# AUGUST 2016 BQYC Newsletter



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CORK
Canadian Optimist Championship

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# ONBOARD



#### 48TH KATIE GRAY

The Katie Gray website has now been updated for the 48th Annual race in 2016. All the information and the entry form can be found at the BQYC website (www.bqyc. ca) under the "Racing" tab. The entry deadline has been moved up to Sunday, August 28 at 1000h and there are only 125 tickets available for the prizegiving diner at PEYC on Saturday. So don't delay. Enter soon!

This event is not just for racers.

Anyone who has access to a boat and would enjoy a sail to Picton with lots of company and a great party at the end of it is welcome to join in. If you have any questions and can't find the answers on the website, feel free to contact me at (613) 966-5864.

Cheers!

Andy Thomson Race Organizer

#### MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

At a directors' meeting a few months back, one of the group said, "We are now entering the high season!" For those of you who may not know this term... this means the busy time. It does not mean that a never-ending supply of cookies is mandatory. Whew...my mom and Heidi Macklin dodged one there!

So to make a long story short, the gist of the conversations was that the Board are all involved in organizing something or in some cases many things... it's time to let it happen and assess as we go... I hope as you read this newsletter you will see the rubber hitting the road.

We have had lots of young kids in boats, adult kids in boats, boats on sailby, boats visiting, boats racing, boats supporting causes, sailors staying on the boat, fixing the boat, washing the boat, night on the boat... ah, you get the drift! Fun Stuff, Nice Stuff... Feel Good Stuff! Accomplishments, stories, remember when stuff, memories, laughs, etc!

We need to thank our Board of Directors for the work they do for our club! They have put in many, many hours of their time and talents, and yet they still have more to give for the remainder of the year. It also does not go without notice to see so many of you supporting them in their plans as well! None of this happens without your dedication of time to the projects and the club!

Well done and thank you!

Looking forward, I'm planning on getting out for the Round the County race, and then the Katie Gray weekend is not too far behind. Big fun racing with our neighbour clubs! Rumour has it that a Sodus Bay boat is joining us for the Round the County!

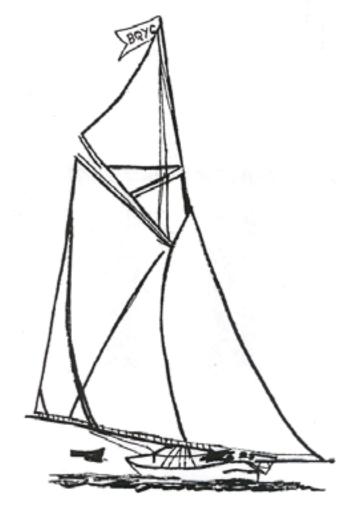
Also, the Past Commodores are hosting a Dinner and Dance on Saturday September 24th, to honour the 140th anniversary since our founding. I encourage you to attend this event as His Worship Mayor Taso Christopher of the City of Belleville is scheduled to be attendance to help us celebrate this significant milestone.

Enjoy the rest of the "high season", because at the time of the next newsletter, we will be in "the high and dry" season. To clarify, this implies boats will be lifted out and not that cookies are mandatory and alcohol is banned!

Krissy

# THE KATIE GRAY

### Weekend 2016



Friday September 2
to
Sunday September 4





## **SEPTEMBER 17, 2016**

# BELLEVILLE IS HAPPY TO OPEN ITS DOORS ONCE MORE AS PART OF THIS FREE EVENT!

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SEVERAL SITES IN AND AROUND BELLEVILLE ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE THIS YEAR. PUBLIC TRANSPORT CAN BE USED TO GET FROM ONE LOCATION TO THE NEXT, BUT SOME WILL BE DOWNTOWN AND ARE EASILY ACCESSIBLE ON FOOT.

# PAST COMMODORE'S BALL & 140TH

#### SEPTEMBER 24TH 2016

Our Past Commodores have been diligently working over the summer to organize The Past Commodores Ball, and would like to extend an invitation to all members, family & friends to join them on Saturday September 24th 2016 to celebrate the 140th anniversary of BQYC.

Details to follow.

#### MAY 13, 2017 SPRING NAUTICAL YARD

Start on your "wishlist" now
- whether you are wishing for
more boat stuff or wishing to
unload boat stuff - and MARK
YOUR CALENDARS for BQYC's
next NAUTICAL YARD SALE!

Saturday May 13, 2017, from 10 to 3. (Two weeks after Lift-In, one week after Cleanup Day).

Tables will be rented at \$20 each; members will have first dibs at booking; set-up can be done the night before.

