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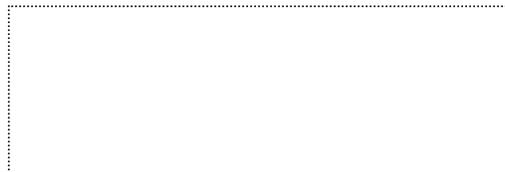
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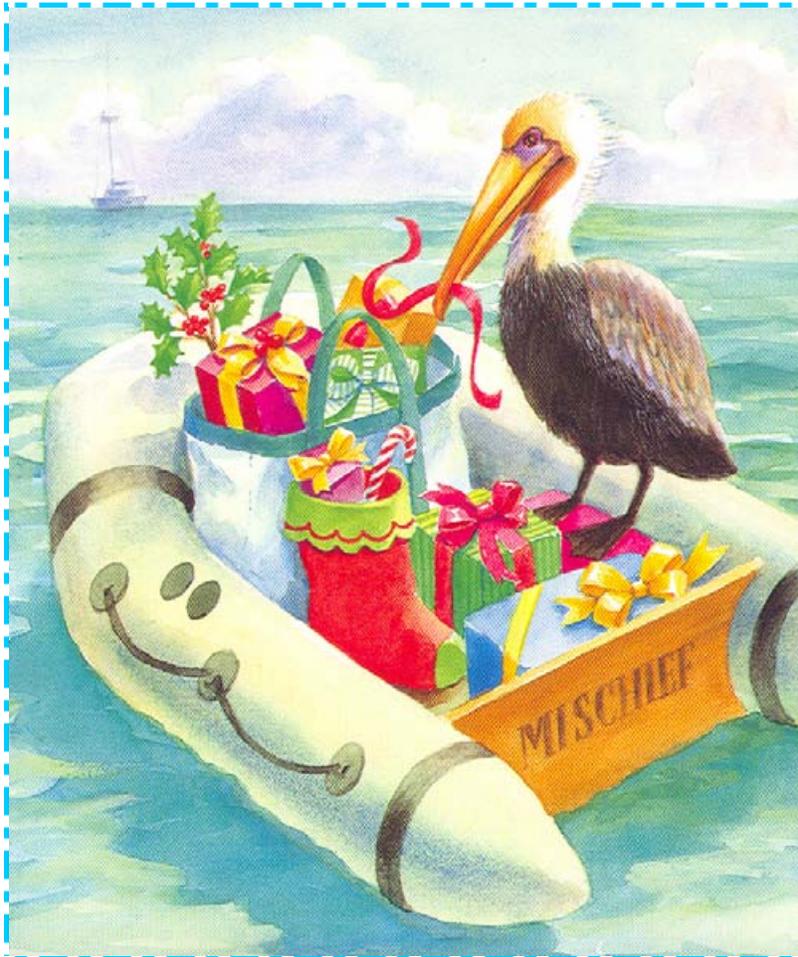


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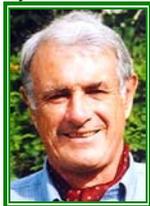
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House Report

by – Robin Myers



This is my last report as House and Grounds director and I have very little to say; however, thanks are due to all those who have helped me in the two years I've held the office.

One of my objectives in 2005 was to put something back into the Club, and members who volunteer their efforts and the club staff have contributed far beyond my expectations in achieving that goal.

Another of my objectives was to get to know more members through being a member of the Board and I can safely say that that objective has been very successfully met; being on the Board is a great way to meet new people around BYC.

Lastly, I want to wish everybody in BYC a joyful Christmas and a happy New Year.

**Food & Beverage Report**

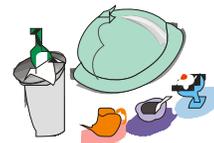
by - Jim Johnston



The snow has begun to fly, snowbirds have migrated south and our boats are tarped as we await the onslaught of winter, and how we might endure it. But we know that it will pass and in less than half a year we shall be, once again, sailing in the sun.

With the passage of time, so too do other changes take place. Amongst these is my departure from the Board of Directors as your representative in the Food and Beverage portfolio where I hope I have left a favourable impact on our Club. At this time it seems appropriate then, to ask you to give your support and encouragement to your new volunteer Director in this portfolio.

