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*East Wall ReGeneration*



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## About New Years

In the Gregorian calendar, the most widely used calendar system today, New Year occurs on January 1 (New Year's Day). This was also the case both in the Roman calendar (at least after about 713 BCE) and in the Julian calendar that succeeded it. Other calendars have been used historically in different parts of the world; some calendars count years numerically, while others do not.

During the Middle Ages in western Europe, while the Julian calendar was still in use, authorities moved New Year's Day, depending upon locale, to one of several other days, including March 1, March 25, Easter, September 1, and December 25. Beginning in 1582, the adoptions of the Gregorian calendar and changes to the Old Style and New Style dates meant the various local dates for New Year's Day changed to using one fixed date, January 1.

The widespread official adoption of the Gregorian calendar and marking January 1 as the beginning of a new year is almost global now. Regional or local use of other calendars continue, along with the cultural and religious practices that accompany them. In Latin America, various native cultures continue the observation of traditions according to their own calendars. Israel, China, India, and other countries continue to celebrate New Year on different dates.

Because of the division of the globe into time zones, the new year moves progressively around the globe as the start of the day ushers in the New Year. The first time zone to usher in the New Year, just west of the International Date Line, is located in the Line Islands, a part of the nation of Kiribati, and has a time zone 14 hours ahead of UTC. All other time zones are 1 to 25 hours behind,

most in the previous day (December 31); on American Samoa and Midway, it is still 11 PM on December 30. These are among the last inhabited places to observe New Year. However, uninhabited outlying U.S. territories Howland Island and Baker Island are designated as lying within the time zone 12 hours behind UTC, the last places on earth to see the arrival of January 1. These small coral islands are found about midway between Hawaii and Australia, about 1,000 miles west of the Line Islands. This is because the International Date Line is a composite of local time zone arrangements, which winds through the Pacific Ocean, allowing each locale to remain most closely connected in time with the nearest or largest or most convenient political and economic locales with which each associates. By the time Howland Island sees the new year, it is 2 AM on January 2 in the Line Islands of Kiribati.

It took quite a long time before January 1 again became the universal or standard start of the civil year. The years of adoption of 1 January as the new year for some representative countries are as follows:

- Sweden 1529
- Holy Roman Empire (~Germany) 1544
- Spain, Portugal, Poland 1556
- Prussia, Denmark and Norway 1559
- France (Edict of Roussillon) 1564
- Southern Netherlands 1576
- Dutch Republic 1583
- Scotland 1600
- Russia 1700
- Britain, Ireland and British Empire except Scotland 1752
- Japan 1873
- China (ROC and PRC) 1912
- Greece 1923
- Turkey 1926
- Thailand 1941

## Commodore's Report



Happy New Year FBYC!

I will start off my 2018 message acknowledging everyone who came out and made our Commodore's Levy so memorable. With 60+ members in attendance it was quite the turn out not to mention great to see so many familiar faces over the holidays. The meat roll proved to be very popular as well with 3 of our members going home with fantastic dinner plans and one of our members pulling their own ticket - Talk about horseshoes. A big thank you to everyone who contributed food and sweets, purchased tickets and made this event a success. I look forward to seeing many of you at some of our upcoming entertainment events in the coming months.

As many of you know, work on the east wall is almost complete and I must say I am very impressed with the work done thus far. TRCA and their contractors have been very efficient and the new wall is coming along well. I would like to thank Greg Greason and all involved over the years in planning this important work. I know this wall is going to provide peace of mind for members in the years to come and I look forward to seeing the finished product. We are actively discussing options with the south wall and look to

have ideas and plans in the coming months - More to come.

Although things are somewhat quiet here at FBYC - There are plenty of ways to engage with the club in the coming months and get you out of the cold and help you daydream of warm weather and fair winds. I encourage everyone to come out to our social events hosted by our entertainment committees as well as our monthly presentations. Look out for more information in both Sailpast as well as fbyc.ca.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the club or the Boat Show in the coming weeks. As always if there questions, comments or concerns feel free to drop me a line at [commodore@fbyc.ca](mailto:commodore@fbyc.ca).

