made available to members on the Club's Website. The work and Report produced by Bill Fenton have been most helpful.

The Club's First Quarter overall results were ahead of the same period last year. Although Harbour Fees were up, Membership Fees were down over same period. Of special note is the fact that all social functions have produced positive results, due in no small measure to

the attention and supervision provided by our General Manager, Paul Moore and our Bookkeeper/accountant Mark Walton.

Unfortunately, our Accounts Receivables (primarily unpaid membership fees) from prior years are still a concern. Paul has put in place controls to ensure this problem does not happen again this year. Nevertheless, we must continue to be prudent and diligent to ensure that the Club continues to collect receivables on a timely basis.

Nancy and I are putting the final touches on a revised Budget based on our First Quarter Results and projected Revenues and Expenses for the balance of the year. We are also preparing a Cash Flow Forecast. The Budget and Cash Flow Forecast will be used to monitor our progress over the year as well as to find ways to increase efficiencies reduce costs and increase revenue. The Budget will provide us with the framework to review all operations of the Club as well as providing a basis for long-range planning.



Membership & Marketing Report

by - David Brown



By the time you receive this issue of Full & By our new website will be up and running. I hope you like it and will use it on a monthly basis. The site is meant as an information vehicle for the general public and our membership. It will contain current information for upcoming events at the Club along with frequently asked questions, weather and a site map for easy access to any subject on the site.

We have a plan!

Over the last few months your Membership and Marketing Committee has looked at what we feel are strategic points that need to be addressed in order to increase the membership. The three areas of concern are recruiting new members, retaining our present membership and communicating and selling our club to the public.

The best source of new members has always been referrals from our present members. Please help us recruit new people. Your efforts will pay off in the short and long term, not only in terms of more revenue but also in making the club a more active and fun place to be. The Ottawa Sailing School has also been a good source of new members. Please welcome their students and make them feel at home.

The retention of members has always been a problem and to this end we have formed a "Buddy" system to ensure each new member is properly introduced to the club and its members. This committee is being headed by Carolyn Johnston. If you want to help please give her a call.

The sponsor and seconder also have a responsibility to ensure their nominees feel comfortable with their new club.

The Britannia Yacht Club, "Your Cottage in the City" has long been Ottawa's best kept secret. We intend to get the word out by involvement in community activities, with our website, and advertising in some community weeklies in May and June. We are hopeful that we can

get some editorial exposure from the local T.V. and News media. All the previously mentioned projects are on-going.

I would like to thank the members of the Membership and Marketing Committee, Wendy Warburton, Carolyn Johnston, Agnar Johanson, Jim Johnston, Scott Tyrell, John Hartin and Paul Moore for their dedication to these programs.

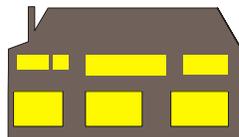
**House Report**

by – Robin Myers



This portfolio passed from Dave Welby to me, with Dave giving me a briefing on "what's what" in a walk-around of the clubhouse. There are a number of things needing attention, as is always the case with buildings (and boats) as any homeowner knows. However, these will be attended to as time and resources permit. One of the concerns is the poor insulation of the building which is resulting in excessive heating cost.

Despite the shortage of money and the need to economize, routine maintenance of the clubhouse is proceeding. For example, a broken storm window in the boardroom has been repaired by John Vines and a new grate installed in the fireplace in the downstairs lounge. Also, Paul Moore now has the gas fireplace in the Boardroom working.

**Food & Beverage Report**

by - Jim Johnston



Greetings, fellow members.

At the 2005 Spring Special General Meeting a motion was put forward and carried by those assembled to support a proposal for BYC to operate and manage its own food and beverage service. Following that the members also voted in favour of creating a new Board portfolio to ensure that this *new* business venture would be kept under the aegis of the Board. At the Fall AGM I agreed to stand for this position, initially under the Entertainment banner, with the understanding that I would assume responsibility for the new portfolio. The change was recently ratified at a BOD meeting and I am now your Director of Food and Beverage services.

In the brief period since then, Paul Moore and I have had a number of meetings to build upon work done by the last Board for the benefit of the food and beverage operations. More specifically, the approach we are taking is one which intends to integrate cost control practices and a pricing structure which will provide a modest return to the Club. Cost controls include a careful watch of labour and inventories (both food and liquor), and an ongoing monitoring of financial performance to ensure that it stays within defined limits.

