



December 2018

DYC Breeze

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The 2018 Christmas Decorating Team

Back (left to right): Joy Bowman, Betty Bellhouse, Pam Nowina,
Diane Schulz, Judy Riches

Front: Joyce Hildebrandt, Joanne Sundy, Patti-Jo Chambers

Sunset
Dining Room
Hours
Wed thru Sat
Noon to 9 p.m.
Club closed
January,
reopening
February 6





Vice Commodore's Report ...

(by Richard Nowina)

To begin with I want to express my appreciation to the 2019 members of the board, both experienced and new. The newer members have thrown themselves into their assigned roles with a clear intent to make a difference.

At the November Board meeting, the first for new members, we had a guest speaker, Lisa Roddie of Ontario Sailing, who presented an excellent outline of OSA's "Coast" Programme. This offering is designed to assist clubs: to improve governance, to ensure appropriate policies and procedures are in place, to connect with the community, to effectively manage programmes such as LTS, and to generally improve safety and service delivery. The board expressed strong interest in how the programme would help DYC.



The Coast programme is going to be important to help the club improve its governance, to become more safety conscious, more cost effective, and to be more transparent. As part of this, a big thank you to Larry Richardson who has volunteered to write up the tasks needed to maintain the club in a safe and timely manner. Members and some staff have done this work over the years but rarely recorded what is done, why and when. These tasks, when written up as Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs,) will better enable us to understand the "what and why" of daily and seasonal activities. Over time, better and safer practices will become apparent.

One of the activities we need to continue to focus on is the safety of Launch and Haul-out operations. The club has made progress in improving procedures in recent years. However, an incident in A yard this October tells us have more work to do. Launch and Haul-out are an industrial operations and safety must be paramount. This is a learning experience.

The club is closely following the status of the pier repair project as this is a critical project. We had expected the work to begin in November. The bid deadline is closed, and tenders have been opened, however, there has been no public announcement by the federal government. We are working to ensure that the city and DFO understand it is crucial to have A dock back in place in early April.

During the non-sailing season, there is a great deal of unseen work being done which will enhance the club overall. Some of this is cosmetic, e.g., the Clubhouse which has had a thorough professional cleaning of the carpets, boardroom, and washrooms. I can *smell clean* - the musty odour is gone.

My best wishes to all and Seasons Greetings,

Richard



Found in Tofino by Richard and Pam Nowina ...
Wee Billy's Cousin



Treasurer's Report ...

(By Lew Holloway)

Since joining DYC three years ago, Tracy and I have been warmly welcomed and we have met some truly wonderful people. The Club cruises to Toronto, Fifty Point and Smugglers' Cove have been awesome and we look forward to each one next year. Valerie and Dale Jack are true wonders and make the cruises so much fun.

When Richard Nowina approached me this year at Fifty Point to ask if I would take over the Treasurer's role, how could I say no to a Club that has already given us so much; and Richard can be very persuasive. We subsequently spent quite a few hours discussing the Club's finances and expectations. It was during those discussions that I realized what an amazing job Richard has done over the past four years and he has left me with rather large shoes to fill. I am extremely pleased that he is staying on the Board as Vice-Commodore.

Richard and I both agree that there is still much work to be done. I look forward to working with the Board to build on the great work that has already been done.

Thank you for providing me with the privilege to serve as your Treasurer.

Lew



From the Editor's Desk ...

(By Brenda Hazlewood)

It seems that our seasons went straight from summer to winter. I didn't even have time to have my winter tires mounted before the first treacherous snowfall hit, surprising even the county roads staff. There were many road closures and accidents and I found myself on a road with snow covered black ice, that had had no traffic. I swerved and corrected at least 10 times and survived a white-knuckle drive home that evening, barely avoiding a trip into the ditch.

And now, as we prepare for Christmas, we look forward to seeing all of you at the club's annual Christmas party.

Due to the holiday season, please email your submissions (reports, articles, photos, etc.) for the **January** issue to me at breeze@dalhousieyachtclub.com **by the 20th of December**. Remember that The Breeze is published every month, all year round.

We will be away in January when the February edition of The Breeze will be published. Dan Sundy has once again *volunteered* to publish this issue in my absence. So, please send your submissions for the **February** issue, by January 25th, to Dan at

history@dalhousieyachtclub.com

 * To you, our dear friends *
 * As this year soon ends *
 * We wish you and all you hold dear *
 * Love, peace and good health *
 * And your share of life's wealth *
 * Merry Christmas and happy New Year! *
 * *****

Brenda and Paul





Membership & Communications ...

