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Commodore's Report

Sailing is so much fun! Since lift-in I have been working on my boat, washing decks, varnishing teak, rigging the mast, bending on sails, buying new lines, tuning the rig, breaking the line to the furling and then spending a day replacing it etc. etc. I can't wait to go sailing on the bay. You power boaters have it so easy!

John Boor and company have refurbished the junior sailing fleet. It's a job well done and kudos to all.

This summer we have some exciting events and cruises planned

Sail Past will be on June 14th starting at 12:30 with the Blessing of the Fleet and opening remarks as well as a tribute to our Past Commodores. The Sail Past will be at 2:00 p.m. with my boat "**GetMet IV**" off Meyer's Pier to take the salute. Power will lead off followed by sail. A great dinner is planned for the evening so get your tickets soon.

On June 22nd there is the South Shore Cruise with breakfast at the club, stops at the Hartwell's for coffee as well as surprises and then on to the Still's for golf and lunch.

Each carload and each boat with a crew of four will compete for the best crew in fun events. Draws will take place at the club with presentations for the crews at dinner.

The club cruise this year is planned for July 19th to 24th with stops in either Picton or Prynnyers's Cove, Waupoos, the U.S. side or Kingston, and finally to Gananoque for a show at the Playhouse – it's Les Miserables. For more information contact **Doug Ritchie**.

Finally, the City of Belleville has been more than helpful this year with loaning docks for the junior sail dock and removing a finger dock from D dock to alleviate the crowding between docks C and D.

Good sailing and see you on the water.

Pat Holcombe, Commodore

IMPORTANT DATES

*More details inside this issue
(Don't forget the BQYC Treasure Hunt!)*

BURROWS REGATTA
Friday eve, June 6th, Sat. June 7th

SAIL PAST
Saturday, June 14th

SAILING SCHOOL REUNION
Friday evening, June 20th

SOUTH SHORE CRUISE,
Saturday, June 22nd

EYC REGATTA, KINGSTON
July 10th – 12th

CLUB CRUISE
July 19th to 24th

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SAIL PAST 2008

PROCEDURES AND TRADITIONS

By Doug Ritchie, Fleet Captain Power

The first and most important tradition of Sail Past is to have fun. However, there are certain procedures that should be followed to make the day enjoyable for everybody.

Procedures

After the Blessing of the Fleet, skippers are requested to marshal their respective sail/power vessels in the areas shown in the chart prior to 14.00, the start of Sail Past.

Once the boats are in the marshaled area, as in the past, the power boats will lead the flotilla passing in single file across the stern of the commodore's vessel on their vessel's starboard side

. The power vessels will be lead by the club's Fleet Captain Power.

Sailing vessels will follow and be lead by the club's Fleet Captain Sail.

The fleet captains' vessels are my 28-ft white Bayliner power boat *New Safari* while Rob and Kim Lander's 24-foot Shark *Shagreen* has sail number KC36. They can also be identified by the rectangular club fleet captain flag instead of a club burgee.

The commodore's vessel GetMet IV is a 37-foot white/blue stripe Hunter yacht. For the salute Pat

and Dawn Holcombe's yacht will be located just off Meyer's Pier so those on shore and at the club can view the festivities.

Traditions

* No boat flags are to be flown prior to your vessel's salute. After the salute and at anchor vessels can be dressed overall with racing or signal flags etc.

* As your vessel closes in to the stern of the commodore's yacht, prior to the skipper's salute, the Canadian ensign should be furled or dipped.

*The skipper of the saluting vessel gives a 'Navy' salute to the commodore. (That is palm down!!)

*The commodore will return the salute, the vessel's skipper then completes his/her salute. The Canadian ensign is then released or hoisted.

*In addition to handling their ensign, sailing vessels must also luff their foresails throughout the salute.

Communications throughout the ceremony are on Channel 68. The commodore's call sign is 'GetMet IV', Fleet Captain Sail is 'Shagreen'; Fleet Captain Power is 'Safari'.

Finally, have a fun day for this is a day of celebration of our great club.

AT PRESS TIME

Would you prefer to receive 'On Board' via the club's newly designed website? Recent issues have been posted on our website – www.bqyc.org. Please let me know.

Meanwhile, if you have stories, events or news items give me a call at (613) 962-2730 or e-mail to hancock@magma.ca. Thanks. NJH

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SAILING SCHOOL 50-YEAR REUNION, Friday, June 20th

Our Junior Sailing School is well over 50-years-old and thousands of youngsters in that time have enjoyed the benefits of learning to sail on the Bay of Quinte.

