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FOREWORD

This issue of Full & By is devoted primarily to the publication of the 2006 Annual Report from each Director, except that of the Commodore.

The Commodore's Report will be delivered at the 2006 Annual General Meeting.

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NOTICE OF 2006 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Take notice that the Annual General Meeting of the Britannia Yacht Club will be held in the Clubhouse on **Wednesday, December 6, 2006, at 1900 hours** for the purpose of receiving the report of the Commodore; the audited financial statement; and the reports of the Auditors for the past fiscal year; the election of Officers and Directors for the ensuing year; the appointment of the Auditors for the year 2006, and any other Yacht Club business as may be properly brought before the meeting.

SCHEDULE

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

Dated at Ottawa this 14th day of September 2006
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Rear Commodore's Annual Report

by - Bill Reynen, Harbourmaster



The first year of my term as Harbourmaster is almost over and it has been quite a learning experience. I want to thank all of those who had the patience to impart their knowledge to me about the harbour, in particular John Irvin, John Vines and Simon Fuller, and the helpful hints and suggestions I received from the membership as a whole. In particular I would like to thank Paul Moore and Andrew Furey who made my life so much easier. I am also most appreciative of the excellent working relationship among all of our Board members.

I have been fortunate that I took over a portfolio that was in such good standing due to the efforts of my predecessors. We didn't have any problems with lighting, pump outs or flooding this year. We are steadily filling our mooring spaces and we have had the good fortune of seeing the new Charlotte Whitton launched this year. I would still like to make more headway in cleaning up our storage areas.

There are some repairs that will, hopefully, be completed before haulout. The north side of the harbour entrance has some erosion problems and there are other areas around the entrance that will require some parging. We will be bringing in crushed stone to deal with the erosion problems and to help shore up the north launching ramp. Thanks to John Vines and Simon Fuller for tackling these projects.

A matter which is causing increasing concern is the poor state of our finger docks. We will be looking at a variety of options from replacing the existing finger docks with one of several commercial dock systems to evaluating a new mooring system for the harbour using finger docks similar to those at the Nepean Sailing club. Many members are finding it increasingly difficult to access their boats with our current arrangements and I have heard a lot of positive feedback about how we can incorporate a floating dock system into our harbour. I plan on making a more fulsome presentation on this concept at the AGM in December after consulting with our Harbour Committee.

Mark your calendars for October 27 and 28 for haulout. I would like to thank our crew chiefs and volunteers in advance for all their hard work and dedication to handling our boats safely and efficiently!

Fleet Captain's Annual Report

by - Mike O'Sullivan



This has been a difficult year for this portfolio in that the budget for race management was halved, and the quality of race management suffered accordingly. There was hope that the shortfall would be made up by volunteers. Thankfully there were a few volunteers, but sadly no sufficient to fill the gap. As a result, the whaler was not out on the water on many evenings to provide mark

setting duties or provide some measure of response to safety issues. The Board has recognized the problem, and action is being favourably considered, i.e. an increase in the budget for race management. The question of an additional fee for racing is being hotly debated by both Nepean Sailing Club and BYC, and in the incoming Board will be faced with making this decision.

The number of participants in the racing program is down somewhat – especially in the One-Design fleets. Part of this is due to the lack of available crew, which can be attributed to the disparity in the cost for a crewing membership between the NSC and BYC, the other factor is the general decline in One-Design racing being experienced across North America and perhaps the world.

In spite of some disappointing winds for a number of the up-river events, we did enjoy some good racing and keen competition. There were some problems, however, that will be dealt with next year:

1. Applications for renewal of PHRF Certificates are required annually accompanied by a \$25.00 fee. Some applications were lost or misfiled, incomplete or simply not forthcoming until late in the season. This has caused headaches for scoring and proper assignment of handicaps. While there was some laxity this year, this will not be allowed to continue next season.
2. Sail numbers - Some difficulty was experienced by the Race Committee and the Scorer because some boats did not inform the RC of changed sail numbers. Next season, competitors must inform the RC before the race if they will be carrying a sail that doesn't bear the number recorded on the Registration Form. Failure to do so will result in not being score.
3. Research will be done to determine the salary required to hire a well experienced and competent PRO for the entire season. Advertising for applicants for this position will begin immediately.
4. It became evident throughout the season that a policy handbook is required for the guidance of the PRO. This work will take place this winter.
5. Both the Bob Ross and the whaler need work to bring them up to the safety standards. Provision needs to be made for ongoing maintenance throughout the season.
6. Many thanks to Al Malo and his helpers for the putting of results on the website. Work is now required for the wireless transmission of results from the RC boat directly to the website.

I wish to express my thanks to the members of the Sailing Committee and especially to Joan and Bob Yuile without whose assistance and guidance I could not have survived the season.

The Board has worked hard in the face of much controversy to place the Club on a solid financial footing. It has been a privilege to work with them.

Honourary Treasurer's Annual Report

by - George Clayburn



The time has literally flown by since I took over the Honourary Treasurer's portfolio from Mary Bundy. We have only two months to our year-end and we are preparing next year's budget and getting ready for the Annual Audit. Both of which I will report on at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in December.

The Budget process for our Fiscal Year 2006/07 is well under way. This year we will be budgeting for Capital improvements separately from Operations and Maintenance. I will not be able to provide any details until the AGM because there are a number of decisions and prioritization to be made.

