



Some of the Baskin's group listening intently to
Denny Foy's story about Baskin's at the Sunset Ceremony
(Photo courtesy of Marc Charbonneau)

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FOREWORD

This issue of Full & By is devoted primarily to the publication of the 2014 Annual Report from each Director, except that of the Commodore.

The Commodore's Report will be delivered at the 2014 Annual General Meeting.

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NOTICE OF 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Take notice that Annual General Meeting of the Britannia Yacht Club 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 2014, and any other Yacht Club business as may be properly brought before the meeting will be held in the Clubhouse on **Wednesday, December 10, 2014.**

SCHEDULE

1700 HRS -	BAR OPENS
1800 HRS.	BYCF MEETING
1900 HRS - <u>PROMPTLY</u> -	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Dated at Ottawa this 19th day of September 2014
 Mr. David Smythe
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Vice Commodore's Annual Report

from - Rob Braden

**Slow steady progress.****Harbour-Basin:**

The east wall of the Inner Harbour was a big project over the winter. Joey Kroeger (and family) did a really good job. We have a solid new wall. The water is deeper in front of the new wall and will be able to accommodate bigger boats, which is the trend these days. The wall has been settling this year and it is the intention to next year add a temporary walkway on top, probably out of wood. Eventually we will put a cement cap on top.

Rowan Brown has doggedly worked on painting all the wall boards around the harbour this summer and it really does help improve the appearance.

The last part of the crane project, the 'parking lot' was laid (like the Inner Harbour work, hard to miss) and pre-planning included putting conduit for lighting and water so when we start to re-do lighting in the harbour we will be able to add lights and water to aid those working on boats that will be stored there over the winter. Thanks again to Andrew Fury for his ingenuity and hard work creating the planters around the edges to protect the trees.

Tennis:

The tennis courts were resurfaced in the spring and the contractor is due back to touch a few spots this fall. The lights will probably be re-oriented by the time you read this to allow better lighting on 3 courts for evening tennis. After we finish renovating the east wall of the clubhouse, where some of the lights aiming at court 2 are, we will replace bulbs and re-aim the lights to again cover all 4 courts.

Clubhouse:

After much back and forth with the City, we have received a Letter of Tolerance granting us the right to a permanent encroachment on the south side of the building, allowing us to potentially use that area for an elevator hoist way. Many thanks should go out to our Britannia area city councilor Mark Taylor and his planning assistant Steve Karanikolias who helped me wade through the bureaucracy with the City.

The Request for Proposal has been sent out for Architectural services. Once awarded and after some back and forth to arrive at what we need to do, the architects will present us with some concept sketches of the proposed work and some reasonable estimates. Then we will hold a town hall-like information session at the end of October to present this to the members and give people a chance to add their thoughts and ideas. These will go back to the architects, they will finish our permit and construction drawings.

With these in hand we will be coming back to the members for a Special General Meeting to present the plan of action and associated costs to the members to vote on.

If all goes as planned we will be starting construction of the new doorway, elevator and east wall in January. It will take about 3 days to finish. Okay, just checking if I haven't bored you to sleep with details. The plan is to be finished all the major work by spring, in time for the new season.

Electrical

The electrical committee has begun updating information on our plant. New wiring was added during both the east inner harbour-basin wall and parking lot construction. A new main power line was laid across the harbour this spring and with this information Guy Painchaud and Bill Walton have been updating our charts. With information in hand we will be able to begin planning short-term and long-term solutions to problems with our current (excuse the pun) power supply to the harbour.

Many thanks must go out to Paul Moore for being the man on the spot to direct contractors working on our various projects. Chris Jalkotzy, Kaitlin Riordan, and Paul Telfor have been really great in donating their time and expertise to the East Wall and Elevator projects.



Rear Commodore's Annual Report

from - Dan Delorey



BYC Public Relations and Communications

My objectives this year were to solidify the public relations initiatives from last year and to focus on the communications side of the portfolio.

The **Commodore's Corner** link was regularly updated to recognize all the good work by BYC Members and staff in organizing events. Directors and Chairpersons were provided support for events such as **Women in Wind, Doors Open Ottawa, Bring on the Bay Swim, National Capital Regatta** and **The Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-up**.

Our members and corporate partners welcomed hundreds of guests to BYC for **Doors Open Ottawa**. It was the place to be for this longstanding Ottawa tradition. The **National Capital Regatta** was featured in the Ottawa Citizen, promoting sailing and showcasing BYC.

BYC renewed its relationship with the **Sea Cadets** from the **RCSCC Centurion**. I represented BYC at their awards ceremony. These youth volunteered as ambassadors at the very successful Doors Open Ottawa and committed to help out with the Great Canadian Shoreline Clean Up and **Remembrance Day at BYC**.

The **PR & Communications Committee** conducted a comprehensive website review of the BYC website with a vision toward a complete overhaul during the winter. The existing site was improved minimizing layers to find information and a **For Sale** page was added. The website serves as one of the central communication tools for BYC members. It is also the window to BYC to both potential members and visitors to the club. We will work on a significant overhaul of the website during the winter months.



Fleet Captain's Annual Report

from – Bill Fuller



Well, we're almost at the end of another season, with the Club Championship, the Fall 50 Mile Race, the Frostbite (fun) and the Remembrance Day Regatta yet to come. So put on your long johns and join in the fun.

Again we were fortunate this year in being able to hold Sailpast out on the lake in the middle of June. Also on this Commodore's Weekend the Tucker-Rodger Fun Regatta was reinstated to the delight of all who took part. The regatta

included fun on the tennis courts as well on the water (in the harbour due to high winds). This event is already on the calendar for next year.

With agreement of NSC sailors, the Summer Series for both Tuesday PHRF and Thursday One-Design was held in front of our Club. This has met with mixed reviews, but spectators on shore really enjoyed watching. There was a very good turnout for Tuesday and Thursday racing, and it was great to see Junior Club kids out for Wednesday night dinghy racing. However, the Sailboards suffered a bit from lack of breezes to make for good board sailing.