This summer **Past Commodore Dick Bird** wants to celebrate this achievement by recognizing the contributions made by many sailing school staff and volunteers who have made this possible.

So, anybody who has been associated with the sailing school in the past half century is invited to the club on Friday, June 20th at 8.00 p.m. for a reunion to reminisce about good times.

Dick says anybody associated with the school is welcome to celebrate the 50 years of junior sailing even if they are not currently members of the club. And, if you know of anybody who should be invited or wants more details then call **Dick at (613) 968-5753**.

Sailing School Report

Thanks go out to so many members

The season is off to a great start with a very active Adult-Learn-to-Sail program. There are 30 registered participants who have had theory instruction and have moved to on-the-water instruction with the assistance of 13 club members with their keel boats.

There are about a dozen participants who have indicated an interest in dinghy sailing and will start in June under the direction of Canadian Yachting Association certified student instructors.

Thanks to the organizational and instructional skills of **Brian Credico, Rob and Kim Lander, Carol Hartwell, Carol Peterson, Gord Smith and Roger Poultney**.

The summer sailing camp will begin June 30th and registration forms are coming in daily. There will be five full-time CYA certified instructors teaching sailing skills for White Sail 1 (Introductory Beginner) up to Silver VI.

The sailing school has received a great deal of support from a few members over the past six months in preparation for the 2008 season.

The Nutshell Project, headed up by **John Boor**, began in December with the challenge of a major overhaul of the Nutshell dinghies. John's crew is made up of **Nick Hancock, Dave Towill, Ted King, Peter Franklin and Peter Cox**. Over a period of six months four Nutshells were sanded, repaired, repainted and outfitted with new hardware. In addition the dinghies have been outfitted with buoyancy bags. I invite you to take a look at the 'new' Nutshells and offer these gentlemen a heartfelt 'thank you' for their contribution. Thank you!

Wayne Peterson took on the task of assessing sail inventory. After examination and review with **Jackie** at Keeble's it was determined that there were eight sails in need of repair and two beyond salvage. The sail repairs were completed in less than two

weeks. Wayne also acted as liaison with **Janice** at Pride Marine on the subject of buoyancy bags. Janice took the time to determine which size of bag is required for each type of dinghy- Nutshell, Albacore and Laser2. A proposal was submitted and bags purchased increasing the safety factor of the dinghies. Thank you Jackie, Janice and Wayne!

Trevor Waller, overseeing the Waller Memorial Fund, has provided financial assistance on two fronts. A contribution towards the cost of the buoyancy bags lightened the load of the school budget. In addition, as in past years, Trevor has seen to providing assistance to four children so they may attend a session of the sailing school this season, an opportunity they would not otherwise have had. Thank you Trevor!

The school was also the recipient of an anonymous contribution to help with the purchase of the buoyancy bags. Thank you mystery member!

Mike Batty has been very generous with this time overhauling the school's outboard motors used on the coach boats. With his expertise the motors will be running well, increasing the safety aspect of the program by providing the proper tools for the instructor. Thank you Mike!

Martin Warmelink has donated the use of his runabout as a coach boat. The boat and motor will be prepared to start work in the first session of summer camp. Thank you Martin!

Dick Press graciously donated his winnings from the May 23rd members' draw to the sailing school. Thank you Dick for sharing your good fortune.

A call went out for old fenders to be used as a bumper system on the school docks and a few have arrived. Should you have any older fenders that don't work for you then the school can probably use them. Thank you! (*continued next page*)

Sailing School Report (continued)

A few folks are aware of the clandestine removal of the Laser fleet last December. In fact it was a fellow by the name of **Daniel Sprague** who, after an e-mail went out asking for help, responded quickly. Daniel, along with sons **Will, Sam and Max**, transported the dinghies to his warehouse in Bloomfield for safe, dry and warm winter storage. The Lasers began arriving back at the school recently. The Sprague boys are up and coming sailors attending the summer sailing camp. Thank you Daniel and family!

The Bay of Quinte Yacht Club's sailing school continues to flourish, a great deal having to do with

the assistance of volunteer members, including those who helped with moving the dinghies on clean-up day. The school program benefits our community and the club in different ways, including bringing on new members (three) and those young sailors who will be future members.

Should I have missed anybody in this report please accept my apologies. Hopefully, next time. Thank you to all who have helped get the program moving ahead for the 2008 season.