In the upcoming sailing and tennis season I hope to see greater member participation in our food and beverage program. As most members are aware, current fiscal restraints limit the ability of the Club to promote its services. Nevertheless, I have expectations that our excellent food will be promoted by word of mouth amongst the membership. It is my goal to ensure that members have a food service that they will enjoy and support by returning often.

Currently, many private clubs offering a food and bar service also require members to contribute monthly to a "house account" to support these services. There has been much discussion in recent years at BYC for such an account and I believe that now is the time to implement such a plan: our point-of-sale system and new BYC cards are designed to support such a program; the food and beverage service can best serve the members if it is well-subscribed. Different approaches are currently under consideration with the intention of establishing a modestly priced structure which best serves the members and the Club.

Allow me to invite you, as a member, to send me your opinions, thoughts, questions and comments, as they pertain to our food and beverage program – johnston7184@rogers.com



Tennis Report

by - Mike Fahmy



This is my first message for Full & By as Tennis Director. It is mid-winter with the courts under layers of snow and ice more suitable for skiers than for tennis players. However, our loyal tennis players are never deterred by that, they are getting ready for the next season playing indoors. Yes, Linda Clark is organizing everything for a

spring of tennis at Ottawa West Club starting on March 5 between 2 and 5 pm. Three courts are available for us so bring your racket and balls and get back in-shape, the competition next year will be very strong. After losing some calories on the tennis courts you can gain them back at the Club, there will be PIZZA at 6, so bring along an empty stomach.

Christmas party was a great success. Attendants enjoyed a super meal and great entertainment. The tennis community would have loved to see more people there but probably next year.

We have great expectations for the next season and are looking forward to more participation, so stay tuned.



Youth Report

by – Clark Cada



May I introduce myself, I am Clark Cada, Director of Youth for the year 2006 and I am very excited about my position. I have two children involved in the program, my daughter Amy is a graduate of the Junior Club and High Performance Team. My son, Taylor, is entering the Silver Program this year. Needless to say I have been involved as a parent volunteer for the last three years and I am looking forward to this summer.

Trish Delahay will return this summer as the Program Administrator and Clarke Wilson will be returning as the Program Head Coach and Head Instructor.

We anticipate having most of the instructors from last year returning. While it will be difficult to replace those who will not be returning, we expect to see graduates of the program and High Performance

Team who have obtained certification instructing this summer.

The sailing season has already taken off this year. So far this winter Abbey Frost, Alanna Riordan, Kristyn Hope, Amy Cada and Sam Fuller have attended several regattas and camps in Florida including; the Orange Bowl Regatta, 29er Midwinters and Laser Midwinters.

This summers' program will be energetic, involved and active and we are looking forward to returning sailors who want to learn to sail and to race. I would like to extend an invitation for breakfast and **REGISTRATION AT THE CLUB FOR THE MORNING OF SUN. APRIL 2ND.**



REPORT FROM THE MANAGER

by - Paul Moore
General Manager



The winters at BYC are the coldest I have ever encountered in my 43 years of life. As you can tell by my tone, I'm very much looking forward to my second summer at BYC. Things are still busy at the Club, we are getting organized for the sailing season.

We have hired Mark Walton fulltime in the accounting department. Mr. Walton works Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, please feel free to call him regarding any questions or concerns you may have with respect to your membership or house account, he would be more than happy to help. Mark has been a very good addition to our TEAM at BYC.

Andrew Furey will be returning from the ROCK on Monday April 3, from his well deserved holidays, well rested we hope.

We have had a number of very successful events dating back to Wassail, New Years' Eve and Friday Buffets. I would like to thank the many numbers of member volunteers that helped make these events successful.

If you are thinking of BYC for a wedding or company event or a private party, please feel free to contact me directly, I would be more than happy to help out. Space is limited so book soon.

As we get closer to launch, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to ask Mark or myself in the office, we will do our best to answer any questions you may have and to address your concerns.

My first year at BYC is coming to an end, and I look forward to my second year and the challenges that lay ahead.

I look forward to seeing you soon, and I hope you have had a good winter.

Pinhey's Point

(Letter from Ron Brooman to Councillor Eli El Chantry) Nov 16/05

Dear Sir,
RE: Pinheys Point

I am a 70 year old member of the Britannia Yacht Club who has been sailing up and down the Ottawa River since the early 1940's. In fact I often visit "the lighthouse" to buy a newspaper and other supplies on my way up the river.

For many of the early years when we visited Pinhey's Point we would enjoy walking on the actual point and indeed we sometimes raced small

boats up to the point and camped there overnight.