What can you sell? Anything that can be used on a boat!

Details tha closer to the time.

Fiona King fiatpine@sympatico.ca (If emailing please put NAUTICAL YARD SALE as subject line so your message doesn't get lost)

#### LONG REACH BAR

Keep an eye out for weekly drink specials and upcoming wine tasting.

Dawn has new T-shirts coming in for those of us who are fashion conscious.



#### BURGER CARDS

Hungry after the race but never have any cash? You can now get a prepaid Burger Card at the bar for those hungry crew members on Wednesday night after the race. Cards are available at the bar for \$20 or \$40 (5 or 10 burgers). Sue Jordan will even hold on to your card so you don't have to worry about what you did with it.



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#### MEMBERSHIP TO DATE

The New Members for the Month of July are:

Geoff Buddle & Toni Innes Neil Howie & Vickie Howie

Returning Members for the Month of July are:

Jonathan & Dawn Mau Martina & Miguel Escudero-Wolf

This had been a remarkable Year so far. Our BQYC family is growing; we have 41 New Members as well as a substantial amount of returning Members.

We Members that are returning have a huge understanding of the goings on and social network within the Club. Please remember to take the time to introduce yourself to the New Members this year, encourage them to come out and participate in our functions and events. New Members please feel free to approach others, ask questions and join in. It is through reaching out that our family learns more about each other and our time at "Our wonderful Cottage on the Water" (BQYC) is enjoyable for everyone.

Wanda Kent Rear Commodore



Hi Racers,

We have implemented an online Crew bank to help fill in your crewing needs. If you are short on a race night or looking for new crew members, please check here and contact these folk! Likewise, If you hear of people that want to race, please direct them here to sign up. I would anticipate a healthy list of potential crew to emerge from Adult Learn to sail.

List is on www.bqyc.ca under the Racing tab.

http://www.bqyc.ca/crew-bank.php



#### ENTERTAINMENT REPORT

The 140th Canada Day Celebration held at BQYC was a great success with over 125 members attending and the weather co-operated for dinner service.

A BIG THANK YOU To the Marche teams who worked over hot barbecues to provide mouth watering Entrees. To the volunteers who assisted with set up, kitchen duty, tickets and clean up, and to our members who brought such a wonderful variety of specialty salads and delicious desserts. It certainly was a sumptuous feast, followed by music dancing and fireworks.

A GREAT DAY. Thank you.

As summer draws to a close it is time to plan for the fall. We are looking for members who would like to get a group together and host a dinner or social event on either a Friday or Saturday at the club. Look forward to hearing from you.

Sue J Entertainment





#### TRENTON AIR SHOW CLUB CRUISE



Thanks to Wilma Dolan, Fleet Captain of Power, for organizing what turned out to be a great excuse for a weekend of camaraderie and fun for club members, on the weekend of July 24-26. Most of us spent two nights at Trent Port Marina, a bustling place with boats coming from all over to watch the show.

A total of 11 Belleville boats attended (including 7 dogs!) and I believe a good time was had by all, except perhaps for Simba: he was NOT impressed with the fireworks display on Saturday night! The potluck supper, hosted by Wilma and Jim Dolan aboard their lovely, spacious yacht, was a great feast, attended by 20 people.

On the Sunday many of us enjoyed anchoring to watch the Air Show from closer range before heading back to our home port.

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# AIR SHOW TRENTON

Fleet Captain of Sail Steve Macklin organized a club raft-up to watch the International Air Show close up. It was a bit too windy and rough for many to raft up, but there were a lot of BQYC boats out on the water that day!



#### THE HISTORY OF THE NAME "ENDLESS SAFARI"



After my wife, Joan, and I agreed to separate, I was depressed, blue, as a result of a failed marriage and all retirement plans dashed. My son, Chris, suggested I go cruising as this was a life long dream which I could never do with Joan. Hello...with all the going ons, I had never thought of this.

Within a year I had my employment contract cancelled, became a non-resident of Canada, moved to Freeport Bahamas and had ordered a Swedish "Ocean's Unlimited", Hallberg Rassy. I was going to sail around the world, solo. I had had over 50 years of sailing, besides...why not, and the "Ocean's Unlimited" Rassy was the best of the best. When the Rassy arrived at Essex Connecticut I took two months to outfit it and mused on the boat name. I wanted the registered name "Discovery" as I was on a journey of discovery. Why had my marriage failed? I was blue and really who was I? Zen time. Unfortunately the name was taken and after considerable discussion, a friend, Chris Howling, suggested "Blue Safari" ....an expedition, a journey, a safari of discovery but on Blue water....BINGO! Departed Essex and headed well off the Maine Coast for sea trials...ran into a strong North-Easter for four days...the boat behaved beautifully and I did not. Limped back to Essex and Jimmy Eastland, owner Eastland Yachts, suggested I forget the world thing and sail the Caribbean...at least the water was warm when you got wet, plus reasonable weather forecasts....good idea, I became flexible...besides this would result in me meeting this Canadian guy, Egon Wenzlaff, as I cruised the warm Bahamian waters.

