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Sunday, October 15
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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

Following are brief biographies submitted by the candidates selected by the Nominating Committee for the 2018 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 25+ years.

MEMBERSHIP: I am a lifelong member of the BYC. I mucked about in the flooded spring waters as a kid while my father worked on his boat. Went through Junior. Club and achieved my gold level under David Kirby. Raced big boats as teenager through to present day. I know the River extremely well from countless upriver races and cruising. I still race every Tuesday and Thursday and hopefully will have a new (to me) boat for cruising by publication.

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 oversaw the 2011 Shark Canadian Championship. I have served as Vice Commodore for 3 years and currently as, Rear Commodore, as Director in charge of projects. I led the design teams and oversaw the building of the elevator and the East Wall as well as overseeing the rebuilding of the east wall of the inner Harbour. I have sat on the Finance Committee for 2 years while Vice Commodore and this year as Rear Commodore. I have backed and served on many of the regatta committees in the past 10 years including multiple stints as equipment manager for the National Capital Regatta.

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. Both dinghies and big boats. 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'. In recent years I have taken up tennis again and enjoy many of the social activities here at the BYC.

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.

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OBJECTIVES AS BOARD MEMBER: I will endeavour to follow in the footsteps of so many of the respected BYC Commodores and maintain the high standard of service to our members. I will commit to help the directors achieve their goals for their term on the Board and I will be focusing on membership, both to increase numbers and service quality to our members. This includes following through with the Electrical Committee to see the upgrading of lights and electrical service around the Harbour, Yard and Club Houses.

AL MALO
Nominated for Vice Commodore
(Harbour)



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. Recently, I acquired a share in C&C 27 Firefly. I race on Firefly on Thursday evenings and coach a women's team on Mondays. I also have a cruising sailboat boat that is patiently waiting for me to retire again. Not ever having met a boat I didn't like, I bought a 35-foot Chris-Craft last fall and am working on renovating it - another retirement project. 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 a Breakfast Club team cooking eggs on Sunday morning through the winter.

PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT: In the past I have been a member of the Sailing Committee and often volunteer to work on regattas such as the National Capital Regatta. 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. For the last two years I have served on the Board as the IT Director.

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

CLUB COMMITTEE COMMITMENT: As Vice Commodore (Harbourmaster), I plan to work with a Harbour Committee and Club staff to review all aspects of Harbour operations. This will include developing plans for projects needed to maintain our infrastructure and enhance Harbour operations.

OBJECTIVES AS BOARD MEMBER: To serve the mission of the Club, provide high quality services to members and to assist other members of the Board. To ensure the effective management of the Harbour infrastructure and prepare plans for the ongoing maintenance and enhancement of the Harbour facilities.

KELLY LYON
Nominated for Rear Commodore
(Projects)



PERSONAL INFORMATION: I am a proud mom, raising a very unique teenager who has a passion for the visual arts - photography in particular. On a professional basis, I am President and CEO of Lyon Project Consulting Inc. Currently, I am working as a Consultant on a large Information Technology project for Revenue Canada. I have over 25 years of Project Management experience performing effectively on a variety of IT, Planning, Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction Projects. I am a graduate of Carleton University with a Masters Certificate in Project Management and am a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) with the Project Management Institute. I feel my skills will continue to be of benefit to Britannia on the projects we currently have underway, and those we are planning for down the road.

MEMBERSHIP: I am a full member at Britannia. BYC has been my "home" for the past twelve years.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: I came to BYC through the Keelboat Share program operated by the Ottawa Sailing School, now Advantage Boating, where I completed my Beginner & Intermediate CYA Certification. My focus as a racing member over the past few years has been split between Monday Night Women's Racing and PHRF (Blew-Bye-U and Blew Bye U2). I have also crewed on almost every up-river race - with the exception of the 100 Miler, which is the biggest challenge I have yet to face.

PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT: In 2011/2012 I served on the Board as Rear Commodore/Projects Director. Prior to that, I also served on the Board as House Director, In the three years prior to that post, I stood as Monday Night Women's Rep, assisting in the design and implementation of the Women's Coached Boat Program. I have also worked as a committee member assisting the Social Director. And finally, for four summers in a row, I volunteered for the National Capital Regatta, and the Easters Seals Swim.

OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS: On the few days of the week that I am away from the Club, I enjoy classical music, having studied at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto, and more recently at the Ottawa Folklore Center. In the past I studied Flamenco dance. I enjoy downhill skiing, swimming, bike riding, gardening, and - when my creaky old bones don't hurt too much - tennis. To support my community, I have been a volunteer for the Ottawa Winterlude Festival Association (NCC), Co-Chairperson for Ottawa Emergency Health Services Annual Charity Golf Tournament in support of The Children's Wish Foundation, and in earlier years, I joyfully held the position of "Rusty" - Beaver Leader, for the Osgoode 1st Beaver Colony.

CLUB COMMITTEE COMMITMENT: My reputation at the Club is that I am helpful, organized, energetic, and people oriented. I will work with a Planning Committee as we move forward with capital planning for some of the daunting tasks ahead of us.

OBJECTIVES AS A BOARD MEMBER: I look forward to continuing the planning that is underway for the house and harbour, and to seeing it through and getting the job done right with the resources we have available

AARON MIDDLETON
Nominated for Fleet Captain



PERSONAL INFORMATION: I have lived in Ottawa since February 2000 with my wife and best friend Maureen Kelly, raising our 6-year-old daughter, Isla. Originally from Dundas, Ontario, I have been an avid boater since I was 10 and could handle a paddle, learning to use both human, wind and motor-powered vessels in the Hamilton and Haliburton Highlands. Since high-school, I have successfully started and run a number of businesses in the information technology field, leading to 11 years as a public servant focusing on health information technology and culminating in the last 10 years as an Executive Managing Partner and board member in Canada's largest boutique health and social service consulting firms.

MEMBERSHIP: I have been a member since 2002, and moved to a Family Membership in 2004 when Maureen started sailing and, of course, now includes Isla. Maureen is now an avid racer and cruiser, and Isla has even joined in the fun and is looking forward to her first opportunity at the Junior sailing program.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: My primary activities include racing and cruising during the summer and breakfast club over the off season. I was lucky enough to be introduced to serious racing by the O'Sullivans on Thumper, and have been a full-time crew member since 2002. This includes racing PHRF, One Design and Up River/Long Distance BYC and Interclub. I have also been found on a few other boats from time-to-time, including Gun Smoke and Firefly. I enjoy helping with local regattas through sponsorship and volunteering for boat inspections and race committee. Our family has also been known to do a couple of cruises a year and have made a few appearances at Baskin's weekends.

PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT: I was the C&C 27 OD rep on the Sailing Committee this last year. I also represented BYC on the Nepean One Design Regatta planning committee. I endorsed and tried to rally the C&C 27 Ontario Championships through NOD (not enough this year). I've been an emissary for new crew and boat owners, especially those cruisers looking to race for the first time and vice-versa. I am a supporter of youth sailing through our keelboat weekday/long distance racing. I have also been a sponsor and volunteer on numerous regattas and club events, and provided advice and guidance on the BYC IT Committee.

OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS: I enjoy skiing (alpine and Nordic), snowshoeing, hiking, canoeing, camping and biking. Anything science and technology is of interest, including the odd video game or Lego building marathon with my daughter. I also have experience as a Cub/Scout leader, life guard, swimming teacher, St. Johns Ambulance volunteer.