Also at this time I should like to offer all of you best wishes for the holidays and the best of health and happiness in the new year.

**Youth Report**

by – Clark Cada



The 2007 Junior Sailing Program ended successfully both in the operation and financially.

All Instructors, CIT's and the Program Head were graduates of the "Learn-to-Sail" Program. They are club members who know the Club and the program well. They are committed and involved in the traditions of the Learn-to-Sail program and want to provide the same top quality sailing instruction to others that they received and fun aspects like Baskin's overnight. The Instructors included; Abby Frost, Alana Riordan, Michelle Martin, Jen Fuller, Jen Whelcher, Sam Fuller, Tim Trant, Rob Frost, (the Silver Coach) and Amy Cada (Head Instructor).

Each summer the Silver Team competes in regattas in Quebec and Ontario. The High Performance Team competed in major regattas in Quebec, Ontario, nationally and inter-

nationally. Peter Soosalu and Nick Kroeger represented Canada in the 2007 World Youth Sailing Championships held in Kingston this summer, and Peter was also part of the Canadian Team that competed in the Junior Olympics in Australia in the spring of the year.

They were awarded the Bob Ross Trophy at the November awards banquet for their efforts and successes.

Our equipment improved this year as we purchased a new Mercury 25 horse power to go with the inflatable we purchased last year. The hull of the second inflatable was rebuilt last summer and used throughout this summer's session. The hull of the second inflatable will be rebuilt this winter. Our on-the-water coaching and instructing equipment has improved, which is necessary for the safety of the children and an efficient operation.

I have previously announced that Charles Marshall has donated a new 420 sail boat to be used in Bronze 4 and 5, 2008 sessions. This donation has also permitted us to purchase two (2) new 420's as part of our Club's program to provide funding for capital projects when one third of the funding has been provided.

This past summer 420's were used by juniors for the Wednesday night dinghy racing. Newer boats will be welcomed.

Each year we should be replacing some of our sailboats, sails and equipment and our coaching boats. Profits from the program generally will replace sails and keep the

existing equipment in good operable condition, but not enough to replace aged and unsafe equipment.

Purchase of new equipment, boats and motors comes from the Club profits. We need to replace some of our 420's this year. Each 420 now costs \$9500.00.

A Junior equipment replacement program is required as the Club has other priorities now the junior program has good, safe coach boats. The sailboats, except for most of the 420's, are in good condition.

The Ontario Sailing Association and the Canadian Yachting Association have a tax receipting program in place for donations received for Junior Programs at yacht clubs. They will provide a tax receipt for 97% and 95% of the value of the donation to a yacht club for the purchase of equipment.

Donations are made to O.S.A. or the C.Y.A., a tax receipt is given to the donor and the money is forwarded to the club. This is a program that has been effective for several years and is a method of fundraising we should be taking part in to improve the Junior Club fleet of sail boats. With three (3) new 420's we still require replacement of another three and hull repairs to the remaining 420's.

The Squadrons are the next on the schedule for replacement.

Please contact the office or myself (613-229-7832) for further information.

Registration for the 2007 year was done online and registration for the 2008 season will also be available online, and will open Monday, January 7, 2008. Download the registration applications and forward them with a cheque for the yacht club. The July sessions always fill up early, so it would be advisable to register as soon as your plans are made. Club members and students from previous years will receive priority. The beginning of April there will be a registration open to the public.

This now completes my second term as Youth Director and I have put my name forward for another

year. Should there be other people interested in this portfolio so that I can assist in the transition to the next director of Youth for the 2009 season please contact the office or myself (613 229 7832). Working with the Junior Program is a reward in itself as you have the opportunity to work with the instructors, contact with the sailors in the program and the parents in the program.

See Between the Sheets section for a list of the 2007 awards winners.

Thank you to all juniors and parents who have made this year a safe and successful year.

With that said I wish to say to all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.