#### 2016 MEMBERS DONATION CAMPAIGN

Funds raised help support infrastructure purchases for sail training.

Donations may be made through Sail Canada. Forms at bar and please ensure donation is earmarked for BQYC. Charitable tax receipts are issued by Sail Canada.

> 2016 GOAL \$20,000

FUNDS RAISED TO DATE \$7,200 Fast forward six years...enough of this sailing life, time to settle down and the Bay of Quinte area looked like a winner. Sold the Hallberg Rassy, bought a lot, built the house and then this guy Egon pops up again and invites lonely me to a BBQ party to meet a lady named Gena Hughes. Turns out that Gena is a power boater and a curler...that is all she talked about on our first date and I do mean nothing else, but there is hope as she is very smart and cute. We follow with even more interesting dates, a Commodores Ball, curling engagements and we start to click. Tired of all the work associated with sailing I weaken and tell Gena, as a sailor, I am now interested in a power boat and I am following up on a lead from the Toronto Boat Show. (Why I love Fiona). Gena accompanies me. The deal closes and now we have to name the vessel. Simple says Gena (she is clever as well as smart)...new country, new home, new friends, new discoveries and a new "Girl Friend" (some what presumptive after a few dates but then she is smarter than me)...the name is "New Safari". Done.

Gena and I enjoyed New Safari but "two-foot-ists" took over and we started thinking about something larger. Found a Meridian out of Fort Lauderdale, southern Florida. Smart Gena immediately named the vessel "Southern Safari" You get the connection. Gena brought the boat home up the ICW, as I had heart problems. Ask her about her experiences.

Aging and tired of boat maintenance...a new vessel is sought...the Cutwater met the requirements...no plastic, zippers, dome fasteners, much less fiberglass to polish and all the creature comforts one could wish, except for an ice-maker. Apparently it was thought of but no room, which you can verify with a review of the vessel.

What to name our new water home? Recognizing the history, I asked everyone for their thoughts over the winter seven months which resulted in many, many excellent names. Well, I will be damned if it wasn't that amazing and colourful guy that keeps popping up in all of our lives, Egon...he suggested "Endless Safari"....what a romantic poet he is.

Doug Ritchie

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#### **BQYC KEELBOAT RACING NEWS**

Wow! We are only half way in and have done so much keelboat racing already!

The Wednesday A series is in the books with an impressive 28 boats at the line each week. Two of the divisions came down to race 7 to declare a champion. I suspect Series B will be just as heavily contested. By the publishing of this newsletter, the Fleet Captains series will also be complete. Fleet Captains has been fun as due to a single start & no chutes, the fleet is much more compressed and mark roundings extra exciting. We also snuck a few counter races in here and there on the weekends. We have been blessed by the wind God(ess)'s with some good conditions to ply our trade.

We have identified a number of new landmarks on the Bay beyond the well known Lanning's Lump & Peter's Piles and the beloved Sewer-Pipe. This years new additions so far includes Quinte's Isle, Sully's Shoal, Patricia's Peak, & Macklin's Mounds (an ALTS lesson actually). I suspect there are a few others that have been kept quiet. Keep up the good work folks (safely)!

We are also now 4 races into a very competitive Ladies series running on Thursday nights. We have 4 die-hard crews at each race with a few other teams able to make it to some races. Standings are still up for grabs with the long distance race on August 28th. It is not too late to join in -- grab some friends and come out for race 5 on August 4th.

You can browse all of the race results at the www.bqyc.ca web site under the Racing Section.

I am most pleased by the growth in new sailors joining us in the racing. The amazing efforts of the Adult-Learn-to-Sail has brought us a number of new racers as well as new boats to the club. Shout out to Rob & Christine and all the skippers who helped teach on the water. Consider we are now up to a record 15 Sharks at the club with the recent ALTS graduate additions of Unicorn and SeaDiddy. Well done.