CLUB COMMITTEE COMMITMENT: The boating fleet at BYC is a key part of the Club, its members and its prosperity. Making boating from BYC enjoyable and continued focus of growth for the years to come is key responsibility of the Sailing Committee, Race Committee and the Fleet Captain.

OBJECTIVES AS A BOARD MEMBER: To represent ALL areas of boating, power or sail, cruising or racing, and their continued safe enjoyment of the club facilities and their vessels. To provide opportunity for growth in membership and new activities that can be enjoyed by boaters and more. This will include strengthening communications with modern channels between members, the Club and its representatives interested in boating, learning, or experiencing new cruising and racing, or new members looking to join.

KEVIN BUNDY
Nominated for Honorary Secretary



PERSONAL INTRODUCTION: I was born 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 uranium mines in Northern Saskatchewan. In 1985 we moved to Ottawa. Until my retirement in 2013 I worked for the Atomic Energy Control Board, which later became the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission. During that time, I participated and chaired in national and international committees that produced guidelines and standards for radiation protection. I was also honoured to represent Canada for 10 years at the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation (UNSCEAR) which produced landmark documents on the biological effects of ionizing radiation. On the home front, many of you know Mary, my wife and sailing/soul mate of 38 years. Our daughter, Christine, races on Mondays with Mary and Christine's S.O. is David, a great guy even if he prefers power boats! We also have a son, Mark, who is married to a wonderful lady, Jessica. They live with their 2 children in Maryland.

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 three years ago, as a cure for "five-foot-itis" 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.

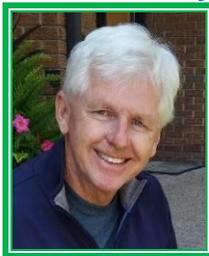
PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT: At the next AGM I will have completed 4 years on the BYC Board as the Director for House and Grounds. I have found this position to be very rewarding and have enjoyed taking on tasks and pestering people to get jobs done! Also, Mary and I volunteer as much as our time allows as we believe it makes for a better club; we meet other members, it's rewarding and it's fun. We have both been involved in Regattas over the last 10 years and we try to get to every work party we can.

OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS: I enjoy woodworking and lately, furniture refinishing although my production time is often of epic proportions. I am a past member of the Health Physics Society and the Canadian Radiation Protection Association.

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

OBJECTIVES AS BOARD MEMBER: After four years as House and Grounds Director, I believe it is time for a change and to let someone new take that helm. I do wish to stay active on the Board of Directors and in this respect, I feel my particular skill sets will fit well with the position of Honourary Secretary. It is a position that has its challenges and while our past Honourary Secretary, George Clayburn, has a long list of accomplishments, there are still many tasks to do such as drafting and posting policies, review and renewal of regulations and assisting in getting Board documents on-line. I would also like to explore ways in getting jobs done a little faster and look at ways to consult members on Board activities. I will continue to actively seek out the ways and means to improve our Club to the benefit of all members.

RANDY TIVY
Nominated for Honorary Treasurer



PERSONAL INFORMATION: Beverly and I live in Britannia Village. We have four adult children and two grandkids. By profession I am a CPA and a partner with the firm Collins Barrow LLP. My practice today consists primarily of providing business advisory services to family owned businesses, professionals and not for profit organizations at the local and national level. Prior to 2012 I was involved in the management of the firm at a local and national level. I have many years of audit, accounting and tax experience.

MEMBERSHIP: We have been members since 2002. I have been very pleased with the progress and continual improvements by our past Boards and Management. Proud to say I am member of BYC.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: I learned to sail at BYC with the Ottawa Sailing Club in 2002 and quickly purchased a Tanzer 22. I have been crewing on Waskana in Thursday JAM races for many years. I have always had a boat moving up to a Grampian 26 from the Tanzer and currently at the request of the grandkids we have an 18' Larson bow rider. Presently testing the market for a sailboat. We enjoy Friday nights at BYC and I have over the past 10 years enjoyed hosting business and community meetings/lunches/dinners at the club. From time to time we get on the tennis courts.

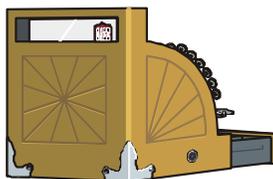
PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT: This is really my first serious involvement with the Club. In the early years we did security [also this spring] and the spring cleanup.

OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS: I am a member of a number of Professional associations and have volunteered my time with a number of charities over the years. Currently proud to be a member of the Board for the Algonquin College Foundation and also Hospice Care Ottawa where I am also Chair of Finance and Resources and where we just completed construction of the new 12 bed Ruddy Shenkman Hospice. I have enjoyed some memorable sails in the British Virgin Islands and St Vincent Grenadines. We try to stay active and travel, cycle and play golf.

CLUB COMMITTEE COMMITMENT: As Honorary Treasurer I will be forming a Finance Committee which is one of the key committees to ensure the long term financial health of the Club. I hope to use my experience to assist the Club move forward.

OBJECTIVES AS BOARD MEMBER:

I am a team player and look forward to working with Board members and Management to build on our past successes as a private club. I look forward to the challenges of capital projects and will carefully keep in mind the approaches and successes of past Honorary Treasurers in this area.



ALAN GALLEY
Nominated for Director
(House and Grounds)



PERSONAL INTRODUCTION: I am 63 years old and a Professional Geologist with 27 years federal government experience as a research scientist, program manager and as head of the national minerals program. I currently run my own firm and consult internationally.

MEMBERSHIP: I have been a member of BYC since 2007, first owning a Hughes 26 (John Graham's *Dashing Wave*) and now a Beneteau Oceanis 281 *Le Rendez Vous*. My wife, Doreen Ames, is also an avid cruiser and racer (Martin 16s).

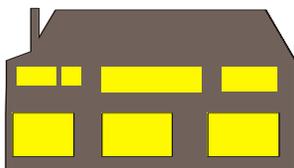
CLUB ACTIVITIES: I have a number of years experience as race crew out of both BYC and NSC, racing in Tanser 22s, C&C 27s, and have raced both *Dashing Wave* and *Le Rendez Vous* on a limited basis (slow boats!), but now mainly cruise the river. Up until now I have traveled extensively with my work and have not had the opportunity to consistently take part in other formal club activities. This is what I wish to change by contributing more to BYC.

PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT: This will be my first serious involvement with Club affairs, although I made an effort in the past to keep up with BYC business and concerns.

OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS: My hobbies are sailing, road biking, listening to jazz and travel. We have chartered in the BVIs a number of times (monohulls and catamaran), crewed on the Lord Nelson tall ship this summer (QC to Nfld) and plan to cruise the Croatian coast next fall. I am involved in the Able Sail program at NSC as a sailing companion, assist on the board for the National Capital Able Sailing Association, and am leading the proposal to have the Mobility Cup 2019 back in Ottawa. I am also active in various professional associations.

CLUB COMMITTEE COMMITMENT: The House and Grounds portfolio has involved some long term, very dedicated individuals with whom I look forward to working over the next year. I will form a House and Grounds Committee to ensure the BYC Strategic Plan continues to be implemented. The Committee will also deal with the unexpected (floods, winds and associated damage) in an expedient and orderly manner. I also look forward with working closely with Paul Moore and coordinately with the Harbourmaster on possible overlapping concerns.

