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There are two cars under there

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From the Bridge

from – John Morrow,
Commodore



As this is the first article of the New Year, I hope the winter months have been met with good health and cheer. Christmas and New Year's activities were enjoyed by many thanks to the Social Committee agenda and the festive decorating. This is just one area of club activities that is successful due to the efforts of volunteers within the Club.

Various committees within the Directors' portfolios have been established to assist the respective Director with strong input and discussion. A Governance Committee is new this year and will be focusing their efforts on reviewing and updating the current bylaws, regulations and third party Memorandums of Understanding.

Several members have secured a mooring on the next pod of docks to be purchased. If any boat owners wish to be included in this next improvement of our infrastructure, please contact Mark at the office.

The construction taking place on the East wall is

reported to be on schedule and budget. I must thank Rob, Kevin and their committees for their commitment to overseeing this project. A special thank you to Mr. Moore, Mark, Breanna, BC and the bar staff for enduring the noise and dirt associated with a project of this scope. We have been provided with positive updates on a regular basis by the General Manager. As Commodore, I am always concerned with the "dates and dollars" of these improvements to our clubhouse.

This past week we have had a new record for snowfall on Tuesday and old man winter still has boat owners checking tarps. Once again I am pleased to report that Andrew will be at the helm of the harbour. The third weekend in May, the usual big boat launch will arrive, whether or not the weather-man blesses us with fair weather. The Club is planning a program to celebrate Canada's 150th and BYC's 130th Anniversary. 2017 is also the 60th Anniversary of the National Capital Regatta.

While visiting St. Kitts and Nevis this month, Linda and I had the pleasure to visit with Wendy Smith and Bill Lumsdon. Their vessel "Overstreet" is a 54 foot Halberg Rassey with all the amenities required for living aboard. A quick tour of Nevis revealed a truly lush volcanic island with Caribbean flare. The visit was coupled with a question and answer session for wannabe cruisers down south! It must be noted that even in Nevis

IN MEMORIAM

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

BOB YUILE

Saturday, December 17, 2016



The Board of Directors and Members of Britannia Yacht Club extend their deepest sympathy to his wife Joan, daughter Lauren (Mark), sons Chris and Sean (Michelle), sister Heather, seven grandchildren, one great grandchild, nieces and nephews and all his many friends.

there are sailors that consider BYC as their home club.

Cheers to longer, sunny days ahead!



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HARBOUR REPORT

by - John Wright
 Rear Commodore



I'm always astounded at how quickly we can move from ice to open water. With that in mind, we have started planning for commissioning the harbour this spring starting with installation of another pod of docks. They will be located west of the south masting crane with one (wider) dock replacing the existing dock adjacent to that crane.

Five years ago, the Board set aside \$20,000 a year - for 5 years - for harbour repairs. This has expired, and last fall I put forward a request for money to repair the dam wall and lower walkway at the outlet pipe on the east wall. I also requested funds to study and start some work to improve the electrical distribution in the harbour. The intent is to provide power kiosks along the north wall and a re-lamp the street lights around the harbour road with LED fixtures, which would free up capacity and lower electrical costs. There may be grant money available for the re-lamping.

There are also a couple of new projects I would like to undertake: The first would be a dinghy launch ramp beside Sherwood Point. This has been discussed for many years and would be very useful for the junior program, and during regattas. It would also allow access to the river for both dinghies and rescue craft when the flood gate is in place. Secondly a new septic pump-out machine for boat holding tanks. Last summer the Board was favourable to the idea of a new pump-out, but wanted to hold off that decision, to

judge it in context with other financial needs. In the meantime we have a reconditioned pump and have a second one as back up so that, should one fail, it can be replaced immediately, without waiting for repair. We will also prepare an instruction sign board, as there are a few tricks that help with the operation.

The Board has not yet approved any of these requests for 2017 harbour work.

Finally, last summer I commissioned a study by a marine engineering firm to determine the urgency, method of rehabilitation and order of magnitude costs for the harbour. This was done by the Ottawa office of Baird and Associates, a highly respected international firm. I asked about the seawall, east end of the harbour, west sluice gate and the shoreline erosion north of the Junior Club. Of note is that while soil has eroded away along the riverbank, we are losing height - not land as such - as the underlying shale here is the remnant of the original island. Armoring this river edge with large stone is an expensive proposition and I will be recommending that we investigate grant sources for assistance with the cost. The report will be posted on the Members' area of the BYC website in "Club Documents."

