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DYC Breeze

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Work Commences on Port Dalhousie Piers
(St. Catharines Standard, February 10, 2019)



Sunset
Dining Room Hours
Wed thru Sat
Noon to 9 p.m.

WANTED

Volunteers for the positions of
House Chair and *Yard Chair*
Contact Simon Krall, Commodore
if you are interested in either of
these board positions.



Vice Commodore's Report ...

(by Richard Nowina)

Noticeable changes are in play at DYC, administratively and physically. All very positive for the long term.

First off, members are getting better invoices and statements, some apparently for the first time ever. A few members have sent in congratulatory notes upon receiving accurate statements. Some members have queries about details. These we're dealing with and adjusting and correcting if necessary and most importantly -- promptly.

Lew Holloway is doing a phenomenal job. He has learned Quick Books fast and has taken on the task of member invoicing and statements on top of the usual treasurer's job. Some hiccups in a few invoices were due to poor record keeping. We are working on these issues with Tracey Cookson and Leigh Brown's efforts to link and correct our databases.

Also, some great news: we are on the verge of offering members the ability to pay their invoices through Interac transfers. Members using this option will have proof of payment for their records.

During January and February, we completed some major repairs to the building, electrical, plumbing, flooring and kitchen and bar equipment repairs, which have been largely done through Rossco's leadership and team. The two old oil furnaces had been operating on life support: one is now shutdown and the remaining unit, while keeping a large part of the club adequately warm, needs to be replaced. After a thorough review of options, the board has voted to replace these old HVACs with a new slightly larger capacity propane furnace. This project includes sheet metal work to connect the two separate air circulation systems. The work is planned for the mild weather when heating needs diminish and prior to cooling demand.

Another big task ahead is preparing for a new roof or at least a significant part of a new roof. The club has been aware for some time that the roof needed attention. Rossco and crew are looking at the options. At least partly, professionals are expected to be required.

I'm sure you are wondering, "Can we afford it?" We can and must and we need to be careful. One solution is to reduce the amount of money owed by members to the club. Partly our prior poor invoicing process left members in the dark about how much was due and when. If DYC didn't send out accurate and timely invoices, we should not have expected to receive the money. As well, members, whose account is in arrears, will now be getting monthly statements. Boating

members will not receive slip assignments unless payment plans are in place to pay down the accounts. Finally, we are also expecting a significant HST rebate for the monies paid out last year for the repairs to docks and washrooms. While these expenses were covered by DYC's insurance, HST was paid to contractors and this will be recovered in 2019.

Tom Schulz and I made an appointment to tour the Bronte Construction site. We watched as new seawall was being installed and saw the west wall of the canal being prepared for new stone work and grouting. Bronte has a full crew and workers have brought in additional equipment to install the seawall from both ends. We have been assured that the area will be ready and clear for docks in.

Lastly, the office! The revamped phone system allows the office to be less open than usual at this time of year. Club office phone messages are immediately forwarded to my cell phone and I will do my best to ensure a prompt follow up. Payments can be mailed or given to the bar staff.

This should not be a major inconvenience during the early spring. Our apologies but we need time to sort out the situation and do some planning. One suggestion from members is that we revive the "officer of the day" programme. Let us know if you're willing to participate.

We need to understand what went wrong, fix the backlog and figure out where we go from here. The board is stepping up to cover the administrative aspects of the club. Effective club administration is more complex than would seem to the casual observer. Divide up the tasks and conquer is the plan. The key to success is intensive communications within the board to cover the bases. Once we are caught up I believe the administrative role needs to be carefully rethought.

There is still lots to do and volunteers are absolutely essential, especially this year, for getting the club, grounds and docks ready for launch.

Please volunteer and continue the tradition that founded our club in 1937.

Cheers,

Richard





Commodore's Report ...

(by Simon Krall)

A massive thanks goes out to Richard Nowina and Lew Holloway for stepping forward in the absence of John Brown. I am grateful for the work the entire board (and Edward Fox) have mustered over the last month. Moving forward, I am very optimistic about the current direction of the club.

