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DYC Breeze

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▲ Warm Welcome to our New Members

Seby Farinacci	Social Member	Nov 2017
Mark Ruzylo	Social Member	Nov 2017
Matt & Donna Phillips	Full Boating	Dec 2017
Doug & PattiJo Chambers	Full Boating	Jan 2018
Wayne & Pamela Gilroy	Full Boating	Jan 2018

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Commodore's Report ...

(by Simon Krall)

Last month I boldly stated that the big melt was upon us ... and the cold weather returned. Fortunately, I was in Palm Desert for March Break and missed the

last few rounds of snow. I can remember many years ago when I was sanding and prepping my boat during March Break ... not so this year. Regardless, things are looking beautiful down at the waters' edge.

As Commodore, I try to keep a positive spin on things. I think it is important to sell DYC as "the place to be" for people who want to experience a special boating community. Thankfully, I am pleased to watch the progress of the members who continue to work hard at prepping the docks for spring. There is a great deal going on.

A perpetual thanks is directed towards Dave Pressley and Dale Jack who have finished the framing of the new docks in front of the Harbour Office. To see those docks

ready to go, sitting in B Yard is very exciting. This is a solid infrastructure upgrade.

A 'keep up the good work' is directed to Wendy Northcotte, Paul Haynes, Tom Schultz and their well-organized team of specialists repairing ice damage to the finger docks on B dock. It has been cold but vital work if we want members to have safe and secure dockage for their boats this spring.

As always, I am grateful for the persistence of Richard Nowina, Wendy Northcotte, and Ted Chamberlain as they spearhead the drawn out negotiations with insurance assessments as we try to find a reasonable settlement to help repair damages from the flooding last year. The amount of time required from these members is significant.

I would also like to thank the Vice Commodore, Jason Smyth, who has diligently pitched in wherever he can to make sure that DYC's interests are being met. Recently, Jason has responsibly kept up with the condo developments, their amendments, and how these affect DYC and member access to the water. Jason is doing an excellent job, along with Past Commodore Paul Haynes and Jeff Mackie, keeping lines of communication with the city, stakeholders in the community, and counsellors for the city open and positive.

It will not be too long now until our boats will be in the water. DYC, though, is not just a place to keep your boat; it is an exceptionally unique boating community. What makes us unique is the number of people who go beyond what's needed to make this place thrive for everyone. I hope that all the membership will be inspired by the efforts of the above mentioned members and take the time to give thanks and offer a lending hand throughout the season.

Simon



Foreground Doug and Dan wrestle a stubborn piling on dock 87/88, next Wendy and Mike drill holes for bolts on dock 85/86 and in the background on 83/84 is Rosco is fitting the bolts that will support the new height. **(Photo by Len McIntosh)**

Treasurer's Report ...

(By Richard Nowina)

DYC needs you - "more hands make lighter work"

I would like to celebrate some unsung heroes amongst us who put in an extraordinary commitment to ensuring DYC continues to be an attractive and safe harbour. There are countless examples of volunteers who give regularly of their time to protect and maintain club assets. The current work rebuilding D Dock is the most recent example of extraordinary volunteer work by members.

The workers who helped repair B dock are further examples, as are the members who developed the membership database. Happily, that effort has led to many members updating their membership profile and indicating their skills. This is a signal to the club and its board of directors that we have many members who are willing to volunteer and to pitch in if asked or made aware of upcoming projects.

The club needs to find a way to recognize these extraordinary contributions from members.

DYC is a small club and although we have some paid staff, there are far more tasks than paid hours available or affordable to complete them. The club is a cooperative, its members define it. We are all members and we all have different situations.

I remember that when I had a young family and a demanding career, I felt that I was too busy to help out at my sailing club. Later, as I began to do more I realized how much more I was enjoying the club overall. Although I'm retired now, I'm still pretty busy but I had the same feeling of camaraderie when I helped repair B dock. Like old time barn raising parties, work done together for the benefit of all provides camaraderie and shared pride of accomplishment.

There's always a lot to be done just like onboard, large tasks and small, for example a fresh coat of paint, or simply picking up debris, routine cleaning of docks, walkways and pedestals. Each of you will be aware of other assets and tasks that need attention.

I know LTS would welcome help with marketing and fleet maintenance as examples. I'm pretty sure every board director has a wish list of things needing attention. I'm hoping we can link the member database with the jobs list so members can find out where help is needed and can even add suggestions to improve the look and feel of the club. Please stay tuned. The board hopes you will say, "Yes," if you are asked to volunteer in some capacity. Better yet, approach one of the program directors and offer your services. You will be glad you did.

