



# Brockville Yacht Club News and Notes

## July 2023 Edition -Happy Canada Day! 🇨🇦

*If you have any comments, ideas or material to share, please email me (Donna Crooks) at [d-lee-c@outlook.com](mailto:d-lee-c@outlook.com). I know there are stories out there just waiting to be told!*

*Directors: Please forward on any information to share. (Though I try to reiterate messages from emails I may inadvertently miss some.)*

*Thank you.*



### Attention Members:

The new lead operator for the **BYC Cranes** will be Pat McMahon. Anyone needing the 2 or 5 ton crane should contact one of the certified operators in the crane logbook.

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The **upriver race** which was postponed from June 24th has been rescheduled to take place on July 8th, which falls on the Saturday just before the EYC regatta.

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**Safety concern:** All umbrellas on the deck have been properly fastened to the bases. Please do not loosen or remove umbrella poles from bases. Also, please do not move tables from where they are placed as this can damage the poles and/or bases. If they are damaged, we will have no choice but to remove them to ensure they do not injure anyone during high winds.

Murray Workman

### EYC Updates

A thank-you to all students who volunteered for the upcoming EYC regatta, we now have our required numbers.

John Maksymiak, EYC Committee

### SAVE THE DATE

TGIF EVENT AUGUST 11TH  
HI BROW WINE TASTING  
A FLIGHT OF 6 WINES  
WITH AN "AMUSE BOUCHE  
PAIRING  
MORE DETAILS TO  
FOLLOW AS PLANS ARE  
CONFIRMED.

### Harbour

As we approach another exciting boating season, I wanted to take a moment to remind everyone about a crucial safety precaution that must be followed in our harbour.

It is imperative that we all remember to unplug our boat's power cords from the pedestals before leaving the harbour. This reminder is driven by the paramount concern for our collective safety, as an electrical power cord falling into the water poses significant risks and hazards.

By taking a few extra moments to unplug your boat's power cord and ensuring it is properly secured, we can prevent accidents and safeguard both our boats and our harbour.

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## Smith Island



Just a note to say that it is okay to leave the water pump turned on at the island, the issue has been resolved.

Many changes have/are taking place on Smith Island this year! Thanks to Dean and Brenda Fowler and many volunteers, the island now has a reading platform and soon to be gazebo. There are also some new gardens and an herb garden for everyone's use. Please remember to check the board in the garage for tasks to be done while you're enjoying the island.



### Smith Island history

It was brought to my attention (thanks to Eric Poulsen) that there was a copy of a booklet on the history of BYC. This month I'm sharing some notes from the Smith Island history.

A large "For Sale" sign had been displayed on the McDonald property for a year when members caught a glimpse of it. During a late fall cruise, two members of the yacht club decided to investigate further. They were amazed by the water depth, the size of the property and the fact that hydro and telephone connections had been established on site. Special meetings of the BYC Executive were held and December 13<sup>th</sup>, 1994, Smith Island was purchased. Over the years, members have constructed fireplaces, built docks, repaired and modified buildings, cut trees, donated BBQs, stoves and freezers as well as cleaned painted and polished every inch of the site. During the period 1991-2003, the old docks were repaired and extended. In 2001, part of the boat house was demolished, and the remaining portion was closed in. In 2003/2004, the cook house was replaced with a new building higher on the hill. Smith Island is the perfect "first night" stop for starting a cruise and a great "last night" finishing one.



Work crew at Smith Island November 2, 1996. Left to Right: Paul Boucher, Bruce Sadler, George Herman, John Van Velze, Art Rouse, John Alexander, Jim Clark.

Photo Credit: Dave Muir



Smith Island

## Digital Blue Book

This year the Club is providing members with a digital "**Blue Book**" to give you more options while saving the Club printing costs! The list is on the member's only section of the Club's website. Here is a link to the website. Login at the top right (your login consists of your email address that Kelly uses to send you club emails and a password that you created) [Home | Brockville Yacht Club](#).

If you have not logged in before, you'll need to set up a login for yourself. On the login page, click the New to this site? Sign up (under the title Log In) by inputting your email and creating your own password. After you sign up, you'll always use your email and password to sign in so that you can see the members only content.

The link for the Blue Book is near the bottom of the members only page (top menu, under **more**).