Sometime after March township or Kanata took over ownership of the property someone decided that the land at the point was "ecologically sensitive" and therefore no one would be allowed to walk on the property. I find it hard to accept that a thin layer of soil over a rock base could be "ecologically sensitive" Who are the people that make these decisions? What is the point of denying the taxpayers who own the property the right to enjoy it? Does anyone ever question the so-called environmentalists who make these decisions? Is there not some kind of time limit in denying access to public land? Has anyone ever actually analyzed the property and provided a sound case for denying access?

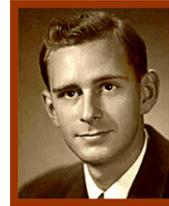
This property is a beautiful piece of Canadian heritage that belongs to the taxpayers of Ottawa and in my opinion should be opened up to the public. I do not believe that it was the Pinhey family's intention for bureaucrats to prevent the public the right of access to the point. It would be interesting to see if there was any deed of gift which states the desires of the family when the property was given to March Township.

I would appreciate if you could take some action to remove the signs that deny access to Pinhey's Point and allow the people their right to free enjoyment of the property.
Yours truly.



STARTING APRIL 1
CLUB HOURS
OFFICE - Mon. - Fri.
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
BAR - Wed. & Fri.
4:00 - 11:00 p.m.
Sat. & Sun.
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

RICHARD (RICK) SCHUMANN



HBick, a long-time member of BYC, lost his lengthy battle for life on Monday, February 13, 2006, at the age of 73.

Rick was a seriously involved member of the Club in days gone by. He served on the Board of Directors, was Chairman of the National Capital Regatta, and could always be counted on to be one of the first to volunteer for any and every project undertaken. Rick and his beloved wife Elaine were avid cruisers on their C&C27 "Tara III", and were gracious hosts to anyone lucky enough to be invited on board.

Rick and his contribution will be missed around the Club. Our hearts go out to Elaine in this very trying time.



THE BRITANNIA YACHT CLUB
Challenges Ahead

from - John W. Bienko

"...as perfect a specimen of man's creative power as it was possible to achieve."

These simple words summarize my personal vision for the future of the Britannia Yacht Club.

The genesis of this most beautiful site began in 1823 when Britannia, "the village by the rapids", was founded by Captain John Le Breton. He built a sawmill here which later became the first clubhouse of the Britannia Yacht Club.

I offer some grand ideas to think about.

The BYC buildings and lands are picturesque and singular - priceless.

A spectacular location, not matched anywhere - a safe harbour, thundering rapids - the centerpiece being a magnificent clubhouse, equipped like a resplendent resort, including state-of-art croquet courts, tennis courts, a restaurant and a bar - with a ready source of tonic water and other favourite drinks.

A best-of-all-worlds sort of getaway - a joy to enjoy.

I envisage an elegant country club for members - an architectural dream, a discreetly spread out and restful place with few TV's and lots of grass and flowers, walking paths, shade trees everywhere. Perhaps a golf cart for those in need. All cars and machinery hidden from view.

Members and guests strolling the park-like grounds, or tooling around on bicycles, tricycles, playing games, lounging on waterfront hammocks. As far away from the hustle and bustle of the city as possible. Enjoying the good life - well earned. We only live once, and if we do it right, once will be enough.

Another special allure of the Club could be a flagstone walking path, lined with flower gardens, along Commodore's Walk over the harbour dam along the eastern wall then turning westward toward the spit and Sherwood Point. Just past the spillway you can ramble down the embankment toward the river and follow the rocky shore to the Junior Club House. The flotsam and jetsam there have stories to tell.

Thousands of seabirds screech and soar in the sky, others rest on rock ledges, waiting for the next fresh

fish meal to swim by. Here you too can cast a fishing line and come away with the greatest fish story to tell friends.

There's a birders' paradise midway along the route. Stop along the remnants of the Metropolitan Power Canal and watch the wild ducks and geese frolicking in the backwaters - a protected nesting area. You may just be the hero/heroine to discover the endangered hawksbill turtle and stop the NCC building the monster bridge to Gatineau.

In essence, the Britannia Yacht Club is not just about bricks and mortar, not about fiberglass boats. It's about the BYC Spirit - tried and true.

There that's my vision - idealistic, perhaps impossible.

Now it's your turn. I encourage you to become engaged, to place your special mark on this wondrous place.

For inspiration - Stand for a moment on the patio beside the flagpole. Choose a time when you will be alone - at sunrise, at sunset.