The 100 Mile Race was preceded by a rather interesting storm that went through in the afternoon with gusts up to 65 knots. However, after a slightly delayed start the 8 entrants enjoyed one of the fastest runs in years. Most people were home before dark on the Saturday.

A highlight of the season was the resounding success of the Shark Canadian Championship in July thanks to the super organized Chair, Kelly Lyon, and her great group of volunteers. This was a good lead up to next year's Shark World Championship to be held the last week of August.

Another very successful event was the 56th National Capital Regatta in August with a fantastic job done by Chair Tom Clairmont and his super group of volunteers. Consideration is being given to once again include keelboats next year.

With all this activity Sailing, once again, contributed some pretty healthy funds to the general Club coffers!

And, of course, Cruise Week was thoroughly enjoyed by the skippers and crew of 17 boats. Bob Sunday did a fabulous job of organizing this very popular event. After 2 years of looking after this great week Bob is stepping down and has hijacked Cathy Radatus into the job for next year.

A group of very enthusiastic Club sailors took part in the Antigua Race Week in August and had a fabulous time. Crazy Ivan placed 9th in the Shark World Championship held at National Yacht Club in August; Nick Kroeger represented BYC at various match racing regattas in the U.S. and at the York Cup in Toronto, and Quinton Gallon had a great finish at Fogh Boorman Regatta at the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club.

Here's to another great season in 2015



Honorary Treasurer's Annual Report

from - Jean Favreau



2013/14 has been an active year in terms of investment in the Club. We spent over \$216,000.00 in capital investments with over \$150,000.00 in the harbour. The Inner Harbor east wall project, the completion of the crane project with the new parking area and the electricity harbour feed upgrade were all done this year. We also had significant investments in the Learn-to-Sail program, the tennis courts and the information technologies used by the Club and the members. Finally, we prepared the way for some of next year's projects; the elevator and the east wall projects.

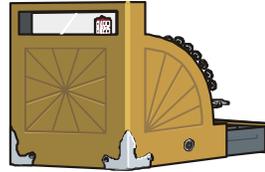
On the operation side, we forecast bottom line results to be very close to the budget. Notably, we've seen an increase of the use of the Club facilities by the members with increased revenues at the bar and various events. We also are forecasting mooring fees revenues to be better than budget. Barring any unforeseen events, we will be in a position to repay most of the remaining mortgage from the west wall. We can add to this that the docks program was a success with a waiting list of 25 boats.

Unfortunately, not everything was perfect. The Learn-to-Sail program took a serious hit this year as we missed revenue budget by over 15%. Also, at the date of this writing, the membership numbers have fallen by 5.8% from the

end of last year. Both these issues are being addressed with resources allocated to the marketing of our club in the 2014/15 budget.

For next year, I do not foresee that membership and mooring fees will need to increase beyond the normal cost of living.

As usual, a detailed version of the financial statements will be available at the AGM in December.



Harbourmaster's Annual Report

from - John Morrow



2014 has been another great sailing season. This year we were fortunate we were able to have Sailpast on the open water with a large number of boats participating followed by a warm gathering for the Commodore's reception.

The start was busy with the finishing of the east wall of the harbour project, cleaning up the remaining mounds of dirt from the excavation. We are hoping this fall to continue with the east wall by placing refurbished docks to the area.

The spring also saw quite a bit of damage to the docks in the Inner Harbour which were repaired at the start of the season. The docks will be released and tethered this year to prevent this from reoccurring. The yard staff acquired a new used truck that has capacity to assist with haulout and launch. This will hopefully relieve the congestion and improve flow during these times.

It was extraordinarily busy this launch with sixteen boats needing to be pulled back out after launch due to leaking of thru-hulls, packing glands and or transducers following a very cold winter. We are expecting an even colder winter this year so ensure thru-hulls are properly drained.

The area between the Bruce Shed and the Dinghy Shed was cleaned up to provide for a parking lot area to store boats. This was a big project that was instituted by previous commodores Konrad Lewinski and Phil Moorman, and it certainly improves the look of the area. Conduit was installed in the area to provide electricity and water. This will be helpful as you commission/decommission your boats.

The Shark Canadians was held this year and the success of this event was due to the dedication of the committee and volunteers. The Dinghy Shed couldn't have looked better and gives us inspiration to keep it clean for everyone's use.

The Wilderness Tours rental of space for white water rafting was a trial this year and from all reports it appears to be successful. Discussion on continuing this arrangement will ensue this winter.

In closing, I would like to once again thank the members for their cooperation and in particular for letting us know when they would be up river leaving slips for temporary use. The yard crew and the management team were fabulous to work with and have done an exceptional job in the harbour, with a special thank you to Andrew Furey and Peter Holton.



House & Grounds Director's Annual Report

from - Kevin Bundy



Time to be Thankful

This is the time of year where we hear the honks of geese forming flocks to head south, reminding us that the sailing season of 2014 is largely behind us. Thanksgiving will soon be here and, from a BYC perspective, there is a lot to be thankful for this year. We can give thanks to Mother Nature for our summer which, while not the best weather-wise; from the number of boats on the water, the number of members attending events and the use of the clubhouse facilities and services, the weather obviously failed to daunt us.

I am very thankful for the dedicated efforts of BYC's volunteers. If it was not for them, BYC would not be what it is today. As oft told, volunteers make the Club and we have a great club. We should all be very thankful for the wonderful staff we have that keeps the place going. All the BYC staff, inside and out, are always cheerful, courteous and ready to lend a helping hand.

