



# SAILPAST

*New Year's Edition*

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## ***Happy New Year!***

### **Commodore's Levy - January 1, 2017**



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Bill Graham

More photos inside.

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## **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Another year gone and the beginning of a new one!

Sailing season is coming soon and I for one, am already feeling the urge to get out on the water. Two and a half months since the last sail is enough.

In case you have forgotten, the boat show opens this weekend on January 20.....a great place to spend those Christmas dollars.

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## Of Special Note

### Volunteers Needed - Sailing School

The Sailing School is looking for a volunteer to look after the outboard motors. We have a handful of motors of different types and sizes. We are looking for someone who can winterize them in the fall and get them started in the spring.

If you want to volunteer but aren't sure if you have the mechanical knowledge, we will pay for you to take a small engine maintenance course.

Anyone interested, please contact the Rear Commodore of Jr Sail (Kevin Guerin) or the Sailing School Director (Jeff Blundell.)

- Jeff Blundell

### Volunteers Needed - Wednesday Night BBQ

One or more coordinators are required if we wish to maintain the Wednesday race night BBQs.

We are grateful for those who have served in this capacity in the past and now require some new volunteers to step up to the plate.

The coordinators role involves securing the volunteers and condiments needed each week. The food needs to be cooked and the money collected and counted.

In the past, the spring series has been serving chili in the flag room and hamburgers/sausages for the summer series.

There are three series of 6 races each from May 1 to the end of August.

If you have further questions or have potential interest in this role, please contact Dave Reigert.

- David Reigert, RC Fleet  
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## A Reminder from our Poet Laureate

There once was a boy from Pickering,  
Whose girl and him were bickering,  
So he set off to sail,  
And left her to wail,  
Forfeiting his chances of any dickering.

So now that I have your attention,  
There is a fact I'd like to mention,  
But writing is so old  
And a limerick so bold,  
One thinks you might have better retention.

So back to our boy and his dream,  
Of a great ship with a wide beam,  
So that on Wednesday night,  
He had not a fright,  
All heed 'Starboard' or 'Port' when screamed.

But it is not enough to have a grand boat,  
With all the new toys he wants to gloat,  
The new GPS and sails,  
A radio and tell tails,  
And of course a tender on which to float.

The tale of the limerick is this,  
We are forgetful in our sailing bliss,  
With so much stuff being sought,  
But that new dinghy you bought?  
You owe the club eighty five dollars!

- Peter Chalkley

## Commodore's Report

Happy New Year everyone!

Here we go again. In 4 months, we'll be back in the water, and like most of you, while I enjoyed a short break from the racing, I'm now chomping at the bit to get back after Mark Bowman.

New Year's Day saw a great turnout for the Commodore's Levy. Over 60 people showed up to enjoy good food, a drink or two, and welcome 2017 with their closest friends. Thanks to all who brought snacks. We had an incredibly good spread and more than enough for all.

This year's fundraising plans are getting underway. Lori Robinson is once again mobilizing her team, and we're working on our list of wants for this year to dedicate the cause to.

Some of you may have noticed the ships models are no longer in the Regatta room. As beautiful as they are, they were just taking up too much valuable seating space. They now have a new home on the wall of the stairwell. Thanks to Chris Smith for the awful task of putting them up!

After getting fed up with yet another background music fiasco at the Christmas party, I scrounged up some audiophiles to help figure out the sound systems upstairs and down, and get them back to functional shape.

Doug Welch and Stuart Robinson spent several days testing, poking, prodding and moving things around. I'm happy to say, we now have figured out how the system works upstairs. And, to make things even better, we now have Bluetooth connectivity to the system, so that music can be played from phones and laptops without having to plug anything in.

We'll soon have simple instructions posted on how to connect, and which switches to flip. The system was very well set up back in the early club days, but takes a bit of understanding as some of the components are quite old. The DJ cart was also tested out, along with the PA speakers, and I think plans may be underfoot to plan a dance or two this year.

