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# ONBOARD

## Newsletter of the Bay of Quinte Yacht Club

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### Rookie Season is around the corner! Let's hear from one of last year's rookies:

2018 was a big year. After almost 30 years with the provincial govt., I retired, returned to Belleville full time having spent almost all of my

adult life in Toronto. I turned 60. But the most exciting thing, the thing that put the widest smile on my face....was sailing.

We love the water. My wife's family have a wonderful cottage on Skootamatta Lake. Her father built that cottage some 50 years ago. Our kids



spent their childhood summers growing up on the lake, fishing, swimming and boating. We are very comfortable on the water – canoes, paddle boats, ski-boats, fishing boats, and yes even a Sea-Doo (sorry). But 2018 was special. I always, always wanted to sail. Living in Toronto in the Beaches, we spent a lot of time on the boardwalk, strolling with the kids, walking the dog and for me, jogging. My regular route was on the trail that passes Ashbridge's Bay YC. I loved looking at sailboats, dreaming...maybe someday...

Returning to Belleville full-time in early 2018, I realized I now could pursue this idea of becoming a sailor. My first instinct was to rush out and buy a boat. I spent hours (and still do) on the internet looking at sailboats, reading about sailboats and everything to do with sailing. Of course I didn't know how to sail...

Cindy was worried about my impulsivity and encouraged me to at least take some lessons before I dove headfirst into buying a boat. On Cannifton Road I saw the sign..."Adult Learn to Sail BQYC". That was it! I signed up. Two classroom sessions in, our group was all ready to get on board and experience sailing. Several outings in the bay, on different size boats, I can't say enough great things

about the skippers – learning the basics, safety, wind, and the most challenging thing for me – a whole new vocabulary. The instructors volunteer their time and share their knowledge, skills and passion for sailing. They make the whole experience contagious. I was sold. We bought our boat, "Gannet", a Mirage 25, well known to the club with a rich history and a wonderful reputation as a great clean little boat. We fell in love with her.

We had a wonderful summer learning on Gannet. Lost control of her in Crates Marina – she wasn't in gear?! Same day found the rocks just outside Zwicks Island?! I was a little red faced leaving that night having to walk the "walk of shame" to our car – seems that boaters actually listen to their marine radios. But through it all we survived these learning opportunities.

I also quickly learned that sailing is more than boats, rocks and weather. It's about people and community. During the Adult Learn to Sail program, we joined the BQYC, participated in events such as the "Get Out on the Water Day", volunteered to crew on Wednesday race nights and joined in on club social events. The club has opened a whole new social scene for Cindy and me. (Improved my burger flipping skills as well). We have

had great times at the many socials, main events such as the Commodore's Ball, and our first Katie Grey race to Picton! To be honest about the Katie Grey, we didn't actually "race". We left the dock early before the gun to make sure that we made it to Picton before dark. By the time we got to Foresters Island, most of the fleet of 60+ had already passed us. But...we finally made it, had a grand time, a lot of laughs, and we will be sure to go again this year!

We have met so many wonderful folks at the BQYC, heard so many incredible and rich stories of sailing. Got lots of advice – free! Interesting thing about sailing. If you ask 5 sailors the same question....you will get 10 different answers...and...usually....all will be correct!

We can't thank everyone enough. Special shout outs to Mitch who instructed us on our inaugural sails on Gannet and to Tom who showed us his racing skills also aboard our new boat. And to all the members that have provided so much support to us as rookie sailors, all who work so hard to make the club what it is, and of course Commodore Steve who has made us feel so welcome and part of it all. The BQYC is a Belleville gem and if you're a sailor or a boater, you gotta join!

Happy sailing everyone!

Doug Dixon

## Mark Your Calendar:

Open House/Registration, Summer Sailing School & Adult Learn-to-Sail, April 4th & 11th, 6-8pm

Registration dates for Spring Lift In, April 16th & 18th 5-7 pm

The following courses will be offered by the Bay of Quinte Canadian Power & Sail Squadron.