Cheers and Happy 2018!

- Samuel Cummings

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# Commodore's Levee

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## Rear Commodore, Harbour

What a difference a week can make. After a delay of a couple of months, Toronto Regional Conservation Authority (TRCA) finally got to work on our sadly deteriorating east wall. TRCA was waiting for water levels to drop further before starting their work.



As I have outlined in the past, we opted for a sloped wall covered with river rock and topsoil then planted with indigenous plants to help hold everything together.

TRCA started on Jan 4 and within a week are nearing the completion with the exception of the final topsoil addition.

First the wall was torn apart and decades of debris (the old geoweb structure, misc. old electrical wiring and water lines, and piles) removed and the 3:1 slope created. Coco cloth (bio-degradable coconut husks) was placed on top to temporarily prevent erosion.



Large river rock was then added with a topping of smaller river rock



The old concrete base for the ramp to B dock was removed in preparation of an armour stone base. The concrete base had begun to slide into the bay as a result of the old wall failure and last summer's high water.

This past Thursday and Friday, an armour stone "cap" was being dropped into place. Esthetically it will help to delineate the wall edge and provide a seating area at the water's edge. I would guess that by early next week, the winter aspect of the construction would be complete.



Come the spring, a final layer of topsoil and plants will be added. TRCA has ideas on what type of plants they favour. Any suggestions from gardeners as to type of plants would be appreciated, as I am anything but knowledgeable on plants. Criteria on plantings – hardy, strong root system, low maintenance, ability to accept aggressive pruning (we don't want our view obstructed).

I think this new wall will be our permanent solution and visually very attractive. Now if only we could solve the south wall problems!

- Greg Greason

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# Progress Photos

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## Treasurer

A comment from the Treasurer. First time in this sought after publication? Yup!

All 2018 invoices have been emailed. If you did not get yours or it is inaccurate please let me know, maybe I missed invoicing for a Towing Dingy? I want to thank all the members who have paid, some in full, you know who you are. Much appreciated. Thanks also to many who have already left cheques.

A reminder to those yet to do so that January 31 is the date for all membership dues to be paid. We need to have enough funds to clear cheques already written like our harbour rent.

It appears that our Etransfer payment plan is popular, so just send one to [treasurer@fbyc.ca](mailto:treasurer@fbyc.ca) and voila your invoice is paid.

Did you know that our club has one Non-Resident member? Yup, guess where he lives? He is there reading this publication thanks to Ron VanderWees our Editor.....in Austria.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have so reach me at [treasurer@fbyc.ca](mailto:treasurer@fbyc.ca).

- Chuck Watson



## Cruise Committee

The 2018 Cruise Calendar is complete.

May 19 WYC

Canada Day Weekend—Choice of Two Destinations

June 30 Cobourg

June 30 Oakville

July 28 RCYC Commodore's Cruise

Aug 4 ABYC

Sept 15 THSC

## For Cobourg

The sign-up sheet is posted. I will need a non-refundable deposit of \$13.00 since the slips need to be booked March 1. Note—this is with the marina not Cobourg Yacht Club so you need to pay the going nightly rate. I hope to be at our January General Meeting and will collect the money at the time. I am going to try and book everybody that has signed up and see what the marina will take. We had a good record with the marina last year with a minimal number of late cancellations and we managed to juggle a few late comers into some of the spots as well. However, don't count on being able to get a slip if you decide in the middle of June you wish to attend.

## Work Hours Opportunity

I have a framed aerial picture of the Bay. It is in a beautiful frame built by Bob Hess.

