

BYC Members with a 'Sailing Problem' campaigning this beautiful boat in the Antigua Race Week in May

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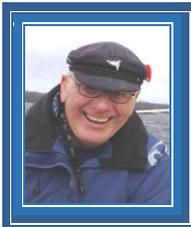
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## From the Bridge

from – David Burke,  
Commodore



**E**arlier this year the Board of Directors decided to support a request from a private adventure company *Wilderness Tours, Ottawa City Adventures*. The company sought access to a portion of our property at the East end of the harbour to store its equipment. The Board felt that there were a number of synergies with the proposal. We get a rental cash flow from the use of the property; they get a secure area to store their equipment. Both the BYC and the company have congruent interests in the recreational use of the fabulous Ottawa River that we share. It struck the Board as a good opportunity to work with a new member of the community and to more effectively use part of our property. On page 8 you will find a letter from Dave Stibbe, managing partner of Wilderness Tours, Ottawa

City Adventure describing the planned activities.

In the past few weeks I have received two new unsolicited books related to sailing that will be lodged in our library. One is a self-published memoir by Bill Gamblin, retired artillery major, who was a member of the BYC in 1959-1962. Mr. Gamblin is from New Brunswick and learned to sail on the St. John River before the Second World War. He built his own boat, 24-foot *Clytie* and raced and sailed her out of BYC when he was posted to Ottawa. Subsequent sailing included North Sea and English Channel and the Great Lakes as well as the Maritimes before retiring in 1984. He and his wife spent the next 20 years cruising on the East Coast of America and in the Caribbean. He now lives in Ottawa. He writes clearly and evocatively about his love of sailing and many adventures and pleasures it has brought. The book is in .pdf format on a CD ROM which is available in the BYC Library.

The other book is a novel in old hard copy format by former NBC foreign correspondent Robin Lloyd. Mr. Lloyd was not intending to write a novel when he started doing research on a relative, Elisha Eli Morgan, who sailed square rigged ships on the New York-London run in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. He turned his extensive research into an interesting sailing yarn that he has shared with us. It was accompanied by a card "*With compliments to the Commodore and members of the Britannia Yacht Club. Please enjoy reading the book!*" It will be put in our library.

Last week marked the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dragon Bar. Simon Fuller, who was Commodore at that time, hosted a dinner of the original crew who moved *Magic Dragon* from the boat storage yard into the clubhouse creating a unique feature of the Club. Appropriately the event was in the Dragon Bar. It was well attended with a number of the original crew and their spouses present. On listening to the stories about the work done to get *Magic Dragon* in the window and cut to suit the bar space, I was reminded that there are important lessons for us all. The first is the value of volunteerism and how it brings members together, and the second is the importance to the BYC of long-time commitment.

Congratulations to the Crew of the *Magic Dragon* and thank you for your vision.



As we all know the gates are in and we are stranded for the time being. This is an excellent opportunity to do extra work on your boat to make her look her best for the season. The sailing will start soon enough and hopefully we will not have to do the Commodore's Sailpast in the Harbour this year!



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**PROJECTS**

by – Rob Braden  
Vice Commodore



So once again I start the summer off by digging out the high water. If we get a team together and shovel the water by hand down the rapids will it lower the water? Let's do the BYC thing and get a committee together and study the idea. Call an SGM and vote on it.

The high water will of course go away and we will be sailing soon. In the meantime, spring is the time to move projects forward. I encourage members to get involved. PLEASE.

**IN THE HARBOUR** - In the Inner Basin, the new east wall is in place and holding nicely. Thank you Joey. The gabion baskets will be covered with a walkway in the near future. With regard to walkways I will be doing an inspection of all the walkways on the edge of the harbour to determine their general condition and prioritizing the repair of the worst areas with the help of John Morrow.

The wall boards will similarly be evaluated and we hope to be doing replacements and repairs in June. The electrical problems arising from the building of the new wall have to be factored into our overall operating budget for the harbour first, and then we will begin work on the wall boards.

We have an updated electrical survey now and are moving forward on the long term project of updating the general electrical and lighting around the harbour. It will happen in phases with input from members and it will be several years before this project will be finished.

**AROUND THE HARBOUR** - The parking lot for the boats, the last part of the new crane project, is scheduled for the 2nd half of June. This will see the area between the old marine railway cut and the Dinghy Shed leveled out to allow a

more efficient use of the space to store boats over the winter.

