

2022 SUMMER EDITION



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Britannia Yacht Club Bulletin



PHIL MOORMAN

Commodore's Corner

Dear BYC Members,

The summer season is off to a great start with sunny days full of sailing, racket sports, social events, regattas and the chance to see fellow members. This is also the year we hopefully transition from two years of the pandemic to the so called 'new normal'. As a club we are in a very good position to navigate this 'transition year'; financially we are healthy, we have great staff and a hardworking board.



As you may know from the notices that have gone out lately, we've seen an increase in the number of Covid cases at the club. The Covid committee, chaired by Past Commodore Lisa Shishis, continues to meet as needed to discuss the situation generally in Ottawa, the situation at the club specifically and potential changes to our protocols. The so called 'summer wave' was not entirely unanticipated and is all part of the challenges in this 'transition year'. The situation will make some of us a little nervous, which is entirely understandable, but be assured that we are paying very close attention to the situation and will take action if need be.

On the brighter side of the 5 approved projects, we have completed two and are near completion of a third; the kitchen has been renovated, the boats for the Learn to Sail youth program have been purchased and are in full service, and the new pumpout system has been ordered and will be delivered shortly.

We continue to proceed with electrical maintenance work in the harbour and will begin a significant planning exercise for the upgrade to the electrical system in the harbour. More details to come in the months ahead.

In August the club will be holding two Town Hall meetings to provide members with information about the new not-for-profit legislation (ONCA) and the required changes to our Bylaws and Regulations. This will be followed by a General Meeting with the aim of approving the first round of Bylaw changes. A second round of Town Halls and a General Meeting will occur in the new year.

A new way to ask club related questions is being put into place; a dedicated email address is being set up so that you can get quick responses to your questions about the club, more details to follow soon.

Regards,

Phil Moorman
Commodore
Britannia Yacht Club
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RANDY TIVY

Treasurer's Report

The Finance Committee has just recently received and reviewed our June 30 financial results. This takes us eight months into our fiscal year which ends October 31.

As I wrote in the April edition, we prepared a balanced operating budget for this year and a capital budget of \$347,000.



SO HOW ARE WE DOING AFTER EIGHT MONTHS?

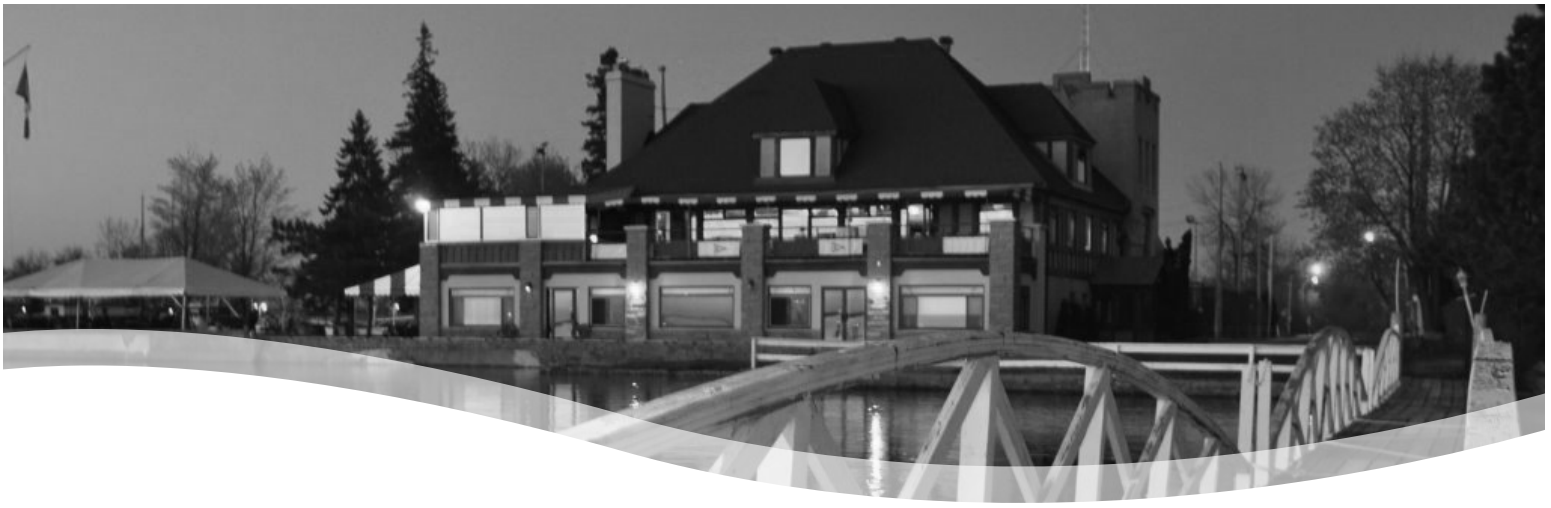
We are still hoping for a small operating surplus at the end of the year. Membership revenue and the Learn to Sail program are on budget and the Harbour has only one wet mooring left to rent. We now have 946 members which is a net increase in our membership of 62 members from last year.

