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Commodore's Comments

It has been a wet summer but still it's better than shoveling it. In summary it was a great sailing season.

The racers had a terrific season and even let the ladies have their own race night.

BQYC was well represented at regattas in Kingston, Oshawa and the Katie Gray long distance race to Picton. Compliments go to the organizers as well as to **Kim and Rob Lander**.

This year we introduced to the cruisers the South Shore Cruise thanks to the Hartwells and the Stills. **Captain Doug Ritchie** organized a great club cruise ending in Gananoque at the Playhouse Theatre.

All of the board members have been busy this year putting on great dinners, improving the look of the club from grounds to house, to increased membership and a bar that might make a profit this year.

Many members of the board have served for a number of years and wish to take a breather for next year. If you would like to help out on the board next year, please step up and let **Past Commodore Les Ash** or myself know.

A few of our members have had health issues this year. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you.

Finally, the annual general meeting will be Nov. 27th. There will be some motions on membership dues. No, we're not

going to increase taxes – I mean membership fees - by 50 per cent! I get so confused by all this election talk. So, please come out to the AGM and make your VOTE COUNT!

Pat Holcombe, Commodore

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ABOUT LIFT-OUT

AN EARLY START, SATURDAY, OCT. 18TH

By Frank Scotti, Grounds Director

All members intending to store their boats on the club lawn this winter are required to register as required by the club's constitution. Cradles are to be erected on the club grounds no sooner than ONE WEEK before lift-out, which is scheduled for Saturday, October 18th.

In accordance with club policy and practice:
“a member hauling or launching a boat as part of the club's annual lift who does not, on or before the established registration dates, pay or make arrangements for payment of lift fees with the lift committee member responsible for collecting such fees, will be subject to a penalty of \$50.00 in addition to the payment of the usual fees.

In addition to the penalty noted above the member's boat may, at the discretion of the lift committee, be relocated to a different boat storage position in the current or future year, or placed in

the bottom of a waiting list for storage if the club's property cannot accommodate all storage requests.”

Any member wishing for the first time, to store their boat on club grounds, must indicate their desire in writing to the grounds director before the registration dates, in order to determine where or if they can be placed on club grounds.

In order to bring our records up to date, it will be necessary for all members lifting onto the club grounds to complete and sign a new release form and show proof of current insurance at the time of registration.

For the information of members lifting out, the formula used to determine their lift-out cost is the length of your vessel multiplied by \$9.00 per foot plus % GST plus \$25.00 for power wash plus \$50.00 crane deposit. Therefore, a 30-foot vessel would be $30 \times 9 = 270 + \%13.50 = \$283.50 + \$25.00 = \$308.50 + \$50.00 = \358.50 .

GUIDELINES FOR LIFT-OUT

IMPORTANT RULES FOR A SAFE OPERATION

By Frank Scotti, Grounds Director

- * WEAR A HARD HAT AND WORK GLOVES**
- * DO NOT ENCOURAGE SPECTATORS**
- * DO NOT BRING CHILDREN DOWN TO WATCH THE LIFT**
- * PERSONS NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH THE LIFT-OUT WILL BE RESTRICTED TO THE CLUB PATIO. THE LIFT COMMITTEE WILL STRICTLY ENFORCE THIS SO PLEASE STAND WELL CLEAR OF THE BOATS AT LIFT TIME.**

Before lift-out all cradles should be marked with the boats or the owner's name visible enough for the cradle crews to identify and mark the cradles, bow and stern.

Please ensure that your boat is ready for lift-out. Have your boat marked where you wish the slings to be placed and be sure you have a long bow and stern line attached prior to lift.

Never walk or position yourself under a suspended load or under the crane boom or boat at any time. Maintain a 10-foot or 3-meter distance away from the suspended load at all times. This rule applies to everybody.

A safety officer will be present overseeing the activities around the cranes to ensure safety procedures are followed. He will have the authority to stop any part of the lifting procedures if he deems it unsafe to proceed. Only assigned work crews are allowed in the crane area. During the time the owner's or designator's boat is being lifted they must stay in close proximity but away from the crane of the boat being lifted. *(Continued next page)*

About Lift Out *(Continued)*

Once the boat is lifted onto the cradle it is the owner's responsibility to determine if he is satisfied with the placement of the boat and pads and to say so to the crane operator's signalman. It is very important that you watch and listen to the signalman and lift foreman on your side of the grounds.

