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TO SEE THE END TO THIS!!

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FROM THE BRIDGE

from - George Clayburn,
Commodore



We are now well into the Club year with the Directors and their Committees busy with a number of projects in various stages of progress. You can see their efforts in the Bruce Neuk, the Upper Deck and the downstairs washrooms. I am looking forward to working with our volunteers to continue enhancing the viability of BYC.

This is proof again that our volunteer spirit is alive and well. The success of all Club activities is due to the behind the scenes, whole-hearted work and dedication shown by all of those who freely give their time and energy.

The enthusiastic professionalism and progressive attitude of the General Manager and his staff continue to add value to our organization. We are looking to grow our membership with their help this year.

Commodore's Weekend is to be held June 5 to 7, so mark your calendars. We are looking forward to

welcoming our new members on Friday evening, with the Commodore's Ball on Saturday and Sailpast on Sunday.

Only a few short months and we can begin to prepare our boats for launch and ready the courts for play. We have a season of fantastic sailing, tennis and social activities to look forward to in 2009.



Projects Report

by - Janet Bayley,
Vice-Commodore



Those of you who have been at the Club since the New Year will have noticed work underway in different areas. Herewith an update on progress to date, current status and upcoming work.

A BYC Clubhouse Project Task Force was established following the December AGM. Simon Fuller (Chair), Vice-Commodore Janet Bayley (Projects), Rob Braden (Fleet Captain), Wilf Pilsworth (House Director), John Riordan, Paul Moore (Manager) and Commodore George Clayburn (Ex Officio)

Currently there are three projects underway - Bruce Neuk/Sunset Room, Upper Deck Dance Floor and Lower Men's and Ladies' Wash-

IN MEMORIAM

It is with the most profound sadness that we report the death of long-time member - 76 years -

RALPH (BINNIE) SNEYD

on

Friday, February 6, 2009

At the age of 99



The Board of Directors and Members of Britannia Yacht Club extend their deepest sympathy to his sons Peter (Eleanor) and Jon (Kathleen), 5 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and all his many, many friends.

rooms. As in any building with the age and heritage of the Clubhouse, renewal/refurbishment requires three main steps - removal of damaged or areas to be refurbished, assessment of any underlying problems/issues and renewal/refurbishment.

Bruce Neuk/Sunset Room:

In co-ordination with the insurance company and the contractor, the Bruce Neuk has been stripped to the outer walls and inner support structures have undergone review by a structural engineer. Restoration will address deficiencies found (ie: no insulation) and it will be restored to its style and function prior to the fire. Part of the floor and outer wall of the

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Sunset Room was also damaged by the fire. Restoration here will include insulating all outer walls, repairs to all stone columns and the floor and carpeting.

Upper Deck Dance Floor:

Following investigation, it was determined the raised area under the west windows could be removed and the floor made level. Removal of the tiles revealed the original dance floor. We have been advised against restoring that floor; a decision on the new floor will be made within days with installation as soon as possible.

Lower Washrooms:

Plans have been drafted for renewal of the washroom facilities. It is expected that work in this area will begin by the end of the month and will take six to eight weeks. Members will be advised as early as possible of the start date by e-mail, telephone tree and posting at the Club.

The work around the Club has caused some minor inconveniences to date and will result in further inconvenience, especially the washrooms. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this time - it is appreciated. The Task Force and Board are confident you will be pleased with the improvements to your Club.

Harbour Report

by - Don Creelman,
Rear Commodore



As of this writing (February 18) the harbour is a beautiful skating rink! All we need is a Zamboni.

Plans for the coming season are being developed by the Harbour Committees:

The Technical Committee-

Ron MacIsaac, Mike Saker, Dave Burk, John Vines and myself, are studying how best to handle boats (launch/haulout), whether by rental cranes, our own fixed cranes and, in

due course, by a high capacity crane/hydraulic trailer combination -

- develop a dry sail area at the north side crane for boats on trailers - under 3,000lbs

- restore the lake side shoreline now being rapidly eroded

- renew east wall of Inner Harbour.

We are also evaluating the finger dock pilot project. These matters and several others will be on the agenda for discussion at the Boat Owners' Meeting on Sunday, April 5 following the Spring Sailors' Meeting (approx. 1p.m.) in the Main Lounge. Come for breakfast.

The Allocation Committee:

This Committee will be reviewing all boat moorings for possible changes. Committee members are Dennis Foy, Larry Bradley, Yannis Fainecos and myself.

Launch/Haulout Committee:

This committee is the made up of crew chiefs and their alternates.

A fourth committee, made up of harbour representatives (about 10) will be introduced at the Boat Owners' Meeting.

If you wish to participate on any of the four committees, speak to me (613-422-8885) and I will find a job for you.



Volunteers Needed- Publicity Committee

by - Jacqueline Malboeuf
Director, PR / Communications



Dear members: I am looking for volunteers who are interested in serving on the Publicity Committee.