Please contact me through the office if you have any issues or concerns of which I should be aware. Otherwise I will give more detail at the Boat Owners' Meeting at 1p.m. on Sunday April 9.

PROJECTS

by - Rob Braden
 Rear Commodore



HAVE YOU PEEKED?

The East Wall is coming along very well. On time, on budget. Fingers crossed that nothing unforeseen is

discovered. We expect completion by the end of March. Paul Moore has been ever diligent in keeping on top of the day-to-day work.

One of the biggest discoveries was that the heating ducts were originally very poorly installed in the ceiling of the women's change room. Many of them had become disconnected, so it is no wonder it seemed a bit cold in there.

The other interesting discovery was that when the wall was removed, they discovered this bricked in doorway right where the new doorway is to be situated -



Below a view looking NW at the wall from the outside. You can see into the women's locker room at the booth and the workmen on the 2nd floor in front of where the old east wall windows were.



The next picture is the



new doorway with the old front doorframe being installed. –

Hats off to the members of the decorating committee who stepped up and, with not a lot of time, put their heads together to pick flooring, wall colours, lights, doors, & door hardware. Kaitlin Riordan led the team of Janet Bailey, Janet Ferguson, Susan Fried, Ada Simpson, and the lone male on the committee, our House Director Kevin Bundy.

Hopefully, if all goes according to plan, by May, the whole area will look like it has always been that way. It certainly rationalizes the space, interior flow and makes the club interior feel bigger and more grand.



House & Grounds Report

from – Kevin Bundy (Director)



We have started the new year and in doing so celebrate not only the 150th anniversary of Canada as a nation, but also the 130th anniversary of the Britannia Yacht Club, as well as the 60th anniversary of the National Capital Regatta. If they haven't come up already, we have planted 170 special Canada Sesquicentennial tulip bulbs along the walkway from the parking lot to the club house. Many thanks to Commodore Morrow for their donation and thanks too to the Grounds Sub-Committee who planted them one cold and windy day last October.



The Official Tulip of Canada's 150th Anniversary

As you know the biggest improvement to the House and Grounds this year is the East Wall renovation of the clubhouse. With the addition of a new main entrance, new offices and new window, the clubhouse will be much improved in both look and function. As I write this in mid-February, the renovations are about half done and ahead of schedule. Surprisingly, there have been few surprises. One we did get is that some of the HVAC (heating) duct work had become disconnected over the years, which, along with the lack of insulation in the walls and old windows, led to the cold washrooms and upper deck in the winter. So the new wall should create a much more comfortable environment. The other surprise was an old door opening right where the new door is going. According to Peter Sneyd, a very long-time member, there was once a door there from the ladies' locker room to the tennis courts. Many thanks to Rob Braden, Joey Kroeger and Paul Moore for their hard work in getting this done, and many thanks to those in the various sub committees that lent their advice, wisdom and sense of colours.

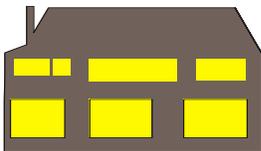
With the completion of new wall and a change in the main entrance, we will now need to reorganize the traffic patterns at the new front of the building and landscape it. This, of course, will take money and will need to be done over the next few years. We are considering adding more raised gardens using interlocking brick. If anyone has any experience with interlock and is willing to help, please let me know email - houseandgrounds@byc.ca.

This year's House and Grounds Committee is just about official, but until it is, I best not jinx it and release

the names. There is no deadline in joining though, and if you would like to, please let me know. We always need gardeners and those with carpentry and painting skills.

One last note is that the Spring Work Party will likely be in mid- or early May, avoiding the long weekend. It's too early to set the exact date yet, but I do want to keep it mind. It's usually a short day and we can never run out of volunteer help!

SPRING IS COMING!



Marketing & PR

by – Jason Hess (Director)



Since the New Year rang in our Social Committee has hosted various events where members were eagerly catching up with each other over wine, great food and fun company - despite the colder weather and accumulation of snow. As we are forging into 2017, the completion of the East wall is nearing and the Club will have a fresh new look for our 130th Year and the celebrations throughout the year.

The primary objective for marketing at BYC is to communicate with members and the public to let them know about the amenities our Club offers, the

atmosphere of our cottage in the city and to encourage new faces to become members, promote our fantastic youth program, increase enrolment and attend all the programs and social activities that take place throughout the year here at our picturesque waterfront site.