Skippers, please make use of the crew bank. These are all keen people who would like to try racing. Consider even adding an extra person to your boat for one or two races. Share what you love doing with others. Maybe next year they will be your competitor on the start line!

I also want to mention Wally the club committee boat. Wally has never shined so bright and been cared for so well all due to the diligent efforts of Wayne Petersen. Thank you Wayne.

**48TH KATIE GREY** 

The 48th running of the Katie Gray from Belleville to Picton is Saturday September 3. The return trip Binnacle race follows on the Sunday. The racing is top notch and the Friday and Saturday night entertainment will get you dancing (guaranteed)!

#### **OUT OF TOWN**

Our keelboat racers have been active out-of-town. SpankinMad and RylandMarie represented BQYC at EYC in Sodus Bay. J24 and Shark Higher Love attended the Nepean One Design (NOD) in June. J24 also raced in the J24 Great Lake Championships in Rochester in July. We had 3 Sharks - Spinner, Tiger Niles, & Great White attend the Shark North Americans in Kingston. Tiger also attended the RCYC Trillium, Coup de Quebec, and the Windsor Hal Ebert Memorial, with Podium Finishes in all 4 events. We also had 2 of our own, Ross and Gord from Pinner compete (against each other) in the Soling North Americans. Both with impressive podium finishes. Ask Gord who got the bragging rights.

Steve Macklin, FCS KEEP AHOLD OF YER TILLER!





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SHARK CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS AUG 13-14, 2016





#### SHARKS SPOTTED ON BAY OF QUINTE!!



The Bay of Quinte Yacht Club hosted the 2016 Helly Hansen Shark Canadian Sailing Championships on the Aug 13-14 weekend. 28 Shark race crews converged on the local waters to thrash it out. After 6 races, Shark "Jonathan Livingston Seagull" from Kingston finished first overall. The Team of Cole Robertson, Peter Van Rossem, and Melodie Gummer needed a bullet in the final race to clinch the Canadian title. Local boat Tiger Niles skippered by Peter Aker claimed second place with Eager for More skippered by Greg Cockburn of Toronto finished third.

Peter Aker, the Regatta Chair said: "We had close, competitive racing in very challenging conditions. The winners sailed very smart, and very fast."

The Shark is a 24-foot 3-person keelboat recognized as a one-design class by World Sailing. There are large fleets in Canada around the Great Lakes and throughout Europe. The one-design class specifications are strictly controlled to ensure a level playing field. All boats were inspected and weighed before lift in.

Racing started on Saturday morning in Big Bay east of Belleville. The Race Committee chaired by Don Reidel got 2 races off before having to abandon for the rest of the day due to Severe Thunderstorm Warnings. The race fleet got off the water just before the skies opened up. Sunday saw favourable race conditions with 12 knot winds out of the North-West allowing the fleet to get in 4 races in the local bay. Aker also noted: "The shore-side activities, including meals with ingredients from local growers, drinks from a local brewery and winery, and great live music from local bands, were appreciated by all. The Bay of Quinte Yacht Club really shined this weekend. The members' spirit of volunteerism and dedication to sailing is unmatched, and made the regatta a huge success".

Race results can be seen on the BQYC website at: www.BQYC.ca





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#### THANK YOU TO THE SHARK CANADIANS VOLUNTEERS

To host a Regatta of the Size of the Shark Canadians and ensure it is a great success takes a lot of help. BQYC club members were simply Brilliant!

**Judge** Tracy Sauer Don Sauer

Dan Munroe Ioe Pacheco ΙP

Driver

**Breakfasts** Sue Iordan Heidi Macklin Wanda Kent Molly Weidenborner

THANK YOU.

Scorer Lana Butler

Mark Boat

Mark Macdonald

Mark Weidenborner

Wayne (Mark III) Petersen

Thomas Wagner

Friday Night Pizza

& Muren Pickering

Sponsored by Kim Wilkes

**Media Boats** Doug Ritchie Gena Hughes Brian Credico

**Organization Committee** 

Peter Aker - Regatta Chair Steve Macklin Kim Wilkes Andy Thomson

Pin Boat Chris Little Krissy Davis Brian Thomson

Steve Macklin

Ian McPherson

**Saturday Dinner** Sue Jordan - Chair Joanne Skelsey

Photographer Keegan Martin

Registration

Annelle Reidel Helene Orchard Launch and Measure Crew

Heidi Macklin Sandy Barnes Hazel Lovst Wanda Kent Bev Reid Haley

**Hotel Boats** Wicked - Steve Macklin Siesta - Ian McPherson Flintlock - John Sherrat Mocha Magic - Tony Mc-

**Corn Kings** Jim Doyle Egon Wenzlaff Iim Graham

Garvey Grayling - Hugh Cook Morning Star - Greg Little Won by One - Mike Krock Moments Away - Andrea

