



SAILPAST



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Soooo Lonely and serene!



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It's not too long now before we can begin our preparations for the upcoming boating season.

In Memoriam

Lori Robinson



March 26, 1960 – Feb 1, 2017
Rest In Peace

Barbara (Penny) Boyes

It is with deep sadness that we announce Barbara (Penny) Boyes, passed away peacefully at home yesterday afternoon (February 16) following a brave battle with cancer. She was 73 years old.

Penny leaves behind Bill, her husband of 52 years, children Brian (Tracy) and Barb (Brent), and grandchildren Aubrey (14), Graydon (11), and Rowan (6 weeks).

Bill and Penny have been associated with FBYC as both dinghy and social members for many years, and have had many fond memories at the club.

If you wish to send Barb any words of condolence, she may be reached at barbhughes@rogers.com.

Useful Stuff

NavCan Airport Operational Info

For those of you who like or need to check out airport operational info, Bob Stobie has provided this link for you to review.

Check out the up-to-the-minute data on this website:

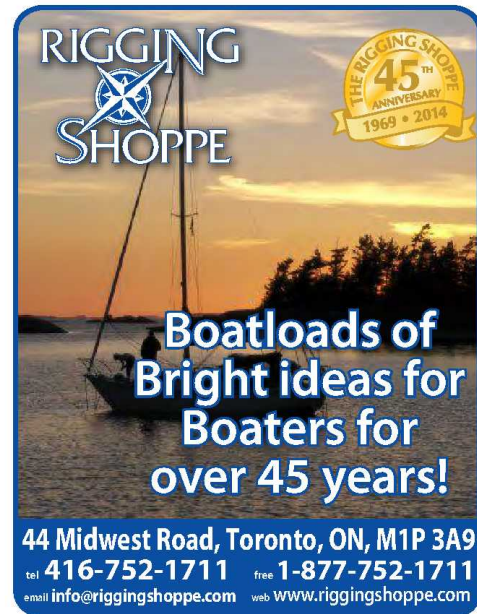
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2016 Rolex Sailor of the Year Awards

The Sail Canada Rolex Sailor of the Year Awards were held on Saturday, February 4th, 2017. Paralympic silver medalists John McRoberts and Jackie Gay were honoured with the exquisite Oyster Perpetual Yacht Master watches courtesy of Rolex Canada.

Sail Canada - 2017-2020 Rule Books

2017 brings new and updated Racing Rules of Sailing. Whether you are a racing sailor, a coach, an official, or organizing a regatta – you need the new 2017-2020 Rule Book with Sail Canada Prescriptions. The racing rules are revised and published every four years by World Sailing, the international authority for the sport. This edition became effective on 1 January 2017. Marginal markings indicate important changes to Parts 1-7 and the Definitions of the 2013-2016 edition.



The advertisement for Rigging Shoppe features a background image of a sailboat on the water at sunset. The text 'RIGGING SHOPPE' is prominently displayed at the top left. A gold anniversary seal in the top right corner reads 'THE RIGGING SHOPPE 45th ANNIVERSARY 1969 • 2014'. Below the seal, the text 'Boatloads of Bright ideas for Boaters for over 45 years!' is written in a large, bold, blue font. At the bottom, contact information is provided: '44 Midwest Road, Toronto, ON, M1P 3A9', 'tel 416-752-1711 free 1-877-752-1711', 'email info@riggingshoppe.com web www.riggingshoppe.com'.

Reminders

Annual Dues

If you have not yet submitted your payment for the annual dues, and intend to remain in the club, please submit them as soon as possible. Otherwise, please let the executive know if you do not plan to stay on.

Dinghy Fees

As a followup to the article in the January edition, please note that the following are the dinghy fees for 2017.

Dry Sail fee is 118.33 plus HST.
Towing dinghy 94.56 plus HST.

If you need an explanation of how these fees apply to you, feel free to contact the club executive.

New Product Worth Checking Out

Of interest to sailors who add the latest in "green technology" to their vessels, you might want to check out this new flexible solar panel.

UK Sailmakers France and SolarCloth Systems have been awarded a 2016 Pittman Innovation Award for their Power Sails®, a method of putting solar panels on sails. UK Sailmakers France laminates thin-film, flexible solar panels into their Titanium sails so that sailors get much more electrical generation than a few hard solar panels hanging off the stern pulpit.

