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Bronte Harbour Yacht Club April 2011 newsletter



Blue Indigo

Lady Helmsman Race

Myron Lasko with Jim and Francine Laverty at the wheel

Photo by Grad Dewar

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Get Ready! Get Set! LAUNCH!

It is my favourite time of year, clean away the last remaining signs of winter and get ready for summer. The sounds and smell of spring (grinders & bottom paint) are in the air, launch schedules set, race schedules organized, cruise destinations planned, summer club hours posted, crane training ready, and the new slings for the launch crane have been delivered.

I would like to thank all those who came out and participated in the **Spring General Meeting**. I hope we all have a good understanding of where we are and where we would like to take the BHYC over the next year. The feedback received is that you would like BHYC to remain the casual and friendly club on the lake and your Board is listening. We published our 2011 Business Plan in February, the 2011 Budget was posted at the bar in March and I believe our goals for this year are achievable to meet the needs of all of our Members.

What I need from you is feedback. What would you like to see more of? What should we do less of? If you have questions, do not wait for the AGM as this is too late, ask now. Ask how you can get involved, ask why we do things the way we do and offer to help with a better way.

Good luck with Launch on April 30th, and I look forward to seeing you on the water.

See you all soon at the club, Jay.

PETE FULLER *Secretary*

Lost and Found?

The club for 42 years was in possession of a Corporate Seal. Sometime in the last 8 years the seal has been misplaced. It is to be in the custody of the Club Secretary, and should be applied to all club legal documentation and paperwork. However it seems to have gone walkabout. A previous custodian has likely just forgotten it in a box someplace; it is a metal instrument, looks like a big stapler and has obvious historical value to the club.

The cost if it were to be replaced is not extravagant, but not insignificant. If you have any idea where the stray tool may be residing, please advise me so I can help its safe return to the club.

As an added incentive to get you to check the dusty boxes under the stairs, I'm offering up a **reward!** I will put up a bottle of very good Caribbean rum, obtained under dubious importation, from my personnel collection of high test for information leading to the successful restoration of our Seal to the clubhouse. Thanks, Pete Fuller

Get ready to sail

In 2011, we will continue to provide Canadian Yachting Association (CYA) accredited programs at our Junior School programme.

Instructors:

After two years as Head Instructor, **Camila Davila** has decided to pursue other endeavors. She was a huge asset to the programme and we will all miss her. **Kevin Stewart**, who has been an instructor for the past few years, is our new head instructor, and we anticipate amazing things from him. Our Race Coach, **Michael Hasko**, and several other instructors are also returning. We devoted considerable time to interviewing new instructors, and those that we've hired are highly qualified.

Fees:

Sadly, our costs continue to increase. Although we are compelled to increase our fees to compensate, the size of the increase is quite modest

Lunch Programme:

Back by popular demand, the lunch programme has been modified slightly to reflect the demands of feeding eighty kids while ensuring maximum sailing time. For parents who find the daily exercise of making and packing lunches a thankless chore, the lunch programme is a great time saver. Details are available on the website.

Adult Sailing:

Our Adult Sailing programme has been extensively re-vamped. We have expanded the Adult Dinghy programme to include two weekend-based sessions. We have also re-introduced an Adult Keelboat programme, with sessions on both week-day evenings, and weekends.

Open House:

We are holding our usual Open House on Sunday April 17, 2011 from 1 – 4pm at the Club. As part of that event, we will again host a **used equipment swap & sale**. If you have used equipment, gear or even boats to sell, or need gear for the upcoming season, check us out.

Volunteers:

Once again, an enormous thanks to all those who have assisted me in the off-season. The beginning of the sailing season is very busy: if you are able to assist in getting the boats out of storage, and getting the yard ready for the student, please contact me. Your assistance is appreciated. Information regarding course schedules and fees is available on the club website. **Remember that, as in past years, there is a price break before May 1st.** If you have any questions, contact me at rctraining@bhyc.on.ca

Our website continues to get facelifts, adjustments and new content. Be sure to log in for weekly updates and if you can't remember your information request your password from the website. These updates are especially important for our club racers

Be sure to keep an eye out for a number of new faces. Our membership continues to grow across all categories indicating a healthy trend on our club. So far in 2011 we have 12 new members that have decided to make BHYC a regular part of their life, with several more in application process.

This month on behalf of our club I would like to welcome **Amy Pedersen**, a regular crewperson in the Shark fleet, **Jane Cameron** who will be seen paddling at the club, and **Christine Kelly**, skipper of *Grey Fox*.

Do you want to earn work party hours while sailing? Here is your chance.

Boats, skippers and crew are needed for the VIP program which will take place June 20 to 24. We anticipate attendance of approximately 25-30 Visual Impaired Persons. **We need 10 boats and 25-30 people** (one sighted person per VIP)

Please sign-up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the club or e-mail osigvardt@cogeco.ca or Eric Pilon at eric-pilon@hotmail.com - *Eric Pilon and Ole Sigvardt*

Launch is fast approaching and I would just like to make everyone aware of the food available at the club on April 30. We are stepping it up a notch for YOU!!!

