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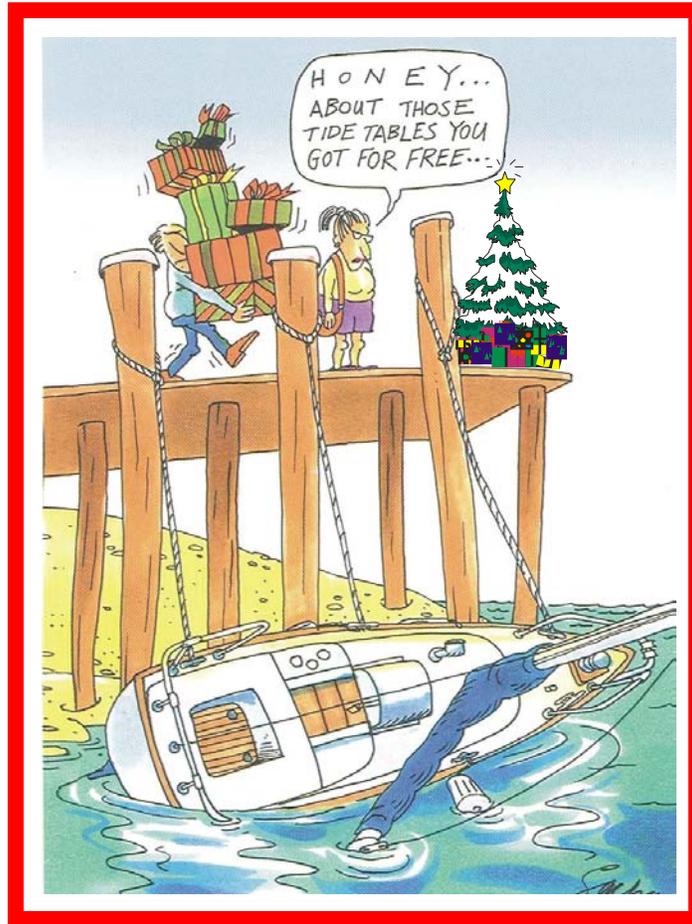


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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Following is a brief biography submitted by a candidate proposed by Members for the 2009 Board of Directors.

DONALD CREELMAN

Nominated for
Rear Commodore
(Harbourmaster)



PERSONAL INFORMATION: Since retirement from the Federal Treasury Board in 1985, I have spent a lot of time at BYC, and most members will know me for the metal work I have done at the Dinghy Shed. I have a degree in Mechanical Engineering (B.A. Sc. 61-UBC) and worked as a contracts officer managing the purchasing of military hardware (mostly for RCN) and latterly as a Senior Officer in policy development.

MEMBERSHIP: I joined BYC in 1962. One of my sponsors was Past Commodore John Killick.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: I have lead many work parties and been Chair of the House Committee and a member of the Harbour Technical Committee. I have raced in Albacores, Cygnus (Class winner of summer series 1983), Sharks, Mirage 24, Tanzer 7.5, Tornado Cat, and larger keelboats. I have worked on numerous work parties and built various Club facilities - the south-side masting crane and the Charlotte II are examples. I am a regular patron of Friday night buffets.

PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT: For the past two years I have served as Rear Commodore (Harbourmaster) and prior to that served two years as Honourary Treasurer and two years as Rear Commodore (House Director); member of Harbour Technical Committee for 2 years; served on several launch and haulout crews, and Commodore's Award Winner, 1994.

OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS:

- Fifteen years on the Canadian Ski Marathon as Director, Vice-President and President (a 100-mile cross country marathon from Lachute to Ottawa, of up to 4300 skiers with a \$750,000 budget)
- Have run in fifteen 26-mile marathons, twice cycled the 240-mile Rideau Lakes weekend tour; paddled in the 100-mile Lièvre River Canoe Marathon and skied the 100-mile Canadian Ski Marathon, the Canadian Keskaloppet (55km in Gatineau Park) and the American Bierkabinner (55km.)
- Captain and maintainer of the Black Jack in Tall Ship training for 3 summers and still involved with Bytown Brigantine.
- Taken and taught Canadian Power and Sail Squadron Courses.

CLUB COMMITTEE COMMITMENT: I believe that volunteer work is the heart of BYC. It involves many members and serves as training for future directors and committee chairs. I will promote it vigorously.

OBJECTIVES AS BOARD MEMBER: I want to represent the interests of the boat owners from the standpoint of first class harbour facilities: docks, moorings, cranes, pump-outs, etc. I will call one or two meetings annually for boat owners to express their interests. I will campaign to get new members into boat syndicates and onto work parties and into committees. I will promote social events to get more members to participate. I will campaign to get ALL members to do some work for the Club.

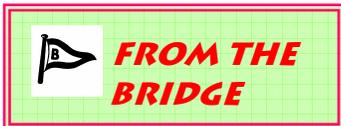
REPEAT OF NOTICE OF 2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Take notice that the Annual General Meeting of the Britannia Yacht Club will be held in the Clubhouse on **Wednesday, December 10, 2008, at 1900 hours** for the purpose of receiving the report of the Commodore; the audited financial statement; and the reports of the Auditors for the past fiscal year; the election of Officers and Directors for the ensuing year; the appointment of the Auditors for the year 2009, and any other Yacht Club business as may be properly brought before the meeting.