In publishing the award, Sail Magazine's editors wrote, "The key here is a set of lightweight, non-load-bearing ultra-thin solar panels, typically 65 microns thick, "which are laminated, glued, stitched or even zipped to a boat's mainsail.

Commodore's Report

The past year has been hellish for a number of our members and their families. It's not my place to comment on some, but I will for one member whom we recently lost most unexpectedly on Feb 1st at the far too young age of 56. Lori Robinson.

Her loss will be felt deeply at this club for years to come. I doubt many of you know just how active she's been behind the scenes for as long as I can recall.

When I took over as Vice Commodore, Lori was right there to tell me she'd help me in whatever role I needed her to take. And she never failed to deliver. In the role of Vice, one has 2 main responsibilities, Sailpast, and the Duty Roster. For Sailpast, Lori took the task of organizing lunch off my hands. As any past Vice Commodore knows, that is a load off your hands.

Once I created the duty roster, Lori would methodically call each person who was on duty the following week to make sure they were aware of their shift, and report those who missed a shift if it was noticed.

Seeing as we'd had a couple of years with increasing missed shifts prior, this process of calling each member individually was a huge help. We had 4 missed shifts in 2 years. All because she thought we could better.

During this time she also managed the Wed Night BBQ for the racers. Although this was partially to help out the fleet by having food, Lori always looked at it as raising money for the senior club.

In late 2015 I took over as Commodore of this club. I put the word out that I had a number of things I wanted to accomplish, and for that we needed money. And I didn't want it coming from the budget, so

we needed a fundraising committee, and I needed someone to chair that group and come up with and execute on ideas. Lori sat down at the bar that Friday night and said 'I won't do this for anyone else, but I'll do it for you', and took the job. I think her conviction in my ability to deliver on what I said I would do makes her simple statement the greatest compliment anyone ever gave me. Lori quickly organized a team of people she knew and trusted to deliver. And boy, did they deliver!

This story is only a year old, but still bears telling. The marine auction organized by Lori and Alan May and the entire fundraising committee raised \$4,500 in one afternoon. My ask was \$4,000 for the entire season!

And they didn't stop there. Wednesday night BBQ's continued on under Lori's supervision, along with the 2017 club Calendar published late in the season for sale to all. The only fundraising job she didn't have anything to do with was the Friday Night Dinners hosted by Chef Izzy. In all, Lori and her fundraising committee raised almost \$10,000. Funds which allowed us to accomplish a number of things without touching the budget. We relaid the patio for the main seating area and sealed it. The new BBQ patio pad was dug out, doubled in size, with a canopy frame erected (thanks to Brent and Alan!) along with the cover. A new large outdoor grill was purchased to replace the old one that was on its last legs. We purchased and installed the beautiful new gas fireplace in the Regatta Room. We purchased a new float, battery, and some odds and ends to finish off the repower of Fleur De Lys, and the upstairs and downstairs bar both had their sound systems reworked so we now have Bluetooth connectivity to both systems, and clear instructions on how to work it. Plus, we have purchased new outdoor patio speakers so there will be music outside on weekends and Friday nights.

All this was accomplished by the dedication and commitment of one person. Lori will be greatly missed for years as I mentioned earlier. I for one, haven't got a clue how I will manage this year without my right hand. I really don't think I've accepted that she's gone. However, we'll do our best to carry on.

However great we feel her loss pales in comparison to that felt by Stuart, Nigel and Taylor. They've lost a wife and mother. Our hearts go out to each of you, and our thoughts and prayers are with you and Lori always.

She was an absolutely wonderful person. Possibly a bit tough to get to know for some, and she had her own quirks, but those are the individual things that made Lori unique unto herself. She is irreplaceable to this club in many ways, but she will not be forgotten. She left an indelible mark on FBYC, and we'll see if we can't do something special in the coming months.

Your first opportunity to do something for her is to come out and remember her along with your friends on Saturday, February 25th, from 1-4pm. There will be a service held for her in the flag room, followed by coffee, tea and snacks. We are expecting, and I'm counting on you for, a HUGE turnout.

I'm not going to write about any club business this issue, as, well, nothing else really matters right now.

