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Bronte Harbour Yacht Club June 2011 newsletter

**The University of Guelph sailing team at
the University Regatta Saturday May 21
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We delivered all of your old sails to Canadian Food for Children

Thank you to all our club members who donated their no longer wanted sails to the **Canadian Food for Children**. Vicky Fuse and I delivered the whole works to their warehouse this past Wednesday, May 25. They were very grateful. We had twice as many as the last time!!! There will be an article here in the Signal to inform members when the next drop off date will be (probably not until the fall) Please don't drop any more sails off as they are in the way over the summer and there is no where to store them!!!

- Karen Bennett and Vicky Fuse

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We had a great turnout for Sailpast this year and I hope you all enjoyed the soggy day. I would like to thank **Laura Jurasek** and her Social Committee for organizing the On-Land part of the day, **Jim Pollock** and his Race Committee for the On-Water activities, and **Pete Fuller** for getting all of our invitations sent to our local dignitaries. As next year will be a celebration of our 50th, it will be quite the party, book your calendars now! (and pray for better weather)

We are already approaching the mid point of our year, in keeping with our 2011 Goals, I would like to host a **Mid Year Update** on July 6th, 7pm at BHYC. The purpose for the update is to share with you our progress on Goals year to date and to hear from you what is going well and what opportunities we have to improve. This is not a General Meeting, there will be no formal notices mailed out, but it will be on our Club calendars and I hope you can participate.

There has been much progress in setting our future House Director up for success. **Bill Hewitt** has established a Facility Rental Committee, **Laura Jurasek** has established a process for ordering with **Fiona Styant**, **Brian Miller** has improved inventory processes, **Chris Burcher** has established his Maintenance Committee, and I have drafted job responsibilities for all staff positions. **Peter Howard** has been a great asset to our Club and with his service industry experience has helped us pull all these

new processes together and keep the lights on. – thank you Peter. All this leads to our House Director role, by the time you read this it may have a new face, or we may be looking for you to lend your experience to building BHYC for the better. If you are interested contact the chair of the Nominating Committee **Cheryl Etherington**.

We heard that in the past we used to open the Clubhouse early on Friday afternoons and that this was well used in the summer months. We will update our summer hours Friday June 10th so that we open at 3pm until Labour Day weekend. Schedule some Friday afternoon meetings on our deck rather than in the office....

See you all soon at the Club, Jay Kirkpatrick

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Finally the weather is changing which gives the social committee a somewhat reprieve on all the activities we did over the winter. The **New Member's Reception** went over very well being held on a Friday Night. It was packed! Thanks everyone for coming out. Sail Past has come and gone and we are looking for ideas and volunteers for the Fall. We'd like your opinion on which activities you'd like to see. Knit and Bitch Night, Bingo, A Scrabble competition? Any ideas are welcome. We are also looking for families or members to take on a Friday night for **Appetizer Night**. We had two volunteer teams last year that did an amazing job so anyone who would like to sponsor an Appetizer Night, please e-mail social@bhyc.on.ca. We can start a schedule and fill in the blanks. We hope everyone has a terrific sailing season and let us know.



Race to Barangas Canada Day!

Canada Day (July 1st) falls on a Friday this year, a great day to race to Barangas! If you've never been to Barangas then you're in for a treat! Baranga is Greek for beach house and it's located just beyond the CCIW mark. The Lat / Long is N43 15.4 W79 45.6

The race will start at 1pm. The course is straight to the CCIW mark where the finish line will be located. Then head to Barangas and anchor off the beach! How are your anchoring skills???? You may qualify for The Crisis award :) After your successful anchoring adventure, you will be tendered off your boat to Barangas floating dock - please don't tie up to the dock, very shallow! Barangas will provide 2 beach volleyball courts and an out door BBQ dinner next to the water. If volleyball isn't your thing, bring your in-line skates and skate the trails (they go for miles) or go for a stroll. A cash bar will also be available. Cost isn't set yet but expect it to be in the area of \$23 per person, sign up will be required by June 26th. After dinner, around 7ish, we will head back to the boats and sail back to BHYC for Bronte's BIA fireworks! The race will be scored using the PHRF handicap system and awards given out at award's night in November. A rain date is planned.

Look for more info on the BHYC web site shortly. You can visit Baranga's web site at www.barangas.ca

And don't forget your anchors!!! - Mark Hellmann

Calculating race results on our website- What does it mean?

BCE (back calculated elapsed) time figure is showing how much faster each boat needed to sail on elapsed time to tie with the winner of their division.