We are still on track to achieving a positive result in revenue compared to expenses, although it will not be as large as we had originally forecasted because our revenue is expected to be less. As a result, our Operating Deficit will not be reduced as much as we had hoped. However, it will be reduced. We are seeing the results of ensuring that proper controls are in place, as well as constantly reviewing, analysing and monitoring our financial reports to ensure that the Board is aware of our developing financial situation. Thanks to the hard work of all concerned, our expenses have been significantly reduced. Again, I will provide full details at the AGM.

It has been quite a year for both Paul and Mark who have responded magnificently to the challenges inherent in the situation in which they found themselves. I have indeed been very fortunate to have had the assistance of Nancy Sinclair, which has made my task as Honourary Treasurer that much easier.

Membership & Marketing Director's Annual Report

by - David Brown



I am encouraged by the participation at Club events by new members and not so new members. Social functions are well attended, Friday night buffets are doing well and the "old club spirit" is on the rise. Our Junior sailing program is bringing out the best in our kids and they represent our Club at regattas all over Canada. Their enthusiasm helps get their parents involved. The kids' tennis program initiated by Paul Moore was a wonderful sight to see all summer long. These kids played tennis and learned to sail at noon when the Junior Club boats were available. What a neat idea!

The Club's visibility in the community got a lift with some free publicity in Ottawa Outdoors magazine. Thanks to John Bienko for writing a splendid article about sailing on the Ottawa River featuring B.Y.C. We ran a few ads in local weeklies with some favourable results. Our participation, in partnership with Nepean Sailing Club, in the Easter Seals Regatta was very successful and hopefully we can build on this relationship. A special thanks to Amie Geraghty for her leadership on our behalf. Our web-site attracted some positive vibes and was successful in selling our club to the public and to our own members. Thanks to Paul Delahay, Al Malo, Shane Foy, Dave Brown Jr. and Lynne Del'Orme.

What I am saying is that your Club is alive and well and I look forward to a positive future. Get on the band wagon and make it happen.

This spirit will help alleviate an ongoing problem of member retention that has plagued our club for years. This year is no exception. As of August we had 185 members resign for one reason or another. The treasurer wrote off old members who had left without resigning and junior members were transferred to family memberships. Senior 65, Non-resident and Associate memberships are also down. Although we recruited 86 new members we have a net loss of 85 members. A more detailed history of the last several years will be presented when the auditors' report is presented at the Annual General Meeting.

Despite the loss of members we have maintained a good cash flow due in part to more activity at Club functions, room rentals and more boats in the harbour. Other directors will elaborate on the financial picture, but it is positive.

There has been a change to the approach your Board has taken on the marketing side. Special deals were made late in the year to attract young families and boat owners. This initiative attracted some new members and hopefully next year the Board will continue this course of action.

Over the three years I have been back on the Board of Directors a tremendous amount of change has happened. The Board now has the tools available to them to do a job. Financial reporting is timely and accurate. Board members have taken their jobs seriously and with enthusiasm. New ideas are brought forward and acted upon. It has been a pleasure to have been part of this group.

The Membership and Marketing portfolio is a detail driven position and I must thank our General Manager Paul Moore and our accountant Mark Walton for their help and support.

We have had an active Membership Committee and I would like to thank **John Hartin, Agnar Johanson, Carolyn Johnston, Jim Johnston, James Huget and Chuck Lanning** for their ideas, help and support.

It's not all fun being on the Board of Directors at B.Y.C., but it is rewarding.



House & Grounds Director's Annual Report

by - Robin Meyers



Not as much progress as we would have liked has been made in improving and renovating the clubhouse this year but that is a result of having to be cautious in spending money. However, it seems we are over the worst of the fiscal restraint and we can now deal with what needs to be done to spruce the Club up.

Regardless of the tight fiscal policy, we have kept on top of a number of items to improve and maintain the Club and its grounds. My list of completed work contains 23 entries, including the retiling of the lobby ceiling, new notice boards at the "clicker" gate and alongside the tennis courts, new seats on the wall outside the Main Lounge, and repair of the ceiling fans in the Main Lounge.

Also, although it counts as only one item on my list - a large understatement - the planters around the harbour and the grounds are colourful and looking extremely attractive. I've reported on that fact before but it warrants a second mention because of the work involved.

A small, but important addition to the grounds will be noticed by those with sharp eyesight, there are now signs around the grounds that request dog owners to pick up what their dogs leave behind. These signs were put up in response to a complaint from a member whose sails were soiled (to put it mildly) when they were folding them on what was thought to be pristine grassland! The culprit may not have been a member's dog; nevertheless, we can set a good example by keeping proper control of our animals.

On the other side of the ledger, so to speak, is the list of things waiting to be done; there are 29 of these items in my files and many more could be added, given unlimited resources. Outstanding work includes renewing the carpet on the spiral outdoor staircase, repair of parging on the outer walls, refurbishing washrooms, and retiling the floor in the Upper Deck. Something I want to draw your attention to; a notice board is to be put up in the downstairs bar that will list Club projects and invite members to sign on to work parties to tackle them. I hope you will sign on and lend a hand.

As I write this we are still enjoying good weather and I hope that you are enjoying your boating in whatever form it may take.

