

MAY 2020 BAY OF QUINTE YACHT CLUB

Onboard

Wayne Peterson
captures a
million dollar sunset
Friday May 15

photo: Wayne Peterson



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Brave New World

As sure as the sunrise

As sure as the sea

As sure as the wind in the trees

We rise again - The Rankin Family

As the world slowly comes back to a life as we knew it, we try to make sense of what is really going on. Most of us were thrust into a work at home situation and found we actually liked it. A lot of us found we suddenly had time on our hands to catch up on stuff we never had time for. Some of us had to adjust to having the kids at home all the time. Almost all got hit deeply in the pocketbook. But our resolve has survived, ready to emerge, looking forward to re-establishing a comfortable norm that works. We must appreciate what we have, and then move boldly to the future, as there is no going back.

Amazing how the environment has purified itself ready for a new round of abuse by its earthy inhabitants. Maybe we will have more respect for the clean spaces. Maybe the pause has actually refreshed us with rest and appreciation of each other. Nothing is incidental, everything happens for a reason. This has happened many times before and the world has survived. I read the a major pandemic shakes up the whole world every 100 years. So CV too will pass. The sailing season will be a bit shorter this year, perhaps missing the companionship of our crews but we will appreciate what we do get. We are still blessed to be sailing.

A big thanks to **Wayne Peterson** for his tip on removing epoxy fairing/repair. Just sharpen the blade of a paint scraper, draw it across the uneven raised repair surface and it comes off like dream, flush with the surface. Beats a lot of extra sanding. Your presence around the club is greatly appreciated Wayne.

- **Myron Lasko**, Onboard Editor

DOUG DIXON *Bar Manager*

Hi all BQYC members!

As you can appreciate, the fate of reopening the Longreach bar is really with the government and the phasing of lifting restrictions based on public health outcomes. While we have begun to think about potential strategies it is premature to even speculate when we could commence with any reopening of the bar.

Our approach will be guided by government directives and guidelines, best public health policies and will ensure BQYC member and staff safety.

Here's hoping that we soon see a trend to reducing the curve and overcome this epidemic.

We will keep you posted as the summer progresses. I wish you all good health and happiness.

It is certainly going to be a different season

Hi Members,

It is hard to imagine that just over 2 weeks ago on May 9th I was driving through some terrible snow squalls on my way to Waterloo to deliver my oldest daughter back to university for the summer. Once we arrived at her townhouse we installed her window air conditioner while the snow was flying. I'm sure her neighbours thought we were crazy. Fast forward to this past week-end and she was using her air conditioner. I think we skipped spring and went straight to summer. This is Mother Nature's way of making us not feel so bad about missing the month of May for boating.

In a few days we will be launching our boats for the summer which will give us a new place that we can safely enjoy nature, the camaraderie of boating and solace from the strange times that surround us. I would like to thank the lift committee and board of directors for working hard to find a safe way to get our boats in the water this summer. I would like to thank the members for their patience while we worked through the logistics of making this happen.

This summer at BQYC we won't be able to have the regular events that we have come to expect but we are still planning on holding **Sail Past** on June 20th. We will hold the traditional review of the fleet at 14:00 and encourage members to enjoy the day on the water or maybe head to Sandy Cove for a swim. It would be wonderful to have everyone participate on this day in a Club activity that we are all doing together but from a distance. A more detailed invitation will be sent out shortly.

