

2022 SPRING EDITION



FULL AND BY

# Britannia Yacht Club Bulletin



## PHIL MOORMAN

# Commodore's Corner

Welcome members to the newly refreshed Full and By Bulletin! After a several years hiatus we are pleased to provide the first of what will be a quarterly publication. It goes without saying that the club owes a great debt to Ms. Joan Yuile for the years of dedication to the Full and By as editor. The torch is being passed on and we hope this time-honored publication will continue for many years to come.

2022 is a special year for the club as it is the 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We will be organizing 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events over the summer and I hope all of you will celebrate with us.

This time of year is a very busy time for the club in terms of planning for the upcoming season. The board of directors has, with input from the various member committees, finalized the plans for the many regattas, tournaments, youth activities, events and weekly entertainment for the year. Detailed information will be going out by email from the office and will be posted around the club. If you have any thoughts or comments on the summer programming, please speak with anyone of the board members or me.

As you may know we have been working hard on the various projects approved by members at last December's AGM. Kitchen renovations are nearing completion; the new Pumpout system is being organized; new boats for the Youth Fleet have been ordered; we will be engaging an engineering firm to provide technical advice on the Western Shoreline project and we hope to engage the firm GGA in a Strategic Planning exercise soon.

The Ontario Government has enacted the *Not-for Profit Corporations Act* (ONCA) in October 2010 and it came into force last year. There are over 46,000 non-for-profit organizations in Ontario including the Britannia Yacht Club. ONCA will apply to all non-profit organizations in Ontario and we will have three years to bring our Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and Regulations into compliance. The BYC Governance Committee has been tasked with undertaking the review to ensure the club's official documents are aligned with the Act. They have been working hard these past couple of years and you will soon see details about a general information session scheduled for later this summer. The intent of the meeting is to provide information about the ONCA, the proposed changes and to initiate discussion with the BYC membership.

I'd like to say a big THANK YOU to two committees that have worked hard to help ensure the safety of our members, staff and the club itself. The Covid committee has met regularly during the entire pandemic reviewing the latest Public Health information and government directives and providing guidance to us. The High Water Management committee, struck back in 2017 at the time of the first of two major floods, has been monitoring river levels and making recommendations on how to keep the club safe from further floods.

As always, we are looking for members to help out whether it is on a committee, a work party or helping with one of the many activities that take place over the year. It is a great way to meet other members and help out, so please give it some thought.

Cheers,

**Phil Moorman**  
Commodore





# RANDY TIVY

## Treasurer's Report

Management and the Finance Committee have been meeting regularly to review the impact of the continuing pandemic and inflation on our finances.

In the fall we prepared a balanced 2022 operating budget with projected revenues of over \$2,023,000 and a 2022 capital budget of \$347,200 with planned expenditures for approved capital projects and our Asset Management Plan (AMP). Anticipated inflation and some pandemic restrictions were taken into account in our calculations.

### SO, HOW ARE WE DOING AFTER 5 MONTHS?

Our latest projections still indicate that we will have a small surplus this year. We continue to have strong member support in our Food and Beverage and hope for more support with warmer weather and summer hours ahead.

Membership renewal is on budget and our harbour is full.

Management has been proactive and has successfully obtained all available Federal and Provincial financial support. Our balance sheet is in very good shape with over \$697,000 in the bank.

As a caution I have to say that our operations budget for the summer and fall anticipate no further health restrictions. If we do, we will go back and rebalance the operating budget.

We are confident that we can commit to our planned Capital and AMP expenditures. Major expenditures budgeted for this year are:

Kitchen Renovation.....	\$75,000	Front Door Canopy .....	\$10,000
Junior Sailing Club Boats .....	\$47,200	De-watering Project.....	\$8,000
New Pump Out .....	\$27,500	Paving.....	\$10,000
Western Berm Study.....	\$30,000	Bruce Shed .....	\$7,000
Strategic Plan .....	\$20,000	South Crane.....	\$10,000
Harbour Walls .....	\$60,000	Harbour Electrical.....	\$10,000
Laser Ramp .....	\$8,000	Harbour Buoys.....	\$3,000
Patio Upgrades.....	\$18,500	Point of Sale Terminals.....	\$3,000

Once again, I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your financial support by renewing your membership. I also want to extend an offer to members who have been financially impacted by the pandemic to continue their long-term relationship with BYC by contacting our Club Manager, Paul Moore to arrange a payment plan.

Hoping for fair winds and following seas!

**Randy Tivy**  
Honorary Treasurer





# This time in BYC History!

## THE BEGINNING...

In the early 1800's the settlement of Britannia was founded by Captain John Lebreton, retired naval officer. Upon returning home from the War of 1812-14, he received a land grant, in the Township of Nepean and later established a lumber operation about where Jamieson Street is today. Being a native of Jersey Island, Lebreton chose the name "Britannia" for his new land grant as a sort of antidote to Philomon's Wrights' American colony across the river named Wrightstown now known as Hull, Quebec.