BCR (back calculated rating) is the rating each boat needed to tie with the winner of their division.

- Jamie MacCorkindale

WOW = Women On the Water

The 1st WOW Fun Regatta

Since 2008, over 400 women have attended a WOW seminar, race or boating event. "We have some really exciting events planned for 2011." says WOW founder Lori Mason. Our new exciting event will be our **WOW Weekend at Island Yacht Club** starting June 24 to 26th (bring your whole family). What a great venue for everyone to enjoy, bring your swim suits for the pool and tennis rackets for the courts. There is also a kids play area and best of all, Muskoka chairs to put your feet up and read a book or relax! There will be dinner/awards Saturday night, cost TBA along with a full breakfast on Sunday morning. RSVP to Katrina@openwaters.ca

On that Saturday (June 25th) WOW, IYC and Ontario Sailing are starting the 1st Women On the Water FUN Regatta with the prizes sponsored by The Store Mason's Chandlery, Skippers Plan, Open Waters and Gill Outerwear. So if you women have never raced before or race all the time, this will be the fun regatta to attend. Women racing women, bring your boat or crew with someone else, racing cost is \$25 per person which includes a goodie bag. There will be a crew bank posted on Face Book or Katrina@openwaters.ca. We will wrap up the evening with a dinner and awards presentation to which everyone is invited, RSVP required cost TBA. Find more information at www.wowwomenonwater.wordpress.com or sign up at www.thestoremasons.com under EVENTS & SEMINARS!

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Blue Fin About 2 years before Sandra and I moved from Calgary back to Burlington, we were visiting our family in Oakville. We decided to attend Ribfest in Burlington one evening with my sister and her family. It was great to be down at the waterfront again. We had a great evening, and Sandra, Seth and I were looking out at all the boats anchored of the beach, and discussing how nice it would be to move back east again, to be near family, and to be near water again! Sandra had us all assemble for a photo to cap of a great night and capture the memory for posterity.

When we returned home to Calgary, we kept revisiting the idea of relocating back east. We dreamt out loud, and joked about how we would get a sailboat when we got back to Ontario. In the meantime, our family grew by one, when our second son Bennett was born. With a growing family, we started to consider the idea of moving closer to family more seriously. As luck would have it, a great job opportunity materialized in Toronto, so we decided to go for it, and make the move back east.

When spring arrived after settling into our new house in Burlington, we were sitting on the back deck one morning, and a familiar feeling came back to us.... with a light breeze slowly intensifying on a beautiful sunny day, we both had the unshakeable urge to go sailing. I was checking emails

at the time, and I half jokingly said we should cruise the classifieds and find ourselves a sailboat! Sandra enthusiastically embraced the idea, and we considered it a great activity we could all do together as a family. We found a few prospects, and later that week, we were shopping for our first family sailboat. To make a long story short, a few weeks later, almost on a whim, we ended up with Blue Fin, a Hinerhoeller Shark.

Shortly after we acquired the boat, with a handful of family outings on Blue Fin under our belts, we were enjoying a quiet night at home. The boys were in bed, I was watching TV, and Sandra was on the computer downloading a memory card from her camera. She stumbled upon a bunch of older photos, and came upon the pictures from our family visit to Oakville from a few years previous, before Bennett was born. Suddenly, she let out an expletive; "Holy \$#!t" When I looked at her, she had an intriguing look of surprise on her face. She said "You're not going to believe this, take a look at this picture....." It was the one she had taken of us at Ribfest two years before. As fate would have it, there we were, sitting on the waterfront in the city that would soon become our home, and in a weirder twist of fate, right in the middle of the picture, at anchor..... Blue Fin, the very boat that unbeknownst to us, would later become our own.

Guess it was just meant to be.

- Sean Dubreuil



Try something new this season

Our sailing club is more than just an outlet for sailing, it's about community and a passion for a life-long sport. I'd like to thank the membership for the warm welcome they gave to all of our new members at the **New Members Reception**. In standard BHYC fashion it was a low key and, fun night for all. Thanks again to **Laura Jurasek and her committee** for setting up the club and arranging all the nice treats.

The sailing season is upon us and as members we tend to settle into our summer boating routine. While we are just settling in to the nice weather, sunny days on the water and warm winds its important to remember what is going on around your club. When is the last time you tried something new during boating season at BHYC? After all there are lots of sailing experiences to enjoy at any age or skill level. Here are a few things to try out this season:

There is nothing better than taking a break from racing and going for a cruise. It's a nice way to see parts of our lake from a new perspective and really enjoy the scenery along the way. BHYC has several cruises planned this summer that are regularly attended by members. Every trip is different as the weather dictates the speed of your trip and there is nothing better than a new waterfront lookout for a weekend, you can't do that with a cottage. Get to see what other clubs are like by visiting on a club cruise.

