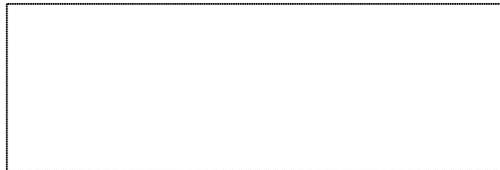




**Child labour Foy family style – Brandon can hardly lift the trophy. Another Foy gets bitten by the racing bug....and the beat goes on.**

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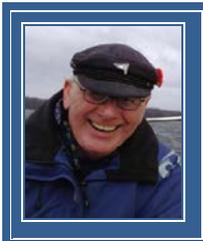
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## FROM THE BRIDGE

from – David Burke,  
Commodore



Last year's events and activities were a great success and I am confident this year's events will continue to make us proud to be members of the BYC.

The New Year's Eve event was a sold-out success as was the outstanding Burn's Supper at the end of January. We will continue to have a number of social events and regular activities such as the Wednesday Movie Night, the Sunday Breakfast Club all leading up to the Commodore's weekend planned for mid-June.

The big news for 2014 is that the BYC will host the Canadian Shark Championship in July. That will be followed by the National Capital Regatta in August. I am confident that 2014 will prove to be a fun and active year for our club.

There are currently a number of projects underway or in planning that will improve the facilities of the Club. The Directors will provide more detail of what

is going on, but the clear objective of this work is to keep the BYC in good shape and to provide the best waterfront access in Ottawa.

The Board of Directors has met twice since the AGM in December. We had a day-long Board retreat at the start of February to define the priorities for the year and begin planning a variety of projects and programmes. As before, we are asking for input from the Long Term Planning Committee and members in general. I met with the Long-term Planning Committee recently and it made a presentation to the Board in the February meeting. If you have any suggestions on what the Club needs to focus on over the next 12 to 18 months; please feel free to talk with one of the Directors.

You will see from the Directors' reports that this is a very busy time for each of them in terms of planning for the upcoming season. As always we are looking for members to help out whether it is on a committee, a work party or helping with one of the many activities that take place over the year. It is a great way to meet other members and help out, so please give it some consideration.

## PROJECTS

by – Rob Braden  
Vice Commodore



There is no time like the present to do something for the Club. We are in gear up mode, with committees meeting to move forward on various projects and task. Wednesday

evenings are turning into very busy nights with all the meetings taking place. There were line ups at the bar!

Join a committee; get involved, you will enjoy it!

### From my end of the world, projects on the go.

**East Wall of the Club House** - at present we are on hold while I try and find out if it is possible to build the elevator on the South Wall, where the present front door is now. This is preferable to Plan B where the elevator would be in the tower.

The issue is that since the original construction of our building, the land it sits on has changed jurisdictions several times, and as time and different municipalities have had their say the road has gone from a dirt path to its present officially mandated size, which has almost the whole of the South Wall sitting on the road. This means that to do anything to that wall we need to get permission from the City and possibly an encroachment permit. Common sense would say that it is the right thing to do, but they write by-laws that govern the most common issues, and dealing with a 100-year-old building that was, at one time, way out in the boonies is not a common issue.

I had a positive meeting with the City today. There are plenty of hoops to jump through, but I am told it doesn't seem insurmountable.

**Tennis Courts** - We have a June date to repair and repaint the surface of the courts. Not permanent fix, but one that will level the courts, fill the cracks and improve the looks.

**East Wall of the Inner Harbour** - Have you seen it! When we couldn't do the work at low water in the fall, Joey Kroeger came up with a plan to dam the inner harbour and do the work in the winter. Well, it is progressing very well. The plan is to level off the top and put a temporary

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wooden boardwalk on it until it settles. In the future we will cap it with cement.

#### Other projects on the go:

**Parking lot for the boats.** The area east of the Bruce Shed, south of the berm and extending to the road near the Dinghy Shed is where we park some boats. We need to make better use of this land so that when we haul boats out with the new crane, we don't have to drive them all the way around the harbour. There is a ditch to fill in and the ground needs to be leveled in places, but it is scheduled to be completed by the end of June.

We are evaluating our electrical around the harbour. This includes the lights as well as the available power for the boat owners at their slips. With a history of jury rigging things in the past, the first thing we need to do is establish what we have, then look at what we need and what we want. For this year, it will be mostly evaluation and planning. I am still looking for help with this project. Please contact me through the office if you can lend some expertise.