SCHEDULE

1700 HRS - BAR OPENS
 1900 HRS - PROMPTLY - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Dated at Ottawa this 14th day of September 2008
 Mrs. Janet Bayley
 Honourary Secretary



from - George Clayburn,
 Commodore



SEASON'S GREETINGS

The boats are on the hard; the days are shorter, colder, and snow is beginning to fall, all of which means that we can begin to look forward to next year's sailing season. It also means that Wassail and the Holiday Season are near.

I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Season and all the best in the New Year.



Tennis Report

by – Howdy Russell
 Director



As "snow" begins to be included in weekly weather forecasts, the thoughts of BYC Tennis Players begin to remember powdery slopes, smooth ice, and warm fireplaces. There are, perhaps, even plans for tennis courts bathed in sun and warm tropical breezes. However, at BYC, the last net will be down before the end of November, and tennis will have retreated indoors to West Ottawa.

Plans and activities leading to this year's Tennis Christmas Party are well underway, and players have had their first telephone contact to inform them of a party in the Main Lounge on Thursday, December 18th with drinks at 6p.m. and dinner at 7p.m.

among creative Christmas decorations, music and dancing.

Contemplation of Tennis activities during the past months gives memory to a more active year than in the recent past, but yet a "building" year that will sprout new shoots in the spring for play that is even better and more fun. Participation by a wide spectrum of BYC Members this year has assured a rewarding 2009. As new members come on board in the months ahead, make sure that the warm hands of Tennis Welcome are extended to encourage new players onto the court next summer. In your talk with non-members around town this winter, spread the word of our newly surfaced courts and even bring friends around to a Friday Buffet so they can see what we have to offer.

By the time you are reading this, the Tennis Committee will have had its second meeting. Of course the Christmas Party has been on the Agenda, but also a broad discussion of plans for future BYC Tennis and Tennis facilities. The subject of fees for tennis at BYC is always just below the surface, and many options, both pro and con, have been talked over. If

you have some thoughts or creative ideas for us, please don't keep them to yourself, let us have them.

As this year's Holiday Season approaches, each and every tennis player at BYC would like to wish the entire Club Membership, the Board of Directors, and a great Staff,

Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, and a Very Happy, Healthy, and Successful New Year!



SECURITY

by – John Irvin
Past Commodore



Security duty ended with haulout. About half the members assigned actually showed up for their shifts. The Board will attempt a better solution for next year.

I would like to thank those who did their duty, especially people who took the trouble to complete the reports. In conjunction with the Colonnade Security nightly sheets, I was able to recommend changes and prevent further problems. There were no serious breaches of security or any thefts brought to my attention. This is always good news.

May I wish all members a fine holiday season, a good winter, and a warm and early spring.

PR/Communications Report

by – Jacqueline Malboeuf
Director

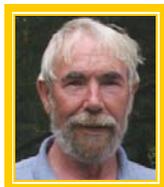
Season's Greetings

First off I would like to wish all members of BYC a great holiday season and a prosperous New Year. As we wrap up 2008 and begin a new year, I encourage you to reflect on how fortunate we are to be part of BYC, to have discovered, been introduced to, have stumbled across, have followed our parents to....this gem on the Ottawa River and most importantly to be associated with dedicated members who care a great deal in our goal to provide a first-class club.

Have a very happy, joyous and healthy holiday season. I look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

IT & Membership

by – John Lydon
Director



With the end of both the Club year and calendar year upon us it is time to both look back and give thanks for the year that is past and to look ahead and set our sights on the coming year.

The activities of the Membership and I.T. were detailed in my annual report published in the October issue of the *Full & By*, and will not be repeated here, but in looking back the greatest thing that we have to be thankful for are the people who are willing to give up their spare time to work for the running, or improvement, of the Club. Most are motivated by their vision of how they can help to make the Club a better place. Of course, sometimes there are clashes of visions, and I tip my hat to those who find ways to

accommodate the visions of others, so that, in the end, all can contribute in their way to the benefit of the Club.

For the I.T. portfolio, we continue to perennially be thankful for John Przybytek, Al Malo, Larry Bradley and Paul Delahay for looking after our I.T. systems. Our wishes for the New Year are that they are not on the list of any busses out there that are looking for someone to hit. We would be absolutely paralyzed in the I.T. department without them. Claire Millar put in a lot of quality time making improvements to the calendar and bulletin board features of our current and soon-to-be new web site. Claire also spearheaded the collection of photographs from members to use on the soon-to-be web site, and we would like to thank Darren DeRidder, Beth Shepherd, D'Arcy Craig, Dave Enstrom, Dave Wilson, David O'Sullivan, George Clayburn, John Przybytek, Leah Horner, Mike Fahmy, Shane Foy and William Finseth for responding and sending in so many good photographs. There are very talented photographers in our Club. One topic that still needs more photographs is up-river anchorage sites or other scenic up-river views – so if you have any please send them as an e-mail attachment to - membership@byc.ca.

We would also like to thank Devon Ayres, Jim Potter, Chris Ellsay, Dave Enström, William Finseth, Serge Garant, Mary Jaekl, Alex Keyserlingk, Sheila Mather, and Bob Sunday for volunteering their time earlier this year to get the new web site project under way. We would also like to thank Devon for extending our wi-fi coverage from the clubhouse to cover the Junior Club house and most of the harbour.