For many people that brings to mind marketing pieces like brochures, newspaper, flyers, posters, postcards, promotions, newsletters, emails, contests and a myriad of other marketing vehicles. For certain these are tried and true methods, which we employ and will continue at different times.

However, when you think of marketing in the broader sense of the word, communicating with fellow members and the public about our Club and the value of being a member, then every one of you is helping to market Britannia Yacht Club every time you talk to a friend, family or colleagues about our facilities, food & beverage, social events and activities.

As you are aware BYC has a social media presence, on which our members post messages, photos and videos of their fun and memorable experiences. We encourage you to visit and join us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for highlights from fellow members on the water and around the Club. When you are visiting BYC's social media outlets don't forget to check in, post, tag and comment, your endorsement is an extremely powerful tool, which can have far more meaning and impact in the community to build upon the brand of what an excellent Yacht Club BYC is.

Think about how much weight a recommendation from a friend or acquaintance carries in our decisions concerning the places we go, the restaurants and movies we attend, the concerts and performances we take in. Now you begin to understand that each and every one of you is, to some degree, a BYC marketer, and an extremely knowledgeable one at that!!!!

You are our not-so-secret "secret marketing team." Keep up the great work!

Tennis Report

from – Marion Xhigness
(Director)



The Tennis Committee is working hard planning for the 2017 season.

Providing the weather cooperates, we are launching a 6 week Junior Lessons Program on Friday, April 28 - 5:00 to 6:30 - culminating on Saturday, June 10 with a tournament as part of the Tucker-Rodgers Regatta. Free to Members - more details to follow, but if you are interested contact tennis@byc.ca.

In order to be ready for this new event we are planning the Tennis Spring Work Party for Saturday, April 22.

Season Open Orientation Session and Round Robin will follow the next week, Sunday, May 7; learn about the ball machine, pickleball, leagues and ladders.

Free Group Tennis lessons for Members - **ALL MEMBERS** - continue this year. Sign up through tennis@byc.ca. James Ferguson, our Pro, is returning for his third year with us, and will be putting us through the paces on Wednesday and Thursday Evenings. Beginner and Intermediate levels on Wednesdays; and Beginner and Doubles on Thursdays. Session I to begin May 10/11.

After two successful years hosting the successful NCTA Intermediate Level City Championships we are hoping to host again in late June, but at the time of writing we are still confirming dates with NCTA.

And, of course, our always popular Grand Slam Finals - Croissant & Cafe au Lait for the French Open; Strawberries & Cream for Wimbledon;

as well as other Tournaments on the big screen again this year.

BYC Tennis News is generally spread through a group email, stay in the loop by contacting the Tennis Committee at tennis@byc.ca

ALL Members welcome to ALL events!

See you on the courts!



Social Report

by – Beth Shepherd
(Director)



2017 Social program is already well underway. After a strong turnout to our Christmas events hosted by Paul Moore we had a sell-out *Colours and Tastes of Canada*-themed New Year's Eve Party welcoming in 2017. Guests had lots of fun dancing to the music of the Kingmakers and challenging themselves with BYC's Sesquicentennial trivia questions.

Susan Peacock-Hacking led and MC'ed this year's Burns Supper. She and her team put on a great event along with all the very enthusiastic participants, including RCMP Sgt. Don Corbett from the RCMP who, for the second year, did an amazing address to the haggis. This was followed by poems, toasts, music, Scottish dancing and even a play. Thanks Susan, for an outstanding job. And thanks to all the contributors and staff who made the event memorable for all.



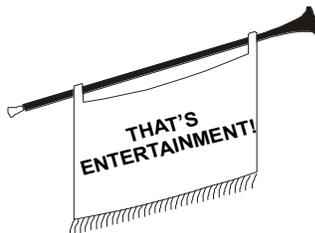
Susan Peacock-Hacking, Bonnie Rooney, Roger Hacking, Garry Logue and Guy Painchaud take a bow at the end of the skit "Miss Murray" (Robin Averill in the background)

We are on the home stretch for this year's Wednesday Night at the Movies. Guy Painchaud and the movie selection team (Tish Cook, Joan Yuile, Kaitlin Riordan and Bob Sunday) have provided an award-winning line up for your enjoyment. Watch for movie info in the weekly announcements from the office and come out for dinner and a movie.

We hope you join us for St Paddy's Day Dinner-Dance. We are working on a small plates dinner for Thursday, April 6 (see poster).