OBJECTIVES AS BOARD MEMBER: To work with club management and fellow Directors to ensure that the BYC buildings and grounds provide a safe, secure and pleasant environment for the present and future club members and staff. I will also work to see that BYC continues to be considered by those in the Ottawa region as a superb location for business meetings, weddings and other social events



KRISTA KIFFNER
Nominated for Director
(Membership)



PERSONAL INFORMATION: I am married, and a proud mother of a soon to be eleven-year-old son, Parker, who shares my passion for sailing. I am a registered Clinical (child) and School Psychologist by profession. I work for a rural school board, and I have a private practice in the Ottawa area.

MEMBERSHIP: My husband, Frank, and I have been full members of the Club since 2013. My son has been on the Junior Club Optimist Race Team for the past four years. We recently purchased him a racing Laser, so he can quickly transition to another boat when he grows out of his Optimist, and remain active in the Junior Club. My family continues to enjoy participating in the many social events at the club. We remain committed to volunteering at the Club, and participating in activities to improve the Club and its amenities for all members. We also enjoy introducing our family and friends to the benefits of BYC membership, so they can consider joining the community.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: I own and race a Niagara 26 (Rainbow) in the Women's Series. My husband, along with dear friends we met at BYC (Hess Family) recently purchased an old Shark (yet to be named). With a lot of TLC we hope to have her ready to sail and race next season. When I have the opportunity, I also crew on other boats owned by club members in the PHRF Series. During the warm weather, I also enjoy day cruising on my or friends' boats (e.g., Summer Song II). I am a member of the Junior Club Parent Committee, and the Marketing Committee. My husband and I remain dedicated to volunteering our time and skills to support the Junior Club, and family programming.

PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT: Frank and I have volunteered our time with various Junior Club committees, Club activities, National Capital Regattas, fundraising events, and initiatives to promote the Club's profile (e.g., Doors Open Ottawa, Get Out On The Water events).

OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS: I volunteer my time and expertise in the community offering mental health workshops, training, and psychological services to educators, parents, children, and youth. I also enjoy cruising in the Caribbean with friends I met through BYC.

CLUB COMMITTEE COMMITMENT: I will continue to work with the Membership, Marketing, and Junior Club Committees to ensure the satisfaction of all club members, and to develop initiatives to continue to grow our membership.

OBJECTIVES AS BOARD MEMBER: My primary goals include, sustaining and increasing the BYC membership, and maintaining membership satisfaction. I have a keen interest in increasing our junior and family memberships as they will help ensure the longevity of our Club. To this end, I am committed to assisting with the development and implementation of new youth and family programming. I also remain committed to promoting relationships between our junior and senior club members. I look forward to continuing to collaborate with all members of the Board and their various committees, and representing the membership of the Club.



TREVOR PILLON
Nominated for Director
(Information Technology)



PERSONAL INFORMATION: I was raised in the country and spent much of my early life in power boats and canoes on the Kawartha Lakes. When I was introduced to Britannia Yacht Club I immediately felt at home on the river and was drawn to the spirit and history of the Club. Professionally, I have held various positions within the Federal Government, including the last four years working at Statistics Canada where I was responsible for IT infrastructure planning, procurement and project management for the 2016 Census of Population. I earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Ottawa in 2011; studying history, communications and journalism.

MEMBERSHIP: I have been a member of BYC for five wonderful years, having served on the IT committee for the past year.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: An avid cruiser, I spend most weekends up the river with my partner Kerry and our canine companion Simon on "Due Course." I also take part in BYC social activities, cruise week, fun sailing events and general R&R around the Club.

PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT: I chaired the IT (content) Sub-committee for the past year, working under Al Malo. The purpose of the sub-committee was to update website content and support various IT projects (ongoing website modernization, office infrastructure upgrades, etc.). I was also part of the "On the Hard" Breakfast Club team last winter.

OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS: I am a member of the Britannia Boating Club Memorial Park Association, and outside of Club activities I enjoy reading, cooking and leisurely exploring nature. In the off season I have been persuaded into skiing and snowshoeing at Mud Lake and various other green spaces around Ottawa.

CLUB COMMITTEE COMMITMENT: As IT Director, I plan to work with an IT Committee 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 continue the ongoing upgrades to the website infrastructure to improve user interactivity, mobile responsiveness and to make it easier for non-technical users to contribute.



JASON HESS
Nominated for Director
(Marketing & Public Relations)



PERSONAL INFORMATION: My fiancé Glenna and our daughter Holly and I reside in Ottawa in Sinclair Gardens. I have a diverse 20-year background in claims investigation at the frontline/field, management and sales levels in both private and public sectors.

MEMBERSHIP: We are new members to Britannia Yacht Club from April of 2016. Our family has enjoyed the social aspect of the Club with long-standing and new members alike and has been very active in Club events since becoming members.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: Since joining the BYC, our family has become involved with the community of BYC. From volunteering at the National Capital Regatta (*Mark set*), assisting with barbeques at the Junior Club, to crewing in race events (*Gunsmoke*) I have thoroughly enjoyed all aspects the Club offers to my family!

PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT: As a new member I have yet to be involved with the organization of events with the committees, however the opportunity to work with the Board and members to continue with the success and development of the Club

OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS: I enjoy a diversity of activities and interests, amongst some include woodworking, paddling, sailing and music. I have become involved with community associations by volunteering in past serving as the President (2006-2008) & director (2004-2006) of the Ottawa Valley Adjusters Association (OVAA/OIAA) and on the board of directors for the Centrepointhe Daycare Center (2009-2010). In addition, I organized an annual (2003-2006) fundraising event - Kayaking for Kids - paddling from Kingston to Ottawa for the Make-A-Wish foundation.

CLUB COMMITTEE COMMITMENT: I will continue with the Marketing and Public Relations Committee to continue the history of strong programs and to assist in developing in the future what the Club offers to the community of which we are all proud to be a part.

OBJECTIVES AS BOARD MEMBER: To represent ALL areas of boating and promotion of the BYC - power or sail, cruising or racing; to ensure the general welfare of the Club and the Members, and to collaborate with other Board Members to this end. As Marketing and PR Director, the promotion of the BYC experience and building on the established foundation to encourage and offer incentives to new members and families to join and fully participate in the BYC community and events that offer an experience that is hard to find.



MARION XHIGNESSE

Nomination for Director (Tennis)



PERSONAL INTRODUCTION: I was born and bred a 'west-end girl' in Whitehaven, and remember going to Britannia Beach by bicycle. I moved back to that 'hood' with my husband Andy Hofstaetter and our son Anton after several experiences in both Canada and abroad because the west end is close to family and a great place to live. I work as a teacher for the OCDSB in Adult Education of English as a Second Language, currently at Bayshore Public School. My work with newcomers to Canada helps keep me grounded as a Canadian and yet gives me perspective far beyond our shores. It also helps me realize how lucky I am and what a passion I have for Canada and the people who live here.

MEMBERSHIP: I am a relatively new member to BYC having just completed my fourth year of membership. Growing up, I had heard stories about the Club as my family has shared a cottage lake since 1971. We now own a C&C29 (Talon D'Or). As a relatively new member, I still remember the feeling of being unknown and what a positive difference the efforts of those who went out of their way to welcome us had. I would like to use this insight to better 'connect' with new members and outsiders to both build and deepen our membership here at BYC.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: We enjoy our club as much as we can while still having to work. To be honest, I joined to start a new hobby with my family and to honour my husband's passion for sailing. Along the way, I have made many new friends, participated in Cruise Week every year, taken an Advantage Boating course, come out for social events as well as participated in things like Tucker-Rodger Regatta. The last two years I have crewed on women's race nights (on Kokopelli). I've also quite enjoyed tennis lessons and this year survived my second tennis tournament!

PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT: I had attended AGMs, smaller meetings as well as basically observed the running of the Club throughout our membership, but this was my first serving on the Board. I have gained more knowledge of Club operations and the interests of members to start giving back, and I am looking forward to the opportunity to serve on the Board again this coming year.

OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS: I love winter as well as summer because I like to play hockey. I run a small pick-up league and help with my son's hockey team that Andy coaches. I am a Scouts Canada cub leader with the Ottawa 32nd. I love skiing, skating, all water sports, and singing. I am a recorded artist with an a cappella group I sang with for more than 20 years called 'Quintessence', and more recently have become the vocalist for a 5-piece band. I also volunteer with the Ottawa Suzuki Strings School of Music coordinating concerts in the community for young musicians. I have served on Parent Council at Charlotte-Lemieux Public School. As well, I have served as President of the Bargaining Unit for my teaching group within OSSTF. In my spare time, I like to build things and enjoy wine and travel.

CLUB COMMITTEE COMMITMENT: I will work with a Tennis Committee to engage more of our current membership in our programs on the courts. This year we started a youth outreach camp in the spring that was very successful. We plan on building upon what we started this year with family involvement on the courts

OBJECTIVES AS BOARD MEMBER: I see my role as a messenger and advocate to represent my fellow Tennis members at Board meetings and to encourage all members to work together for the benefit of all. I hope to foster the love of sport and the involvement of new and junior members as they could be part of the future here at BYC.

LISA SHISHIS
Nominated for Director
(Youth)



PERSONAL INFORMATION: I have been living in Ottawa for 8 years, with my 3 children and my 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 working with the Champlain Hospice Palliative Care Program as a Project Manager, and over the course of my 20 years in nursing I have held a variety of management roles.

MEMBERSHIP: Our family has had a membership at Britannia for 8 years. Our focus has primarily been on the Junior Club since moving to Ottawa.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: My activities have focused on the Junior Club. Our daughter Maia was one of the first members of the Opti Race Team and has now moved to the Laser Race Team. Our daughter Zoe is enjoying her 4th year on the Opti Race Team. I also participate in the Women's racing on Monday night and was part of the BYC Women's Keelboat team that participated in the 2017 Championships in Nova Scotia. I am also the Chair for the National Capital Regatta and on the Sailing Committee

PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT: I held the Director position for Youth on the Board of Directors for the last 3 years. I was also part of the Emergency Committee that supported our General Manger during the flood in the spring.

OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS: This is my 2nd year on the Board of Directors of CODA – the Canadian Optimist Dinghy Association - as their registrar as well as Eastern Ontario Rep. In the summer I am with the Opti and Laser teams as they travel to different regattas. and during the winter I ski with the family at Vorlage. Professionally, I'm an active member of Ottawa's hospice community.

CLUB COMMITTEE COMMITMENT: My objective is to continue to build on the excellent work accomplished over the past three years. My focus is to build and grow the program into an Award-Winning Sailing Program. 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 Junior 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.



SUE LEVESQUE
Nominated for Director
(Social)



PERSONAL INFORMATION: I was married to Art Levesque who passed away in 2012. I am fortunate in that I have remained very close to my stepson. I am step-grandmother to 2 lovely boys who are 11 and 9 years old. I have always worked in regulated industries such as Bristol Myers, Nordion, and am now working at Canadian Blood Services where I have been employed since 1998 with a couple of breaks in service. I enjoy my job tremendously as I get to travel across the country.

MEMBERSHIP: I joined Britannia Yacht Club in the mid-1990s when my late husband and I moved our boat (formerly named Aberro, now re-named Tahiti Princess by the new owners) to BYC from Kingston. Although I was not around the Club much from 2005 to 2012, I still maintained my membership, albeit a Social one, until last year when I decided to return to Full membership.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: My activities centered on the social program when I was asked last year to assist in the band selection. It was at that time that I indicated my interest in becoming Social Director. I volunteered to help with the 150 celebrations on July 1st by organizing the children's games. I have also been part of Breakfast Club teams over the years and most recently as coffee maker and server on Jen Welch's team (the young team).

PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT: I served on the Board of Directors as Honorary Secretary in the late '90s. I was on Social Committees and helped out with various social events.

OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS: I enjoy reading and am totally obsessed with buying books. I also enjoy going to the ballet and enjoy all types of music. I am a Member of the Ottawa Film society, and find most of the movies that are part of the International Series quite interesting.

CLUB COMMITTEE COMMITMENT: As Social Director, I will ensure the continuation of a Social Committee and our social program. I will be committed to getting involvement from members that represent the demographics of the Club, and those that are new to the Club and have expressed an interest in being part of the Social Committee. I will be committed to listening to members and potential new members, and obtaining feedback on social activities in order to improve future entertainment and events.

OBJECTIVES AS BOARD MEMBER: To represent ALL club members and bring their ideas and/or issues to the Board for consideration. I will work closely with other Board Members on incentives to bring in new members to the Club; on making improvements where warranted. Last but not least, I will assist in engaging our Junior members and encouraging their participation in activities throughout the year and not only in the summer.

CORRECTION TO THE NOTICE OF 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The notice of the 2017 Annual General Meeting of the Britannia Yacht Club contained two errors - the appointment of the Auditors should read "the year 2018" and the date of the meeting should read **Wednesday, December 13, 2017**.

My apologies - due to the pitfalls of cut and paste!

Joan Yuile
Editor

FROM THE BRIDGE

from - John Morrow,
Commodore



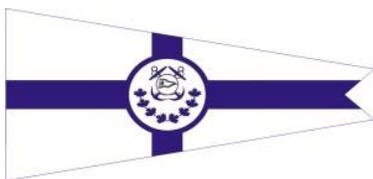
As 2017 draws to a close, it will be remembered as the year of overcoming weather-related calamities. We began with flooding, and finished the season with unusually high winds. One member inquired as to when the locusts would arrive!

Out of these difficult times, the membership and staff worked together as a family unit to minimize the negative effects. Having said this, it has turned out to be a beautiful Fall for sailing. It was wonderful to see the Opti's race team out on the water last Friday night October 20, with their dinghies all lit up.

It has been both a challenging and rewarding year for the Board of Directors balancing the projects with the available funds.

As this is my final year as Commodore, I have learned a lot and I want to thank my colleagues on the Board and the membership who have supported me through my term. I will now be Past Commodore for the next two years supporting the incoming Commodore.

Happy and healthy 2018.



HARBOUR REPORT

from – John Wright
Vice-Commodore



The warm weather this Fall has made up somewhat for our late Spring, however, it has also brought with it some severe storm winds. Twice now, we've had boats dragged on their Mediterranean moorings and even docks displaced as intense gusts funneled through the harbour. While one mast was broken, damage to the keelboats was minimal, however, several dinghies were tossed about and damaged. Recently there was dragging, even in our well-protected inner harbour. A boat even came loose from a mooring ball at the Club de Voile Grande Riviere (Aylmer) and is lodged in the Deschênes Rapids.



I have been reflecting on a couple of themes as a result of these events;

First, that most of our larger boats should be on docks both for safekeeping and to reduce the constant chore of repositioning and renewing chains on the stern blocks. This applies, even to the Inner Harbour, where a lighter duty and less expensive dock system could be employed.

And, more importantly, on how I often tell myself "it's only the river", and get a little lax about safety and seamanship. As many of us have experienced, the Ottawa River valley can channel strong wind fronts which, while often brief, require dousing sails and motoring into or anchoring. While we are in sight of shore, life jackets should be accessible or worn, not to mention boarding ladders, anchors and functioning bilge pumps and manual pumps.