### PR & Communications Report

by – Dan Delorey  
Rear Commodore



**O**ur first *Public Relations & Communications Committee* meeting provided the consensus that communication at the Club was effective; using a variety of media tools, but had plenty of room for improvement.

We are challenged to reach quite a diverse membership at BYC and use a variety of communication tools such as the, *Website, Facebook* and *Twitter* accounts, along with the *Full & By*, email, posters, phone calls and good old "word of mouth" to ensure everyone gets the message.

Coordination and management of these media tools was identified as a priority for the upcoming year. We discussed the coordination of the BYC website, Facebook and Twitter sites, with each having specific purposes and providing consistent messaging. The general public, sailors (racers, cruisers, boat-owners), tennis members, seniors and youth members, social members all have their particular interests and preferred method for receiving communications from the Club.

It was decided to conduct a review of BYC communications, starting with the BYC Website. Mark Hermeling (IT Director) will review the *technical* side and I will partner with other BYC Directors to review the *content* of the site. You can help! If you have suggestions, ideas or want to join our committee, contact me at [pr@byc.ca](mailto:pr@byc.ca)

### Treasurer's Report

by – Jean Favreau  
Honorary Treasurer



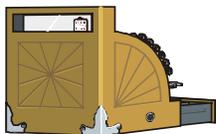
**B**efore I start with this report, I'd like to take the time to recognize the contribution of Howdy Russell who has held the position for the last few years. His contribution to our Club, and those of his predecessor, has helped BYC be the success it is today. THANK YOU Howdy!

At the end of the first quarter 2013-14, we are on track for the collection of revenue. As we see every year, we still have a sizable portion of the fees billed in November that are yet to be collected, but the Manager tells me that this is the normal pattern for collection. I am hoping that the new system will help us better manage fees collection in years to come.

As you know, the Board of Directors approved a new integrated financial system for BYC last year. The implementation of the system has started and is on target. In addition to helping the collection on the revenue side, this system will support the excellent work of the management team in the expense control side. It is now three years with very little changes in the fees at BYC and I am hoping we will be able to continue limiting any increases to a minimum, while continuing to offer great services to our members.

The capital projects approved by end of last year total \$118K and that leaves us with a potential of about \$135K for this year. This will permit us to finish paying the mortgage next year and start the East Wall project soon thereafter.

All in all, a very healthy financial position



**HARBOUR REPORT**

by - John Morrow (Director)



**I**t has been a long and cold winter and, with the approach of warmer weather, it is time to start thinking of the season ahead. The harbour project is moving along. The east wall is under construction using an interesting technique of gabion baskets to replace the crumbling walls. Thanks to Joey Kroeger for his innovative planning.

The Boat Owners' Meeting is scheduled to follow the Spring Sailors' Meeting on April 12 to address any concerns people may have. Launch is tentatively planned for May 3, if the weather cooperates. Bookings for the blue crane launch need to be made with the office as early as possible. At the same time, if you plan to haul out early, let the office staff know so your cradle can be placed appropriately.

Spring projects that are being contemplated for the harbour include levelling of the boat storage yard west of the Dinghy Shed; fuel storage racks in wire cages at the Bruce and Dinghy Sheds and the Junior Club, and a review of the electrical needs throughout the harbour. The yard crew are also in need of a new truck, which is planned for the spring.

BYC will be hosting the 2014 Canadian Shark Championship in July. This will entail some changes in the harbour moorings during the event so all the competing boats can be moored together.

Once again I look forward to working with the Harbour Committee, Andrew and the yard staff for another successful season. In preparation for the upcoming season, please ensure your mooring fees are up to date to ensure your slip as the harbour is nearing capacity. Also ensure the office has a copy of your boat insurance policy.

**House & Grounds Report**

from – Kevin Bundy (Director)



**A**s you likely know, I am new at both this position and the Board of Directors and consequently at the bottom of a steep learning curve. With the most welcome assistance of the past House and Grounds Director, Janet Bailey, and our General Manager, Paul Moore, I am quickly getting up to speed at issues and priorities around the Club.