The main goal of the Publicity Committee is to get the word out about BYC activities and advantages to the general public, associations, colleges and universities, media and members. This committee is in charge

of promoting our programs, services and events to new, prospective and existing members through press listings, cross-mailings, direct-mail pieces, and other promotional tactics. Volunteers with a background in promotion or anyone with a keen interest in seeing the Club grow, are encouraged to help serve on the Publicity Committee.

To volunteer, please contact me at communications@byc.ca or contact Paul Moore, Club Manager at (613) 828-5167.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Tennis Report

by – Howdy Russell
Director, Tennis



Snow and ice may have been the order of the day since Winter began, but BYC Tennis members have not let those conditions slow them up a bit!

In December the Annual BYC Tennis Christmas Party was once again a resounding success. 40 BYC Tennis enthusiasts congregated in the Main Lounge for a delicious dinner and warm fun thanks to Jill McCloskey's work at arranging dinner; Jean Spear's tireless stimulation of the telephone committee; and Cal Smith's always able MC'ing of the evenings activities of dance, dinner, singing and fun.

In January, two dozen or so BYC Tennis Members enthusiastically participated

in a tennis Round-Robin in the bubble at the West Ottawa Tennis Club and then followed it with another delicious and fun chili dinner at BYC.

In February the BYC Tennis Committee began to communicate about plans for the coming season. Highlighted, was an intention to hold an "In and Out" Tennis Tournament at BYC in June. There will be only doubles played in three categories; Men's, Women's, and Mixed. Important will be that one member of each doubles team will be a member of BYC, the other will be a guest (hopefully a potential member).

In March, the Tennis Committee will hold its first meeting of the season, so if you have any suggestions or requests, please make sure that at least one member of the committee is aware of it. The Committee will be establishing the schedules for the 2009 season, identifying the work that needs to be accomplished prior to our first games, and identifying members to shoulder the various tasks that will need to be done to keep BYC Tennis up and growing during the summer months.

In April, a call will go out for those tennis members willing to help setting up our court equipment and facilities prior to the start of play on or about the second weekend in April. Please post your calendars with Sunday, April 12 for a Tennis Work Party to put up court nets, wind screens, and court cleaning.

Hopefully we will have two new nets on hand, and a re-built Ball Machine, as well as some new chairs and trash bins. The courts will be open for play as soon as we can get the nets erected.

In May BYC Tennis players can expect the first Sunday Round-Robin on Sunday, May 1 at 9:30am. Tuesday evenings and perhaps Thursday evening at 6:30pm will start shortly thereafter.

Several members have asked about re-establishing the informal and inexpensive lunch that was formerly held on the last Wednesday of each month. Your Committee will

discuss this and coordinate with the Club to assess feasibility.

Stay Tuned!

Youth Report

by - John Wright, Director, Youth



Planning for the sailing season at this time of year is sort of like a keen gardener studying seed catalogues at this time of year. While it seems impossible that the river will be open again in a few months the anticipation of a new season and renewal of passion for sailing has warmed several lunch and evening meetings learning about the junior program this winter. I am new to the Youth Director role, but luckily inherit a well-oiled mechanism and the continuity not only of Paul Moore, but Clark Cada who continues as mentor and representative to the Ontario Sailing Association.

At this juncture, most of the instructors from last year intend to return, and we have had a healthy start to registration. The schedule and forms are posted on the Club website and can be downloaded and mailed in to ensure placement in the preferred session. We will have an on-site registration day in the early spring so that parents can get a better sense of the structure and content of the program. Once the weather warms up we also plan to repeat the Junior Club half-day clean up and barbeque started by Clark. Beyond the practical need to prepare for the season, I hope this can help welcome the juniors back, not just for their sessions, but also for the whole summer.

Farther towards that goal I will be forming a small committee to help me find ways to reach out to the parents and particularly non-member students and encourage use of club boats through the season on race nights and regattas. I will be contacting the

Silver Sail level parents directly to talk about our participation in this year's regatta circuit. Beth Shepherd has made a place for a member of this fledgling committee on the Social Planning Committee and my wife, Elaine, has been 'volunteered' for the position. Last year a couple of youth dances were held, and some events along those lines may be planned and promoted to the Learn-to-Sail students this summer.

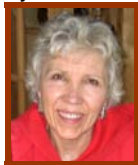
As for practical matters we will soon be inventorying parts to repair and commission the fleet. I would like to find a way to stay on top of the of the boats state of repair through the summer, and look to the membership for any suggestions, or assistance. It looks like we can also afford to buy another two 420's, which, with those purchased last year, is beginning to look like an ongoing renewal program. On the shore side, we are looking at replacing the broken concrete ramp north of the floodgate with gravel as a supplementary dinghy launch location. We also plan to repair the washrooms and leave the outside doors unlocked, or install keypad locks, for members use instead of the port-a-potty. Integral to this will be the inclusion of cleaning these washrooms in the duties of the Clubhouse janitor.