(by Tracey Cookson)

With the holidays just around the corner, I would like to extend a Merry Christmas to all DYC members. The boating season sure seems to sail by fast doesn't it? But thankfully, we have a warm clubhouse in which to get together and share stories, enjoy each others company by the crackling fire and watch the snow fall.

The Breeze gives us all the opportunity to catch up on events, activities, projects and developments in and around the harbour. More so, it allows me the chance to give special mention to members like you! This issue goes out to of fantastic group of social members. I'm truly impressed by your participation at the club and all that happens off the water. Whether it's decorating the clubhouse for the holidays, or enjoying the parties and dancing the night away, your contributions make us who we are. There are many ways to make the most of your membership and if you haven't already, please know that your helping hands and the ideas you may have are welcomed. The more the merrier! Be sure to follow us on social media and keep informed through the events tab on our website, or simply send an email to share your thoughts: membership@dalhousieyachtclub.com

Having only been members for two years, my husband and I are grateful to have met so many new friends through the club and we are proud to share DYC with you, and to be part of "Niagara's best kept secret!"

UPDATE: Be sure to stop in for a bite and check out our professionally cleaned clubhouse! The carpets have been steam cleaned and everything is fresh and ready for the holidays! Drawing on that, I would like to see if together we can make this year's Christmas Party one to remember! Let's try for a sell out: invite friends, wear your dancing shoes and feast on what we know will be an exceptional meal from Ed and Derek. *(They really do spoil us don't they!)*

Make your reservations early by emailing: reservations@dalhousieyachtclub.com

Or visit the EVENTS tab on our website for more information and a direct link to reservations.

Wishing you and yours a joyful holiday season.

Tracey



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Ladder Safety ...

(by Simon Krall, Commodore)

I found myself reading a workplace safety memo at work and felt prompted to remind members to be safe during the off season. In particular, please be careful when using ladders to get on and off your boat:

- identify potential hazards in your area
- secure your ladder -- tie it to a stanchion base at the very least
- keep areas clear of clutter.

There have been a number of ladder accidents in the past so I hope that everyone will take their time and **be careful**. Please lock up your ladders so that your ladder doesn't wander off, or uninvited guests are not tempted to use it to inspect the insides of your boat. Lastly, **please lock the gate when you leave**.

Thank you,

Simon





Digital Director's Report ...

(by Leigh Brown)

I would like to thank everyone for making Club Life at DYC all that we had hoped for... and more. When Leah and I first decided to purchase a sailboat, we didn't know which marina we would stay with. I was lucky enough to chat up Keith Moore one day while walking by the club. He got me in touch with Thomas Lynam for my first Wednesday night race on their old boat *HIP HIP*, (at the time, a 27 foot Grampian.) After the race, I met Mike MacLean and have been a racing crew member of *Precious Time* ever since.



Mike and Lorie are the reason we became club members back in 2017. Not only did they take us on our first over night cruise to Toronto Island as guest on their boat, but this year we traveled in our first flotilla to the far side of the lake to Bay of Quinte. When things didn't go as planned, they didn't even give it a second thought and towed us out of the Murray and, in and out of marinas as we made our way back home with no power. It's members like Mike and Lorie MacLean and Doug and Patty Chambers (who also helped on our adventure home from Bay of Quinte) who make this club a great place to be.

Secondly, I've been working on a number of projects such as updating our website, application forms, surveys and just about anything else I can convert from paper to digital and what I've found is there is a ton of work to be done :) It is more than I can do on my own and so I would like to create a digital committee. Greg Ballinger has already volunteered and we would like to add a few more committee members to get some key projects underway and in place before the boats go back in. That way we can spend more time in front of the helm than in front of the screen :)

Please send me a note if your are at all interested in helping with any of the following:

- programming
- writing
- data entry
- quality assurance
- graphic design
- video editing
- administration
- marketing
- etc.

Thanks again to you all for making our short time here at Dalhousie Yacht Club fantastic. I know that it's because of you that we will be here for a long time to come.

Leigh





History Matters ...

(by Dan Sundy)

Santa Arrives for Children's Christmas Party 2000

(by Bjorn Christensen)

The boat was my old shark named *Summerbreeze*. I raced her at the club for about 17 years. One of those photos appeared in the St Catharines Standard at the time.

The chap on the foredeck is Bruce Lance to whom I sold the boat. He was a DYC member at the time. Santa Claus is a member by the name of Jim Donald. Rod Johnstone is in the companionway. You may remember Rod as a longtime DYC member and former Board member.