Michael Krock, Director Sailing School



Preparing for another season

The sailing school starts next month and meanwhile work is progressing on renovating and checking out the club's fleet of dinghies for another season. This included rebuilding four of the club's fleet of six Nutshell dinghies. **John Boor**, foreground, has led the volunteers which included **Ted King**.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 22nd

South Shore Sail/Cruise Extravaganza

Have a cruise passport stamped as you cruise from BQYC to the west end of the Bay of Quinte and back. See the homes...awesome dining...great company.

Stamped Passports Qualify For MULTIPLE \$100 DRAWS

The morning will start off at BQYC with a cruise briefing and then boats/cars, at their own speed, can make their way towards the west end of the Bay of Quinte, stopping off along the way for refreshments, games and lunch.

Locations of the stop ports will be visible from the Bay.

In the afternoon, all boats are to return to BQYC for a BBQ steak dinner (we provide/you cook) plus baked potato, salad and dessert. The draws will occur after dinner, around 8.00 p.m (Still lots of daylight to get home.)

TIME.....	LOCATION.....	EVENT
08:30 – 08:45 Passports and exit 08:45	BQYC	Light breakfast.... Coffee, tea, muffins Cruise briefing Issue stamp
10:30 – 12 noon Coffee, tea, cold drinks	Hartwell Harbour	First Port of Call Passport Stamped Competitive Bean Bag Toss Pin Pennant on the boat Docking or Anchoring Water Taxi provided
12 noon – 14:30	Still Cove	Second Port of Call Passport Stamped Try a little competitive golf Lunch featuring local delicacies Prentice a la Provencal or Old Orchard Bruschetta Mooring/Rafting or Anchoring and water taxi
15:00		Rally back to BQYC
18:00	BQYC	Third Port of Call Passport Stamped Dinner – BBQ steak (We provide; you BBQ to taste) Baked potato, salad, dessert PASSPORT \$100 Draw

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Call those friends you've been meaning to get together with or to take out on your boat. A full day of fun, company and no galley work. Racers can even race back. Check www.bqyc.org: And select "Latest News".

Tickets and Registration Cut-Off date is June 14th

Rain Date is Sunday, July 6th

Grounds Director's Report

We now have 10 more lawn tables

Well, as everybody is well aware, lift-in went smoothly and we are in the water again. Except for six masts (at time of writing, Ed.) the grounds are pretty well cleaned up.

Clean-up day was a very successful endeavour and almost everybody who had stored on the grounds attended and put their shoulders to the wheel. Those who did not attend for various reasons will be assessed their \$25.00 penalty and have it added on to their lift-out fees unless they wish to pay beforehand.

My sincere thanks go out to the following members who so graciously donated money towards the purchase of materials for building new lawn tables. They were: **Trevor and Eva Waller, Charlie Barker, Gord Smith, Roger Poultney, Gina Hughes, Dave Newland, Sue Jordan, Leo Legare, Barb and Jim Wills, Bob Owen, Pat Holcombe, Rob and Kim Lander and Frank and Jean Scotti.**

On May 15th a rowdy raucous but highly efficient and determined group of volunteers gathered on the back deck of the club and assembled 10 lawn table

kits. It took only four hours to assemble all the kits and, as you have probably seen already, they look pretty nice. At least until they lose their shine and gather paint test spots. The volunteers have my deepest gratitude for their help. They are as follows: **Bob Owen, Roger Poultney, Cliff Prentice, Doug Ritchie, Dick Press and Barry Deans.** Of course, **yours truly** was there to urge them on.

Discussions are at present underway with Parks and Recreation to repair the water's edge between the club dock and the sailing school dock and hopefully the work will be done before the sailing school begins.

We have "borrowed" three main docks from the city which were going to be hauled away and will be using them to replace the hodge-podge docks set up that we now have for the sailing school. Once the base has been put in for connecting the first dock to the shore line, the docks will be towed to their final resting place and securely anchored. Who knows, maybe we can get some volunteers for this venture also

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All the masts and mast racks are now off the lawn and the lawn maintenance people have cut the lawn twice transforming the grounds from a winter storage area to a summer lawn and garden parkland. The circular garden under the large sign at the front of the club has been cut back because it was ridden with voles in the winter time, which have eaten all the roots of the perennials and shrubbery that were planted there.

The cradle storage compound had a dirt mound leveled thanks to Parks & Recreation which greatly improves our storage space. The ideal suggestion was put forward by the operator of the front-end loader that we should put down a large, thick plastic cloth which is used by landscapers, and then cover it with gravel. This way, there will be no weeds and thistles. I will look into this further as to whether it is feasible or not.

The sea wall from the club dock south to the sailing school dock is collapsing and undermined by water. It presents a hazardous area and I will be putting up security tape to keep people out until we can arrive at some way to permanently rectify this situation.