What a spectacular view - total quiet - complete privacy - and you. A princely republic of one - a grander place on earth - there is none.

You will intuitively feel an overwhelming sense of awe.

Today the members of this historic yacht club are faced with difficult times, but from adversity there can be opportunity. Finances are the paramount issue - together we must find and support innovative ways to operate the club effectively and efficiently.

For more than a century numbers of men and women worked long and hard to create this outstanding property, leaving for successive generations a proud heritage. Now you too can continue the tradition. Join the BYC team with your ideas; present these to fellow members and the Board. Bring your favourite project to fruition.

We live in most interesting and challenging times and have to think outside the box. There is an ebb and tide in all affairs of humans. This is

your invitation to learn, to share, to create, to laugh - and this above all, "To thine own self be true."

There are not too many occasions in life where you can get away from it all just a gate away from the city. That's the magic of BYC.

Every square centimeter is exceptional - white space where you can dream dreams to your heart's content - introduce your DNA into the bloodstream of the Club. There are immeasurable opportunities for your health and wellness. A place where everyone will be happy and content.

The future is ours to create. To read more about my "philosophy for living" see my Web pages.

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On behalf of Commodore Sheila Gringley, Bernard Oatley of the St. George's Dingy & Sports Club in Bermuda, accepts our Club burgee from Commodore Lynn DeL'Orme.

Bernie is well known in Bermuda and is a long time member of the Club.

Among other things, he makes arrangements for foreign yachts that wish to dock at the Club.

BYC's "Cariad" and crew spent their last night in Bermuda docked at the Club. Bernard and his wife, Lily, were there in the morning to see them off.

PRÉCIS OF COMMODORE'S REPORT TO THE 2005 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

from – Past Commodore Lynn DeL'Orme

(I was unable to attend the Annual General Meeting, as I was away helping David Simpson, long-standing BYC member, sail his boat Cariat from Bermuda to the BVIs from December the 7th - 22. Therefore, the Commodore's report was video taped on December 5, 2005 and presented to the at the AGM. Some of the information provided at the AGM was not available at the time of filming. Thank you to Shaun Weatherup for videotaping and committing my report to film)

It's hard to believe that two years have passed since this Board of Directors was elected. The Board faced many adversities, but remained focussed and dedicated and, with perseverance, was able to meet all challenges as they came up.

Our manager left us in October 2004 and Joanne Ethier assumed the responsibilities of Acting Manager. Just before Christmas, the caterer, decided to leave. As a result, the Board had to organize and host Wassail and hire chefs for New Year's Eve celebrations. In January, Chef Robert Davitt, joined us as a new contractor. As soon as he arrived we noticed a change in the attendance at Friday night buffets and Sunday dinners due to his culinary skills. We decided to offer him employment Executive Chef in charge of bar and food operations. Unfortunately, we did not have a profitable season. Mainly attributable to staffing - we found ourselves often overstaffed, especially on Sundays. At the request of the members, a new Board position was added and Jim Johnston has agreed to oversee the food and bar operations for the upcoming year.

In January, a committee of the Board was requested to hire a new Club Manager and write a new job description along the lines of the new governance structure proposed at the 2004 Annual General Meeting. Paul Moore was the successful candidate and, by April 11, he was at the helm.

In February, Cindy Flynn, our accountant of 16 years, left to pursue other ventures. This again placed us in a difficult situation. Honourary Treasurer, Mary Bundy, was forced to step in as bookkeeper. She found herself, in effect, having two jobs. She is to be commended for all her efforts. Finally, at the end of April, Mark Walton was hired.

Also during the year, a lot of our time was dedicated to the renewal initiative. Andrew Hope and his committee spent many hours on this project. Every step of the way member feedback was sought, and after four Special General Meetings, five interim projects were endorsed, as long as member donations were collected:

- Resurfacing and fencing of the tennis courts
- Upgrade of dinghy ramps
- Installation of a new boat lift and hydraulic trailer
- Replace the fleet of the learn-to-sail program
- Enhance the clubhouse furniture and fixtures.

The membership also approved funds to obtain a constructability study for major clubhouse renovations.

We also endorsed becoming a cashless club, which we did in August when a point-of-sale system was brought in.

At the November 7 SGM, the members supported the implementation of a minimum house account for all adult members. Hopefully, this will encourage members to frequent the Club more often. Membership and mooring fees were also readjusted to make us more competitive. It is encouraging to see that the membership understands that to ensure our survival we need to begin making improvements to our beautiful club.