On the note of safety – please be careful when pulling your mast and winterizing boats up on cradles. Tidy up the snares of rigging when the mast is on the boat, move carefully about your deck and tie off your ladder. When using the masting cranes, have three people and reschedule if it's dark or windy.

PROJECTS

by - Rob Braden.
Rear Commodore



I am oft reminded by the way we do things at the Club of the old commercials on television that encouraged people to do renovations and home projects in the winter. "Why wait for spring, do it now..." At BYC, Fall is the

time to get the winter projects going.

In that spirit we are moving ahead on the **electrical plan for the Club**. Still a long way to go, but we have now broken the projects into chunks, the gathering of data being the biggest one. What do we have, what is the state of what we have, what is the projected need for the future, what new technology could be used to help us meet our needs? What funding is available to help finance the project and how can we break the project up so that we can manageably afford to get the work done over a period of time? Several people have stepped forward with some very useful information, namely Don McCallum and Gary Fritsch. If you have a working knowledge of electrical systems, I would appreciate some help gathering the data. If we can get 4 or 5 people working on this with me, it will make the work easy and move it along.

As required by the By-law, the Board has to go to the members to get approval for projects over \$10K. (In my opinion, the 10K number is a bit out of date. Added to the By-law in the early 60's, the equivalent dollar amount today is around 80 - 100K - but dealing with that is another kind of project altogether.)

So, the plan is to present the projects with which the Board would like approval to proceed next year at the AGM. The members would then get a chance to approve them one at a time.

So, Directors were asked to bring projects to the Board that need to be tackled for review, then after passing them through the Planning Committee to get more feedback, a list of projects was created that will be presented.

In order that members aren't blindsided by a slick presentation on something about which they aren't knowledgeable, we want members to have a chance to consider them before they get to the AGM. Here is the list of

projects we have considered. The Board may change or fine tune this list before the AGM, but in short form here are the nominees:

Harbour - We would like to reinstate the 5-year plan we had in the past, where 20K is put aside every year for 5 years, to be applied to harbour projects, like work on the walls. If a project is more than 20K, the money can be saved or placed in restricted status to be combined in a subsequent year. When the East wall of the Inner Harbour was rebuilt, we used 3 years' worth of the 20K to finance it. Note that this does not preclude other projects being proposed for the harbour that don't tap into the 20k, but of course, there would be a General Meeting to present those to the members for approval. This just allows the Harbourmaster to get on with identifying work that needs to be done, and then acting on it without having to come back to the members each time. Most of this work will already be covered in the Asset Maintenance Plan.

Harbour - Lake side dinghy launch ramp - 20K. There is a need for an alternative launch for dinghies that is **a)** easier for the juniors to use; **b)** does not dump a fleet of dinghies into the harbour mouth on busy traffic days for big boats; **c)** provides access to the river when the gates are in; **d)** provides a serviceable ramp for the Fire & Rescue Service to launch a boat when the gates are in, and **e)** allows more boats to be launched at once when we host dinghy regattas.

Kitchen - 15 - 25 K (we are still working on plans for this, which we will use to define the scope of this project and then quote more extensively). We need to upgrade the kitchen to handle the amount of food service we are doing at the Club. This includes, more efficient use of space, more efficient appliances and ones that help to reduce labour demand. It will possibly include new floors, better tables and new fryer/fridges/grill. Most of this work will already be

covered in the Asset Maintenance Plan.

Tennis - \$15K - 20K. The courts are in bad shape and should really be replaced, but that carries a price tag of about 150K. That is not justifiable, so the courts had a cosmetic resurfacing 4 years ago that cost about 9K and was supposed to last 3 years. It was done to make the surface playable again while rebuilding the tennis program. Since then the program has blossomed with use every day, attracting a summer tennis camp program that provides profit to the Club. Also, members are now filling the courts 2 & 3 evenings a week, as well as weekends. We have attracted junior tournaments for the Ontario Tennis Association (OTA) and the National Capital Tennis Association (NCTA) which brings families down to the Club. Unfortunately, the cracks hidden by the cosmetic resurface have propagated severely such that the OTA pulled a tournament slated for our club this past summer. The Tennis committee ordered special patching fill which they are going to install themselves to help slow the spread of cracks. The cost was \$30. To deal with the problem they would like to try a test use of a new technology called Armor Resurfacing and Repair System. To do all the courts would cost \$40K, we propose to do a single test court at an estimated cost of \$12K. It is supposed to repair cracks for 10 - 15 years. If successful we would then do the remaining courts either as a project the following year or do 1 or 2 courts per year till completed. This work is already covered in the Asset Maintenance Plan

Sound Abatement in the Dragon lounge - 10K. On a busy night at the Club, the noise level in the Dragon lounge is such that many have trouble hearing conversations - and this is before the band even starts playing. To deal with this, Kevin Bundy got an acoustic sound engineer to come to the Club and suggest solutions.

One of which is to install special sound dampening panels in the ceiling. There is no perfect solution, but something needs to be done and the panels would go a long way toward dealing with the problem.

Have a Merry Christmas and see you on the other side of New Years.

House & Grounds Report

from – Kevin Bundy
(Director)



Wow, wasn't that a storm that hit the Club and the neighbourhood on the afternoon of Wednesday, September 27. I happened to be in the clubhouse meeting with our General Manager when it hit. The wind and rain were so heavy that you could barely see a foot outside of the windows, although we did see a patio chair flying by. Our marquee stood up well, with little damage, but we did lose both our awnings with the awning on the upper deck tearing off a good part of the roof fascia when it went. Around the clubhouse we lost a number of our mature trees near the clubhouse, light standards, all but two picnic tables and a number of patio chairs, cushions and Adirondack chairs. Sections of tennis court were damaged, one boat sunk, other boats were blown off cradles and trailers, many stanchions were bent when the boats were blown over onto the docks, one mast snapped in two, one dinghy rack blown into the harbour, dinghies tossed like sheets of paper, and a whole pod of docks was blown about 10 feet off from the harbour wall and about 25 feet down the harbour. Very luckily no

one was hurt. Congratulations to our General Manager for getting the place up and running again, but it will be a while before everything is back to "ship-shape." Mother Nature sure had it in for us this year, two damaging weather events and a very wet, stormy summer.



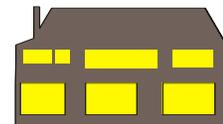
Some good news for the clubhouse is that new coat racks should by now be installed in the lower washrooms and our ladies should have a counter under the make-up mirror as well as a full length mirror. We are also in the process of getting electrical door openers for both lower washrooms.

One piece of personal news is that this will be my last article for the Full & By as the Director for House and Grounds. I've been the H&G Director for four years now and feel it's time to move on and let someone new take the helm. But, I'm not going far as I've accepted the nomination for the position of Honorary Secretary.

We've done a lot over these past four years, some of the major improvements being the glass doors on the main fireplace; the chimney rebuild; re-fitting the flag mast; replacing windows in the Junior Club House, and repairing, painting and replacing our patio furniture, not to mention my small part in the new elevator and East wall renovation. That said, there is still a lot to do for my successor (who I won't name to avoid invoking a jinx!).

Of course, I could never have done it without the many members who helped out over the last four years; most notably all my committee members who looked after the clubhouse and the grounds but also all of you that came out and helped out for the various work parties. I would also like to thank Paul Moore, our General Manager, and his staff for their help and cooperation in maintaining and improving the house and grounds.