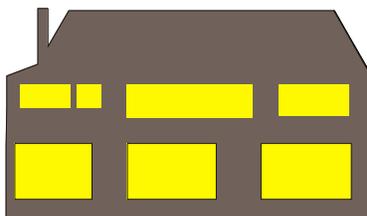
In the clubhouse, we have added more new furniture in the Dragon Lounge, thanks to House and Grounds Committee members who not only selected the furniture, but also helped raise the funds for it. Also, of course, our thanks go to the Breakfast Club for their donation towards the furniture. You might not have noticed that we finally got our new windows in the Bruce Neuk and the Board Room, largely because the new ones blend in so well with the existing windows (thanks to our manager!).

Our Garden sub-committee, led by Jane Agnew, have done a superb job with the gardens, particularly the new, improved gardens around the marquee and yard-arm (although we still need a name for the turtle). I really do need to send a special thanks to this group who not only tend the grounds we already have, but are always looking for ways to further "beautify" and improve the grounds. I know that this is a very large group of volunteers and I am still learning who is doing what. Frequently, I am pleasantly surprised, and thankful, when tasks are done by those unknown (at least to me).

Looking down the road for next year, we are hoping to have a fireplace insert installed this November, thanks in part to a donation again from the Breakfast Club. I am also thankful for all the work and fund-raising towards the new elevator and East Wall renovation. These improvements will not only make the club more accessible, but also more comfortable in those cold winter months.

Finally, I would like to give thanks to you as members of the Britannia Yacht Club for your support and understanding over the past year. When I was asked to take the House and Grounds portfolio on the Board, I did it with some apprehension as I was following a couple of exemplary House and Grounds Directors and I was wondering if I was "up-to-the job". While I doubt that I could ever "fill their shoes" (figuratively, not literally!); I have enjoyed my time at the post so far and I do hope to continue.

Have a happy Thanksgiving!



Information Technology Director's Annual Report

from - Mark Hermeling



2014 was a big year for IT and 2 projects came to fruition: WIFI in the harbour and the switchover to Jonas for our membership and Point-of-Sale operations. These projects are complete, but there are a few more items that we need to tie off around it. I certainly have been enjoying having WIFI at my mooring and I hope you all have too.

Next major project is to decommission the servers in the server room one-by-one as they are quite literally falling apart. This will be a great project for the fall.

We are also working on replacing the webcams, there is a new cam towards the tennis courts and new cams towards the northwest should be in operation by the time that this report reaches you. These are streaming cams, so you will be able to see waves and weather in greater detail.

After the physical labour involved in this, the next projects will be focused on utilizing our IT resources best to help the Club in sales and marketing. Details are still being worked on and I'll report on these during the course of 2015.

Tennis Director's Annual Report

from – Wendy Faas



It was the worst of times (a week with courts not available); it was the best of times (beautiful courts) this season on the courts.

Overall it was a great year on the courts at BYC. The courts were repaired and painted in late June to give all members four beautiful courts to play on. And play we did.

Lessons:

Again this year lessons were on Tuesday nights and Wednesday nights. Tuesday's lessons were both new formats for the club, 6:30 was a U17 lesson and 7:30 was Stroke of the Week. Wednesday lessons were more all-around Beginner at 6:30 and Intermediate at 7:30. Thank you to Tim Lumsden for all your hard work over the summer, and Stan we hope you are feeling better.

Social:

The tennis group at BYC is a very social group, we get together throughout the Grand Slam season to watch our favourite men in shorts on the big screen and enjoy some tasty traditions. June featured the French Open Men's final with Cafe au Lait and Croissants; July is Strawberries and Cream with the Men's Final at Wimbledon; and this year we also had Chili Dogs and Apple Pie for the Men's Final at the US Open. Thank you to all the tennis members for helping and bringing all the goodies. **Maybe next year if Eugenie keeps playing so well we may have to plan for the Ladies' Finals too!**

Club Championships:

At the deadline for submission, the Club Championship tournament was not complete, but I can report that we had an increase in participation this year and also we have a few crossovers from Sailing.

Many Thanks to the Tennis Committee for keeping things bouncing this year - Dan Delorey, Jack Seguin, Sandy Braden, Trina Malcolmson and Claire Millar.

A few more thank yous:

Borden Hum, Tommy and Lefebvre Demo Tent, who was here 3 or 4 times over the summer

The Dons Tucker and Rodger for asking us to participate in their regatta, we had some serious attitude adjustment. So much so that we are already planning for next year.

Important Dates: Tennis Fall Work Party Saturday, Oct. 18. Tennis Awards Dinner Scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 26

Youth Director's Annual Report

from – Jeff Taylor



The Junior Club Learn-to-Sail (LTS) program had another successful summer. 9 Coaches taught and coached 140 kids over 5 sessions lasting 9 weeks. Sailors in all levels took part in Wednesday night racing, the National Capital Regatta, and Nepean's Fanfare. We focused on trying to get more racers out for the Wednesday night races and this year our efforts really paid off. The year-end banquet was a huge success with many smiling faces.

This year we gave each Jr. Club family an invitation to come to the main club and have a beer or enjoy dinner. We invited parents to come and watch the racing.

2 new Topaz dinghies were purchased this summer with the assistance of the BYC Foundation. A Third boat was donated by Mr. Killick and was named the "John K." The replacement of all of the Squadron Dinghies is now complete. Maintenance on the other fleets this summer went very well and overall we are pleased with the condition of the boats.

The Silver CANSail 5 Team had 8 Laser sailors with 2 coaches. This was down 6 from last year's Team and had an impact on revenue. The Team competed at Sturgeon Lake, Port Credit, Hudson, National Capital, and CORK. The numbers for CANSail 1, 2, 3, and 4 were also down some but not to the same extent. For next year we will look at advertizing for the lower levels. We will also be looking at ways to better retain our older sailors.

Our coach boats require ongoing maintenance due to their heavy use. Most outboard motors run only a few hours per week. Our motors run almost 6 hours per day. This results in a lot of wear and tear to the boats and motors. This year we replaced one of our small outboards. We have had maintenance done on almost every other engine at different points. A number of the larger coach boats are used regularly on Lake Ontario. The Hope boat hull that we have had floor and hull issues with over the last 3 year was replaced. One of our other Brig hulls has had a number of issues with leaking tubes this past season. We are looking into replacing the tubes rather than the entire hull.