Please contact me with any comments, suggestions or, better yet, desire to participate in a Youth Committee. wright@csw.ca



Entertainment

by – Beth Shepherd, Director, Social



The Social Committee is gearing up for a busy 2009. We are instituting a new team structure this year. The Committee itself has been reduced in size and is responsible for planning and coordinating the Club's social program. We have representatives from Fleet, Tennis and Youth joining us to ensure that we are better coordinating all BYC activities. The responsibilities for putting on events will be distributed among interested BYC members to whom we refer as "Friends of the Social Committee" in our new terms of reference. This new structure will help balance the work among more people and give everyone an opportunity to focus on what they enjoy doing most. The new committee and our summer program will be detailed in the May/June issue of the Full & By. In the meantime, if you are interested in getting involved in the social activities, send me an email at social@byc.ca or call me at 613 828-4104.

In December we wrapped up 2008 with two great events. Approximately 125 members and family attended the annual **Wassail and Children's Christmas Party** hosted by the Manager, Paul Moore. The entertainment was provided by Chris Pilsworth, an amazing illusionist, assisted by the very able Jane Sunday (see picture), and capped off by a visit from Santa.



The **Casino Royale New Year's Eve Gala** was a really great party enjoyed by 82 members and friends in evening attire. Patrons tried their luck at the casino tables while munching canapés and sipping martinis. After a fabulous dinner, winners cashed in their poker chips for draw tickets on the many prizes. We would like to thank our donors – **Bob Cole, Sales Rep., Royal LePage Performance Realty; Eleanor Wilson, Elizabeth Arden; Porker Chips "All In"; The Chandlery Marine Supplies; Algonquin Travel, and Greg Stewart, President, Pathway Hyundai**, for their contributions of gift baskets and gift certificates. We hope the winners have enjoyed their prizes! I would also like to thank Liz Pearson and Eleanor Wilson who helped me organize the party; all our helpers who helped decorate, and of course, club staff that did a fantastic job with food, beverage and service.

Themed Buffets. In January, Claire Millar inspired our first themed buffet to celebrate Robbie Burns birthday. 53 members and guests enjoyed haggis (real and vegetarian), Scottish music and Scottish toasts. The Valentine's Buffet featuring Italian food was also well attended on February 13th. A Caribbean themed buffet is planned for February 27.

37 fans attended **Super Bowl Sunday** on February 1.

Last but not least, movie buffs continue to enjoy movies and popcorn at **Movie Night** hosted by Guy Painchaud each Wednesday evening during the winter.

Our social program picks up speed in March and April. The **St. Paddy's Day Dinner Dance**, organized by David Wilson, will be held on Friday, March 13. The **Curling Bonspiel** being organized by Mary and Kevin Bundy has been re-scheduled for Saturday March 28. See page for details of both these events.

Easter Brunch will be held on Sunday, April 12 so plan on bringing the whole family for this annual Easter treat.

Debbie Trenholm of the Savvy Company will be back on Saturday, April 25 to guide us in **Tastes Down**

Under, an exploration of food and wine from Australia and New Zealand.

Do keep an eye on our table talkers, posters, email blasts and the website for information on upcoming events for these and other social activities and events.

We hope that our efforts have helped kindle club spirit over our long Ottawa winter. I want to thank all those people who come out regularly to our social events as well as the people who help organize them. You are all necessary for a successful event!

BREAKFAST CLUB

by – Rick Braden

Each year I ask the volunteers to turn on their kitchen skills and keep the Breakfast Club tradition

alive. I think this is the 20th year.

If you want to have some fun on Sunday morning, we can always use an extra body to help serving and getting the tables prepared. If you would like to help give me a call at 599-4959.

This year they have made it easy for me - turning up well organized and doing a great job.

I apologize for one mishap, when the renovations got in the way, but we made up for it when the Foy group, with an extra bit of work, pushed the problem aside.

Linda McBurnie went all out and raised the standards for others to shoot for. We will ask her to do next year's Valentine adventure. The red candles on the table was a nice touch.

We haven't decided what to do with profits this year. We will make a contribution to "Crazy Ivan". If you have any suggestions for purchases, discuss them with the Breakfast Club workers. I ask the leaders to develop ideas to be presented at the Volunteers' breakfast on April 26.

ANCIENT MARINERS' LUNCHEONS

by - Don Creelman

Every third Thursday of the month a group of senior members meet at noon at the Club to share memories and lunch. You don't have to be old to join in, only free at that time of the week day.

The cost is \$20, and some kick in another \$5 to a fund that is to be used for minor additions to the clubhouse. That fund now stands at almost \$750.00.