Social Report

by - John Lydon



No-one need be reminded that

the Christmas season is upon us. The Club has already received the attention of the Christmas elves and has been festooned with their decorations in readiness for our festivities. Many thanks to Diane Arial, Larry Bradley, Gail and Ron Brooman, Marion Geddes, Rod Miller, Jane Craig, Peter Willis, Janet and Ralph Bayley for helping those elves do such a splendid job.

Social events over the Christmas season at the Club will include the traditional Wassail on December 16 and, of course, the New Year's Eve Ball. A very special evening is being organized by Liz Pearson, Beth Shepherd, Kelly Lyon, Tracey Hunt and Liz Overland, to celebrate not only the coming of a New Year but also Britannia Yacht Club's 120th anniversary. Included is a gourmet meal followed by dancing to the music

of the Tempus Fugitives, and champagne-strawberry short-cake at midnight. New Year's Eve at BYC is by far the best value for money of anywhere in the Ottawa area, and with an early bird discount available only until the end of the AGM on December 12, now is the time to buy your tickets (see poster elsewhere in this issue).

Organized social events will continue on a one per month basis during the period of restricted Club hours until April, in addition to the schedule of Friday evening dinners that has been posted in the Club House, including another Family night in January, in February a Tropical Interlude and in March a St. Patrick's Night. Reminders of these events will be posted or sent to you via e-mail and/or the phone tree.

Friday evening entertainment has continued through the fall with a bit of an hiatus during the first part of November to bring ourselves back within budget. Generally, Friday night entertainment seems to have been well-received judging from the feed-back I have received. Some evenings were less well attended than had been hoped, but others had the place humming with members overflowing into the foyer to find some dancing room. The only negative seems to be that the decibel level of some entertainment makes conversation difficult – a problem that is difficult to overcome for some musical genres considering the low ceiling level and relatively small size of the Main Lounge. Friday night entertainment will continue

up until Christmas, starting with our own Steve Karlovits at the piano on November 30 and continuing until perennial favourite Robin Averill on December 21.

There have been suggestions for making the Club more useable over the winter months, in addition to the Wednesday night movies organized by Guy Painchaud, the Sunday Breakfast Club and the Friday evening buffets. One is making an ice-rink on the tennis courts as a focal point for family gatherings or skating parties etc. We are looking into the practicality of this, because such a facility could open the doors for more varied social activity at the Club. However, maintaining the rink or organizing social events needs volunteers to do so. So if you would like to see the rink happen, or are willing to help organize, say, a broomball tournament or a skating party, please get into contact with me (tel.: 613-692-2368) or by e-mail at social@byc.ca. If snow and ice has little appeal but you would still like to volunteer your help in organizing or running some other social activity, then I would certainly like to hear from you as well. The Social Committee, along with a couple of dozen other volunteers, have done an incredible job this year in revitalizing the Club and are still hard at work in keeping things going, but we do need more hands if we are to expand on what the Club can offer in social activity and also save the core group from premature burn-out.

May we wish all of us at the Club all the best for the Christmas season, and a very enjoyable and rewarding social life at the Club during the coming year.

HAULOUT 2007

Three Cheers and a Tiger! to the magnificent men and women who positioned hundreds of boats precisely and safely on the cradles and trailers, demonstrating that "ole BYC spirit." Haulout 2007 was an exceptional challenge - strong whipping winds on Friday, rain and cold winds on Saturday.