I have literally been baptized by both fire and ice in the previous months. During a Wednesday movie night in January, some members smelt something burning and called 9-1-1. It turned out to be an electrical short in one of the track lights in the foyer that, while minor in repair, could have had serious consequences. Later that month, the weather dipped to abnormally low temperatures and some water pipes froze in the Women's washroom on the main floor. Heat was applied, but when they thawed, a water leak appeared. This was just a couple of hours before a wedding reception was to start upstairs! A quick response by our Manager had the pipes repaired and the washroom back to full operation, all apparently unnoticed by the wedding guests upstairs. Kudos to the members who reported these and to our Manager, Paul Moore, for the quick fixes!

I have had a number of much appreciated discussions with other members on improvement suggestions and maintenance issues. I do welcome these and promise to look into each and every one of them, but of course there are a number of resource demands at BYC and all suggestions need to be taken in consideration of other suggestions and resource demands. In this respect, I have been pleased to discover that work on the east wall

renovation is well under hand and moving forward on schedule. This should remedy a few of our ongoing issues such as heating (and frozen pipes!). I look forward to working with the Projects Committee to keep this much needed project on track.

This year's House and Grounds Committee is in the final stages of formation, with many of the past members agreeing to stay on and some new members coming in to fill vacancies. If you wish to join the Committee, please let me know. Jane Agnew has again agreed to lead the Gardens Sub-committee and already has had a few members approach her to offer help. That being said, there is always lots to be done, so if you have an itchy green thumb looking for relief, please contact Jane or me.

At last December's AGM, our out-going Commodore, Phil Moorman, made special mention of the members who took up a small project either on their own or with other members to improve the club house and grounds. I would like to further encourage any member to approach me or Jane Agnew if there is an improvement project they would like to do or be part of. This can be something simple, such as painting flower boxes, building picnic tables or maintaining a specific garden.

It has been a long, harsh winter and I am sure most of you are looking forward to spring and the return of the boating season. Part of this will be the annual spring clean-up, where we remove winter's debris and "spruce-up" the place for the coming season. The date for clean-

up has not been set, but will likely be mid-May sometime. I would like to encourage you to volunteer to help if you can, even if it is only for a few hours. BYC is built on the support of its volunteers and much would go undone without them. It is also a great way to meet new members and find out what all BYC can offer. I do hope to see you there!



### Membership & Marketing

by - Paula O'Sullivan (Director)



Another year has gone by and BYC is hopping once again in anticipation of the upcoming summer with sailing, tennis and even more social events being added all the time.

A great example of that is the Shark Canadian Championship July 18 to 20, so let's make sure our club supports the incoming sailors along with the hometown ones. This way when the Shark World Championship arrives in 2015 'Sharkies' will know where the great time is.

Membership is up and that could not have been accomplished without the help of everyone who welcomed new sailors to their boat for race nights, the amazing social scene that is only getting better with every year, and the fun, fantastic tennis members.

Thank You All! Until that time when the snow is off the ground and the covers off the boats, I hope to see you for Breakfast Club, Movie Night or for even a drink at the Lower Bar.



### Tennis Report

by – Wendy Faas (Director)



Tennis Season 2014

With the Winter Olympics as our inspiration, the Tennis Committee is looking forward to another great season on the courts for all Members of BYC.

Once again we will be offering free lessons for Members on Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

This year we will have a Youth Session on Tuesdays at 6:00 followed by a Stroke of the Week at 7:00pm; and Wednesday Nights will feature Beginner Lessons at 6:00 and Intermediate at 7:00pm. Our popular returning pros are Stan Kasta and Tim Lumsden. Sign up through Courtside or tennis email address below.

To celebrate our newly repaired tennis courts – sometime in June – we will be hosting a Tennis Open House with other Ottawa clubs, start spreading the news.

Grand Slam Social Events are again on the agenda this year with Croissant & Café au Lait for the French Open, and Strawberries & Cream for Wimbledon. **ALL ARE WELCOME**

Furthering our commitment to youth and community out-reach, BYC will be hosting a U10 Junior Tournament in August, in association with the NTCA and the OTA, as well as Tennis Camps in the Summer with the National Tennis School.

BYC Tennis communication is generally done through a group email so if you do not receive emails from the tennis group now but would like to, please contact the Tennis Committee at [tennis@byc.ca](mailto:tennis@byc.ca)

**\*\*New for 2014\*\*** We will be implementing Tennis Shoe Tags, as requested by the members at the Tennis AGM, they will be available from the bar closer to the opening of the season.