So, on behalf of the Club, thank you John, Al, Larry, Paul, Claire, Devon, Jim and everyone else for all your contributions, and many happy returns for the coming year.

Aside from the *Full & By*, which resides in the Membership portfolio on the budget sheets, the membership side of the portfolio was rather quiet this year, and so there is probably more to look forward to than to look

back on. Looking back, we are very thankful for Joan Yuile who puts a tremendous amount of time and energy into producing the *Full & By* (as well as the Sailing Instructions; Awards Dinner; trophy polishing and engraving; and a host of other things). There would be far fewer articles like this one in the *Full & By* were it not for Joan's fortitude, persistence and patience with reticent writers like myself. She is a model example of one who can pursue her vision while encouraging others to follow theirs. Many thanks, Joan, for yet another year of the Club newsletter.

On other Membership matters, I think everyone is aware that the Club derives the great bulk of its revenue from mooring and membership fees. The challenge in the Membership portfolio is to strive to make the membership base sufficient to meet the needs of the Club, which in turn requires making sure that membership fees provide value for money to the member and are fairly distributed amongst all those that enjoy the facilities of the Club. Exactly what changes, if any, need to be carried out, in large part depends on the strategic vision for the Club that is currently under formulation by Beth Shepherd's portfolio. I would therefore welcome hearing from anybody who has some creative ideas about Membership and what needs to be done over the coming year.

Before closing, on behalf of the membership, I would like to thank Paul Moore and all BYC staff for their

contributions in shaping the Club. For the most part, the harmonious relationship between staff and members resulted in improvements in all service departments. The improved BBQ menu is just one example. So, thank you, BYC staff for your loyalty and dedication to the Club, and for giving its members another enjoyable year.

Here's wishing all our members the very best over the Christmas holiday season, and may we all attain our aspirations and hopes for the coming year.

Youth Report

by - Clark Cada
Director



The summer of 2008 was very successful for the Junior Learn to Sail Program. We had experienced, excellent coaching, two new 420's donated by the late Charlie Marshall and a new coach boat and motor. Our programs were full.

Our club was designated by Ontario Sailing as a development centre and received \$3,000.00 towards the development and coaching of young sailors.

We had a combination Development team and Silver team that worked very well. For 2009 we will again apply to the Ontario Sailing for development centre status and intend to have a Development team and a Silver team. With a combined team of 10 to 12 sailors; 2 coaches are required resulting in more intensive and improved coaching.

Bronze 2008 - Bronze 4 and 5 Programs were full so we expect in the next few years we will have Silver sailors and a Development team.

We are requesting any people interested in Development team for 2009 to contact Paul Moore,

Manager, at the Club or myself at casacada@sympatic.ca

The Development Program will start in the latter part of May.

This is my last Full & By installment as next year there will be a new Director of Youth.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Social Report

by - Beth Shepherd
Director



We have had a busy fall entertainment-wise. We kicked off the season in September with Tastes of Ontario. Debbie Trenholm, our sommelier from The Savvy Company, and Chef Chris created a harvest celebration featuring wines and produce from Ontario.

At the beginning of October, David Wilson presented our traditional Oktoberfest Dinner Dance with great food and lively music provided by the Ottawa Rube Band.

Friday Night entertainment wrapped up mid October. We would like to thank Robin and Karen for their hard work this season. Robin has volunteered to continue organizing Friday Night Entertainment in 2009 but is looking for a second person to help her out. If you are interested please send your name to social@byc.ca or contact Robin directly.

Robin Bailey, with help from Sandy Todd, Claire Millar, Colyn Steeves and other members and friends of the Social Committee, put on an amazing Hallowe'en Disco Dance. The disc jockey played all the favourites from the 1970s and people's costumes

were fabulous! (I thought Bob Sunday looked just like Mike Myers). We also had some local trick-or-treaters drop in and join the party.

During the evening we drew for three door prizes secured by Claire Millar. We would like to thank our gift sponsors: the Wine and Chocolate basket donated by Bob Cole, Royal LePage Performance Realty (www.BobCole.ca); the Gourmet Food basket was donated by Donna Cole, Dinner By Design Kitchens (www.dinnerbydesignkitchen.com); and the \$50 Restaurant Gift Certificate donated by Donna White of Dominion Lending Services (www.DonnaWhite.ca). We also held our first 50-50 draw to benefit the Club Furniture Project.

Sandy Todd organized the Remembrance Day get-together, an event suggested by Howdy Russell. Members and friends met in the early evening of November 11th to share memories over a drink in the Main Lounge.

Movie Night began November 5 and will continue most Wednesday evenings until spring. Guy Painchaud selects a variety of popular and acclaimed movies. Titles are posted in advance at the Club and on the BYC website. Light meals are available at the bar so make Wednesday a dinner and a movie night!

Finally, members and friends enjoyed the 96th Grey Cup in the Main Lounge on Sunday, November 23.

Preparations for our December Events are well underway and the Social Committee is finalizing the plans for January to March. You have perhaps noticed

our "table talkers" – the plasticized cards with the social program for the month found in the bar area at the Club. This was the brainchild of Claire Millar, the newest member of the Social Committee. Claire is also keeping the social events up-to-date on the website.

Elsewhere in this issue of the *Full & By*, you will find posters for Wassail and Children's Christmas Party to be held December 21 and the New Year's Eve Gala.