At the same time, we also connected sound to both the downstairs bar, and purchased a new set of outdoor speakers for the main patio for the summer. They'll be installed when the warmer weather returns, but we'll have outside music this year. That system also is now connected via Bluetooth devices. Isn't technology wonderful!?!?

All of the new equipment needed was purchased courtesy of our late season push by Lori and her team and the sales of the 2017 FBYC Calendars. Thanks again for the effort.

I have received several requests from Ontario Sailing asking if we will be participating in Get Out On The Water this year. For the past 2 seasons Andrea Zeeb has run with this event, and it has been a huge success resulting in large numbers of people milling around our club for a day, and getting an opportunity to experience sailing, often for the first time in their life. As of today, I have nobody that has offered to take point on the event for 2017. If you are interested, please contact me. It would be a shame not to participate after we saw such large numbers of local residents taking the rare opportunity and learning what we are about.

Miles has updated the final list of work hours completed for 2016. They should be posted to the workhours webpage, and posted on the club bulletin board, by the time you read this. Please review, and if there's any discrepancies, let someone

know asap. Completing work hours, along with double checking to ensure you've been credited for the hours you believe you have done, is the responsibility of you the member. Not Miles or myself. Miles can only credit you when he receives notification from the committee chair that is running the event qualifying for hours. If somehow your name is left off, it is your responsibility to follow up with the committee chair to get your name added to the list of people that helped. It's very hard to go back 6 months later when a member says 'I helped with that'. In fact, the rule is usually, if your name isn't on the list, then you weren't there. For those that for any reason aren't aware, each member owes the club 15 work hours per year. If those hours aren't completed, the member is billed a not insignificant amount of money for those delinquent hours.

- Glen Dickson

Finally, something that came up at the last board meeting. It was pointed out that last year we only billed 4 members for towing dinghies. Towing dinghies are inflatables that sit in davits on your boat, in your slip, at the dinghy dock, and occasionally on the dinghy rack. If you keep one at the club, There is a nominal fee of \$95 that is to be paid. There were certainly more than 4 of them at the club last year. The only storage of a towing dinghy that is not chargeable is if you keep it on the deck of your boat, or rolled up down below.

We really don't want to have to police this again, so let's just make it a request. If you keep a towing dinghy at the club, please send me an email at [commodore@fbyc.ca](mailto:commodore@fbyc.ca) and I'll get a small invoice sent to you for the 2017 season.

Other than that, we'll see you at the Boat Show, then I'm off to the sunny south for a few weeks.

Happy 2017!

## Vice Commodore's Report



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Happy New Year  
Frenchman's  
Bay Yacht  
Club!

With great food, great company and the free drinks, it was great seeing so many of you at the New Year's Levy.

Our kids are finally old enough to enjoy the festivities and we all had a blast. With the boat show around the corner I always look at this month as the unofficial half waypoint of the off-season before the warmth of spring air and our boats are back in the water – I'm sure you can't blame me for being half glass full.

Ok – Now back to reality. In the coming weeks I will be putting together the first draft of our Duty Officer list and while I have already received quite a number of exception requests – I can't commit to everyone getting their request fulfilled although I will do my best to try to accommodate each one. While I am on the DO topic – I wanted to reinforce the importance of completing all DO shifts as assigned – especially with visitors at our beautiful club at all time highs. Proactivity remains key and if for whatever reason you are unable to attend your shift - please ensure you arrange appropriate coverage.

Lastly something just for fun – Maple Beurre Blanc – In a sauce pan, whisk together one part maple syrup and one part butter over low heat until combined, season well with kosher salt or Fleur de Sel. Serve warm over crepes, waffles or your favourite pancakes on a cold winter morning – Enjoy!



## Cruise Committee

The Lake Ontario Cruising Club Association (LOCCA) will be meeting on the last Sunday of the Boat Show. Attendees typically get a free pass to the boat show after the meeting. I have been attending for the past several years. Other clubs often send 2-3 people. If anyone is interested in attending to meet the other cruise directors with a view to possibly taking over the position of Cruise Director or helping in other ways, please let me know--I would be glad to have you along.