KATIE GRAY AT 40 **POPULAR LONG-DISTANCE RACE** **BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER**

By Rob Lander, Fleet Captain Sail

The Katie Gray race from Belleville to Picton has always been a highlight of the season and this year the 40th anniversary celebrations were particularly special.

The weekend commenced with a Friday night barbeque hosted by **Kim Lander**. Members welcomed visiting boaters from Prince Edward Yacht Club in Picton, Canadian Forces Base Trenton Yacht Club and Presquile Yacht Club.

The race started Saturday morning off Meyer's Pier with a light breeze from the south west. Thirty two yachts converged on the start line and those in the spinnaker divisions promptly hosted their chutes for the broad reach through the bay. Those boats that held to the north shore gained an early lead. The fleet eventually hardened up around Forrester's Island for the leg up Long Reach which, once again, was true to its name.

The first boats crossed the finish line in the mouth of Picton harbor some five hours after the start. *Just-in-Time* (**Matt Jeffs**) claimed line honors and first place in Division One. *Tiger Niles* (**Peter Aker**) was first in Division Two and *Blueheat* (**Robert Legate**) was first in the White Sail Division. With a strong turn out from the four local Bay of Quinte area yacht clubs, all clubs were well represented in the flag and trophy ceremony in Picton.

The return race to Belleville on Sunday was sailed in frustrating light and shifty winds after starting off the cement factory in Picton Bay. *Dog Party* (**Evan Sullivan**) sniffed out an early lead and went on to lead the rest of the pack.

Five hours into the race the fleet was still making its way up Long Reach. **Gord Smith** and **Roger Poultney** came to the

REMEMBER. THE DAY'S WORK IS NOT DONE UNTIL ALL BOATS HAVE BEEN LIFTED AND THE CRANES HAVE BEEN SHUT DOWN. OURS IS A SELF HELP CLUB AND IF YOU DISAPPEAR AFTER YOUR BOAT HAS BEEN LIFTED, YOUR FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS ARE FORCED TO CARRY THE EXTRA LOAD FOR YOU.

rescue of the fleet and shortened the race at Catalaque Shoal just short of Forrester's Island.

Dog Party held onto its Division One win. *Tiger Niles* was first in Division Two and *Blueheat* was first in the White Sail Division. In typical Bay of Quinte fashion the wind filled in from the west in the afternoon and gave the fleet a bumpy ride through Big Bay.

Full race results are available on the BQYC website. Special thanks to the race chair **Andy Thomson**.

At the awards dinner back at BQYC, **Dick Bird** hosted a very distinguished head table to mark the 40th anniversary celebration. The trophy that we now refer to as the Katie Gray trophy was donated by **Alex Robertson**, the first mayor of the newly declared city of Belleville in 1879.

It was very fitting, therefore, and an honor for which we are very grateful that **Mayor Ellis** could join the ceremony and be honorary commodore for the event. Also honored that evening were long-time club members **Dr. Ken Douglas**, the first winner of the Katie Gray race so long ago and **Peter Cox**.

On display that evening was a terrific history of the Katie Gray prepared by **Dick Bird**. Copies are still available at the club and are well worth the read.

The weekend celebration was capped off with the trophy ceremony, dinner and dance band. Thanks go to **Susan Smith** for her help in organizing the dinner and trophies.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sailing school's dinghy fleet needs annual check-up

By Nick Hancock

The Sailing School needs your help this winter. Well, its boats do.

During the past summer the fleet of dinghies and coach boats has been well used and resulted, once again, in another successful program. However, the intense use of mainly the tough little Nutshells and the Albacores has resulted in a few scrapes and dents that need to be fixed before the next sailing school season.

This is where we need your help. Time right now is on our side so there are ambitious plans to repair during the winter months two damaged Albacores, retrofit two of the Nutshells and possibly repair a damaged coach boat – the hard used “I’d Rather Be Sailing.”

The project got off to a good start this fall when Glenn Coates sorted out all of the dinghy masts and

built a rack to store them properly on the west side of the sailing school’s shed. Next comes reorganizing the shed into a winter workshop.

Last year a small group of members under the leadership of **John Boor** managed to retrofit four Nutshell dinghies in the shed. It proved to be a most worthwhile experience.

