



More of Joy of Fall Sailing!
Isobel Foy enjoys another great sail
on her Optimist - Friday Oct. 23
Photo courtesy of proud Dad David

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

Following are brief biographies submitted by the candidates selected by the Nominating Committee for the 2016 Board of Directors

ROB BRADEN Nominated for Commodore



PERSONAL INFORMATION: My wife, Sandy and I have 2 adult children. I am an Industrial Designer by education and have been self-employed as an exhibit & trade show designer, project manager and broker for 20+ years.

MEMBERSHIP: I started at BYC as a tag-a-long kid roaming the grounds while my father worked on his boat. I rowed dinghies around up-river anchorages while my folks, Rick and Josie rafted with others. My participation and love of racing started with Junior Club, where I achieved the gold standard. Except for a few years in my 20's when traveling prevailed, I have been an active member at BYC for most of my 58 years. I have been a regular on the Tuesday and Thursday evening start lines and have a long history with the upriver races.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: As Fleet Captain from 2008-2011, where, apart from duties with the sailing and racing calendar, I helped rebuild relations with other clubs through their sailing committees, and over saw the 2011 Shark Canadian Championship. I have been Vice Commodore for that past 3 years in addition to being the Director of Projects. I believe we need to protect the Club's prime assets, the harbour and grounds, and as Projects Director lead major projects including the renovation of the Inner harbour walls, and the Clubhouse East Wall and Elevator Projects. I've tried hard to steer a middle ground between lengthy planning with no action, and the 'quick fix' approach that may not consider future use and may end up costing the Club money down the road.

PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT: My prime focus at BYC has always been racing. Starting as a teenager, I have crewed, cruised and helmed many of the different kinds of boats we see in our harbour. I enjoy helping other Club members get into racing by providing training and teaching opportunities. This past year I raced on the Soling, 'Unity' and the Shark, 'No More Hobbies'. Apart from sailing, in recent years I have taken up tennis again and am involved in both sailing and tennis social activities.

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OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS: A long time Toastmaster, I have served in the West End Chapter's Board of Directors, including 3 terms as club President as well as an Area Governor on the district executive. I enjoy downhill and cross-country skiing in the winter. In past years I was an avid cyclist and still get out for the occasional long road ride. I am also an amateur foodie and enjoy whenever possible the finer aspects of food and wine.

CLUB COMMITTEE COMMITMENT: East Wall & Elevator Committee, Finance Committee. In the past I have served on the Sailing Committee, Long term planning committee, Electrical Committee, National Capital Regatta and the Shark Canadians and Worlds.

OBJECTIVES AS COMMODORE: When one gets right down to it, the BYC is you and I. A strong, effective Board of Directors will help ensure that we meet the expectations of our members. As Commodore I will work with my fellow directors and committees to that end, support them in their projects, and work with the management team to see implementation. I am going to make membership my focus during my tenure. To see what we can do by helping to improve the membership experience, encourage enrolment and build our membership base.

DAN DELOREY

Nominated for Vice Commodore
(Projects)



PERSONAL INFORMATION: Born in Fredericton, New Brunswick. I completed a Bachelor of Arts and a Certificate in Personnel and Industrial Relations (CPIR) from the University of Toronto. I have served 27 years as a Peace Officer with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Wendy and I have two grown children, Amanda and Cameron.

MEMBERSHIP: We joined BYC in the spring of 2010 and have been fixtures at the Club ever since.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: I sail a CS 27 named Sapphire, play tennis regularly and go to most social events.

PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT: I was elected as the Rear-Commodore (Public Relations & Communications) for the past two years and was voted as the Tennis Director for two terms previously.

OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS: I represent BYC in the National Capital Tennis Association Summer League and play ice hockey in the city during the winter months.

CLUB COMMITTEE COMMITMENT: I plan a more significant leadership role on the Board of Directors, Chair the Projects Committee and sit on the Finance Committee.

OBJECTIVES AS BOARD MEMBER: I will carry on the good work initiated with the club house renewal. I will be responsible for the management of other capital and maintenance projects, as recommended by the Planning Committee, and approved by the Board of Directors. These projects will be in line with effective governance, management and consistent with a long term vision for BYC.



SAL KHAN Nominated for Fleet Captain



PERSONAL INFORMATION: My wife, Bonnie, and I are proud grandparents of eight grandkids. I am the CEO of a software company that is an identity attribute provider. Previously, I was in the real estate development business and prior to that in the hospitality industry as owner of several bars, featuring live music.

MEMBERSHIP: I have been an active member of Britannia Yacht Club for 41 years.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: Since joining the club, I have been keenly involved in the racing program. Over the years, I have had many boats, and for the past 17 years I've been a partner in *Busted Flush*, all of which I've raced. A promoter of the junior sailing program, my children and two grandchildren, living in Ottawa, have participated in the program. With my crew, I've encouraged and supported BYC's junior members in sailing on boats that race on Tuesday evenings. For many, many years, junior sailors have participated with my crew on a Tuesday night race or an upriver race to give them a taste of racing on a keelboat. I have also enjoyed, and continue to enjoy, the social aspects of the Club.

PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT: I have served on the sailing committee for the past 10 years. I have been instrumental in running the current iteration of the fall Lac Deschênes Open PHRF regatta. For the past eight years, I have been responsible for race management on the Tuesday night race course for Class 1 and Class 5 boats. This role has meant working with the Race Officer to ensure that races are run as directed by the racing sailors and the Sailing Committee.

OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS: Over the years, I have participated in many regattas on Lake Ontario, the Block Island Race Week off Massachusetts (about 1998), and many, many years ago, in the Quarter-Ton-Worlds, held in Corpus Christie, Texas. For 25 years, I have been playing in a competitive, over-47, Men's Slow-Pitch League.

CLUB COMMITTEE COMMITMENT: The Sailing Committee has historically been one of the strongest committees in the Club, and it will continue to be so.

OBJECTIVES AS A BOARD MEMBER: As a member of the Board, my objectives are to represent all areas of boating: power or sail, cruising or racing; to work with other Board members to ensure the general welfare of the

Club and the members; to encourage objectives that will offer an incentive to our Junior members to participate in the Club as fully as possible.

JOHN WRIGHT
Nominated for Rear Commodore
(Harbourmaster)/



PERSONAL INFORMATION: I am single and father to two sons. I am a landscape architect and planner and specialize in the design of public places - streetscapes, plazas, parks and campuses. Until three years ago I was a partner in an Ottawa based consulting firm but am now working independently. I have also been a small landlord for over 30 years and have renovated several homes, doing much of the work myself.

