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DYC Breeze

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(See **Changes to Small Vessel Regulations**, later in this publication.)



Commodore's Report ...

(by Simon Krall)

I am blown away by the efforts of so many members who are performing Herculean efforts to make DYC shine. As a board member for many years, I have never seen so many projects on our plates that urgently need to be done. I hope that all members appreciate and participate in the efforts of the upgrades around our club when possible. Truly, it is a major part of the fun that we enjoy belonging to DYC.

Thursday, May 31st we will be hosting an **Information Night** to brief members about the plans and progress of the projects happening at DYC. From electrical upgrades, dock repairs, East side washroom renewal, yard clean up, and so on. The board would like to take the opportunity to address questions from the membership to let people hear and talk about everything that is going on. I hope to see our members come out to voice their praise and concerns.

It is nice to get back on the water for Wednesday night racing, but there is still a lot of work to be done. I hope that everyone will continue to make themselves available when requests for work parties and help are raised. I am grateful for the efforts of the members who are keeping DYC safe and secure for future years to come.

Unfortunately, Jeff Mackie and Don Hetherington have stepped down from their roles on the board, for personal reasons. I really appreciated their contributions and am grateful for their willingness to help thus far. We are currently talking to several interested members to fill these vacancies. It is my hope to have their positions filled for the Information Night on Thursday, May 31st. Mary Ellen is currently stepping in for Don to help make sure the Sail Past event goes smoothly. With help from Ted, Wendy, John Brown, and the boys in the kitchen, I believe the event will be a good one. Special thanks to my parents who have offered to host the dignitaries on Black Magic!

Thank you,

Simon

Vice Commodore's Report ...

(By Jason Smyth)

Hello all!

I'm going to make this quick so we can all get out on the water.

First of all, I want to thank all who helped with the west side clean up. The club looks amazing.

Secondly, I will be seeking some volunteers to help with the LTS building, yard area and boat clean up. Let me know if you can help.

Thirdly, PHRF certificates will be ready to print very soon. PHRF-LO has been having some site issues that should be resolved very soon.

Lastly, because I don't have enough to do, I am the Lake Ontario Offshore Racing club ambassador. I am available to offer information and advice to get you out racing some of these amazing events.

See you on the water.

Jason



Treasurer's Report ...

(By Richard Nowina)

Some Good News: we took Seascope out for a first sail of 2018, on May 21. Sails were right side up, nothing and nobody fell overboard. But maybe that's not as interesting to you as it was for me. Ok, to DYC for some great news ...

Insurance

In April, I reported that we were finally making headway with our insurer. Now, electrical system repairs are underway on A and C docks. DYC will receive about \$55,000 to repair cabling and pedestals on C dock and parts of A dock. As well, we have approval to repair and refurbish the washrooms in the harbour office. DYC will have to absorb the cost of the insurance deductible and will, in addition, face some significant additional out-of-pocket maintenance expenses on the dock electrical system. This is because the engineers who conducted the assessment also identified some deficiencies which were maintenance rather than flood related. The board has agreed that, in the interest of member and guest safety, these items should be remedied. Some part of these maintenance items can be done by members. The best part of the news is that after the electrical repairs are completed our system will be much safer.

The harbour office repairs began in mid May and will hopefully be completed by mid to late June. I believe members will be very impressed with the new look, many thanks to Ted Chamberlain and to Chris Turner who is advising on the structural work. The electrical system repairs will also be completed in June when replacement power pedestals are received.

So, when the high season of sailing begins, DYC should be looking quite smart. We will be celebrating our new fuel service, D dock, a spiffy sea wall and new washrooms. Learn to Sail is gearing up for another season with some additional junior fleet boats. And to boot, we have quite a few members to help us keep up the progress.

Finances

Things are looking up here too. DYC is slowly recovering from the financial hits due to the high water and to the cost of the fuel tank removal and replacement. Membership is up with new members joining and more boats in slips. Revenues are running on par with last year and expenses are inline.

As well, Accounts Receivable have somewhat improved. Regular attention and some firm measures have reduced the problem accounts. We still have a way to go, however, it is good to have a bit of cash on hand. I am doing my best to ensure we can make a capital reserve contribution of \$20,000 this year. We have, however, some uncertainties with insurance deductibles and some maintenance expenses for the electrical system.