Under the leadership of Simon Fuller, a Honourary Secretary's Committee was implemented this year. The Committee was tasked with reviewing the By-law and Regulations, creating new job descriptions for Board members and making recommendations on various aspects of the Club. Thank you to everyone for the time you have dedicated to this Committee.

Harbourmaster, John Irvin, was finally able to conquer the pumpout situation and I think I can, on behalf of all the boaters, thank John for finally coming up with a solution. This year, the bricks at the gas dock were relayed; harbour bargeboards were replaced and painted by volunteer members. The sewer line from the gas dock to the city sewer was finally fixed, thanks to Carina Duclos, who donated her time and knowledge to this project. The holding tank we have been using for the past few years will be relocated to the marine railway, serving as a second pumpout. Lawn care was contracted out this year and it is suggested that we continue with this practice.

Kudos to the Harbour Beautification Committee; their hard work does not go unnoticed, as our property has never looked better.

Because of the Governor General's visit last year, the main areas inside the Clubhouse did not require much attention. The kitchen, however, needed a thorough cleaning and David Welby, with the help of volunteers, performed that task. Another group of volunteers, led by Jane Agnew, got together and, gave a fresh coat of paint to the tired walls, ceiling and chairs of the Sunset room.

Fleet Captain, Kim Moffat, had a busy year. She represented BYC on the Women's National Keelboat Championship committee, and also oversaw the management of the High Performance Team. Thanks to Mrs.

Jeanne Fuller, with her generous donation we were able to purchase a coach boat for the Racing Team. She requested it be named the R.C. Miller, in honour of Rod's contributions to junior sailing at BYC.

The 48th Annual National Capital Regatta was again a success with over 225 boats registered. Thanks go to Joan & Bob Yuile, and all those who volunteered their time. For the second and final year, we hosted the Ontario High School Championships in September. Thank you to Tom Babcock and his group of volunteers.

The BYC High Performance Team made us proud once again and represented us with flair at all the regattas they attended. Congratulations to each and every one for a job well done!

As reported by our Membership Director, David Brown, we were able to attract 47 new members this year, bringing our total number to 1171 members. David and his committee tried all year to come up with creative ideas on how to grow our membership numbers, however, our problem seems to be retention; we just keep losing members after one or two years. Each and every one of us is responsible for this lapse. We have to become more inclusive and embrace newcomers to our Club.

John Przybytek negotiated reciprocal privileges with the Hemingway Yacht Club in Havana, Cuba, The Puerto Vallarta Yacht Club in Mexico, the Wellington Yacht club in New Zealand, the Columbia Yacht Club in Chicago, the Chelsea Club, the Press Club and the Navy Officer's mess on Lisgar Street. In June, BYC once again, participated in Doors Open Ottawa, permitting the public to visit our beautiful club. We also took part in the Tulip Festival activities in the Spring.

This year we celebrated 50 years of Learn-to-Sail instruction at BYC. Paul Delahay, with a group of volunteers, organized a reunion in early September. Many longstanding members, instructors and students attended and enjoyed an evening of reminiscing. The Summer program was successful and brought in some revenue to the Club. Over 200 guests attended the awards banquet, testimony to how well the instructors and Trish Delahay ran the program. Our fleet, however, is starting to show its age. Even though we were named the best youth training program in Canada in 2004 by the Canadian Yachting Association, if we want to continue offering the high level of instruction we are famous for, we need to start replacing the fleet. Plans are underway to submit a request for funding to the Trillium Foundation early in the new year. If we do proceed and purchase new boats, we should also think of regrading the launch ramp.

Kudos, to Anne Korchinski. For the first time in years our social calendar was revived. She did a great job, and brought different types of entertainment to the Club. The Easter and Mother's Day brunches were well attended, as well as Friday nights when live entertainment was provided.

Wendy Faas, our Tennis Director, reports a good turnout for Wednesday evening lessons and Sunday morning round robins. Our courts continued to be used by top juniors of the Ottawa-Hull region and they have made a donation to the resurfacing project for this privilege. Before leaving, Wendy reported that \$6,000 had been collected for the resurfacing, and appealed to the membership to make personal donations of \$100 so that the project could go ahead in 2006.

Again this year club security was shared between the members and a paid company, Norcon Security. Past-Commodore, John Vines, reports that no major problems were encountered and that our property remains secure from intruders. Thanks to those members who do present themselves on their assigned nights.