We are arranging to have a guest speaker to entertain following lunch. John Graham, long-time regaled member and teller of tall tales regaled us on February 19 with one of his amusing stories. We hope to have him back again, as he has dozens.

Next meeting is March 19 – come and bring your mate or a guest. Call Jules Lafrance to reserve your seat – 613-828-4900.

Come celebrate
The Luck Of The Irish
 BYC St. Paddy's Day Dinner Dance
 Friday, March 13, 2009
 Starters: 7PM Dinner: 8PM

Menu
 Good Irish Fare
 including a Choice of
 Salmon or Lamb (Please
 choose when making
 reservations)



*Dance the Night
 Away to
 Music by Rafferty*



Cost \$30 per Person ~ Guests Welcome
 Call 613 828-5167 for reservations



**BYC
 CURLING BONSPIEL!**

**Saturday, March 28, 2009
 1:00 to 6:00 PM
 at Manotick Curling Center
 5519 South River Drive,
 Manotick**

Lessons at 1:00, Games at 2:00
 \$20.00 a curler, includes
 pizza and prizes (pay bar)

Beginner lessons and equipment available

Bring light gloves & clean
 soft-soled shoes to wear on the ice

Register at the BYC office (613
 828-5167)
 no later than March 25
 indicating whether you have curled
 before

BOARD PORTFOLIOS, COMMITTEES and OTHER APPOINTEES -2009

BOARD PORTFOLIOS

Officers

Commodore, George Clayburn - Administration
 Vice Commodore - Janet Bayley - Project Management
 Rear Commodore, Don Creelman - Harbourmaster,
 Chair - Harbour Representatives Committee,
 Chair - Mooring Allocation Committee
 Fleet Captain - Rob Braden -
 Chair - Sailing Committee

Honourary Members

Honourary Treasurer - Bill Lumsdon -
 Chair - Finance Committee
 Honourary Secretary - Mark Korchinski

Directors

Director, John Lydon - Membership
 Information Technology
 Director, John Wright - Youth, Learn to Sail
 Director, Wilf Pilsworth - House and Grounds
 Director, Tennis - Howdy Russell
 Director, Social - Beth Shepherd
 Past Commodore, John Irvin - Security.

COMMITTEES

Nominating Committee -

Chair - Lynn DeL'Orme

Project Management Committee -

Chair - Janet Bayley
 George Clayburn (Commodore), Don Creelman
 (Harbour), Wilf Pilsworth (House and Grounds),
 John Wright (Junior Club), Allan School
 (Paving), Andrew Hope (Planning Committee),
 John Vines (Property and Tax Committee), Paul
 Moore (Tennis Courts), Project Manager - Pilot
 Dock Program

Mooring Allocation Committee -

Chair - Don Creelman
 Larry Bradley, Dennis Foy, Mike Sakir, Yannis
 Fainecos

The Technical Committee -

Chair - Don Creelman
 Ron MacIsaac, Mike Saker, Dave Burk, John
 Vines

Launch/Haulout Committee -

Crew Chiefs and their alternates

Sailing Committee - Rob Braden (Chair);

George Clayburn (Commodore); Wendy Smith
 (Monday Night Rep.); Sal Khan (Alpha Course
 Tuesday Night PHRF Rep.); Bravo Course
 Tuesday Night PHRF Rep. - TBA; Suzanne

Roberge (Wednesday Night Rep.); One-Design
 Rep. - TBA; David Watts (JAM Rep.)
 Weekend/Special Events Rep. – TBA; Joey
 Kroeger (Mentor Coordinator); John Wright
 (Youth); Cruising Rep. - TBA; Bob Yuile
 (Scorer/Co-Handicapper/Equipment Manager);
 Kirk Robertson (Protest Chair/Co-Handicapper);
 Kevin Kubusheski (Safety Officer); Joan Yuile
 (Sailing Instructions/Trophy Keeper), David
 O'Sullivan (Hinterhoeller Regatta Chair), Lynn
 DeL'Orme (National Capital Regatta Chair); Mike
 Fahmy (Stan Carson Memorial C&C Regatta
 Chair); Trevor Nightingale (Recording Secretary.

Pilot Dock Program -

Chair - Roger Woeller
 George Clayburn, Principal in Charge
 Mooring Allocation - Don Creelman
 Project Manager/Procurement - Allan School
 Funding - Bill Lumsdon

OTHER APPOINTEES

John Vines - Chair, Property and Tax Committee
 Andrew Hope - Planning Committee
 Shirley Vines - Beautification Committee
 Beverly Brown - Club Historian
 Grace Midgley - Archives - Documents
 Gail Brooman - Archives - Photographs
 Trevor Klotz - Honourary Counsel

POSITIONS NOT BOARD APPOINTED

Baskins – 3 Trustees -

Dennis Foy, Rod Miller, Linda Boucher

Colin Blandy Fund -

Chair - Kevin Frost,
 Wendy Hope, Bill Fuller

Breakfast Club -

Chair - Rick Braden



PRÉCIS OF COMMODORE'S REPORT TO THE 2008 AGM by – George Clayburn

The past year was very interesting, record snow, a wet and windy Commodore's Sailpast, removing the Boiler, and the Bruce Neuk Fire. We continue to improve our bottom line as well as having invested \$168,000 in capital improvements that will be detailed in the Honourary Treasurer's Report.