In the early and mid-1800's, there were two sawmills operating, one on the south side of Cassels Street on the shore of Lac Deschenes, and a second one built by J.C. Jamieson on land on the north side of what is now Jamieson Street. Some of the summer people bought boats of various sizes and shapes, and in the 1860's it was said that there was a nebulous organization known as Britannia-on-the-Bay Yachting Society formed so that a more organized use of boats would be possible.

In 1887, the Britannia Aquatic Club was established as an informal organization by summer residents interested in boating and other water activities. One of the sawmills, build by J.C. Jamieson became the meeting place. This was now the start of the club, the Britannia on the Bay Yachting Society.

In 1891, the club was renamed the Britannia Nautical Club with the Sawmill as it's headquarters. Three years later a decision was made to build a new clubhouse. One of Ottawa's leading architects, Mr. E.L. Horwood was retained to design the building. Lumber Baron, J.L. Booth provided the side on the north side of Cassels and in 1895, the Club was incorporated and the name was changed to the Britannia Boat House Club which was completed in early 1896. The opening dance was held on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 1895, Initially the ground floor of the new building was used for boat storage and the second floor for social enjoyment.

With the introduction of the street car line to Britannia in 1900, the Britannia Bay Park was built which had a stone pier extending out about 150 years with a T at the end. The club members saw an opportunity and they approached Thomas Ahearn, President and Co-owner of the Railway Company to build a proper clubhouse at the end of pier which was extended by another 200 feet. By 1907 the clubhouse on the pier became

the headquarters for all of the Club activities. Membership expanded to about 2000 members at the time, which included social and associate members.

On August 29, 1918 the clubhouse on the pier was entirely destroyed by fire including equipment, trophies and records. After the fire, the rest of the season was devoted to settling into the original clubhouse on Cassels Street. Over the years with support by our members, additions have been built, our leased property purchased as well as continuous club house improvements made to all areas of the Club. In 1950, the name of the club was changed from the Britannia Boat House Club to the current Britannia Yacht Club. History which illustrates the passion and dedication of our membership!

## Next Full and By Issue... BYC Regatta History

*Look for more historical facts on our BYC Website or by reading a copy of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Britannia Yacht Club – A History of Water, Place and People 1887-2012 in our BYC Library.*





# National Volunteer Week & Accessibility Readiness

## **NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK**

— **APRIL 23-30, 2022**

During National Volunteer Week we would like to celebrate the contributions of thousands of BYC volunteers over the last 135 years; their leadership, their understanding, and their genuine concern for the Britannia Yacht Club.

Remember, meaningful volunteer involvement meets the needs of both the organization and its volunteers, where people feel happier, healthier and more welcome — creating a stronger, more connected Britannia Yacht Club.

In 2022, as we celebrate the 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of BYC we pay tribute to all of our past and present volunteer members.

Thank you for your time and commitment!

## **ACCESSIBILITY READINESS AT BYC**

The Accessibility Canada Act was assented on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to ensure a barrier-free Canada by 2040. With a goal to ensure that all persons must be treated with dignity regardless of their disabilities and have barrier-free access to full and equal participation, the BYC Board of Directors adopted a policy on accessibility in 2021 which is now located on the BYC website.



# From Tony Latus – Your Buoy Boy (aka Olympic Circle Marks)

Here's a 2022 update on the status/forecast for our Olympic Circle Marks, and others. Over the last 3 years, all our surviving traditional 'Olympic Circle' marks have been restored progressively, replacing the missing steel and iron marks with new CCG –approved yellow private plastic marks. These new marks are all now moored with a 'lightweight' mooring (designed by yours truly), which is just light enough to be laid and recovered, by hand, by some fairly elderly gentleman-sailors, without any strain or pulled muscles. Yet designed with enough weight and scope to ensure the marks remain on station, even in gale force winds. The superb support from NSC, sending over their large workboat, with expert Race Bos'n John Gardner at the helm, means the joint BYC/NSC team could easily lay all the marks in a single day's work, although it's normally split over two days. Same for recovery. This system obviates the need for any heavy duty lifts or cranes, and ensures all the marks are safely stowed for winter in the BYC shed (see photo).