The community of Port Dalhousie is developing quickly, especially considering the recent announcement of Rankin purchasing the Union Waterfront/Port Place project. This is a tremendous positive step forward for the future of DYC.

In the immediate future, we are re-examining the responsibilities of the Club Manager position as to best plan our next steps. In the meantime, I am confident that we will see an improvement with communications and invoicing. Thank you, Richard.

Lastly, I must regretfully inform the membership that Peter Reed has stepped down as Yard Chair. Unfortunately, his work responsibilities have expanded to the point where he feels he no longer can contribute as a member of the board.

So currently, the seats of House Director and Yard Director are vacant. The board is seeking the help of two hard working members to assist the board in managing these responsibilities.

In a nutshell, the House Chair is responsible for the club building and overseeing maintenance and repairs when needed. This director also has the pleasure of working with the Restaurant and Entertainment Chair.

The Yard Director is responsible for making sure the yards are maintained and secured properly, and that all boats and possessions within are properly stored and paid for. Importantly, the Yard Chair works with the board at supervising Haul In and Haul Out.

In both of these positions, the incumbent should organize volunteers and create communications that help involve the membership in completing their plans and projects.

Interested members can contact myself or Richard Nowina to express their willingness to help DYC and work as a Director on the Board. It is not expected that you start these positions from scratch. The board will share its knowledge, experience, policies and procedures with you so that carrying out one's responsibilities will go as smoothly as possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Simon



Dock Chair Report ...

(by Wendy Northcotte)

It is not too early to start getting excited as our new boating season approaches. Members with dock deposit paid will have their docks assigned.

'Docks In' has been scheduled for Saturday, April 27. This is a change. It was noticed that Saturday, April 20 is Easter weekend. It was decided that waiting a week is the preferred course.

I have been working on a job description and procedural manual for the Dock Chair position, with the assistance of Larry Richardson. A comprehensive list of the tasks associated with preparation for and carrying out of Docks In day has been compiled which identifies specific volunteer positions. It will be posted in early April and you will have the opportunity to volunteer for specific jobs prior to the day.

It is important throughout the year that, when you notice things which require attention, you advise the appropriate chair so that need can be addressed. For example, I have been advised that the Learn to Sail dock is in need of attention. We look to addressing this issue when the weather warms and before the sailing program begins.

Wendy





Treasurer's Report ...

(By Lew Holloway)

There have been a lot of changes since my last report. Some hard decisions had to be made and we are currently going through a transition that will significantly benefit the club on a go-forward basis. There are many benefits and opportunities in having members taking ownership and being in charge of their own club. Richard Nowina has taken on the time-consuming and challenging task of coordination lead.

After becoming familiar with QuickBooks, and reading lots of emails, it quickly became apparent that invoices and statements were not being sent out to most of you. We are working every day to remedy that situation. In many cases the information is not correct or emails addresses are wrong or missing. Leigh Brown, Tracey Cookson, Valerie Jack and their team have been working diligently to update the roster and provide me with the information to update QB. Valerie is also working hard on the arrangements for our summer cruises.

In future, you will receive your invoices in a timely manner and monthly statements will be sent out to all those who have outstanding balances. Invoices and statements will be sent out by email so if we do not have a correct email address for you, you will not receive these documents.

If you have not received an invoice or statement, or if you feel your information may be wrong, please email me: treasurer@dalhousieyachtclub.com

All of the board members are working hard in their area of responsibility and we are, as a club, very fortunate to have such dedication. Many positive things are happening and I think we have turned the corner.

Happy sailing,

Lew



From the Editor's Desk ...

(By Brenda Hazlewood)

"I wanna go back to the island,
Where the shrimp boats tie up to the pilings..."