The junior sailing school has three main sections of the city's old docks on permanent loan and it only remains for them to tow them around to their dock area and to attach them. Parks & Recreation graciously gave us four large cement anchors and they have been hoisted approximately in place. It will take two divers with an air bag to put them in their final position. **Mark McDonald** has agreed to do this.

The cement slab anchoring the sailing school dock is completely eroded underneath and the water is undermining the ground and washing it away. I am looking into various ways of having a new one built but it won't be until after the school is over. By that time we may have to bite the bullet and have a contractor build it properly. More on that later.

See you on the sweet water sea.

Frank G. Scotti, Grounds Director

Fleet Captain Power's Report

Plan to participate in the club's cruise

The club cruise is set for July 19th to 24th as follows:

Saturday, July 19th. Depart BQYC to Prinyer's Cove. At 4.00 p.m. a club get together is planned on the lawn with 'Bring Your Own' hors d'oeuvres and share. Members should contact Prinyer's Cove directly for marina reservations.

Sunday, July 20th. Depart Prinyer's to Waupoos for a two-day lay over. At 4.00 p.m. a club get together is planned in the Breezeway with BYO hors d'oeuvres and share. Also available is the opportunity to use the Breezeway's barbeques for dinner and to join other club members at a table. Members are to contact me for marina reservations prior to June 27 as I have reserved a block of slips for BQYC.

Tuesday, July 22nd. Members can cruise independently to their choice of Kingston, Clayton or Cape Vincent. Members are to make their own reservations.


Wednesday, July 23rd. Cruise to Gananoque municipal dock for a two-day layover. A group restaurant dinner is planned for Wednesday. On Thursday, the BQYC reservation for a theatre evening attending The Playhouse production of Les Miserables has been completely booked. My thanks to those who purchased the advance tickets. Members are to make their own reservations at the marina prior to July 4th and identify that they are from BQYC. After July 4th the block of slips being held for BQYC will be released.

Friday, July 25th. Cruisers have an independent itinerary to make a safe trip back to BQYC.

A cruise to attract new members

A Bay of Quinte South Shore Sail/Cruise is planned for Sunday, July 22nd.

The event is open to the public and hopefully may attract new members. The day will start and end at BQYC with two stops in between at the Hartwell's and Still's homes for refreshments and food. The day will finish with a barbeque steak dinner at the club and \$100 draws for completing the day's events. My thanks to the Hartwells and Stills for providing their water front and homes and hosting part of this event.



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Rear Commodore's Report

Why not invite your friends and relatives to the club this summer

Lift-in went off without a hitch. Nobody fell in and the rains held off until the last boat was in the water. We are now thinking of brighter days ahead on our boats on the Bay of Quinte and beyond.

It promises to be a busy summer with a number of activities already planned by our Fleet Captain Power. Of course, the Fleet Captain Sail has the races for the season well organized.

There continues to be plenty of activity at the club with summer hours at the bar now in effect and started with the Past Commodore's Dinner and Dance on May 10th.

Sailing school will be in full swing soon. With all this activity going on you might consider inviting friends and relatives out and with any luck at all we may be able to increase our membership if they are suitably impressed. It also wouldn't hurt to share with them our web address which will give more in-

depth information on BQYC. Membership applications are available at the bar.

As a matter of interest new members accepted after July 1st pay 50 per cent of the regular rate for their first year.

We have a membership which is looking into alternatives for our membership structure. The results of our work will be shared with the members this fall and any suggested changes of course will be voted on at the annual general meeting in November.

All of the membership cards have been either picked up at the bar or mailed out by now so if you have not received your card please contact yours truly. I will make every effort to get it into your hands as quickly as possible. If you have not already done so please let me know if you have had any changes to your personal information or to information about your boat. A new and improved club directory available for pick-up at the bar.

Jim Wills, Rear Commodor

THANKS WAYNE

After a number of years as club dock master Wayne Peterson recently handed in his notice to the board with the following e-mail. Obviously, it has been a fun experience.

In acting as a BQYC volunteer dock helper, a BQYC dock boy, and a BQYC dock master, I have had an opportunity to meet and greet boaters from as far east as Stockholm, as far south as Miami, as far west as San Diego and Victoria, BC and from dozens of yacht clubs in between.

I have met boaters from all five Canadian "royals" – Royal Halifax, Royal St. Lawrence, Royal Canadian, Royal Hamilton and Royal Victoria.

I have met and enjoyed the company of boaters from just about every walk of life including a ballerina from Toronto and a coroner from Buffalo, NY.