See you on the courts!

## Youth Report

by - Jeff Taylor (Director)



We are looking forward to another exciting year at the Junior Club.

Again this year the Britannia Yacht Club Foundation donated funds towards new boats. This money is being used to complete the Squadron replacement program by purchasing 2 new Topaz boats for this summer's program. For the second year in a row one of our senior members, John Killick, donated an additional Topaz dinghy to the fleet. This will ensure that all of our CANSail 2 sailors will be in Topaz dinghies.

Junior Club Registration is already open. This year we are offering discounts on August registrations to encourage parents that have an option to register in August to do so, and help fill up the program.

The Opti Race Team will be operating again this summer. We will be the only Opti Race team on the lake and are hoping that some of the sailors from last year's CANSail 1 and 2 programs will step up to a new challenge and join the race team. This program will run the entire summer, similar to the CANSail 5 Program and, as a result of the CanSail program, athletes will be able to achieve their sailing levels.

This year we are hoping to have even more juniors, not just Learn-to-Sail participants, come out for

Wednesday night racing. In support of this we will have a coach out on the water to support all of the Junior sailors on Wednesday nights. In addition we will publish a schedule of Junior Racing which will include a few races during the day over the course of the summer. As for the Junior Club members we will include some of the Wednesday night racing as part of the programs at the CANSail 3, 4, and 5 levels. Hopefully we can get more people to come out and join the fun.

For more information check the Website at <http://www.byc.ca/byc-youth-program/junior-club.html>.



## Social Report

by – Marc Forgette (Director)



Spring is in the air! Just a few more weeks until the Club is back in full swing.

However, it's been anything but quiet at the Club over the winter months. The Social Committee was busy organizing activities such as a very successful New Year's Eve Gala; a marvelous Robbie Burns Dinner thanks to Claire Millar, Trina Malcolmson and Mary Nicoll; a super Evening in Paris thanks to Alison Green, and a knee slapping good time at the Mardi Gras night. A big thank you to volunteers on the Organizing Committees for a job well done.

The Social Committee is also currently hard at work planning even more events for this coming year including an early start to the Friday Night entertainment: starting on March 28, we are going to have live

entertainment every two weeks in the Main Lounge.

Movie nights have also been enhanced with the new addition of Apple TV and a Netflix Account. Thanks to Guy Painchaud, Shane Foy, Kaitlin Riordan and Joan Yuile. Movie nights continue to run every Wednesday night beginning at 7:00pm until April 16, so c'mon down to the Club for some popcorn and a movie.

In addition, BYC is hosting the Shark Canadian Championship in July, and Kelly Lyon's Organizing Committee has plenty of activities planned for both on and off the water.

Check the website often for upcoming events and should you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to email me at [social@byc.ca](mailto:social@byc.ca).

*Audrey Bennett*  
1922–2014

It is sad to report that long-time past member Audrey Bennett passed away at the Granite Ridge Residence on Wednesday, February 12, in her 92<sup>nd</sup> year.

Many members will remember Audrey and her husband Jack (deceased in 1988) for their love of the Club and their happy, total involvement in whatever was going on. Sadly, after many years, she had to resign from the Club in 2007 due to ill health.

Our sincere condolences go to her daughter Pam and her family. A Memorial Service for Audrey will be held in the spring.





## **APPLY FOR THE COLIN BLANDY OLYMPIC FUND 2014**

The Colin Blandy Olympic Fund was established in 1977 by members of the Britannia Yacht Club to provide financial assistance to young BYC members who are committed to a competitive sailing program with Olympic aspirations.

Interested members are invited to submit their applications in writing and addressed to the Colin Blandy Olympic Fund. Applications are being received up until 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 30, 2014, at the BYC club office. An application form can be picked up at the BYC club office or follow the "Colin Blandy Fund" link at <http://byc.ca/index.php/learn-to-sail-byc/junior-club>.

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

1. Membership in good standing at BYC in the year immediately preceding the award year;
2. Twenty-five years of age or younger during the award year;
3. Demonstrated interest in competitive sailing;
4. Commitment, in writing, to engage in a competitive sailing and/or a challenging training program during the award year;
5. Submitted a written application before the cut-off date of April 30, 2014.

### **Applications will be judged on:**

1. Previous sailing experience;
2. Demonstrated excellence in competitive sailing and;
3. A sail training development program outline for the award year, which should include plans to attend several major regattas outside of the Ottawa area.