Before we know it, we will be opening our Friday Night Entertainment season with Karaoke Night, on April 29. For Canada's sesquicentennial, we are planning a blow-out Canada Day event, which will start on Friday evening and continue Saturday afternoon and evening. Watch for more information.

If you have any questions or comments or would like to get involved in the Social Committee or events, please let me know at social@byc.ca.



BYC FOUNDATION UPDATE: NEW AND IMPROVED!

From - President:

Kirk Robertson



The 3rd Annual General Meeting of the Britannia Yacht Club Foundation was held on December 14, 2016, with our President, Kirk Robertson, chairing. The highlight of the AGM was a PowerPoint presentation by the Treasurer Mary Bundy, summarizing BYCF's 2016 Financial statements, status of the Legacy Funds (Youth Sailing Fund & Internally Restricted Funds), funds invested, BYCF's return on investments and expenses and funds available for disbursements this year.

Our solid history of funds disbursements from interest and dividends accrued since 2013 total \$37,852. The average yearly return on the portfolio since inception is 5.5%.

Monies for Youth Sailing (training boats, sail renewals, dinghy ramp) adding up to \$32,517 have been invaluable to the Learn-to-Sail program at BYC. World class racing flags costing \$2,335 were gifted in 2015. This year \$3,000 will also be directed to the ongoing repair of the basin/harbour mouth at Sherwood Point.

Any Full Member of the Britannia Yacht Club can become a member of the BYCF at no charge. The BYC Foundation's goal this year is to reach out to all members in order to increase our legacy funds and expand our yearly contributions for the wellbeing of all at BYC.

With these objectives in mind the BYC Foundation plans to highlight BYC's 130th year with a "Celebration of Giving" event in May.

Until then we wish to thank all BYC and BYCF members for their continued attention and generous support.

BOB YUILE

Robert McLeod Yuile passed away December 17, 2016, in his 74th year. Bob was a very gifted individual. He excelled in many areas. He had an excellent eye for art, especially photography. He was a professional photographer, having graduated from Rochester University's program.

He was an above average golfer, skier and sailor. Surprisingly, with all that athletic talent, he didn't race or compete. He did take great pride in seeing others do well, especially those he had taught or coached.

Bob grew up basically in Montreal. His father was in the Canadian Armed Forces (RCAF), so he lived in various other parts of Canada as well.

He learned to sail at Royal St. Lawrence Y.C. Sailing seemed to be his choice for sports, so that he progressed and ended up as Technical Director for Sail Quebec. This position made him responsible for the Junior Sailing programs throughout the Province. In addition to looking after the Learn-to-Sail program, he was responsible for the Quebec Sailing Team as the Coach.

While working for Sail Quebec, Bob designed the logo for the province that is still used on their website.

He so impressed the Board of Sail Quebec that he was chosen as the Quebec representative when the Canadian Yachting Association (now Sail Canada) was trying to put together a program and curriculum for learn-to-sail across Canada. After several meetings, his outline was used as the basis of the program.

Bob eventually accepted a job with Crawley Films in Ottawa where his artistic and design skills came to the fore. A 1981 movie entitled "Heavy Metal" was a Canadian-American adult animated film directed by Ivan Reitman. Bob was Production Manager of one segment and Assistant Director on another, and was listed with 4 credits at the end of the film.

His love of sailing and being close to or on the water drew him to Britannia. When the Nepean Sailing Club was looking for some-one to develop a junior sailing program, they came to Bob because of his work with Sail Quebec. He looked after the program for a couple of years, got it established then returned to Britannia.

Bob always served BYC well. He was Fleet Captain for two years and Principal Race Officer for many years. He encouraged and hired young people to run the races - something that remains to this day. He inventoried equipment and kept it in running order. He initiated using computers on Race Committee boats so that race results were posted before racers reached shore.

He lobbied tirelessly to get the 2000 Canadian Youth Championships at Britannia and was successful. He designed a logo for it that was praised throughout the sailing community.

Illness made life very difficult for the last few years. We can remember him as the man he was – husband, father, artist, youth instructor, Race Officer, Board Member, and a damn fine sailor with the everlasting smile on his face.

I am very proud to say that Bob Yuile was a friend of mine.