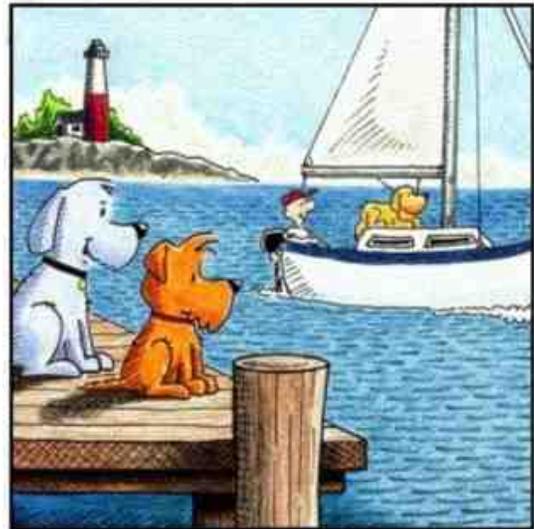
Ed Fulton, through the City contributed the picture. I need someone that can print or neatly write Bay area destinations on slips of paper to be stuck to the picture, e.g. location of Nat's, Ports, etc.

This will be posted in our hall way as a visual guide of our visitors. This is probably a 2-3 hour task and is a good one for people that have attention to detail

and may not be able to contribute to some of the more physical work around the club.

Please respond to [mike.brajac@gmail.com](mailto:mike.brajac@gmail.com) if you are able to take this one on.

- Mike Brajac



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## Entertainment Committee

There are a number of upcoming events that we hope to see you at.

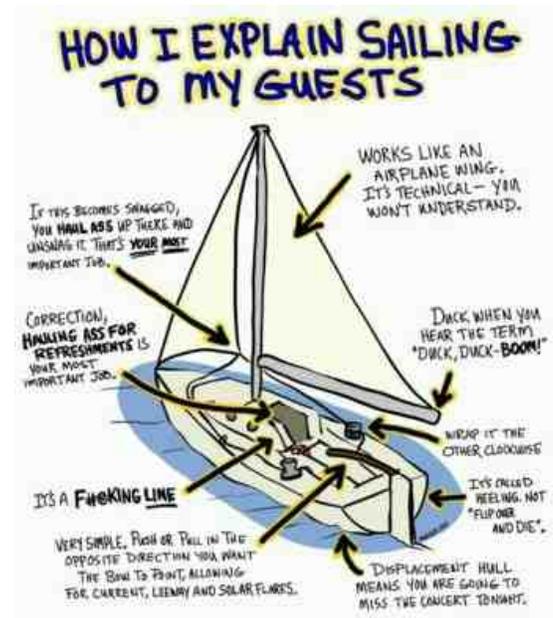
First off is the Euchre Tournament, on Friday, January 19. The bar opens at 7 pm, and the games begin at 7:30. \$10 to play, and this includes pizza. Rules: stick the dealer - meaning if no one calls trump, the dealer has to make it, 8 deals per game - each person gets to deal twice, and winners stay, losers move on.

Next is the Super Bowl party on Sunday, February 4 - exact time to be determined, but we're planning on a finger-food potluck: no cutlery needed please. Come join in the fun.

Saturday, February 10 - 9 am - 4 pm. The yoga retreat is almost sold out! There is space for another 2 or 3 people max. Email [entertainment@fbyc.ca](mailto:entertainment@fbyc.ca) if you hope to attend. Early bird fee: \$65, after Jan 13: \$80

Saturday, March 17, 6 pm : St Paddy's day dinner & music night - more details to come, but please mark your calendar! Any proceeds from this event will go to our racing team, so that they can paint and 'feng shui' their hang-out space.

- Annette Reesor



## Steward

Happy New Year! Hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season.

We've sure had an old fashioned winter already. On that note, I will be on vacation from January 30th to February 20th. Anyone wishing to book the Flag Room during this time period should contact Byron Lucas, [facilities@fbyc.ca](mailto:facilities@fbyc.ca) to discuss rental.

Our Friday Pub nights will continue as normal with Kayleen Mertz tending bar in my absence.

Come out and keep her company!

Also, don't forget Super Bowl Sunday, February 4th! The bar will open at 5:30 P.M.

Cheers!