Work hours: it can be fun and congenial

As you might imagine, DYC finances continue to be a tight balancing act and members who volunteer are necessary and extremely welcome. DYC has always been a self-help club and has reduced its out-of-pocket costs by having members contribute their labour and skills. The club has been quite fortunate in having some skilled and devoted members volunteer their time freely for the greater good of the club. However, it has been too easy to see the same faces do most of the volunteering. The club needs more such help across the board for tasks such as: welcoming guests and visitors, landscaping, painting, seasonal commissioning and decommissioning to name just a few.

There have been some attempts in the past to address this issue through recording of hours worked and tasks completed. These systems fizzled as the efforts to sustain the record keeping was too onerous. Now, systems exist which can simplify the record keeping. To address this current situation, a small group has been convened to design a workable process to both track hours and to create policies and procedures to make the system easy to use, administer, and to acknowledge participation. As part of this exercise we are reaching out to other successful self-help clubs to help us understand what works and what doesn't.

More on this later. Meanwhile -- Happy Sailing!

Richard





Harbour Office Update ...

(by Ted Chamberlain, House Chair)

We have received approval from our insurer to proceed with repairs in the Harbour office and washrooms, after suffering structural damage from last year's flooding. We had to start a little later with the demo work due to storage requirements for equipment used in the ongoing East side dock replacement.

We are currently replacing drywall and rotted wood in load bearing walls as well as repairing the massive crack that opened up through the length of the building. We are now dealing with a blank slate as far as configuration is concerned and will make every effort to better utilize the space that we have. That being said, we are now underway with a view to having things up and running by mid June.

*(Woman's washroom,
photo by Dan Sundy)*



(Photo left by Dan Sundy)

Tuesday, 22 May ... Recent addition to DYC is Larisa and Greg's *Magic*. Greg and his daughter, Kiera, have just docked after bringing the new boat from Waupoos.



(Photo right by Val Jack)

Last Cards Night of the 2017/2018 winter season

Dock Chair Report ...

(by Wendy Northcotte)

It is so good to see the boats tied in their slips. It has been a busy month in all dock areas.

Work on D dock continues under the guidance of Dave Pressley, Dale Jack and Dave Bellhouse.

Members of B dock formed a work party on May 19th and worked to clean their area, complete some maintenance tasks and identify issues yet to be completed. The gazebo on the deck by the washrooms was set up and the decking, stairs and furniture power washed. The furnishing in the "Captain Bill Lounge" area was arranged. The electrical pedestals were given a cleaning.



A day to work on A dock floats and areas was set for May 26. Tires have been set out along the northerly floating docks to prevent them from brushing against the concrete walls. The water pipe and electrical lines are to be secured with proper fasteners. It has been noted that some water hoses are hanging from the water pipe and this is not acceptable. Hanger for water hoses may be mounted on the stone wall. **Nothing is to be hung from the water pipe itself.** It is important that boats be sprung far enough back such that neither the bow or the boat's anchor hangs over the walkway. The floating walkway is narrow and anything overhanging is a hazard, particularly at night.

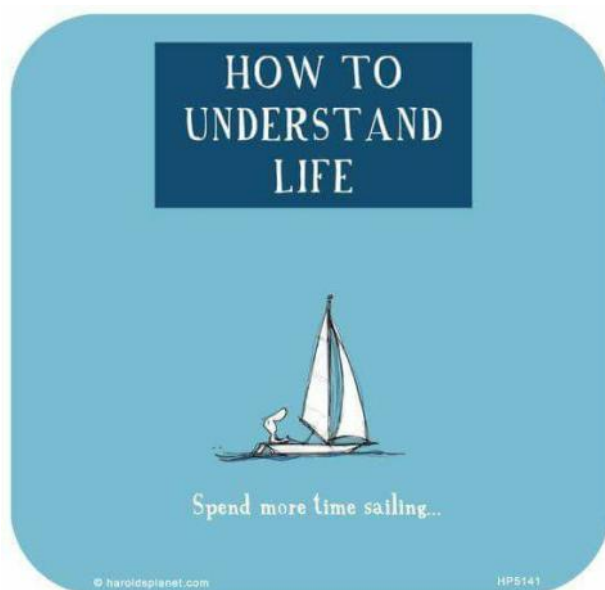
We are aware that many of the lights on our electrical units are not working. The possibility of LED lighting is being investigated.