We are really excited about our plans for New Year' Eve and hope you will be too. The theme is James Bond Casino Royale. Guests will be given chips to play roulette and poker before dinner. For the occasion signature martinis will be available at the bar. Winnings will be converted to raffle tickets for some great prizes. Chef Chris has designed a spectacular menu featuring a choice of seared lamb medallions or charbroiled tuna steak with pavlova for dessert, At midnight we will celebrate the New Year with champagne and the Tempus Fugitives will provide lively dance music until 1 AM. We hope that you and your friends will join us.

We look forward to seeing you at our December and winter 2009 social events.

In conclusion, on behalf of members of the Social Committee and myself, I would like to wish you and your families a happy and safe holiday season.



Robin Bailey "jamming" with the members of Sonic Blue, Sept. 5



**HISTORY OF BASKIN'S BEACH
BRITANNIA BOATING CLUB
MEMORIAL PARK ASSOCIATION**

by – Rosemary MacKillop
President, BBCMPA

Back on September 9, 1942, at a meeting of the Britannia Boating Club, Reg. Ogilvie first brought up the subject of purchasing property at Baskin's. Shortly after the war a group of members, led by the Kirby brothers, David Sr. and Don, started serious discussions about purchasing the Baskin's property as a "river park in memory of those members of the Club who have fallen in the Empire's Wars".

The original subscribers advanced sums of between ten and fifty dollars to proceed with the idea and a formal agreement was drawn up on March 21, 1946.

The following members were the original subscribers:

B. Stuart, Frank Amyot, Bert Baker, Donald A.S. Kirby, John Fenton, Charlie Marshall, C. Moon, Jack Shiles, Irenus Mix, David P. Kirby, L.P. Ben Cook, J. Hunter, A Irvine, T Miller, R Campbell, Gordon Foy, Alan Foy, W Scott, G Giorloff, D.S. Kirby, Ed Miall, Jack Brooman, T Daniels, Reg. Delahay, S Harrison, Cam Jones, H Butler, J Warren, SFD Bruce, T Harrison, Al Goffin, Mac McDiarmid, P.D. (Doug) Carman, Ozzie Blouin, Ed Middleton, C Jackson, R Douglas, E Donnelly, Tom Fuller, S. Garland, and W. Garland. Doug Carman is the only living one of the original subscribers and still remains a member of the Britannia Yacht Club and sails today.

Don Kirby had been negotiating with the Baskin family on behalf of the group. Apparently the Baskin family refused to sell the beach and wooded area behind and so the negotiations shifted to the field area to the south of the beach. On March 23, 1946 an option agreement was signed between Don Kirby and Alexander Baskin for the purchase of property for the sum total of seven hundred dollars to be paid on or before April 30, 1946. The land transfer was

registered on May 29, 1946. This was followed by the creation of a formal trust agreement whereby Don Kirby became the sole trustee of the land on behalf of the "Britannia Club Memorial Park Association" (note the absence of the word "Boating")

On August 5, 1964 a new set of By-laws was adopted by the "Britannia Boating Club Memorial Park Association" providing for the election of a President, Secretary-treasurer and three trustees and this arrangement has continued until this day. To become a member of this association you must be a member of BYC and be invited and approved by the membership of BBCMPA.

The Birth of the Cruise

Sometime back in the 1930's Dave Sr. and Don Kirby Organized the first annual Baskin's Beach cruise, which was held on the Labour Day weekend in early September. In those days people worked all or part of Saturdays and there was no Civic holiday on the first weekend in August. Few or none of the boats had toilet facilities and many of the boats that went on the cruise were dinghies or open boats that could be pulled up on the beach.

Dave Kirby made an arrangement with the Baskin family to use the beach area and the wooded area behind the beach. The road into the area was very rough and could only be traveled in a truck with high ground clearance. The normal arrangement for the cruise was to pay money in advance to Dave who would then purchase all the food and supplies to feed the gang on the cruise for the

weekend. Reg Bruce would then provide a truck which would be loaded with the food, tents, and lumber for dining tables and all necessary supplies for the weekend including bedding, clothing, booze, etc for the members who sailed or motored up.

In those days most of the activity was on the beach property and the wooded area behind the beach. The sleeping tents and the dining tables were set up in the wooded area. The present field was overgrown and the area where the trailer park now exists was heavily treed. The present road behind the beach area did not exist. Water was obtained from a natural spring in the woods which still exists alongside the present road.

Dave, Don and other members would then cook all the meals over open fires on the beach and members would eat at long tables just above the beach. In the mornings coffee was brewed in great metal pots over the open fire and people would toast their bread over the flames while the bacon and eggs were being fried. The food was stored in the "food tent" which Dave tried hard to monitor but inevitably some of the gang would get in a snitch some goodies.

During the daytime people would nurse hangovers, play games, swim, throw first timers in the water (usually bed blankets and all), climb up the lighthouse, even ride the local horses. In the evening they would light a huge bonfire and sit around it, drinking (mostly beer), sing songs and enjoy the night. This usually went on long into the night and often in the morning there would be a few bodies sleeping in the sand where they expired the night before.

On the Monday in the afternoon they would pack up, load the truck and start the sail home. However, sometimes there was no wind! In those days there were very few boats with motors. The main ones being the "Attaboy" owned by Tom Fuller and the "Aloma" owned by Ben Cook. These two boats would then pick up tow lines to create long

lines of towed boats. Of course it could be boring to sit in a towed dinghy from Baskin's to Britannia so the sailors needed some entertainment. So someone would start a water fight or a food fight. Someone might have a can of peas aboard and start throwing them or find other ways to harass their fellow sailors.