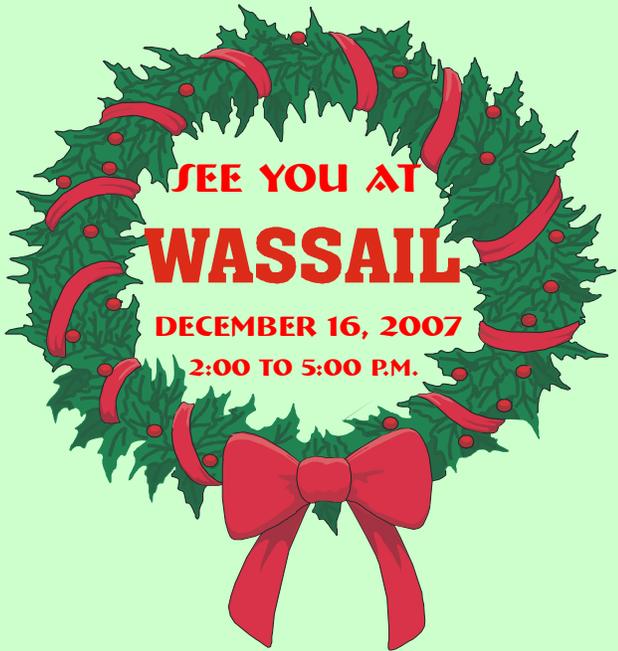
The team of BYC Christmas Elves take a break from decorating the Club to pose for the camera.
 Left to right standing: Peter Willis, Rod Miller, Marion Geddes, Diane Arial (Chief Elf), Ralph Bayley, Jane Craig;
 Left to right kneeling: Ron Brooman, Gail Brooman, Larry Bradley, Janet Bayley.

The haulout crews comprised men and women - hardy, good-spirited, cautious, working continuously from 8 am to 5 pm. That is dedication of the highest order to the BYC concept of volunteering one's time and energy to club activities. I watched with respect and wonder and I lent a hand when I saw the need. All this overseen by Commodore John Irvin wearing the reflective safety vest, providing valuable counsel and coaching when needed, seeking advice of colleagues as circumstances warranted.

Special mention is in order for Andrew Furey and the Harbour Staff - positioning and moving cradles and trailers in the tightest quarters in a hectic, noisy environment, staying cool and focussed in the complex physical work, clearing obstacles, stern and mooring lines in the harbour. The crew made difficult decisions in regard to numerous logistical problems, having to be in several places at the same time, using a cell phone.

That is an overview of Haulout 2007. There are more stories, so richly told around the Magic Dragon Bar and the magnificent fireplace. I am grateful for the remarkable and outstanding work of everyone on this Herculean project.

**Thank you Ladies and Gentlemen of Haulout 2007
 From John Bienko**



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BREAKFAST CLUB REPORT

from – Rick Braden

Last year was a great success thanks to the great group of volunteers lead by their leaders who seem to take charge without much need for my input other than the purchasing of the supplies and organizing the schedule. I take my hat off to the leaders and the help I got from the Club manager and his staff and the cooperation of the kitchen.

With the funds left over from the previous year and the income from your participation we ended up with over \$5000 in the Breakfast Club account. Every year we have a meeting at the volunteers breakfast (the last Sunday of the schedule) to vote on what to spend the money on.

This year we gave money for the purchase of new Christmas decorations and this was handled by Diane Arial and Larry Bradley. Gail and Ronnie Brooman purchased for the kitchen (and the Breakfast Club) a new commercial toaster to speed up the toast making. The big purchase was the new "Sun Blinds" for the Main Lounge and the Upper Deck. Gail Brooman led a committee who went out and, I think, made a great buy and we look forward to the installation in a few weeks.

This year we will miss Tony Fuller and his gang but we have added Roger Hacking and Lyn Del'Orme to our leadership group.

If you are interested in helping out with any of the groups we are always looking for backup workers when someone is unable to make it. If you are interested you could call any one of the leaders on the lists posted at the Club or call me at 613-599-4959 and we will add you to the list.

Please note that Wassail will preempt the Breakfast club on December 16 and we will start again on January 6.

See you 9:30 to 12:00 on Sundays.



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Between the Sheets

NEWS FOR RACERS AND CRUISERS
December 2007

*"Pilot directions by verse – for crossing the Atlantic from Europe
Clear the English Channel – Turn left. When the butter melts – Turn right"*

DON'T FORGET

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.....Dec. 12
WASSAIL & CHILDREN'S PARTY..... Sun. Dec. 16
NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER & DANCE..... Dec. 31
INTERCLUB AWARDS AT BYC.....Thurs. Jan 24

FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

by - Mike O'Sullivan



Well the 2007 sailing/racing season is now in the history books having culminated in the highly successful Presentation Dinner on the 10th of November. Chef Robert and crew served up a first class meal in a lovely setting organized by Bob and Joan Yuile, Suzanne Roberge and their merry band of elves. This bunch of dedicated members have managed the trophies and many other associated tasks for more years than I can remember. What would we do without them?