- Food and Beverage Service results continue to improve and outside events continue to increase.
- The first pod of finger docks has been installed. Interest has been expressed in the purchase of additional docks. Roger Woeller has volunteered to be the pivot for a follow-on installation
- Reports from Committees will give you detail on a number of important BYC issues.
- Serviceable old finger docks are being sold to members and Past Commodore Delahay has shown what can be done with them.
- The resurfacing of the Tennis Courts, which was completed within budget
- The electrical system in the Harbour has been replaced, under budget
- Presentation Night saw awards going to members throughout the racing fleet, rather than a few, which augers well for an increased interest in racing, and the improvement of racers
- Website is close to going online

The Junior Squadron continued to play a major role in the excellence of BYC under the leadership of Clark Cada, ably assisted by the instructors. Our Learn-to-Sail Program is growing,

- Together with NSC, BYC has named a "Development Centre" by Ontario Sailing
- Social programs and events continue to be an attraction. The Friday Night entertainment continues to be well received, and together with the BBQ, attracts many members and guests to the Club.
- Remembrance Reception, Howdy Russell, Sandy Todd, Paul Moore

We continue to have friendly relations with our neighbours on the lake. We have renewed our association with the Britannia Power and Sail Squadron, and have become involved with the Britannia Community Association. We continue to work closely with the Ottawa Sailing School and the Bytown Brigantine to ensure mutual support and benefit.

We hosted:

- Britannia Power and Sail Squadron: Annual General Meeting and Dinner in December 7
- Trident Yacht Club: dinner organized by our Honorary Secretary in April 08
- Ontario Sailing "Strong Sailing Clubs" Seminar in April 08
- A number of Frank Amyot items were loaned to the Nepean Museum for display about BYC
- Election of Clark Cada to the Board of Directors of Ontario Sailing Association

Volunteerism is an important part of Club life, be it the Breakfast Club, the Ancient Mariners who have set up a Fund, the Beautification Committee, work parties, launch and haul-out crews, and the Security Watch. It is very good to see Associate Members getting involved in Committee work. Please accept thank-you on behalf of the Club.

- Fuller donation of finger docks
- Junior Squadron: boats donated by Charlie Marshall
- Junior Squadron: Tad Girgier
- Crazy Ivan: 2010 Shark World Championship, trophies are temporarily in the Frank Amyot Case
- Roger Woeller has volunteered to be the pivot for a follow-on installation

Despite the fire in the Bruce Neuk, the Club continues to look better. Thanks to the members who refurbished the display case behind the Dragon Bar and the Frank Amyot Case. The Grounds improved in appearance and we have budgeted to continue this next year. Later you will hear about our plans for the Club.

Our staff, directed by our General Manager Paul Moore, continues to provide a high level of service. Mark Walton continues to provide timely advice and analysis of our financial system so that we have the necessary data to monitor the Club's financial situation. Andrew Furey continues to be a strong presence in the Harbour. Chef Chris continues to make his mark in our kitchen. Glen, Carland, Jordan, Kate and the many part-timers do much to enhance the benefits of belonging to the Club of Choice on the River.

Your Board has worked very hard over the past year to ensure that the Club continues to move forward. "Rome wasn't built in a day".

In closing, my thanks to those who have advised me and supported me, and to those who brought forward valid criticism and suggestions. Remember, "If you aren't part of the solution, you're part of the problem".



**PLEASURE CRAFT OPERATOR'S CARD
a.k.a. S.P.A.R.K. START PROGRAM**

According to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, about **One Million boaters must qualify for their cards by this coming September!**

In the interest of ensuring that BYC members and their friends and family are not among this group, I am planning a massive blitz on qualifying boaters. Here are the details:

From Mid-April on I am prepared to run a course on alternating Wednesday evenings/Monday evenings until all who need the certificate have had a chance to take the test. The board has agreed that non-members and friends can be included in view of the urgency to qualify boaters. I will also continue to do courses for the Junior Squadron in July and August.

Specific details

The course is a two hour review and explanation of the significant material covered in the tests, placed in a context relevant to our boaters. It is strongly recommended that candidates read and review the **Safe Boating Guide** which is available from BYC and at many marine dealers, Canadian Tire, etc. If you feel confident that you do not need the review, you may challenge the exam.