Campbell

Ouinte - Mike Shaw Diamond Girl - Rob

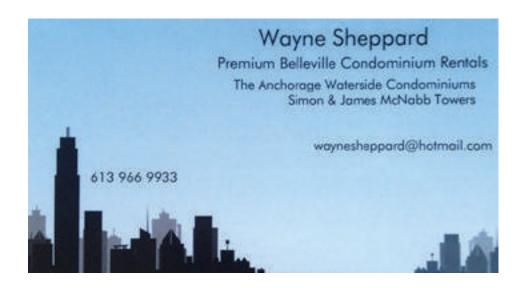
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#### **Race Committee**

Don Reidel - Race Chair Peter Cox Patti Hunter Fiona King Bernie King

Jury Barbara James - Chief Glenn Lidstone Peter Aker Ross Findlater Gord DeVries Laura DeVries Ellen DeVries Ieff Wannamaker Chad Starr

Prime Rib Andy Thomson (Chef) Matt Jeffs (Carver)



























































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#### BQYC WELCOMES QUINTE SAILABILITY



On Wednesday Augusts 3rd, sailors from Quinte SailAbility sailed their Martin 16 sailboats to BQYC from their home club at CFB Trenton YC. Four QS sailors then participated in BQYC's Race Training Clinic and Regatta along side our own Opti and Laser sailors.

Following the success of this first event, a second event was planned and on Wednesday August 17th five QS sailors once again sailed their Martin 16 fleet to BQYC. The sailors were welcomed by our Commodore and BQYC members and the sailors and staff from QS were served pulled pork dinner.

It has been a pleasure to welcome the QS sailors to BQYC and to sail with them in our Training Clinic and Regatta. We look forward to continuing this relationship and building on the success of these first two events. A big thank you to the many volunteers and staff from BQYC and Quinte SailAbility who helped to make this possible.

#### SAIL TRAINING AND DINGHY REGATTA NEWS



The BQYC sail training got off to a fabulous start this year with a record number of adult and family learn to sail keelboats and with the introduction of adult dinghy sailing complete with instruction by our Head Instructor Curtis Kennedy and Laser Coach Kyle Sudds, under the guidance of team members Rob and Christine Lander.

New members joined BQYC from these positive experiences! A job well done!

Within the youth programs the introduction of a Learn to Race program was hugely successful! Sixteen youth with the pre-requisite of CANSail 2 and above were assigned to single-hand either an Optimist or a Laser during the two-week course. Students learned many new skills including: starting tactics, down-wind and upwind sail trim along with the rules of sailing. The program was led by Coach Fede Donzino (OPTI) and Kyle Sudds (Laser Radial). Our students were able to test their newly acquired skills by competing at the Port Credit Yacht Club Steerers' Regatta followed by the optional Four Sisters Regatta.

The Steerers' Junior Regatta is considered a sailing school championship event with a strong training component followed immediately by the Four Sisters Regatta; both are large, well organized traditional regatta events.

Between the Learn to Race and BQYC Race Team, sixteen competitors and families trekked the road to Port Credit Yacht Club on a hot Wednesday afternoon with six trailer loads of boats, spars, booms, masts and spare parts, along with two coach boats and one safety jet ski.



# RESULTS: BQYC ACCOMPLISHED FOUR PODIUM FINISHES IN THE TWO REGATTAS



#### STEERERS' JUNIOR REGATTA

Optimist Blue Fleet - 1st Place - Andreas Steinitz Optimist Green Fleet - 3rd Place - Amaya Escudero Optimist Overall - 1st Place - Andreas Steinitz

FOUR SISTERS REGATTA

Optimist Blue Fleet - 2nd Place - Andreas Steinitz Optimist Green Fleet - 3rd Place - Andrew Giacomuzzo

We are very proud of all our competitors who sailed the first two days in heavy winds and wind squalls over 25 knots and then two days of very moderate 5-8 knot breezes.

BQYC sail training continues all summer long with many children taking multiple sessions and where grandparents introduced sailing to their grandchildren. The Chris Waller Fund continues to sponsor children who are returning year after year and becoming impressive sailors. We thank the members who support and encourage the children to test new skills, and provide valuable feedback for us to build upon. This year also saw the addition of five wooden Club built OPTIs (special thanks to Ted King, Dan Steinitz, Marc Villebuns and volunteers) where children began to learn single handed sailing with many of the children expressing their joy to be "the skipper of a boat". Youth are already talking about returning next year and asking to join the race team! Kudos to all!