For details on the courses: [boatingcourses.ca](http://boatingcourses.ca), or contact us at [training@bayofquinte.org](mailto:training@bayofquinte.org) :

[Boating 1 Pleasure Craft Operator Card \(PCOC\)](#) 1-day course: March 30th & 31st

[VHF Marine Radio- Restricted Operator Certificate \(Maritime\)](#) May 7th & 9th

Skippers Meeting, April 24th - 7pm

Easter Egg Hunt, April 30th - See poster inside

Sail Measuring, April 27th - 2pm, May 1st & May 8th 6:30 pm

Trenton Warm Up Race, May 18th - Details TBA

Past Commodore's Dinner, May 25th - See poster inside

Burrow's Hospice Regatta, May 31st - June 01st -Details TBA

Commodore's Sailpast, June 15th - Details TBA

Get Out On the Water, June 22

Only two more classes of yoga before the seasons ends. Thank you Terri for providing its with some zen to nourish our bodies and minds through the cold winter season. Namaste.

## Meet the Rear Commodore - Bay of Quinte Yacht Club

David Mitchell is a Project Manager by trade, working in the financial sector for 36 years. Now independent working with non-profits and SME doing product development, systems conversions, then Information Security and Privacy type projects. David has been sailing for 26 years enjoys cruising and has raced at club level for 15 years and completed 4 Lake Ontario 300 races, one on Ceilidh II. David has been with 2 yacht clubs over the 26 years participating in then chairing the Long Range Planning committee of another club for 7 years. This is his only venture on a Board position.



**BQYC is hiring a Manager and Instructors for our summer Sail Training Programs.**

[www.bqyc.ca](http://www.bqyc.ca)



## Notes from the Helm

Less than 6 weeks to lift-in gets me excited! Putting aside the dismal forecasting of the damn ground hog, spring is indeed coming. I have been working on my boat to-

do lists, which for the Shark is rather extensive this year. I will be knee-deep in bulkheads and fibreglass soon. I do like how I keep learning and trying new things even after sailing for 45 years. I think they call it "Messing about in boats".

BQYC has a summer of activities shaping up with the primary aim to get all of us out on the water. Take part. Cast off your lines and get your boat off the dock. Take members and potential new members with you when you do head out.

Try some new things this year. A good opportunity is the Burrows-Hospice Regatta on June 1st. It is open to everyone and is for fun and participation while raising funds for a good cause. You don't need to be a racer. If your boat floats and you can steer it around the bay you are good to go. Brian can

estimate your boat a PHRF rating (for a Hospice donation) and we will find you crew if needed. Would be great to see 25 boats out for a fun day on the water.

Same goes for the Trenton warm up race where the only goal is to get to the steak dinner at the far end. The Canada Day Family fun races (& Marche & fireworks!) is another example of a great day on and off the water.

Sail Training has plans to introduce sailing to +100 adults and kids this summer. These new sailors are our future club members and we need to continue to focus on these programs. Please step up and offer to help out as we have a lot of things to get done before and during the season.

Get Out on the Water day (June 22) is an all-hands-on-deck day where we show the community what we do and introduce people to boating on the Bay of Quinte.

Looking forward to seeing you at Sandy cove for a raft up, a beer, and a paddle around on a pool-noodle.

Keep ahold of yer tiller. Cheers, Steve

## GET OUT ON THE WATER THIS SUMMER @ Bay of Quinte Yacht Club



### SAILING SCHOOL CAMPS (AGES 8-17)

**2 WEEK SESSIONS:**  
JUL 1 – 12 | JUL 15-26  
JUL 29-AUG 9 | AUG 12-23

ACCREDITED BY SAIL CANADA



### ADULT & FAMILY LEARN-TO-SAIL

**YOU CAN LEARN TO SAIL A 23' – 35' Yacht!**  
MONDAY EVENINGS APR 29-JUN 24

**OR, IF YOU PREFER SOMETHING SMALLER....**  
**DINGHY LESSONS:**  
JUN - AUG (AGES 17+)



### YOUTH RACE TEAM (AGES 8-17)

2 EVENINGS PER WEEK,  
JUL 1-AUG 23 (CAN SAIL LEVEL 2+)

**\*PARTICIPANTS OF YACHT SAILBOAT LESSONS WILL ENJOY COMPLIMENTARY BAY OF QUINTE YACHT CLUB PRIVILEGES UNTIL JULY 31, 2019 AND ARE ELIGIBLE TO JOIN THE CLUB FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$75+HST.**

**\*\*BQYC MEMBERS ENJOY A MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNT ON ALL SUMMER SAIL TRAINING PROGRAMS!**



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [WWW.BQYC.CA/SAIL TRAINING](http://WWW.BQYC.CA/SAIL%20TRAINING), CALL (613) 827-7245, OR EMAIL [SCHOOL@BQYC.CA](mailto:SCHOOL@BQYC.CA)



## Lift In for 2019

Lift-in this year will take place over 2 days due to the availability of the cranes. The first lift will be on **Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup>** (Hastings Crane) with the second lift on **Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>** (Lakeshore Crane). Both lifts will start at **8:00 am**. The plan is to lift as many boats as possible on the Friday of retired members with the remaining boats on the Saturday. A reminder that cleanup day is the following Saturday after lift-in.