Donations of new boats can be tax deductible through Ontario Sailing and the Club. Please consider making a donation. Information is available through the manager, Paul Moore, or me.

This was my third and final year as Youth Director. I look forward to assisting the new Director as he/she transitions into the role, and I am also hoping to help out more with some of our Club regattas.



Social Director's Annual Report

from - Marc Forgette



I hope that everyone has enjoyed the social activities the Social Committee delivered this past calendar year! I am very proud of the work that we have accomplished as a team and with that said, this will also be my final report to the Full & By. After two and half years serving on the Board of Directors, I have decided to step aside to make way for a new Social Director.

The Social Committee has been responsible for planning numerous events this year including the New Year's Eve Gala, Robbie Burns' Day, St. Paddy's Day, BYC Golf Day and Oktoberfest just to name a few. There are still some exciting events coming up like Hallowe'en, Sean Oderkirk's (our Race Officer) performance, and Abbatar. Other social events planned by the Committee are Movie Night screening in the Dragon's Lounge on Wednesday nights throughout the cold winter months, and Yoga.

I would like to give a special thanks to the Social Committee who made all of this possible, and without them, none of these events would have been possible. My sincerest thanks to Robin Bailey, Joan Yuile, Claire Millar, Sam Fuller, Guy Painchaud, Bonnie Rooney and Paul Moore.

It was such a pleasure to get to know the members of the Board, and I would like to give each of them a big thank you for their guidance along the way. I also want to thank all of the staff for an amazing job keeping up with the demand on these special occasions.

I would like to leave you with this quote "There is nothing - absolutely nothing - half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats." - Kenneth Grahame



REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

At the request of the Commodore and in accordance with Club By-Law 9.3.I. as Chair of the Nominating Committee, I present to the Members the proposed slate of Officers and Directors for the Britannia Yacht Club for the year 2015.

Nominating Committee Members: Paul Kowalski, Chair
Kerry Hayes
Wayne Scrim
Bob Sunday
Dan Wideman

The Nominating Committee offers the following slate, together with their suggested portfolios for the consideration of the Membership. We wish to thank all those listed for agreeing to serve, and for showing dedication to their Club and its membership:

Commodore	- David Burke
Vice Commodore (Projects)	- Rob Braden
Rear Commodore (Public Relations)	- Dan Delorey
Fleet Captain (determined by the Sailors)	- Bill Fuller
Honorary Treasurer	- Jean Favreau
Honorary Secretary	- George Clayburn
Director, (Harbourmaster)	- John Morrow
Director, House and Grounds	- Kevin Bundy
Director, Membership & Marketing	- David Smythe
Director, Information Technology	- Mark Hermeling
Director, Social	-
Director, Youth	- Lisa Shishis
Director, Tennis (determined by Tennis Members)-	- Howdy Russell

Phil Moorman assumes the position of Immediate Past Commodore.

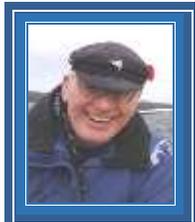
Yours sincerely,

Paul Kowalski
Chair, Nominating Committee
Thursday, September 19, 2014



From the Bridge

from – David Burke,
Commodore



The summer sailing season is rapidly drawing to a close as we head into the brief fall period where, if the weather is good, there will still be some great days on the water. The inter-club racing finishes at the end of the September and boat owners are now contemplating getting their boat out of the water and on to the hard. The big boats will be hauled out on Saturday, October 25th. In addition some of our peripatetic members will be planning their escape to Florida and other points south. The year is drawing to a close for the club with AGM being set for Wednesday, December 10.

It has been a good year for sailing here in Ottawa. The weather generally cooperated after a slow start to the season. The BYC very successfully hosted the Shark Canadian Nationals in mid-July. Later we hosted the annual National Capital Regatta (NCR). I would like to recognise Kelly Lyon who was Chair for the Shark Canadian Championships and Tom Clairmont who took on the job of being Chair for the NCR. In addition a vote of thanks is owed to the very hard-working and enthusiastic volunteers who made the two events possible.

Next year we will be hosting the Shark World Regatta here on Lac Deschênes in August. We had two individuals volunteer for the appointment of chair for the Shark World Championships. Following a careful review of the two volunteers I decided that Joey Kroeger will be the Chair of the Shark Worlds. Joey is building his team now. If you are interested in being part of his team, please contact Joey and let him know.

Around the Club all will have noticed some important projects have been completed this year. We refinished the tennis court surfaces, built a new large boat parking area, and repaired the east wall of the Inner Harbour. The list of things to do is never ending, but in the past year we have accomplished a lot.

Not everything has gone “swimmingly,” over the last two long weekends there have been complaints to NSC and the BYC from a Pinhey’s Point landowner. The key issue was that boaters were going ashore and trespassing on private property; that is unacceptable. The landowner also complained about loud noisy parties on board while boats are rafted up near the shore. I would like to remind all boaters that we must treat our neighbours in a respectful way. We are sharing the same waterway and it is only good neighbourliness to respect each other’s privacy. So if you are going up river and anchoring at Pinhey’s Point I request that you use the public access jetty at the head of the bay to go ashore and consider others ashore when rafted up.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with the most profound sadness
that we report the death of

SARA (SALLY) MILNE
Sunday, August 31, 2014

The Board of Directors and
Members of Britannia Yacht Club
extend their deepest sympathy to
her son James D. (Deborah),
grandsons James E. (Lindsay) and
Jonathan (Michelle)
her six great-grandchildren
and all her many friends.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with the most profound sadness
that we report the death of

**PAST COMMODORE
WALTER S. BLANDY**
Tuesday, September 2, 2014
At the age of 90

The Board of Directors and
Members of Britannia Yacht Club
extend their deepest sympathy to
his wife, Eran, her daughters June
and Susan, his son Peter, grand-
children Laura, Kim, Mary, Sarah
Dueckman (Barry), Curtis, Alana and
great grandson Levi Dueckman,
and all his many friends.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the club during the winter when sailing is over. So, come out to your club and enjoy the convivial atmosphere. The winter activities will include the Breakfast Club serving a hot cooked breakfast on Sundays, the Wednesday evening social and movie nights, and our Friday night social events in the Dragon Bar.