Yours truly is at the helm to guide Santa in, for the kids' Christmas party.

Bjorn





2018 Racing at DYC ...

(by Larry Hildebrandt)

November 17th was the date of our Racers' Banquet, where all of our fastest sailors got together to honour those who are at the front of the pack. Racing gets boats out on the water, it forces you to go out on nights that are a little nasty or when there is no wind at all, but that is when you really learn how to sail. Windless Wednesday's dominated the start of our season with the summer turning into one of the sunniest in recent memory.

There are a few rules to our racing here where safety is the only thing taken seriously. You follow the rules of racing (if you know them,) you shall not run out of beer, and you always go to the club afterwards. A big part of Wednesday night racing is bellying up to the bar where etiquette demands that you congratulate the winners as well as buy a round of drinks for your crew.

Racing is a vital part of this club. Every Wednesday night one boat brings in a prize that is then raffled off. Over \$2,000 was raised, some went into a new GPS for Brutus, but the majority went towards Junior Sailing.

We are blessed with one of the most dedicated and faithful Race Committees I've ever seen. These people come out every week, good weather or bad, lumpy seas or flat calm to allow us the privilege of racing. Thanks go out to: Lloyd Burton (who has fixed up and kept Brutus running better than any car I have ever owned), Len McIntosh (who organizes and takes care of the Sunday/ Tuesday and Long Distance Races as well as Thursday night Pickin' on the Docks), Carole Parker, Lynne Kemp, Nancy Lewis (who takes and posts all of those beautiful pictures you see on Facebook), Debbie Rees and our Race Captain Ellen Ann Fowler (who has been doing this for the last 18 years or so).

Say, "Congratulations," to the top boats and trophy winners which were:



- Main & Jib Fleet – **Mariah** – Bjorn Christensen
- Spinnaker Fleet – **Northcaught** – Wendy Northcotte
- Kirby Fleet – **T-Bone** – Simon Krall
- Vicki Hull – Spinnaker - **Overkill** – Krystie Alexander
- Vicki Hull – Main & Jib – **Chimo** – Diane Baird
- Sunday / Tuesday Fun Racing – **Didgeridoo** – Chris Turner
- Long Distance Racing – **Wind Song** – Dave Thomas
- Most Improved Sailors – **Miss Guided** – Doug & Patti Chambers
- Overall Club Champion – **Northcaught** – Wendy Northcotte
- Love of Sailing – **Hip Hip** - Thomas Lynam

Thanks again to everyone who made this season a success and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone back on Wednesday, May 8, 2019, which is the first race of the 2019 season. And welcome, Mike Maclean who will be taking over as Race Chair next year!

Larry



Fun Racing 2018 Wrap-up ...

(By Len McIntosh)

This year's Fun Race series culminated with a repeat winner and a new champion.

The Distance Series plaque was once again won by *Windsong* and this year no one was even close, as *Windsong* scored firsts in three of the five races. *Luci* appeared to have a hold on second place with a second and a third in two races but ended up tied in points with *Northcaught* who broke the tie with a bullet in the final race of the season.



In the Race Around the Marks (Sunday/Tuesday) series, the wonder down under, *Didgeridoo*, dethroned *Northcaught* which was going for her sixth consecutive series championship. While there were very close head to head races, it was the consistency of the "*Didge*" which prevailed.

La Voie Lac edged out *Catch the Wind* by a single point to make it to the podium.

For the those interested, a slightly modified scoring system is used to determine the standings.

A first (AKA a "bullet") scores a one a second a two etc. The difference is how the DNF's and DNS's are scored. In a race where six boats start but only four finish, the four are scored 1 2 3 4, the DNF's are each scored a 6 and the DNS are scored a 7 (number of starters plus 1 vs number in the fleet plus one). This means if you miss races the penalty is minimal.

The light air provisions mean there is a race even when the wind is minimal, as the course is shortened at the direction of the lead boat. It's not perfect but it's worked fairly well so far and suggestions are always welcome.



Above: Chris Turner of *Didgeridoo*

Below: Dave Thomas of *Windsong*



In 2019 we are adding a time limit to start, i.e., boats must start no later than 10 minutes after the prescribed start time.

Congrats to *Northcaught* whose two seconds make this boat the OVERALL FUN RACE CHAMP. Sometime in the future there may be an award for this category.

Any suggestions are always welcomed.