## 2019 Sail Training Update

The sailing season is only a short (long?) 6 weeks away and the board has been very busy getting the club ready for another spring and summer of Sail Training. Registration is now open for Adult Learn to Sail (for Yacht and Dinghies), Sailing School and the Youth Race Team. If you, your relatives, or friends, are planning to register their children or grandchildren (or learn to sail themselves), please invite them to visit the Sail Training link of BQYC.ca to call (613) 827-SAIL. They will be able to learn more about the programs we offer and can conveniently register on-line.

- Adult Learn-to-Sail (Yachts) will start on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> and begin on-the-water training May 13<sup>th</sup>. Skippers who would like to help out this year, please let Mitch Kennedy ([vice@bqyc.ca](mailto:vice@bqyc.ca)) or Thomas Wager ([thomas4a@hotmail.com](mailto:thomas4a@hotmail.com)) know.
- Sailing School will begin its first of four, 2-week sessions beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Adult Learn-to-Sail (Dinghy) and Youth Race Team will also start the first week of July.

We will be also hosting **registration evenings on April 4<sup>th</sup> and April 11<sup>th</sup>** between 6 and 8 PM to help answer questions and register our valued sail training customers. We are looking for help at both registration events. If there are any members who would like to volunteer at both nights or either night to help answer questions, please contact Linda Pearson ([secretary@bqyc.ca](mailto:secretary@bqyc.ca)).

We are currently in the process of recruiting a Sail Training Manager and Instructors. In addition to advertising on Indeed and Ontario Sailing, there is also a link on the BQYC.ca homepage that will take interested people to the job postings.

We will be looking to replace a couple of lasers this year. If you have a laser that you would like to donate, please let us know. We are looking for volunteers to help us prepare for this season's sail training. There will be lots of different jobs beginning in April. Please let Steve ([commodore@bqyc.ca](mailto:commodore@bqyc.ca)) or Mitch know if you are able to help out.

Looking forward to a great summer on the water with our new (or nearly new) sailors of all ages.

*Bay of Quinte Yacht Club*



Won't you join us!





Pancakes, sausage,  
milk, coffee and tea.

**\$5.00 CASH  
AT THE DOOR**

**FOLLOWED BY**



**SATURDAY APRIL 20, 9:30 AM.**

**RAIN OR SHINE**

\*Help the Easter Bunny. Sign up on the sign-up sheet in the foyer. Everyone is welcome with or without children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews.

*Sue & Peter Simmons & Co.*

**Wind Over Water**



Follow past members Debbie & Chris Vera in their adventure heading south on Wind Over. They post a weekly video blog on **youtube**. Search for their channel **"Wind Over Water"**

RSVP for the number of adults and children in your party on the sign-up sheet in the Club foyer or email [tickets@bqyc.ca](mailto:tickets@bqyc.ca) (Please note: reservation cut off date is April 6th)

### **Open House 2019: BQYC - Spread the word!**

No experience is no longer an excuse for not sailing, thanks to the Adult 'learn to sail' course, hosted by the **Bay of Quinte Yacht Club** in Belleville.

Prospective sailors will have a chance to learn the basics of how to sail and will experience, first-hand, the pleasures of sailing from some of the best sailors on the Bay of Quinte.

**Learn to Sail** is designed primarily for adults with no prior sailing experience and is open to adults and their family members.

Participants will sail with experienced skippers on cruising and racing sailboats from 24' to 34' boats.

The **Adult Learn to Sail** program is held on Monday evenings starting at 6 p.m. from the end of April through to the end of June. Two evenings of in-class instruction are followed up by up to seven evenings on the water. Each sailing session is followed by social time and light dinner with the skippers and Club members.