The back light of the Range Lights, which was on the east spit going into the Inner Harbour was removed when the wall was rebuilt. Don McCallum has stepped up and painted it in preparation for being re-installed. Thank you Don, you continue to be a model member of what a member-owned and -run club should be.

On a side note, by the time the gates are out we will have had a boom truck in to replace bulbs around the harbour and reposition lights on the tennis courts. It will help but not eliminate the light pollution that interferes with the range lights. That will take some more study and I would be interested in hearing members' ideas on this.

**AT THE GAS DOCKS** - A new ice box has appeared at the gas docks, thank you Paul Moore. The last one was getting pretty beat up. The pump-out pump will be evaluated this spring and a decision made as to its repair or replacement. There are now 2 hoses for water, one for fresh and one to be used for pump-outs. Please respect the signage.

Garbage enclosures to surround the bins around the harbour were delayed last fall with the installation of the new gate fence. They will go back on the to-do list once the boats are back in the water. House and Grounds and the gardening sub-committee will have input.

**THE TENNIS COURTS** - are scheduled in mid-June to have the cracks filled and repainted. We will be replacing broken lights and re-aiming them to cover the 4 courts instead of the current state that has them still covering 5 courts.

**IN THE CLUB HOUSE** - The elevator and east wall project will be out to tender for architecture drawings by the time of publication. Once we have the architect's submissions back, we will have general costing, plans and pictures to show the members. An SGM will be scheduled so that all members can get an update of what this next phase of the clubhouse rehabilitation involves.

The final 2 windows of the West Wall project are on order and will be

installed in the Bruce Neuk and the boardroom under House and Grounds Director, Kevin Bundy's guidance, in the near future.

A member initiative to fix the problem of smoke back-up from the fireplace was granted some funds by the Breakfast Club. I really like these kind of projects because they usually represent a need by a group that may or may not necessarily benefit everyone and as such often end up low on the priority list. But they do improve the overall appearance and usefulness of the Club. Such was the Pergola project and the beautification project of Crimson Cove last year. This project will effect everyone who uses the clubhouse from late fall to early spring. Led by Past Commodore John Irvin, they are investigating different options to solve the problem. The project will be fully vetted by the Board to ensure it will fit in with the overall plan for the function and ambiance intended for the room. It is a problem of which we will all be glad to see the end.

#### PR & Communications Report

by - Dan Delorey  
Rear Commodore



The PR & Communications Committee met several times to discuss the BYC Website. What it is now, what we would like to change now and a long term vision going forward. We decided to tweak the existing site with a vision

toward a complete overhaul in the fall.

The **Header Bar** has been changed to a more logical order. **Menu buttons** have been added to provide specific information with a click of a mouse. A **For Sale** page has been added for members to post nautical and tennis items they would like to sell or buy.

The website serves as one of the central communication tools for BYC members. It serves sailors (racers, cruisers and boat owners), social members, tennis members, seniors and youth members.

It is also the window to BYC to both potential members and visitors to the Club.

Thanks to **Mark Hermeling, Al Malo, Joan Yuile, Peter Pigott** and **Paul Moore** for their time, commitment and expertise to the PR & Communications Committee.

We are busy planning for **Doors Open Ottawa @ BYC on Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup>**, involving other BYC Directors and our corporate partners to make BYC the place to be for this Ottawa tradition.



#### Treasurer's Report

by – Jean Favreau



We have now passed the mid-year and the club's financial position is good:

1. The revenues are in line with the historical revenues of the past few years. At the date this was written, we have collected or are assured to collect 88% of the adjusted revenues expected on November 1<sup>st</sup>. This means that 12%, that is one out of eight members, have not yet paid their dues and have not taken

advantage of the payment program in place. I encourage anyone who has not yet paid her/his dues to do so as soon as possible; the Club needs this revenue to continue to offer services and maintain the facilities!

2. On the expense side, we are on budget. Operationally, 208 moorings are rented, which is in line with historical numbers, and our membership level is at 1078. This is a slight decrease of membership. The beginning of the year has seen an increased participation in the activities of the Club. This looks good for a great boating season.
3. On the capital expenditures side, the east harbour wall project came in on budget, a truck was purchased for the harbour (below budget!) and the IT transition including internet access to the house and the harbor as well as the Jonas (the new operations and financial software) transition are going well and came in on budget. The project to improve the electricity distribution in the harbour has met with some roadblocks, but will be close to budget on the financial side.