Food & Beverages Director's Annual Report

by - Jim Johnston



In this, the second fiscal year of our self-managed food and beverage services, focus has been placed on developing a program intended to achieve several objectives:

- Quality food at reasonable prices to members
- A modest financial return to the Club
- A balance between service and the cost of that service

In the case of the first objective, those of you who have 'dined at the club' will, I think, agree with me that the quality of the food served has been, for the most part, creative and well prepared, well served and reasonably priced. Friday buffet dinner continues to be popular. The Racers' Special introduced during the week to replace the outdoor bar-b-que has generally been well received. Pub fare has also been offered for those who wish for

an alternative to the Racers' Special. Friday lunches, while initially slow to become popular, now require reservations to assure a table. Our private party and catering business has grown significantly this year thus providing a financial boost to operations.

At the time of writing this report, unaudited statements indicate that our food and beverage services have provided a positive financial return from operations in the current year. These results were achieved through a very disciplined approach to cost monitoring and control and a pricing structure designed to ensure a reasonable return to the Club. To encourage member participation, the minimum "house account" fee was introduced in the spring with the proviso that members who chose to, were allowed to "opt-out" by paying a fee (\$25 for singles/\$40 for couples). Approximately 170 members (a mix of both single and couple) chose the opting out provision. Full members who chose to participate in the minimum House account program received a 15% rebate towards subsequent food and beverage purchases. At the end of August, the value of rewards received by members was close to \$9,000 or about 4% of food and liquor revenues.

Providing a balance between service and the cost of service can present its challenges. For example, the Liquor Licence Act requires licence holders to provide a menu of "light meals at all times that liquor is offered for sale". This requires us to maintain kitchen service in the late evenings when the bar is open although demand for food may be limited or non-existent. Closing the bar during slow periods is another option but one which is not always well received. Over the past 8 months, the frequency of Sunday dinners was reduced due to an apparent drop in interest. Weekday lunches have been cut back to Fridays only from 3 days a week during 2005. Should we expand our offerings to members? Possibly, but consideration must be given not only to members' wishes but also to the impact on the 'bottom line' – the perennial balancing act of any successful enterprise!

During the year a Food and Beverage Committee was formed, consisting of Byron Boucher, Kerry Hayes, Rudy Snel, Guy Painchaud and Kate Murton. However, personal schedules precluded any meetings taking place. Nevertheless, advice and opinions were informally meted out by members of the Committee and by some individual members.

Our serving staff are most deserving of praise and thanks for their efforts, especially during the high demand times at the bar and in the dining room. When next you purchase a drink or a meal, please say 'thank you'. I'd like to thank our manager Paul and accountant Mark for remaining focused on preparing "the back-of-the-house numbers" for me and providing the required daily attention to the food and liquor operation.

Finally, in the new fiscal year it's anticipated that emphasis will continue to be placed on cost controls and revenue enhancement. I expect a new emphasis on promotion with a view to encouraging you, the members, to make greater use of our Club in general and the food and beverage program, in particular.

Tennis Director's Annual Report

by - Mike Fahmy



Another successful tennis season is coming to an end in the near future; the summer has really passed so fast. We started the season on the first Sunday in May with over 24 players filling the five courts. The first round robin was a great success and players and fans enjoyed drinks and munchies offered after the games. The brief meeting that followed outlined the future activities.

In view of the restricted budget of all club portfolios, tennis included, hiring a professional trainer could not start before mid July. Nick Paterson assumed responsibilities of running the round robin on Sunday mornings and Tuesday evenings, with lessons given on Tuesdays. From the feedback I received, the efforts of Nick were greatly appreciated by the players. The plan is to continue these activities until the weather makes them impossible.

Strawberries at Wimbledon event in July was a great success. As usual, Jean Spear did a wonderful job and all tennis players owe her a big "thank you".

Mrs. Margaret Gibson was back again this year bringing her talented young tennis players on Sunday afternoons. Not only it was nice to see these future champions battling each other, but also BYC benefited from

donations by Margaret for the use of our courts. All funds donated were directed to the Resurfacing Project. Thank you Margaret and we all look forward to welcoming you next summer with a new group of youngsters.

Our ladies participated again this year in The Ottawa Women's Tennis League.

If you wondered...what was going on at Britannia? What were all these kids doing at the club tennis and sailing facilities every day, week after week? Here are the answers: Britannia Yacht Club was one of the sites that The National Tennis School is using to train youngsters in tennis and sailing. The program is entitled "Sail and Slam Survival Camp". A fresh group started every week for the entire summer. The program is run by Geoff Pierce and his coaches. A few new members and a respectable amount of money were the benefit of BYC from such program.

As I write this report we are struggling to arrange a Club Championship Tournament. Very few members signed up to play. If we don't succeed in organizing a championship, the Awards Dinner will be pointless. Please note that the Tennis Christmas Party will be held Thursday, December 7.

As for the Resurfacing Project, we have adequate funds to go ahead with resurfacing one and probably two courts, but the most damaged courts, i.e. one and two might be torn down in the event that a curling club relocate at Britannia. So not to waste the money, we'll try to fix the damages on all courts until the future of the tennis courts becomes more clear. Meanwhile, we are adding funds to the resurfacing account continuously.

I would like to thank those wonderful people who served on the Tennis Committee and helped out with the various events.

The temperature is great for playing tennis...so benefit from these last days before green is replaced with white and the 06 season is no more than memories.

Youth Director's Annual Report

by - Clark Cada



The summer 2006 sailing program has now to come to an end and has been successful, both financially and in the operation.