How many years is it since you have been on a smaller boat? **Dinghy racing** is back on at our club this summer and should be loads of fun for all. As a member you are always welcome to join. Get back to your roots, or try something new, sailing from a few inches off the water on a warm sunny evening is great in July and August. It can

help you develop new sailing skills, spark an interest for a friend to take lessons, or help you hone your skills racing dinghy sailors on their home turf. We get lots of keel boaters returning to their sailing roots, you might be surprised who you could end up matching up with on the start line.

There is no better way to change your perspective on your knowledge of sailing than teaching others and VIP sailing is a great opportunity to get involved. BHYC's **visually impaired sailing program** is a unique chance to volunteer help others learn to sail and enjoy the sport. There are lots of volunteer opportunities available at the club to get involved with all the great things we do. Are you really in to racing? Mix up your regular Tuesday and Thursday sailing by trying something new. **TGIF racing** is on again at the club. Whether its taking friends or family out for a sail or just relaxing for a low key night out with the regular crew, its a fun and relaxed atmosphere to enjoy some racing and unwind monthly on Fridays. **GHYRA** is also back again this year, you could also try a single or double handed race. Sailing distance races with short crew is a great way to enjoy quality time together, get some fresh air and appreciate this big lake we have to sail on. Want a day combining racing and fun in the sun? BHYC will be running a **Barangas race July 1st** sign up today at the club!

All these events and more are coming up this summer. Keep an eye on the calendar for more details. Interested in getting involved in helping with a club event? Check back regularly in the volunteer section in the Signal and work off your work party hours in your own way.

A tip of the hat to Danny Gaisin

My first sail of this season and I was hoping it wouldn't be eventful. Thoughts on the drive down turned to - what if we get out there and the engine won't start? Hadn't used the boat since we put the masts up, so with a little coaxing the engine turned over and got us out there alright.

It was a hazy, hot low wind day and I was itching to get the spinnaker out of the bag of a good airing. We had a fun run and ran out of air just inside the Petro pier on the way back to the club. I switched to my multi coloured light air genoa but even that was dead in the water.

I kept trying to start the engine but the batteries quickly faded away to nothing. We tried flagging down the odd boat that was still out there and I radioed TOWARF to see if we could get a tow.

One boat motoring in came by us to see what we wanted. After explaining our dilemma the skipper just

laughed and tore off into Bronte. I couldn't believe his response. Isn't there an unwritten first law of the sea that you help other boats in trouble? Wasn't so funny to me. And then we saw a police boat towing in a cabin cruiser with obviously the same problem as mine.

My first response on channel 16 came from LaBamba who was just heading out. I gave Danny my position - just look for the multi coloured genoa near the mouth of the channel. Danny and crew quickly came to my assistance, threw us a line and got us right back to the slip.

Thanks so much Danny for doing what we should all be conditioned to do. You are a fine seaman. Hope you found wind when you went back out.

With one new replacement battery my boat starts fine now. And it doesn't hurt to have a multi-coloured genoa for visibility.

- Myron Lasko, *Blue Indigo*

Bronte Rocks excitement returns September 2-5



Check out photo galleries of current or previous events
at Grad Dewar's new website <http://web.me.com/graddewar>

Bronte Rocks 2010 photo: Grad Dewar

CHRIS BURCHER *Vice Commodore*

Mast Racks

There are a number of masts and other related items currently stored on the racks in the yard. My guess is that most, if not all, of these items have been left over the past couple of years and no longer applicable to the current Membership. We would appreciate Members either removing any surplus items or tagging those items within the next month. In order to provide space for the Fall (Haul-Out) any items not tagged by Sept 1, 2011 will be removed and disposed of accordingly.

Your assistance and cooperation in maintaining a clean and orderly yard is appreciated.

Service for Slips on the West Bank

Jay Kirkpatrick, Dave Smith and I met with the Town of Oakville to review the situation relative to the provision of services for the slips on the West Bank.

The Town has confirmed that proper water and electrical will be provided directly on the docks. We anticipate the work to be completed as soon as possible.

Please bear with us as these services are updated. The long term plan by the Town would see the Seawall extended from its present position towards the bridge on Lakeshore Road.