MITCH KENNEDY *Fleet Captain, Sail Training*

Summer Sailing Camp **cancelled**

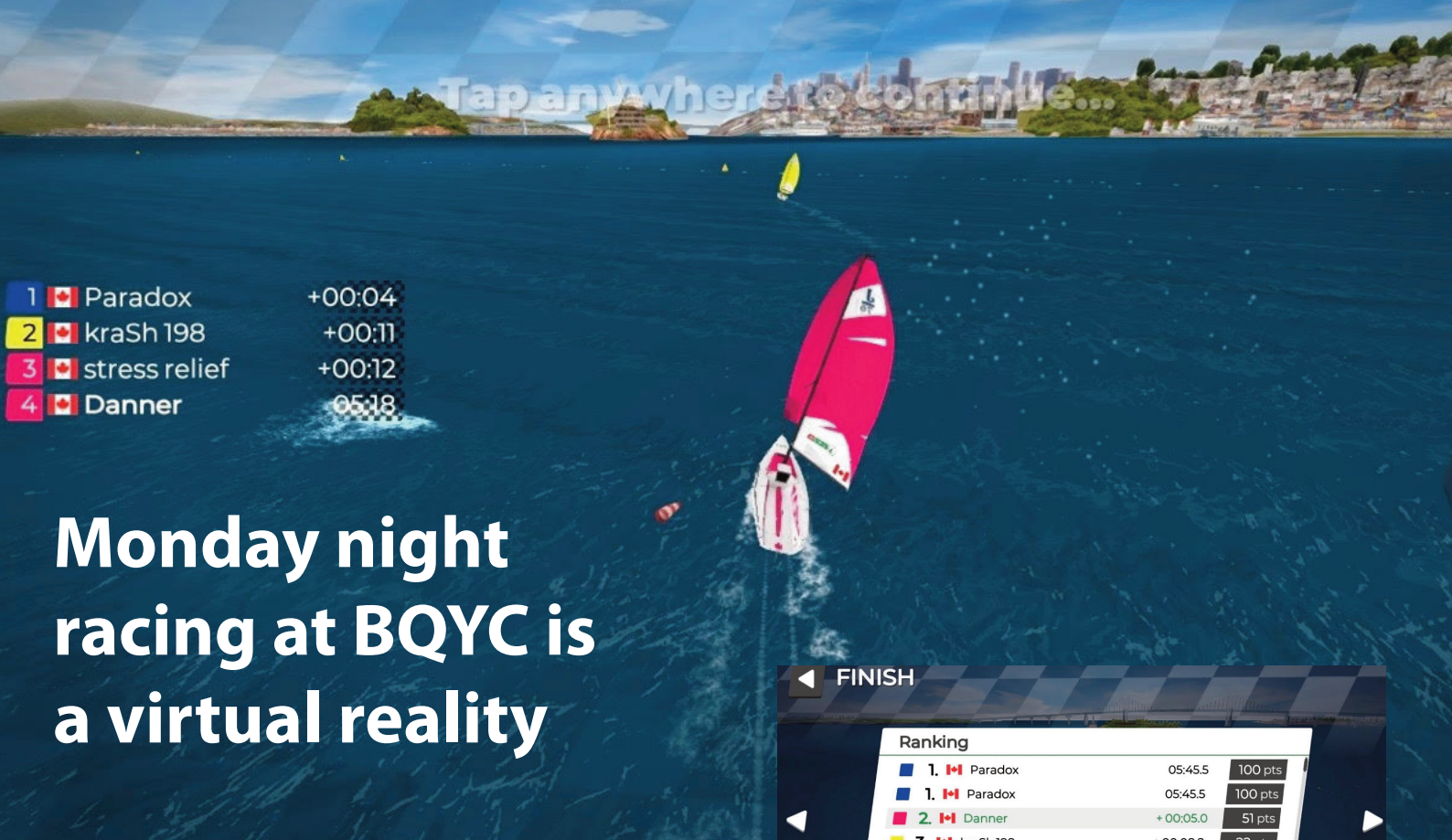
BQYC has made the decision to cancel our Summer Youth Sailing Camps. Although it was a disappointing decision, we know it was the right decision to protect the health and safety of our participants, our employees, our members, our families, and our community. We will contact families affected and process their refunds as soon as possible.

In order to make the decision we overlaid the safety requirements from our medical and sporting association experts against the nature of our day camp program and facilities. In the end, we could not find a way to provide safe, physically distant, all-day care through all weather conditions in our camp setting. Besides, it would lack the fun that children expect in a summer camp experience.

We will investigate the feasibility of offering a program of short duration sailing lessons for individuals or families similar to our adult dinghy lessons. We envision that these lessons would be booked in advance, would be dependent on student-matched wind conditions, have very low student to instructor ratios, and not rely on any indoor club facilities.

Please watch for updates.

In the meantime, we hope that you and your family remain healthy.