As reported at the November 7 meeting, we are still having discussions with the National Capital Commission. We hope to have an agreement early in the New Year. Again, as reported at the SGM, we have approached the City of Ottawa with a view to levelling the playing field on the lake. Negotiations are still ongoing and you will be kept abreast of any developments.

We would also like to thank Ron Schute and The Ottawa Sailing School for continuing their association with us and helping us in our efforts to attract new sailors to our club.

Volunteers are such a vital part of BYCs makeup. From our earliest days, we opted to include member participation in all aspects of the Club, from building the walls of the harbour to painting of the clubhouse. One of those volunteers is Jim O'Grady, who has acted as Honourary Counsel for many years. I thank him for his sound advice and counsel on behalf of BYC. Donating our time not only ensures that we remain financially viable, but it brings satisfaction in knowing that we are contributing to our Club's strength and vitality. Thank you to all, and there are too many to name, but your dedication to BYC is very much appreciated.

I would also like to congratulate those members who will be receiving the Commodore's Award this evening, it is a tribute to your commitment, devotion and loyalty to our club and we are forever grateful.

I must also thank the staff, Paul, Johanne, Andrew, Robert and the support staff for all their help in making my job easier.

My term is now over and I would be remiss if I did not thank each and every person with whom I have had the pleasure of serving since I was elected Honourary Secretary in December 1998. I have made great friends and I thank you for your help and guidance. Finally, I would like to thank you, the membership for placing your trust in me. I have learned so much during my years on the Board, it has been a great experience and I would recommend it to everyone. Congratulations to the incoming Board members, I wish you all the best.

COLIN BLANDY OLYMPIC FUND REPORT TO THE BYC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Vice Commodore Irvin, members of the Board of Directors and BYC members, on behalf of the Trustees of the Fund; Beverley Brown, Bill Fuller, Kevin Frost and myself I take pleasure in submitting this report.

The Colin Blandy Olympic Fund grew out of the Britannia Yacht Club Olympic Fund started to assist and encourage some of the Club's young competitive sailors as they prepared for the 1976 Olympic sailing events. Colin Blandy, being one of the sailors who received assistance from the Fund, wrote to the BYC prior to his sudden death in April of 1977 expressing his gratitude for all the support he had received. He said it was his hope that the Fund would be continued to assist other young BYC members in their attempts to represent Canada in the Olympics. In 1978 the name of the fund was changed to the Colin Blandy Olympic Fund.

Money for the Fund comes mainly from direct voluntary donations by members as shown on their invoices for membership. The most recent invoices show an increase from \$10 to \$25. Unfortunately the Trustees had no input on this increase. Last year at \$10 we had probably the lowest amount of money donated for the past 20 years. If the comments I hear regarding \$25.00 donations are true, we could be dead in the water. On a happier note, we received a cheque for \$100 US from Colin Gibson Wellington in Florida who was a friend of Colin Blandy when they were students at Queen's University in 1973/74. He wrote "He was a very special, engaging and charming person and someone I got to know and admire as a young man. The tragedy of his early death shocked us all. I am happy to have found out about your fund and I hope you will accept this modest donation to the fund in his memory."

Any young BYC sailor under 25 years of age who can show a reasonable competitive program for the past year and submit a suitable competitive program for the next year may apply for assistance. This year we had eight applicants in four classes, and we were able to support all of them to some extent:

BYTE CLASS - **Kaitlin Riordan** in the Ontario Women's Championships - 14th out of 30 boats, and in CORK - 27th out of 80 - an improvement of about 50 places.

Kristyn Hope in the Ontario Women's Championships - 4th out of 30 boats, and in CORK where - 2nd of 15.

29er - **Abbey Frost & Alanna Riordan** in the Canadian Youths - 18th out of 21 boats, and CORK 21st of 31.

Patrick Bickerton & Thomas Arbuckle in the Canadian Youths - 9th out of 21 boats, CORK - 10th of 31, and National Capital Regatta - 2nd of 14.

LASER RADIAL - **Amy Cada** in the Canadian Youths - 4th out of 90 boats, CORK - 12th of 75, National Capital Regatta - 3rd of 48, Ont. High School Championships - 3rd of 11, and Ontario Women's Dinghy - 2nd of 26.

Peter Soosalu in the Canadian Youths - 34th out of 90 boats, CORK - 35th of 75, National Capital Regatta - 2nd of 48, and Ontario High School Championships 1st of 11.