If you look out into our fleet you can see the specialty paint jobs by Nathan Bresett of Nye Boat Works and the coveted hot pink OPTI. Fellow member and sponsor, Geoff Martin of Velocity BoatWorks is also building fibreglass OPTIs which will ensure we have a sound fleet of boats for years to come! Thank you to all our sponsors and supporters!

# THE OPTIMIST TEAM

The Optimist Team included Red Fleet - Dhalia Steinitz (13), Blue Fleet- Andreas Steinitz (12) and Green Fleet Learn to Race students: Amaya Escudero (11), Jailynn Forestell (10), Drew Giacomuzzo (12), Kate Cruess (11), and Katie Wessel (11) – Coached by Fede Donzino.

# THE LASER RADIAL TEAM

The Laser Radial Team included BQYC Instructors Ava Guse (16) & Thor Render (16), along with Tess Friar (11), Callum Friar (14), Daniel Escudero (14), Veronica Hitchlock (14), Tristan Duncan (15), Matt Birchard (15) and Angelo Knappett (16) – Coached by Kyle Sudds.

#### INTERNATIONAL OPTI COACH FEDE DONZINO JOINS BQYC TRAINING TEAM

We are thrilled to be successful in acquiring world class racer and coach Fede Donzino from Argentina and have him join our team of instructors. As the Optimist Head Coach he works collaboratively with Kyle Sudds, Coach of the Laser team. Our Sail Training Instructors lead by Head Instructor Curtis Kennedy and Junior Instructors Thor Render, Ava Guse and Molly Weidenborner are keen to learn from his expertise as they develop the sailing school programs and their own accomplishments towards coaching.

Fede is a sailing coach with almost ten (10) years of international sailing experience, and over three (3) years of international level amateur sail coaching experience. He is an accomplished competitive sailor, who raced in the Optimist International Class and 420 International Class. For Optimist sailing, Fede was part of the team wining first place at the Team Race National Championship in 2007, and both the Corbeta Patagon Championship and the San Isidoro Labrador Team Race Cup in 2009. In the 420 International Class, Fede had championship wins in the Armada Argentina Championship in 2011 and the Winter Championships Y.C.O. in both 2011 and 2012.



As a coach, Fede has effected positive results for yacht clubs around the world. In 2013 and 2014, he ran Intensive Optimist Training Courses for Club Nautico San Isidoro, in Argentina and at Club Nautico Albatros in Argentina respectively. In 2014 he also coached in the 420 Class at International Clinic, Argentina. In 2015, Fede ran coaching programs in the Optimist and Laser Class for Youth Sailing Curacao, and also ran a program in the 420 Class for Yacht Club Ancon in Peru. By the end of 2015, he led the Curacao team to a sixth (6) place finish at the Youth Worlds in Paracas, Peru. Until coming to BQYC on June 26, 2016, Fede coached the CYC International Regatta in Curaçao leading them to a first place finish and participated at the South American Championships in Ecuador this year. He continues to provide his coaching services as Optimist Head Coach at the AHO Optimist Federation in Curacao, while training BQYC competitors and coaches.

The BQYC sail training committee is working closely with Fede to help develop not only our instructors in coaching experience and our race team in their development, but to offer opportunities for other clubs to participate in training sessions. As we go to print we are in our last weeks of sailing school and Fede will return home marking the end of his season with us; so please take this opportunity to thank him for his dedication and expertise to our sailing youth at BQYC. He will be missed and has forged many friendships!

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# O CANADA THRILL OF A LIFETIME!



While competing at the Steerers regatta the BQYC sailing school students and volunteers were the envy of other youth as we were invited to step aboard O Canada with Sandy Macpherson. Sandy gave us a tour of the 60' yacht, with 18' foot beam and 96' mast. He also shared that he took his first sailing lessons from BQYC and was part of the race team - where he had the inspiration and desire to sail the world. Sandy has over 7000 miles of solo sailing and is the only Canadian to finish the Mini Race Les Sables – Azores which is a 2400-mile solo race from France to the Azores and back, which he sailed on a 21-foot boat. Canadian Ocean Racing is currently campaigning Sandy for the 2016 Vendee Globe, whose entry would make him not only the 3rd Canadian to ever attempt the race but also the youngest skipper in Vendee Globe history.