Food and beverage revenues and expenses are sensitive to Covid, inflation and weather have required daily management of expenses. We are hoping to fair winds for the rest of the year.

Our balance sheet remains in good shape with over \$757,000 in the bank. Our mortgage continues to decrease and has a balance left of \$130,242. To date we have spent \$137,611 of our capital budget. Our kitchen renovation came in \$35,000 under budget and I expect the pump out project will also be less than budgeted. Some of our projects have been delayed because of supply chain issues and hopefully the work will be completed in the fall.

In late August and early September, Management and the Finance Committee start preparing next year's operating and capital budgets. I hope to be able to give you an update in the next Full & By.

Randy Tivy
Honorary Treasurer



This time in BYC History!

REGATTAS

Throughout the history of the BYC, sailing and racing have been an intrinsic part of BYC life. Cruising up the river, pitching a tent, sleeping on the ground, and trying to get back to the Club in time to get to work on Monday morning without the aid of a motor was a favourite pastime in the early days.

The first Annual Regatta of the Britannia Boating Club was held on August 31, 1891 at 2:30 PM sharp! Events included sailing races, paddling and rowing events and the addition of swimming. Many of the entrants were employees of the Upper Ottawa Improvement Company and this led to log rolling contests in which the river men excelled. Each year a Regatta was held, and on July 29, 1899, the fourth Annual Regatta marked the Britannia Boating Club as one of the premier clubs in Canada. At the Annual Meet of the American Canoe Association in 1899, the Club won the Championship of America in its new fours canoe. It appears as if this style of Regatta continued until the fire destroyed the Club House on the pier and several of the boats in 1918.

Throughout the 1920's and early 1930's we saw the end of the War Canoes and the gradual demise of rowing and paddling. By the middle of the 30's post-depression optimism was starting to blossom and, at last, the tide seemed ready to turn for the Britannia Boating Club. With the increase in the number of yachts, competition became more keen. On the weekend of July 7-8 1934, the first 50 mile Cruising Race to Quyon and back, which took 25 hours to complete was held. Tom Fuller placed first with his yawl VALHALLA, followed by the HOPE.

The biggest event for the Club in 1936 was the victory of Frank Amyot at the Olympic Games in Berlin, Germany. By then, Frank had already won the Canadian Singles Championships six times in his career, and his entry into the 1000 metre Olympic single paddling event which he raced in 5 minutes and 32.1 seconds for the gold medal. It was a great thrill for both Frank as well as the Club. Make sure to stop at our glass display of Frank mid way up the stairs going to the second floor. Space does not permit mention of dozens of other championship honours won by BYC members that have brought increasing recognition to the Club.

The first Canadian Dinghy Association (CDA) Regatta was held at the Britannia in July of 1948. Britannia has since hosted in July 1962, July 1990 and in 2008 in conjunction with the National Capital Regatta.

In 1951, Dragon Class boats arrived from Denmark. Racing

was tight in the evening series as well as in the Club upriver races. On July 2-5, 1967, we were host Club for the Duke of Edinburgh's International Dragon Trophy series and Prince Philip resented his cup in person at a ceremony on the lawn of the Club. Presently, there is one of the original Dragon's that became the bar in the Main Lounge of the Club. It was donated by Tom Fuller, long time Patron of the BYC, preserving a place in our history.

The first National Capital Regatta was held on July 26-27 1957 and for more than half a century has been one of the most popular and successful annual sailing events in Canada. The aim is to bring together the novice sailor and the well-seasoned racer in an atmosphere of friendly competition and camaraderie. It is considered by many to be one of the best multi-class regatta's in Canada. 2022 marks the 65th Anniversary of the National Capital Regatta held on July 8-11, 2022!