MEMBERSHIP: I have been a Britannia Yacht Club member since the late 1990's.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: I own a CS 33, Chinook, which is my refuge in the summer months, often overnighing up the river.

PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT: I have been active on the Planning Committee over the years and am on it presently. I prepared the master plan drawing, which introduced the concept of a drop-off on the unused tennis court beside the clubhouse, and the leveling of the storage yard by the Dinghy Shed. I also prepared drawings for the installation of the new crane and filling in the former launch ramp. I have served on the Board of Directors as Youth Director and worked on launch and haulout crane crews until the arrival of "Big Blue".

OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS: I am a warden of St. Alban's Church, which is a very socially active inner city Anglican Parish associated with Centre 454, a day shelter for people with unstable lives. My physical activities include cycling, downhill and cross-country skiing and long distance swimming. Two years ago I walked the Camino in Spain and wrote a book titled, 'Drawn Along the Way', that is illustrated with my watercolour sketches from the trip.

CLUB COMMITTEE COMMITMENT: A well run harbour and functioning equipment are the core of the Yacht Club. The previous Harbourmasters, Phil and John, have raised the standard of the operation and the staff are extremely competent. I intend to continue this standard of service by making weekly inspections and anticipating repairs. I will set weekly objectives, insulate staff from member requests and juggle priorities as issues arise.

OBJECTIVES AS BOARD MEMBER: The smooth operation of the harbour will take most of my attention, however, I would like to investigate "Green Marine" standards (environmentally responsible practices) as well as possible links to the Ottawa Riverkeeper. I will also make a point of integrating the Planning Committee and Junior Club initiatives and needs, into the harbour.



GEORGE CLAYBURN, CD

Nominated for
Honorary Secretary



PERSONAL INTRODUCTION: I am an Army Logistics Officer who retired in June 2007 after 41 years of service with the Regular and Reserve Forces. In addition to duties in Supply, Transport and Personnel, I have managed budgets of varying size and complexity. During my service, I have also held various positions on Officers' Mess Committees. I have lived in Kanata since 2007. I learned to sail on the Ottawa River at CFB Petawawa in the mid-1970s and learned to sail Lasers on Lake Timseh, Egypt in 1977. Unfortunately, I was not able to continue sailing until I retired from the Army. I completed the Basic, and Intermediate Cruising Courses, and others at Advantage Boating, formerly the Ottawa Sailing School.

BYC MEMBERSHIP: I have been a member of BYC since June 2004.

BYC ACTIVITIES: Since joining BYC I have raced Sharks on Thursday evenings. I also have raced on a number of the distance races on the River. I owned and refitted a Shark, and own an AURA 8.7. I am a member of the By-Law, Finance, and Harbour Committees, and was the Finance Chair for the 2014 Shark Canadian, and the 2015 Shark World Championships.

PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT: I have been on past haulout and launch crews, and was Honorary Treasurer in 2006 and 2007, Commodore in 2008 and 2009, and am the current Honorary Secretary.

OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS: When I am not sailing or working on Club business, I support the Ottawa Humane Society. Currently I am the Consultant to the Professional Association of Foreign Service Officers on benefits and allowances for Federal Government employees serving outside Canada.

BYC COMMITTEE COMMITMENT: I look forward to working with the other Board Members in continuing to move the Club forward.

OBJECTIVES AS BYC BOARD MEMBER: My objectives are to continue moving forward various capital projects on an incremental basis to improve our Club and enhance the viability and attractiveness of BYC as the Yacht Club of Choice on the Ottawa River, and prepare the BYC By-Law and Regulations that will be required after the proclamation of the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act.

JEAN FAVREAU

Nominated for Honorary Treasurer



PERSONAL INFORMATION: I am a husband and father (two sons). I am presently employed as the Managing Director of a group of optometry clinics. I have held executive positions in the private healthcare

industry, specifically in the home healthcare, nursing homes and retirement homes sectors. My training is in physiotherapy and management, including an MBA.

MEMBERSHIP: My wife, Susan, and I have been members of the Britannia Yacht Club since July 2012.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: My principal activity at the Club is sailing on our Sirius 28 the *Salisbury Sailor*. Both my wife and I also enjoy getting together with friends at social functions at the Club.

PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT: In my short tenure at the Club, I have been involved with the "East Wall Committee", the "Dock Committee" and the "Finance Committee". In 2013/14, I served on the Board of Directors as Honorary Treasurer.

OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS: Over the last several years, I participated, and in some cases led several project teams, committees and workgroups as part of my duties. I also served on a number of boards or committees, for example: 1) Member of various committees of the Ontario Long-Term Care Association, 2) Ex-officio member and management consultant to the Management Board for charitable Nursing Homes and 3) Board member of the London, ON, District Health Council.

CLUB COMMITTEE COMMITMENT: The Finance Committee is one of the key committees to ensure the long term financial health of the Club and helps determine future directions.

OBJECTIVES AS BOARD MEMBER: To maintain the financial health of the Britannia Yacht Club while representing the membership. To work with the management team to continue refining our management systems and take advantage of our competitive strengths in our market.

KEVIN BUNDY
Nominated for Director
(House and Grounds)



PERSONAL INTRODUCTION: I was born in Toronto and I graduated from the University of Toronto with a Bachelor of Science in 1976 and a Master's of Science in 1979, specializing in radiation biology. Following graduation I worked as a radiation protection officer at high grade uranium mines in Northern Saskatchewan and in 1985 moved to Ottawa where I worked for the Atomic Energy Control Board, which later became the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, until my recent retirement. Mary, my wife of 36 years, and I have two children, a son, Mark, who is married to a wonderful lady, Jessica, who live with their 2 children in Maryland. Our daughter, Christine, is a "digital Marketing Specialist and her SO is David, a great guy even if he prefers power boats.

MEMBERSHIP: We joined BYC as Family Members in 2001 and regret not joining sooner.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: It was during our university days that Mary and I were introduced to sailing. Our first boat was a Laser, "*Hydrophilly*," which we sailed for 22 years in "cottage country" north of Toronto and in Saskatoon, where we were founding members of the Blackstrap Sailing Club (1981). Our love of sailing was renewed when we purchased our Tanzer 7.5 in 2001, and recently as a cure for "five-footitis" we upgraded to our current boat, a Catalina 30, "*Emotional Rescue*." We have cruised up and down the river and I have occasionally raced at BYC since 2001.

PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT: Mary and I volunteer as much as our time allows as we believe it makes for a better club, we meet other members, it's rewarding and it's fun. We have both been involved with the National

Capital Regatta over the last 8 years and we try to get to every work party we can. If the membership approves, this will be my third term as the Director, House and Grounds. I have found this position to be very rewarding and have enjoyed taking on tasks and pestering people to get jobs done!

OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS: I am involved in a number of activities outside of sailing including curling in the winter and softball in the summer. I also enjoy woodworking although my production time is often epic. I am an active member in the Canadian Radiation Protection Association and the Health Physics Society.

CLUB COMMITTEE COMMITMENT: I believe that many hands make light of heavy work, that many eyes see more than just one pair and that many minds produce more ideas and solutions than mine alone ever could. In light of this, I look forward to the continuing involvement of a House and Grounds Committee to aid me in the maintenance and improvement of our clubhouse and grounds.

OBJECTIVES AS BOARD MEMBER: I will continue to actively seek out the ways and means to improve our Club to the benefit of all members. To do this, I will talk and listen to the members, bring their comments and issues to the Board and work with the Board to address these issues in the best interest of BYC. I will also actively participate in addressing Club issues brought to the Board as well as working with the Projects Manager, Harbourmaster, Planning Committee and the General Manager to achieve our long term plans and goals.

AL MALO
Nominated for Director
(Information Technology)



PERSONAL INFORMATION: I was born and raised in Northern Ontario and graduated from the University of Toronto with a BA. I learned to sail when I was in university and my first boat was an Aykroyd dinghy which I sailed around Toronto Harbour for several years. I worked in Toronto as an auditor until I moved to Ottawa in 1979 to pursue a career in Information Technology. I spent the rest of my career developing computer systems in roles from programmer to senior management. I have also worked as an IT consultant overseas for a couple of international agencies and have continued consulting work here in Ottawa after my retirement.

MEMBERSHIP: When I moved to Ottawa, I joined Sail RA. It was there, through members who also belonged to BYC and when attending a National Capital Regatta, that I was introduced to the Club. I joined BYC in 1982 and for a time was a member of both BYC and NSC. I have been a member of BYC ever since.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: I was introduced to the Club through dinghy racing. In 1983 I bought Skidbladnir Kirby 25 #159 from a BYC member who had 2 footitis, and I started racing keelboats. I still race on Skidbladnir but now also race on a C&C 27, Firefly. I also have a cruising boat that is patiently waiting for me to retire again. From spring through fall, I'm at the Club every day enjoying the racing and social activities the Club has to offer. I am also a member of Gerry Gunn's breakfast club team.

PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT I am a member of the Sailing Committee and often volunteer as host of and member of the National Capital Regatta and other race committees, and was part of the Race Committee for the Shark Worlds 2015. Over the years, I have participated in the IT Committee and provided IT support. For the 125th Anniversary, Joan Yuile and I co-edited the Anniversary book which provided me with a deeper appreciation for work past members have done to make this a great club.

OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS: When I'm not sailing, I enjoy hiking, biking and skiing

CLUB COMMITTEE COMMITMENT: As IT Director, I plan to establish an IT Committee including volunteers and staff to review all aspects of IT at the Club and to undertake projects to better serve the mission of the Club, provide services to members and assist other members of the Board.

OBJECTIVES AS BOARD MEMBER: To ensure the effective use of information technology to support the business operations of the Club, to better market the Club to the public and the boating communities and to serve the needs of members.

DAVID SMYTHE
Nominated for Director
(Marketing & Public Relations)



PERSONAL INFORMATION: I am originally from Kingston. We have now been in Ottawa since 2000. Married to Kristine Dempster we have four children all of whom are well beyond high school. I have been General Manager and Area Director of the Lord Elgin Hotel since 2005.

MEMBERSHIP: I have been a member of BYC now since the spring of 2012.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: I have had the pleasure of crewing for the past three seasons on board Abracadabra III.

PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT: I have served the Club as Honorary Secretary. In 2014 I was appointed Director of Marketing & Membership. During this time we focused our efforts on developing the BYC's E-Marketing as well as introducing the Club's services to other groups and organizations that would be interested in booking the Club during shoulder seasons.

OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS: (Since 2005)

Current Member of the Board Ottawa Tourism

Current Chair - Tour & Travel Committee Ottawa Tourism

Current Member of the Board of Ottawa Gatineau Hotel Association

Past Chair of the DMP – Destination Marketing Program

Past Chair - Group & Convention Committee Ottawa Tourism

Past Chair - Tour & Travel Committee Ottawa Tourism

Current Member - Hospitality Advisory Committee, Algonquin College

Past Chair - Hospitality Advisory Committee, Algonquin College

Past President - SKAL Club of Ottawa

In my spare time I also enjoy running, cycling, skiing, tending to my yard and making fine meals for the whole family.

CLUB COMMITTEE COMMITMENT This fall the Marketing Committee is working with Algonquin College Marketing Professor Martin Taller and his 4th year students on a marketing research project for the Club. The Board will receive the report in December. The 2016 Marketing Program for the Club will be developed based on the outcomes from this research.

OBJECTIVE AS A BOARD MEMBER:

As Marketing Director it will be my goal in 2016 to develop the marketing plan from the outcomes from the marketing research conducted in the fall of 2015. This plan will be tailored in a fashion that it is in sync with the goals of the Club and within the budgeted guidelines as approved by the Board.

WENDY FAAS
Nominated for Director
(Tennis)



PERSONAL INTRODUCTION: I am married to Jack who is a long time member of BYC. I am retired from my career as a Forensic Psychiatric Nurse. I have one daughter who is a missionary in Kenya along with her Kenyan husband. I have one beautiful 8 year old grandson.

MEMBERSHIP: I have been a member of BYC since 1994, having been introduced to my husband at the Club through a mutual friend.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: I have been actively involved in tennis, sailing in the past on our Mirage 30 "MakeFaast", and thoroughly enjoy the social activities. I have participated in the Spring and Fall clean ups, helped with some of the gardening and decorating for various social events.

TENNIS ACTIVITIES: I ran the NCTA Tennis League for a year. I was the Tennis Director for a two year term during which I instigated a fund raiser which resulted in the resurfacing of the courts.

OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS: I love the outdoors and enjoy gardening, X-country skiing, snowshoeing, curling, hiking, reading and I design and make costume jewelry which I sell to help with funding of various projects in Kenya.

CLUB COMMITTEE COMMITMENT: I will work with a Tennis Committee to attempt to achieve a revitalized tennis program with more sailors and social members involved. I would also like to encourage more youth members to try out the game in the hopes that they might really get more involved in such a great sport.

OBJECTIVES AS BOARD MEMBER: To represent my fellow Tennis members and encourage everyone to work together for the benefit of all members.



LISA SHISHIS
Nominated for Director
(Youth)



PERSONAL INFORMATION: I moved to Ottawa 6 years ago with my 3 children and husband Gregory Pilsworth. I learned to sail in Albacores at the Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club in Toronto and prior to moving to Ottawa our family also had a membership with the Toronto Sailing and Canoeing Club. Currently, I am the Manager of Residential and Community Care for Hospice Care Ottawa and over the course of my 17 years in nursing I have held a variety of management roles.

MEMBERSHIP: Our family has had a membership at Britannia for 6 years and the Pilsworth's have been affiliated with the Club for over 40 years. Our focus has primarily been on the Junior Club since moving to Ottawa.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: My activities have focused on Junior Club. My son was a counselor in training. Our daughter Maia started off in Learn-To-Sail and joined the Optimist Race program as one of its first BYC members' 3 years ago, and last year our youngest daughter also started to learn how to sail in Optis.

PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT: I held the Director position for Youth on the Board of Directors for 2015.

OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS: While in Toronto we started a charity called Little Geeks. Little Geeks collected used computers, refurbished them and then gave them away for free to families and organizations who could not afford this resource. In the summer, I enjoy cruising with my Father-in-Law on his C&C29 and during the winter I ski with the family at Vorlage. I also enjoy embroidery and knitting. Professionally, I'm an active member of Ottawa's hospice community.

CLUB COMMITTEE COMMITMENT: My objective is to build on the excellent work accomplished by past youth directors and I will commit to building an active Junior Club Youth Committee. My intention is to involve both parents and youth members.

OBJECTIVES AS BOARD MEMBER: My objective as a Board member is to support the Jr. Club Learn-to-Sail program and Junior racing programs. I also wish to encourage a mutually beneficial relationship between junior and senior members and foster the ongoing love of sailing with junior members as they will become the future of Britannia Yacht Club.



Social Director's Annual Report

from – Beth Shepherd



PERSONAL INFORMATION: In my post-corporate life, I am an artist, an art history student and a farm animal activist. Through my art, I put farm animals top of mind for my viewers (www.bethshepherd.ca). With my husband Garry Logue, we operate Pillowpacker Pillows, a web-based business selling high quality Canadian-made inflatable travel pillows. We have lived in Britannia Village for 26 years.

MEMBERSHIP: We have been members of BYC since 1998.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: I have been an intermittent tennis player and an occasional sailor over the years but I have always enjoyed the Club in off-season, with its varied social events.

PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT: For the past year I have served the Club as Social Director. I first became involved with the Board in 2007 and was Social Director until 2009. After leading the Blue Water Strategy project, I briefly took on the role of Membership Director but resigned to run the New Members' Program from 2010 through 2013.

OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS: I love life on the Ottawa River: watching sunsets, gardening, kayaking, and swimming in the summer; and watching earlier sunsets, sitting by the fire, and cross-country skiing in the

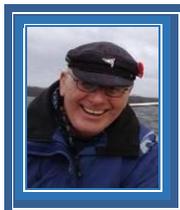
winter. I enjoy going to art galleries and studying at Carleton University. I am currently the coordinator for a local community art gallery and participate in printmaking and other local artist associations.

CLUB COMMITTEE COMMITMENT: In addition to delivering the regular mix of social events, we implemented some new activities in 2014-15, including Sunday afternoon skiing and hiking, a fantastic Caribbean Night in July, and in late summer white water rafting and paddleboard clinics in collaboration with our partners Ottawa City Rafting. In 2015-16, the Social Committee and event leaders will continue to offer a vibrant social program appealing to all members, especially families and younger members.

OBJECTIVES AS A BOARD MEMBER: As Social Director I will oversee the social program and budget, and continue to work collaboratively with the Commodore and other Board members to address Club priorities. In the past year I really enjoyed supporting the Membership Director in reinstating the New Members' Program. In the coming year we will be planning for ways to commemorate Canada's 150th Anniversary.



from – David Burke,
Commodore



The end of 2015 is fast approaching; the AGM is scheduled for December 9 on the Upper Deck, and Christmas and all of the associated social events will soon be upon us.

At the AGM I will finish my term as Commodore and become a Past Commodore. I am told that when that happens I will be given a different pennant to fly below my BYC Burgee that will mark me as a former important person.

This past year has been a good year for the premier boating club on Lac Deschenes. We have much to be thankful for. The Club hosted a successful National Capital Regatta and the 50th Shark World Championship. I am happy to note that the BYC's own David O'Sullivan, Jamie Foy and David Foy came away

from the event as the Shark World Champions. The Club rose to the occasion and was a tremendous and generous host to all the "Sharkies" who came to sail on Lac Deschenes. Thanks to Joey Kroeger and his team for planning and organising this top drawer event.

We also owe a vote of thanks to Paul Dick, outgoing President of the BYCF, for the fundraising he did for the new elevator. A special mention must go to a couple of very generous members, Jeanne Fuller and John Killick who made significant donations to the Elevator Fund. The project was planned by Vice Commodore Rob Braden and driven to conclusion by Paul Moore the General Manager. The new elevator will be a tremendous addition to the Club and make the Upper Deck more easily accessible for some of our members. In the near future the next part of the East Wall Project will get underway. That will include new windows on the East Wall and a new main entry. The work will be done early in the New Year.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of you who have supported me during my time as Commodore and to wish a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

I look forward to seeing you at the AGM and around the Club at social events.



PROJECTS

by – Rob Braden
Vice Commodore



This season that started off cold corrected itself to be a beautiful, hot summer that included wind, which doesn't usually accompany hot weather. A true sailor's summer. To me it seems a long time since launch, yet now it seems like fall is rushing up to meet us.

This can partially be blamed on how much was accomplished this year around the club (of course I would never admit to age being a factor). The obvious example here is getting the elevator started and almost finished, but there are way more small and medium sized projects that were accomplished as outlined in my annual report.