Weather can be our friend or our enemy. As I sit at my computer preparing The Breeze, winds are howling at 110 to 120 km/hr here in Port Dover. The flooded roads downtown are all closed as Lake Erie has blown ashore. We are currently safe at the north end of town, on the high land. We just read that the ice boom on the Niagara River has broken and ice is pushing up on the river banks. And I have read reports that Lake Ontario's water level is high once again.

We left The Bahamas, after our absolutely wonderful five week stay on Green Turtle Cay, Abaco, on February 12. However, icy runways in Toronto prevented our landing there and we were diverted to Quebec City. Continued flight delays and cancelations due to weather resulted in our being stranded there until February 15. This would have been delightful as Quebec Carnival was in high swing. However, our winter clothing and boots were in our car in Toronto and I only had flip flops and light cotton boat shoes for my feet. So, when we were not sitting in the airport waiting for flights that would ultimately be cancelled, we sat in our hotel room, eating popcorn, drinking beer and wine and watching TV. Lesson learned for next year's trip.

However, we are sailors: when Mother Nature throws her worst at us, we adjust our sails, change our course and look forward fairer winds and weather. We look forward to seeing you all soon. **And as Capt'n Bill would say, "Only 58 days until Boats In!"**

Brenda



Meet the Youth Sailing School Committee ...

(by Erin Sharpe)

Hi there! We wanted to take a minute to introduce ourselves to the membership. Here is a picture of us! From left to right, we are Sarah Essig, Chris Essig, Wendy Atkins, and Erin Sharpe, and we are your new Youth Sailing School Committee!

You may not recognize us because we are somewhat new members to DYC. Sarah, Chris, Erin and Peter Sharpe are the new owners of Cariad, Brian Morgan's boat. Wendy Atkins is a social member of the club. We have all had children who have participated in sailing school over the years, and Wendy's daughter Avery was an instructor in the program last year. And fun fact: Sarah was a DYC sailing school instructor back in the day! And in the 1960s her grandfather, Colin Johnston Sr., was club Commodore.



So far, we are having a lot of fun planning the 2019 summer season. Right now we are focused on hiring and registration. After this, we will shift our focus to tending to the fleet and updating the policies and procedures manual. Always, we are open to suggestions from the membership about how to make the youth sailing school program better. If you have ideas, please email us at sailing.school@dalhousieyachtclub.com

We would also like to invite members to come and visit the sailing school through the summer, as part of our "Member's Visits" series. There is a huge amount of sailing knowledge in this club, and it would be great to expose the young sailors to it. If you want to come in and talk about some great sailing trips you have been on, discuss rigging or racing, weather and safety, or anything else - please let us know!

Finally, we are working on building up the sailing school instructional library. If you have any sailing manuals or anything else that could be used for instruction that you no longer use, please let us know and we'll be happy to recirculate it as a sailing school resource!

Erin



Membership & Communications ...

(by Tracey Cookson)

The board invites all members to come out to the Information Night, April 11, at 7 p.m., for a full update on the changes in the office. As well we will be introducing our new LTS committee and Edward and Emily's new chefs.

Updates on the harbour projects will also be provided and membership cards will be ready for pick up!

Our entertainment director, Ted, will share the up and coming club events.

Exciting times ahead - we are looking forward to 2019.