In 1971, the Laser, designed by BYC long time member Bruce Kirby, was introduced to the world at the America's Teacup Regatta on Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, USA. It has become the perfect boat for anyone and everyone! The Canadian Lasers Masters Regatta was held at the BYC on June 3-5, 2022.

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



One of the oldest photos in the Club. Likely a Regatta in 1895 with Pioneer and Ed Miall's Clam to leeward



Cruise Week 2022

JULY 17-22

Cruise Week 2022 (July 17–22) had a terrific turnout of over 20 boats! This year, we welcomed Patrick on Grace, Catherine and Kim, Dave and Kyla on Maple Leaf, and Tammy and Doug on Sheet Music.

Happy Hour ashore on Sunday set us up for the week — introductions and mingling set the tone for the week. Monday at Baskin's was a day of forced relaxation due to the rain — people enjoyed reading, eating, and playing board games. On Tuesday, Mr. Moore (BYC Manager) and Al Malo (Harbourmaster/Vice Commodore) made a special surprise delivery of ice, sparkling wine, and cake! Many thanks to them for the delicious treats. The World Nautical Bocce tourney was a great success despite the heat. Congratulations to this year's winners — be sure to check out the trophy in the clubhouse.

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The fleet had a fun sail up to Mohr Island on Wednesday. We enjoyed hanging out in the water to stay cool and sharing snacks (including Andy's BBQ chicken wings!). For dinner, several boats enjoyed Happy Times pizza (delivered to Crown Point).

After a sporty sail back to Pinhey's on Thursday, we closed out Cruise Week with a dress-up night and prizes.

Thanks again to BYC for supporting Cruise Week, and to everyone who was able to attend. We hope to see you again in 2023.

Jay Langlois
BYC Cruise Week Director



Youth Sailing Update

Summer is here and our youth sailors are taking part in a record-breaking summer at BYC. Head Instructor, Nicolas Dolcetti-Koros went to great lengths preparing the Jr Club House and LTS fleet for our enthusiastic youth sailors. Nic impressively restored several of our legacy Optimist dinghies, and he, along with the rest of our Learn-to-Sail instructor team have welcomed over 80 young sailors to our club in July alone. I'm excited to say that the majority of our LTS CanSail sessions are sold out for this summer, and thanks to BYC's recent purchase of eight additional Optimist Trainers, we will be introducing more youth to the sport of sailing than ever before. It's important that our instructors have all the tools and equipment they need to succeed, and with that in mind, we have also added two new LTS coach boats to our fleet. I'm encouraged by the considerable demand for our youth sailing programs and I'll be working with the Youth Committee and my fellow BYC directors to continue to evaluate further growth opportunities for our club.

Our Optimist and ILCA (Laser) Race Teams have been training since May and have already attended regattas and clinics in Montreal, Toronto, and Kingston. BYC's Laser team ranks as one of the largest in the country this season, with 17 sailors; this is thanks to Head Coach, Nick Kim's leadership, and several Opti sailors graduating to the ILCA this season. The ILCA team will represent BYC at up to 9 events this season, including ILCA North Americans and Youth Nationals. BYC's Opti team is smaller this year, but mightier than ever! Led by Coach Alastair MacIntyre, BYC Opti Sailors attended the Lemon Clinic at Hudson Yacht Club in the Spring where they trained with acclaimed Quebec coach, Carmen Denis and Olympian, Tine Mohberg-Parker. Our Opti team will also be very busy this season, with sailors attending up to 9 regattas, including Fruitbowl, Cork, and Nationals in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia.

I'm excited to share that three BYC youth sailors have qualified to represent Canada (and BYC) at international events this year. Anna Parolin just attended the ILCA U/18 worlds in Texas from July 23 – 30th; Eva Doucette will compete at the IODA North American Championships in Nassau, Bahamas this November; and Branwen Craig will attend at the IODA South American Championships in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in October. Please join me in congratulating these sailors and their coaches on their hard work and impressive achievements in sailing! Stay tuned for regatta updates from Coaches Nick and Alastair as our sailors continue to represent BYC in national and international competition.

Finally, I want to thank the BYC Foundation for its recent donation to the Junior Club. With BYCF's help, we were able to purchase an optimist trainer, and will be adding more picnic tables and cubbies to organize sailors' gear, as well as repair our basketball net and complete the beach volleyball court.

John Doucette
Youth Director





BYC Sailors at Laser North Americans and US Nationals.