It's been a fun and enriching experience and I do thank all of you for your support.



Tennis Report

by - Marion Xhignesse



As the fiscal year ends as well as this tennis playing season, first, I'd like to take the opportunity to formally thank the immeasurable contribution of our

Assistant Tennis Director, Sandra Nash Braden to the tennis programming and general maintenance of the tennis portfolio at BYC. I could not fulfill my role as Tennis Director without her constant commitment to the BYC Club at large, and Tennis in particular. I hope you will join me in applauding her uncounted voluntary efforts to club maintenance and development at the AGM on Dec 13th. One example of her initiative and commitment to tennis, is as you saw her out on October 22, 2017 filling cracks as was discussed at the tennis AGM to move forward with this plan to maintain courts. Thank you also to the various court committee representatives in their efforts of sustaining valuable tennis programming as well as adding pickleball to our slate of activities here at the BYC.

I'd like to comment now in my role as a BYC Board Member in my first year. This year our focus as a Board was governance and looking at the Asset Maintenance Plan (AMP). This enabled us to responsibly and fiscally deal with the maintenance of multiple projects of diverse nature around the Club. I am hopeful as we move forward with this model and procedure to work on projects, that long-term maintenance is possible for all aspects of the Club. This would include tennis, sailing, harbour maintenance or the building and grounds, or any other aspect we dream to include in our BYC life. It is imperative that we work together as members to achieve anything for the Club. We have seen that we do this well with the latest storm in addition to the high-water management in the spring, so I am hopeful we can support each other's project ideas in the future for the common health of this great club. Having diversity of activities makes us a stronger club.

I have been working with the Tennis Committee to address court surface maintenance. Early in the Spring we struck a

committee that started doing research as to various repair and maintenance options to address the cracks on our courts. We met with the Projects Manager, General Manager and consulted various contractors in the tennis court industry. After consultation both on and off the courts with industry professionals to get information regarding different products available to resurface courts, the findings for re-surfacing products were:

- a) Re do a similar elastomer product as was done in 2014 for \$9,000 and shows failure even to the point of having tennis events 'pull-out' due to the 'state of the courts' less than 3 years later;
- b) Titan-estimated at approximately \$27,000 per court or approx-imately \$75,000 to \$80,000 but concerns for base under current surface increase the cost to \$130,000 for redoing the under layers before resurfacing;
- c) Armor Tennis Court Resurfacing and Repair System: approx-imately \$45,000 with a longer guarantee of repair of cracks 10 to 15-year guarantee; and
- d) Acrylic Crack Patch at \$20 per gallon for cracks smaller than 1" which is good for approximately 75 linear feet of cracks.

The Court Committee recommends a combination of the 'new Armor' technology and crack filling approach with BYC staff and volunteer labour on the other court places. This is recommended on a cyclic renewal basis. This would allow a review of the 'new Armor' on one court from both members and Committees and Board alike on the 'demo' court to see how the 'new' surfacing product performs.

I formally moved that this project be on the list of projects slated for the 2018 season to the Planning Committee. I hope you

will join me in supporting this forward motion of asset maintenance at the AGM on December 13th. I truly believe as a boat owner, club member and Tennis Director that we need to maintain the tennis courts in order that they remain an asset that draws members and adds value to current membership here at the BYC.

In closing, I stand nominated again to serve BYC as your Tennis Director next season. As such, I welcome all members to come and join in on the courts either playing or helping on a work crew to protect this program-ming and club asset.

I am motivated to help our various club programs work together more seamlessly to improve the BYC experience and encourage the growth of membership. I will work to build relations among members so we view ourselves as both sailors and tennis players here at BYC. Make sure you come out on Dec. 13.

Social Report

by – Beth Shepherd
(Director)



The Fall/ Winter social activities are underway. Thanks to David Wilson for leading another great Oktoberfest. We had some difficulty getting our do-it-ourselves karaoke night going. Thanks to Susanne Johnson, Sandra Hawkins and Al Malo for working out some of the bugs. We clearly have some work to do in making this a foolproof system. At

the time of writing I am looking forward to wearing my costume to our annual Hallowe'en party. Thanks to Mike Fahmy for leading the event.

Remembrance Day will be a very special event this year. In addition to our remembrance ceremony, a plaque is to be unveiled at the flagpole honoring the memory of the five airmen who were killed when their Canso aircraft crashed nearby on July 23, 1945. Thanks to Peter Pigott for arranging this very moving event.

Wednesday Night at the Movies is a real fixture at BYC. This year's line up begins November 1 with *It's Complicated* (2009); followed by Classic movie *Mrs. Miniver* (1942); *Hidden Figures* (2017); *Queen of Katwe* (2016), and *Fences* (2016) and *La La Land* (2017) December 6. There are no movies on December 13, 20 and 27 due to

the AGM, Christmas Cheer and club holiday closure. Thank you very much to Guy Painchaud and the Movie Selection Team comprising Tish Cook, Kaitlin Riordan, Bob Sunday and Joan Yuile.

Each December, the Club hosts three events leading up to Christmas: the Christmas Buffet, Fri, Dec 15, the Wassail/Children's Party on Sun, Dec 17 and Christmas Cheer on Wed, Dec 20, all of which provide occasions for members to celebrate the season with friends, family and each other. For New Year's Eve we wanted to end Canada's Sesquicentennial with a classy and fun black, white and red themed casino gala. The casino will operate between 6 and 8 pm during which time hors d'oeuvres will be served, followed by a four-course meal. After dinner dance to the music of

Beaudoin, Harding and Bimm and at midnight welcome in 2018 with complimentary Champagne and party favours. This event is a very good value at \$75 per person/ \$150 per couple. Please book early.

Finally, there is still time to provide feedback on the Friday Night Entertainment. You will find the survey on the BYC home page. If you have any questions or comments, please sent them to Social@byc.ca.

In closing I would like to thank the Social Committee members--Sandy Braden, Sam Fuller, Diane Genier, Sandra Hawkins, Sue Levesque, Garry Logue, Guy Painchaud, and Susan Peacock-Hacking--for their participation, Paul Moore and Breanna Gray for their ongoing support. Together these people have made being Social Director a real privilege.

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY



We Remember

Saturday, November 11

at 10:45am sharp at the BYC flagpole

This year a plaque is to be unveiled honoring the memory of the 5 airmen who were killed when their Canso aircraft crashed nearby on July 23, 1945. Their sacrifice allowed us to maintain our freedom.

Reception and a presentation to follow with special guest speaker from the Department of National Defence

Members & Guests welcome

No reservations needed. Call the office at 613.828.5167 or email info@byc.ca for more info

BYC Christmas Events 2017

Christmas Buffet

Friday December 15

Traditional Turkey
Dinner Buffet

\$30.00 per person ^{+HST}

Cocktails at 6:00pm

Dinner at 7:00pm

Entertainment by Roxy
Swan

Call the office to reserve
your spot today!



Wassail

Sunday December 17

1:00pm-4:00pm

Snacks and Face
Painting!

Entertainment by Bev
Dunn

Hope to see you all
there!



Christmas Cheer

**Wednesday
December 20**

Lower Lounge

4:00pm

Light snacks will be
provided

No reservations
required

Hope to see you
there!