As an update on the elevator, we are on track to see completion in the week of Oct. 5th. Done, Completed, Finished ... All that should be left to do is get it inspected and have the permit issued, which is not expected to take long. We will have use of the elevator before the end of the season.

Still to come is the execution of the final part of the clubhouse East Wall project, the actual removal of the old windows on the East Wall, the

addition of the new door and creation of the office space. It is expected that we will be ready to go this fall, but we are likely to begin the undertaking in January to lessen impact on member use of the clubhouse.

Rather than re-list projects covered in the annual reports, let me draw attention to a few projects that have, in my opinion high impact. In the clubhouse, after much research and a lot of flak, Kevin Bundy sticking to his guns and some help from David Smythe produced a fireplace insert that not only helps solve issues of draft, smoke and heat loss, but it adds to the overall look of the room. Similarly, the new Upper Deck balcony railings have dramatically changed the look of the club and view of the river from the room.

Similarly, the work of Harbour Manager Andrew Furey on the land around the east end of the Inner harbour in Crimson Cove is spectacular. It really adds to the improving look of our grounds.

At a Harbour Committee meeting held in August I affirmed my support that the next big club project should be in the harbour. This is a generally held position supported by most. There are a couple of different options that could fall into this category including upgrading the electrical system around the harbour, adding more docks, and the rebuilding of several sections of the harbour wall to name a few. Harbourmaster John Morrow and Andrew Furey, are evaluating several options so that we can move to the planning stages

and be ready to execute when the funding for the East Wall of the Club house project is paid off.

Looking down the road there is work to be done on the fireplace chimney this year, sorting out the approach to the new entrance to the clubhouse, on foot and by car, and what to do about the condition of the Bruce Shed.

The other aspect of projects (and events) that doesn't come out in annual reports is how important the staff is in the equation. All the planning, grand schemes and ideas we can come up with would be for naught if we didn't have the quality of service and performance of work that our staff does on a regular basis. Kudos go out to Paul, Glen, Gaz, Breanna, Andrew and the rest of the staff.



House & Grounds Report

from – Kevin Bundy
(Director)



By the time you get this, winter will be either around us or just around the corner. Most of the boats will be put to bed for the winter and some of us will already have headed down south to much warmer climes. The "house and grounds" will be readied for winter, with the gardens cleaned out and the garden furniture and marquee put away. Our new elevator will be ferrying people between floors and, if things go according to plan, work on the East Wall of the clubhouse will have begun.

Coming up soon will be the Annual General Meeting where the next Commodore and Board of Directors will be elected. I have put my name in for another term as the House and Grounds Director, but nothing is certain so below I have outlined a couple tasks for the next H&G Director which could be done by volunteers.

1. Leveling the interlock brick sidewalk that runs from the parking lot to the clubhouse along the tennis courts. The bricks have settled below the ground level in a number of locations and this causes water to form in puddles and slippery ice in the winter.
2. Trimming the cedars between the security gatehouse and the tennis courts. These have grown unattended for the last few years and are overdue to be trimmed, but the trees have gotten very high.
3. Painting! Everything outside that is painted needs to be repainted on a two year cycle. This includes wooden lawn furniture, the benches at the waterfront of the clubhouse, the flagpole and the wooden curb along the sidewalk by the tennis courts.
4. Structures to provide shade for the spit area of the harbour and where the "big boats" are moored on the east side of the harbour (and other areas that I might have missed). This has been under discussion with a number of sailing members over the last couple of years and what we are leaning towards are pergola-like structures similar to the one that is behind the Bruce Shed that offers shelter from the sun and rain. What I would like to see is a design committee formed early in the new year to come up with a design.
5. We need more Muskoka/Adirondack chairs and picnic tables. Our most economical solution is buying chair kits and then assembling and painting them. A chair seems to have a life time of about 5 years, so we need a replacement program and we also need to make the chair pool a bit larger. Similarly, we need more picnic tables.

6. The children's playground area needs attention, replacing the wooden boards, adding some fresh sand, straightening the teeter-totter and freshening the paint.

If any of these projects are of interest to you to do your share of the volunteer work, please let me or the new H&G Director know.

Finally, as this is the last Full & By for the year, I would like to repeat my gratitude and appreciation to all the House and Ground Committee members and all the other volunteers that have made my work a lot easier. I am looking forward to another year of the same.

Best of the Season and a Happy New Year to all!



Social Report

by – Beth Shepherd (Director)



In October, Friday Night Entertainment wrapped up for another season. Thank you Claire, Joan and Bonnie, for your contributions. We will be preparing the 2016 playlist over the winter. If you have comments or suggestions about what you would like to hear on warm Friday Nights next summer, please send them along to social@byc.ca

In the meantime, our fall program is well underway. A variety of pirates, princesses, goblins and other be-costumed folk of all

ages enjoyed our Hallowe'en Party, led by Peter Pigott and Mike Fahmy. The Club hosted its annual Remembrance Day commemoration led by Dan Delorey.

Wednesday Movie Night is back! Come to the Club on Wednesday evenings and enjoy dinner and a movie. Join members Sunday, November 29 for this year's Grey Cup Party.

Then our Christmas events kick off:

- Christmas Buffet on December 11
- Wassail/ Children's Party on December 13
- Christmas Cheer, on December 16

Watch for details in the "Messages from the Office."

Book now for our fabulous New Year's Eve Party, Thursday, December 31 - see poster for details.

The Social Committee and events leads are working on making your winter at BYC fun and entertaining. If you have ideas of events or want to be part of the committee, let us know at social@byc.ca.

LAST SAIL ON THE BAY

by – John Wright

It's a morning with dew at six on the clock
It's a morning for flannel,
two shirts and wool socks.

The warmth will come later and by lunch be quite nice.
But summer is over,
soon the lake will be ice.

It's my strange obsession.
Will this be the day?
Or have I had already,
my last sail on the bay?



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Remembrance Day Ceremony

Join us to commemorate the many civilians and military personnel who lost their lives in armed conflicts.

The Ceremony will begin at 10:45 sharp at the flag, reception and a presentation to follow with a special guest speaker from the Department of National Defence and Sea Cadets from the *HMSCC Centurion*.



Please contact Dan Delorey at pr@byc.ca for further information.