Rod Miller

A 'CANADA 150' TALL SHIPS ADVENTURE

Sailing vessels Black Jack and Fair Jeanne are wintering side-by-side in Brockville, eagerly awaiting the spring thaw and the beginning of their Canada 150 Tall Ships Adventure. From July 18-23, over 35 ships from around the world will converge on Quebec City for Rendez-Vous 2017 Tall Ships Regatta (RDV2017). Whether you are young or young-at-heart, this will be a Canada 150 event you do not want to miss.

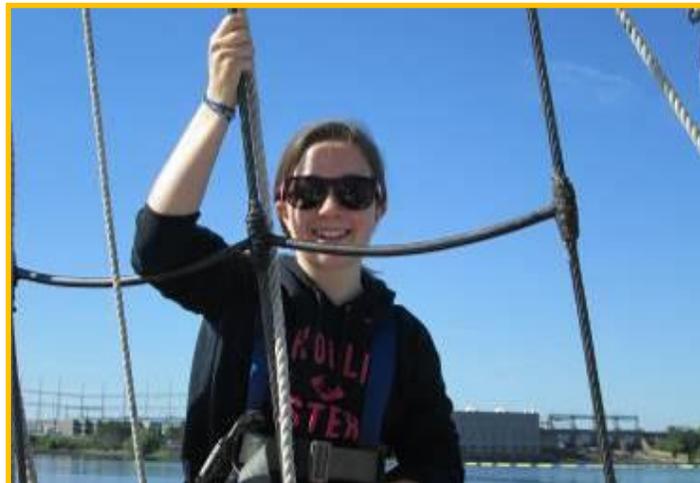
If you are an adult, step aboard Fair Jeanne on June 26th for the adult sail. Sailing in company with Black Jack you will sail to Hamilton to join the Great Lakes Flotilla, 11 ships that will share the journey to Quebec City. Setting course for Quebec, youth aboard the Flotilla ships will have stops for festivals in Bath, Sorel-Tracy (Black Jack) and Trois-Rivières (Fair Jeanne) before arriving under sail to meet the ocean-going giants in Quebec City. Not since 1984 has there been such a display in the harbour.

With the conclusion RDV2017, Black Jack returns to Ontario while Fair Jeanne makes for the coast, participating in the guest out ports programme. The end destination is New York City with stops and festivals in Cornerbrook, NF, Louisbourg, Lunenburg and Shelburne, NS and St. John, NB.

Step aboard to see our beautiful country from a new vantage point and represent Canadians to the world. Youth are challenged to reach new heights on any of the 6 to 20-day voyages this summer. Longer voyages

offer high school credit. Adults should join the trip from Brockville to Hamilton or on any of the legs between Lunenburg, NS and New York City. Regardless of your age, you will meet like-minded people, challenge yourself to learn new skills and have an adventure of a lifetime.

Berths are filling quickly; please contact Christy at 613-596-6258 or info@tallshipsadventure.org for more information or to reserve your spot. Visit www.tallshipsadventure.org/courses for the complete schedule. Information about the Quebec City event can be found at www.rdv2017.com.



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APPLY FOR THE COLIN BLANDY OLYMPIC FUND 2017

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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., Saturday, April 30, 2017, at the BYC club office. An application form can be picked up at the BYC club office or visit the BYC youth web pages and follow the "Colin Blandy Fund" link at <http://byc.ca/index.php/learn-to-sail-byc/youthfundraising>.

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, 2017.

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.

At the end of the 2017 racing season, successful applicants will be required to provide the Trustees with a written outline of their training and racing activities during the season.

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

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NEWS FOR BOATERS - RACERS AND CRUISERS

January-March 2017

"Sailing is better than sex as it's perfectly respectable to sail with a total stranger." - Curmudgeon's Observation

DON'T FORGET

BOAT OWNER'S MEETING.....Sun. Apr 9

SPRING SAILORS' MEETING.....Sun. Apr 9

CLASS 1 NEWS

PHRF <165 (ish)

from – David Foy, Fleet Rep.



Hi everyone.

It's not too early to start thinking of getting out on the water. For those of you not keeping track there are (at the time of writing this) only 68 days till May.

I will be representing Class 1 again this year on the Sailing Committee. We had a number of new boats join late last year. I am hoping to see all of you out on the water this year. If you have any questions or ideas/opportunities or concerns please let me know. Most of you know where to find me ☺. For those new members that don't, I can be found on or around Gunsmoke.

It's never too early to think about racing. The first long distance race is the Shorey Race. It's on the Monday of the long weekend in May. After that is the spring 50 Mile. Start times will be in the Sailing Instructions.