Our tradition of a strong instructor roster involving previous students in the program who have gone into success has continued with the following instructors:

Instructors - Tim Tramp
 Patrick Bickerton - White Sail 1 & 2
 Amy Cada - White Sail 3
 Kristyn Hope - Bronze
 Jeff Hogervorst -Silver

Head Instructor - Clarke Wilson

Office Administrator - Trish Delahay

C.I.T.'s - Michelle Martin

Kaitlin Riordan

Our boats and equipment have been updated with 8 out of 12 Optimist hulls repaired and repainted; the 420's have had all their rigging updated and properly equipped.

This year we acquired a new inflatable coach boat nicknamed "Flipper" by the instructors, and one of two other inflatables has had the hull rebuilt and will be in use for next year. The second inflatable will be rebuilt so we will have all proper coach boats in place for the 2008 season.

The facilities have been improved and we were able to clean the entire inside of the Junior Clubhouse, prepare and paint parts of the front railings during a couple of Saturdays when we had 2 volunteer days. There were approximately 35 adults and juniors involved in these volunteer days.

Along the shoreline we removed some old equipment and debris, top soiled the area, planted seeds which resulted in many weeds but now there is clover growing and it should be in good condition for next year. We also had two new cedar picnic tables donated to the Junior Club, and 2 new launch ramps were constructed as part of the Club's ongoing harbour improvements.

The main complaint we received during the year was regarding the condition of bathrooms, and we are looking for volunteers to be involved in renovation and improving them for next year. We require new sinks and ceramic tile on the walls and repainting.

Also for 2007 we want to obtain new sails for Opti's and 420's.

Registration for 2007 will be done on-line and will be available for members from the beginning of January to the beginning of April when registration for the 2007 sessions will be open to the public.

Our Silver Team provided good results in their year of away regattas and represented the BYC with honour. There is also more on water training with our Silver Team and the Nepean Sailing Club Silver Team. This worked to the advantage of both teams.

The High Performance Team, a little smaller in numbers, produced a Canadian Youth Championship in the 29er's with Peter Soosalu and Nick Kroeger. Brock Hope Morley and Jason Hurst also members of the High Performance Team were second in the North American 29er's Championships.

The annual Award Dinner was held on August, 30th with awards and certificates being presented to the sailors and two very good slideshows presented. In addition to the certificates and medallions the following trophies were awarded at the banquet.

The Delahay Trophy: Emilie Parker
 McKenna Trophy: Francis Guiton
 Centennial Trophy: Zach Rubens and James Ford
 The J.A. Ryde Trophy: Jennifer Welcher
 Annual Seamanship Award (Intermediate): Anthony Croteau
 Annual Seamanship Award (Youth): Trevor Damen
 Ed Miall Trophy: Jonathan MacAskill
 W.W. Scott Memorial Trophy: Kim Preston-Thomas and Jacqueline Crapper
 Mary Whiting Trophy: Benjamin Taylor
 Don Hewitt Memorial Trophy: John Fotheringham and Jennifer Fuller
 Michael Wrazej Memorial Trophy: Connor Kennedy
 Jason Zoehner Memorial Trophy: James Bickerton
 Don Freudenberg Memorial Trophy: Taylor Cada

Auxiliary Director's Annual Report

by - John Lydon



Both the BYC Auxiliary portfolio and the director responsible were new to the Board this year, and both required familiarization time to determine how to best mesh with existing portfolios, practices and governance structures to best serve the interests of the Club and its members. Although the Club employs a general manager and a small professional staff to take care of the business management and day-to-day services provided by the Club, everything else from its governance to its maintenance is carried out by volunteers. The Club was almost literally built by volunteers - all the stones of the harbour walls, for example, were laid in place by teams of volunteers. The previous Board created the portfolio because there was a need for a registry of the skills and interests of members who were prepared to volunteer their time and talents, so that this resource could be more expeditiously and equitably utilized in the running and improvement of the Club. There was also the hope that a greater involvement in volunteer activities would help to resurrect the spirit of camaraderie and pride on which the Club was founded.

With advice from the BYC Auxiliary Committee (Chuck Lanning, Flora Leibich, Don Slater and Joan Yuile), and with regard to the restrictions arising from the spending restraint in force this year at BYC, highest priority was given to getting a volunteer directory started. A registration form/questionnaire was distributed to the members via the Full & By. I did not receive any replies to this publication, but the registry is being populated by personal contact with members and by recording de facto acts of volunteerism. At the current rate of progress it will probably take another year to have a reasonably complete directory.

Many members regularly volunteer to help make the Club a better place, and I have found that when directly asked for their help, most members are only too willing to do what they can. A problem is letting all members know of the help that is needed, so that everyone has the opportunity of lending a hand. To help alleviate this problem, a small BYC Auxiliary board is currently being constructed to fit in with the décor of the Main Lounge, which will hold cards informing members of the Club's needs for volunteers as and when the needs arise. This would afford members, especially new members who are not in the current loop of person to person contact with Board members, the opportunity to become involved in the running of the Club. Also in the works is a Director's mail box cum form-repository for the front lobby because it was felt that members need a convenient, accessible, specific and secure way of communicating in writing to the Board of Directors. This will again help in communication from members at large.