Britannia Yacht Club's

New Year's Eve Gala & Casino



**Sunday, December 31,
2017 6pm-1am**

Four Course Dinner

*Music by Beaudoin, Harding
and Bimm*

*Complimentary Champagne
& Party Favours*

*\$75 per Person/\$150 Couple
^{+HST}*



Casino Night

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BYC 2018 Winter Tennis

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BYC Foundation NEWS

The BYC Foundation AGM will happen December 13th at 6 pm (an hour before the BYC AGM at 7 pm). A full member of BYC can become a voting member of BYCF by signing the AGM registry. Presentation of the financial statements and the election of officers will occur. At the AGM the board wants to hear your views on whether membership in the Foundation should be opened up to all BYC members.

Using dividends and income from the Legacy Funds investments, this past year the BYC Foundation contributed \$7,000.00 to the Learn-to-Sail Program, \$3,000.00 to the Sherwood Point rehabilitation, \$835 for a coach boat radio communication unit, and \$400.00 towards the BYC’s participation in the Canadian Women’s Keelboat Championship.

An appeal for donations to the BYCF “Flood Relief Fund” launched at the BYC Foundation’s “Celebration of Giving; 130 Years at BYC” dinner on May 19th resulted in members and friends donating \$4,315.00 to the cause. Add the evening proceeds of \$1,300.00 and the total tally is \$5,615.00 toward the flood relief.

The BYC Foundation wants to thank all members for their generous support.
 Kirk Robertson, President

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MOVIE NIGHT RETURNS NOVEMBER 1

Enjoy dinner and watch a movie on the big screen in the Main Lounge
 Movies start at 7:00pm

First movie - the hilarious “It’s Complicated”
 Meryl Streep and Alec Baldwin

Between the Sheets

NEWS FOR BOATERS - RACERS AND CRUISERS November 2017

"People are prisoners of their phones. That's why they are called cell phones." . Curmudgeon's Observation

DON'T FORGET

REMEMBRANCE DAY REGATTA (FUN)...Sun. Nov 12
PRESENTATION DINNER.....Sat. Nov 18
INTERCLUB AWARDS NIGHT (NSC).....Jan. 18, 2018

C&C 27 REPORT

by - Aaron Middleton



As our sailing season draws to a close, we haul out and we look towards our awards banquet, I have a few updates for the C&C 27 community.

I did start the "BYC C&C27 Community" on Facebook that had an initial flurry of use which has dropped off. This community is for owners, crew and even potential owners, but it has been suggested to me that we open up to all fleets at BYC. Please come online, join and speak your mind if you want a separate community from other fleets? Don't forget the other great resources out there, including Facebook groups like the "Ottawa Sailing Community" and "Ottawa Ladies Sailing", or the C&C27 Associations website and forum found at: <http://cc27association.com> and C&C Photo Album & Resource Center at: <http://www.cncphotoalbum.com>

As we start to look at the new 2018 season, I will continue to work with you to find new ways of helping C&C 27 owners make the most of their sailing seasons. I still hope to find ways of introducing new owners to their C&C 27, and provide learning and coaching opportunities for those that want to expand or enhance their racing or cruising experience. The C&C 27 community is a good one on the Ottawa River, and all it takes is for one to ask for assistance for support to arrive. Thanks to all that have brought ideas forward on how to get more crew members for the C&C 27 fleet and I will be working with the other fleet reps to see if there is an online solution (maybe even in coordination with NSC).

Remember, even past the Fall 50, there is still a Frostbite Series that might not be that cold as our traditional October weather. It takes place on the first

three Sundays in October. Two races are scheduled per day, with the first gun in early afternoon, and three fleets (PHRF, JAM and Dinghies) all race on the same course.

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 what we have left sailing season!



2017 UP-RIVER RACING – DISAPPOINTING FOR SOME

by - Malcolm McHattie – Up-River Race Rep.



BYC 2017 sailing started just 10 days before the summer solstice and Summer, as we expect it, arrived only a couple of weeks before the fall equinox. Once the harbour gates were open the remaining race schedule was completed albeit that discouraging weather forecasts seem to have kept potential starters away. This is disappointing both for those who missed the race and for those who didn't.

The first race of the season, the Shorey on the May long weekend, is often cancelled for high water levels but the 2017 Spring 50, a favourite long-distance race with its long daylight, and the BYC Pinhey's, a popular mid-distance race, were also cancelled. After its delayed start Summer delivered cool, grey and often wet conditions.

Forecasts provide increasingly accurate confirmation of the actual weather we experience, but do not reliably predict our reactions to it. While a windless drizzle forecast is discouraging, the Ottawa River and its sailors interpret forecasts in their own way and sailors often find conditions remarkably good, at least for part of a race. Participants had many enjoyable and challenging sails in all the 2017 events.

A small number of boats of all sizes participated in most of the long-distance races. There developed a strong rivalry among both fast and less fast boats. Few will complete the course as fast as Wind Warrior, Thumper or Gunsmoke but often the final winner on corrected time successfully kept-on competing until its later finish. There are lots of good sailors.

The Sunday September 10th Queen's Park race was the most popular event, with 24 entries. It is a 3-hour afternoon race to just above Aylmer Island and back. Longer races had fewer entries. The traditional long-distance events, 100-mile, 50-mile and weekend races to Quyon and Mohr Island, are challenges to all competitors. The first challenge is to corner crew, up to seven, willing to commit a significant part of a weekend. It is not necessary to own and equip a racing boat to enjoy these experiences.

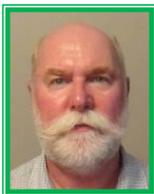
Looking forward to the 2018 season? How about planning to be ready for the Shorey race on the Monday of the May long weekend. The delightful Club tradition is to cruise upriver during the weekend, anchor overnight and get together on Monday for an informal downwind and downriver race back home from Constance Bay. After that, the sea-legs are fully prepared to enjoy the rest of the season.

The 2018 upriver and weekend event schedule will soon be under preparation, so please communicate ideas, wishes or preferences to a member of the Sailing Committee.



CLASS 8 & JAM REPORT

from – Brian Williamson



Now that racing is done and, despite the latest start to the season this decade, it was a good season with more BYC boats on the courses than in past years and only 1 Class 8 and two JAM race nights cancelled.

Class 8 (PHRF Div 3) participation increased to three BYC boats racing with the addition of Moon Beam who joined the continuing regulars Skylark and Carpe Diem. A special call out to Moonbeam (a Bluenose 23), who was not only the most elegant looking boat in the fleet, but also had great results. Starting with a 2nd place in her

first race, she went on to interclub success - 1st in the summer series and 3rd in the fall series, with 4 races won over the season – congratulations on a great showing to a new boat in the fleet.

JAM racing expanded this year, with ten boats racing across all three fleets:

In **A fleet**, a call went out to new boat Comet who joined regulars Wind Warrior, Solitaire, Waskana, La Leone II, and Busted Flush. Congratulations to Wind Warrior who was #2 in the interclub standings for both the summer and fall seasons.

B fleet welcomed the return of Dulcinea to racing (under the new ownership of Advantage Boating), joining regular Carpe Diem. Congratulations to Carpe Diem, who missed several races while recovering from a collision in her first race of the season, to win two races in the fall series for an interclub 3rd place.

This year **C fleet** added two new boats in this class to give a BYC presence for the first time in several years. And what a presence! Moonbeam really found her legs in JAM racing, placing in the interclub standings at 2nd in the spring series, 1st in the summer series (with four wins) and 1st in the fall series (sweeping the results by winning all five counted races). Also a call out to new racer Yulara – hope to see you both back racing for the 2018 season.