New for 2022, there will be two additional marks laid: one off Queen's Park, for all those events and races that used a drop-mark there in past years. Having a 'permanent' mark at Queen's Park will save considerably time, effort and money over the coming years. It too will be recovered annually, and will not be seen going down the rapids! Additionally, another mark (exact location yet to be agreed by the clubs), will be moored off the Quebec shore (in safe water), not too far from BYC, very likely in the position that one of the former (but now disused) marks was moored. This will provide a handy lead mark in some cases, or possibly an upwind mark in the event of Northerly winds. Lastly, S mark itself is new and in good shape, but the mooring

is old and has dragged off-station. S mark will be recovered and re-moored on a lightweight system also.

As a Sailing Committee member, I have encouraged all the other members to consider using the circle for some of the evening races, and other events, which would have several benefits. Firstly, the Alpha Area RC's job is immediately simplified, with no drop marks required, and the pin no longer needed. Secondly, with the marks on correct station, there should be no more issues with the shape/length/orientation of the courses. If one examines the circle as it has been designed and agreed among the clubs, it is possible to set a decent course no matter the wind direction. (see photo)



The photos are representative only and do not show all the BYC members who have helped me with the buoy restoration work, from painting and marking, to hauling gear, cleaning at season's end, and loading/unloading the boat etc. Many thanks to: John Gardner, Brian Williamson, Konrad Lewinsky, Denis Rouleau, Daryl Cormier and Steven Glover, among others. In closing, anyone interested in assisting with the marks project can contact me directly for more information. I have created two training videos, which show the laying and recovery processes, along with the tricks to avoid back strain and other mistakes.



# From the Desk of the GM

April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Dear BYC Members,

While Britannia Yacht Club has been struck by flooding in 2017 and 2019, and endured two years of the pandemic, I'm happy to report that the Club is thriving. Our harbour is full, membership is strong and loyal, our learn-to-sail program is flourishing, high performance race teams are in the water and we've introduced the new PaddleFit program. Needless to say, the success of the Club has allowed us the opportunity to re-invest in projects to improve the overall functionality of BYC to benefit members and guests.

Over the last 12 years, the club has spent \$2.7 million on capital projects, including but not limited to the purchase of a tractor, trailer, cranes, junior/coach boats, new elevator, clubhouse renovations and construction of the East and West walls. While we've invested in the club, our mortgage is only \$140K and we continue to prosper as a direct result of your dedication to BYC! We have a generous, rich history of volunteerism from our members and the club has been the beneficiary of this strong commitment.

During this time, I would also like to thank some of our staff who are moving on to future endeavours for their hard work and dedication as it has been a huge part of our success. We attract, attain and employ great talent, and their commitment is paramount to the prosperity of the Club and makes my job a lot easier and more enjoyable. I'm sure you'll join me in wishing Hannah, Morgan, Jordan and Charlotte the best of luck and much success in their upcoming ventures.

Over the off-season, we've also recently welcomed Lisa to our management team. She joins our team from the Hunt Club Golf Course as a Banquet Manager and will be working alongside Kim, Nathalie and our front of house staff to ensure the best service is provided to our members and guests.

We have a fun-filled summer planned here at BYC, by hosting many events such as our 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration/Canada Day, Lobster Night, and weekly Friday Night entertainment returning on May 20<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to welcoming you back to the Club as we've been busy preparing for your return. We've begun renovating the kitchen, with new appliances already having been delivered and the newly painted Lower Lounge. This summer we will have one large marquee tent available for members to enjoy the summer heat and beautiful sunsets overlooking the Ottawa River.

Additionally, the harbour master and I are working diligently to obtain a new pump out for the gas dock. Our harbour manager, Andrew is due to return from the Rock on April 19<sup>th</sup>, and we look forward to having him back here for another great season!

While we value our current, loyal members, we're always open to welcoming new guests to our facilities! Therefore, we are introducing guest passes for you to share with your friends, family, neighbours and colleagues so they can experience BYC! It is our hope that guests will take advantage of all that the Club has to offer and join us through this referral program! BYC offers varying categories of membership that are accessible to all new members and we would be thrilled to welcome your peers to the Club! Remember, we're more than just a sailing club so No Boat, No Problem.

In closing, I would like to welcome all new and returning members to BYC, we are excited for the upcoming summer filled with regattas, socializing, tournaments and the best sunsets in Ottawa! We're your cottage in the city and we anticipate another fantastic season. Please remember my door is always open, and I'm here to help in any way that I can, along with my staff, to make your experience at BYC as impeccable as possible!

Sincerely,

**Paul Moore**  
General Manager  
manager@byc.ca



# Britannia Yacht Club

YOUR COTTAGE IN THE CITY, EXPERIENCE BYC

There's something for everyone at Britannia Yacht Club, so come experience BYC. We are extremely fortunate to have friendly, efficient staff that are eager to help and we welcome you to your *Cottage in the City*. If you're interested in getting out on the water this summer, please contact the office. But remember we're more than just a sailing club, so *No Boat, No Problem!*

We offer an assortment of events year-round at the club! With the larger monthly events being well attended, you may want to consider reserving tables early, through the office, to ensure that you get a good spot (contact [info@byc.ca](mailto:info@byc.ca)).