I have docked a wide variety of boats including a very small, very old converted lap strake life boat and a sailboat that had bent her VHF antennae attempting to go under the Bay Bridge.

However, a wooden lap strake sailboat from the Toronto Islands stands out from all the others. Her arrival was the nosiest on record. The skipper/grandfather did his best to dock amidst the shouts and laughter of his grade school grand daughters as they ran around the boat and scampered up and down the boat's rigging. The noise was not peculiar. The silence was riveting. Every once in a while the two girls became very still. They didn't make a sound. Then they were off and running/screaming/laughing once again. They lived with their mother in Manhattan. Their home and their school were near the twin towers. After the attack their mother sent them to Canada.

The best part of my 'job' has been to 'work' with Carol Anne Peterson and Trevor Waller. It's been great fun.

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AROUND & ABOUT

An important reminder to club members about drinking on club property. Our liquor license only allows alcohol to be drunk in the club house and on the patio. A new notice on the patio reminds members of this responsibility.

House Report by Mark MacDonald. Painting the laundry room and floor underlay has been completed. New tiles will be put down shortly. There needs to be a full assessment of the building's insulation values to determine where savings could be gained to lower our heating and cooling costs. The roof needs immediate attention and repair over the lounge on the south side. A roofer will be contacted to discuss options and I will report back to the board. Finally, bridging and steel sheeting repair is required on the covered deck.

Bar Report by Susan Smith. The club returned to summer hours effective April 27th. On Saturdays the bar is now open 1.00 to 7.00 p.m.; on Sundays from 2.00 to 7.00 p.m.; and Monday to Friday it is open at 4.00 p.m.

The piping for the canister and gun system has been removed and we will receive a credit for the deposits on the canisters. We need to use up our credit with Coca Cola before we consider other options. Meanwhile, we are discussing secure storage of pop and club apparel. There are several options once we have got rid of the compressor and some other junk such as the old microwave and cash register in the room behind the bar. The final cupboard has been installed under the counter.

Club secretary Carol Hartwell reported that in early May the club had received 41 reciprocals from clubs around the Great Lakes. The full list is on the club's website.

Rear Commodore and Director of Membership Jim Wills reports that the current membership directory has been published. If you notice any errors or omissions in the list please let Jim know as soon as possible... As of early May the membership, including spouses stood at 300; that is 12 fewer active members, three fewer honorary members and two fewer intermediate members than at the end of last year. All other categories have remained the same except for junior which is up by two.

If you're heading west down the bay and out to the **lake you can forget about going through the Murray Canal for a few weeks.** A press release from Parks Canada says the Carrying Place Swing Bridge across the canal on Highway 33 will remain closed for repairs and will re-open towards the end of June. Contractors have been replacing the bridge deck and deteriorated portions of the steel structure, repainting the bridge and making minor restorations to the bridge abutments. Of course access is open through the eastern approaches to the Bay of Quinte.

Once again **CORK (Canadian Olympic Regatta – Kingston)** is looking for volunteers to help out on the race courses and on-shore at Portsmouth Olympic Harbour. The regatta for Offshore and One Design Keelboats is August 7 – 10. Many other regattas are held throughout the month. This is the 39th year for this prestigious regatta and it attracts competitors from around the world. More details from www.cork.org/schedule.html.

Dock lines and Rule Books. The Sailing School needs dock lines to temporarily secure docks that have recently been acquired. **Director Mike Krock** says any dock line that isn't pretty enough to be on your boat would be appreciated. They can be left at the west side of the Sailing School shed. Also, on the water. **Fleet Captain Sail Rob Lander** has copies of the Canadian Yachting Association's 'Racing Rules of Sailing 2005 – 2008' available.

Around and About in Photos!



Another safe launch

The club was fortunate to get a break in the weather to coincide with Lift-in this year. The event, which heralds another boating season, went off without a hitch thanks to good organization, high water levels, sunshine and light breezes.



No weather for mast raising

The weather broke, though, in the evening of Lift-in with near gale force westerly winds and at times driving rain. Raising masts on Sunday was out of the question. Thanks to the high water levels the spring the spray was flying over the breakwater at Meyer's Pier

Remote-controlled racing!

Peter Savidge, while **Peter Sly** helps, puts some adjustments on his remote controlled model 12-Metre yacht prior to another afternoon of racing at the club. Racing is every Tuesday at 1:30pm until July when it's at 6:00pm. Many of the racers are also BQYC members as well. The model club will be featured on the afternoon of Sail Past. Come on down and, once you see it, you may want to get a boat and join the fun!