As I said above, at this time our financial position is good. I will however work with the Board to address the two issues that I see as threats to our Club: the slow collection of the dues and the decrease in membership. Please do not hesitate to send me an email at [honorarytreasurer@byc.ca](mailto:honorarytreasurer@byc.ca) if you have any suggestions to help resolve those issues.

Looking forward to seeing you on the water this summer!



## HARBOUR REPORT

by - John Morrow (Director)



On Saturday May 17 the big boat launch was successfully held under the competent and professional direction of Kirk Robertson and Andrew Furey. At the same time as the crane was present, we removed one of the Kropf dock stabilizer posts. This has been on our list of jobs the past two seasons. I would like to thank the boat owners for their patience in waiting while this operation was performed. Unfortunately, we had to alter the order of launch due to the crane operator's concerns of safety with the task. It was great to see young gentlemen Dawson and Rowan Brown, Alex and Ben Taylor working under the direction of Kirk, Andrew, Peter and Al Malo.

The east wall of the Inner Harbour is nearing completion with respect to reconstruction. Several issues arose with the severance of the 600 volt cables. Andrew and Peter are to be commended for their efforts in restoring the power. Mr. Moore has been diligent in pressing the electricians and inspectors into action. The south wall of Crimson Cove still has taped outlets until the electricians replace the faulty GFIs. A memo was sent to the big boat owners to dis-assemble their cradles so we can level the pile of riff-raff at the harbour cut and level the parking lot. A memo will be sent out to

Crimson Cove boat owners in late May with regard to new gravel and dust control.

The cranes and lift straps were inspected by Wajax, and the cable on the south masting crane will be replaced. Please check Safety Officer Joe Courtney's article for news on a refresher or introductory demonstration.

The Dinghy Shed next to the masting crane is being emptied of boats and cleaned up so all members have access to a sheltered workplace. The yard crew has been working on the Brockville Inner Harbour docks repairing ice and lower water damage. The allocation of docks for members with seniority has begun and will continue in the ensuing weeks. Under Al Malo's direction, a plan is being developed to use the remaining inventory of docks acquired last year. We would like to place these at the east wall of the inner harbour to facilitate ease of docking and boarding. We are all hoping that the gate will be removed in time for the Commodore's Sailpast and enjoyment of the river.

The boaters on Lac Deschênes will be joined this year by Wilderness Tours who are renting facilities at BYC as a trial this year. The company will operate out of Britannia Beach and is only storing their equipment at BYC.

I want to thank all the work parties for sprucing up the grounds in early May. I also want to recognize and thank Bill Wolff for his work in cleaning various areas within the harbour.

## House & Grounds

from – Kevin Bundy  
(Director)



It was a very busy and productive spring at BYC this year. We had a very successful Spring Work Party on May 10, with over 30 volunteers. The yard

and gardens were cleaned up, gardens planted, 6 new Muskoka/Adirondack chairs were assembled and these and the existing Muskoka chairs were painted. The inside work party did a great job polishing the fireplace hood and the brass canons and touching up the lounge. A BIG THANKS to all those that came and helped out, it's volunteering like this that makes the Club a success.

Speaking of success, due to the dedication and hard work of the House and Grounds Committee, we now have 5 new food service tables, 20 ladder-back chairs and new table tops (30" diameter) for the existing lounge tables. Another BIG THANKS to the BYC Breakfast Club and those members who made donations for their purchase. Also, if you have been in the Dragon Bar and Lounge recently, you will see that we are in the process of refinishing the lounge chairs, making the seats a bit higher and matching them to the color of the Dragon Bar. Another BIG THANKS to David Smythe for donating some gently-used bistro tables for use around the club.

It's also that time of year that I need to pass on some friendly reminders:

**Defibrillators** - The use of an "Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)" with CPR within the first three minutes of a cardiac arrest can increase an individual's chance of survival by up to 75% and there may be a time in all of our lives that we need one. The Club currently has two AEDs and a third is on order. These AED's are automatic and voice directed so no training is required for their use. One will be kept in the entrance lobby of Clubhouse, another at the Junior Clubhouse and a third in the Dinghy Shed.

**Parking** - You will likely have noticed by now that another "Accessible Parking" space has been added to the parking lot. This will bring us into compliance with provincial accessibility requirements.

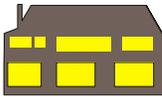
Also with respect to parking, a reminder that parking for vehicles and

motorcycles is restricted to the parking lot. The driveway to, and circle near, the marquee are for drop off and pickup ONLY. Parking in the circle may force larger delivery trucks to drive on the grass and over gardens. Please respect this regulation out of courtesy to fellow members.