This initiative for better intra-club communication were considered by the BYC Auxiliary to be one of the first steps that should be taken to revive a pervasive Club spirit of camaraderie and pride. Changes wanted by members to Club practices lead to greater satisfaction and allegiance to the Club, which in turn sows the seeds for greater Club spirit. One small such change with which the BYC Auxiliary is associated is for a larger and more effective crew bank in support of sailing activities and the Board has approved in principle a competitive and accessible crewing membership category for the future. Hopefully, this will result in a greater degree of satisfaction among boat owners, more participation in sailing programs and, down the line, more full members in the Club.

I think one of the areas that also deserve attention in the future is the amount of recognition and thanks we give our volunteers. We all owe them a lot but, except for the Commodore's Award and a volunteer's breakfast, they largely remain the Club's unsung heroes. We also ought to look at the balance of the Club's needs and the voluntary contributions by members - is it sustainable and is it equitable? What work is not done by volunteers must be done by hired help. Is there a need or is it time to institute a "sweat equity" expectation of all members or a payment in lieu, in acknowledgement of the changed values and priorities of society since the harbour walls were built?

As you all know, this year has been a challenging one for the Club. However, the belt-tightening and better business management practices have our future looking a lot brighter than it did a year ago. For me personally it has been a very rewarding year - not only have I learned a great deal about how the Club works, it's recent history and idiosyncrasies, but also I have met a great number of members that I might not have otherwise. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Directors on the Board this year for their guidance, help and cooperation to a newcomer, and for making my year of service a very positive experience.

Past Commodore's Annual Report

by – Lynn DeL'Orme, Security



Summer 2006 is now over with one month remaining before the end of security duty and haulout.

The season was relatively quiet, except for the usual reports of intruding fishermen on club lands in the spring, faulty lighting around the harbour and a temperamental 'clicker' gate. At the time of writing, over 120 members had signed the register for security duty. The most frequent complaint from members is that they are often alone on their shift, as their partners fail to show, which impacts on the effectiveness and safety of the solitary member. Over the years it has been questioned if this club activity is a worthwhile effort on our part by having members provide security from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. nightly. In my opinion there are a couple of reasons why we should maintain this responsibility, as it not only saves money by not having to hire paid security, it also gets members involved in familiarizing themselves with their fellow members, the club and its assets.

All adults, regardless of class of membership were called upon to take part in the security watch program this summer. If you feel your health leaves you unable to perform security duty for the 2007 season, please advise myself or the club ASAP.

Having read all the comments in the log book, I undertake to organize a work party this fall to rectify some of the reported complaints, such as fixing the east corner fence.

Finally, I wish to thank everyone who took part in the program this season. Your efforts and commitment to the club are greatly appreciated. Thank you, on behalf of the Board of Directors and your fellow members.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

At the request of the Commodore and in accordance with Club Bylaw 9.3.I. as Chair of the Nominating Committee, I present to the Members the proposed slate of Officers and Directors for the Britannia Yacht Club for the year 2007.

Nominating Committee Members: Lynn DeL'Orme, Chair
 Kevin Bundy
 D'Arcy Craig
 Wendy Faas
 Gerry Gunn
 Kerry Hayes
 Paul Kowalski
 Malcolm McHattie
 Kirk Robertson

During the month of September, the Nominating Committee met to review potential candidates for the 2007 Board of Directors. To the best of its ability, the Committee attempted to interview all members who put their name forward as Candidates.

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

Commodore	- John Irvin
Vice Commodore (Projects)	- Simon Fuller
Rear Commodore (Harbourmaster)	- Bill Reynen
Fleet Captain (determined by the Sailors)	- Mike O'Sullivan
Honourary Treasurer	- George Clayburn
Honourary Secretary	- Janet Bayley
Director, House and Grounds	- Robin Myers
Director, Membership	- James Huget
Director, Social	- John Lydon
Director, Youth	- Clark Cada
Director, Tennis (determined by Tennis Members)	- TBA
Director, Food and Beverage	- Jim Johnston

Lynn DeL'Orme assumes the position of Immediate Past Commodore.

With the posting of this list, members are asked to propose nominees to fill the vacant positions, pursuant to Bylaw 9.3.2.

Yours sincerely,

Lynn DeL'Orme
 Chair, Nominating Committee
 Wednesday, October 4, 2006

IN MEMORIAM

It is with profound sadness that we report the death following a short illness of

MARGARET CLAYBURN

on

Thursday, August 31, 2006

The Board of Directors and Members of Britannia Yacht Club extend their deepest sympathy to her husband George, her family, and her friends.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with the most profound sadness that we report the passing of long time member

GLORIA McKENNA

on

Thursday, August 17, 2006

The Board of Directors and Members of Britannia Yacht Club extend their deepest sympathy to her daughter Fiona (Maurice), sons Donald (Jill) and Collin (Sherri) her family and all her many, many friends

PATRICK HADDEN



Eleanor and David Wilson's eight-year-old grandson Patrick Hadden lost his long battle with Neuroblastoma on August 17, at Roger's House hospice for pediatric palliative care.

The Ottawa Citizen recalled that "while battling through the disease, the tough little eight-year-old mobilized hundreds in the close-knit community at Elmdale Public School, where he went to school with his twin brother, Logan." His mother, Janet Wilson, was quoted as saying "He was determined until the end" and his Dad, David Hadden, was quoted as saying "(he) was an inspiration to many people". He also said Patrick was still playing soccer six weeks ago, even after days of chemotherapy.

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September/October 2006

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DINGHY REPORT

by – Rob Frost, Dinghy Rep.