With the advent of fiberglass boats with heads and motors and paved roads to Baskin's the nature of the annual cruise to Baskin's has changed but it still provides a wonderful get-together of members of BYC to sail, socialize and party. At the same time we should all take time to think about the former members who lost their lives fighting in wars to enable us to have the freedoms we enjoy.

Sometime after the Second World War the Ontario government introduced the Civic holiday to be held on the first Monday of August. This created a second long weekend in the summer with the prospect of warmer summer weather than the Labour Day weekend and so the BYC members decided to hold a second cruise on this new holiday. This date has over the years become the main BYC Baskin's cruise as we know it today.

We invite all members of BYC to join us at the next Baskin's cruises, Civic Holiday BBQ and Labour Day Corn Boil. Tickets for the BBQ will be on sale at the Club during July 2009 and it will be organized by Mark Charbonneau. The Labour Day Corn Boil and kids' party will be organized by Natalie Foy.

Members of the Yacht Club may also take advantage of this beautiful property during the summer months. All you need to do is check with the President or Secretary-Treasurer to make sure that it has not been booked and get the combination key for the outhouse.

Trustees: Denny Foy, Rod Miller & Henry Chan

President: Rosemary MacKillop
Secretary-Treasurer: Ron Brooman

Many thanks for the kind donation of 5 picnic tables this year. Ottawa Sailing School (Ron Schute) who so

kindly donated 3, and to Mike Famhy, Rob Lavern and Rosemary MacKillop for their donation.

Upcoming Events:

2009 – We will be doing a fundraiser to plant trees

around the perimeter of the property. You will have the opportunity of donating a tree in memory of a loved one. More info to follow next year.

August 2, 2009 – Civic Holiday BBQ

Sept. 6, 2009 – Labour Day Cornboil and Kids' party

AND PLEASE REMEMBER – when you leave the property leave only good memories behind.... we do not have garbage pick up.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

November 24, 2008

To all Senior Members,

I am making the following request as a parent who has been involved with the Junior Sailing Program for the past 13 years, more intensely the last six years as a parent of children on the High Performance Team, the Development Team and as the outgoing Director of Youth.

BYC has an ongoing tradition of providing an excellent Junior Sailing Program. It continues to do so for two particular reasons; the facilities with the Fuller Junior Club House and the qualified and experienced instructors. Our instructors have been students who have gone through the program, taken courses and have returned as certified instructors.

The equipment on the other hand over the years has not been upgraded or replaced. This should be done on an ongoing basis.

There has been an improvement. In 2007 and 2008 we obtained a new coach boat and motor, in 2008 two new 420's through the generosity of the late Charlie Marshall.

The Optimists for White Sail 1 and 2, Squadrons for White Sail 3 and the 420's for Bronze 4 and 5 require replacement.

The Learn-to-Sail program has been a financial success, producing a profit over the years but not enough to be able to replace equipment.

I am requesting members to make a donation to the Junior Club for the purchase of new sailboats. Tax credits are available for donations to purchase new sail boats.

Donations made to the BYC Learn-to-SAIL Program through Ontario Sailing or the C.Y.A. are tax deductible.

Please consider making a donation to the Junior Club.

Recognition will be provided and you will see your tax dollars put to work.

For further information please contact Mr. Paul Moore, the manager, or myself.

This donation would benefit everyone with new upgraded equipment and a tax credit for the donor.

The Junior Club Program has been profitable for the last number of years and has benefited from the generosity of members but requires new sailboats to provide proper and safe equipment to teach our enthusiastic youth.

We are requesting your generosity to improve our equipment and request your financial assistance.

Clark Cada
613-229-7832 (cell)

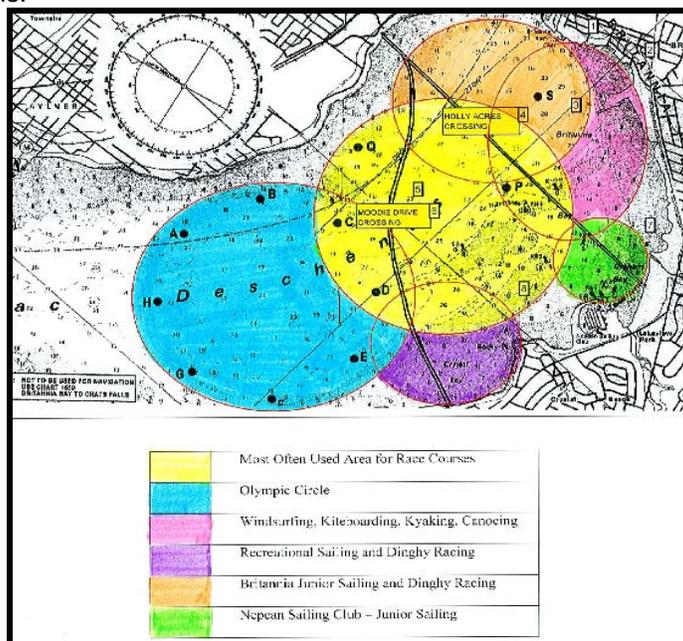
PROPOSED LAC DESCHÊNES BRIDGE

by - Bill Fenton

Proposed Bridge Corridors

In 2007, the National Capital Commission (NCC), the Ministère des Transports du Québec, and the Ontario Ministry of Transportation jointly initiated an Environmental Assessment Study of proposed Interprovincial Crossings of the Ottawa River (www.ncrcrossing.ca). The short listed corridors that were considered in Phase 1 of the study included two corridors across Lac Deschênes, referred to as the Holly Acres Road and Moodie Drive crossings.