All you need is a good hat that will stay on, sunscreen, running shoes, and a wind-proof jacket and pants for those cool nights. A change of clothes is good to have on hand after a wet sail. An approved PFD (personal floatation device) is absolutely mandatory.

Come to the OPEN HOUSE and talk with club members about the experience of sailing. Whether you are interested in the 'Adult Learn To Sail' program on a keelboat or a dinghy, racing or just checking it out, there are lots of opportunities to find out more about sailing and the Bay of Quinte Yacht Club.

For more info: <http://bqyc.ca/registration.php> or drop by on **April 4th & 11th, 6:00 - 8:00 PM**

## Bay of Quinte Yacht Club members Patrick Burchat & Dan Munroe

PHRF-LO presented the 2018 Chapman New Racer Award 1st Eastern District to BQYC member Patrick Burchat - Unicorn and 3rd Eastern District to BQYC member Dan Munroe - Paradox at the Toronto International Boat Show on Saturday 19 January. The New Racer Award is for novice racing sailors to encourage them to participate in as many races as they choose and continue their involvement in competitive sailing. For the 2019 season this trophy will be displayed at the Port Credit Yacht Club the home club of the overall winner Roger Broad - Toronto West District.

The Executive at PHRF-LO extend our congratulations to Patrick, Dan and their crew aboard Unicorn & Paradox! The 2019 Chapman Season Championship designated events will be posted on [phrf-lo.org](http://phrf-lo.org) by May 1st 2019.

Mike Campbell, President

The Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of Lake Ontario represents 1488 certificate holders from 59 member clubs within 6 geographical districts racing on Lake Ontario, Lake Nipissing, Lake Simcoe, Georgian Bay and the Ottawa River. If you have any questions or need more information please contact me directly.

Alison Jones 905-319-0182



Bill Visser (Eastern District Chief PHRF-LO) Kevin Dinsmore (accepting for BQYC) Brian Thomson (Chief Handicapper PHRF-LO)



## Fleet Captain Cruise Spring Update

I don't know about the rest of you, but time seems to fly by at an ever-increasing rate of speed! So, though summer cruising weather seems a long way off, it isn't too early to start dreaming about it.

My goal as your Fleet Captain of Cruising is to get us all to the Mediterranean by next year!

Failing that, I do hope to get any members together who are interested in cruising occasionally as a group, big or small. *My intent is not to lead all these "cruises" but to put like-minded people together.*

Some of us have large power boats, some of us have small sailboats; some members have much more experience than others. What we all share, however, is a love of the water.

What I would ask is that anyone who is interested in being involved in cruising through BQYC, please send me an email expressing your interest. Are you

willing to lead a cruise somewhere? Do you prefer to anchor out or stay at a dock? What is your level of experience?

Whether you're interested in just joining us for a raft-up in Sandy Cove or boating further afield (Main Duck Cobourg? Napanee? Waupoos? Thousand Islands? Toronto?), I'd like to hear from you!

I'm hoping to have a planning/brain-storming session in April. Please let me know if you're interested in attending.

We're also hoping to have Gord Gardner back for another pre-Lift-In Maintenance Seminar. (Thank you Egon!) I will advise by bulletin and e-mails with dates. The first date for a get-together will be in June in Sandy Cove; we have to work around Sailpast, Burrows Regatta, etc. so that is another date TBA.



It was great to hear from a few enthusiastic souls, and thanks to those of you who have offered your help. I look forward to hearing from more of you prior to our meeting ON **TUES, APR. 16 at 6:30 p.m.** Some tentative dates for get-togethers on the water:

**NAPANEE – June 4-5-6 (dockage only)**

**RAFT-UP – Saturday June 15, Sandy Cove.**

**THOUSAND ISLANDS – THANK YOU** to Bruce and Betsy Thompson, who have generously offered the use of their dock for a BQYC Rendezvous! This will be in early August, shortly after the long weekend, and there are anchorages nearby as well.

Of course we can add to the dates at beginning and/or end for smaller or larger groups to travel together. Stay tuned! Fiona [fcc@bqyc.ca](mailto:fcc@bqyc.ca)

### **Iles-De-La-Madeleine Video Presentation**

By Brian and Margaret Credico.

**Friday April 26** following draws.

Preceded by casual lounge fare of Pulled Pork on a bun with coleslaw and (Hazel's) Baked Beans. \$10, limited to 35. **Tickets at bar available closer to the date.**

This will be a warm-up to our on-water BQYC cruising!