Speaking of the Sailing Instructions, I encourage all of you to read them. There are important details for races and special events and trophies. The other way to find out about events is to watch the notice boards around the Club or talk to other racers.

The Spring Sailors' Meeting is after the Boat Owners' Meeting on April 9. It is a sailors meeting, you don't have to race to attend. It is a good time to come down and check on the boats. For you racers it's a good time to register for racing this year. If you don't have a PHRF certificate, I can point you to the right people.

And now back to dreaming about how to make Gunsmoke faster...

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C&C 27 REPORT

by - Aaron Middleton
C&C 27 Rep.



For those that don't know me, my family and I are avid racers/cruisers and we have been lucky enough to sail with some of the best on the river, but primarily have spent the last 15 years on Thumper, hosted by the O'Sullivans. This is my first year on the Sailing

Committee representing BYC's fantastic C&C 27 fleet. look forward to getting to know and representing the owners and their thoughts on how to increase our participation in the many cruising and racing opportunities that are well suited for this versatile vessel on the Ottawa River.

So, with just over two months away from LAUNCH my first thoughts tend to lean to what can I do on the boat to help get an early start to the season. But this is also a prime time to brush up on some theory. There are an abundant number of courses for skills like VHF, small engine maintenance to keep our Atomic 4s running, or racing rules and tactical that can fill the time. In fact, all are worthwhile for any C&C 27 owner who is looking to support and enhance their cruising or racing.

Over the coming months, I will be working with the other Sailing Committee Reps. and engaging you to find new ways of helping C&C 27 owners make the most of their sailing season. I hope to find ways of introducing new owners to their C&C 27, and providing learning and coaching opportunities for those that want to expand or enhance their racing or cruising experience.

There is a plethora of weeknight, weekend half-day, full-day and overnight, competitive and cruising events coordinated through BYC and the other clubs on the river that any skill level should be able to choose from and enjoy. Have a look at the Sailing Instructions (coming very soon) for more details or, engage myself or any of the Sailing Committee members to find something that is right for you.

I am here to represent you and I am happy to hear new ideas and answer questions to help you and others to make the most of, and enjoy the sailing season!



CLASS 8 REPORT

by – Brian Williamson
Class 8 and JAM Rep.

Right now, in the depths of winter it's pretty hard to think beyond puffy coats and piles of snow to shovel from the end of the driveway - unless you're fortunate enough to head south and race in a Caribbean or Florida regatta. But the Sailing Committee continues to forge through the drifts to meet and plan for the 2017 racing season – including Class 8 (PHRF Division 3) and JAM.

Again this year my main goal is to entice more non-racing boats to come out and start racing in the JAM and PHRF division 3 races. Last season BYC had 2 boats in PHRF Division 3 and 6 boats in the three JAM divisions. For 2017 we hope to entice 3 or 4 additional boats that have expressed interest – if any other boat owners have been thinking about racing, contact me directly or through the BYC office if you want help to get started.

JAM racing is an easy introduction to racing (no spinnaker handling!) that is good fun – any cruising boat can give it a go, with just a bit of simple, advance registration. You don't have to make a major commitment – just come out and give it a try for a few times to see if you enjoy it. Thursday evening JAM racing is a good excuse to get out for a sail as a prelude to the weekend.

Before you can register for either PHRF or JAM racing, you need to get a rating for your boat from the PHRF-LO registrar. The application process is not too onerous – the main thing you need is to measure your sails. Kirk Robertson (BYC handicapper) has offered assistance to get this done properly so you can submit your application – contact him to arrange a measuring date.

Finally, a word about a special opportunity for all racers:

- For newbie racers, consider signing up for Advantage Boating's **Introduction to Racing** course – five **Tuesday evening** sessions starting April 11 that will show you the basic stuff you need to get around a race course, plus an optional on-the-water day for real-world practice. Check it out at - <http://advantageboating.com/home/training-centre/classroom/introduction-to-racing/>.
- Experienced and newbie racers alike can gain tremendous insight into becoming a good or better racer at the **North Sails 2017 Rules & Tactics** seminar, which NSC will host on **Saturday 9 April**. From personal experience I can attest that this day will overwhelm you with a wealth of information – worthwhile even if it's more than you can comprehend – it's guaranteed to at least show you a way forward. And just remember – lots of the guys you'll race against will be there – you don't want them to get a leg up on you! Check out the details at <http://www.northu.com/Seminars/RulesTactics/tabid/1355/language/en-US/Default.aspx>

See you in the yard soon when winter dissipates and we can start to prep our boats for the summer racing season.