LASER FULL RIG - **Spencer Langley and Sam Fuller**

On behalf of the members of BYC I would like to extend our congratulations to these sailors on their excellent results this summer. Through their deportment at regattas and their high skill level, they have brought honour to Britannia Yacht Club and show it to be a developer of quality youth and sailors.

It is also my pleasure on behalf of the young racing sailors of BYC to thank you, the members, for your generous support. To a person the young people in their reports, state that the support given by members through the Colin Blandy Olympic Fund is vital to their competitive programs.

In closing I would like to thank Beverley Brown, Kevin Frost, and Bill Fuller for their work on behalf of youth sailing at Britannia.

Respectfully submitted
Rod Miller,
Chairman Colin Blandy Olympic Fund

Editor's Note: Mr. Miller moved - That the donation fee for 2006 and 2007 be returned to \$10.00 - ACCEPTED.





APPLICATIONS FOR COLIN BLANDY FUND 2006

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 and are being received up until **5:00 p. m. Monday, May 1, 2006**, at the Club Office.

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. Prepared to make a commitment, in writing, to engage in a competitive sailing and/or a challenging training program during the award year;
5. Has submitted a written application before the cut-off date of May 1, 2006.

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 Ottawa.

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

Successful applicants will be required to provide the Trustees with a written outline of their training and racing activities at the end of the 2006 racing season.

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

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Between the Sheets

NEWS FOR RACERS AND CRUISERS
January/February/March 2006

When my sleep is fretful I soothe it by remembering. When I cruise beneath the stars and there is only the sound of water burbling about the cutwater and singing from beneath the stern, I remember. When I pause from work, I remember - William Atkin

FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

by – Mike O'Sullivan

Well, the days are getting longer and Spring is just around the corner. The Sailing Committee has been busy planning the new season and preparation of the calendar of events and the Sailing Instructions are in the final stages. The final sticking point is the determination of a practical way to shorten course on race nights given our particular circumstances. This should be resolved shortly.

We have met with Mike McGoldrick, the Fleet Captain of NSC, to coordinate and enhance the joint racing program. We also planned a series of joint seminars. The next one is entitled "Beyond the Basics" - "Starts" and "When Boats Meet". This will be given by Johann Koppernaes of international racing fame and will be held on Thursday, March 16, 7:30PM in the East Room at NSC. Following this will be a seminar on the Racing Rules of Sailing given by John Holmes, International Sailing Judge, at BYC on an evening in April - exact date TBD. The last seminar in the series will be on Race Management given by the team of Kirk Robertson and Bob Yuile at BYC on Saturday, May 13. A joint meeting of the BYC/NSC Sailing Committees is planned for mid-March.

Also, PHRF-LO Day is planned for April 8 at BYC and senior PHRF-LO personnel are expected to be present. The morning's technical session will be devoted to Club Handicappers and their understudies. The afternoon will be an information session for all those wishing to know more about PHRF. Come and bring your questions!

The Spring Sailors' Meeting is scheduled for March 22 at 7:30PM at the Club. Come and register for racing and apply for a new PHRF certificate. Suggestions on how we can improve the racing program will be welcome.

Clarke Wilson will be returning as PRO. Clarke has grown in experience and we are looking forward to some excellent race management this year. On that note, the budget for paid race assistants has been halved necessitating a new strategy for race management. Fleet rosters have been tried in the past with little success. Accordingly we are seeking

volunteers to help out, hopefully on a regular basis. Some of you retired types might enjoy this and have the best seat in the house to view the racing. Please let me or any member of the Sailing Committee know of your interest.

Another decision taken by the Committee is that **all our racing will be scored "Time-on-Time"** – Up-river and Series. This will bring us into line with NSC and the general trend and philosophy that this is the fairest way to go.

The **JAM fleet split** has been changed as follows: Div. "A" - 0-210, Div. "B" 211-240, Div. "C" - 241 & >.

It was also decided to have a common start on Thursday evenings for Mirage 24s, Kirby 25s and J 24s. Naturally they will be scored separately.

Soon it will be time to get out the anti-fouling paint, boat polish and elbow grease. Weeknight racing starts the week of May 8, and the first up-river race (Shorey) will be held on May 22. Let's get keen and get out there - and encourage your fellow sailors to get out and join the fun.

I note that Jamie Foy has now purchased a share in the Shark "*Crazy Ivan*" and the boat is now coming back to be raced out of BYC by David and Jamie Foy and David O'Sullivan. Hopefully this is the start of the rejuvenation of the Shark fleet at BYC. Enjoy the rest of the winter!

