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Rescuing the SailAbility dock

On Sunday Dec 12th, after the big wind storm caused its havoc, a gang of members jumped into action to rescue the SailAbility dock.

It started with **Alex, Ian, Doug, Bob, & Steve** recovering the awning structure frozen in the ice. The waves had broken up the ice the day before. It took some bravery to "walk the plank" onto the QS dock and then considerable engineering prowess and profound wisdom to recover the canopy from the depths and disassemble it. We only lost 3 poles!

It was then that we realized the large 40ft SailAbility sloped dinghy ramp section was missing (yup completely gone). We were hopeful it had not sunk or worse headed out to sea. lan spotted something shiny floating near The Boathouse restaurant, so phase 2 of the rescue operation commenced.

With Alex rowing out in his boatex dinghy we were able to attach lines and drag the upside-down 40ft dock section onto shore with "Big Blue" the van. The sections were disconnected with crowbars and wrenches. With muscle from **lan**, **Alex**, **Peter**, **Steve**, **Ross** and his son **Erik**, the sections were levered and grunted onto Alex's boat trailer.

With additional help at the club from **Eric Hoffstee** and team (and **Peanut** the Chihuahua), the sections were unloaded safe and sound.

It is the can-do attitude of our members that help keep our club going and fun to be part of.

Cheers and well done. Time for a Rum ...errrr I mean Hot Chocolate. - Steve Macklin







Photos: Steve Macklin

BQYC Education Series

BQYC is looking for education opportunities to provide our members. Do you or someone you know have expertise worth sharing in boating safety, general repairs, engine maintenance, or anything else relevant to getting out on the water? Let us know! We are hoping to organize a few education sessions to help share knowledge and expertise. If interested please email Eric Hofstee at *fcc.bqyc.ca* Be sure to keep an eye out on your email for future education sessions.

Upcoming workshop

SOLAR POWER - THE GREEN MARINE ALTERNATIVE

Adding a solar power system to your vessel will greatly enhance your boating experience. It will significantly reduce or eliminate the need for running a generator, providing significant financial savings while reducing the pollution on our lakes and waterways. In this worksop we will discuss various options available when considering a solar opower system for your vessel. Topics include: the choice of panels - rigid or semi-flexible, type of chargfe controller needed to achieve maximum efficiency, the capacity of the system needed to power all onboard functions, wiring options - connecting your panels in series vs parallel and choosing an appropriate installation location with minimum cable.

Presenter: Chris Purchas, Marine Solar Innovations (https://marinesolar.com)

Date: February 10 at 6pm

Location: Virtual (Google Meet)

Registration: a virtual meeting link will be emailed to you closer to the event if you pre-register with

me Eric at fcc@bqyc.ca

Other boating education opportunities:

Sail Canada https://www.sailng.ca/

Course topics: CANSail programs, Keelboat & Cruising, Powerboating, Navigation and much more!

Canadian Power &Sail Squadron https://www.cps-ecp.ca/

Security improvements

The club now has automatic door openers at the main entrance. Both doors continue to work as usual. You can still manually open both doors and still use the lock keypad on the inside door.

To auto-open the locked inside door, there is an additional keypad on the wall. It uses the same 4 digit code as on the door. A slight difference is you need to press the "#" key after entering the code.

One other slight change. If you press the intercom button for the bar staff, when they unlock the door, the door will auto-open. So stand back!

These improvements, along with the wheelchair ramp and sidewalk, were paid for by a Federal Accessibility grant. Next stage is a new accessible & family washroom.

- Steve Macklin



Jim McGuinness
Vice Commodore

Michael McMahon Secretary

BQYC PROfiles

llie and I are enjoying our third year as members of BQYC. During this short period, we have been very impressed with how active the club is; whether it's out on the race course for Race Night or in the bar for Happy Hour or a Friday Social, there always seems to be a smiling friendly face around. Even more impressive is the club's commitment to Learn to Sail, Sailing School and the Junior Sail programs which are invaluable to both the club and community alike.

Previous to joining BQYC, I was a 25 year member at Highland YC, having served on the Board for 8 years there. Up until mid 2019, both Allie & I were very active "big boat" racers on Western Lake Ontario, mainly focused on the LORC circuit and LYRA regattas. After a short hiatus from racing, it was nice to be bitten by the race bug once again. Last summer we jumped back into the racing scene and joined BQYC's Shark Fleet - what a blast ...not to mention a huge learning curve! When we're not racing our Shark 1824 on Wednesday nights, we thoroughly enjoy the cruising lifestyle on our vintage C&C 30, D2O.

To subsidize our sailing life, I've spent the last 40 plus years in the commercial HVAC/sheet metal fabrication industry, while Allie runs her own Kitchen and Bath Design business, Herringbone Interiors. Our combined talents certainly come in handy as we renovate our home in Rossmore - part 80 year old cabin, part 1980's block home ...and everything in between!

Taking on the role as Vice Commodore was certainly not part of my short term plan. I thought I would 'work my way up the ranks', so to say; however, there was a void to be filled and thought it better to step up and help the club which Allie & I both enjoy so much. I look forward to this role and the many years to come creating new friendships along the way.

arol and I are new members of the BQYC. We've been sailing since 2000, based at Stillwater Basin. Our first boat was a Tanzer 22, Senang, which was a good starter, but we needed more space for cruising, so we moved to a Tanzer 26, R+R. We now have our Catalina 30, Sunrise. We've taken her up the Trent-Severn and around Tobermory, down past Windsor to the Welland Canal, and home; the Little Loop. We've also had the good fortune to be invited aboard a 30' catamaran, Catalyst, on the Mediterranean. The first cruise was along the west and south coasts of Greece, the second was based on the island of Kos, and the third took us from Cagliari (Sardinia) to Gibraltar.