There were 15 different boats that competed with 12 in each category. Here are the top ten in each category.

Distance Race

1. Windsong
2. Northcaught
3. Luci
4. Pickwick
5. Didgeridoo
6. Catch The Wind
7. Magic
8. Precious Time
9. La Voie Lac
10. Hip Hip

Race Around the Marks

1. Didgeridoo
2. Northcaught
3. La Voie Lac
4. Catch The Wind
5. Hip Hip
6. Magic
7. Pickwick
8. Windsong
9. Misguided
10. Grace Blue



Record Season Winds Down for Weary Marine Rescue Volunteers ...

GRIMSBY, Ontario (November 26, 2018) — The busy volunteers from GAMRU South Shore Search And Rescue have wrapped up the 2018 boating season with a record 38 rescue missions for the year.

The tally tops the 34 rescue missions logged in 2016, the previous record year.

Missions spanned the gamut of on-the-water emergencies from vessels disabled or aground to boats overdue, capsized vessels and missing sailors. A dozen of the missions were for either persons in the water from capsized boats or to aid small, non-motorized vessels like kayaks or paddle boards. The average response time was just over 11 minutes.

"It's a significant number because a large portion of the season we only had one vessel operational," notes unit leader Bob Gordon. The volunteers' 34-foot steel cutter was out of service with engine issues for the last portion of the season, Gordon says.

The unit's two vessels have been hauled out of the water for the year. "It was a busy season and our folks deserve a rest," Gordon says.

In the past three seasons, GAMRU South Shore Search And Rescue has been called out to 100 rescue missions, making it one of the busiest volunteer rescue organizations on Lake Ontario. The organization was established in 1988.

It was also a hectic year off the water with volunteers capping a busy fundraising campaign, including the most successful charity auction in recent memory. It was also the grateful recipient of donations from the St. Catharines Game & Fish Association and the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation of Canada. While it receives a per-hour stipend from the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary while on approved rescue missions, GAMRU South Shore Search And Rescue relies almost exclusively on donations and local fundraising to cover equipment, maintenance, training and other operational costs.

GAMRU South Shore Search And Rescue responds to rescue calls in western Lake Ontario, serving the communities along the south shore from bases in Fifty Point and Grimsby. More than 30 active volunteers maintain two fully-equipped rescue vessels and train year-round to maintain the skills and readiness to be effective on the water. The organization gets no government funding for operations. GAMRU is a member of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary and a registered charity.

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Peter Bartkiw – Passed away at home on Saturday, November 17th at the age of 87 years. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Bea. Devoted father to his children Tim (Sheri) and Terri (Charles), all of Toronto. Loving grandfather to Elizabeth, Margot and Mia. Also left to mourn his passing are his brothers Walter (Noreen) and Alec, both of St. Catharines. He was predeceased by his parents, John and Anastasia, and by his brother, Roman, and sister-in-law Sally. Also survived by many nieces and nephews and their extended families.

Peter was a proud DYC Member since 1979 when he launched his first boat, *Iniquitous* (which is still with the club under new ownership.) His wife Bea and son Tim continue his proud nautical tradition aboard *Seaspray*.

Visitation was held Wednesday, November 21, at the Vineland Chapel of Tallman Funeral Homes, 3277 King St. A memorial service was held in the Chapel on Thursday at 11:00 a.m. and was followed by a reception in the Tallman Fireside Room. Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, Christmas donations can be made to Community Care of West Niagara in Beamsville.



A Farewell from The Bairds ...

Hello fellow members.

The Racers Banquet on the 17th was special for me in many ways. We collected our usual share of racing flags.

Thanks so much to Simon Krall for the presentation to announce my Life Membership. My plaque will stay with me always and bring memories of so many years that we enjoyed messing with our boat all around the lake. We will not forget the great people at DYC.

Diane and I are moving to our new home in Burlington and moving away from our wonderful sail boat.

CHIMO is sold. The new owners plan to keep her at the club.

I wish everyone, "fair winds on your back."

Cheers ...

Allen & Diane Baird





Dalhousie Yacht Club
Annual Christmas Party

Saturday, December 15th, 2018

Traditional Turkey Dinner
Fireside Caroling

6 p.m. Cocktails
7 p.m. Dinner

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Commodore's Ball ...

(Photos by Nancy Lewis)





Commodore's Ball ...