**Smoking** - By government regulation, smoking is not allowed under the marquee, in front of the doorways or on the upper balcony - and please use the ashtrays.

**Pets** - Pets are to be under control at all times - especially at the patio and marquee and please pick up after your pet.

That's all for now! Happy sailing!



### IT Update

by - Mark Hermeling  
(Director)



Short update from the bits and wires department. The Jonas club management implementation is moving forward nicely. Paul and his team have the day-to-day operational side of things under control, which means it is time to look toward our digital façade: the website. There are lots of opportunities here for improvements and we will implement them over the next couple of months.

You may have seen the first step in the replacement of the 'private member pages', these are the pages

of our external website that are only visible to members. You can reach these through the 'Members Area' link on our website and then following 'Member Log-in'. You will have to register to be able to use these pages, even if you have been a user of the previous member pages. Instructions are provided and the process is very simple. Feel free to reach out to [it@byc.ca](mailto:it@byc.ca) if you have any concerns, questions or feedback.

Two things to explore in this members area are:

- 1) The personal information that the Club has on you, make sure that address, email and phone numbers are still up-to-date, you can update on-line if any changes are necessary. Here you can also select how much information is provided to other members as well as upload a profile picture. You can reach this through 'Directory' and then 'Edit My Personal Info'. You can also find contact details that other members have provided.
- 2) Your chits, or in other words, your restaurant and bar bills. Here you can get a detailed overview of all your transactions over the past while. You can reach this through 'My Account' and 'Statements'.

Other topics on the members only site right now are the By-Law and Regulations as well as the Financial Statements. In the future we'll start posting Board minutes, we'll see if we can set up a digital crew bank and there are a few more ideas that we have. However, one of the first items that we will bring back is the photo archive.

Again, if you have any ideas as to what else you would like to see on the members' site, feel free to reach out and we'll see what can be done.

The other major project ongoing is the WIFI in the harbour project. That should be completed by the time this Full & By reaches you. The company providing the service is planning to put up several access points in such a way as to provide best coverage, however, we cannot guarantee that everybody has bow-to-stern coverage.

We have a good connection to the internet with reasonable up- and download speeds. It will most certainly be sufficient for email, web-browsing, facebooking, instagraming and, of course, weather forecast lookups. However, if everybody starts to use Netflix in their cabins on a rainy day, then we'll quickly run out of capacity. Same thing if people start downloading large amounts of data. We will monitor the network closely and make adjustments as needed. This is a new service that is being put in place and we are keen to hear your feedback.

From a security perspective there will be a password on the WIFI network that we will provide at a later point in time, this will ensure encryption of the data sent and received. You should consider the WIFI network at BYC as a public network and make sure that your security fixes for your operating environment of choice are up to date and that you have a firewall and virus scanner.

### Tennis Report

by - Wendy Faas (Director)



The next few weeks should be busy around the tennis courts. Lessons, and drop-in games are in full swing, and the tennis courts are due to be repaired and painted mid-June. (Specific date not available at time of submission.)

First of all, Thank You to all those who came out for the Spring Work Parties: The Tennis Work Party, May 3, and the tennis players who helped with the Club Work Party May 10.

We have had a great response for our first Junior lesson, and the other lessons - which are [Free to all Members](#) - are mostly at full capacity. The second session is due to begin June 24 and 25, with registration opening on Courtside June 10. Weather and court repair permitting.

We are fast approaching two of our popular Men's Finals Sundays -

**ALL MEMBERS WELCOME Sunday, June 8, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual French Open Sunday - Café au lait, croissants and a great match on clay.**

**Sunday, July 6, the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wimbledon Sunday – Strawberries and Cream, and a great match on grass.**

**\*\*New event this year: Fingers crossed we won't be in the middle of the court repairs for Commodore's Weekend - stay tuned for details of the first annual of the Tucker-Rodger Tennis Tournament, Saturday, June 14.**

Reminder: Hope you have all picked up your shoe tag from the Lower Bar.

Mailbox is always open - [tennis@byc.ca](mailto:tennis@byc.ca) - for comments and questions.

See you on the courts.

**Social Report**

by - Marc Forgette (Director)



It's official folks, summer is on its way and I am delighted to report that the Friday Night Entertainment has begun and has been arranged for the season; a big thank you to Robin Bailey for all her hard work booking this year's entertainment.