News from the Britannia Boating Club Memorial Park Association (BBCMPA)



We would like to take this opportunity to update the BYC membership on our activities for the year. We continued our upkeep of the property at Baskin's with grass cutting, poison ivy control and the clean out and rebuilding of the fire pit. The ongoing maintenance of the Cairn was looked after by Rob Lavern. Thank you to the Foy and Parsons families and Rob Lavern for their efforts.

Our August long weekend organized by Rosemary MacKillop, Rob Lavern and Lynne Del'Orme was held in perfect weather conditions, despite the forecast. Our project for the weekend was to prime and repaint the picnic tables, and everyone pitched in to get the job done. Thanks to Nic and Katie who ran the children's games and, of course, the traditional "National Capital Egg Toss." The Sunday evening entertainment was provided by Debbie McCann and was excellent - as usual. A couple of our new BYC members, Cathy and Fabian Murphy (Emerald Seas) made their singing debut.

The September long weekend Corn Boil saw the continuation of the picnic table upgrades as participants painted game boards on them. Be sure to check out *Mystery Island Voyage*, *BYC Challenge*, and *Baskin's Boat Race*, as well as old favourites like Checkers and Tic Tac Toe. There are still a few tables left for anyone else who would like to join in on the upgrades next year (paint provided). The fire pit clean-up and Cairn maintenance was completed, and a BBQ and spit donated by Henry Chan was installed for the use of BYC members. *Zombie Attack* games prepared and run by Mary Ellen Dempster, Bob Huggins and daughter Mairin were enjoyed by young and old alike - many in great costumes and makeup. There was, of course, the Britannia Boating Club 'Tug of War.'

After a feast of corn, hot dogs, cookies, etc., we gathered at the Cairn for our Sunset Ceremony. Denny Foy reminded us of the reason for the property and the history of the Cairn and flagpole. A moment of silence was held in thanks and remembrance for those BYC members who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom and indeed all Canadians who fought and died for us. Regan Warner was our piper for the ceremony and Henry Chan did flag duty assisted by David Foy. A candle was lit by Mary Ellen and Bob as outgoing hosts of the event. Our little ceremony served as a reminder of the traditions and friendships of the BYC and the BBCMPA. The evening wrapped up with a fireworks display on the beach, and some Japanese Lanterns being set free amid wishes made. We then enjoyed an old-fashioned campfire with S'mores, Spider Wienies and - of course - a rousing rendition of "Rule Britannia."

The Association welcomes all members of BYC to enjoy the property, but we must remind you that the Baskin's Beach Private Campground beach, garbage cans and washrooms next door are OFF LIMITS. The owner is becoming increasingly difficult to deal with. We have prepared our outhouses for use of our members, and the combinations can be obtained from Denny Foy or Joan Yuile. We encourage you to use and enjoy the property on your upriver travels, but please remember to lock up, put everything away, and leave nothing behind but your "THANKS."

We urge all BYC members to add these two long weekend events to their summer calendar - and remind racers that the Baskin's Odd Couple and Armitage races were established as 'feeders' to Baskin's weekends, so join in after the races. Watch for posters prior to the events for reminders and themes.

BYCF ELEVATOR PROJECT

Update: Where do we stand today?

Prior to the May 9 "PASTA ITALIANA" event, BYC Members and friends had contributed more than \$57,000 toward the elevator and elevator shaft. An additional 7 donors contributed \$800 during this fundraising event and the night's proceeds totalled \$950.

Breaking News: What is happening now?

The City of Ottawa has advised the Club that it is prepared to enter into an agreement allowing for an encroachment along the South wall for the construction of the proposed elevator. A request for proposal (RFP) was sent to five architects who have since visited the site. A statement of work is to be prepared by the chosen architect and made available to construction companies who submit a tender to beginning building this fall.

Donate: Who needs to step up?

\$35,000 is still required to reach our goal of having a working lift this April. Donation cards toward this endeavour are available along the Lower Bar. We would encourage every member to donate to this worthwhile project.

If you have any questions about BYC Foundation or the Elevator Project Fundraising feel free to contact; Paul Dick (613) 592-5412, Mary Bundy (613) 692-1070, Kirk Robertson (613) 225-3803, Marc Charbonneau (613) 816-2487, Alain Jegen (613) 265-6015.

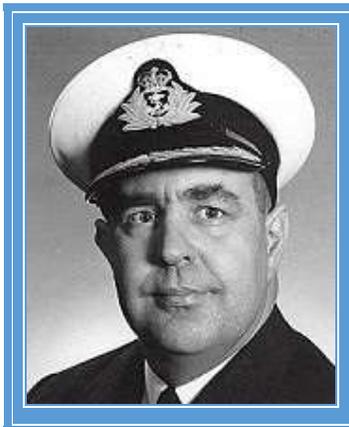


Scrivens boys trying to outrun the storm on Friday, September 5, 2014
< **NOT** a black and white photo
Safe in the harbour. >

The wedding party didn't escape either!
(Photos courtesy of Mike Scrivens)



**In Memory Of
Past Commodore, Commander Walter Stairs Blandy RCN
May 4, 1924 - September 2, 2014**



As a young lad, Walter S. Blandy grew up in small boats around the Victoria Yacht Club. His acquired skills in seamanship and leadership would serve our Country well in war and peace and be to the benefit of both Britannia and Victoria Clubs.