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

Successful applicants will be required to provide the Trustees with a written outline of their training and racing activities at the end of the 2014 racing season.

### **More information can be obtained from any of the following Trustees of the Fund:**

<b>Ron Schute (Chair)</b>	-	<b>613-296-9965 / rschute@magma.ca</b>
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## **AN OPEN LETTER TO THE MEMBERSHIP FROM THE BYC FOUNDATION**

**Dear Fellow Members,**

As President of the BYC Foundation, I believe I should give you a short report on what has taken place, and what we hope to accomplish in the near future.

**OUR FIRST MANDATE** is to receive money given to us by means of a gift, a bequest, or life insurance.

Presently, our "**Legacy Fund**" has approximately \$200,000 in it. We can only spend the income from this Fund and not the capital. We have made contributions of \$6,000 in 2012, and \$4,000 in 2013 to the Junior Sailing Program for new dinghies.

**OUR SECOND MANDATE** is "**Project**" fundraising. After consultations with the BYC Board it was decided that the first project should be to fundraise for an elevator for the BYC. This is a significant project. Elevators are not cheap. It has been decided that if we can raise the money for the elevator that this project will go ahead on its own or with the east wall project if it is approved.

The **ELEVATOR FUNDRAISING PROJECT** is important for two reasons. **FIRSTLY**, some members young and older have physical disabilities and some members are getting on - an elevator would be of great assistance in helping them get to the second floor to enjoy the club more, and there are many who would simply appreciate the convenience. **SECONDLY**, in order to maximize a stream of revenue from outside sources, other than just from the membership, we need the elevator. When the Club is not being used by the members, say on those cold Monday, Tuesday, Thursdays during winter months, why not rent the Club facilities out to government, private companies and other associations to cover the heating, electricity, snow plowing and other maintenance costs. The BYC has been approached by some organizations to rent out our facilities to them for seminars, annual meetings, and banquets. Federal, provincial, municipal governments along with other agencies and groups are required to provide their gatherings with 'handicapped accessible' sites. Without an elevator, that organization loses out in not being able to enjoy to a great setting for their event, and the BYC loses out in making some revenue. A revenue stream from this source would help us by increasing our revenue and improve the Club's bottom line.

### **So the Elevator Project!**

In May 2013, the BYC Foundation kicked off **the first phase** of THE ELEVATOR FUNDRAISING PROJECT. We had a goal of \$50,000 and by December 31, 2013, I can proudly say we were a couple of hundred dollars over. Thank you, thank you, and thank you to all who got involved! That \$50,000 has bought us an elevator car and all the car trimmings

At our annual meeting December 11, 2013, we announced **our second phase** of the elevator project. This second phase is \$45,000 and it will buy the mechanical workings, the pulleys, the rails and all the other things necessary to build an Elevator Shaft. Yes an elevator is an expensive thing, but, necessary in this day and age. Alain Jegen, a Director of the BYC Foundation, is our Director of Fundraising. We have asked John Killick to be the Chairman of our Elevator Fund Raising Campaign, and he has accepted. Welcome aboard John!

### **FINANCING**

In our first phase of this elevator project, we went over the top and exceeded our \$50,000 goal. This was accomplished with 95 members involved and it would not have been successful except that two of our longtime BYC members made very generous gifts John Killick and Mrs. Jean Fuller and Family in memory of Captain Thomas Fuller. We cannot expect, nor can we count on generous gifts bailing us out when we need significant funds to be raised. More of the membership must actively participate.

Perhaps there are some who did not contribute last year who cannot find \$100 for this cause, but I am hoping a majority of you can. If 450 of you could contribute \$100 this year, then we would raise \$45,000. Some of you might wish to contribute more, by all means feel free. Some of you may just have forgotten to contribute last year (2013). Feel free to double up this year. Please help us to broaden the number of donors.

WELCOME ABOARD! Together we can make this happen!

Let us all participate, together! Any excess monies raised will go into the "East Wall Project."