Tracey



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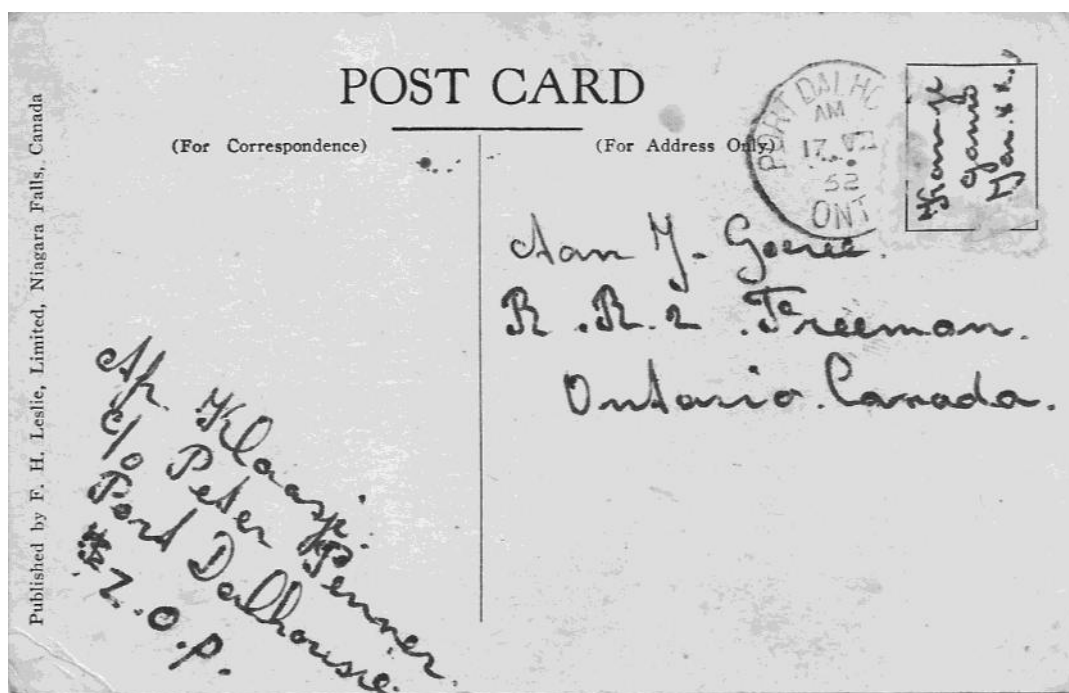
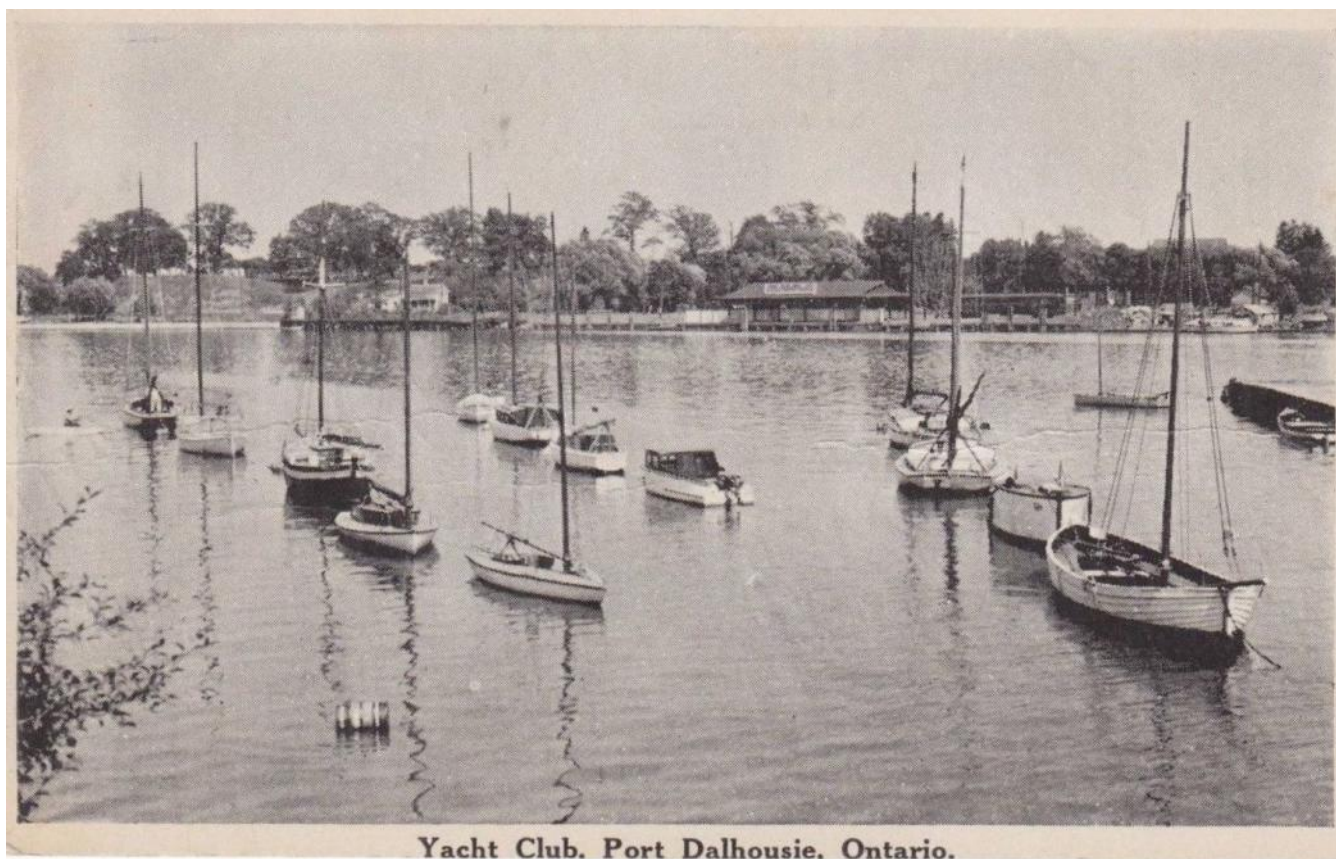