- Maureen Tutty



## Upcoming Events

### Social Events

Every Friday Night (7:00 pm) - Pub Nights  
in the Regatta Room

### Entertainment

Friday, January 19  
- Euchre Tournament

Sunday, February 4 (TBD)  
- SuperBowl party

Saturday, March 17 (6 pm)  
- St. Paddy's Day dinner & music

### Club Business

Monday, February 12 (7:30 pm)  
- Board Meeting

Monday, February 26 (8:00 pm)  
- General Meeting

### Yoga

Saturday, February 10 (9:15 to 4 pm)  
- Retreat

### PARA

Sunday, January 28  
- PARA Course

Tuesday, February 6 (1900-2130)  
- Para Course

Tuesday, February 20 (1900-2130)  
- Para Course

## In Memoriam

As previously posted via email, Dora Slighte passed away on December 27, 2017.

Both she and Blair had been long time members of the Club. Both gave of their time and donations to help the Club. The flag pole at the flag deck was referred to as Blairs pole as he was instrumental in having it erected .Dora was a huge help to the Entertainment Committees over the years and also the First Mates. She also loved the auctions as she would buy Blair a new ladder every year.

She was great fun to be with ,very loyal to her friends and always had the best interests of the Club at heart.

We will miss her sense of humour and the fun filled times we all shared.

- Maureen Dike

## Holiday Leftovers

If you still have some holiday leftovers sitting around, here are some recipe ideas.

### Turkey (or chicken) BLT Salad

4 cups tightly packed chopped romaine lettuce  
 2 cups chopped roasted turkey  
 1/2 cup cherry tomatoes, cut in half  
 1/4 small red onion, thinly sliced  
 1/4 cup real bacon Bits  
 1/2 cup whole wheat croutons  
 1/4 cup Rancher's Dressing (or your choice)

- Place lettuce on large platter.
- Top with all remaining ingredients except dressing.
- Drizzle with dressing just before serving.

### Cheesy Ham and Hash Brown Casserole

1 (32 ounce) package frozen hash brown potatoes  
 8 ounces cooked, diced ham  
 2 (10.75 ounce) cans condensed cream of potato soup  
 1 (16 ounce) container sour cream  
 2 cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese  
 1 1/2 cups grated Parmesan cheese

- Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Lightly grease a 9x13 inch baking dish.
- In a large bowl, mix hash browns, ham, cream of potato soup, sour cream, and Cheddar cheese.
- Spread evenly into prepared dish.
- Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.
- Bake 1 hour in the preheated oven, or until bubbly and lightly brown.
- Serve immediately.

## Turkey Pot Pie

1 double crust all-butter pie crust recipe for 9-inch pie plate

¼ cup butter

1 large sweet onion, diced

5 stalks celery (leaves are fine)

4 large carrots, peeled and diced

½ cup all-purpose flour

2 ½ cups turkey stock or drippings

½ cup whole milk

3 bay leaves

½ tsp each dried basil, marjoram and sage

1 tsp sea salt

5 - 6 cups turkey, chopped (white and dark meat)

1 whole egg, beaten (optional)

- In a large heavy bottomed pan or Dutch oven, melt butter.
- Add vegetables and stir to coat.
- Cook for 3-4 minutes.
- Sprinkle flour over and cook for 3-5 minutes more, stirring constantly.
- Add stock, milk and seasonings and bring to a boil.
- Lower to a simmer and continue to cook for another 3-5 minutes or until thickened.
- Remove from heat and stir in chopped turkey.
- Place half of rolled out dough into pie plate, leaving edges hanging over the sides.
- Pour half of filling into pie (or as much as you can safely fit).
- Place second rolled out crust on top and roll edges into a thick crust

A: Freeze whole pie for reheating later or preheat oven to 425°F, place on baking sheet, brush crust with beaten egg (if using) and bake for 35-40 minutes, checking halfway to ensure crust is not burning. If it is darkening too much on the edges, cover edges in aluminium foil and continue baking.

B: If cooking from frozen, place on baking sheet, brush with beaten egg (if using) and bake at 425°F for 30 minutes. Turn oven down to 400°F and continue to bake until crust is golden brown and internal temperature of pie is 165°F. If it is darkening too much on the edges, cover edges in aluminium foil and continue baking.

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