Upon our return from this adventure, another pleasant surprise unfolded for the youth, with an invitation to sail on O Canada, if we could find a sponsor. Kim Wilkes PC immediately jumped at the chance stating, "sponsoring our BQYC race team kids inspires them for the love of sailing and racing." This was a once in a lifetime experience! Not only did the youth hoist the sails and trim but they took turns on the helm! And, with encouragement from Fede and Andreas, Sandy hoisted the spinnaker to which Andreas helmed at 15knots. This adventure could not have happened without Kim's support. What a thrill and what a wonderful opportunity of inspiration! Thank you!

#### SUMMER YOUTH RACE TEAM REGATTAS

BQYC youth members Dhalia and Andreas Steinitz continued their training and competitions with entries in SOTHEBY'S SAIL U17 CHAMPIONSHIPS – CENTRAL REGION at Hudson Yacht Club, QC - FRUITBOWL at the end of July. This regatta had a fleet of 40 competitors.

# RESULTS: Fruitbowl U17 Championship Regatta

Optimist Blue Fleet
- 3rd Place Andreas Steinitz

Optimist Overall
- 6th Place Andreas Steinitz

Dhalia finished top 6 female for a very respectable showing.

#### AUGUST 4 - 7, PRE-CORK ULTIMATE RACE PREP CLINIC & REGATTA



BQYC was the host of our first attempt of our own Optimist, Laser and Martin 16 clinic and regatta. A huge success included 22 registrations with sailors from the Belleville Sea Cadets, Bronte Harbour, Milton, Kingston and the Ontario Sailing Team. It was an additional pleasure to be able to invite teams from Quinte SailAbility to our clinic and regatta as they were able to access BQYC with the new accessible dinghy dock and launch area. Special thanks to Rob Lander and his team of volunteers who made this possible. This project is part of the Parrott Foundation Grant that allows us to encourage all of Quinte's youth to access our sail training facilities and grounds of BQYC.

Racers from ages 10 to 70 raced the courses under the Race Committee Management of Mark Weidenborner, Peter Aker and Wayne Peterson. Coaches Kyle and Fede not only encouraged sailors to test new skills, but jumped at the chance to compete in a couple of races amongst their peers for a fun two days! We were also entertained by the many parents who tagged teamed their efforts in the Masters division - a BQYC-ISAF friendly rule. During the clinic portion, Dan Steinitz performed start duties onboard his Catamaran, Las Brisas II while Rob Lander climbed atop the mast and video-taped starts, upwind and downwind tactics for all to view afterwards during in-class sessions. You can view an edited version at: https://youtu.be/vnAVVKnC4e8 The photographic crew of Angela Guse, Christine Lander and Joe Pacheco took ample photos - thank you to all. Registrations, lunches, Saturday BBQ and awards were managed by a team of volunteers including Kathy Graham, Tracy Steinitz, Lisa Friar, Sharon Kennedy and master BBQ'ers Mitch Kennedy and Wayne Peterson. It takes a great team to manage all the summer events and we couldn't do it without this support!

**Results**: posted on www.bqyc.ca and www.bqyc.ca/clinic-egatta.php **Photos**: goo.gl/photos/kotUjemjMFYtgSrB8





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#### CORK – CANADIAN OLYMPIC TRAINING REGATTA KINGSTON

Entering from BQYC were members - Drew Giacomuzzo, Green Fleet; Dhalia Steinitz, Red Fleet and Andreas Steinitz, Blue Fleet. Kevin (Red) and Caroline (Blue) entered from Belize. Sailors qualify not only under age categories but also for splits in Gold and Silver fleet starts. Dhalia, Kevin and Andreas competed in Gold fleet and Caroline qualified in Silver.

As sail training team members take a keen interest in our young sailors the following is an email excerpt from Ted King:

"I was at Portsmouth Harbour to watch the Optimist sailing. The kids had some tough competition at CORK in the gold fleet with a strong presence from the USA and Bermuda (and Kevin from Belize 7th place finish) who took the top eleven positions in the regatta. In the Blue/Gold fleet, Andreas came out as the 2nd top Canadian in Blue Fleet! And, 6th Canadian overall in the Gold fleet! Good progress! Dhalia was in the top ten of Canadian female sailors, and should be proud of her record as well, especially as a young entry in the Red/Gold class! My congratulations to both. I see that Caroline did well in the silver fleet and hope she enjoyed the experience of being at CORK.

It was very interesting to look at where most of the Gold Canadian competition comes from (Toronto, Nova Scotia, and Quebec). There was only one gold entry from Kingston, although several others were racing in the silver fleet. That speaks a lot about our program. And of course, thanks to both of you [Tracy and Dan] and to Fede!'