We now have a few months of "hard water" to contemplate and savour the exciting moments of the past season and to anticipate and plan for the 2008 program. The work has already started and will soon be in the capable hands of Rob Braden, our Fleet Captain elect. In the meantime our beloved boats are huddled under their covers and have received the first coating of that white stuff that seems to arrive about this time every year. Take heart - it's only 5 months to launch!

**I wish you and yours a very
Merry Christmas and
great sailing in the New Year.**



75 YEARS OF SAILING TOGETHER

From Bill Christie



This past year Maxine and I have gone thru the exercise of transferring the ownership of what must be the last boat that we have owned to new owners who have become members of BYC. During this time, our reminiscences lead us to realize that it was some 75 years ago that we began sailing together.

We grew up as school classmates in a small coastal town on the Bay of Fundy side of Nova Scotia, where the tidal waters go up and down about 26 feet, twice every day. I lived in a house right on the shore and spent much of my time messing about in small boats. In 1932, my father gave me my first sailboat – a 17 foot gaff-rigged wooden sloop, of the type known down East as a Swamscott dory. These were popular along the north-east Atlantic coast in the 20's and 30's, but are now becoming somewhat rare. She was a center-boarder with a lap-strake hull and dory stern, and we named her GULL (see below - with my Dad).

For the next several years Maxine and I spent many pleasant hours sailing around and gunk-holing in Annapolis Basin. Since then we have off and on sailed in many other boats, in many other waters, and still consider it the greatest pastime in the world.

It just might be close to a record in the BYC membership



TROPHY STUFF

by – Joan Yuile, Trophy Keeper

If I hadn't seen it with my own eyes I wouldn't have believed it was possible!! This past year we had five trophies returned to the Club – one had been in the attic of the last winner - Fred Martin – since 1952, and the others in Bev Brown's house for safekeeping for a LONG time.

These were the BBC Baldwin Challenge Trophy, The Larmonth & Brittain Trophy, The Rideau Aquatic Trophy, Pinhey's Point Race - Cygnus Class, and the Sandra Trophy.

The three that were unbelievable were the Baldwin, the Pinhey's Point for Cygnus Class and the Larmonth & Brittain – when received they were BLACK, and I mean BLACK!! That was before three fantastic people **Chris Tucker, Jill McCloskey, and Jack Faas** volunteered to take them home to see what could be done, and boy did they do a job on them! They are now back to their gleaming gorgeous silver, and Jill repainted the base of the Larmonth & Brittain (on the right below), and Jack touched up the base on the Cygnus. The Baldwin is a gorgeous trophy that Chris restored to its previous glory but, as can be seen in the left picture, it's in need of a little TLC – anyone interested?? I haven't yet done a picture of the Cygnus Trophy, but will soon. All three trophies are now on display in the antique trophy case by the window closest to the Board Room.

The Sandra Trophy needs repair as well, as the very heavy sailboat that topped it has broken off – the Rideau Aquatic Trophy will be cleaned up shortly.

My never ending gratitude to Jill, Chris and Jack - thanks for caring enough.



Sadly, we have yet another missing trophy – and a rather important one at that. The Shark Aggregate Trophy – below – for the Shark Championship. Some time between last year's Awards Dinner and this year's it has disappeared. If anyone has any idea where it might be, please let me know.

**C&C 27 REPORT**

by – Konrad Lewinski



Early Haulout Hyjinx cut our season short with no Frostbite Regatta this year or ability to stay in for the Remembrance Day Regatta due to promised gate installation and "wall repairs". Seems like a huge mess to me.

Awards night was great this year, kudo's to Joan Yuile, Suzanne Roberge and all who put this year's event together. Chef Robert and staff deserve compliments on the meal!

Not as much silver handed out to our table, but new sails next year...watch out!

Merry Xmas and Happy New Year!