Not to be missed - The Port Credit In-Water Boat Show August 26-28

The Port Credit In-Water Boat Show is celebrating 21 years August 26-28, 2011. It will be hosted once again, at the Port Credit Harbour Marina – The Boating Super Centre.

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TGIF and TGIS Race Schedule

THANK GOODNESS IT'S FRIDAY RACES and
THANK GOODNESS IT'S SATURDAY RACES 2011

*Dinghy and Keelboat Sailors Welcome
Beginners, Cruisers and Seasoned Sailors Welcome*

Friday, June 10th

Friday, June 24th

Friday, July 15th

Saturday, August 20th (TGIS –1pm start)

Saturday, September 10th (TGIS – 1pm start)

TGIF

Warning Gun at 6:45pm

Start Gun Keel boats at 6:50pm

Start Gun Dinghies at 6:55pm

1st Start - Keel Boats, Flying Sails and/or Non-Flying Sails (one start)

2nd Start - Dinghies

COURSE: B Course

Keel Boats and Dinghies - Twice Around

TGIS – Saturday, August 20th

Saturday, September 10th & POT LUCK Dinner

(one does not have to race to participate in the Dinner)

Warning Gun at 1:00pm

Start Gun Keel Boats at 1:05pm

Start Gun Dinghy boats at 1:10pm

1st Start - Keel boats, Flying Sails and/or Non-Flying Sails (one start)

2nd Start - Dinghies

COURSE: B Course

Keel Boats and Dinghies - Twice Around

*Honourable Mention Only at TGIS during Pot Luck,
Saturday Sept. 10*

Questions: Bill & Natalie Bullard Beausoleil II

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Fire Plan - The fire department would like us to update our fire plans to include contact information, location of fire extinguishers, etc, if you have experience with these plans or interested in learning please contact commodore@bhyc.on.ca

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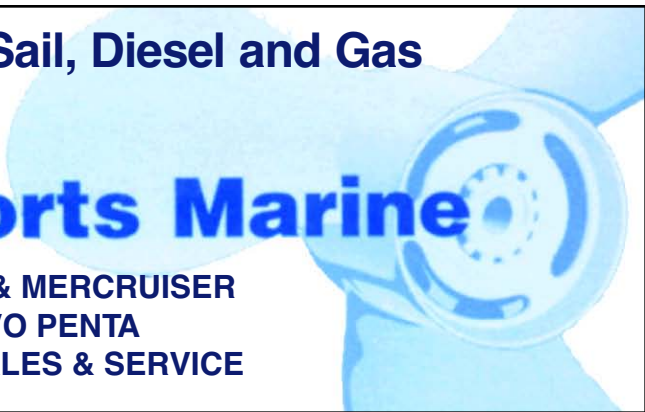
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 BHYC reciprocal Cruise to ABYC	13 <i>June</i>	14 Race 1.6	15	16 Race 2.6	17	18 OTMH Regatta
19	20 BHYC VIP (Visually Impaired Sailing Week) June 20-24 9am-4pm	21 Race 1.7	22	23 Race 2.7	24 BHYC TGIF Race <small>Keelboat start 6:50 Dinghy start 6:55</small>	25 IYC WOW Regatta RHYC Rock the Hammer Regatta
26	27	28 Race 1.8	29	30 Race 2.8	1 <i>Canada Day</i> <i>July</i> Barangas Race Day Cruise to Mimico Yacht Club July 1,2,3	2 NYC C&C Owners Regatta
3 NYC C&C Owners Regatta	4	5 Race 1.9	6 BHYC mid-season update meeting 7:00 pm	7 Race 2.9	8	9 BHYC Oakville Easter Seals Regatta BSBC Convoy Cup
10	11	12 Race 1.10	13	14 Race 2.10	15 BHYC TGIF Race <small>Warning gun 6:45 Keelboat start 6:50 Dinghy start 6:55</small>	16 PCYC OYS Lake Ontario 300
17	18	19 Race 1.11	20	21 Race 2.11	22	23 BHYC Cruise to IYC Youngstown Level Regatta
24 BHYC Cruise to IYC Youngstown Level Regatta	25 PCYC LYRA July 25-31	26 Race 1.12	27	28 Race 2.12	29 PCYC IRC Canadian Championship July 29-31	30
31 Oakville Regatta	1 <i>Simcoe Day</i> Oakville Regatta	2 Race 1.13	3 RCYC IRC Canadian Championship August 11-14	4 Race 2.13	5	6 BHYC Lady Helmsman Crews Chance

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