If you would like assistance, contact Kelly Clarke at [kclarke@brockvilleyachtclub.com](mailto:kclarke@brockvilleyachtclub.com).

You can:

- access it on the Club website anytime
- print the list from the website or save it
- save it to your smart phone so it's with you on the go

In consideration of members' privacy, the member list is for member use and for Club purposes only.

Members and boats change frequently so although the list is never one hundred percent accurate, it will be updated as time permits and more frequently than the annual Blue Book.

## Membership Committee

Announcing our new 'Membership Committee' dedicated to welcoming new members and promoting engagement. The committee will also be launching our new 'Track it Forward' system which will enable us to track and manage your volunteer hours and deliver information to you, thus improving communication. Stay tuned for more instructions on utilizing this exciting new system. If you would like to join our committee, please contact me at [d-lee-c@outlook.com](mailto:d-lee-c@outlook.com)

## What is your role as a BYC member?

As a volunteer run club, we value a variety of skill sets and encourage all members to contribute in their own unique way. Volunteering is a great way to meet your fellow members, contribute your ideas, and feel great knowing that your participation contributes to a safe, attractive, well maintained and socially active club.

If you haven't had the opportunity to jump in on a team, please let us know how you would like to contribute, and we will be happy to find a suitable role for you!

## Bar Bits

Our bar service has expanded to 6 days a week thanks to our dedicated BYC bartenders. The hours of operation are posted on the website, please support the club and join us for a pint.

People might be asking what do the BYC member bartenders do with gratuities during the hours the Bar is staffed with members only? The member bartenders have agreed all gratuities collected those nights will go into bar improvements. The 1<sup>st</sup> improvement from gratuities collected this season is an improved sound system for the bar, the system is now in place for all to enjoy.

A big shout out to Chef Steven for providing a wonderful lunch service for members to enjoy.

Mondays, Wednesdays, TGIF evenings and Saturdays at the club can be booked as theme events, so if you would like to host a member's event on any of these days, let us know.

## Social Program Heating Up

BYC social programming is well under way and supported by members volunteering to lead events. After a very successful All Members Dinner in June hosted by our Shark fleet lead by Bob Panter, we have our monthly All Member Dinners planned for the remainder of the season, so mark you calendar or just follow events on BYC Calendar of events.

Wednesday July 26 hosted by our Powerboat fleet

Wednesday August 16 hosted by our C&C fleet

Wednesday September 27 hosted by our Beneteau fleet

Other events planned include July 1 Canada Day hosted by Riley McMullen, Curry night in October date to be confirmed, hosted by Mary Mansworth, and there is a dedicated group of volunteers consulting on a possible Christmas Party.....so stay tuned for more fun at the club.

Fantastic **dinner put on by the Shark Fleet June 14th!** Delicious food and beautiful presentation. Thank you to all the volunteers!!!





# BYC Social Dinner

Hosted by our Powerboat Fleet!

## July 26<sup>th</sup>

Social: 5:30 pm

Dinner: 6:30 pm

\$18.00



Woodland's BBQ Chicken

Potato salad

Coleslaw

Buns

Dessert, Coffee and Tea

**Please sign up online at**

[Power Boaters Social Dinner July 26th \(microsoft.com\)](#)

(Link attached to email)

**Sign up by July 21, 2023**

**100 meals available**

## Fleet Captain race update

Racing is well underway at the club, and we have seen good participation so far. Now all we need is for the wind to participate! Most nights have seen light winds and winds out of the NE which are not ideal.

There are a few things that I wanted to highlight and remind people of about the racing to date.

-Race committees please enter the date, course number and wind direction at the top of the results pages. Also please print the times clearly as some have been hard to read.

Results can be handed in at the bar or in the Fleet Captain mail slot by Kelly's office (this has been going well so far)

-We are keeping C-mark in the box by the gazebo this year. Please return it to that spot after the racing. This is to keep the sailing school inventory separate from the fleet racing inventory.

There has been an offset mark used for the start line which I thought was a great idea. If as race committee, you wish to do this you would need to use a sailing school mark for now, but I will need to add a second mark in the fleet racing box going forward.

-There are a few boats that do not always have full crews to sail in the FS fleet. When this happens, please keep sailing in the fleet you signed up for at the beginning of the series as it affects the

overall results for the boats in the series you are changing to. If you wish to change the series, you are in please let me know and I will adjust things at the beginning of the next series.