I got involved in sailing when a friend at CFB Trenton needed help racing his Tanzer 26, *Sprite*. I was part of that crew for some years, until the skipper sailed off to Halifax. Racing was a lot of fun. I was the bowman aboard *Tigger*, a C&C 33 at the Crescent Yacht Club, for most of a decade. It was a wonderful time, but I thought it best to retire with some degree of credibility, rather than be remembered as the poor old guy that fell off the boat.

I've also been active in Canadian Power Squadron since 2000, and on the Bridge of the RCAF Trenton Squadron for many years. I am presently an instructor there. I taught Science for 30 years with our local school board, and I enjoy teaching boating and navigation.

Having a well used boat requires maintenance and improvement. We've learned a fair bit, repairing the hull (osmosis), and the mast step (core rot), as well as installing an anchor windlass, cockpit cushions, solar power, and roller furling. *Sunrise* will likely be our last boat, and we are keeping her fit and comfortable.

We are looking forward to many more years of boating, fun, and friendship at the BQYC.











DALE HOLLAND Marketing

Bay of Quinte Yacht Club will be celebrating 150 Years in 2026.

I have volunteered to lead the initial phases of forming a committee to develop a plan activity related to BQYC 150th Anniversary. BQYC has already been granted the Eastern Yachting Circuit (EYC) regatta for 2026.

If you are interested in joining the committee please send an e-mail to marketing@bgyc.ca

New safety device

Acceptance of Electronic Visual Distress Signals in lieu of Pyrotechnic Distress Signals (smoke signal or flare) on pleasure craft. When carried with an approved smoke signal, Transport Canada recognizes that an electronic visual distress signal device (eVDSD) can be carried instead of all approved rocket parachute flares, multi-star flares, hand flares or a watertight flashlight.

Characteristics of eVDSD

- · An electronic signal that meets the standard will have:
- signal characteristic in the form of a 2-colour cyan (blue) and red-orange S-O-S light sequence
- near-infrared signal so it can be detected with night vision goggles
- an operating temperature range of -1°C to +30°C
- + a storage temperature range of -20°C to +55°C
- an average effective intensity of at least 50 candela
- + at least 2 hours continuous operating life



SAILING TRAINING 2022

Members, your club needs your help.

We need to fill in Committee roles to be able to offer Sail Training in 2022. Without membership involvement our Sail Training programs will not operate this year.

Please contact me (Ian McPherson) pastcom@bqyc.ca if you have any interest or questions about joining the sail training team.

lan McPherson
Past Commodore

Role	Description	When	Time Commitment	# of Volunteers Needed
Fleet Captain Dinghy and Sail Training	Quarterback overall delivery of program of all 3 programs Develop plan, budget, schedule for summer programs - good templates exist Lead the Sail Training Committee by holding committee meetings Attend monthly board meetings to report on progress	Jan - Nov	2-3 hrs per week if committee staffed	1
Junior Sailing Summer Program				
Summer Job Grant Application	submit Federal Student grant applications	Jan	8 hours	1
Program Hiring	coordinate instructor hiring - job postings, online interviews	Feb/Mar	12 hours	2
Student Registration Administration	- Learn and administer Checklick online registration tool - need to be computer capable - Coordinate registration for both adult and youth programs which will open late March Handle email & voice msg queries to school@bqyc.ca and reply to potential students (parents) assist students with any registration issues effort is bursty when registration opens and then reduces through June-Aug.	Mar - Aug	3 hr/week Mar-Apr 1 hr/week June-Aug	1
Fleet Maintenance of Sailboats and Coachboats	- Club Fleet includes 16 Prams, 5 Race Optis, 10 Lasers, 4 420's, & FEVA, QUEST, VAGO - Spring preparation - with an instructor - An Instructor will be responsible for daily maintenance but will need support (3 hours / week) - Preparation and ongoing maintenance of 4 Club RIB Coach boats (Jun-Sep - 30 hours) - Fall fleet storage coordination (Sept - 15 hours) - Purchase orders for replacement equipment or repairs	Jun - Sept	June 25 hrs prep Jul-Aug 3hr/wk Sept 15hrs storage	2-3
Coordinate four 2-week Instructor-led Junior Sailing Camps in July-August	 Instructor onboarding training - last week of June (15 hours) liaison with registration & fleet maintenance to ensure program and equipment is ready (May-Jun 20 hours) mentorship and problem solving with Instructors during daily camp operation (Jul-Aug 1 hour per day) assist Instructors in End-of-session Family BBQ's (4 Fridays - 4 hours per) 	May - Aug	June 20hrs Jul-Aug 1hr / day	2
Adult Learn-to-Sail Keelboats - Monday nights in April-June (member skippers)	 work with Checklick coordinator on student registration review existing materials and arrange lecturers for two in-class sessions in late April (15 hr prep) solicit & coordinate boats & skippers for 8 on-the-water nights coordinate on-the-water sessions, teaching points, boat assignments, make up nights coordinate post-sail food on some nights. 	Mar - June	Apr 15 hr prep 2-3 hr/week	2-3
Coordinate paid instructor-led Adult-Learn-to-Sail- Dinghy evening classes in July-August	Adult Laser program usually Monday nights with approx 10 student max - liaison with registration and instructors to address enrolment & logistics issues - help instructors with Monday night classes as needed - launching, equipment, makeup nights - coordinate post-sail food on some nights	Jul-Aug	3 hr/week	1-2