Yours sincerely,

**Paul W. Dick, President of the BYC Foundation**

## **COMMODORE'S REPORT to the 2013 Annual General Meeting**

### **STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1 – HIGH QUALITY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

The sailing and tennis programs continued to be very active; a new dock program was initiated with the installation of 17 moorings in the Main and Inner Harbours, and social events were at capacity all year long. Junior Learn-to-Sail and Junior Tennis programs were well attended. The National Capital Regatta numbers were up from last year and there was good feedback - thanks to Tom Clairmont and his committee. The satisfaction level continues to be very high for the food and beverage services. We had a very active Safety Officer and his Committee and, member volunteerism was up this year.

#### **NEXT YEAR**

The Shark Canadian Championship is scheduled for July 18-20, 2014, with Kelly Lyon as the Regatta Chair, and she will require a great deal of member involvement. We will be repairing the tennis courts; expanding the finger dock program, and a dock fee scheme is being developed. There will be further investment in the clubhouse and harbour.

### **STRATEGIC PRIORITY 2 – EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT**

#### **THIS YEAR**

We will continue to emphasize the need for longer term planning at the Board level; a greater clarity re Officer and Director roles, and a more defined role of the Manager, resulting in greater. The By-Law Committee has begun ensuring the By-Law and Regulations are compliant with the new provincial Not-for-Profit Act. There is timelier information available re the budget and monthly revenue and expenses. An MOU has been signed with the BYCF leading to good coordination.

#### **NEXT YEAR**

We need changes to succession planning for the Board, perhaps a change in the length of a term and a turnover percentage established. In early 2014 we will seek Member approval of Clubhouse renovations.

### **STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3 – POSITIVE FINANCIAL POSITION**

Member numbers are up slightly, and the harbour is almost full, reversing the trend of the past few years. Expenses are down slightly, and food and beverage revenue is up.

#### **THIS YEAR**

An attempt will be made to grow the corporate events services. Non-member events revenue increased this year. Membership fee went up minimally, and mooring fees did not increase for the third year in a row.

#### **NEXT YEAR**

A balanced budget is projected for next year; Capital budget for 2013-14 is committed for harbour, docks, IT in the harbour and clubhouse, and Junior Learn-to-Sail boats; a fund will be established for asset renewal, i.e. furnace, carpets, etc. We will plan for only 2 more years of nominal increase to membership fees and no increase to mooring fees – for a total of 5 years.

## **PROPERTY & TAX COMMITTEE REPORT by Konrad Lewinski (Chair) to the 2013 AGM**

- THIS YEAR** ■ Engaged services of P.S. Johnson Valuation Consultants Ltd. To appeal Municipal Property Assessment Corporation valuation of NCC leased lands based on Lucas Report.
- Request for Reconsideration filed with MPAC.
  - continued dialog with Minister Baird's staff regarding NCC lease costs.
    - Suggested that BYC would be interested in purchasing the leased lands from NCC at rate similar to our purchase of MNR lands in 1990's.
    - Advice received to delay further discussions with NCC until new CEO is appointed
    - Continued to pay same lease rate as 1996-2012.
- NEXT YEAR** ■ Request for Reconsideration rejected November 2013 (as anticipated).
- Appeal to the Assessment Review Board submitted December 2, 2013. Hearing now expected for Q1 or Q2/14.
  - Lower Valuation of NCC lands will defeat NCC strategy of linking lease rate to unrealistically high "Market Value."
  - Baird's staff suggested new CEO at NCC may be encouraged to decide to revise classification of leased lands from National Interest Land Mass (NILM) designation to non-NILM. This would allow NCC to sell these lands to BYC (or City of Ottawa & treat BYC like NSC).
  - Continue to dialog with other clubs leasing land from NCC to form a common front against high rent increases and short durations.
  - Re-engage with NCC CEO once new CEO is appointed.

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NEWS FOR BOATERS - RACERS AND CRUISERS  
January-March 2014

"The winner in life is not he who dies with the most toys, but he who wears out or breaks the most toys while he's alive, particularly carbon fiber toys." - Anonymous

## DON'T FORGET

WOMEN IN WIND SEMINAR.....Sat. Apr. 12  
BOAT OWNER'S MEETING (noon).....Sun. Apr 13  
SPRING SAILORS' MEETING (1:30).....Sun. Apr. 13

## FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

by – Bill Fuller



**I**t's been a long, hard winter so far – sailing seems so far away - but remember that the return of warm sunshine and clear blue water will make the days go by faster.

We have had one Sailing Committee meeting so far, and are happy to report that this year the Summer Series hosted by BYC will be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights in front of our own Club. We welcome the feedback of all sailors and spectators during this trial exercise, and trust all will enjoy the new venue.