Another summer is past and another year of some spectacular racing was had throughout the summer. Wednesday night racing was action-packed with over ten boats on the line every Wednesday which is fantastic to see. Congrats to Mike O'Sullivan, Clarke Wilson and his team for putting on some great racing.

The High Performance Team had arguably their best year in its 3 year existence. With a team of four 29ers the Team set off for Kingston early in the summer to begin its training for the 29er World Championships in Weymouth, England. In preparation for the World Championships the team trained 7 days a week for 2 weeks leading up to the event. Off to compete in England were Brock Hope-Morely, Jason Hearst, Tom Arbuckle and Todd Ulbinas. Sailing in extremely difficult conditions the boys had a difficult competition, but gained great international experience that is only going to help them down the road. Brock and Jason finished 14th in bronze fleet and Todd and Tom finished 18th in bronze fleet as well.

The remaining two boats on the team that did not venture off to England returned back to Ottawa to train with Kai Bjorn, to gear up for the Canadian Youth Championships to be held in Wabumun, Alberta. The Two teams that made the trip to compete were Abbey Frost, Alanna Riordan, Nick Kroeger and Peter Soosalu. After a long and tiring drive out, the team quickly geared up for the competition training hard 4 days before the event. With difficult sailing conditions ranging from no wind, to quite a bit of wind and large

shifts both boats sailed extremely well. At the end of the regatta Abbey and Alanna Finished 12th. **Nick Kroeger and Peter Soosalu dominated the competition from the beginning and wound up winning the Canadian Youth Championships** with one day of racing to spare. In winning the Youth Championships Nick and Peter qualified for the Youth National Team. This is obviously a great accomplishment and the boys deserve great praise for it.

With little time in between the Canadian Youth Championships and the 29er North American Championships in Kingston Ontario, the Youths team had to rush back to meet up with the remaining team members in Kingston who were busily training for North American Championships. With very stiff competition the team sailed extremely well and finished strongly. Abbey and Alanna finished 28th out of 52 boats, Nick and Peter finished 15th, Todd and Tom finished 14th and Brock and Jason finished an outstanding 2nd overall. Congratulations to the entire team for a fantastic summer filled with great results.

Although the summer sailing season may be done the team is still very active. Nick and Peter will continue their campaign for the 2007 Worlds Youth Regatta to be held in Kingston Ontario next year. Nick and Peter are definitely the boys to beat in Canada, and we should all wish them the best in achieving this goal. Peter and Brock have also been named to the Canadian Youth Match Racing Team and the boys will be off to Australia to compete in January of this year. As well Brock, Jason, Tom and myself are continuing to work towards our 49er campaigns starting this winter. Abbey and Alanna are hoping to make the jump to the 29erXX a double trapeze version of the 29er that is a hopeful Olympic Class in the next Olympics.

To finish off i would like to thank a couple people who have greatly helped me run and organize the team this summer. Thanks to my father Kevin Frost for again putting a lot of time and resources into running the team. Kai Bjorn for his support in organizing the team. Kim Moffat for her continued work, you make my job so much easier. Craig Moffat for his fundraising help and support in repairing boats. Our manager Paul Moore for helping in anyway possible and of course the parents and the athletes.

Although the team was only comprised of 29ers this year due to numbers, the team is still accepting single

handed or double handed sailors for next year. If you're a dedicated, motivated, keen sailor looking to make the next step, the HPT is the place for you. If you're interested feel free to contact me at any time at rob@sailingteam.ca.

WINDSURFING REPORT

by - Suzanne Roberge, Sailboard Rep.



By the time you read this, our series of racing will probably be over. There was not much to report this summer so you have not read me very often.

We had some good nights, some with less wind and even some with too much wind (for me anyway!). Our fleet is very small and we are very grateful to be able to race on Wednesday nights with the Lasers, etc. Without that, sailboard racing would be an affair of the past in Ottawa.

On August 5, 6 and 7, Rick, Ling-Yue (and Kai) and myself travelled to Orillia to attend the Canadian Masters' Windsurfing Association annual regatta. It was held at the YMCA Geneva Park which is a very nice venue, with lodging and meals all included. They even sent some wind our way for the weekend. Next year, we travel to Deep River to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the organization.

Also, in August Rick participated in the Canadian championship in Kingston and he is now the reigning RS:X Canadian Champion and he finished third overall for the OSA racing series.

May the winds be with you this fall!

CLASS 5 NEWS

from - Malcolm McHattie, Class 5 Rep.



*T*wo of the three 2006 evening race series have been completed, the long, hot, lazy days are becoming shorter and two months of excellent sailing is in prospect. 17 boats have been competing in PHRF 166-215 on Tuesday evenings. Many of those boats also sailed on Thursday evenings in One-Design or JAM. There were 15 boats competing in JAM A and 20 in JAM B.

Winds have been various in direction, force and variability, providing a challenge for crew skills and boat characteristics. That is what keeps us interested in sailing on the Ottawa River. It was also a challenge for the race committees. A chaotic committee-boat favoured start would become pin favoured for the next start five minutes later.

One key to enjoyable racing is to maintain a level playing field for all participants. We are favoured by being on water and by good adherence to the Racing Rules but additional courtesy has its place, despite the competitive environment. Some racers, for example, seem to ignore the ratings that PHRF handicappers have worked so hard to provide them with. And then there are those boats seen with two blondes on board, neither at the helm.