History Matters ...

(by Dan Sundy)

You have seen this postcard of DYC boats before, in History Matters. It was produced by Frank H. Leslie, a newspaper editor and publisher from Niagara Falls ON. It is the original picture for the enlargement, hanging in the dining room.



We have acquired an original card, c.1940, to display with the enlargement. The reverse of the card has the, now retired, Port Dalhousie post office cancellation stamp.



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2 Piece Muskoka Craft Lager Beer Battered OR Lemon Butter Baked Haddock

OR

Dalhousie Shepherd's Pie

Braised Beef, Ground Beef, Carrots, Peas, Sour Cream Whipped Potatoes

3rd Course

Irish Coffee Cake With Bailey's Irish Cream Anglaise

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Ahoy Maties

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Spaces are limited so please sign up ASAP

This year's exciting cruises are as follows:

Canada Day Weekend

Alexandra Yacht Club

June 28 - July 1

Tuscarora Yacht Club

July 12 - 14

Ashbridges Bay Yacht Club

July 26 - 28

Civic Holiday Weekend

Etobicoke Yacht Club

August 2 - 5

Lakeshore Yacht Club

August 23 - 25

Sign up at the Club or online under Events



Around the Club ...

Photo by Len McIntosh

Taken the morning of February 20:
The activity level is very high and
they have lots of heavy equipment
on site.

Photo by Val Jack
Fireside Cards Night ...
Without the fire,
freezing inside the club



Photo below by Nancy Lewis
Mardi Gras party at the club





(Photo right and below by Nancy Lewis)





Mardi Gras ...

(Photos by Nancy Lewis)









