



# "ON BOARD"

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## Commodore's Report

by Pat Holcombe

Where the @#\* did this summer go? Lift out is too close - it must be a mistake!

I hope all had as great a summer as we did. Dust off the Fancy Dress the Commodore's Ball is set for Nov 21. Hope to see you all there. I am sure the ladies as well as the gents would like to show their finest and dancing prowess.

See you all on the 17th for lift out and keep your eyes on our web page / emails for future entertainment news. I hear Oct has a great event and New Years sounds like a lot of fun.

## The BQYC Needs YOU

The AGM is a'comin', folks, and I have a proposal for you to consider. We are very keen for members to consider running for a post on the Board. If you think you can help run the Club, and are willing to put in some time working on Board matters, please contact me at 613-969-1687 or email getmet111@hotmail.com and Ill tell you all you need to know about how to put yourself forward for a post.

There are fourteen members on the Board, and the full list is on the website. The Constitution, also on our website, lists the responsibilities of each Board member.

Of course, you may not want to sit on the Board, but might still like to help the Club in some way. Excellent! We have several sub-committees, each composed of members who assist in the work of a Board member, so that all the stuff that needs to get done by each Board member (and there is a quite a lot of that) will get done with the help of sub-committee members.



So there is plenty of opportunity for you to be more involved in Club affairs, and we really welcome your offer of support. Note that this applies to new members just as much as to more established folks - in fact, new members are particularly welcome, to help provide a fresh perspective on Board work.

So please do think about it. This Club is a Members Club, run by members for members, and you should know that you can be involved in that as much as you would like.

The BQYC needs YOU! You have my contact details.  
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# New Membership Categories Report 2009

by Jim Wills

At the AGM in November 2008 three new membership categories were added and a change was made to the “Intermediate” membership category. At that time I was asked to prepare a report on the effect of these changes.

Unfortunately things don’t happen in isolation and it is impossible to determine the effect that the Morch closing, economic conditions or for that matter weather conditions had on decisions to join or not.

To start with there were 27 new members added last year and 38 new members added this year. A breakdown of the categories into which they are distributed is as follows:

2009	CATEGORY	2008
14	Active	21
8	Senior	1
3	Our of Town	2
2	Junior	3
1	Intermediate	0
5	Single	0
4	Associate	0
1	Corporate	0
<b>38</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>

Comparison of New Subscriptions 2009 vs 2008

In our previous year which, for the purposes of this report, began in November 2007, we had 182 members 89 of whom were “Active” members. In the current year, beginning November 2008, there are 203 members in total 78 of whom are “Active” members.

Since the “Active” member is paying the premium rate this is the category that was most affected by the change in categories. Of the 89 Active members last year seven converted to “Single”; one each to “Senior” and “Associate”; two to “Corporate”; and, two to “Intermediate”.

What affect did the loss of these 13 members to the other categories have on the club? Well there is nothing that could be done about the one going to the “Senior” category and the two going to “Corporate” was not a financial loss to the club. Of the 10 that are left they would represent only one quarter of an “Active” membership loss each as they did not leave the club. This equates a loss of only 2½ “Active” members or ¾ of “Single”, “Associate” or “Intermediate”. The addition of the 5 new “Single” and 4 new “Associate” this year more than makes up for that loss and we have not included the 14 new “Active” members that joined this year.

Currently total membership stands at 205 which is actually 364 with the inclusion of spouses. The number of paying members has increased from 159 last year to 182 this year.

The break down of membership by category is as follows:

78	Active
67	Senior
8	Out of Town
2	Com & Im Past Com
15	Senior Past Com
3	Intermediate
2	Spousal
6	Honourary
1	Honourary Life
5	Junior
1	Corporate
5	Associate
12	Single

Breakdown of Membership by Category, 2009

I feel that the change to the membership structure has improved the health of this club **resulting in an increase of 12% of the total membership income over last year and a 41% increase in new members.** I also feel that we could increase the number of younger members even more by lowering the “Intermediate” cost to 50% of “Active”. That, of course, is a decision that the general membership must make.

As we cannot be sure how much of an effect extraneous factors had on the improvement, I would like to recommend that we continue with this structure for another year. Although external factors cannot be eliminated the effect of the closing of a marina will have passed. Another assessment could be made at the end of next year

## Letter of Thanks

by Trevor Waller

Here is just one of a number of letters I have received from kids sponsored in the Junior Sailing Program through your donations to the Chris Waller Memorial fund.

Dear Members,

Thank you very much for sponsoring me to go to Sailing School at the Bay of Quinte Yacht Club. I was able to achieve two levels, White sail 1 and 2. I had a lot of fun and met some great people. Hopefully I can go back again next year.

Thanks again for your generosity.

Mathew Mitchell

My thanks to you all for supporting this program.