-Reminder that there are new Race Committee Instructions and Sailing Instructions this year that have been printed off and put in the new Race Committee book that can be found in the Fleet Racing Box.

Please read and familiarize yourself with these as it will greatly aid you in running a successful race. Special thanks to Chris and Karen Coligan for putting that book together! Also special thanks to John Ker and Ron Gardiner for writing up those two documents!

-As previously communicated the Upriver Race was postponed to July 8 due to inclement weather. I would like to remind you that you do not need a PHRF Certificate to race in this so if you are looking to

join in for a lovely cruise upriver and down through the Brockville narrows I encourage you to come out and enjoy with some fellow sailors.

-As a benefit to the fleet we had bought some **Ports Lake Ontario and Thousand Islands Cruising Guides** at a discounted price. These sold out in one day! Kelly is ordering another 12 so please email or message her if you would like one. These are a great deal at \$50 as they retail for \$80 elsewhere.

On a final note, I would like to recognize Karen Coligan for all her help with calculating the results of all the racing so far this year. Thanks to her we have been able to view the results on the same night as the race.

Hopefully everyone has enjoyed themselves on the water so far this year and I look forward to seeing you all in the months to come.

James VanBlitterswyk

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# Kelly's Korner



Our **website** now features an updated **BYC calendar** that includes upcoming events, lunch hours, and bar hours. We invite you to join us for delicious lunches served from Tuesday to Saturday, between 11:30 and 2:30. It's a perfect opportunity to meet our new staff members and demonstrate to them the warm and welcoming nature of our BYC community. Additionally, in the evenings, we encourage you to drop by the bar and enjoy a refreshing beverage, generously served by our dedicated team of BYC Bar Volunteers.

Check it out any time <https://www.brockvillyachtclub.com/calendar-of-events>

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As the season flies by, I want to take a moment to express my deep gratitude to the staff and volunteers who have played a crucial role in the successful operation of the BYC this season.

A special thank you to our talented chef, Steven, for his exceptional culinary expertise. His creative and delicious dishes have made every meal a memorable experience, and we are fortunate to have him on our team.

I also want to extend my appreciation to Holly, our lunch server, for her impeccable service and friendly demeanor. She has created a welcoming atmosphere during our lunches, ensuring every member is served with a smile.

To Wendy, our Race night server, thank you for your professionalism and ability to handle the fast-paced environment. Your quick learning and dedication to the job have been impressive. Welcome to our family.

Victor, we are thrilled to have you returning for your second season. Your warm greetings and personalized attention to each member entering the club are truly appreciated. Thank you for being a part of our team once again.

A special mention goes to Jessie and Robin, who started the season with us but have since moved on. We thank them for sharing their knowledge with our new employees and volunteers. Their hard work and friendly personalities will be missed at the BYC. Best of luck in their new endeavors.

We cannot overlook Joanne, our daily cleaner, whose dedication to maintaining a clean and inviting environment is remarkable. Her attention to detail ensures our club is always presentable and welcoming to members and guests.

A sincere appreciation goes out to all the volunteers who have taken on bar shifts, with special thanks to Steve Duffy for making it happen. Your commitment and willingness to contribute your time and energy are truly remarkable. Your efforts have provided additional opportunities for members to enjoy their club, and it is greatly appreciated.

To all BYC members, I want to express my heartfelt thanks for your continued support. Your presence at our lunches and the bar creates a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere. We value your patience during busy times and as we train new employees. Please continue to support the club, and we will strive to make each visit a great experience for you.

I welcome your feedback, questions, and concerns. Please reach out to me at any time, and I will do my best to address them promptly.

Lastly, I want to thank all of you for making my job the best I could possibly ask for!

Kelly Clarke

## Sad passing of BYC Member Sandy Hay

It is with a heavy heart that we inform you of the sad passing of a beloved member of our club, Sandy Hay, known affectionately as the Pirate King. The loss of this long-time member has left a void within our community that will be difficult to fill. Today, we come together to honor his memory and extend our deepest condolences to the Hay family.

Let us take this time to reflect on the Pirate King's legacy and how fortunate we were to have known him. He enriched our lives with his infectious spirit, and we will forever cherish the memories we made together.