Walter joined the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve (RCNVR) at the earliest opportunity in 1943. He would retire from the Navy having served 39 years at sea; Commanding HMCS Assiniboine (in command of conversion trials successfully overcoming the extensive material challenges of mating a Destroyer with a Sea King Helicopter) 1962-66; as CO of Frigates HMCS Beacon Hill 1958-59, and HMCS New Waterford 1958, serving in the Canadian Naval Mission MTB Flotilla 1944-45 starting in MLs along Newfoundland and Halifax.

After Walter, his wife Nora and sons Colin and Peter joined BYC they wasted no time in involving themselves in all facets of our Club and were often seen on the River aboard their yacht the "King's Lady". Walter was Commodore of our Club in 1973-74.

My earliest memories of Commodore Blandy were as a boy of eight. The clubhouse was not winterized in those days and so it was that Walter thought to take advantage of the lower lounge as a workshop for Club projects. I vividly remember the roaring fire, and the lounge turned into two production lines with scores of members. The first line turning out dozens the white wooden Adirondack chairs and the other building 24' floating docks! If that was not enough there was another beehive of activity turning out what was intended to be the Club's annual publication (only the 1974 book was published).

I knew at the time that my Dad thought highly of Walter. Looking back I wonder if it had something to do with the fact that, like Dad, he had volunteered to serve in Motor Torpedo Boats (MTBs) during the war. Walter left his oral history of his Navy experience with the University of Victoria. When I listened to the recordings, I knew what else they had in common. Walter often remarks on how important it was not to get bogged down in bureaucracy and to just get on with the job and get it done. Looking back around the Club it is easy to see how Walter got on with a lot in a short period of time.

Rod Miller recounts the Blandy Family's connection to our Clubs competitive sailing -

In the year leading up to the 1976 Olympics Walter's son Colin and Richard Hewitt were BYC's hopefuls to make the Olympic Sailing team in the Tempest Class. Their campaign was made possible with the help of the Britannia Yacht Club Olympic Participation Fund. Tragically Colin died while attending Queens University. In Colin's memory the fund was renamed. To this day members of BYC who wish to share their love and enthusiasm for the sport of yacht racing and sailing with youth have donated, through the Colin Blandy Fund, supporting over 30 young men and women from BYC to compete in National and International Regattas making it possible for them to attain their racing ambition.

Walter was predeceased by his first wife Nora, daughter Gill and son Colin.

To his surviving widow Francis, son Peter, grandchildren and Family we offer our most sincere condolences. When I look upon the Photo Gallery of Past Commodores and put into context their contributions to the development of our Club there is a connection to the nature of their experience that forged their characters and how they were able to channel their experiences to inspire others in leadership and fellowship that for us is the backbone of our Club. Bravo Zulu Walter, we will not forget R.I.P.

Past Commodore Simon A.F. Fuller



Important Dates at BYC

Fall and Winter 2014/2015

Event / Important Date:	Date:
Tennis AGM	Saturday, October 5 at 11:00am in Bruce Neuk
Thanksgiving Weekend	Saturday, October 11 to Monday, October 13 (Holiday Hours on the Monday)
Tennis Awards Dinner	Friday, October 17, 2014
Sean Oderkirk Performance	Friday, October 17, 2014
Tennis Work Party	Saturday, October 18, 2014
Haulout (Big Boats)	Saturday, October 25, 2014
BYC Sailing Awards Dinner	Saturday, November 8, 2014
Remembrance Day	Tuesday, November 11, 2014
Abbatar Disco Night	Friday, November 21, 2014
Grey Cup Party	Sunday, November 30, 2014
BYCF AGM	Wednesday, December 10 at 6:00pm
BYC AGM	Wednesday, December 10 at 7:00pm
BYC Christmas Buffet	Friday, December 13, 2013 Live Entertainment provided by Roxy Swan!
WASSAIL	Sunday, December 14, 2014
Christmas Cheer	Wednesday, December 17, 2014
New Year's Eve Party	Wednesday, December 31, 2014
BYC Robbie Burns Night	Friday, January 23, 2015 Live Entertainment provided by Robin Averill!
Super Bowl Party	Sunday, February 1, 2015

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72nd WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
 (Photo courtesy of the Ottawa Citizen and Caroline Phillips)

Between the Sheets

NEWS FOR BOATERS - RACERS AND CRUISERS October 2014

“When rats leave a sinking ship, where exactly do they think they’re going?” - Ralph Waldo Emerson

DON'T FORGET

FALL 50 MILE RACE.....Sat. Oct 4
FROSTBITE RACE (Fun).....Sat. Oct 18
OTTAWA RIVER CHALLENGE ENDS.....Sun. Oct 26
AWARDS DINNER.....Sat. Nov 8
REMEMBANCE DAY REGATTA (Fun).....Sun. Nov 9

2nd Annual LAC Deschênes PHRF Regatta

by - Sal Khan



Windy weather proved advantageous to the winners of the Lac Deschênes PHRF Regatta hosted by BYC the weekend of September 20 and 21. The 2nd running of this revived regatta, saw blustery conditions ranging from 12 to 30 knots with light chop seas and the rain. Eleven yachts competed, ranging from a couple of sharks to four Class 1 boats. Dave Foy, helming his 36ft Beneteau, *Gunsmoke*, capitalized on the conditions to win first place in Class1, while Bill Fuller sailing his Shark Blew Bye U 2, finished first among Class 8 boats.

The series was a gear busting event with many boats broaching in the gusty conditions. On Busted Flush damage included a broken backstay, a snapped halyard, and other equipment that did not survive the blustery conditions.

This PHRF regatta was popular in the late 80s but died out in the mid-nineties. It was revived last year and this year garnered much interest from BYC and Nepean. The regatta committee intends to start organizing next year's regatta early in the new-year with a targeted goal of attracting between 15 and 20 boats. Other goals for next year's regatta are to attract boats from Class 5 and from CVGR.