A sign-up sheet for the Cobourg Marine Cruise on the July long weekend is now posted. There is a limit of 10 boats--the last I checked 5-6 already signed up. A \$13.00 non-refundable reservation is payable to Mike Brajac who will make a group booking on March 1. If you see me around, you can pay me or leave a cheque in the Power Committee Mail slot. I will keep a wait list and as long as I can find a replacement, your fee will be refunded in the event you have to cancel. Cobourg apparently puts on a great fireworks show along with other activities for the weekend. It is Canada's 150th birthday--why not celebrate it with a cruise.

Cruise sheets for the remaining cruises will be posted on May 1.

- Mike Brajac

## Cruising Schedule - 2017

**May 20-22** - Victoria Day Weekend

Whitby Yacht Club - Reciprocal Cruise

**June 30-July 2** Cobourg Waterfront Festival--Fireworks/Market

Cobourg Marina Club

(\$13.00 non-refundable reservation fee payable to Mike Brajac who will make the reservation on behalf of those attending. E-mail [mike.brajac@gmail.com](mailto:mike.brajac@gmail.com) to sign up. Sign up sheet also available at the club. Deadline to sign up is February 26.

**July 15/16** Commodore's Cruise

Mimico Cruise Club - Reciprocal Cruise

**August 5/6/7-** Kids Cruise (This is Caribana Weekend)

Island Yacht Club (Toronto)  
Toronto Sailing and Canoe Club (6 boats incoming) Reciprocal available if you are a small boat. If you want to be in the heart of the action, Toronto Sailing and Canoe Club is the Place to be.

**August 19/20** BPYC (Reciprocal Cruise)

**September 16/17** THSC (Reciprocal Cruise)

## Entertainment Committee



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Hello and Happy New Year from the Entertainment Committee!

It feels like it's been a while.....time to reconnect.

We have a number of events planned (posted on FBYC web calendar) based on the responses of our online survey that was conducted in November. Thank you to everyone who participated by answering four quick questions.

Here's what you had to say in response to the following questions.

1. When asked if you attend FRiday evening pub hours over the winter months, this was the response.

- 13 people said "On friday night, I just want to stay home or I have other commitments."

- 15 responded that "Unfortunately, I live too far away."

- 22 said "Sometimes"

- 6 people said that "I try to do my part to support the bar" and

- 5 responded "I'm a regular. I look forward to my Friday night at the club"  
Cheers!

2. Would any of the following entice you to brave the elements of winter for FBYC pub night?

- 25 would like "Food for purchase, as in the summer."

- 18 responded well to "Big comfy couches, cushions."

- 27 want to warm up by the "Cozy gas fireplace."

- 12 are up for "Organized activities, DIY crafts."

- 20 want to test their "Pub Trivia skills."

- 17 appreciate "Music" and

- 31 are ready to play "Euchre, darts, other games."

3. FBYC Entertainment committee planned numerous events in 2016..

Choose which statement best describes you.

- 7 - "I did not attend any events"

- 20 - "I attended some events, because I wanted to support the team."

- 30 - "I attended many of the events and look forward to more of the same in 2017"

- 4 - "I attended almost all events and wish there were more."

4. I would like to help the Entertainment Committee.....

- 5 people want to "decorate for Christmas".....*we'll take you up on that for 2017!*

- 1 beautiful soul will 'clean up after the potluck'....*thank you!*

- 1 romantic would "plan a Valentine's event."

- 4 helpful people will "clean up after events" and

- 10 people would like to help "plan other events."

Now the trick to the last question is that this was an anonymous survey, and so unless you added your name to the 'comment' field, we do not know who you are. If you are still willing to help plan other events, including a Valentine's

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event, please reach out to us by emailing [entertainment@fbyc.ca](mailto:entertainment@fbyc.ca) as soon as possible.

The Entertainment Committee would like to thank Doug Welch and Stu Robinson for updating our sound system at the club.