The **Britannia-Rideau Power and Sail Squadron** invites all to a photo and information session about a 3 year journey **by trawler** to the Bahamas

In the fall of 2012, David Falls and Nancy White fell in love with a 1986 Monk 36 trawler they called Peapod. Recently retired ex-sailors, they had a dream of escaping Ottawa winters to cruise in the turquoise waters of the Bahamas. Little did they know what adventures awaited them as they chased this fantasy, from family emergencies to mishaps on the water and unexpected mechanical troubles.

In the spring of 2015, Peapod finally ghosted into Bimini, gateway to the southern Bahamas. From there to Nassau and the Exumas, there were plenty more adventures and surprises along the way.

Peapod is now up on the hard in Florida, fulfilling David and Nancy's dream of having a floating cottage within spitting distance of the Bahamas.

So now come out and join Nancy and David and learn how **you** too could do it!

Date: Thursday, 12 November, 7:00 P.M.

Place: Centrepointe Theatre
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TRIBUTE TO A PAST CHERISHED MEMBER

Globe & Mail article re Dr. Harold Beach
By - Norm Beach, Harold's son.



Dentist, sailor, dancer, musician.
Born December 7, 1912, in Winchester, Ont.;
died April 1, 2015, in Toronto,
aged 102.

Harold's mother, Emma Jean, was born on a farm practically in the shade of the first McIntosh apple tree, which had been cultivated by her great-uncle, John McIntosh. Harold's father, Norman, was born in a dirt-floored cabin in a place known locally as Hellgate Swamp, but eventually became manager of a sash-and-door factory in Winchester, a small community south of Ottawa.

As a boy, Harold wandered the factory, tutored by the woodworkers and machinists, whose occasional missing fingers attested to cruel lessons learned at the blade of a circular saw. On the roof, he secretly built what he thought would be a glider. His father discovered it, averting both the glider's inaugural flight, and Harold's premature death.

Dreams of flight were followed by dreams of architecture. However, when enrolling at the University of Toronto as the Great Depression began, Harold decided dentistry would be a more practical career choice. After graduation, he began practising in the Ottawa Valley but work was scarce in hard times. He was once paid with a bag of carrots.

When the Second World War broke out in 1939, he enlisted in the Canadian Dental Corps and served in Holland and Italy, where he contracted malaria and hepatitis, resulting in a near-death experience which solidified his Christian faith and led to a lifetime of unwavering moral principle. He was joined in this by his wife Pat, whom he met in Ottawa and wed in 1952, a union that lasted until her death in 2011.

Harold had a long professional career in Ottawa, serving as President of the Ontario Dental Association and retiring in 1987 after 50 years of practice.

He had a passion for sailing and placed second in an international yacht race between Quebec and Charlottetown when he was 71. He was never too old to start something new, whether it was jogging in his 60s, cycling in his 70s, or learning to play trombone in his 90s. On his 100th birthday, he danced with many partners, his only regret being that Pat, the love of his life, was no longer with him. Determined to stay active, he continued practising with the New Horizons Band at his church, and walking the treadmill and lifting weights at the YMCA.

Harold was a lifelong home handyman who undertook his most remarkable project in his 90s. Beginning with two barrels set up under an eavestrough, he assembled a water recovery system of 10 interconnected 50-gallon drums ringing the house on three sides; he stopped only when his daughter-in-law, a real estate agent, advised him that putting water barrels in front of the house would diminish the property value.

Having correctly predicted that water would become the blue gold of this century, he was also ahead of the curve on energy conservation and bought one of the early-model Prius hybrid cars at 91. At 100, he was still driving it, living in his own home and walking without a cane.

He took an active interest in current affairs, frequently expressing concern about the world that future generations would inherit. After two years of declining health, however, he told his caregiver that it was time to "go see Pat." A brief illness followed, and he was on his way.

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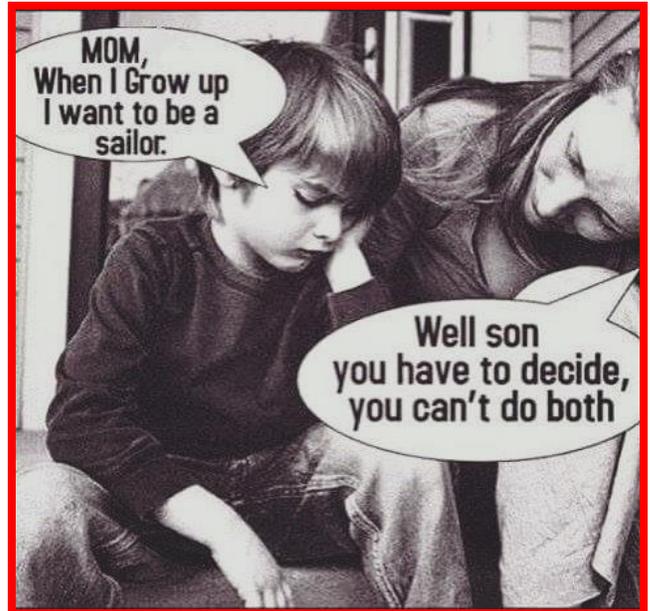
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Between the Sheets

NEWS FOR BOATERS - RACERS AND CRUISERS November 2015

"When the power of love overcomes the love of power,
the world will know peace." - Jimi Hendrix

DON'T FORGET

AWARDS DINNER.....	Nov 14
REMEMBRANCE DAY REGATTA.....	Nov 15
CHRISTMAS BUFFET.....	Fri. Dec. 11
WASSAIL.....	Sun. Dec. 13
CHRISTMAS CHEER.....	Wed. Dec. 16
NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY.....	Dec 31
INTERCLUB AWARDS NIGHT.....	Jan 14/16



from - Kirk Robertson - Protest Chair & PHRF Rep.



What PHRF News

PHRF is gradually creating a more mathematical basis for its adjustments, if not its base ratings. Some of you had to re-measure sails this year, expect this to continue.

All racing relies on individual racers acknowledging changes made to their boats. If you race your boat in a different configuration from what your certificate states, you are breaking the rules. Don't be surprised, if you get protested for it.

Perhaps memory is failing, but I do seem to remember that we had more family orientated cruisers in upriver races in times past. It may be time to consider what we can do to get more cruisers involved; e.g. extra time for bun trailing, trophies for families where a dinghy & cruiser participate together, family oriented raft ups, picnics at end of race, separate starts for cruisers.