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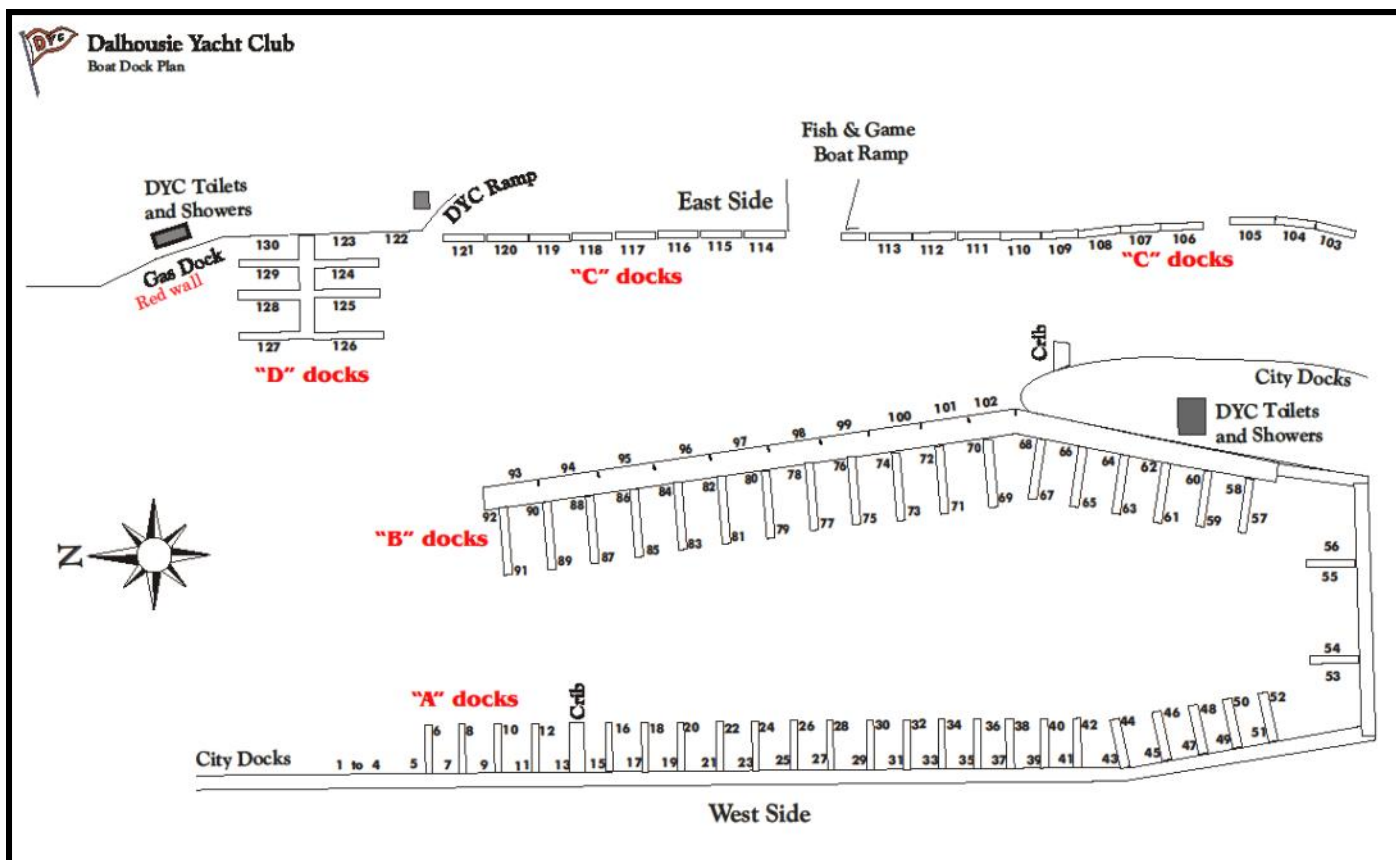
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DYC Calendar of Events

March 2019

[Check the DYC website calendar for details and times](#)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6 <i>Fireside Cards Night</i>	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 <i>Fireside Cards Night</i>	14	15	16 <i>St. Patrick's Day Party</i>
17	18	19	20 <i>Fireside Cards Night</i>	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 <i>Fireside Cards Night</i>	28	29	30 <i>Winemaker's Dinner</i>
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April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 <i>Fireside Cards Night</i>	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 <i>Fireside Cards Night</i>	11 <i>Information Night 7 p.m.</i>	12	13
14	15	16	17 <i>Fireside Cards Night</i>	18	19	20 <i>Easter Dinner</i>
21	22	23	24 <i>Fireside Cards Night</i>	25	26	27 DOCKS IN
28	29	30				