## Sad passing of longtime BYC member Jim Kidd

James H. Kidd (Jim) 1929-2023

Jim Kidd, longtime member of the BYC, passed away January 15, 2023, in Yalaha, FL. Jim was 93 years old and had been married to Sharyl Street Kidd for 65 years. Jim and Sharyl enjoyed their cottage at Fernbank for more than 50 years. Sharyl's family had been summer residents since the early 1900s making their three sons fifth generation Fernbankers.

Jim was an avid sailor and enjoyed racing at the BYC for several summers. He also was an accomplished wood carver. One of his favorite projects was making the BYC sign at the club's entrance.

Jim is survived by his wife, and three sons: James (Christine), Bill, John (Laura), and six grandchildren.

## Noteworthy News

Talk about community spirit. Huck's Marine has just donated the David Massey safety boat to our sailing program in honor of our long-time Member David Massey. Our sincere appreciation to Huck's. Keith Wilcox





Thanks to Eric Poulsen for sharing the **BYC Ship'n Shore Recipes book**, which was created by the ladies committee. In the coming months I will share recipes so if you have a favorite recipe you'd like to share, please send it in!

### **Layered Crab or Shrimp Dip**

8 oz. cream cheese	½ c. chili sauce
1 tbsp. grated onion	6 oz. crab meat or shrimp
1 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce	Parsley, chopped
1 – ½ tsp. lemon juice	

Mix onion, cheese, Worcestershire sauce and lemon juice. Spread in serving dish. Spread chili sauce over top. Spread crab or shrimp over chili sauce. Sprinkle with parsley. Serve with assorted crackers.

### **Stir-Fried Vegetable Mix**

2 med. Carrots	¾ tsp. salt
1 med. Onion	½ tsp. sugar
1 sm. Bunch broccoli	½ c. sliced mushrooms
3 tbsp. salad oil	

Cut carrots into matchstick-thin strips. Thinly slice onion. Cut broccoli into 2 inch by ½ inch pieces. Place 12 inch skillet over high heat and add salad oil. Cook carrots, onion and broccoli, stirring quickly and frequently (about 3 to 4 minutes) Add salt, sugar and mushrooms. Cover and cook 5-6 minutes longer until vegetables are tender, stirring occasionally.

### **Hurry Up Chicken**

4 chicken pieces	1 tbsp. lemon juice
2 tbsp. butter	2 green onions, chopped
1 clove garlic, minces	2 carrots diced
¼ c. dry white wine	½ c. green or red pepper, diced

In large skillet, melt butter, brown chicken with garlic. Stir in wine, honey, lemon juice and simmer, covered, for 20 minutes or until chicken is tender. Over medium heat, add vegetables to skillet. Continue cooking until they are tender. YIELD: serves four.

### **Banana Boats**

6 bananas	1 c miniature marshmallows
6 sm. Dairy Nut chocolate bars	

On each of six pieces of foil place a banana sliced side down centre, but not all the way through. Put chocolate and marshmallow in slit of banana, secure each foil carefully. Place on medium grill for 15 minutes or in coals for 10 minutes, turning occasionally.

## BYC Gardens

Thanks to Conrad McCullough, Gurmell Gill, and Peter Keays for all the time and effort put into the club's gardens and flowerpots. The clean up and added color looks fantastic!



Thanks also to Phil Barton for the dandelion removal on the front lawn. The grounds are looking beautiful!



When at the club, please help out by watering and deadheading potted plants to keep them looking beautiful. Thank you.

## Boat Saying of the Week

(Where they came from and how we use them today)

Above board meant anything above or on the deck that could be easily seen. Nautical history suggests there was a practice of hiding pirates below board or below decks to create a false sense of security for the ship's crew. Today, we use it to indicate legitimacy and honesty.

## Project Corner

If you want to hang a small curtain and your walls are covered in monkey fur, just add a few strips of the hook side of Velcro to the top of the curtain and the monkey fur works as the loop side.

## Boating Hack of the Month

Boating in spring or fall can be a bit nippy for sleeping. For these nights, keep a hot water bottle (or two) on board. Prior to tucking in, heat up some water and fill the hot water bottle. Tuck it into your blankets and it will keep you warm for hours if not all night.

## A 'groaner' to end with.....

### How many boaters does it take to change a lightbulb?

None, because the right size bulb isn't on board, the local marine-supply store doesn't carry that brand, and the mail-order house has them on back-order.