The study proposed a four-lane bridge approximately 100 feet above the water to allow the tallest vessels to pass under the bridge. The two proposed Lac Deschênes crossings were the longest of the ten corridors studied (3.4 kms and 3.8 kms respectively). Both crossings would be built at the widest part of the river. The following map illustrates the locations.



Impact of a Lac Deschênes Bridge

The Holly Acres Road crossing will completely eliminate the possibility of sailing on the east side of the bridge. This corridor is used by hundreds of sailors including dinghies, junior sailors and windsurfers, kite surfers, etc. It will also have a significant impact on the scenic beauty of the river enjoyed by the Club for over 120 years. The noise and air pollution from the cars and trucks crossing the bridge would be totally contrary to the enjoyment of the beautiful aquatic environment by the community and our Club. The operations of the Junior Sailing Program at Britannia would be severely limited.

The Moodie Drive crossing would run right through the Olympic Circle as well as the area of the navigable part of the lake used for course races. It would also be very difficult to sail on the eastern side of a Moodie Drive location assuming the prevailing northwest wind. One cannot safely and efficiently manoeuvre a sailboat close to a bridge, under a bridge or around bridge pillars. Bridge pillars are very dangerous for even the best sailors.

Either bridge location would have a devastating impact on the future of sailing on Lac Deschênes and Britannia Yacht Club. The most beautiful location for sailing in the National Capital Region will be destroyed.

Club Response

Several letters have been sent on behalf of the Club to the consultants carrying out the study as well as to the NCC and our MP, MPP and City Councillor expressing the Club's strong opposition to the proposed Lac Deschênes crossings. In addition, numerous meetings were attended over the last eighteen months. A press conference was held at BYC on August 9th during the National Capital Regatta. Over 200 members and visitors to the Club signed a petition that weekend opposing a Lac Deschênes bridge. Our message along with a photograph of the racing appeared in the Ottawa Citizen and a story was also carried in the EMC News. Our political representatives have also publicly expressed strong opposition to the Lac Deschênes crossings.

Preliminary Results of Phase 1 Assessment

On September 4th, the National Capital Commission held a press conference to announce the preliminary results of Phase 1 of the Study including their evaluations of the alternative bridge locations. We were very pleased to learn that all the western alternative corridors, including the Lac Deschênes Crossings have now been removed from Phase 2 of this Environment Assessment Study. However, it was disappointing to note that the Holly Acres corridor was the preferred location for a west end bridge and that the Moodie Drive corridor was ranked second. The technical analysis clearly did not properly reflect the significant detrimental impact on sailing of the proposed Lac Deschênes bridge locations. The two criteria which impact people the most were assigned the lowest weightings in the Study. The water use and cultural environment criteria have relative weightings of 5% and 9% respectively whereas fish habitat has a weighting of 17%. The analysis of the costs of both Lac Deschênes bridges including approaches was very questionable. Further, we had thought that the close proximity of the two Lac Deschênes Crossings to the City of Ottawa's water purification plant would have permanently eliminated Lac Deschênes from any consideration for a future bridge as they do not meet the required distance set forth in the Ontario Clean Water Act. This has apparently not been taken into account. We also understand that the Department of Transport is currently considering a change to the Navigable Waterways Act to remove the requirement for future bridges to meet the height of existing sailing vessels. This would then permit a much lower bridge, possibly land locking many Britannia Yacht Club boats. The final report on Phase 1 is to be issued in early 2009. Phase 2 of the Study will then proceed with the technically preferred eastern bridge location which is Kettle Island.

Going Forward

Consideration of a western bridge will come up again. It is part of the long range transportation plan for the National Capital Region. As long as the land just west of the Deschênes Rapids on the Quebec side of the river is retained and designated for a possible bridge corridor, uncertainty regarding a future Lac Deschênes crossing will remain. Members of the Club are encouraged to remain cognizant of this issue and to be prepared to express their concerns once again for any option that favours a bridge across Lac Deschênes. It will also be important to continue to lobby our political representatives to remove the cloud of uncertainty over a Lac Deschênes bridge crossing.



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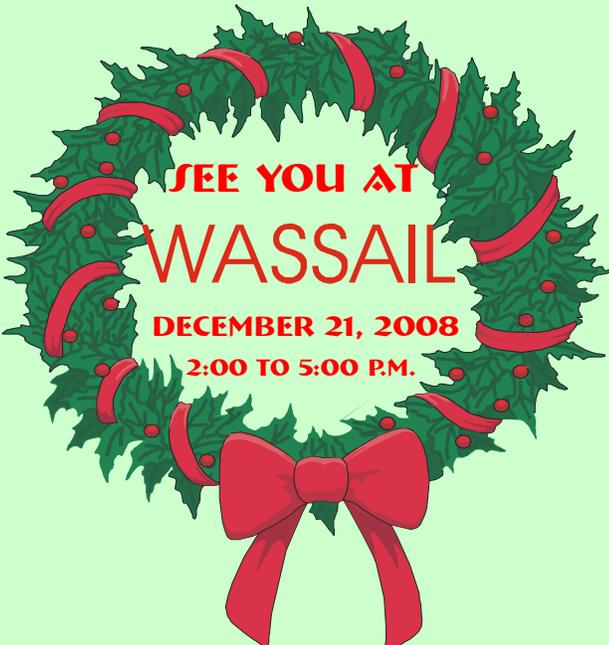