## OCTOBER TO APRIL

The Lower Lounge offers members and friends a cozy atmosphere to enjoy their favourite beverages and a nice meal from our varied menu with Chef Nathalie's tasty weekly specials, throughout the year. Sunday Breakfast Club and Wednesday Night Movies run November to April.

Sundays, after Breakfast Club, ski or hike around Mud Lake then return to the club for a hot chocolate and board games in the clubhouse or in the summer a nice swim out front and a quiet picnic at one of the tables that have been set up around the grounds for your convenience.

Other Fall/Winter events include; TGIF, Wednesday Happy Hour, Halloween, Grey Cup, Wine & Dine, Remembrance Day, Awards Dinner, Christmas Dinner and Cheer, Wassail, New Year's Eve Gala, Robbie Burns Buffet, Super Bowl, Valentine's/ Mardi Gras, St. Paddy's Party, Easter Buffet and Mother's Day High Tea.

## MAY TO SEPTEMBER

When members are not racing, sailing, on the courts or working on their boats, you may find them relaxing with a beverage and a meal under the marquee tent overlooking the best views in Ottawa. Why not come down, meet some friends and cheer on your favourite racers at the same time? It's a wonderful atmosphere giving you a feeling that you've just gone on a mini-vacation. Guests are more than welcome at BYC, so invite a family member, neighbour or colleague to attend the next event at the club!

Monday is Women's Night with heart healthy meals and organized speaker series. Friday Night Entertainment runs mid-May to the end of September. Weather permitting, the entertainers will play outside next to the marquee tent so members can enjoy the beautiful sunsets and dance under the stars. A list of bands by week is posted on the website, so you can make plans to see your favourites.

Other Spring/Summer events include; the Tennis French Open Get Together, Commodore's BBQ, Tucker-Rodger Regatta Fun Sailing & Tennis/Pickleball Event, Sail Past and Member Reception, Canada Day, Cruise Week, Wimbledon Strawberries and Cream, Caribbean Night, Baskin's BBQ Weekends, Golf Tournament and Oktoberfest.

Fitness enthusiasts also enjoy access to white water rafting, playing tennis/pickleball or sign up for the free group lessons. If you love sailing, on top of cruising, there are opportunities to take lessons or participate in the regular keelboat, laser and sailboard racing series.

If you have any questions drop us an email and we'll be glad to help you any way we can, come experience BYC.

## FESTIVITES FOR EVERYONE!



### FUN EVENTS

Live entertainment, BBQs, Karaoke Night and party celebrations galore!



### FAMILY

Activities available all year round that the whole family will enjoy!



### FITNESS

Includes tennis, pickleball, yoga & much more!



### FOOD & BEVERAGE

Weekly specials, Sunday Breakfast Club & Wednesday Movie Nights



# 2022 IMPORTANT DATES

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Pub Night	Every Wednesday Night at BYC!
Yoga	Every Wednesday evening
Paddle Fit	Every Sunday 10am-12pm and every Monday 6-8pm
Women's Night Speaker Series Dinner	Every 3rd Monday from May-September
Easter Brunch	Sunday, April 17
New Boat Owner Wine & Cheese Reception	Thursday, April 21
Summer Hours Start	Saturday, April 23
Mother's Day High Tea	Sunday, May 8
Big Boat Launch	Friday, May 13
New Member's Orientation	Friday, May 13
Friday Night Entertainment	Live music every Friday Night from May 20 – September 16!
Canadian Lasers Masters Regatta	June 3 – 5
New Member's Orientation	Friday, June 10
Commodore's Weekend: Commodore's BBQ, Tucker-Rodger Regatta, Pickleball & Tennis Tournament, Garden Party Reception Sailpast	June 10 – 12
Boat Parade of Lights	Friday, July 1
Canada Day BBQ	Friday, July 1
65 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Capital Regatta	July 8 – 11
Caribbean Night	Friday, July 22
BYC Maritime Lobster Night	Friday, August 26
Oktoberfest	Friday, September 23
Commodore's Gala 135 <sup>th</sup> Celebration	Friday, October 28
Sailing Awards Presentation Dinner	Saturday, November 19
Remembrance Day	Thursday, November 11
BYC AGMs	Wednesday, December 14
Christmas Buffet	Friday, December 16
Wassail	Sunday, December 18
Christmas Cheer	Wednesday, December 21
New Year's Eve	Thursday, December 31
Social Bridge	Every Tuesday 3pm-5pm during the winter
Movie Night	Every Tuesday Night starting at 7:00pm during the winter