

Onboard

OCTOBER 2021 BAY OF QUINTE YACHT CLUB

Dale Holland demonstrating
at CFB Trenton YC Flare
Demo Day September 18



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STEVE MACKLIN *Past Commodore*

Hi Members,

After 6 years on the board I am taking some time away in 2022 with a goal of some extended cruising on *Wicked*. I will commit to mentor anyone who takes on grounds or sail-training. I will also offer to be an active member on your committees.

We have a fabulous club that I love being a part of. The club is my 2nd home. A good portion of my circle of friends are people I have met through sailing at BQYC. I truly value what the club has provided me over the years. I want our club to thrive and continue on for years to come.

The board is working to attract nominations for the 2022 Board of Directors. It is not easy. The days of having an abundance of nominations and multiple votes to select a board is gone. Since the **Commodore's Town Hall**, we have had some members submit nomination forms. By newsletter press-time we may have 8 nomination forms in. What is concerning is we may not have potential candidates for Commodore, Vice, Treasurer, or Sail Training. These are important roles for club operation and we need them to be filled.

There is a team of members now phoning the membership to solicit board and committee members. Please help your club fill these roles. Take the leap and take one on. I and the other board members will help you be successful. Keep ahold of yer Tiller, Steve

Doing the Katie Grey - sometimes there's wind, and then...



Photo: Dale Holland

Greetings members

This newsletter submission will be the last one that I make as Commodore of BQYC and the time has come to pass the captain's hat to the next volunteer. It has been my pleasure to have served the membership of BQYC alongside a very dedicated group of directors over the last two years. I look forward to seeing the new board of directors take over the leadership of the club while bringing new ideas and perspectives to our organization. So far we have had a number of people volunteer for various positions on the 2022 slate but there are still many openings. Please talk to the current directors and consider volunteering, it is time well spent.

Effective October 25th the indoor capacity limits and distancing rules will no longer be required for facilities that require proof of vaccination. Since BQYC requires proof of vaccination for use of the indoor dining and bar areas we will benefit from these relaxed restrictions. **Masks must still be worn** when you are not seated at your table, playing pool, picking up drinks or using the washroom. Be on the lookout for possible changes to our seating configuration. Hopefully we continue to see progress and the lifting of further restrictions.

This has been a very unique and challenging time in the history of our club in which we were called upon to make many sacrifices for the greater good of our community. Thankfully we navigated the pandemic without incident while continuing to provide a safe and fun environment for our members to socialize and participate in boating activities.

In lieu of holding the traditional Commodore's Ball, we will be hosting a Commodore's Cocktail Hour on November 27th beginning at 7pm. It will be an informal time to gather and celebrate the changing of the guard and a relaxing of the restrictions.

Thanks to everyone for making my time as commodore a positive and memorable experience.

Long Reach Bar

Our winter hours have been in effect for a few weeks now and Helen and Honey continue to see some good turnouts on the days we are open. Thanks for supporting our club and be sure to show our bartenders your proof of vaccination if you have not already done so!

On the beer front, **I need a bit of help in finishing off the Guinness** before we shut that tap down for the winter season. It should be easy to find volunteers for this job! On the Meyer's Creek tap, we have finished selling the Cranberry Sour and will be switching to a Pilsner. We will be trying a few different beers on this tap over the winter so watch for changes. The other standard offerings will not be changing. If you have comments or suggestions, please send them to bar@bqyc.ca.

Photo: Dale Holland



OK, we're pumped but where's the wind?

Winners of the light wind classic 2021 Katie Grey



The 52nd annual Katie Gray weekend has come to an end. Thanks to the team of volunteers that ensured that it was a successful event. Congratulations and thanks to all of the sailors who persevered in light winds to get to the finish line!

For the 2021 installment, the Katie Gray trophy (Katie Gray Flying Sail) is awarded to *Firefly*, sailed by **Peter Aker** and **Murin Pickering**, representing BQYC. *Firefly*, Peter and Murin also took first in the Binnacle Flying Sail fleet. Congratulations Peter and Murin!



The Bobby Burns Trophy (Katie Gray White Sail) is awarded to *Deboate*, sailed by **Jeff Campbell** and **Carey Morris McDonald**, representing BQYC. Congrats Jeff and Carey!