**JAMMING WITH BRIAN**

by - Brian Hargadon

This past season was a good year but, for the JAM fleet, it could have been better. Our numbers continue to be down compared to NSC and while some of us have been in this fleet for a while, the growth should depend on both new and established members taking an interest in racing and using our fleet as an introduction to racing with some moving on to more competitive fleets. A small group of us, two from BYC and thee from NSC met over Sunday breakfast and are in the process of getting this Fleet more active. Of course NSC run the JAM races and are equally anxious to improve their numbers. Among the suggestions, we are looking at dry land instructions in the spring and instruction on the water once the season has started.

As members of BYC, particularly those of us involved in racing, it's incumbent upon us to talk it up with new members and some not so new, and get them interested in the racing aspects of our club. Recently we have not offered these folks any kind of an "ice breaker" to introduce them into the racing community.

I use the word "recently" because I've learned that in the past it was not uncommon for members to take

on crew who eventually left and became their competition. It would be nice to see something like this happen again in our club.

On another item, the Awards Dinner was a great success, but many of us were disappointed that a high number of "winners" did not attend. I have to say it is the best entertainment I've had in a long time, a 25 buck meal that was excellent plus the opportunity to see familiar faces and meet others for the first time. One comment by an attendee was that "it seemed like a handful of boats won most of the awards." I'm not sure if this indicates expertise or a small number of competitors. Let's face it, in some cases the latter is the reason. Let's change that by having more boats, thus, more competition.

Remember the Breakfast Club. These are volunteers, our fellow members, giving their time and effort for this venture. They deserve our appreciation and full support.

Finally, here's to a wonderful and Happy Christmas season to all members and their families and in particular to all the staff and volunteers at BYC who have done a terrific job, both inside and outside the Club.



WINDSURFING REPORT

by - Suzanne Roberge, Sailboard Rep



Once again -Merry Christmas, Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année à Tout le monde!



JUNIOR AWARDS

by – Clark Cada, Youth Director

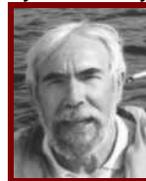
The annual Junior Awards Dinner was held on August 30 with awards and certificates being presented to sailors and a very good slide show. In addition to the certificates and medallions the following trophies were awarded at the banquet:

- **Delahay Trophy:** Kim Preston-Thomas
- **McKenna Trophy:**
Doug Johnston, Julia Johnston and Nick Scrivens
- **Centennial Trophy:**
Session 1: Ben Cooke and Shane Conger;
Session 2: Phillip O'Connor and Zachary Rubens
- **J.A. Ryde Trophy:** Nick Martin
- **Annual Seamanship Awards:**
White Sail: Jonathon MacAskill,
Bronze: Vadim Kozlove
- **Ed Miall Trophy:** Paul Best
- **W.W. Scott Memorial Trophy:**
Kim Preston-Thomas
- **Mary Whiting Trophy:** Anthony Crotau
- **Don Hewitt Memorial Trophy:**
White Sail: Julia Johnston and Dawson Brown
Bronze: Matthew Soosalu and Phillip Guiton
Silver: Chris Brennan
- **Michael Wrazej Memorial Trophy:** Chris Brennan
- **Jason Zoehner Memorial Trophy:**
White Sail: Nick Scrivens and Sara Gates
Bronze: Olivia Rubens and Eric Hill-Keast



T22 REPORT

by - John Lydon



I had hoped to be able to summarize the performances and offer congratulations to those in the Tanzer 22 fleet on their accomplishments this year, but because I have been away for the last month and was not able to attend the Awards Dinner and because a complete set of results for Tanzer 22's is not publicly posted or on the web, I am afraid I am unable to. Anyway, if we all got out onto the water this year, we were all winners, and it was nice to see four Tanzer 22's from BYC participating in evening races, and probably more if we count in up river events.

By now I would hope that all the fleet are snuggled under their tarpaulins, awaiting an early launch to make up for lost time this year. Global warming must have its benefits for sailing on the Ottawa River sooner or later!

There is still time before Christmas to let your loved ones know that Tanzer 22's (and other Tanzers) can

currently get a 20% discount from North Sails on any sail type. The only catch is that you have to be a member of the Tanzer22 Association (tanzer22.com), but the \$25.00 cost is little compared to the \$100's that you save. Contact the Tanzer22 Association's President Paul Stoczek at 514-630-1909 for details on how to order. The cut-off date for ordering is December 11.