This year I have sought out people to serve as 'Dock Captains' in their area. Roscoe Field of, *Virago*, dock #15, is serving for A docks; Doug Chambers of *Miss Guided*, dock #79, for B dock; and Bryan Morgan of *Cariad*, dock # 106 for C dock. If you notice a problem and can fix it, do so. If you notice a problem and need assistance or it requires a special skill, let your dock captain know and he will assist in addressing the issue.

One of the members suggested to me that we should treat our dock areas like the forest ... leave nothing behind. The suggestion is that we each take our garbage home which will leave our areas cleaner and require less maintenance: live aboards excepted.

Happy boating one and all.

Wendy



History Matters ...

(by Dan Sundy)

Minutes of DYC meetings

DYC was founded in 1937. The only record of early club activities comes from five entries in the personal journal of the first commodore, Frank Cornelius, and articles in the St. Catharines Standard. The journal entries deal only with the formation of the club, and end in 1938. The record is then blank until 1945.

Registration as a non profit corporation, in 1945, brought the requirement of holding official meetings and the recording of the business conducted in those meetings. The picture shows the succession of minute books. There is one missing book, covering October 1948 to September 1954.

The early entries are hand written with pen and ink, and later with ball point pens. By 1986, the minutes were produced on a type writer. A brief return to hand written records happened from 1989 to 1991. The more recent computer printed minutes are kept in functional, but inelegant, vinyl three-ring binders.



It May be a Treasure.

Call before you toss it. If you have old papers, notices, editions of The Breeze, minutes or club-related files on a computer, contact drsundy@vaxxine.com or leave them with John Brown.

Changes to the Small Vessel Regulations ...

(by John Gullick

Manager of Government and Special Programmes)

I have been asked if I expect any changes to the boating Safety Regulations and I recently received notice of a few proposed changes to Transport Canada's Small Vessel Regulations that will have an effect on recreational boaters across the country and will probably be introduced by this summer.

Stand up Paddle Boards will now be added to the list of Recreational Vessels and will be subject to the same safety equipment requirements as Paddleboards, Watercycles, Sealed-Hull and Sit-On-Top Kayaks.

They will be required to carry:

- One (1) lifejacket or PFD for each person on board*
- A buoyant heaving line of at least 15 meters in length,
- A sound signaling device
- And a watertight flashlight or navigation lights if the vessel is used after sunset or before sunrise.

*If everyone on board is wearing a lifejacket or PFD of appropriate size they are only required to carry a sound signaling device (whistle attached to their PFD) and a watertight flashlight if the vessel is used after sunset or before sunrise.

The obvious aim of this * acceptance is to have all those using these types of vessels wear their lifejackets or PFDs.

The other change that will affect safety equipment requirements relates to the number of required flares. Here is a list by vessel length of the current and coming changes:

Vessels no more than 6 meters in length:

- Current: Three flares other than smoke signals.
- New: Three flares not more than one of which is a smoke signal.

Vessels more than 6 meters up to not more than 9 meters in length:

- Current: Six flares other than smoke signals.
- New: Six flares, not more than two of which are smoke signals. *Exception: At least three flares, not more than one of which is a smoke signal if there is also a means of two way electronic communications on board.

Vessels more than 9 meters in length:

- Current: Twelve flares, not more than six of which are

smoke signals.

- New: No change. *Exception: At least six flares, not more than two of which is a smoke signal if there is also a means of two way electronic communications on board.

Human Powered Craft more than 6 meters:

- Current: Six flares other than smoke signals.
- New: Six flares, not more than two of which are smoke signals. *Exception; At least three flares, not more than one of which is a smoke signal if there is also a means of two way electronic communications on board.

Personal Watercraft:

- Three flares other than smoke signals.
- Three flares, not more than one of which is a smoke signal.

Note: Flares are not required for a vessel that is operating on a river, canal or lake on which it can be no more than 1 nautical mile (1.85 Km) from shore or has no sleeping quarters and is engaged in official competition or pin preparation for an official competition.

There is also a minor change to the Pleasure Craft License requirement. This is the license for the boat, not the operator.

The amendment would clarify that an update to a license would not extend the expiry date of a Pleasure Craft License by an additional 10 years.