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Between the Sheets

NEWS FOR RACERS AND CRUISERS December 2008

Saint Nicholas is the patron saint of sailors and children.
(Mariner's Book of Days)

DON'T FORGET

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.....Wed. Dec. 10
WASSAIL.....Sun. Dec. 21
NEW YEAR'S EVE..... Wed. Dec. 31
INTERCLUB AWARDS NIGHT @ NSC.Thurs. Jan. 22
MOVIE NIGHTS.....Wednesdays
BREAKFAST CLUB.....Sundays

JAMMING WITH BRIAN

by – Brian Hargadon

The boats are out of the water, some little glitches but overall, things went well. The Awards Dinner, as always, a great success with a good turnout and great food. The presentations also went well because of hard work of Suzanne Roberge, Linda McBurnie, Joan Yuile, Bob Yuile and the staff. They were racing the clock but they made it!

After over 8 years as the JAM representative I'm moving on. My seniority on the Sailing Committee is exceeded only by Suzanne Roberge and Joan Yuile. It has been fun. During those years the message was always out there that the JAM Fleet should be used as a vehicle to bring in new sailors and crews into the racing community. Plans are under way to increase the success of this venture and hopefully it will work out well.

I have already written to the JAM sailors about the need for representatives for Tuesday and Thursday evenings. For members who have not volunteered in the past, how about giving it a shot? Owners or crew will do!

And finally, please support the Breakfast Club, it is run by volunteers for our mutual benefit.

**To all who are members of the BYC community,
may the Christmas season bring you good health
and happiness surrounded
by family and friends. Peace!**



22 REPORT

by - John Lydon



With all our Tanzer 22's, snugly tarpaulined in their cradles for the winter, there is of course little sailing news from BYC. I have been getting my sailing fix by following the Vendée Globe on the web. Amazing boats and amazing people who sail them.

On Saturday, November 22, I attended the AGM of the Tanzer 22 Association at the Nepean Sailing Club. Although NSC cannot boast of the same wondrous view that we have from our BYC Club House, there was one wondrous sight on that day - a sole Tanzer 22 with mainsail still on the boom majestically reflected in the mirror of the harbour ice in which she was firmly held. Apparently the owner was determined to go for a sail on his birthday on December 1. We Tanzer 22 owners all know how well the design is suited to so many different roles - but I don't think any of us at BYC ever considered its capability as an ice-breaker.

However, attending BYC on Sunday for breakfast and the Boat Owners' meeting, I did notice that this it not so with all Shark owners, and one is sitting in the ice. However, with its mast down, its intended means of propulsion escapes me. Talking of Sharks, I hope the Tanzer 22 fleet will generously contribute to the fund to help *Crazy Ivan's* crew get to the World Shark Championships in Switzerland next year. David O'Sullivan, David Foy and Jamie Foy have been outstanding ambassadors for our Club and they deserve all our support.

Getting back to the Tanzer 22 Association meeting, the feeling was expressed that the Association should become more visible at sailing clubs and events, and one of the things suggested for Lac Deschênes was a social event along the lines of a rum-runners raft-up (or words to that effect) with Doug Patterson of NSC acclaimed to spearhead the event. All Tanzer 22's would be welcome to participate and only a small amount of pressure will be applied to get you to join the Association if you are not already a member.

With Christmas just around the corner, just a reminder that some excellent gifts can be purchased from Ken Hodgson, Tanzer Boat Parts, PO Box 375, Hudson, Quebec, J0P1H0, Tel: 450-458-4715, ken@tanzerboatparts.com, and you can get a 10% discount if you order new sails now from North Sails.

Hoping that you find all the boat parts that you need under the Christmas tree, and best wishes for the New Year.



CHICKS' CHATTER

by – Mary Jaekl



Summer has come and gone and a highly successful season is now behind us. The Women's fleet is fortunate to have experienced a great deal of growth this year, particularly from BYC where we saw five boats coming out to race regularly. It's exciting to see the new faces turning into experienced crew members and starting to race more than one night a week. It's even better to see the fleet becoming more competitive as the ladies gain experience and confidence!

We finished off the year in great style with a fireside dinner party expertly organized by Kelly Lyon to thank the many coaches and boat owners without whom many of us could not have sailed at all. The atmosphere was wonderful, the desserts mouth-watering and we are all looking forward to welcoming back many of the coaches and boat owners next year.

As always, we are looking for new boats and coaches to allow even more women to learn to race or improve their racing skills. This is a really rewarding experience, so if you are interested please let us know, or talk to one of the boat owners or coaches to hear about their experience this summer.

As many of you know, I will not be returning to the Committee in the spring as I am expecting a little girl in early March. I do hope to race next year; so tips from those of you who have experience sailing while looking after a baby would be most welcome. I'd like to thank all those who helped me as the fleet rep this year, especially Kelly whose assistance in recruiting boat owners and matching crews was particularly helpful.