The dinghies sparkled; the camaraderie was first class and the rewards of doing a good job for the club and for young sailors was most rewarding.

So why not give it a shot this winter. Usually we work two to three hours in the morning about two days week. We hope to start this project after lift-out.

If you’re interested give me a call at 962-2730 or e-mail hancock@magma.ca

Sailing School News

Another good season for our young sailors

By Michael Krock, Sailing School Director

An enthusiastic group of children made the sailing school’s summer camp a happening place, with no shortage of high energy and laughter. The program was very active with many novices, as well as those returning from last year, hoping to obtain their next level.

The Bay of Quinte Yacht Club is the only organization in the Quinte area offering a sailing program up to and including Silver V1. This past season the Bronze V and Silver V1 levels, which also form the race team, were 95-100 per cent capacity.

Under the direction of race coach **Emerson Krock**, BQYC sent five boats with crew to compete in the Steerer’s Regatta at Port Credit Yacht Club. Four boats finished in the top ten, with the skipper/crew team of **Alex Lloyd/Mac Morrin** finishing second overall in the Laser 2 division and beating rivals from the Royal Hamilton YC, Island YC and Lake of Bays SC to name a few. Well done Mac and Alex!

BQYC also sent five boats with crew to the Youthfest Regatta (CORK) under the direction of race coach **Andrew McCreary**. Zephyrus did not cooperate, with only one race completed over the

two-day event and it was not to be for our club sailors.

The highlight of the regatta was when **Kyle Sudds** (grandson of member **Alfonse Micke**) was plucked from his boat by the Coast Guard as part of a safety drill. Kyle was then unceremoniously dropped into Lake Ontario and told to “act frightened”. Nobody could be certain if young Kyle was acting or not, but he put in a stellar performance and was eventually rescued by the Coast Guard. Way to go Kyle!

Family Fridays, which include a sail past and barbecue, were again popular. Thank you to all who helped, in particular skippers **Rick Belanger, Glenn Coates, Brian Credico, Pat Holcombe, Ted King, Bob Own, Wayne Peterson, Cliff Prentice and Daniel Sprague**.

The annual awards banquet was an evening of good company and good food. This year saw many students move up a level which bodes well for the future of BQYC’s sailing school. Thanks to the volunteers that helped with the regattas and the banquet. They were **Marianne Morrin, Brad and Ruth Aulthouse, Daniel and Lisa Sprague, Greg Sudds, Karen Coates, Robert McCreary and Tom McGarvey**. (Continued next page)

Sailing School News *(Continued)*

The summer camp averaged 95 per cent capacity through four sessions. Despite ongoing equipment challenges the children had fun while learning and improving on their sailing skills. In addition to students from the Quinte area there were children from Echo Bay, Toronto, Peterborough, Long Island, New York, also New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Dubai and Australia.

Early on in the summer program the school received a large shipment of line and rope of various sizes that allowed the instructors to replace much of the worn rigging. The shipment originated from

Holland Marine Products in Toronto and you may have noticed some HMP catalogues in the club. Thank you to **Peter Tielen**, proprietor of HMP, skipper of HMP and a BQYC member.


After 20 or so years the pier for the school dock started to look as though it might disappear into the Bay. Enter **Bruce Knutson**, who built the forms, mixed and poured the concrete for the new pier with the efforts of **Frank Scotti and Pat Holcombe** keeping everybody on their toes.. Thank you Bruce, Frank and Pat.

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Late News: Camp revenues this past summer were up 4.6 per cent and the Adult Learn To Sail program up a huge 91 per cent compared with last year. Mike says the number of ALTS participants was up considerably and the addition of a short second dinghy program increased revenue. Eight new members resulted from this year's ALTS program with two of them having boats and three others actively looking.

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Sailing on the Norfolk Broads

Peter and Jill Cox join celebrations ‘back home’ To commemorate ‘White Boats’ 100th birthday

We went to England to visit the Queen – well not really but we did have a little chat with her daughter!

Princess Anne

dropped in by helicopter, in between other engagements, to the Norfolk Broads Yacht Club to help celebrate the Centenary Regatta for the local class of sail boats called a Yare & Bure One Design.