Organization for both the 2014 Shark Canadian Championship and the 2015 Shark World Championship are well underway. I would like to congratulate Kelly Lyon, the Regatta Chair for both events, and her team for a job well done so far. Check the BYC website for more regatta information.

A reminder that the Spring Sailors' Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 13, 2014, at 1:30p.m. following the Boat Owners' Meeting that is scheduled for noon.

Also a reminder that the *Women in Wind* day of seminars and orientation is scheduled for April 12, 2014.

Enjoy the remainder of the winter – spring to follow.

See you all on the water shortly.



## 2014 CRUISE WEEK

Sunday, July 6 to  
Friday, July 11

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In late May or early June

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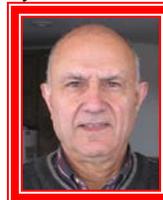
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## ALPHA COURSE

by - Sal Khan - Alpha Course Rep.



**I**t is still too early to get revved up for the sailing season start.

However, members of the Sailing Committee who race their boats in Class 1 are planning to invest in a trophy for the winner of the Class 1 Championship. It is easy to get a classy trophy but it is a lot harder to give it a name. Some suggestions were 'Go Fast Trophy', 'Class 1 Trophy', 'Cost-More Trophy' and so on. If you have any suggestions please convey them by email to me at [skhan@atrust.ca](mailto:skhan@atrust.ca)



from - Kirk Robertson - Protest Chair & PHRF Rep.



**PHRF** racers will have seen their fees climb by \$5.00 this year; ah! the joys of inflation.

If you are buying new sails this year, please see the measurement changes on the PHRF website.

Spinnakers now require a foot girth measurement. Mains also require some new numbers. As always we will accept the sail makers' measurements (unless they are clearly in error).

The Race Officer will be taking finish times on Thursday nights, to better handicap one-design boats.

As for protests, there were few last year and one can hope that will continue. Protest forms will be available at the Results board and you can also send your protests electronically via the BYC website ([protests@byc.ca](mailto:protests@byc.ca)).

Now we just need soft water!



### SAILING THROUGH LATE WINTER

by - Malcolm McHattie – Up-River Race Rep.



**S**ailors thrive on uncertainty. Why else would we expose ourselves to the vagaries of the Ottawa River with its underwater profile, wind and current? One near certainty is that early Spring finds many of us preoccupied with planning measures to avoid as much uncertainty as possible.

We rely on BYC to provide the necessary infrastructure and the preferred beer at the appropriate time and temperature. 2014 will bring a full program of upriver events, mostly traditional but with some modifications to better suit the present. Much of this is assured by our Manager and staff under the leadership of fellow members placed in a position of power by our democratic pressgangs. The essential ingredient is, however, that we – the membership at large – contribute by using and enjoying the Club and providing a helping hand when needed.

High on the list of certainties to be tackled is the functioning of our boats. There are ropes – the Rope Man will be by during launch – and possibly rigging parts to replace and, if we can remember what they were, parts or assemblies that don't hold, tend to snag or show signs of impending failure. In some cases fiberglass and paint cannot wait much longer for attention. Maintenance of no-longer-young boat equipment may not, alas, be easy to approach with enthusiasm. And then there is the motor!

More exciting, at least on the face of it, is potential new equipment – biminis to protect from the sun – a significant threat on the Ottawa River, new sails, deck fittings to improve sail handling, or cabin furniture for decreased discomfort. Much sailboat equipment is interesting and some, like multi-purchase mainsheet assemblies, self-tailing winches and furling gear, can reduce ergonomic challenges. Many are expensive and quite a few are worthwhile considering. Even if you miss the Chandlery's 15% sale in February, there is still time before we launch.

Most exciting in our era is electronic equipment. Smart wind-indicators are now common, although they have not yet replaced strategically placed wool tufts and streamers. In very recent years it has been possible with a touch of a button to have instantaneous information previously available only to the few who undertook years of learning and observation. Chart plotters and fish-finders show things that we long considered beneath us and out of sight. A mere smartphone can tell us nearly exactly when a storm threatens. Be assured that most must-have devices are compatible with our slippery new banknotes.

We can enjoy researching, spending money, and giving time and effort to reducing the many uncertainties of our chosen pastime. Or not! Certainly the River will be there to welcome us with its uncertain ratio of purring and roaring. BYC will, with modest assistance from us, provide some reassuring certainties.