Also, the BYC social events held so far this season have been met with much success. On behalf of the Social Committee, I want to convey my thanks to all for the support you provide in one way or another. Friday Night's at BYC will take place from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. every week from now until October 2 under the marquee.

Friday Night's at BYC will, from time to time, be held in conjunction with other events. In the event of inclement or cold weather, the entertainment will take place inside in the Main Lounge. Be sure to check the Notice Board and the BYC website for upcoming details on weekly social events.



**BYCF Update**

from - Alain Jegen

Ninety five (95) members and guests came out for the "Pasta Italiana" BYCF elevator project information and fundraising event on May 9. They enjoyed the Italian buffet, special Italian wine offerings and the tiramisu. A big thank you to the BYC staff for the quality of the food and service. The music arranged by the Social Committee and provided by Sonic Blue and their special guest accordionist, enticed many onto the dance floor. A fun time was had by all that evening.

Aside from the fun and entertainment, BYC Foundation's intention that evening was threefold: to thank all the supporting donors (91 in 2013 and 42 in 2014); to update on the fundraising and planning progress and to introduce the Garaventa Elvoren LU/LA 635kg capacity elevator –

[www.garaventalift.com](http://www.garaventalift.com).

Just prior to the dinner, BYCF Chairman Paul Dick provided this info via a pre-taped presentation and announced the targeted launch date

of April 2, 2015. The plan is for John Killick to take the first ride up in the elevator that day.

Where do we stand today?

Prior to the May 9 event, members had contributed \$57,875 (\$50,175 for the elevator and \$7,700 for the elevator shaft). An additional 7 donors contributed \$805 at the May 9 event and the event proceeds to BYCF totalled \$950. This gives us a new total for elevator shaft funds raised to May 9 of \$9,455; leaving a remaining \$35,545 to reach our 2014 goal of \$45,000 for the elevator shaft and to complete this project.

We want to acknowledge anonymous as well as non-anonymous donors like John Killick, The Fuller Family in memory of Captain Thomas G. Fuller, Al Malo and William Christie for their outstanding support.

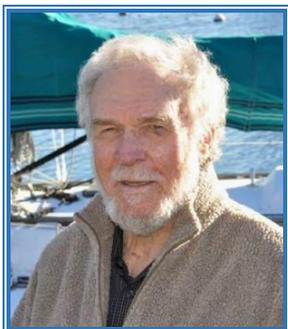
If you have any questions about BYC Foundation ([www.bycf.ca](http://www.bycf.ca)), the elevator project in particular or fundraising suggestions please feel free to contact Paul Dick (613) 592-5412, Mary Bundy (613) 692-1070, Kirk Robertson (613) 225-3803, Marc Charbonneau (613) 816-2487 or myself (613) 265-6015.

**ENTERTAINMENT/SOCIAL CALENDAR**

**Friday Nights at BYC**

- June 6** - Sonic Blue
- June 13** - Commodore's BBQ Sounds Great DJ
- June 20** - Caridad Cruz & Dannilo Rondon Perez
- June 27** - Roxy Swan
- July 4** - Tangerine
- July 11** - Sentimental Journey
- July 18** - Sonic Blue
- July 25** - Roxy Swan
- Aug. 5** - Jazzberries

# CONGRATULATIONS TO BRUCE KIRBY



ON MAY 10, 2014, BRUCE WAS  
INDUCTED INTO THE CANADIAN  
SAILING HALL OF FAME

# CONGRATULATIONS DORIS & ED



*Ed Abrahams and Doris Lacroix,  
both long time members of BYC, were  
married on Saturday, May 17, at  
BYC. They staged the wedding just  
after the celebration of Ed's 90th  
birthday, and it was a total surprise to  
everybody in attendance!*

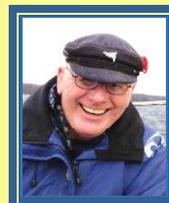
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## COMMODORE'S WEEKEND

Friday, June 13, 2014  
**The Commodore's  
BBQ**  
8:00p.m.  
*Dancing to the  
DJ*  
*"Great Sounds"*

Sat. June 14, 2014  
The  
**Tucker-Rodger Regatta  
Fun Sailing & Tennis  
Event**

Sunday June 15, 2014  
**Sailpast**  
*Special Instructions will be issued*



**START PLANNING FOR THE WEEKEND NOW**

**SPRING WORK PARTY**

Many volunteers pitched in for the Spring Work Party on May 10th to spruce up the BYC grounds for the upcoming summer. Leaves were raked, flowers planted and outdoor furniture and flower bed sidings painted. Many thanks to all who organized it and all who turned out.