Protest News

It has been a quiet year, as usual. That said, a few things can be noted from the actual protests filed and heard.

1) If the onus is on you to keep clear; you may still lose a protest when you did keep clear if, in the opinion of another boat, it felt like it had to avoid you. This remains true even if you hail "hold your course."

2) Only boats registered to race can participate in any given race. Our clubs make it very easy to "register" and boats have registered the morning of. Racing "un-registered" is at best impolite and can result in a protest under fair sailing.

3) While most rules now come into force slowly - luffing, there are still some that apply instantly- the 3 boat length rule, staying clear when a boat decides to correct a rule that it has broken (not at the point of breaking it). Suffice to say these instant changes create much discussion in and out of the protest room. One suspects that future editions of the RRS will address the issue, as people do not react instantly.



Drag Racing on the Ottawa River

by- Malcolm McHattie – Up-River Race Rep.



Wind delivered in spades for the Fall upriver racing season - non-prevailing wind direction and healthy power gave us fast reaches upriver and down. The long 100 and 50-mile races and the short Queen's Park were completed in record or near record times - ending the season with fun and excitement after a summer with the mix of variable winds for which the Ottawa River is famous - and loved!

For the fortunate few it was 'plane' fun and for others satisfying sailing in great conditions. Winds and rain together with lower temperatures were forecast and delivered for both the 100 and 50-mile races. Extremes were generally avoided and those who ventured with adequate wet gear and warm clothing were able to enjoy the best of sailing. For the shorter Queen's Park and the

Between the Sheets

NSC 20-Mile races good wind was accompanied by pleasant temperatures, enjoyable for all.

Just eight boats completed the 100 Mile Race, 6 from BYC and one each from Nepean and Aylmer. Gunsmoke finished in under 23 hours, being home in time for cocktails before Saturday dinner. Two and a half hours later the winner on corrected time, Thumper, and two other boats arrived just in time for a later dinner. The remaining crews finished in the middle of the second night.

The 50 Mile Race had an unattractive forecast, discouraging many from sailing, but turned-out to be fast and exciting. Gunsmoke finished in less than 7 hours, winning on corrected time as well as enjoying a leisurely late lunch while waiting for the next boat. Others enjoyed a full day's sail and were home in daylight.

Firefly flew its spinnaker - on its way to a likely win - and kept it up when the wind was at its peak. This involves risk, and a spectacular broach resulted. The cockpit filled with water and did not self-bail. The cockpit drains were unblocked and order was restored just in time to avoid Blueberry. "Trying the limits" did not win this time but, even with the delay, Firefly came a close second - on corrected time, 14 minutes behind Gunsmoke, after 8 hours of racing.

The Queen's Park Race was a fast reach to just above Aylmer Island and another fast reach back to BYC. White sails provided hull speed and more, but a spinnaker discreetly employed could potentially lift the bow and encourage surfing or even planing. Firefly, this time with a large audience, again demonstrated the process of finding the limits - she broached and spectacularly exposed below-the-water-line secrets.

If trying the limits of powerful sails does not satisfy, racers sometimes try the limits of navigation - a number of boats ran aground in the two long-distance races. The sandbar at K16 (Mohr Island), the reef on the Ontario side of K15 (Buckham's Bay), the Constance Shoal by K8 and K10, Table Rock at K5, Blueberry at K4 and long portions of the Quebec shore are favourites for prolonged visits. Our generally conservative navigation buoys do not always allow for much interpretation. The Ottawa River, like all bodies of water, has depths to be discovered and variously welcoming shorelines. We had lots of time to find the hard spots with the low water levels coming early this season.

There were several reports of floating logs. This used to be common when logs shipped downriver and still, many years later, a combination of conditions can free old logs from their temporary homes on the river bed. They are rarely a serious problem.

If Andrew risks the limits on the water (often with success) the yard crew is a tight and efficient ship on shore. They are working hard so that we can enjoy late Fall and Winter knowing that our boats are well positioned for next Spring. Please no broaches in the harbour.

Although there is a month of the 2015 season left - the Presentation Dinner (Saturday, November 14) and

the Remembrance Day Race (Sunday, November 15) - note that Spring 2016 will be here soon. Now is the time to give some thought to next year. Please pass to me or any member of the Sailing Committee ideas and preferences that could enhance weekend and up-river sailing events.

**C&C 27 REPORT**

by - Konrad Lewinski



We had a fantastic round of racing in the fall series. We ended with more racing than Tuesday nights because the wind gods favoured Thursday evening racing.

We had "the kids" from Skidbladnir take out Firefly for a number of races and boost the Firefly results in the fall series, however they finished the season doing OD on Skidbladnir.

Thumper was the best BYC boat on the course with various skippers pitching in for Mike and David O'Sullivan. Abracadabra was a distant second for BYC followed by Kokopelli, Interlude and Firefly.

Overall BYC participation in C&C 27 OD racing is declining with the loss of Mojo, which didn't race this season. Our fleet is hopeful that a new owner will be forthcoming who is interested in racing Mojo from BYC.

Our Club has gone from the majority of C&C 27's on the start line to a small minority (4 out of 14). If the decline continues, we will end up like the Mirage 24s and Tanzer 22s as less than a qualified fleet of boats! WE MUST NOT LET THIS HAPPEN!

See you at the Awards Banquet!



2015 CRUISE WEEK

By - Catherine Radatus



Now that boats are tucked away until spring, we can catch up on our sailing-related reading.

Many thanks to Jim Johnston for sharing the following story about his voyage from Morehead City, NC, across the Gulf Stream, and on to Simpson Bay, Sint Maarten. If you have a story (and photos) to share, email byc.cruise.week@gmail.com.

From Beaufort, North Carolina to Sint Maarten

By the time the Cape Lookout lighthouse had receded into the distance, the sea temperature had risen to 22 degrees C, a clear indication that we had begun crossing the Gulf Stream. The Cape Lookout lighthouse warns mariners that they are approaching the infamous shoals extending from Cape Hatteras and the Outer Banks of North Carolina, "Graveyard of the Atlantic." I worried that although we had been sailing for more than 10 hours since leaving Morehead City, the depth sounder was still showing only 80 feet. I wanted it to be a lot deeper before I felt comfortable leaving the cockpit and an opportunity to attempt sleep.