# The Greatest Katie Gray Ever

by Andy Thomson

Well, maybe not quite, but it sure was a good one. The weather was perfect, the winds challenging, and the participation was great with 33 boats entered representing all four Bay of Quinte area yacht clubs. We had record participation at all the social events with 75 people participating in the Friday night barbeque at BQYC, 106 tickets sold for the prize giving dinner at PEYC and 65 folks cooking steaks on Sunday night back at BQYC.

Congratulations to Peter Aker in Tiger Niles for winning the Katie Grey Trophy and to Hazel Lloyst in HotFlash for capturing the Bill Burns Memorial Trophy for the White Sail Division. In Sunday's return race, Matt Jeffs was the runaway winner of the Binnacle Trophy in JustinTime and Brian Credico captured the Katie Grey Jib Hank Trophy by single-handedly winning the White Sail Division.

Many people contributed to making this a great weekend and I'd like to thank them all. Vicky Vachon, the Fleet Captain at PEYC, worked with me to ensure that everything ran smoothly at both ends of the race and also managed to organize a record PEYC participation with 9 Picton boats racing and 30 Picton sailors joining us for dinner.



*The Start of the Katie Gray 2009*

Kristine Davis organized the Friday night barbeque at BQYC with help from the crew of Beowulf and Martina Escudero-Wolf. Jack and Pat Press provided the starting line with their yacht Nereide and sent us off down the Bay. Doreen Hunt finished us up in Picton and recorded all the finishing times, no easy task considering that there was almost two hours between the first and last boats. Roger Poultney got the results done in time for us to present the awards at the dinner. Dennis Payne, the manager at BQYC organized the prize giving dinner and the DJ on Saturday and a surprisingly large number of people had enough energy after a 7 hour race to still dance the night away.



Vicky Vachon started us off on Sunday morning on her yacht Rebel 3 and Gord Smith provided the finish line, recorded the finish times and did the final results.

The BQYC Shark fleet hosted the Sunday night barbeque and special thanks to Martina and Miguel Escudero, Rob and Kim Lander, Keith and Cassandra Tyers and Patricia Phillips for their efforts.

And Susan Smith helped everywhere, with the Friday night barbeque, the Sunday dinner, finding the trophies, making the dinner tickets and providing ongoing advice and support.

Thank you all. It was a great weekend in every way!

# News from the Bar

by Trevor Waller

Hello Members! On September 18th I sent out an e-mail reminding you all of the procedures used to manage Bar accounts. As stated in our policies and practices manual under Bar, section 5, it states that all Bar accounts are to be paid in full within thirty days. Overdue accounts are subject to interest charges and all privileges suspended until account is paid. Also, all Bar accounts must be paid in full before our fiscal year end of September 30th. My sincere thanks to all of you who responded to my request and settled your accounts. However, there are a number of you who have not yet done this. I would ask of you all once again, please do so as soon as possible.

We will be starting winter hours on Sunday November 1st. From then, we will be closed Sundays and Mondays until April. However if any of you would like to put on a winter boredom get-together on a Sunday e.g. Super Bowl, or maybe to watch some of the Olympics, I would be more than happy to try to accommodate your request.

Saturday October 24th Pool starts, or Snooker, which ever you wish to play. It's just for fun, and all are welcome. Play starts at 1:00 pm.

That's it for now: see you at the A.G.M. **Please keep in mind all accounts have to be paid in full to Vote.**

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# Entertainment at BQYC

by Pat Press

As I write this, Lift Out is in two weeks .. let's hope that all goes well for everyone and especially for Jack .. hopefully, no recurrences of Lift In!

Thank you to Dick and Nancy Press, and their crew, for their Ham on a Kaiser evening which was a sell out.

I would also like to thank Sandi and Bill Graham, and their crew, for the Black and White dinner which also was a sold out event.

Mark your calendar for the following events:

**Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> – Back Bacon on a Bun, coleslaw, dessert.**

**Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> – “Ein Prosit” an Oktoberfest evening.**

Other dates of interest:

**November 7<sup>th</sup> Cups and Flags**

**November 21<sup>st</sup> Commodore's Ball**

**December 4<sup>th</sup> Members' Christmas Party**

**December 13<sup>th</sup> the Children's Christmas Party**



## A Proposal for New Years Eve

Last year the “formal” New Year's Eve dinner/dance had to be cancelled due to a lack of numbers, so what we are proposing for this year is a BQYC “Pot Luck House Party”.

Bring along CD's of your choice of music to trip the light fantastic!

We also thought it would be a great idea to see if we could negotiate the use of a bus and driver to “ferry” members home. Obviously, there would be a fee involved, but we are hoping this could be kept to a minimum per person. This is just a “heads up” re. New Year's Eve, and I would welcome your comments.



# Picture Parade

by Richard Melvin