**SEA CADET BAND**

from – Peter Pigott

With the success of the Remembrance Day ceremonies held at the BYC last year, Publicity Director Dan Delorey asked that I find a military band for future such events. Hearing of the Club's previous connections with the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps, I contacted RCSC Centurion, Kanata, and their CO Lt. Matt Beatty was enthusiastic about helping out.

RCSC Centurion had an exceptional brass band that had just taken part in the Battle of the Atlantic parade. Given the historic BYC connections with the Second World War, they would be honored to join us on November 11. We hosted Lt. Beatty and his wife Amy at the Club, and Dan even talked Matt into sending some cadets to this year's "Doors Open Ottawa" on Sunday, June 8, at the Club.

In turn we were invited to their Annual Parade on June 3. The hope is that this is the beginning of many future joint ventures between RCSC Centurion and the BYC.



**IMPORTANT DATES AT BYC - JUNE/JULY 2014**

<b>Event / Important Date:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Commodore's BBQ</b>	Friday, June 13
<b>Tucker/Rodger Regatta</b>	Saturday, June 14
<b>Commodore's Sailpast</b>	Sunday, June 15
<b>Shark Canadian Championship</b>	Friday-Saturday, July 18-20

Dear members of BYC,



My name is **Dave Stibbe** and I am the managing partner for Wilderness Tours, Ottawa City Adventures. I am very excited that you have agreed to let us operate our boat storage facility on your property, and I want to assure you that we are committed to being responsible members of the B.Y.C. community.

**Wilderness Tours** is Canada's premiere white water recreation company and we run a world-class operation. Our use of Britannia Yacht Club's facilities will be for storage of equipment. Our typical operation will see us arrive in the morning between 6:30am and 8am to pick up our equipment, while the return of equipment will happen between 4pm and 10pm depending on how many trips we are running. Each process (morning and afternoon) will usually last about an hour and a half. Our staff will drive at **very limited speeds** on the property, and in the community, and we will always give priority to BYC member traffic. As well, our staff are available to help if members need an extra pair of hands to move your personal equipment or do something that only takes a few minutes from the day. All our staff will be clearly visible, wearing uniforms that are red staff shirts bearing their name tags, or river rafting gear, where their names will be visible on their life vests or back of their helmets. Last but not least my staff are not permitted to smoke and this policy extends to any working hours, which is the only time my employees are permitted on BYC property.

Our **operational footprint** will include one (possibly two) storage containers, two vans and three sets of trailers, one enclosed and two boat trailers. The trailers and vehicles will park in whichever location is designated, and will remain loaded on most nights. One trailer will have rafts tied down securely and stacked four high, the second trailer will have an assortment of canoes and kayaks, the third trailer is enclosed and is our mobile office which is in place at the Britannia Park Pier by 7:30am each morning. Our storage container will be used to store paddles, helmets, pfd's, and an assortment of equipment we use to inflate rafts. We are committed to keeping our area of operation looking "ship shape" pun intended. We will paint or put siding on our containers to keep them looking professional and as aesthetically nice as possible. Gear will not be left outside strewn about, and we will keep the grass trimmed in our area. As well we will provide garbage cans in our working area and change them ourselves as required.

As a company we pride ourselves on being a good neighbor and partner in the outdoor industry and marine community. As a company our values are aligned with the B.Y.C. in that we all interested in providing healthy outdoor activities for families, youth and adults. As a paddlesports company we also share a heritage and passion for water based activities and ultimately, I trust that we all share the ideal found in this quote by Kenneth Grahame, the author of, *The Wind in the Willow*: "Believe me, my young friend, there is nothing - absolutely nothing - half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats."

Last but not least, as a **BYC community partner** I am in the process of extending to all members of the Britannia Yacht Club and their immediate families a free rafting adventure with us this coming spring. Once we have sorted all the details for our grand opening, I will coordinate with your General Manager and the Board of Directors, this exclusive Britannia Yacht Club event, where we can all run the river and hopefully end back at the Club house for some post run refreshments. I am hoping that as our relationship extends over the years this can become a fun filled annual event.

Of course if you have any concerns during the summer with our operations, or my employees, please feel free to contact me directly at [dave@wildernesstours.com](mailto:dave@wildernesstours.com), or through my office at 1-844-688-7238.

Sincerely,

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