Despite a departure from Morehead City harbour at slack tide early in the afternoon, we nevertheless faced several hours of rough seas, stirred up by the southwesterly that had been blowing the previous few days. The harbour channel exits for several miles, past the Shackleford banks adjacent to Beaufort, where wild ponies graze in and around the salt water marshes to the delight of locals and tourists alike. On either side of the channel are found dangerous sand bars and on our departure they could be easily detected by the surf breaking over them. A local fishing boat provided an unintentional escort for both us, on *Montamarol*, and *Two Loose*, another sailboat bound southwest, seemingly toward Charleston.

It was mid-November, and our route was East then South for the North East Caribbean. The paid weather routing service proposed a passage for crossing the Gulf Stream and making way for Sint Maarten, our planned destination at roughly 18 N, 63W:

"1) Suggest leaving midday Wednesday and aiming for waypoints 30n/65w then 28n/63w to set up for NE to E trades

a) you may see rougher conditions if you leave earlier

2) If you were to be a little farther to the S, you may see winds turn more into the ENE to E for Mon

3) Enter Gulf Stream near 34 15n/76w and exit near 33 40n/74 25w"

However, and before we left, one friend who has familiarity with the route recommended leaving "with the first high tide after the last low pressure has passed right after Thanksgiving and then just keep going east."

Soon we entered the deeper, warmer water that I was seeking. The wind had shifted more to the west and strengthened slightly as we turned east south east so that we might cross the 'stream' as quickly as possible. With a forecast calling for 15 knots diminishing overnight, a full main and genoa set, I retired with instructions to my wife Laura, to wake me if the wind grows stronger or things 'seem scary'. Later, under a nearly full moon and star filled sky, when I checked the GPS log I discovered that while I slumbered we had achieved 11.4 kts in a vessel with a theoretical hull speed of 7.5 knots! It must have happened as we slid down the back of one of the 6 to eight foot waves that joined us galloping like the wild horses of the Shackleford banks.

Morning light brought us to the other side of the Gulf Stream, close on to 32' 20" north. I felt relieved to have safely crossed this river in the ocean where, if you are caught out with a strong northeasterly, you will be facing not only a beat to windward, but one with steep, sharp, confused seas where the current opposes the wind!

To get to Sint Maarten from Beaufort the recommended route is to cross the Gulf Stream as quickly as possible and then continue east (or as near east as you can) in order to first pick up, with luck, a nor'easterly that will carry you south east towards the 63rd meridian and 22 degrees north where the easterlies will carry you, on a beam reach, 720 NMs to the Sombrero Island Light, guarding the Anageda passage and the entrance to "Paradise."

What seems to have been simple instruction became more complicated as I regarded the black clouds to the North West gaining on us in their march, like us, to the East. We shortened sail in anticipation of the anticipated squall. The Eastern end of this black monster showed blue sky, so a slight turn Northwards placed us on a new course away from our destination but one which would allow the storm to sweep below us. The seas were left in a sloppy state before the wind died away to less than 8 knots leaving us to motor as we pitched and rolled south once again.

36 hours later, we finally picked up the North East Trades at 31-41.55N / 067-51.33W close on to the island of Bermuda, which lay little more than 100 miles to the North East. As we continued South Easterly the winds increased and slowly swung to the East as we moved further south. Six days out of Morehead City and at 29-04.39N / 065-01.27W we logged a speed of 6.5 knots – sailing at last! And a promise in the air of more to come. As the wind began building above 15 kts we reduced sail even further to the point where only a partially exposed genoa was doing the work. Still we continued on a beam reach (the perfect point of sail!) at speeds in excess of 8

knots slowly following the arc that was our course, slowly curving through East South East, East, South East and eventually due South, 180 degrees along the 62nd Meridian.

Due south along the 63rd degree on Longitude would have brought us to the front door of Sint Maarten. However, there is the matter of the Northwest Equatorial Current which flows above the Leeward Islands of Anguilla, Sint Maarten and the British Virgin Islands, sometimes with a drift of as much as 2 knots setting to the West. Consequently, we chose a slightly Easterly course to offset the possible drift towards the BVI's, ranging just west of 62 degrees of Longitude. As things turned out, the current was virtually non-existent.

It was during these last few days of "Southing" that we had some of our best days' runs, posting an average of 133 NM per day over the 3 days that brought us within sight of Anguilla to port and the Sombrero light to starboard. Sombrero Island is so named because of its shape when seen from space, or on a chart. In fact it was during these days of advancing towards Sint Maarten that our plotter logged a top speed of 13.4 knots! We must have been sliding down a wave!

Sint Maarten's Simpson Bay was well within sight, but the Easterlies were not going to make the last fifteen miles easy. Despite a course that brought us in an Easterly direction into the lee of the Island, the wind persisted out of the East and on our nose at 20 to 30 knots.

Enough! Finally, a few miles out of Simpson Bay we started the engine again and the anchor was down a short while later. Paradise was regained.



Commodore Burke implores the gods of wind and water for safe and rapid passage as part of the renaming ceremony for Catherine and Phil's boat, now called "Inception"

Photo by Dan Delorey.

PRESENTATION DINNER SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2015



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November 2015

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Food services: Meals available when bar is open						
						1 End of Daylight Saving Time ALL SAINTS DAY
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			Movie Night "The Gods Must be Crazy"			
Last Quarter						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Movie Night "American Sniper"			 PRESENTATION DINNER	REMEMBRANCE DAY REGATTA
AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE 11:00 A.M. SHARP New Moon						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
			Movie Night "Pitch Perfect 2"			
BREAKFAST CLUB STARTS						
First Quarter						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		Movie Night "Witness for the Prosecution"				
Full Moon						
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Food services: Meals available when bar is open.						
						 Hannukkah Begins BREAKFAST 9:30a.m. - 11:30a.m.
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Movie Night "National Lampoon Christmas Vacation"				
Last Quarter						
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		BYCF AGM 6:00 p.m. BYC AGM 7:00 p.m.			BYC Christmas Buffet Upper Deck	WASSAIL CHILDRENS WASSAI PARTY 1:00-4:00pm
New Moon						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
 Hannukkah Ends	Christmas Cheer					
First Quarter						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Winter Solstice Club Closed	Club Closed	Club Closed	CHRISTMAS EVE Club Closed	Full Moon  CHRISTMAS DAY Club Closed	Boxing Day Club Closed	Club Closed
28	29	30	31			
Club Closed	Club Closed	Club OPEN 4:00P.M. to close	 Club OPEN 11:00A.M. to close NEW YEAR'S EVE			

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