Based on the results listed above and the fantastic sailing of the rest of the BQYC fleet, The Ian Morch trophy has also been awarded to BQYC.

For the full listing of results, please see the racing results page on the BQYC website.

Thanks again to all of the people who helped out, looking forward to next year

- Chris Danner



Winners of the BQYC 2021 Binnacle Race



Chris Danner
presenting the
Ian Morch trophy
to Dale Holland
on behalf of BQYC
for best overall
club performance
at the Katie Grey

All photos: Dale Holland



Liftout 2021

Lift Out 2021 went off Oct 16th with no issues. We did get rained on, but the wind stayed reasonable and the crews were able to safely Lift 72 boats by 3PM. We also lifted out the club dinghy-ramp which will protect the club's new investment from winter ice damage.

Prior to lift day, a crew of 10 members set up the mast racks on Sept 29. A 2nd crew of 12 working with **David Burt**'s tractor on Oct 02 placed 60 cradles including 3 really heavy beasts! *Selmar*, *Pearl*, and *Isle of Quinte* collectively might owe a round of beers next summer. Thanks to all the volunteers for getting this preparation done.

Shout Out to the Lift Committee **Dennis Gill**, **Egan Wenzlaff**, **Don Reidel**, **Ian MacPherson**, & **Steve Macklin** for working out the logistics. Thanks to the lift crews and boat owners for operating safely as a team. Special thanks to **Sandy Gill** and **Sue Jordan** for keeping us fueled on caffeine and donuts.

Photos: Steve Macklin



Lifting out our new dinghy dock

Winter Storage

We have been lucky at BQYC to have safe winter storage over many years. Let's all do our part to keep it that way. We ask that all boat owners abide by the following rules:

1. No power cords to be left plugged in when the owner is not at the boat. Specifically no heaters or humidifiers are to be left running. The grounds director will unplug unattended power cords.
2. Take down and lock up your ladder when not at your boat. This protects against your ladder being used to access other boats.
3. We strongly recommend that outboard motors be removed and taken home so they do not become a potential theft target.
4. Watch out for your neighbours. If you see a potential issue with their boat, contact the boat owner or the grounds director. See you at lift in! - **Steve**



One happy camper!



Photos: Dale Holland



Liftout 2021
it was a rainy day

Photos: Steve Macklin

Welcome to all our new members!

We have just completed another successful Lift-Out and I suspect some of us are now saying "Oh well there is always next year" for another year. It was great to see so many people at Lift-Out and a great time to catchup with people. Louise and I are really looking forward to getting back to sailing next year. The boat is back in the boat yard after 2 seasons of being on the hard in our driveway. All the planned and even some unplanned work is complete. Bring on 2022!!!

On the membership front we have surpassed our 2020 total of 256 by 4 and entertaining another application. Since our last newsletter please welcome:

Jeremy and Sarah Anderson, Martha and Martin Melvin, Donald Stewart, Barry Summers, Heather and Charles Tapp and George Tout.

The Lift-Out edition of the **Club Directory** is being worked on and will be posted to the Members Only Website very soon. Printed copies will be made for the Bar/Foyer and Office Binders.

My time as your Rear Commodore Membership and Chair Long Term Planning Committee is coming to an end in November after 3 years. It has been a pleasure and honour serving the club in this role. This was my first venture onto any club board since first joining a club in 1996, having always a fear, but now not understanding what that fear actually was. There is a learning curve as with anything new, but not nearly as daunting as boating itself. It takes some time but again not as much as I had feared. I took over this role as a result of a resignation, when there was already 3 vacant positions. I joined this role as it was one I was most comfortable with and thought I could give back to the club. It was a time when we were declining slightly in membership and I was concerned with the perception of so many vacancies on the Board to our Landlord and new members, so I joined. I do not regret it.

During this time was able to put in some changes, that hopefully make sense to everyone. Put your mark on things so to speak. The **Club Directory** for example was a book printed at an expense and obsolete prior to being issued because of membership changes, now it is posted to the "Members Only" site and available on your cell phone, for those who choose that method. Hard copies have been offered and are available on request, but have only handed out 9 over the 3 years. The mailing addresses and home Phone numbers are no longer published for Privacy concerns, particularly for our aging membership. The Directory is now published twice a year at Lift-In and Lift-Out, but it could be done more often, but there have been no requests to do so.