Affectionately known as ‘White Boats’ they were first designed and built in Cantley on the River Yare in 1908 by **Ernest Woods**. He later moved to Horning on the River Bure where we lived. Peter was employed by Mr. Woods for several years and played a big part in building three of the craft.

The Ernest Woods boatyard in Horning was unique – rather ramshackle and with only one power tool – a band saw. This is where Peter learned his

carpentry skills – the hard way. Everything was fashioned by hand from wooden patterns. In fact Mr. Woods used only the best wood available including tree stumps that he left to rot knowing that in the centre was a perfectly shaped and seasoned piece of wood for the stem of a boat.

About the Centenary Regatta

The three-day White Boat Regatta had attracted 72 entries (68 competed) from various clubs around the Norfolk Broads. These boats are identical and any changes must be approved by the class association. The newer boats,

About the Norfolk Broads

The Broads, a more than 200-mile long system of inland waterways, are located on the east coast of England and about 100 miles north of London. They were formed about a thousand years ago when peat was dug for use as fuel for heating and cooking. Over the centuries water levels rose and the peat diggings became flooded creating shallow lakes or ‘broads.’

though, no longer have wooden hulls but you cannot tell a fiberglass hull from a wooden one.

What is also so amazing about this fleet is that numbers 2, 4, 7, 9 and 11 etc. race very competitively

with number 130! (The fiberglass mould was taken off hull # 13.)

Another interesting feature is that they are named after butterflies although there are a few exceptions including one that Peter helped to build in the Class Jubilee Year – Golden Jubilee.

Wroxham Broad, venue for the regatta and home of the NBYC, would be considered a large pond in Canada; it’s approximately 0.75 kilometers long and just under 0.5 kilometers wide. Yet it produces some very fine sailors which make the White Boat class very competitive. Try to imagine 68 20-ft boats with bowsprits and overhanging booms racing in this small area!

However, they managed beautifully and in almost complete silence since there has to be a lot of give and take.

The huge fleet had been put into four groups, two groups combining in each race for the two starts five minutes apart. The pairing was changed for each

race so that everybody had a chance to race against everybody else. At times there were boats going in all directions! The weather was lovely though – sunshine and a very light breeze. What a sight – white butterflies everywhere.

HRH, the Princess Royal, presented the prizes. The final engraving had been done after the last race and the first six overall crews received a glass tankard with the name and number of their boat on it.

Amazingly, Yare & Bure #2 was the winner: a wooden boat, 100 years old and still going strong. **J.C.**



With so many boats the fleet is divided into four groups, then combining for two starts. At the start line the centre of the broad is less than a km wide



Number 61 was formerly Peter and Jill’s White Boat

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Patrick celebrates his win at the Viking 28 Regatta in Picton.

Why we can't have a 'Bring Your Own Wine' endorsement

By Susan Smith, Bar Director

Some members have asked about the club's 'Bring Your Own Wine' policy. After checking it out we have been advised that we are not eligible for this designation.

A BYOW endorsement authorizes the holder of a liquor sales license for a restaurant or for a banquet room located in a hotel or motel to permit patrons to bring unopened bottles of commercially made wine into the restaurant or banquet room, to which the license applies, for their own consumption. However, a restaurant employee must open the wine, as would be the case if the patron had purchased the wine from the establishment. Also, the wine must have its manufacturer's seal intact when presented for opening.

This endorsement is only available to restaurants and banquet rooms as set out in the regulations: *'banquet room' means either a self contained premises or a specific area within a licensed*

premises whose primary use is for private social functions booked in advance. Only banquet rooms located in a hotel or motel are eligible for a BYOW endorsement.

'Restaurant' means a premises or portion of a premise to which a liquor license applies that is primarily used for the sale and service of meals for consumption by patrons seated at tables but does not include:

- (a) banquet room*
- (b) premises where liquor is served under a caterer's endorsement*
- (c) premises located on the property of a post-secondary educational institution.*

Finally, a caterer's endorsement may not be used in conjunction with a BYOW endorsement.

So, as we do not qualify as a restaurant or banquet facility we are not eligible for this designation.

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HOW TO ENTER

Treasure Hunt deadline is close

Deadline for entries to the club's Treasure Hunt is Saturday, Oct. 18th – Lift Out Day!

Soon afterwards the winners will be identified, prizes acquired and commemorative plaques made up for presentation at the Rib Night planned for Friday, October 24th.