## CHICKS' CHATTER

by – Jennifer Thompson - Women's Rep.



With less than 20 days until Spring, it's time to start thinking about the upcoming season.

**Save the Date:** The *Women in Wind* seminar will be hosted at BYC on Saturday, April 12, 2014. A detailed agenda has been posted on the BYC website. The seminar is open to all women including those new to racing and those wishing to brush up on their skills. This is a popular event, so be sure to register with Gerry Davies or Marg Trottier at [wiv.ncr@gmail.com](mailto:wiv.ncr@gmail.com).

**New Representative:** The coached boat program at BYC will be headed by me. If you are interested in sailing on Monday nights or know of someone who is interested, please let me know at [jenniferthompson839@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferthompson839@gmail.com). The coached boat program has become very popular at BYC. As such, there tends to be more interest than available spots.

The program is always looking for coaches and boats for Monday night racing. If you interested in participating in this program, we would like to hear from you – just contact me at the above email address.

With that being said, thank you to all the coaches, boat owners, and fellow sailors who have made this program a success. We look forward to another season on the water.

“The pessimist complains about the wind;  
the optimist expects it to change;  
the realist adjusts the sails.  
- William Arthur Ward”



## THE GATEKEEPERS AT BYC

by - John W Bienko

Saint Peter is responsible for the Gates of Heaven. Armoured Guards protect the Royal Palace. At BYC we are fortunate to have Harbourmaster John Morrow, Kirk Robertson, Denny Foy and the Andrew Furey Harbour Team. This formidable team makes the final decision re the installation and removal of the BYC Harbour Gates.

In years past boat owners were challenged by the annual Spring flood that covered the harbour grounds with 4 feet plus of murky, cold water. Brrrrrr.. To reduce the powerful pressure of the rising water on the boat hulls, one had to wear chest high rubber waders to the mooring, climb a rickety ladder to the deck and release

the tension on the mooring lines. Every move was fraught with danger. Sometimes a freak wave would spill over the top of the waders and frigid water would drip to the bottom of the boots, adding a heavy load.

In 1980, the Commodore and BYC Directors were presented with a plan to build a Harbour Flood Control Gate by several distinguished members with construction contract experience. Captain Tom Fuller and Reg Bruce. Professional Engineers designed the blue steel modular gates that you see beside the flag mast patio. When not in place, the gates are stored north of Sherwood Point.

Now The BYC Gatekeepers monitor the Ottawa River Water Level Authority Reports, the Meteorological Forecasts, and the colour-coded, Red, Yellow, White steps on the BYC Breakwater. The White step marks the level of the actual harbour wall.

We look forward to seeing Andrew Furey and the Harbour Team doing spectacular acrobatics high on the Blue Steel Gates, guiding crane hooks and wires, lifting the monster steel panels out of the frames. A happy day indeed for the sailors at BYC.

## PLAQUE PICK-UP

**Hey - Gang** - there are several racing keepers on the Dragon Bar that were not picked up at the Awards Dinner. It would be great if they could be claimed as soon as possible. Here's the list –

<b>Ariel</b> -	John Phillips - 1 plaque
<b>Danhela</b> -	Geoffrey Lynch 1 plaque + 2 crew keepers
<b>Dulcinea</b> -	John Lydon - 1 plaque
<b>Galadriel</b> -	Nigel Bowers - 1 plaque
<b>Kokopelli</b> -	Mike Fahmy - 1 plaque
<b>Laser</b> -	Braden Garvey - 1 plaque
<b>Laser</b> -	Chris Klotz - 2 plaques
<b>Waskana</b> -	Stephen Arbuckle - 1 plaque +2 crew keepers
<b>Watermellen</b> -	Mary Ellen Dempster - 1 plaque
<b>Wind Warrior</b> -	Adry Osmon - 4 plaques + 3 crew keepers

The Club is open Wednesdays and Fridays from 4-10p.m. and Sunday from Noon - 6p.m. and, of course, you could always come out for Breakfast on Sundays from 9:30 to 11:30. As well, Office hours are Monday-Friday from 10a.m. to 4p.m.

We know Mike Fahmy is basking in the southern climes, and perhaps some others are as well, but if you're in town please drop in and pick yours up.

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