Wishing the entire fleet and the crews that sail with her the very best for Christmas and the New Year.

CHICKS' CHATTER

by – Mary Jaekl



As Christmas approaches it seems like sailing season is well and truly behind us and next season far distant in the future. The boats down at the Club are safely nestled on their perches for the winter. Many of us are envying those who are able to escape to a warmer climate, especially if that escape includes wind and water!

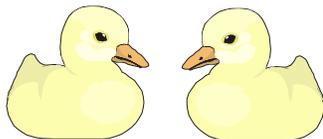
For those of us stuck here in Ottawa, luckily there are still a few options for improving your sailing over the winter from the comfort of your living room.

Virtual Skipper is an addictive game you can download from

<http://www.virtualskipper3.com/indexUk.php>
<<http://webmail.itdepartment.com/exchweb/bin/redirect.asp?URL=http://www.virtualskipper3.com/indexUk.php>>
Version 3 is recommended for beginners over the more advanced version 4. Aspiring women hoping to crew on one of the coached boats next year should definitely check out this link recommended by our boat owner Mike Fahmy, along with a link to a great online game for teaching racing rules at

<http://game.finckh.net/indexe.htm>
<<http://webmail.itdepartment.com/exchweb/bin/redirect.asp?URL=http://game.finckh.net/indexe.htm>>

"Who knows the rules...rules!"
Happy armchair sailing Ladies!"



2007 KELPIE CUP WINNER PHOENIX

Kirk Robertson and his crew celebrate with past winners of Cup

Back: Karen Robertson (Crew), Kirk (Skipper), Marilyn O'Sullivan, Mike O'Sullivan (Thumper), Suzanne Roberge (Crew) Joan Yuile (Crew) and Front: Denny Foy (Lively Lady)

IT'S COMING!



AWARDS NIGHT

THURSDAY

JANUARY 24, 2008

START GUN - 7:00 P.M.

BRITANNIA YACHT CLUB

SNACK FOODS



HAPPY
HOLIDAYS
ET
BONNE VOILE

SOME OTTAWA RIVER HISTORICAL NOTES TO MULL OVER DURING THE LONG, COLD, HARD-WATER WINTER (WITH THANKS TO MIKE MCGOLDRICK)

AYLMER

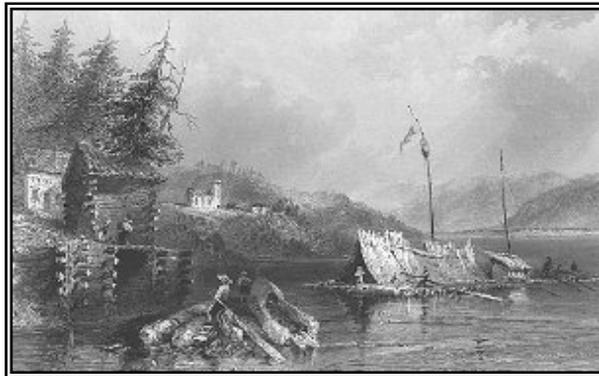
Aylmer was home to one of the oldest yacht clubs, and quite possibly, the oldest clubhouse on this part of the Ottawa River. Although not directly related to the CVGR, the Aylmer Boating Club was established in 1891, and became known as the Victoria Yachting Club a few years later. It had up to 300 members and was described as being a "very exclusive club". It was next door to "Queen's Park", an amusement park with an elaborate water slide, an impressive merry-go-round, a roller skating rink, a maze, and other activities. All this was located in an area just north of Aylmer Island. Both the park and yachting club closed in the 1920's, but the area is still identified as "Queens Park" on today's nautical chart.



AYLMER ISLAND

It is interesting to note that Aylmer Island is an old Indian burial ground. A mass grave site was discovered in the early 1900's when the foundation for a lighthouse was being dug. Several individual Algonquin grave sites have also been found on the island.