It's easy to enter. Just write down your answers to the clues on a sheet of paper remembering to include your name and the name of your boat. Then, write down the clue numbers in a list number one to eight or one to 12 if you went the whole way. Your answer should be after each number.

For example:

Name: Chucky Clueless

Boat: JustaCork

1. I don't know

2. Didn't get that one
3. Give me a hint
4.

...and so on. Hopefully, you will have done better than the above!

Pop your entry into an envelope, include a cheque for \$5.00 payable to the Bay of Quinte Yacht Club, mark the envelope FAO Cliff Prentice or Alistair Thomson and leave it with the bar staff.

You will be informed if you are a winner, or are in a tie-break situation before Rib Night. If you want to attend the social event please ensure that you have acquired your ticket for the meal. The \$5.00 is just the entry fee for the Treasure Hunt. Finally, if you are a winner and cannot attend – don't worry. You will still receive your prize and plaque.

Visiting Boaters to BOYC

Our bar, club house and grounds all get plaudits

Hi, it's your friendly dock master Trev reporting summer docking news.

June 4th saw our first visitors and they were a little later this year due to the closure of the Murray Canal. However, we made up for it by docking 207 boats until September 7th. The majority of those visitors stayed two nights and the average length of the boats was 32 feet.

For my own interest I asked our guests how they enjoyed our club and the facilities we offer. Without

exception the response was wonderful; they commented favorably on our bar, club house and grounds. The members and staff made them feel very welcome. It was very nice to hear this. Thank you all!

In closing I would be remiss if I did not sincerely thank our retired dock master **Wayne Peterson** who filled in for me when I needed a break. **Trevor Waller**.

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AROUND & ABOUT

THE TRILLIUM COACH BOAT!

Our application for a Trillium grant was successful so next year we can expect to see a much needed addition to the small fleet of coach boats belonging to our club's sailing school. A new, proper coach safety boat, with motor, that can carry six students will provide instructor-coaches with much needed equipment allowing them to respond quickly and efficiently to an emergency on the water.

It should be noted that the Trillium Foundation had great appreciation for the assistance provided by the Waller Fund in contributing to the accessibility of the sailing program. Thank you Trevor.

Stalwart point man on this project was **Cliff Prentice**. Cliff began work on the application in November 2007. Congratulations Cliff and thank you.
M.K.

FUND RAISER FOR HOSPICE QUINTE

Remember the successful fund raiser a few years ago for the Easter Seals' campaign? At a recent board meeting **Dick Bird**, a director of Hospice Quinte made a presentation to organize a similar fund raiser next year as part of the Burrows Regatta. Currently the Hospice supports about 350

people with 120 volunteers. All proceeds raised by Hospice Quinte remain in the area and will help in the fund raiser to purchase a house. The board agreed with the proposal but it needs to be approved by next year's board.

20th ANNIVERSARY FOR TREVOR WALLER FUND

The BQYC sailing program is open to the public and thus benefits the community at large. Of particular interest, for those who are unaware, is the support received from **Trevor Waller** in this regard.

Trevor is the trustee of the Chris Waller Memorial Fund which has entered its 20th year of providing support to children who would not otherwise be able to attend the camp offered by the BQYC sailing school. This year four students were able to attend

with the help of the fund, two of whom were returnees from last year and are progressing in their levels.

You may recall that the fund had already contributed to the purchase of buoyancy bags for our dinghies. Thank you Trevor for your continuing effort and support.
M.K.



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

You may have noticed a few new faces around the club lately. There are seven new members who joined after their introduction through the Adult Learn to Sail program, and three new junior

members who have been attending the sailing school for the past three years. Be sure to say “Hello” and share some stories.

M.K.

MORE BAR NEWS

Bar Director **Sue Smith** reports that the club is booked for functions every Saturday in November and into early December. Also, she has recently received five inquiries for dates in the

summer months of next year. Finally, starting November 2nd, the club will be closed on Sundays and Mondays until April next year.



Heading South! It's been in the planning stages all year but shortly after the Labour Day weekend two club boats left Belleville and started the long distance cruise south to warmer climes. For Dennis and Sandy Gil it will be a first time experience; John Boor, who is going solo, has done the trip before; at least 5,000nm there and back!

We wish them warm winds and a safe voyage