Building on the work done by Ian McPherson on streamlining so many processes on Google the Membership Application is now an online feature. We have an e-vote process and I have the Welcome Letter automated for each year, so a membership application can be turned around with about 15-20 minutes of effort, including the interview call.

In 2019 we had our first **New Member's Night** in several years and that appeared to be a popular change, from all the feedback received. Hopefully this can be resurrected after all restrictions removed and all of us feel comfortable with socializing as we did in the past.

To minimize the effort of the director each process has been fully documented. One item we streamlined was the annual process of membership renewal. A member is a member until the member advises in writing, their resignation from the club.

In 2020 we received word our **Lease with the City** was being renewed for 25 years, many yacht clubs in the GTA area were lucky to get a 5 year renewal. It seemed reasonable with this long lease on life for us to figure out what we would like to do for the next 25 years, to show the City and prospective members we are serious about the future, and the Long Term Planning Committee was created. As I suggested its creation it was put under the Chairmanship of the Rear Commodore. There is the potential for the next person who serves as Rear Commodore to make an even greater impact to the life of Bay of Quinte Yacht Club and I encourage you to very seriously consider the opportunities.

Long Term Planning

The horizon of the Long Term Planning Committee is 2+ Years however since our last communication in August we as a committee been focused on the issues of longer term volunteerism within the club. To state very clearly BQYC never has a problem in getting people to step up and pitch in for "one off" tasks, our Lifts or moving of cradles or keeping our gardens to their enviable appearance and for dinners, when we are able to have them.

The current Board has 4 vacancies and current members have doubled up on their duties to ensure we as a club keep running smoothly for the enjoyment of our members. This model is not sustainable. The LTP team turned their focus from 2+ years to the more immediate need of what could be done as it was anticipated the club is looking at even more vacancies on the Board. The team put forward 14 suggestions to the Board. Our list including the option of a Paid Position (intentionally not titled) to take on sundry duties and ease the tasks of several Board positions. We had put forward a suggestion of streamlining/decreasing the size of the Board and having a hierarchical governance structure, similar to what Ian proposed during the Town Hall meeting. Another suggestion we put forward is to discontinue the services of a vacant directorship, for example, the Bar Directorship, vacant for 2021, if vacant for 2022, not have Bar services of the duration of the vacancy. No one likes this option, but is it fair to require a volunteer to have to double up their volunteer efforts so we can enjoy our beers on the patio. The LTP also suggested pushing for more committees, which may seem counter intuitive, but the theory is if the work is spread out some of the work may seem more "one-off" in nature and other tasks simply not take as much time because we have more people involved. Another avenue for camaraderie.

The Board of the past 3 years have taken serious steps to keep meetings to a reasonable length, in some cases less than an hour. It used to be the reports submitted were then read out, making meetings very long, now if the Director has nothing to add or put to a vote we move on the next director.

I am very very appreciative of the ongoing contributions and have really enjoyed working with each of the members of the team **Bob Owen, Andy Thomson, Stephen Brown, Linda Hunter, Floris van Ooyen** and **Kim Wilkes** and I wish them well for 2022 and beyond.

Our email address is ltl@bqyc.ca and we encourage you all to pose your thoughts and questions. They will be responded to.



Flare Safety Day
presented by the
Quinte Power
Squadrons



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DALE HOLLAND *Marketing*

I found 2021 to be both challenging and fun as the Marketing Director.

Our **sailing school social media** was very active during the summer as pictures / videos of activities were posted on regular intervals. The increased in posting activities increased our community of followers. I also spent several race nights taking pictures and posting those to the club's Facebook/Instagram and twitter feeds, which help to increase the numbers of followers for each.

I will be returning as the marketing director again in 2022. Thank you to **Myron, Kristie** and **Susan** and I look forward to working with you next year.

*I'm sailing in the rain
Sailing in the rain
How happy I am to be racing again.
Thank you Wayne.*