We will now be able to have music in the Flag Room, Regatta Room, and on the patio for Friday evening dinners. BIG thanks also goes out to all of the people who helped with the gas fireplace insert. While some were just warming up to the idea, others had already made it happen. If you haven't had a chance to enjoy the warmth of the fire yet, come out in a couple of weeks time for our "Fire, Darts, Euchre and Pizza" pub night on Friday, January 27. It's going to be a fun night, with something for everyone. Looking forward to seeing you there.

February 5 is Super Bowl Sunday. It may be that Jr Sail will kick off this event for 2017. Stay tuned for details.

Looking ahead, on Friday, February 24th, we are going to have an FBYC version of the Newlywed Game. You will not want to miss this. Lots of fun to be had and then on March 17 we will have a St. Paddy's Pub night dinner. More details will come, but mark you calendar and plan to attend.

It's tricky to plan a skating party on the bay, because the weather and ice conditions are so unpredictable but the Entertainment Committee would love to see that happen, especially warming up with hot chocolate or Irish coffee by the fire afterwards.

Lastly, if you have a great idea that you would like the club to do, and are willing to help plan it, drop us a line at [entertainment@fbyc.ca](mailto:entertainment@fbyc.ca).

- Annette Reesor (on behalf of the Entertainment Committee)

## Sailing School- Rachel's Award



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## Steward

Hope everyone is surviving this winter weather. I think we are making up for last year!

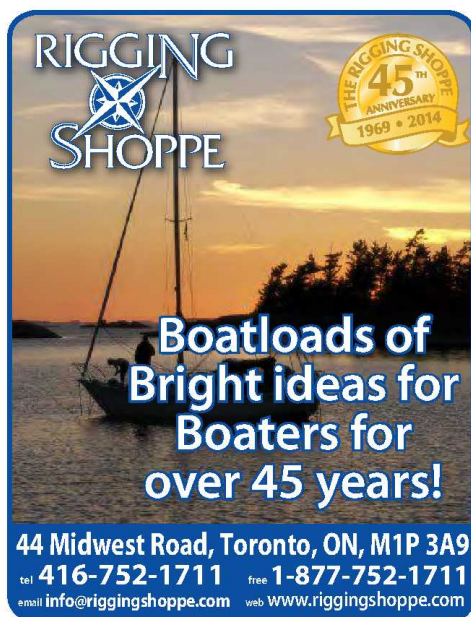
The bar is open all year on Friday nights from 7:00 - 11:00. Come on out and enjoy a couple of drinks and conversation. I believe the Entertainment Committee is also planning on some Friday night events. Watch for the announcements.

### SUPER BOWL -Sunday, February 5th

Mark this date on your calendar. The bar will be open at 5:30 P.M. with the game starting at 6:30 P.M. Come out and join in the fun. Please bring an appetizer to share. More information to follow.

Hope to see you soon!

- Maureen Tutty



## Upcoming Events

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

- A special Newlywed Game is  
planned for February 24th
- St. Patricks Day Dinner on March  
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Sunday, February 5 (5:00 pm) - Super  
Chilly Bowl Party

Monday, February 13 (7:30 pm) - Board  
Meeting

Monday, February 27 (8:00 pm) - General  
Meeting

Monday, March 13 (7:30 pm) - Board  
Meeting

### PARA Meetings:

- Saturday, February 4  
(0800-1600)
- Sunday, February 5  
(0800-1600)
- Tuesday, February 7  
(1900-2130)
- Saturday, February 11  
(0800-1600)
- Sunday, February 12  
(0800-1600)
- Thursday, February 16  
(1900-2130)
- Tuesday, February 21  
(1900-2130)
- Saturday, February 25  
(0800-1600)
- Sunday, February 26  
(0800-1600)
- Thursday, March 2  
(1700-1930)
- Tuesday, March 14  
(1700-1930)
- Thursday, March 21  
(1700-2130)

### Power Radio Course

Saturday, March 4  
Flag Room  
0800-1600  
Regatta Room  
1400-1600

Sunday, March 5  
(0800-1600)



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