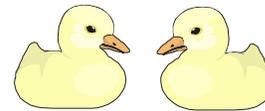
I am thrilled to announce that Wendy Smith will be taking my place as the new Women's and I know that she will do a great job!

Don't forget that the Racing Rules of Sailing are changing this year - you'll want to visit http://www.sailing.ca/racing/rules_and_regatta_management/racing_rules_of_sailing to download the new CYA rules when they become available, or visit <http://www.sailing.org/rrs> to see the International version if you can't wait to get a sense of some of the changes. A good working knowledge of the rules is definitely an asset when out on the water, and there will be several workshops and seminars this winter to help keep you up to date.

If you are only able to make it out to a single event, mark your calendar for the annual Women & Wind seminar held towards the end of February. This is a great way to get to know the rest of the Women's fleet, brush up on your sailing knowledge and skills, and to find a spot on a boat.

See you on the water next year!

Season's greetings to one and all.



C&C 97 REPORT

by – Konrad Lewinski, C&C Rep



I'd like to thank the RC for their superb job of setting appropriate courses and providing us with another fantastic sailing season, Joan Yuile for reminding us of the F&B publication dates, and arranging a great Awards Night banquet. Our Chef Chris and team for upping the ante on food services and a delightful Awards night dinner.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



WINDSURFING REPORT

by - Suzanne Roberge, Sailboard Rep



By the time you read this, we will have had our first snow fall and put away our equipment, well most of us anyway! Hopefully some of you were able to take

advantage of the few warm and windy days we had in the fall. If you are going south this winter, I wish you good winds. To all, enjoy your winter sport, be it wind propelled or gravity dependent.

**Till next summer, I wish you Merry Christmas
et Bonne Année à Tout le monde!**



TROPHY NEWS

by – Joan Yuile, Trophy Keeper

First of all I want to thank all the people that helped polish trophies in preparation for the Awards Dinner – Suzanne Roberge, Linda McBurnie, Kirk Robertson, Mike Fahmy, Jack Faas, Jill McCloskey and, last but not least, Delores and Rudy Amyot – non boaters but avid volunteers who pitch in wherever needed.

Then thanks to Suzanne and Linda for doing a great job in the trophy presentation, to Paul Moore for all his help, to Chef Chris for a great meal, Jordan and Carland for their help in placing tables, all the other staff that helped make this a most enjoyable event and, last but no least, Bob Yuile for all his help with the set-up and running back and forth to SGA collecting and exchanging trophies and keepers.

I also want to apologize for the quality of the picture in the PowerPoint presentation. This is the first time for this problem and it has been suggested it was the projector as this is the same method used for the past 8 years with other projectors with no trouble. This will be addressed next year to ensure there is no repeat of the foginess!!

Finally, for those of you that have noticed the incredible improvement in the showcase behind the bar, my thanks go to Linda McBurnie (organizer par excellence), Jill McCloskey and Pat Scrim for their help in accomplishing this; to Wayne Scrim for donating the new material, and to Al Malo for his help. It truly is a "showcase" now!!

Over the next few months a group will be undertaking a project to polish all the remaining trophies in the clubhouse. If you would like to help with this just let me know and we'll add your name to the list.

Bob and I extend our very best wishes to one and all for a truly Happy Christmas, a great 2009, and a hasty return to sailing.



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JANUARY 22, 2009
START GUN - 7:00 P.M.

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+++++December 3, 2008+++++
TERMINATION POINT

+++++December 10, 2008+++++
No Movie - Annual General Meeting

+++++December 17, 2008+++++
MAMA MIA

+++++December 24, 2008+++++
No Movie - Christmas Eve

+++++December 31, 2008+++++
No Movie - New Year's Eve



**MERRY CHRISTMAS
ET BONNE VOILE**

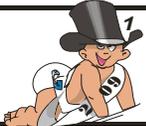
Britannia Yacht Club Activities Calendar

December 2008

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Office Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Closed Dec. 24 - 26 & Jan. 1 & 2						
Bar Hours: Closed Dec. 24, 25, 26, Dec. 29 & 30 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. & Dec. 31 - Noon - 1:00 a.m. Wed. & Fri. - 4:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Sun. - 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Friday Lunch - 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.						
Food services: Light meals available when bar is open.						
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		Movie Night TERMINATION POINT 7:30 p.m. Come earlier for dinner		Friday Night Buffet		BREAKFAST CLUB 9:30 - Noon
First Quarter						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7:00 p.m.		Friday Night Buffet		BREAKFAST CLUB FINE DINING 6:00 P.M.
Full Moon						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Movie Night MAMA MIA 7:30 Come earlier for dinner	Tennis Xmas Party 6:00 p.m.	Christmas Buffet		Hannukkah Begins WASSAIL CHILDREN'S XMAS PARTY Winter Solstice
Last Quarter						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Club Closed	 CHRISTMAS DAY Club Closed	Boxing Day Club Closed		 Hannukkah Ends
New Moon						
29	30	31				
Club Open 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Club Open 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	 NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA Club Opens at Noon				

Britannia Yacht Club Activities Calendar

January 2009

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Office Hours: Closed Jan. 1 & 2 Open Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.						
Bar Hours: Closed Jan. 1 & 2 Wednesday & Friday - 4:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Sunday - 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.						
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		Movie Night 7:30		Friday Night Buffet		