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JOHN HOLMES' R.R.S. SEMINAR.....Date.TBA

C&C 27 REPORT

by – Konrad Lewinski

Although there are currently some C&C27's for sale at our club, I'm hopeful that this will result in new racing participants rather than fewer. The BYC/NSC races currently have Mk2, Mk3 and Mk4's racing as one fleet, so that allows a huge potential number of boats to join on the start line for One-Design Racing.

We will be having a BYC C&C27 Fleet meeting on April 5 at 7:00 PM on the Upper Deck to allow current racing owners and crew to mix with potentially interested racing owners and crewing club members who aspire to join our C&C 27 racing fleet for 2006.

A couple of C&C 27's changed hands last year, so those new owners I'm sure are interested in learning about how to get maximum performance from their boats, and as we all know, the best way to do that is to get on the race course! The real advantage of One-Design is that we have a smaller start than PHRF or JAM and being all the same boat, you know immediately how your finish compares with the rest of the fleet.

Any questions or comments, contact me konrad.lewinski@sympatico.ca

JAMMING WITH BRIAN

by – Brian Hargadon

The new Sailing Committee has had it's first meeting and one of the objectives is to get feedback from those participating in the weekly events. As you are aware, the BYC JAM Fleet is under the control of Nepean Sail Club. For last year, the only complaint I've heard was that the races should be a little longer. If there are any other concerns, would you please get back to me by e mail so we can address them.

Also, please "talk up" the JAM fleet with new members who are perhaps apprehensive about doing regular racing because of lack of experience.

So before you know it we'll be uncovering our boats and preparing, hopefully for a great summer! Just to make you feel good I'm going to catch the Miami International Boat Show in February 16th. I can dream can't I?

brian_hargadon@sympatico.ca

WINDSURFING REPORT

by – Suzanne Roberge

Happy new year to all! I hope you are having a good winter doing your favourite sports or just relaxing.

Spring and summer will be here before we know it. Are you ready? Is your equipment ready? The sailing calendar says we start Wednesday night racing on May 31st. I know I have to fix my daggerboard well.

Andrew, have you sold that Byte yet? You need a mast! Has anybody bought a RS:X besides Rick? If you know anyone who has, try to convince them to join us for racing. We need more racers out there. The more the merrier!

Alors... à bientôt sur l'eau!



by – David Watts, Mirage 24 Rep.

Having been recently volunteered or conscripted depending on who you talk to, as the new Mirage 24 representative I will take this opportunity to introduce myself. I was introduced to the BYC by the OSS and after the first year in their keelboat syndicate took the plunge and acquired Textbook. My interests are racing and cruising.

I can be reached at dwatts@devon.com and would be interested in hearing from other Mirage 24 owners as to how we can maximize the return on our investments in our boats and BYC memberships.



CHICKS' CHATTER

by – Kelly Lyon, Women's Rep.

Welcome ladies to the soon to be 2006 sailing season! I hope all of you wintered well and just **maybe** had the good fortune to set sail in the sunny south. The water will soon be soft so it's time to start planning ahead for optimum positioning both on the line - and on the social scene!

The issue concerning us at BYC is how to get BYC boats on the line. Please pass an invitation on to anyone you think might be interested in Women's racing this year. If you have any suggestions about what needs to happen to increase the number of BYC boats on the line (jackpots? bribery? heartfelt begging?.....) please let me know.

With the official start of the Women's season being May 29, can you please let me know if you would like to hold one or two practice races this year? You can contact me directly at lyonk@ca.inter.net

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March 2006

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		1 Duplicate Bridge Movie Night	2	3	4	5 Breakfast Club
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6	7	8 Duplicate Bridge Movie Night	9	10	11	12 Breakfast Club
First Quarter						
13	14	15 Duplicate Bridge Movie Night	16 Racing Seminar "Beyond the Basics Start and When Boats Meet" N.S.C. 7:30 p.m.	17 	18	19 Breakfast Club
	Full Moon			St. Patrick's Day Friday Night Buffet		
20 	21	22 Duplicate Bridge Movie Night	23	24	25	26
First Day of Spring		Last Quarter				
27	28	29 Duplicate Bridge Movie Night	30	31		
		SPRING SAILORS MEETING 7:30 P.M.		Friday Night Buffet		
New Moon						

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		First Quarter		New Moon		
10	11	12 Duplicate Bridge Movie Night	13	14	15	16 
Last Quarter			PASSOVER Full Moon	GOOD FRIDAY	First quarter	EASTER SUNDAY BRUNCH
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