BTW, if you're looking for warm southern racing during the cold Ottawa winter, without the hassle of hauling your boat, I recommend the NorthU/National One Design Academy Regatta Experience (<https://www.1dsailing.com/index.php/events/north-u>).

Besides the chance to sail in warm waters when Lac Deschênes is frozen over, they offer a way to participate in some of the famous, bucket-list regattas (St Pete's NOOD, Miami Sailing Week, Charleston Race Week, or Annapolis NOOD in 2018)—and get some great North U race coaching. Go as a team looking for coaching and glory, or as a single sailor looking for sunny warm waters and experience. Anyone who has attended past NorthU clinics that NSC has sponsored here in Ottawa knows how much the North U guys can teach you about sailing and racing better – just imagine that, but with days of coached, hands-on practice in a real raced setting. Read more about it from *Sailing World* magazine at

https://1dsailing.com/application/files/3814/9256/9322/Sailing_World_Easy_Tigers.pdf. Outstanding!

I signed up for the Miami Sailing Week event last winter, as a single sailor, and I highly recommend it. All I need to do now is convince my crew's better halves to let them skip out on snow shoveling some future winter to do it again sometime.

As I write, our racing season is done and boats are hauling out for the winter – nothing left now but to head south for winter racing or cruising - hope to see you all at the awards dinner (Sat 18 Nov) and at the interclub awards night in January.





From – Kirk Robertson, Protest Chair & Handicapper



PHRF & Protests

This year saw some boats depart and others join the racing program; pretty much a wash on the totals. The weather had quite an effect on the racing; many trophies won't be awarded this year as the gates were still in or the wind failed to show up. Well, there is always next year!

On the protest side there were more than a few protests; not sure if it was the weather or somehow people thought the rules had changed with the issue of the RSS for 2017-2020. Some protesters should have read my comment earlier- if you think you may have been wrong, doing two turns is a lot less expensive than a DSQ. Some did take advantage of the new 20% penalty.

Over the last few years there have more "bar comments" about PHRF and Sailwave. Other areas are looking at more "fair" handicapping systems, I believe we will be exploring some options over the winter.



CRUISE WEEK

by – Catherine Trinkwon



With our sailing season over, recovery from hurricane season in the Caribbean is still on our minds.

If you want to help, here are 2 easy ways to donate with confidence that your donations reach those who need them – specifically in Dominica and St. Martin:

Wendy and Bill Lumsdon are accepting Interac email transfers until the end of November. They are using Interac to minimize fees, compared to a crowd funding page, which takes an 8% administrative fee from all donations. You can email funds directly to

smith.wendy999 [at] gmail [dot] com, and use the password "Dominica".

Bill and Wendy are in direct contact with several locals in Dominica and a couple of boats sending food and other goods like shovels, pick-axes, soap, food, lanterns, and lamp oil. One of their main contacts, Martin Carriere, is a founding member of a co-op type organization called Portsmouth Association of Yacht Services (PAYS). This trained, self-organized group provides many types of year-round support for visiting sailors, including assistance with immigration and customs, garbage collection, provision of moorings and island tours, and help with medical and emergency situations.

When you donate to Bill and Wendy, funds and goods will be given to the Carriere family directly (who are affiliated with PAYS), and they will share with their neighbours and community in Dominica.

Bill and Wendy are taking their own boat to Dominica in November and expect to take a load of food and recovery goods including sheets, towels, work gloves, dust masks, and so on.

When this was written (mid-October), they were hoping to raise enough funds to buy a gas-powered generator needed by locals in anticipation of being without power for six months. The goal was to have the generator sent on an aid boat leaving Grenada on Oct 23.

• Offshore Passage Opportunities – www.sailopo.com: Boat delivery and crew networking site owned and run by Hank Schmitt, who is also organizing donations and relief efforts. You can make a PayPal donation in \$USD to your choice of funds:

- PAYS Disaster Relief Fund in Portsmouth, Dominica
- Sint Maarten Relief Fund

See the OPO page for how the funds will be spent. At the time of writing, over \$13K had been raised for Dominica and over \$18K for St. Martin. OPO's Board of Trustees oversees all donations and accounts for all monies.

You can also sign up for free to be a crew member on a relief boat.

Both OPO and the Lumsdons are working directly with one of the relief boats, Cargo Vessel "Flying Buzzard" (home port is Victoria, BC) and both are also dealing directly with members of PAYS in Dominica. This consistency of their connections instills confidence that donations reach those who need help. Many annual Caribbean events are still scheduled, including the Heineken Regatta in St. Martin, March 1-4, 2018: <http://heinenregatta.com/st-maarten-heineken-regatta-still-2018>.

We're fortunate to have had a great season here on the Ottawa River. Let's share the wealth - keep those Caribbean trips booked, or send a few extra dollars where you know it's needed. Every bit helps.

Merry Christmas and all the best for 2018.

PRESENTATION DINNER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017



COCKTAILS	5:30p.m.
BUFFET DINNER	6:30p.m.
AWARDS	7:30p.m.

MENU: TBA

\$26.50+HST/PERSON

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Payment in advance required

Britannia Yacht Club Activities Calendar

November 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
STARTING NOV. 1						
Office Hours: Mon. - Fri. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Bar & Kitchen Hours: Wed. & Fri. - 4:00 p.m. to close Sat. 12:00 noon to close, Sun. 1:00p.m. to close						
		1 Movie Night 7:00 p.m. "It's Complicated"	2	3	4	5 End of Daylight Saving Time
ALL SAINTS DAY						
6	7	8 CLASSIC Movie Night 7:00 p.m. "Mrs. Miniver"	9	10	11 AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE 11:00A.M. SHARP 	12 REMEMBRANCE DAY REGATTA (FUN)
				Last Quarter	Full Moon	
13	14	15 Movie Night 7:00 p.m. "Hidden Figures"	16	17	18  PRESENTATION DINNER New Moon	19 BREAKFAST CLUB STARTS 9:30a.m. to 11:30a.m. Al Malo's Team
20	21	22 Movie Night 7:00 p.m. "Queen of Katwe"	23	24	25	26 Breakfast Club Rob Braden's Team GREY CUP PARTY First Quarter
27	28	29 Movie Night 7:00 p.m. "Fences"	30			

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Britannia Yacht Club Activities Calendar

December 2017

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Office Hours: Mon., Tues. & Thurs. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Closed Dec. 23 to 28 Bar & Kitchen Hours: Wed. & Fri. - 4:00 p.m. to close Sat. & Sun. - 12:00 noon - 7:00 p.m. Closed Dec. 23-28, & Jan. 1-2 Open Fri., Dec. 29 4:00pm to close, Sat. Dec. 30 11:00a.m. to close, Sun. Dec. 31 1:00p.m. to close						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Breakfast Club Lisa Shishis' Opti Team
						Full Moon
11	12  Hannukkah Begins	13 BYCF AGM 6:00 p.m. BYC AGM 7:00 p.m.	14	15 BYC Christmas Buffet Upper Deck	16	17 WASSAIL & CHILDRENS XMAS PARTY 1:00-4:00pm
						Last Quarter
18 New Moon 	19	20 Christmas Cheer  Hannukkah Ends	21	22	23 Club Closed	24 CHRISTMAS EVE Club Closed
			Winter Solstice			
25 CHRISTMAS DAY Club Closed	26 Boxing Day First Quarter Club Closed	27 Club Closed	28 Club Closed	29 Club OPEN 4:00P.M. to close	30 Club OPEN 11:00A.M. to close	31  NEW YEAR'S EVE Club OPEN 1:00P.M. to close
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