PINHEY'S POINT



Onshore, Pinhey's Point is home to an 88 acre heritage site, including an old manor house which dates back to the early 1800's. The house is open for tours from Wednesday to Sunday throughout the summer months. The rest of the time people are free to roam around the grounds of the heritage site where they will find picnic tables, public toilets (outhouses), a children's play structure, and a bandstand which has been erected by the City of Kanata.

Access to the actual Point was closed to the public sometime ago because it was found that the large number of visitors was endangering the ecology of this small strip of land. Also note that people should not attempt to land at the site's small dock facilities in anything bigger than a dinghy or tender.

Above is an engraving by W. H. Bartlett. It shows the area along the Ontario shoreline immediately downriver from Pinhey's Point (Horaceville) around 1840. The church in the background was located relatively close to Pinhey's Point in an area just southeast of the manor house, and its ruins can still be seen today. The text in the blue box below is from a plaque erected on the site by the Ontario Heritage Foundation. It provides a good summary of the history of the original settlement at Pinhey Point.

HAMNETT KIRKES PINHEY 1784 - 1857

A merchant and ship owner in his native England, Pinhey came to Upper Canada in 1820. For his services as King's messenger during the Napoleonic Wars, he received a 1000 acres land grant on the Ottawa River. Within a decade he had built up an estate which he named Horaceville after his elder son. In addition to a manor house and barns, it included mills, a store and church. Pinhey took a leading part in township and district affairs. He was appointed to the Legislative Council in 1847, served as Warden of the Dalhousie District, and as the first Warden of Carleton County. Horaceville remained in family hands until 1959 when it was purchased by the National Capital Commission.

(From a plaque erected on the site by the Ontario Heritage Foundation.)

BASKIN'S BEACH

Baskin's Beach is almost next door to the Port-of-Call Marina and is located just south of Twelve Mile Island. It provides for an indent along the Ontario shoreline which can be used as an overnight anchorage on those occasions when the wind may be blowing from the south or south-east. Onshore, the Britannia Boating Club Memorial Park Association maintains a park for the use of BYC members for camping and picnics.



Boats continuing upriver will pass on the south side of Twelve Mile Island and head toward the buoys which mark the approach to Constance Bay. However, this can be a little tricky because there are shoals on both sides of this part of the Ottawa River, and the buoys can sometimes be hard to spot. Fortunately, there is a set of range markers on shore at Baskin's Beach to help boaters negotiate these waters.

For sailors who may not be familiar with range markers, they should look back at the shoreline next to Baskin's Beach once they are a little past Twelve Mile Island. A fairly large red range marker should not be too difficult to spot. There is a second marker at a slightly higher elevation in the background, but it may be obstructed from view on a boat that is not on the right heading. People may find it necessary to alter their heading to one side or the other until the second marker comes into view. Lining up the lower and higher markers over one another will indicate a safe heading for sailing through this part of the Ottawa River towards Constance Bay.

Watch for more River history in coming issues.

Britannia Yacht Club Sailing Calendar

December 2007

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Office Hours: Mon. - Fri. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Dec. 18 - 10:00 a.m. To 5:00 p.m. Closed Dec. 24 to 27, & the 31						1
Bar Hours: Closed Dec. 24-27 Dec. 31 - Noon - 1:00 a.m. Wed. & Fri. - 4:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Sat. & Sun. - 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Friday Lunch - 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.						2
Food services: Light meals available when bar is open.						BREAKFAST CLUB
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
 Hanukkah Begins						Last Quarter
 Hanukkah Ends						BREAKFAST CLUB
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING						New Moon
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Movie Night						WINTER SOLSTICE
 CHRISTMAS DAY						Full Moon
24	25	27	27	28	29	30
Boxing Day						LAST QUARTER
31	 NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY					

Britannia Yacht Club Activities Calendar

January 2008

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Office Hours: Closed Jan. 1 Open Mon. to Fri. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.						
Bar Hours: Closed Jan. 1 Wed. & Fri. - 4:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Sunday - 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.						
Food services: Light meals available when bar is open						
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
 New Year's Day						BREAKFAST CLUB
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
 AWARDS B. Y. C.						BREAKFAST CLUB
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
 Toronto Boat Show January 12 - 20, 2008						BREAKFAST CLUB
28	29	30	31			
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