The race committee did a fabulous job and was able to get 5 races in on Saturday under the gusty and shifty conditions. The 10K long distance race on Sunday started off in 12-15 knots but ended in light winds and intense rain.



WINDSURFING REPORT

by - Suzanne Roberge, Wednesday Night Rep.



We started sailing late but once we got going, we had a good season! The wind was with us on most Wednesday nights so it made for good racing (or free sailing in my case!). Our fleet is small but almost always present on race night, for sailing and dining.

We had a great Masters' event in Toronto again with 31 participants aged between 14 and 79! Who says we have to stop windsurfing in our golden years!

Unfortunately, only 5 people participated in the National Capital Regatta this year, but that did not stop us from having a great time on and off the water.

The Kona North Americans in Kingston attracted a smaller group with 21 racers on the start line. Our own Rick Collins finished 3rd. Congrats Rick.

This year, we extended our season by two weeks and it paid off. The first two Wednesdays of September turned out to be nice and we were able to race.

On Sunday, September 7th, we had our small BYC Sailboard Open with six participants. It was a very nice day with wind that allowed us to complete six races.

Now the cold weather is upon us and it's time to put away our equipment (well, for some of us). Denis Dagenais and I are gearing up to participate in the Kona World Championship that will take place in Islamorada in the Florida Keys from October 31st to November 5th.

Next year, BYC will host the Canadian Masters Windsurfing Association Championship from August 1st to 3rd.



Happy Board Sailors

LATE STARTS, LATE FINISHES AND LATE-SEASON RACES

by - Malcolm McHattie - Up-River Race Rep.



After a slow start to the season the 100 Mile Race just went by very quickly and a week later the Queen's Park Race went very slowly despite the end of the season approaching fast. There remain interesting events including the PHRF Keelboat Regatta, the Nepean 20 Mile, the Fall 50 Mile and two closing fun races, the Turkey Trot and the Frostbite. Now is the time to gather ideas to make the 2015 weekend and upriver sailing season enjoyable for more members.

The start of the 100 Mile Race was heralded by the most violent storm of the season which happily receded before the slightly delayed start. Eight intrepid racers were treated to a near full-moon, good wind and not too much rain. Most were home for next-day's supper after 24 hours on the water. Among familiar entries and a very familiar winner, Thumper, a Mini-Transat from Aylmer was out practicing for adventure in larger waters.

The Queen's Park Race is one of BYC's most popular events, starting at a comfortable 1:30pm and normally being an easy afternoon outing of 2 to 3 hours. This time it took Gunsmoke more than 4 hours of intense concentration in light and very variable winds. Others finished up to two hours later while those with dinner engagements retired. These two recent races illustrated the reality of sailing on the Ottawa River - it is remarkably often ideal sailing weather but can also demand patience or resignation.

The recent Armitage Race, for another example, had good but variable southeasterly winds that meant a fast reach all the way. There were clusters of up to eight boats across the river sprinting together - great fun to be galloping alongside similarly challenged sailors. The winners were those who enjoyed the experience and all the boats and crew felt part of a team.

BYC weekend and upriver events are founded on a long tradition. This is important but they should also meet the needs and aspirations of current members. For boat owners who do not necessarily wish to participate in serious and busy round-the-buoys racing, long-distance events provide an opportunity to sail competitively without excessive pressure. What could the Sailing Committee do to encourage a broader participation?

Certain long-distance races, the 100-mile and the two 50-milers for example, are important challenges that require significant commitment. Others are, however, more comfortable day races that should be feasible and enjoyable for many skippers and crew. Is there anything

that would make these events more user-friendly - this year, for example, the Shorey Race had its start one hour later than before, and the Odd Couple Race was moved to Sunday too fit better with the Baskin's Corn Boil?

The BYC Sailing Instructions give the race schedules with clear start times, courses and distances - except that events with "Special instructions will be issued" did not, for 2014, have a meeting time - which is awkward for crew planning. There are, however, notices posted in the Clubhouse and on the website. Is there a need for any other communication?

Some events have evolved over the years with variations to meet the preferences of individual groups. The Mohr Island Race, for example, starts at 10.00am on Saturday with both BYC and NSC boats racing the Interclub Long Distance (ILD) race upriver to K16. Then NSC continues to complete their round trip race in one day. BYC does the return leg on Sunday, being joined by JAM (Jib and Main only) and C&C One Design competitors that race only the downriver leg. A probably unintended consequence is that a PHRF boat not finishing the upriver portion must race JAM (cannot use its spinnaker) for the downriver leg. Maybe this event could be simplified from five distinct races so that we can all enjoy our margaritas together.

Other events have evolved complexities that may have outlived their purpose - Armitage Race, for example, used to have some classes finishing after the first leg (leading to the Baskins corn-roast) while others continued to race the return leg. This was simplified to a one-way upriver race for all classes.

Pursuit races have apparently raised interest in various clubs around the World. They have the slowest boats start first and faster boats follow at specific times based on their performance rating and the length of the race. The first boat at the finish is the winner. BYC has the Jefferson Pursuit and NSC has its end-of-season Turkey Trot. The Jefferson Pursuit is currently scheduled early in the season when high water levels have recently prevented us from leaving the harbour. The dynamics are different from a mass start race and everyone is likely to be in the race until near the end. Is this format of interest?

Another characteristic of our Pursuit Race is its 2 to 2½ hours length. This is enough to make it worthwhile rigging our boats while allowing other things to be fitted into the day. Would there be interest in more events of this length, pursuit or not?

This year several weekend races finished late because of light winds. When racers finally reached the harbour, after 7.00pm, the Club was deserted and no food or drink available. It is sad for members to see our facilities empty on a beautiful summer weekend evening, and not much compensation when the space is taken up by a non-member event. Is there a way to make the Club more welcoming to members on such occasions?