Monday night racing at BQYC is a virtual reality

CHRIS DANNER *Fleet Captain, Racing*

Racers, Members,

◀ FINISH

Ranking			
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2.	🇨🇦	Danner	+ 00:05.0 51 pts
3.	🇨🇦	kraSh 198	+ 00:08.2 22 pts
4.	🇨🇦	stress relief	+ 00:19.2 1 pts

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Virtual Regatta

The Board has received recommendations from Sail Canada regarding operating Sail training, Racing and other events at the club. It is clear that in order to ensure the safety of our members, employees and the community, it will be a significant challenge to run these programs as we have in the past. We will not be starting a keelboat race schedule in June. The club will monitor Covid-19 physical distancing rules to determine if there will be any crewed racing this summer. The Board has also made the difficult decision to cancel the Shark regatta planned for July 5-6.

There are a few events in the planning stages. Dan Munroe has put in the work and developed a Virtual Racing series. I have participated in the first races along with a few other members and can report that while it can be a little frustrating, it is very fun. It is also nice to be in a bit of a social setting (online) while you are racing. I encourage you to participate, if not for the sailing, then to be online and talk sailing with the rest of us. If you are interested, the game is called "**Virtual Regatta Inshore**", and the app we use to talk to each other is "Discord". After you have downloaded the apps, email Dan (dan_munroe@hotmail.com) and he will send you the details you need to compete. Races will be held on Monday Nights at 8pm. There will be results posted on the website for a little extra fun. Everyone is welcome; hope to see (hear) you there. Watch your email and the website for a published schedule in the near future.

Secondly, the club is investigating the feasibility of running a **single-handed series**. It is in the initial stages, but we are hopeful that there can be a series while ensuring that members / sailors are safe. Watch your email and the website for news in the near future.

2020 Lift-In Policy and Procedures (draft)

The following set of procedures are to be followed by all members in good faith as we prepare for keel-boat launch. As the club proceeds to lift-in, all boats must be lifted and removed from the club grounds. We will not be offering optional summer storage of keelboats on the club lawn. If you are not in a position to prepare your boat or need assistance in doing so, please reach out to Grounds Director **Don Reidel**. We can arrange for member volunteers to help do the basic preparation of removing covers, preparing dock lines, and basic thru-hull checks, under the boat owners guidance. In preparing for lift-in, consider doing the bare minimum. Maybe you can get away without anti-fouling this year. Leave any major hull work for the fall or next year.

Procedures for working on your boat

- Do not come to the Club if you have any symptoms of COVID-19 or if anyone living with you has symptoms. Refer to provincial guidelines <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/> . If you have a condition whereby you are immunosuppressed or have a chronic illness, you should consult your physician or public health resources to help you decide if you should come to the Club.
- Keep Your Distance – 6' apart. Physical distancing is the greatest tool to keep everyone safe.
- If your neighbouring boat owner is working at their boat, check with them and come back when they won't be there. Members are asked to be flexible and polite and to compromise when needed.
- Do not congregate in groups to socialize and only work on your own boat. Consultations can be done from a distance.
- Members are to bring their own hand sanitizer, gloves and face-masks and use as appropriate.
- No visitors allowed. Only boat owners and direct family members working on their boats.
- Use gloves when using the outdoor faucet and hose or the electrical outlets.
- Remove your power cord when not in use. Do not leave it plugged in when you are not there. Do not leave it routed to the power outlet where others may be tempted to borrow it.
- Do not borrow tools from other skippers or touch other member's stuff.

Washroom Procedures

Although the club building will remain closed during the lift-in period - the main foyer, telephone, AED, and washrooms will be accessible. The washrooms will be cleaned daily.

Please obey the following guidelines:

- Sanitize your hands when entering the club lobby.
- Only one person at a time using a washroom. Knock on the door or give a shout-out to check.
- Wash your hands with soap and water. Clean up when done.
- Sanitize your hands before leaving the club lobby
- On lift-in days, the doors will be propped-open and washroom cleaning will occur periodically.

Lift-In Registration and Payment Procedure

- Lift-in Registration will be done remotely.
- An invoice will be emailed to the boat owner by the treasurer via Quickbooks. Payments can be made using a credit card via the Pay Button provided in the emailed invoice or by e-transferring the invoiced amount to treasurer@bqyc.ca .