On the renewal of Pleasure Craft Licenses, which are currently good for 10 years and for which there is currently no charge to renew the license, I strongly suspect that within the next few years there will be a change to a 3 to 5 year renewal period and a renewal fee will be introduced so users will help to pay for the vessel licensing program.





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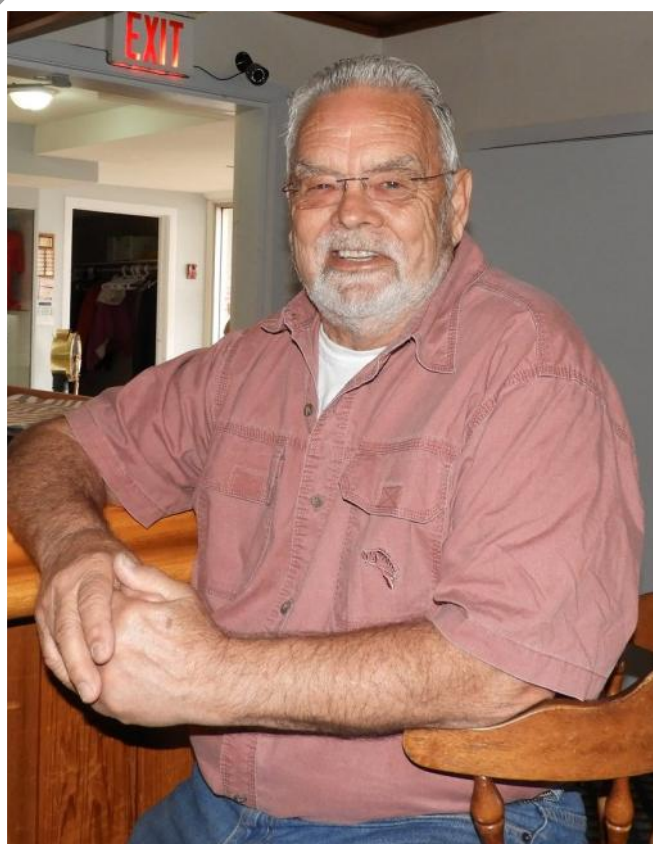
Boat Launch 2018 ...

(Photos by Dan Sundy, supervising from the deck)



Boat Launch BBQ ...

(Photos by Nancy Lewis)



Boat Launch BBQ ...

(Photos by Nancy Lewis)



Caption this!

Racing at DYC in May ...

Photos by Leigh Brown (right) and
Nancy Lewis (below)



Racing at DYC in May ...

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Racing at DYC in May ...

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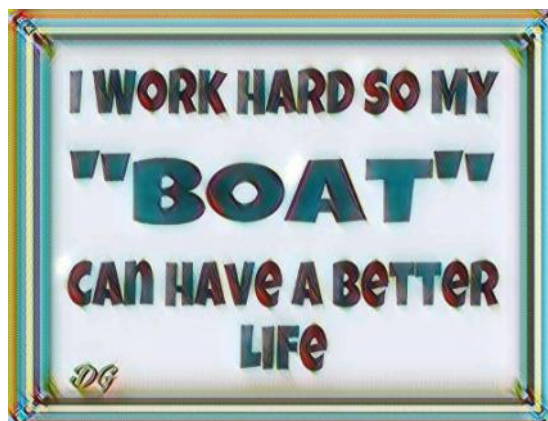
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DYC Calendar of Events

June 2018

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Open House
3 Fun Race	4	5 Fun Race	6 Race Night	7	8	9
10 Distance Race	11	12 Fun Race	13 Race Night	14	15	16 Sail Past
17 Fun Race Kiwans Duck Race	18	19 Fun Race	20 Race Night	21	22	23 Easter Seals Social Rock the Docks
24 Easter Seals Regatta	25	26 Fun Race	27 Race Night	28	29 Cruise to Alexandra YC	30

July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Fun Race	2	3 Fun Race	4 Race Night	5	6	7 Niagara Cup Race
8 Fun Race	9	10 Fun Race	11 Race Night	12	13	14
15 Fun Race	16	17 Fun Race	18 Race Night	19	20	21
22 Distance Race	23	24 Fun Race	25 Vicky Hull Race	26	27 CAN-AM Regatta	28 Cruise to Oak- ville Club CAN-AM Regatta
29 CAN-AM Regatta	30	31 Fun Race				