Financially, we have some good news. After a year of heavy expenses to install the new fuelling system and rebuild D dock, the incentive programme to have members pay their dock fees in full has resulted in a \$40,000 cash cushion. This is a vote of confidence from 27 members and I thank each and everyone who helped us to achieve this. This is a cash advance that will allow us to continue with club improvements.

The second bit of good news is that discussions with our insurers are now moving along well. I am confident that DYC will have some assistance with repairs to the Gas office and washrooms, and electrical systems. I will keep you informed.

Happy springtime!

Richard



Membership & Communications ...

(by Tracey Cookson)

Hello members -

To share the March board meeting minutes, here is an outline of what your team is working on behind the scenes:

- Open House is set for June 2, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Various activities to take place including racing seminar, cruising info, LTS info session, etc. Volunteers are needed. Members are encouraged to extend the invitation.
- Sail Past is set for June 16. We're looking forward to a great turn out to make up for last year.
- We're looking for a volunteer to create a "how to" video for the dry hoist. Please contact Simon if you are interested.
- Jason and John met with the city to discuss the new condo development and any implications on the club. Report to follow.
- Our Treasurer, Richard, has been working diligently with the insurance company regarding the compensation claim due to the 2017 high water levels. This is ongoing but we can report progress! Thank you Richard.
- Ted, our House Chair, is awaiting proposals on repairs to the Harbour House. Two estimates are pending.
- The board has approved a new phone system for the club. John researched various options and a VOIP system is the winning solution.
- Cranes are booked for docks in and launch. SPRING is definitely in the air!
- Roscoe has offered to look into repairing the kitchen freezer condenser. Thank you!
- Roscoe has also offered to construct a kayak/SUP rack for our new membership option. As well, he will be installing windows in the LTS building.
- We will be offering a new Summer Social Membership. Follow us on Facebook for details. This is a perfect opportunity to introduce people to racing, social events and our beautiful sunset dining experience.
- Coming soon; a new look and added features with secure member login page on our website. Various social events will be announced on the new calendar as well as on our social media pages.

We are also looking for a race day "Brutus" driver as Lloyd will be away. Let us know if you are interested. Thanks so much!

Please feel free to contact me anytime with questions, concerns, new member contacts etc!

Tracey



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Dock Chair Report ...

(by Wendy Northcotte)

DOCKS IN !! APRIL 21

Mark it on your calendar. This is the day that confirms our boating season is not far off. It is also a day that requires many members volunteering their time to assist with the launch and set up of our floating docks. This is also the date that the frame for the new 'D' dock will be lifted in place and secured. There is a lot to accomplish. It is a great time to reconnect with old friends after the winter season as well as greet and involve new members. Remember, safety first: if working near the crane, hard hats are required; working near or on the water, PFD recommended.



Much time and effort has been put in by volunteers to put together the structure for the new 'D' dock and to restore and repair several of the fingers on 'B' dock. Special recognition must be given to Dave Pressley and Dale Jack. Their unique talents, abilities, dedication and creativity in fabricating the frame for 'D' dock leaves us grateful beyond words. Dave Bellhouse has frequently been on call to assist with tasks as they presented. There were several members that came together to form the work crews that met Saturday mornings to convene on the west side.

John Brown and I will be meeting to confirm dock assignments and they will be available mid April.

See you April 21st and then shortly after ... on the water!

Wendy



Raising Finger Docks March 10, 2018 ...

(Photos by Dan Sundy)



Workers were Wendy Northcotte, Paul Haynes, Doug Palmer, Roscoe Fields, Dave Pressley, Larry Hildebrandt, Len McIntosh, Harry Van Hooydonk, and Dan Sundy.



Racing News ...

(from Larry Hildebrandt)

Racers, Racers, Racers

It's my most favourite time of the year. I am itching to get out racing, and we are still tied for first place!

It's time to wax your bottoms and get your gear into shape as the first practice race of the year is only weeks away and scheduled for May 9th.

Before that date, we have a couple of happenings going on.

Have you ever wondered what's going on over at the Race Committee boat before the start of the race and why they are making so much noise and hanging their dirty laundry on the back of the boat for everyone to see?