The BYC Laser team participated in the Laser North American Championship in Kingston earlier in July. Athletes from 12 different countries were competing for three coveted country spots for the Pan American games. The BYC contingent of 17 sailors comprised almost 10% of the total athletes present across the 4.7, Radial, and Laser fleets. Ten races were held across 4 days with wind mostly SW except for the first day where winds hovered in a shifty NW direction. The competition was fierce and the BYC sailors showed a strong determination, having done only a few weeks of training before being launched into this international fleet. Notable BYC results include James Fair with an 18th place finish in the 118 boat Radial fleet, followed by Anna Parolin in 43rd who also finished as 4th girl in the country. In the 4.7 fleet, newcomer to the team, Brodie Sorensen, finished in 16th out of 32, an impressive result considering the competitive level of the fleet and that it was Brodie's first regatta in the 4.7. In the Laser fleet, team alumni Aethan Cubitt finished in 22nd overall in the 49 boat fleet comprised of the best Laser sailors across the continent. The BYC team had a great

learning experience and they came home more motivated than ever to get training.

After National Capital regatta, a few BYC sailors attended the US Nationals in Brant Beach, New Jersey. Three days of racing in the warm sea breeze of New Jersey is truly what summer is all about. Notable BYC results include Anna Parolin, who finished in 37th in the 142 boat radial fleet and also finished as 4th Canadian and 1st Canadian girl. In the 49 boat Laser fleet, Aethan Cubitt finished in 7th overall with a bullet in the last race. Team alumni Rafael Hebert was close behind in 14th with James Fair and Kyber Lovshin finishing in 19th and 20th respectively.

The team is now reunited in Kingston for a speed week training camp in preparation for the Youth Nationals.

See you on the water

Nick Kim
BYC Laser coach.



Opti Team Update

We had 4 Britannia Optis compete at the Sail Central Fruitbowl Regatta in Hudson QC on July 23 and 24.

This event was consistently challenging for our athletes, but in a different way from the usual. Typically, in Hudson there is at least one day with very light winds, causing it to be a game of who can maintain their focus for longer and sustain undisturbed air and waterflow over their boat.

This time we had a south shore breeze which was incredibly gusty and veered left closer to the windward as we approached the shore. One could be sailing in under 4 knots one instant and 14 the next. Connecting the puffs, keeping alert and maintaining a clean lane was crucial. Our two championship fleet sailors

(Branwen Craig and Arthur Pagé) persevered through these challenging conditions and secured 23rd and 37th respectively.

On the green fleet course our 2 green fleters- who are not officially ranked as per the class rules- zoomed around the course, and, after achieving multiple top finishes each, would promptly and enthusiastically discuss the rules their fellow sailors had apparently broken (protests are also not allowed in Green fleet). With this confident knowledge of the sport, I'm sure we will see Victoria Hoskin and David Florea on the championship fleet course soon.

Best,
Alastair



From the Desk of the GM

August 11th, 2022

Dear BYC Members,

As the sun begins to set on another fantastic summer, we look back fondly to reminisce on a tremendous season! It's particularly special as we celebrate the 135th anniversary of the Club. From inside the clubhouse to out on the water, we've had a great season filled with busy events, sailing programs and regattas! We've hosted many successful events this summer, including the Canada Day celebration, Commodore's Weekend festivities and weekly live entertainment.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our members for being patient with the new staff as they adjust to their roles. While we've welcomed new staff to the club, I'm incredibly proud of their exceptional work ethic to ensure premium service is provided to our members and guests. In addition to our clubhouse staff, our team working outdoors have been excellent providing help in the harbour and offering sailing lessons through our Learn to Sail program.

At BYC, we host sailors with varying skill levels; from expert expeditioners to novice newcomers. All are welcome and we encourage participation in this thrilling sport by offering a Learn to Sail program for kids. Like in previous years, the Learn to Sail program has been a rousing hit! With many up-and-coming sailors learning the ropes, I would like to thank our stellar coaches and staff for teaching the younger generation all about the ins and outs of sailing.

The warmer weather always brings together the BYC community and we welcome many guests to the Club. Whether it's grabbing a drink on the patio, playing a game of pickleball or tennis on the courts, or enjoying a day out on the water, BYC acts as a sanctuary for all as your *Cottage in the City*. Through the loyalty of our members, we've cultivated an extraordinary group of passionate individuals that make this Club so special and unique. I would like to thank all BYC members for their dedication to the Club as you're all a significant part that contributes to the continuing success of the Club!

Let's keep the momentum going as we sail into the Fall!

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).

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

EVENT	DATE
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 th 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 th 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