(Photos by Nancy Lewis)





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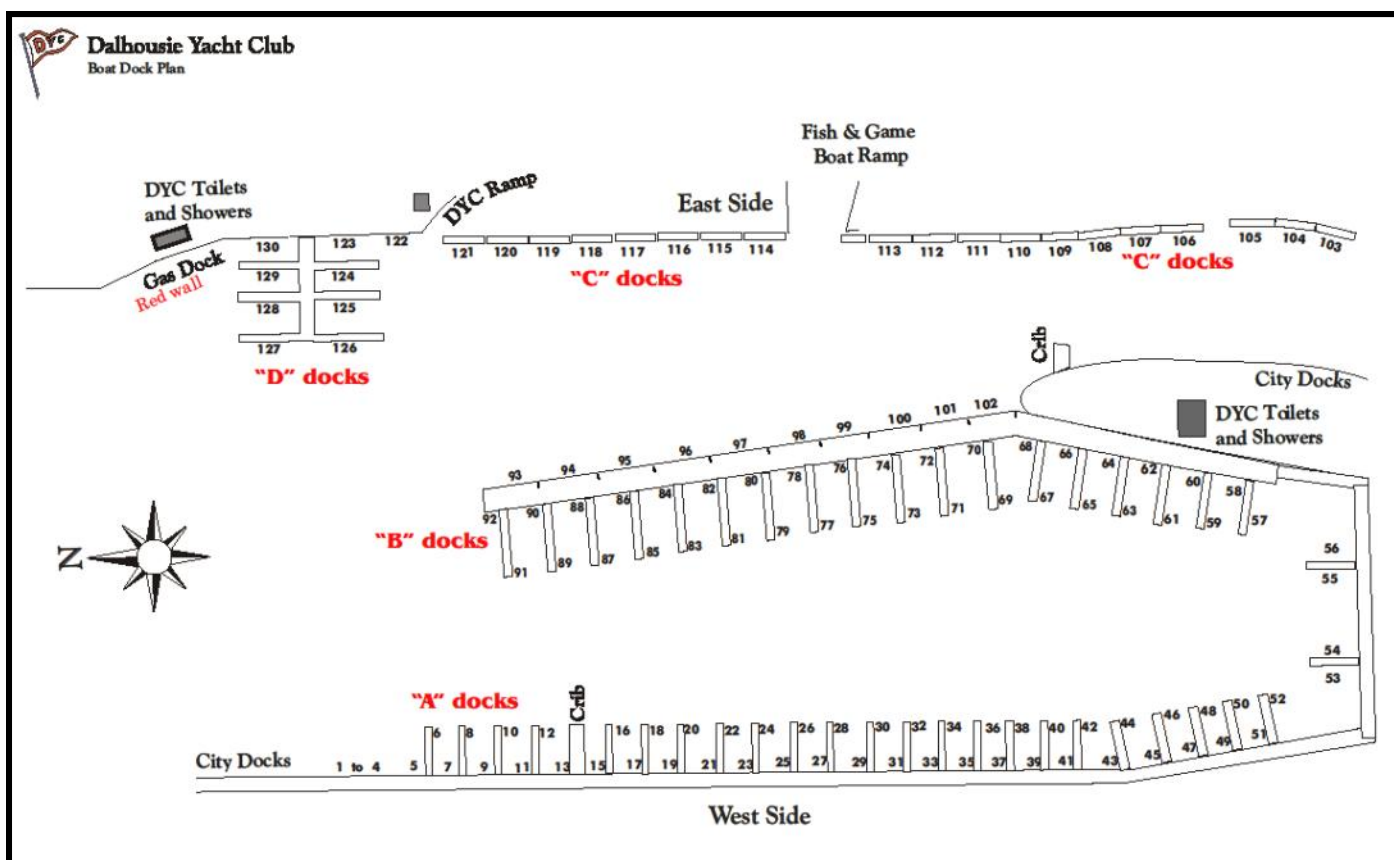
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DYC Calendar of Events

December 2018

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 <i>Fireside Cards Night</i>	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 <i>Fireside Cards Night</i>	13	14	15 <i>DYC Christmas Party</i>
16	17	18	19 <i>Fireside Cards Night</i>	20	21	22
23	24	25 Christmas	26 <i>Fireside Cards Night</i>	27	28	29
30	31 <i>New Years Afternoon Cheer</i>					

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The restaurant will be closed January, reopening February 6

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3	4	5	6 <i>Club Reopens Fireside Cards Night</i>	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 <i>Fireside Cards Night</i>	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 <i>Fireside Cards Night</i>	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 <i>Fireside Cards Night</i>	28		