Please direct questions on online payments to treasurer@bqyc.ca

Lift-In Procedures

This year's lift-in will be different. The focus will be on COVID-19 safety. We will minimize numbers involved vs speed of launch. Lift-in will be split across 2 days to reduce the total number of people on the property at any one time.

The lift crew for each day will comprise of:

- o 1 crane operator
- o 1 signal man
- o 1 lift coordinator (responsible for marshalling owners to site)
- o 2 tag-line crew (guide boat in the air, hold boat for skipper, floating dock placement)
- o 2 sling crew (attach, remove, return slings - with additional help from cradle crew)
- o 2 cradle crew (move cradles for crane access - additional support from sling crew)
- o 2 tow-boat crew (will remain on the water)
- Lift crew members are to bring their own gloves and face-mask. Face-masks and gloves to be worn on lift days as physical distancing will not always be possible.
- Lift crew members are to wear safety-boots and hard hats.
- If you are not part of the lift crew, do not come to the club. No visitors or spectators will be permitted on club property during lift-in.
- No access for boat owners to do under-pad painting or adjustments during the lift.
- We will not be timing this lift-in. All lift costs will be split equally.
- The boat owner (or their delegate) will be contacted by the lift coordinator by phone or text in advance of their lift time to come to site. Boat owners are to stay away from the lift crew until their boat is being lifted. Boat owner is to wear gloves and a face-mask during time of lift.
- The boat owner (or their delegate) will monitor lift of their boat and then climb aboard once in the water to check that all is OK before slings are removed.
- A RIB tow-boat will be on hand as required.
- There will be no club provided food or coffee on lift days. Please bring your own as needed.

Mast Crane (Gin Pole) Procedures

- The mast crane will be available for member use only after lift-in is completed. It will not be available on boat lift-in days.
- Only one boat at the mast crane, and one boat on the visitor dock in queue, at any one time.
- Once the mast is installed, the boat is to be promptly returned to its own dock.
- You are advised to use the minimum safe number of people required to raise their mast.
- No spectators or "extra helpers" to be present in the area at the mast lift time.
- Mast lift crew are to bring their own gloves and face-mask. Face-masks and gloves to be used as physical distancing may not be possible.
- The mast crane winch handles are to be disinfected and wiped-down before each use.
- Observe physical distancing (6 ft apart) when preparing your mast and at the mast racks.

Dock Etiquette

- Continue to observe physical distancing guidelines when accessing your boat.
- Step aside onto a finger to allow others to pass safely.
- Treat the power/water post with caution by using gloves and wash your hands after touching.
- If a boater asks for assistance with docking, keep your distance, and wash your hands.
- Be friendly, patient, and understanding with each other.

LINDA PEARSON *Secretary*

Chris Waller Fund to support Junior Sailing Bursaries in 2021

Your donations and participation in Chris Waller Fund events over the past year will ensure ten low-income youth receive Junior Sailing Bursaries. Thank you for your generous support!

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and with the safety and well-being of everyone in mind, BQYC's **Junior Sailing Camps have unfortunately been cancelled** for the 2020 season. The Chris Waller Fund revenue raised this year will be held to support ten low income youth to get out on the water in 2021.

BQYC members have made it possible for over 250 low income youth to participate in BQYC's Junior Sailing Camps by generously supporting the Chris Waller Fund. Your contributions make it possible for youth to spend two summer weeks learning to sail and developing new skills, confidence, and opportunities that would otherwise have been unavailable to them.

We look forward to the laughter and bustling activity of our junior sailing participants returning next year.

Contact Linda Pearson, Secretary with questions on the Chris Waller Fund at: secretary@bqyc.ca

FIONA KING *Fleet Captain, Cruise*

At this stage we won't be planning any cruises or raft-ups until (hopefully) later in the season. However, I would encourage any of you who do plan an outing and would like the companionship of another boat, even at a safe distance, to please avail yourself of our **BQYC Cruisers' Group Email**. If you are not part of this group and would like to be added, please e-mail me at: fcc@bqyc.ca If you ARE part of this group and wish to be removed....ditto!

Please stay safe and healthy in these dreadful, unprecedented times.



Wild sunset by Wayne



“Ready aye ready!”

Scott Moddle
captured by Wayne
at a safe 6’ distance