“HOW ABOUT “FUN” RACING?”

by - Malcolm McHattie – Up-River Race Rep.



The Sailing Committee is hard at work preparing a full program of 2017 weekend and up-river events. Together with the regular program, which includes a number of formidable favourites such as the 50 Mile and 100 Mile races and the Margarita weekend (Mohr Island Race), there is discussion of organizing weekend “fun” races. One key criterion would be to encourage more sailors to slip out of the harbour and join the fun.

Keen racers around the table raise their eyebrows at the idea of “fun” races. Despite their often-fierce demeanour, most race for fun, just occasionally picking-up a world championship or two in the process. So, remembering the key criterion, what could constitute a “fun” race?

A straightforward approach would be to relax certain of the formalities required for serious racing - sailing at hours when regular people are neither sleeping nor having supper; waiving the requirement for forms with personal and confidential information, such as sail measurements; welcoming visitors to the Club as crew (Series Racing requires all crew on board to be members of BYC or Full Members of NSC).

Courses for championship races are now almost exclusively up-wind, down-wind “sausages” with starts and finishes aligned with the course and wind. This is tactically interesting and racing boats are designed and tuned to optimize performance in those conditions. Performance Handicap Rating Factors (PHRF) are established accordingly. Races beyond the lake involve, with little choice, winds from all directions but “fun” races on the Lake can be set with legs in a variety of directions using the permanent Olympic Circle race markers.

Racing rules are, however, not to be played with. Not only do they address fairness but respecting them is the best way to sail safely on a busy lake. Most racing rules are straightforward and consistent with normal rights of way, but being one of several boats approaching a course-mark at the same time can be daunting - there are high stakes with the advantage of rounding ahead. Specially for “fun” races we could all be super polite and allow room for each boat to complete its manoeuvre. Sailing is, after all, a discipline.

Several existing races are one-way to an upriver anchorage. These provide events for those who wish to

join on their way to where they may have been going anyway. In recent years, however, some racers have chosen to return to the Club and sailors other than regular racers have chosen not to race. Maybe sailors with different priorities can be matched for a few more events.

Any ideas to encourage participation in racing - **correction**, Club sailing events - are welcome, including what YOU would like to see being organized. Let the Sailing Committee know.



from - Kirk Robertson – Handicapper & Jury Chair



It may not look like it; but spring is almost here and 2017 is setting up to see quite a few changes.

Mainsails are now measured in 1% increments with ratings matching. Would not be at all surprised to see many “One-Design” boats showing up with slightly different ratings, and I expect to see many re-measurements as updated certificates become available.

In 2017 ISAF becomes World Sailing and a new version of the RRS becomes effective. There is some refinement of 18.3 and 18.2(d) concerning when *mark-room* ends. There are many blurbs already on the affect of these changes and more will come. Please read them.

BYC & NSC are moving to mandatory electronic filing of protests for club sailing. There is a rumour that a page explaining how to file electronically will be up on web site this summer; but here is a quick *how-to*:

- 1) Download the electronic .pdf from the website, open it with Acrobat Reader and click on “Fill in & Sign”. At that point anywhere in the document you can double-click and a text box will open allowing you to fill in the form. When done, save it with some rational name.
- 2) Draw the diagram on a paper form and take a snap with your cell phone holding both in “landscape” mode. Then send the resultant set(s) of “eDoc” and snap to protests@byc.ca.

Time limits are verified automatically and the email will get copied automatically to the protest chairs in both clubs. The first thing the protest chairs do is e-copy all parties declared in documents (**addresses they have access to, even if you don't**). Then a date gets set - usually the same night the following week - and the protest is heard, if not withdrawn or alternate penalty taken.

Alternately you can fill out the protest on a paper copy of the form and either

- a) scan it at home on your combination print/copy/scan/fax machine or
- b) take snaps of every page as above.

You then email the ".jpg" files, or the combined ".jpg" files as a ".pdf file" if you feel so inclined.

In these cases, make sure the protest chairs can read the images; mind readers they are not.