Fees

BYC Members including immediate family	Course & Exam - \$50.00 Challenge Exam - \$35.00
Non-members and friends	Course & Exam - \$65.00 Challenge Exam - \$50.00

The \$15 differential will go towards the BYC Junior Squadron

TO REGISTER

Option 1 - Pick up an application form, fill it out, get your Safe Boating Guide, and hand your application and cheque to the office.

Option 2 - Send an email to accounts@byc.ca requesting a place. If a member your account can be billed.

Call me directly or send an email - john.irvin@rogers.com Home 613-820-3769 Cell613-291-7336

Groups will be made up on a first-come first-served basis, but specify if you have a date limitation and we will try to accommodate you.

PLEASE NOTE: THE PLEASURE CRAFT OPERATOR'S CARD IS REQUIRED TO OPERATE ANY POWERED WATERCRAFT. This includes your dinghy with that 2 hp engine!

FURTHER QUESTIONS???? PLEASE CALL ME.

MEMBER INFORMATION

The Club Office is currently trying to update the information on all members, and requests your cooperation in completing the form below.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE NO. _____

BUSINESS PHONE NO. _____

CELL NO. _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

As well, please indicate your preference for receipt of Full & By -

Pick up at the Club:

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Would you prefer to receive all other Club information by email:

YES

NO

Kindly complete and return this form to the Club Office.



APPLICATIONS FOR COLIN BLANDY FUND 2009

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

Interested members are invited to submit their applications, in writing, and addressed to the Colin Blandy Olympic Fund and are being received up until 5:00 p. m. Monday, April 27, 2009, at the Club Office.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Membership in good standing at BYC in the year immediately preceding the award year;
2. Twenty-five years of age or younger during the award year;
3. Demonstrated interest in competitive sailing;
4. Prepared to make a commitment, in writing, to engage in a competitive sailing and/or a challenging training program during the award year;
5. Has submitted a written application before the cut-off date of April 27, 2009.

Applications will be judged on:

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

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

No application will be considered unless a legible address and phone number is included.

Successful applicants will be required to provide the Trustees with a written outline of their training and racing activities at the end of the 2009 racing season.

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

Chair - Kevin Frost	- 613-253-1830
Wendy Hope	- 613-829-1819
Bill Fuller	- 613-831-2038

BRITANNIA YACHT CLUB OPEN HOUSE

Don't miss the boat!

Sunday May 24, 2009 - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.


Hosted by BYC in collaboration with OSS

BYC and OSS invite club members to come to the club on Sunday May 24th and showcase to members of the general public the club's activities and advantages. The event is during the National Safe Boating Week.

- tours of the site
- boat safety information kiosks
- on-board tours
- new member/sailing lesson registrations
- games of tennis
- safety demonstrations
- presentations on the Club's history
- a BBQ
- entertainment
- and more

Free of charge - Everyone is welcome

Watch bulletin boards for more information.



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RACE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR.....Sat&Sun. Mar 28/29

SPRING SAILORS' MEETING.....Sun. Apr 5

Followed by -

BOAT OWNERS' MEETING.....Sun. Apr 5

WOMEN IN WIND SEMINAR.....Sat. Apr 18

LAUNCH.....Fri/Sat May 8/9

FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

by - Rob Braden



Before you know it the ice will gone. It seems so far away at the moment but, as always, it will sneak up on us. So start marking your calendar for the summer sailing and race season.

The Sailing Committee is looking for a couple of members to fill vacant spots. We need a Tuesday night Bravo Course Rep (class 8) and a Thursday One-Design Rep. Remember, the key characteristic that makes a good rep is their approachable, enthusiastic personality. Sailing experience and knowledge can be gained along the way if need be. So, if you know someone or have a crew member that fits that bill, let me know and we will approach them.

The schedule for the summer will be out soon, but keep in mind the first things out of the gate will be the Shorey on May 18 and the PHRF and Shark single handed on the 23rd. Though I am sure Wendy will have mentioned it, let me repeat that the Women in Wind Seminar is Sat. APRIL 18th.

Launch is scheduled for May 8 and 9 and Don Creelman would appreciate volunteers. You may have noticed that many of the same faces return to launch and haulout year after year, so they must know a good thing when they see it. It is a good way to get involved at the Club and meet some of the people you don't know yet. Call Don or Paul to get your name on a list.

Speaking of haulout, it will be a long time before I forget the misery of last year's haulout. I know it is

tradition to have rain on haulout day, but that was ridiculous. We all had to do our bit to our own boats, but join me in expressing sincere thanks to the volunteers and yard staff who endured the whole day on our behalf in that incredible rain fall. Make a point to thank them personally next time you see them. It was an above and beyond the call of duty effort.

The Spring Sailors' Meeting is slated for April 5 after the Breakfast Club. Pass the word and try and make it out. As usual, this the time Registration and PHRF Certificate forms will be filled out. We want to pump up the participation at our Club and this is good place to start.