Where are female helmspersons? Are they all out on Monday nights and no other races? It was at BYC that the Ottawa 505 fleet developed a North American reputation for its excellent female helms in a male dominated class, and they are still out there. There are many female sailors participating on keelboats but there seems to be a glass barrier at the wheelhouse. Who controls the budget, anyway? Enjoy the rest of the season.

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON!!

*T*wo members of BYC have won their respective categories and the top prizes in this year's District 3 Laser Gold Cup Regatta Series (#5 was part of the National Capital Regatta). Long time member and sailor, Bill Fuller, placed first in the Masters' Division, second overall. High Performance team Alumnus and graduate of the BYC youth sailing program, Sam Fuller, placed first overall. Both Bill and Sam have been awarded a new Laser hull by Fogh Marine.

Sam is a member of the Ontario Sailing Team, and received a grant from the Colin Blandy Fund this summer to assist with regatta entries and training.

Congratulations to Bill and Sam for representing the Club so well.



The "Dapper Dan" Fuller Boys

C&C 27 REPORT

by – Konrad Lewinski



Rudy Snell won the Mohr Island race for C&C27's with blistering speed and only one extra crew on board!

On the week-night front, we continue to have routinely 7 boats on the line, 5 of which are BYC participants, great fleet effort. The more competitors, the better the racing, the more fun had by all, take a deep breath and repeat.

See you on the water!

JAMMING WITH BRIAN

by - Brian Hargadon, JAM Rep.

As the sailing season comes to a close it's time to look at this year and toward next year's activities.

On Sept. 12th, we had the Fall Sailors' Meeting. Considering the items on the Agenda, including feedback on the season, proposed budget increase and a racing fee among others, I was somewhat surprised about the small turnout of racers. A lot of good things happened this year, the post racing food is excellent and the best value in town. It also is making racing nights a little more social in that more sailors are staying for a while when racing is completed. I have had no feedback (complaints) from those sailing JAM so I presume everyone is content. The good news is that Mike O'Sullivan has agreed to remain on as Fleet Captain.

The Sailors' Meeting covered some very important points that will have a direct impact on all of us. Discussion took place on lack of fleet volunteers, however where I was sitting I learned of three individuals who had volunteered and were told they were not needed when they turned up. So perhaps this can be resolved to save us from hiring more staff.

JAM results are produced by NSC and at present I'm picking them off their web site and posting them. Hopefully that can be improved next year so they'll be sent directly to the Club. The possibility of a racing fee drew great interest. I urge you to attend any further meetings to keep abreast of this issue. Valid comments were made on the need for this as well as opinions to the opposite. As a group we'll have to work out a satisfactory resolution.

Happy sailing!

**T22 REPORT**

by - John Lydon



With the end of the sailing season in sight, I can only echo the sentiment that will undoubtedly be expressed in other fleet reports - how did it pass so quickly?

With the winding down of the season there also seems to have been a winding down in representation by Tanzer 22's on the race courses. The OSS boats, Celtic Lady and Triple Shot have not been out for a while, and Watermellen with Mary Ellen Dempster has taken a time out from most of the Womens Series 2 Monday night racing. However, on the plus side, Dulcinea continues to be a regular starter on Tuesday night PHRF Division 3 and Thursday night One-Design and seems to have a strangle hold on a position in the lower parts of both fleets.

On a much brighter note, Tinnis with Ben Panter at the helm has started turning out for Tuesday night PHRF in preparation for full participation in racing next season. Alan Schorl in Glendoon very frequently, but single handedly, is on the water near the starting lines on week night racing, and will hopefully soon be adding to his up-river racing participation. With the prospects of at least one new Tanzer 22 coming into the harbour for next season, things are looking up for the Tanzer 22 fleet.

While no results are yet official, rumour has it that Dulcinea did very well in the Queen's Park race, thanks in part to the sharp eye of Christina Rolfs who spotted the wee red flag of the up-river mark before most of the big boats, and to the tolerance of Judy Goodwin to the tobacco smoke light wind indicator.

The last up-river event of the season, the Frostbite Race, is the only half-day sailing event that unites racers and cruisers. So whether you sail up or motor up to Pinhey's point for the raft-up and afternoon delights, I hope that all Tanzer 22's, including Galadriel, that left the harbour this season will make a point of being there – you might even win your first racing trophy just by getting there!!



CHICKS' CHATTER

by – Kelly Lyon, Women's Rep.



Ahoy all ladies! With strong, gusty winds still holding for Monday night racing, Series II is well on its way.

Due to the extraordinary influx of crew new to the Club (all looking for a boat to race on), a new initiative has borne fruit. This month, I am pleased to announce that two new C&C27's from BYC have been on the line, adding some fresh competition for Thumper and Makai 27. The beautiful and sleek Kokopelli and Misty Star joined the Women's fleet for the remainder of this year's final series. Kokopelli, skippered by Kelly Lyon and crew was expertly coached aboard by her owner, Mike Fahmy. Misty Star, skippered by Diane Poitras and crew, was expertly coached aboard by her owner Rudy Snel.

These two boats will be exercised the rule that allows for an owner to ride onboard during the Monday night Women's racing. Both were on the line with the understanding that they were considered to be "in training", and would do their part to ensure that they remained competitive - but safely out of the way of the other more experienced ladies out there who are working so hard for those bullets each week.

Three cheers for Mike and Rudy whose generosity and talent has given these two new crews such a fantastic opportunity to join - and thereby strengthen, our fleet!