"Sir George Breaky" - 6am till 10:30am

3 eggs any style plus 3 pieces of bacon, 3 sausages, 3 pieces French Toast, Cereal Variety, Toast or bagels - white or Brown, Peanut butter/Cream cheese/ Jam
Orange Juice/Apple Juice/Cranberry Juice
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"Hearty" Lunch - 11:30am to 1:30pm-

Meat or Veggie Lasagna, Greek Salad, Garlic Bread
Sweets for Desert

Cost **\$10.50** plus tax

Social's Steak Dinner 5:30pm to 7pm-

AA Grade Steak, Baked Potato, Cole Slaw, Green beans
Bread/Roll capped with "The famous" Key Lime Pie

Cost **\$15.00** Plus tax

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starting Sunday May 1/2011

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MONDAY	16:00 – 20:00
TUESDAY	16:00 – 22:30
WEDNESDAY	16:00 – 20:00
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Safety why's & where-fore's

The first year that I was involved in a BHYC haul-out, I was limited to the sidelines because I had no personal safety equipment. After all; how much good would a plastic hat do if a yacht gets dropped on my head? The following spring I complied with the Club's requirements and thus had access to the yard. Banged my head against the propeller of a non-removed outboard. The helmet got scratched. Then, by standing too near George Thompson's electric wheelchair, my toes were run over. - didn't feel a thing. Since then; I've knocked my head against hulls, stepped on nails; and tripped against blocking lumber with nary an ache or pain. The safety stuff **works**.

Complying with our Club's protection prerequisites serves many purposes. Foremost - our personal protection. Secondly, it positively affects our Club's liability insurance, thus our Club expenditures. Third; it projects a constructive image to the myriad rubbernecks who observe our activities from the bridge or the sidelines. It also bestows a favorable image of professionalism to all of us.

Having supervised this aspect of haul-out & launch for the past few years, my impression has been one of super co-operation and support. But there have been instances where my requests for compliance have been met with resistance. Predominantly, this has had to do with illegal parking.

We must have our vehicle access/egress passages clear. Trailers need to be brought in & then exited. Service vehicles may require a clear passage; and most important - consider the need for an emergency unit urgently needing to enter and then easily and quickly depart. Lives may be held in balance.

"I'll just be a few minutes" doesn't cut it. Perversity being what it is; that's just when @\$% happens! Please, cooperate. I'm not the enemy; we're all part of the same team!

Keep your heads down; work quickly but SAFELY; and finally, the Prokop's traditional excellent chocolate chip cookies are limited to three each (except for yard-boss Burcher & safety officer Gaisin!)

Fair winds, *Danny Gaisin*



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Club roster volunteer

The club is looking for someone to update our membership information and contacts. If interested please e-mail membership@bhyc.on.ca.

Visually Impaired Sailing (VIP) Week

Please e-mail eric-pilon@hotmail.com or osigvardt@cogeco.com. This is our biggest community event each year and we are looking for skippers, boats, crews, help in the clubhouse and at 50 Point, preferably for 5 days or parts thereof. An easy pleasurable way to get your work party hours.

Sailing School

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The Dart season ends as the sailing season begins

Now we are getting the boats ready for the water, the Darts Season for the 55 arrow chuckers must be over. It ended on April 6th with a banquet and awards, thanks to Patricia and Vera for the excellent food and drink. Thank you to **Diana Bissonnette** for providing flowers for the winners.

We had both season winners and tournament winners. Winning 301 in the regular season was team 'G' led by **Grad Dewar**, ably supported by **Larry Jensen, Hugh Roper**, and **Peter Brayshaw**.

For the tournament days the 301 consolation winner was the ladies team of **Elsa Beattie, Trudy Doody, Lise Haig** and **Sandra Brans**. The Cricket consolation team winner was the team from 'L' **Adrian Hanley, Jim Pollock, Christel Bullen, Marge Furness** and **Michael Mills**.

The Cricket tournament winner was team 'E' captained by

Michael Judd with **Sara Pedersen, Mike Paulson, Trish Parker**, and **Doug Gillham**.

Barb Dermott won the most improved player and **Colin Pfaff** won the award for top spare being the person that every week supported whichever team needed help without complaint.

The overall champion team winning the regular season Cricket, the playoff 301 and the championship match was Team D with **Mike Doody, Sue Butterfield, James Dunlevy, Tony Byrne** and **Natalie Bullard**.

Congratulations to all!!!

I hope everyone enjoys the summer and looks forward to another Darts season at Bronte Harbour Darts and Yacht Club. Remember if you go into dart withdrawal the boards are there all summer (Wednesday evening and Saturday afternoon might be good).

-Alan Brans



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17 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	18	19	20	21	22 <i>Good Friday</i>	23
BHYC Sailing School Open House Used Equipment Swap 1-4 pm						Crane & Mast Hoist Training
24 <i>Easter</i>	25	26	27	28	29	30
						LAUNCH Special Breakfast Special Lunch Steak Dinner special with the works \$15pp RSVP
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

May

8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		BHYC race 1.1			BHYC race 2.1	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		BHYC race 1.2			BHYC race 2.2	BHYC Cruise to RHYC
22	23	24 <i>Victoria Day</i>	25	26	27	28
BHYC Cruise to RHYC		BHYC race 1.3			BHYC race 2.3	
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