All boats that race require registration for the Race Committee to identify it and a Performance Handicap Rating Factor (PHRF) so that we, with all our individual differences, can race together. This costs the boat owner \$25, paid via BYC to PHRF Lake Ontario, and requires a

completed form with boat type and some key sail measurements. Registering for racing allows a boat to join any race, while not being registered is a barrier to participation in individual events. Is there a way to encourage more skippers to register their boats whether or not they intend to participate in a season of intensive racing?

Any ideas or comments on weekend and upriver racing are welcome. Please discuss them with a member of the Sailing Committee.

Meanwhile there is more sailing to come in 2014 - enjoy.

Happy sailing.



from - Kirk Robertson - Protest Chair & PHRF Rep.



Inquiries about BYC PHRF certificates and protests and scoring inquiries can be sent to protests@byc.ca or kirkroberston@gmail.com. You should expect to hear back from one club or the other within 2 days of filing the submission. If you don't hear back, try my email directly; it may have got lost in email hell or spam hell. The same is true of protests; if you don't hear back from one of the clubs, assume it got lost.

Do look up your certificate on the PHRF web site and verify that is correct. Better to correct it now than be protested over some oversight. We have roughly 48 BYC boats with valid PHRF certificates this year.

Time on Time

People complain that Time on Time is difficult to understand. The Sec/hr tables generated on the PHRF website help. For each Time on Distance value there is an equivalent sec/hr value. That is how many seconds you gain or lose to another boat for each hour of your race.

The corrections are proportional to your TOD handicap but the slant of the curve gives slower boats proportionally more time than the faster boat. The slant of the curve depends on the Q factor. In 2006 Q was determined to be .045; by 2009 it had been modified to .008 which changes the curve slightly. The object of the exercise is get well sailed, well equipped boats correcting to the front of the fleet.

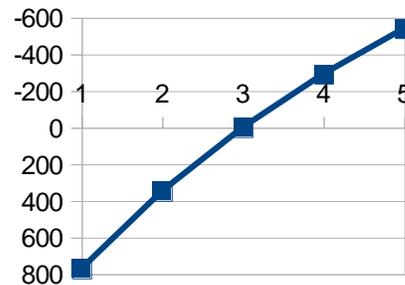
Money still wins races-PHRF does not handicap sails or boat preparation. The more you spend on both, the more likely you are to place well.

In general, this year, the winning boat in upriver races did something right and finished well ahead; the rest came spread about 200 seconds per hour behind. There did not seem to be any particular boat favored overall; but wind strength and direction did make a difference.

Examples:

A boat with PHRF rating of 65 has a sec/hour value of +772. So if you are racing the scratch boat (J24 rating 165), you have to add 772 seconds to your time for each hour or portion thereof to your finish time to see you compared the "J"'s finish time. Similarly a boat with a TOD rating of 265 gets to subtract 554 sec/hour from her elapsed time. The curve representing handicaps is below. It is not very far off a straight line.

Q factor .008



Protests

It is Fall and crews are looking at their placing in the year's races and are protesting more and less inclined to do circles. "Penalty turns are much less painful than a DSQ." Many of the protests involve "room"; a review of the Rules might be in order.

Protests are heard the following week on your race night if at all possible. We endeavour to have committee members from all three clubs and at alternating clubs.

Committee members are drawn from racers and owners of boats racing in our clubs in a different series. They are your peers and they take their tasks seriously and spend time doing the hearings justice. If you are interested in become a Club judge, there will be a course in Ottawa in the November time frame.

If you have a problem with a finding, please ask the committee members; they will either explain things to your satisfaction (including perhaps re-opening a hearing) or suggest you appeal if you still have concern. Appeals are to be made directly to sailcanada@sailing.ca within 14 days of you receiving the written conclusions of the Protest Committee.

Protests under CYA guidelines are not the prevue of insurance claims. Insurance companies like to see the result of a hearing, but it is not the intent of a protest hearing to find fault, only to conclude: (a) if the protest is valid, (b) did a boat(s) break the RRS, and (c) should a boat(s) be given a penalty.



FALL 50 MILE RACE**SATURDAY, OCT. 4, 2014****PHRF, SHARKS & JAM****Warning Gun: 0800 hours****Special Instructions****will be issued****FROSTBITE RACE**

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Britannia Yacht Club Activities Calendar

October 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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Office Hours: Mon. - Fri. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Bar Hours: Mon. To Fri. - 4:00 - 11:00 p.m.
Sat./Sun - 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Meals available when bar is open

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					FALL 50 MILE RACE PHRF Rated Boats (Interclub)	
		First Quarter		SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY YOM KIPPUR.....		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Full Moon				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Turkey Trot NSC Happy Thanksgiving				Performance by Sean Oderkirk our Race Officer	FROSTBITE (FUN) RACE No PHRF Cert. Tennis Work Party	Rain Date Tennis Work Party
		Last Quarter				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
						Ottawa River Challenge Closes Tennis Awards Dinner Everybody Welcome 6:00 p.m.
				New Moon		BIG BOAT HAULOUT
27	28	29	30	31		
				First Quarter	Hallowe'en	

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Britannia Yacht Club Activities Calendar

November 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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STARTING NOV. 1

Office Hours: Mon. - Fri. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Bar & KITCHEN Hours: Wed. & Fri. - 4:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Sat. & Sun. - 12:00 noon - 7:00 p.m.

Food services: Meals available when bar is open

						1 ALL SAINTS DAY	2
							End of Daylight Saving Time
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
		Movie Night "Grease"				REMEMBRANCE DAY REGATTA	
			Full Moon			PRESENTATION DINNER	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
	REMEMBRANCE DAY RECEPTION 5:30 - 7:30	Movie Night "War Horse"				BREAKFAST CLUB STARTS	
			Last Quarter				
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
		Movie Night "100 Foot Journey"		ABBATAR DINNER PARTY			
				New Moon			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
		Movie Night "The Proposal"				GREY CUP PARTY	
					First Quarter		

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