## ***A TRIBUTE TO JEAN SCOTTI FROM HER DAUGHTER***

In Loving Memory of Jean Scotti  
my Mother - To Me Feb 2019

Open arms  
A smiling face  
Comforting words  
A loving embrace.

Thoughts of knowledge  
Years of trust  
A friend to talk to  
When need becomes must.

Someone who knows you  
Everything you are about  
and will always love you  
Without a doubt.

A restricting hand  
When there was need to be.  
A teaching voice  
A constant guide for me.

Lessons taught:

To all living things  
Give kindness and compassion  
Love, is the reward it brings.

Always treat others  
The way that you want to be  
Open your eyes to all things  
And learn from what you see.

So many things she made so special  
All the work and all the time  
I am so very grateful  
That part of that gift was mine.

Life goes by so quickly  
Everything seems to need to change  
But her love for me was constant  
Not the least bit, even rearranged.

Each time that I have fallen  
She has always been right there  
To help me on my feet again  
And comfort my despair.

Thru changes in my life  
Thru loves that did not last  
She still remains the only one  
My future, my present, and my past.

Not to hear her voice again  
The voice that I have known  
from my very start  
Not to feel her loving embrace  
Crashes in my heart.

But all this love I feel for her  
Shows me I am never all alone  
It gives me strength to carry on  
For she is what makes home.

When in need, a place to hide  
Where love will comfort hurt inside,  
A welcome smile, a warm place to be;  
This is what my mother, is to me.

PEP  
Peggy Elizabeth Peake





## Bay of Quinte Yacht Club



PAST COMMODORES 'BLACK AND WHITE' DINNER & DANCE

**MAY 25, 2019**

**COCKTAILS AND HORS D'OEUVRES 18.00H**

**DINNER 19.00H**

**BARN AND COUNTRY CATERING**

SPIT ROAST PIG WITH APPLE SAUCE  
BBQ CHICKEN WITH SAUCE  
HERB ROASTED POTATOES  
HONEY GLAZED CARROTS  
WHOLE KERNEL CORN

BROCCOLI AND CHEDDAR SALAD  
CHEF'S GARDEN SALAD  
CAESAR SALAD  
FRESHLY BAKED KAISER ROLLS WITH BUTTER  
DESSERT

**DANCING 21.00H MUSICAL STYLINGS OF ROB SKWIRUT**



**TICKETS \$45 +TAX (NON-REFUNDABLE)**

## TYKE'S CREW

(BOB & RUTH OWEN & BOB & SHARON AINSWORTH)

## HAM & SCALLOPED POTATO DINNER

INCLUDING  
GREEN BEANS, COLE SLAW  
ROLLS & BUTTER

**DESSERT**

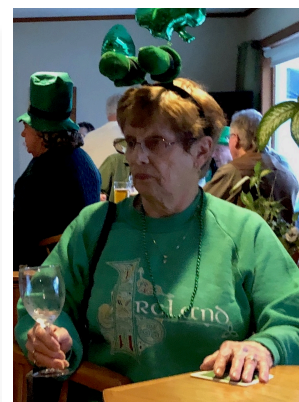
**MARCH 29, 2019**

**Tickets - \$16.00 per person**

Last day to purchase tickets  
**March 27, 2019**



**BQYC  
LOVES TO  
PARTY !!!**





## Chris Waller Fund

Through generous donations to the Chris Waller Fund from BQYC members and friends throughout 2018 and early 2019, we have successfully raised enough funds to provide eight junior sailing bursaries in the 2019 summer season. THANK YOU!

Junior sailing bursaries cover the full cost of registration fees for a two-week session in one of BQYC's core "learn to sail" programs in addition to the purchase of any required participant equipment, e.g. life jackets. Recipients are economically disadvantaged and/or at risk youth who have been identified by participating local organizations.

We feel that all kids should be given an opportunity to sail and should not be denied due to lack of financial resources. With your support and participation in several fundraising efforts over 2019, we aim to have as many, if not more youth benefit from bursaries next summer.

Contact Linda Pearson at [secretary@bqyc.ca](mailto:secretary@bqyc.ca) for more information on how you can help.

STAY TUNED FOR:

# get out on the water.ca