49th Annual
NATIONAL CAPITAL REGATTA

by - Joan Yuile, Chairman, NCR

It just keeps getting better!! The numbers were down this year. Part of the reason was the CMWA taking place around the same time (they say they will be back next year); the Canadians being held in Edmonton with many competitors deciding to spend some time there; the Optimists having to report to CORK on the Saturday of our regatta for measurement and registration. Final boat count - 30 Bytes, 51 Radials, 25 Full Rigs; 9 Laser>>, 13 International 14s, 9 29ers, 7 420s, 2 Optimists, 1 Sailboard and 1 BONGO!!

Once again the regatta included the Laser Gold Cup #5 and this year the International 14 Canadian Championships.

The gods really were on our side this year, we had perfect weather – we had perfect winds both days and it was not too hot (though on the Saturday night one enterprising young competitor found it necessary to pull one of the lounge chairs from the front of the club into the men's locker room and arrange a heat lamp so that it was shining on him while he slept wrapped up in a towel!).

One thing became very apparent - we have to try to find more support boats next year. For the past many years we have had great cooperation from Nepean with the loan of their mark set boat and the bos'n, but this year they were busy with the Ontario Summer Games, so we had to use the Bob Ross as a mark set boat - not an ideal boat for this purpose. There are two ribs sitting on the hard complete with motors at the Junior Club but I was told they can't be used because they sink – apparently nothing to do with needing repair – it's a design fault. Obviously the Junior Program is in desperate need of more boats too!!

As I've said before, this kind of success takes great effort on the part of many volunteers, and on behalf of everyone I want to thank these great people who come forward every year and offer their services:

Major thanks to **Kirk Robertson** (Bravo Course) and **Mark Searle** from the Port Credit Yacht Club (Alpha Course] the racing went very well. Everyone was raving about the quality of the racing, and the Int. 14s were joyous, and have already asked to be included next year.

Thanks also to **Mike and David O'Sullivan** who did supreme Jury Duty, and to **John Langley** for providing his boat and chauffeuring them around the courses.

A GIANT thank you to **Linda McBurnie** for her stupendous effort and great organization of all the food and in particular the lunches that all the kids enjoyed immensely. A thank you has been sent to the Subway Manager at the Greenbank location for their support and fabulous service in preparing the lunches and delivering them.

Another giant thank you to **Bill Fuller** for coming up with the idea of returning to our long ago practice of having competitors do their own barbequing, and then to both Bill and **Gary Fritsch** for organizing, setting up, cooking the corn-on-the-cob and potatoes, and generally supervising the whole thing. Everyone really enjoyed it and, though many were saying how great it was, one kid in particular was heard to say loud and clear to anyone within earshot that it was the "best damned regatta" he had attended this year.

Thanks to everyone involved, the scoring went very well this year. Thanks to **Lynn Del'Orme** for all her hard work on this. Next year we are going to have computers on the RC boats in order to have results done on the water at the end of each race and sent to shore immediately.

Thanks to the Registration team that got us all off to a good start with their alert eyes checking the info on the forms for clarity and complete information, and to

Lynn and **Paul Delahay** for their very efficient registration data entry.

Thank you also to Rob Lavern and Rosemary MacKillop for being kind enough to let us use their RV for the registration/scorekeeping.

Now, as well as for everyone else, my own unlimited thanks go to **TOM SWINDELLS** - I don't know how I ever got through this before I convinced him to take over the financial end of the Regatta. When he threatened to not volunteer to do this job a couple of years ago I begged him to stay on until the 50th with me, and I really can't begin to adequately let him know how sincerely I appreciate his unconditional support. Thank you Tom.

Next year is the BIG GOLDEN!



**THIRD ANNUAL
RA SAILING CLUB VISIT TO BYC**

by -Flora Liebich, BYC (RA "alumnae")

On July 19, the Britannia Yacht Club once again played host to an enthusiastic group of sailors from the RA Sailing Club. This initiative reflects the natural

affinity between the two clubs, with many Britannia members being RA Sailing Club "alumnae".

Under sunny skies, the wind finally picked up. Almost 30 RA members - some accompanied by their spouses - went for a sail on Lac Deschênes, hosted by BYC members who are RA graduates. The lucky crew on "*Dulcinea*" went as far as Aylmer Island! For some RA members, this was their first keelboat sailing experience – and one that all hope to repeat. Drinks and dinner took place under the marquee (our thanks to the Chef and staff!) and conversations lasted well into the night. If you are looking for racing crew, some of the RA members are definitely interested!

Thanks to the BYC boat-owners who participated including "*Danhela*" (Don Creelman) "*Dulcinea*" (John Lydon), "*Dutch Dame*" (Harry Gross), "*Endurance*" (Sally and Joe Courtney), "*Inchiki*" (Don Slater), "*Joy Ride*" (Wendy Warburton and George Prazmowski), "*Maple Leaf*" (Beverley and David Brown), "*Muskad*" (Brian Hargadon), and "*Ragtime*" (Ron MacIsaac). Warm thanks as well to the organizers – Ken O'Callahan of the RA, Yannis Fainecos of BYC, and Don Slater – a member of both clubs.

We've already received an enthusiastic "thank you" from the RA members, who are looking forward to visiting again soon!


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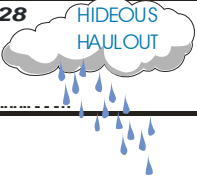

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