MENTORING

by – Joey Kroeger, Mentor Coordinator



Hi, my name is Joey Kroeger and my passion is sailing. Before you stop reading this article this is for **all** members of BYC whether you're a Tennis, Sailing, or Social Member.

I'm a new member here but have been sailing on the Ottawa River for 13 year's. I've been asked by the Sailing Committee to lead a group of people to mentor other people who want to start racing. I don't know how many of you are nervous about taking a spin around the race marks, but we would like to help you have some of the most fun you've ever had. Racing can be one of the most rewarding things you can do. It can be something a father and children, or wife or the whole family can do together. It could be something a bunch of friends do together.

Depending on the boat and class you would like to race in, you will need one to four other people that are available every week. I've always found this is the hardest part of racing, to find people that can commit

the time and be there every week for the sailing season. That's why we can use anybody that's interested because there is always a boat that needs another pair of hands to help out.

Your boat doesn't have to be fast, and you don't need a lot of fancy equipment or really good sails to win a race. Lots of times it's a matter of luck or guessing which way the wind is going to come from. We also have a rating or handicap system called PHRF (Performance Handicap Racing Fleet) that takes the speed of your boat and equalizes it with other boats so that all boats are equal on the race course. So if you need help on any part of racing whether it's, sail shape, rules, spinnaker sets, you name it, we would like to help you.

This can be for non-racers also; we would like to help anyone that needs help to enjoy the sport of sailing more.

To make this work I will also need volunteers whether you are a young bronze, silver or gold level sailor that has raced in a dinghy and wants to race on a keelboat. You know all the rules and most of the boat handling is the same as on dinghy except everything is just a bit bigger. For those of you that need volunteer hours for school these hours would count.

For the rest of you, maybe you're tired of racing your own boat or feel that your body is not up to it anymore – just think of all the experience you could pass on to other people.

I know that we can make this work so anybody that wants to help or needs to be helped please email me at jkroeger@sympatico.ca or call me at 613-297-9272



**TIME TO
PLAN YOUR
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**2009 CRUISE WEEK
July 6 - 13**

ALPHA COURSE

by - Sal Khan, Tuesday Alpha Course Rep.



We will soon be on the race course and as the 2009 representative for Alpha Course (Tuesday evening PHRF racing), I thought it might be time to remind all sailors interested in expressing their views on racecourse management to attend the **Spring Sailors' Meeting on April 5.**

After most races, many sailors, including the writer, have opinions as to how the race could have been managed better by the Principal Race Officer. Therefore a swarm of sailors with positive suggestions that might positively impact Tuesday night Alpha Course racing will, I am sure, be greatly appreciated by the Fleet Captain and Sailing Committee.

We hope to place views acceptable to the majority of sailors present at the Spring Sailor's Meeting, in the Principal Race Officer's - Race Management Guidelines.

SAFETY FIRST

by – Kevin Kubusheskie, Safety Officer



Our staff and launch crews make an effort every year to maintain a safe perimeter wherever cranes are operating, boats are in the air, and the tractor is moving trailers. And every year most good members respect that perimeter for their safety and the safety of other members and staff.

Please be prepared by dropping off your outboard, ladder or anything else that requires the use of a vehicle, prior to launch. It is not only unsafe to move pylons or drive around barricades, it is selfish and unnecessary. If you must deliver an item at the last minute, park in the designated areas and bring a friend or family member to assist you in carrying it. There will also be plenty of members available to lend a hand, don't be afraid or too proud to ask for help. We're all in

this together! And ultimately we all want the same thing at the end of the day - all of our boats floating and all of our body parts still attached.

On another note, without our volunteer crews this critical part of our season either wouldn't happen or would cost us a whole lot more money. So be generous with your thanks and praise, hugs and kisses, and recognize how quickly that one free drink ticket runs out for all of our launch crew members - feel free to supplement it for all of our launch heroes at the end of a long hard day!

Have fun and stay safe!



CRUISE WEEK

by – Mike Saker

**“ You’ve bought a boat! Good for you!
Now you must go on Cruise Week!”**

This is all we seemed to hear from just about everyone we met at BYC in the late Fall of 2006 when we bought our first boat, Langara III, from Bill Christie. It sounded like a good idea, but we had yet to sort out the pointy end from the blunt one and which halyard was which. So not surprisingly we did not participate in the 2007 Cruise week, which comes early in the season, but we vowed to join in 2008.

Despite our best intentions, as July 6, 2008 approached, our self assessment was “we’re still not ready”. We hadn’t overnighted on the boat as we had intended; we hadn’t ventured past Aylmer Island; we hadn’t used the BBQ or even boiled a pot of water “what and where’s the fuel for the stove?” Then the blinding reality hit us - “we’re never likely to really feel ready for our first Cruise Week, so let’s just go for it”. What better way to break ourselves in than under the watchful eyes of fellow sailors.