CRUISE WEEK

by – Catherine Trinkwon



COME TO CRUISE WEEK:

SUNDAY, JULY 16 TO FRIDAY, JULY 21. -

1) If you have access to a boat, join us for Cruise Week, a relaxing, upriver flotilla. Join us for as much or as little of the week as you want. I'll have an info session in early June (date TBD) to provide an overview of the Ottawa River and explain what Cruise Week is about. I hope that those who have attended Cruise Week before will join us to share their knowledge. To join the distribution list, or if you have questions, email byc.cruise.week@gmail.com

2) Share your winter sailing stories. If you managed to sail in the last few months while the rest of us were knocking snow off our tarps, you can send a short writeup and a couple of photos to - byc.cruise.week@gmail.com. I'll include them in the next F&B.

3) Have you considered racing? Would you participate in a race that was for fun and finished upriver? If you had experienced racer onboard giving you tips? If this interests you or you have questions, email our fleet captain Sal Khan at fleet@byc.ca.



SPRING SAILORS' MEETING

Sunday, April 9, 2017

Following
1:00 p.m. Boat Owners' Meeting

SHOREY RACE

FIRST 2017 BYC UP-RIVER EVENT
(Gates permitting!!)

MONDAY, MAY 22, 2017

PHRF, SHARKS & JAM

Warning Gun - 1300 hrs. at Sand Point

SPRING 50 MILE RACE

SATURDAY, May 27, 2017

PHRF & JAM

WANT TO CREW OR NEED A CREW?

WANT TO CREW

NAME: _____ TEL.#: _____ E.MAIL: _____

Type of Boat Preferred: - Dinghy Keelboat

Sailing Preference - Racing Cruising/Day Sailing Occasional Regular

When available - Evenings Mon. Women's Tues. PHRF Wed. Dinghies Thur. O-D
 Weekdays Weekends: Overnight Day Sails

Previous experience in fifteen words or less: _____

NEED A CREW

NAME: _____ TEL. #: _____ E.MAIL: _____

Type of Boat and Size: Dinghy _____ Keelboat _____

Occasional Regular Racing Cruising/Day Sailing

Racing Evening Series:

Mon. Women's Tues. PHRF Wed. Dinghies Thurs. One-Design

Racing Weekends

Cruising/Day Sailing: Evenings Weekdays Weekends

Level of Intensity in fifteen words or less: _____

DATE: _____ Leave in Club Office, attention Joan Yuile

Britannia Yacht Club Activities Calendar

March 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Office Hours: Open Mon. to Fri. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.						
Bar Hours: Wed. & Fri. - 4:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Sunday - 12:00 noon - 7:00 p.m. Food services: Meals available when bar is open						
Breakfast Club - 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.						
		1	2	3	4	5
		Movie Night 7:00 p.m. "Arrival"				Breakfast Club Kerry Hayes Team
						First Quarter
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Movie Night 7:00 p.m. "Moonlight"				Breakfast Club Rob Braden Team
						Daylight Saving Time Begins Full Moon
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Movie Night 7:00 p.m. "Tom Jones"				Breakfast Club Jennifer Welcher Team
				St. Patrick's Party St. Patrick's Day		Palm Sunday
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
 First Day of Spring Last Quarter		Movie Night 7:00 p.m. "Hacksaw Ridge"				Breakfast Club Board Team
						New moon
27	28	29	30	31		
		Movie Night 7:00 p.m. "Hell or High Water"				Last Quarter

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Office Hours: Open Mon. to Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.						
Bar Hours: Wed & Fri - 4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Sundays - 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Saturdays April 23 & 30 - 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Food services: Meals always available when bar is open						
Summer Hours start April 22: Office Hours: Mon. - Fri. 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Bar Hours: Monday to Friday - 4:00 - 1100 p.m. Sat & Sun - 11:00a.m. - 7:00 p.m.						
					1	2
					APRIL FOOL'S DAY	Breakfast Club Opti Team
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
First quarter		Movie Night 7:00 p.m. "LIION"				Breakfast Club Gerry Gunn's Bar Files Team (Last one)
					Private Event	BOAT OWNERS' MEETING - 1:00p.m. SPRINGSALORS' Mtg. follows Boat Owners' Mtg.
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
FIRST DAY OF PASSOVER		Movie Night 7:00 p.m. "WHITE SQUALL (Last one)"			North U Seminar (NSC)	
Full Moon				GOOD FRIDAY	Private Event	EASTER SUNDAY
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		PASSOVER ENDS			TENNIS SPRING WORK PARTY	
EASTER MONDAY					Earth Day Private Event	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
				KARAOKE		
		New Moon				Private Event