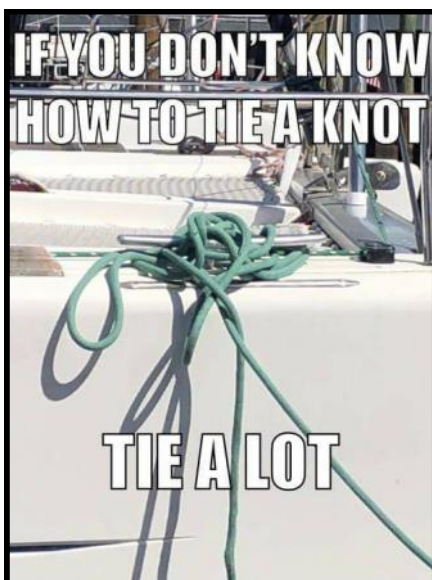
Or, if your racing plan is just to follow one of the other boats that seem to do well, then we have the information night just for you.

On Wednesday, April 11th @ 7:00 pm, our esteemed Race Committee will be going over the start sequence, what the different flags mean and which flags go up and in which order. Come on out and learn the secrets that the other "smart" sailors know.

Our 2018 Racing Season Kickoff Event is set for Wednesday, April 25th @ 7:00 pm. Here we will go over the Sailing Instructions and race courses for the year, the schedule and all the other news you need to know.



Larry



History Matters ...

(by Dan Sundy)



Several artifacts are displayed on our walls. The ship's wheel on the north end of the dining room was donated in April 1986. The inscription reads

Donated by Fraser and Lillian Klager.

Fraser Klager was the commodore 1947 to 1955 and again 1957 to 1959.



Lock 1 Stage
(Photo by Dan Sundy)

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April 14th - 12:00 - 6:00

April 15th - 12:00 - 3:00 Exam day!

Cost \$390.00

More information can be found here:

https://www.sailing.ca/files/Basic_Coastal_Navigation_March_31_2017_effective.pdf

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April 26 - 6:00 - 9:00

April 28 - 12:00 - 3:00

Cost \$85.00

Registration will be via <https://www.dalhousieyachtclub.com/sailing-school>.

Please contact Jason Smyth at dyc.club.vice.comm@gmail.com with any question you may have and to let us know you're interested. Thank you.

TRIVIA

Mind your P's and Q's

Sailors would get credit at the taverns in port until they were paid.

The barman would keep a record of their drinks on a chalkboard behind the bar.

A mark was made under "P" for pint or "Q" for quart.

On payday, the sailors were liable for each mark next to his name, and forced to "mind his P's and Q's."

Today the term means to remain well behaved.



St. Patrick's Party ...

(Photos by Nancy Lewis)









Dear _____,

Please accept my sincere apologies for not being able to attend your _____. As you know, my passion is boating and spending as much time aboard as we can. The midwest's short boating season and the high costs associated with the boat to sit idle (unused for the weekend) requires me to say no to all non boating events planned during the boating season. Please don't take this personally, but I hope you understand my formal summer weekend policy. If you would like to move your special event after November 15th and before April 15th, I would be happy to attend. I hope you respect my position.



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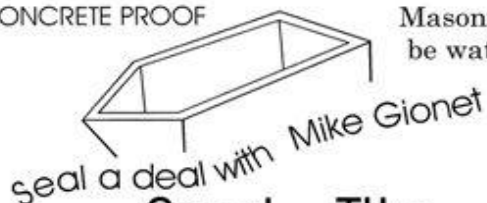
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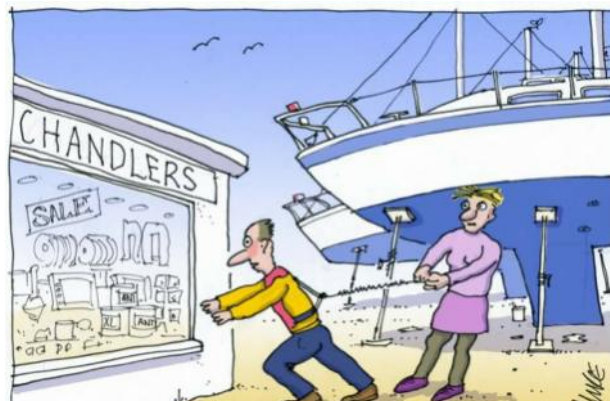
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DYC Calendar of Events

April 2018

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter Sunday	2	3	4 Fireside Cards Night	5	6	7 <u>CANSail Naviga- tion Course</u>
8	9	10	11 Racers Info Night	12	13	14 <u>CANSail Course</u> Holywood at DYC
15 <u>CANSail Naviga- tion Course</u>	16	17	18 Fireside Cards Night	19	20	21 DOCKS IN
22	23	24	25 Race Kick-off Event	26 <u>ROC(M) Course</u>	27	28 <u>ROC(M) Course</u>
29	30					

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 BOATS IN	5
6	7	8	9 Practice Race	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		