The joining instructions posted in the men’s washroom (and I suspect also in the women’s) were quite simple. “All those interested in participating in Cruise Week meet at Pinhey’s Point at 1600 Sunday afternoon. For more info contact Dave or Beverley Brown at” A quick call to Dave put my mind at ease. The week is very casual and flexible. We go where the wind, weather and group decide. And you’re never far from help or home should either be required. That settled it, we were going.

With only four days to go, last minute preparations (including a one day run to Pinhey’s Point and back) were frantic. What to eat? What to take? Where to put it all? Is our inflatable dinghy up to the task - discovered it wasn’t, so we borrowed a fiberglass one from a very willing neighbour. Pump out, take on

water.... the lists were long and the hours seemed short. At 1400 on Sunday afternoon we headed out of BYC, in company with two other boats that we met at the pump out (you can tell who’s going by the dinghies in tow). We arrived at Pinhey’s around 1700 and tied up alongside Maple Leaf II and Talon d’Or (to identify who’s on Cruise week just look for a couple of rafted boats).

Thus began a wonderful week in the company of all new friends, as a flotilla varying up to eight boats cruised the waters above Ottawa. We anchored at Pinhey’s Point, Mohr Island (twice) and in the tricky confines of Pontiac Bay at the western end of our waterway. We had the best weather of the summer (only one storm, while tied up at Quyon for reprovisioning) with warm and sunny days. A pleasant sail, four to five swims a day, an engaging cocktail hour each evening followed by dispersal and dinner were the norm. Stories old and new were happily exchanged. We also encountered surprising mutual connections with people we didn’t know. It’s a small world. We even ran aground - it’s got to happen some time, so why not when help is near by. Young and old participated during the week - three delightful teenagers came along, we won’t discuss the ages of the rest of us. As the only newcomers to the experience, everyone was interested in our reactions and always willing to answer questions and assist in any way. We have never felt more welcome in any group!

Given the overwhelming good feeling we had of this experience we offered to produce this write-up with the hope that we can interest other first timers, and perhaps some of those who have fallen off in recent years, to join in this most enjoyable event. We plan to be there this summer and we’d be pleased to talk to anyone who might be contemplating it for the first time, to pass on more of our experience.

Special thanks from all participants go to Dave and Beverley Brown who once again stepped up and organized the 2008 Cruise Week. It was much appreciated.

Cruise Week 2008 participating boats: Maple Leaf II, Talon d’Or, Langara III, Zephyr, Mojo, Islay Mist, Adagio, and Endurance.

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CHICKS' CHATTER

by – Wendy Smith, Monday Night Rep.



Last summer was my first sailing on the Ottawa River. Having lived in Calgary for years I had all but forgotten the fun of being on the water. Now I find myself checking the calendar waiting for launch and the chance to get out sailing again. Before we get out on the water there is an opportunity for all women sailors to learn about or brush up racing skills for the upcoming season.

Mark your calendars for **Saturday April 18, 2009** to attend the **Women in Wind** seminar hosted at BYC. The Silver Fleet is for women who are new to racing, and the Gold Fleet will brush up advanced skills. We are lining up some great speakers so please come out and learn from fellow Ottawa River sailors. There will also be an opportunity for boat owners and/or sailors who are interested in joining the Coached Boat program to hear from other coaches and participants about the program. The coached boat session will be at the end of the day, running into Happy Hour at the lounge - what a great way to get pumped up about the 2009 summer season!

If you would like to join Monday Night Women's racing please contact me directly at Smith.Wendy999@gmail.com. Let me know your level of experience and your desired position on the crew (if you have one!). We are always looking for women to take the helm, as well as boats to join the fleet. If you have any questions just pop me off an email with a number to contact you in the evenings.

HEADS UP!

LAUNCH

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March 2009

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Office Hours: Open Mon. to Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.						
Bar Hours: Wed. & Fri. - 4:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Sunday - 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.						
Food services: Light meals available when bar is open						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Movie Night				Breakfast Club Daylight Saving Time Begins
First Quarter						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Movie Night		St. Patrick's Buffet Dinner		Breakfast Club
Full Moon						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		Movie Night				Breakfast Club
St. Patrick's Day						
Last Quarter						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		Movie Night		Volunteers' Buffet Dinner	Curling Bonspiel	Breakfast Club
New Moon						
30	31					

Britannia Yacht Club Activities Calendar

April 2009

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Food services: Light meals always available when bar is open						
		1	2	3	4	5
		Movie Night				Breakfast Club Race Management Seminar with Irene McNeil
First quarter						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Movie Night		PASSOVER Full Moon	Friday Night Buffet GOOD FRIDAY	 EASTER SUNDAY BRUNCH
EASTER MONDAY						
Last quarter						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Movie Night				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		Earth Day		Friday Night Buffet	TASTES DOWN UNDER New Moon	Breakfast Club Volunteers' Breakfast
27	28	29	30			

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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