For our Laser team, Ava Guse, Thor Render and Veronica Hitchlock qualified under the Bronze start fleet with 49 competitors on the line. While Thor and Ava had instructor duties and could not attend everyday, we're impressed with some of their individual race finishes: Thor 2nd & 8th and Ava with two 4th places. Veronica has taken our Learn to Race program very seriously having researched and purchased her own Laser this summer and in her first international regatta competition earned a very respectable 32nd place finish including 8th & 9th place races! We are very proud of these youth!

**Results**: posted on www.cork.org **Photos**: goo.gl/photos/oLzbnJR3Yf5r1Jiz9

#### **BQYC IS BACK!**

BQYC is back on the competition circuit and organizations and sailors are welcoming us back ten-fold. Our podium finishes and excellence in training already has clubs asking to join us in training next year!

#### BELIZE OPTI & LASER TEAMS JOIN BQYC IN TRAINING



During the off season last year, the Steinitz family had the opportunity to train for Optimist racing in Belize with the National Team and their Argentinian coach Jaun Mazini. During this experience the Steinitz's invited the Belize Optimist and Laser teams to BQYC to race at the International CORK regatta. As a result, both teams came to BQYC to further their training and prep for the CORK International Optimist Championship followed by the CORK International - Sail Canada Youth Championship (Laser). First the sail training team welcomed San Pedro Sailing School, Vice Commodore Forrest Jones, Kevin Velasquez, the current Belize National OPTI Champion, and Caroline Sersland who ranks 3rd in Belize.



Thanks to the Steinitz family for hosting the team as well as throwing a BBQ and pool party to welcome the group. Training was held daily with Fede onsite at BQYC and then in Kingston in prep for CORK. As the Opti's finished CORK the second team arrived with CODA Belize representative Joy White and her daughter Sarah along with Blanca Velasquez who were trained and coached by Kyle.

Creating these friendships for our youth will be great memories of their BQYC summers!

#### CANADIAN OPTIMIST CHAMPIONSHIP

As we go to press Dhalia and Andreas (Drey) are completing their summer circuit at Ashbridges Bay Yacht Club for the Canadian Championship. Team training is underway and we wish them well! It takes all of us to support our youth in a sport that will last a life time!

Thank you to the BQYC Board and Members for the encouragement and support!





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#### **MONEY MATTERS**

I had a member approach me the other day and ask a couple of interesting questions. "Do we need to make money on every event? Shouldn't these activities be included in our membership fees?"

The answers can be yes and no for both questions. It's more than just a simple answer.

Dues play a role in covering operating costs, but there aren't enough members at our current rate to cover everything. Hence, there are options to consider: lower operating costs, raise fees or raise the number of members.

As previously reported, over the past two years all contracts have been renegotiated including the final two - MPAC review of taxes and tendering of our financial audits, which will go before the Board in September. We've done what we can in operational costs, but keep a keen eye for every opportunity.

The board and membership also chose the introductory membership option lowering fees to new members with the desired outcome of raising our numbers. This currently is in its first year of a two year strategy. And we lowered single member rates to attract younger people who are starting out in their careers and tend to be single. Both strategies are meeting with success.

While increasing numbers to offset operating cost requires a long term commitment, vision and marketing, there are a host of services that we provide that should and do generate income.

Fees paid for boating storage and lift-in/out are still among the lowest in the region and with volunteers managing these operations the resulting income contributes to overhead while providing good value for the members using this service.

The sail training committee produces annual budgets that aim to turn a surplus that contributes towards overhead while being cognizant of building a reserve for program purchases. The influx of capital from the Parrott Foundation grant is enormous in value to the club and community in further developing sail training programs and accessible facilities. It keeps our costs from escalating while opening up many opportunities for growth.

Race fees, regatta fees and entertainment activities need to continue to generate income in part due to the increase costs of gas, propane, supplies, janitorial services etc that naturally occur with the more activities we do. It's also important to note that not all social activities generate income as many events are done so as a benefit of membership; it's a delicate line as directors use their best judgement in organizing these events. Other services and improvements to the clubhouse don't generate surpluses or income and we all need to be cognizant of these factors. There is no one answer nor one path.

As we closed the third quarter June 30, 2016 we've recorded over \$14,000 in savings in operational costs (excluding amortization/depreciation costs), and produced sound income streams while providing many improvements to the clubhouse and facilities.

Kathy Graham 33



We are sailors ... we get it! You've seen us out on the water and we are here to help get you there too!