LORI ROBINSON March 26, 1960 – Feb 1, 2017
Rest In Peace

- Glen Dickson

Cruise Committee

It is indeed a sad time around FBYC with the sudden loss of Lori Robinson. Lori and Stuart were one of the first members we met after we joined FBYC. Marlene and I were approached by Lori to serve on the Entertainment Committee at the time which she and Stuart chaired. Her enthusiasm and passion about FBYC was readily apparent and continued right up until her unexpected passing. In particular, both Stuart and Lori have been most kind to our son Sean who was fairly young when we joined. She always had time to pull him aside for a little chat and then send him on his way with a big hug. That even continued last summer on a Friday night dinner, when she did the same thing only now with a 6 foot lumbering young man. Our deepest condolences to Stuart, Nigel, and Taylor. Sean, Marlene and I are one family among many that will sorely miss Lori.

Thanks to Doug Welch for posting the Cruise Calendar on the FBYC site. A few details to share on the Cobourg Cruise however.

We have been invited to attend a Cobourg Yacht Club BBQ on the Saturday night. More details will be shared when they are available. Cost is somewhere in the \$25-30 dollar range per person. Plan here is to confirm the number of slips we can get at the Marina, canvass FBYC cruisers on whether they wish to attend the BBQ event, and then get a tentative number to Cobourg Yacht Club. Last I checked, I had ten boats signed up with a few more on the waiting list. My intention is to try and get reservations for all boats that have signed up. In conversation with the Marina staff last fall, it didn't look like I would be able to get more than ten to twelve slips. If you wish to sign on to the wait list, please send me your boat details and I will add you (mike.brajac@gmail.com).

I will keep a wait list in the event there are some cancellations. However, I will try to get the marina to accommodate whatever we have on the list. If you decide at a latter point that you would like to attend—you will be on your own to try and get a slip on the busiest weekend of the season for Cobourg. The reservations open for Cobourg on March 1.

I will be at the February General Meeting and will be collecting the \$13.00 non-refundable reservation then.

- 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 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)

Caribbean Adventure - A Continuing Storey

Tom Wood left on his Caribbean adventure at the end of our 2016 sailing season. This is his continuing story in his own words.



Arriving in the Bahamas!

It is a rough life. All the swimming, snorkeling and lying on the beach. The football final a few nights back which we watched with some American friends was especially greuling.

We are getting some heavy weather experience. 40 knots with 6 miles of fetch

seems to be our limit. The last front was worse further north which is the pattern here. A boat went up on the reef in Bimini 2 nights back. We were in a good spot with a hill between us and the worst winds. As the winds clocked we lost some of our protection but by then it was dropping under 30 knots. Last night one boat was on the move most of the night trying to find a spot to reanchor. Our 25kg Rocna from the Rigging shop held fine. The mantus anchors are doing well too.

Today the wind drops into the teens and tommorrow under 10 until the next front about a week away.

We are currently anchored between Little Majors and Big Majors Spot a short dinghy ride from Staniel Cay. We just sat out a storm that was predicted to peak at 45 maybe 50 knots out of the unusual direction of southwest. It has now clocked to the North west and is dropping from 30 this morning to low teens later this afternoon.

There was considerable debate a few days before Christmas about doing the crossing from Noname Harbor to Bimini. At 4:30 am we decided to go despite warnings from our weather router that the 1st 20 miles would be uncomfortable but safe enough. By afternoon we were close reaching to Bimini and a fabulous sail. We crossed with 2 other boats - Mauna Kea from Oakville and Valentine from Cape Cod area. These were both boats that we met in Wally Moran's Sail to The Sun rally. Several more boats from the rally crossed the gulf stream a few days back and will connect with us in a few weeks.



We spent Christmas in Bimini. It seems people love Bimini or they don't. I loved it and would go again for sure. We crossed a few days later to West Bay New Providence for New Years. We crossed to the top of the Exumas a week later to Allans Cay where we shared the beach with the Iguanas. We sat out the next storm in the Highbourne cay marina, nice place but a bit expensive.

WE did Warderick Wells and Shroud Cay in the land and sea park. Shroud was the unexpected pleasure, the north creek comes out in a nice little bay on the east side with a fabulous beach. It is protected by the sand bar and the there is a hill to climb and admire the view. I guess it is a sign of the times that when we climbed to admire the fabulous view we were more excited to get cell service (4 bars!).



Entertainment Committee

The days are getting longer, and before you know it, we will be thinking about uncovering the boats, and getting ready to launch.

Yay!

But meanwhile, we have a couple more months of activities planned for your physical health and amusement.

Coming up next is the 6 week session of yoga, beginning Tuesday, February 28, 7:30 pm. Please arrive a little early on the first evening, for sign in and payment. If you haven't signed up, but would like to test it out, you are still welcome to come for \$12 a class.

- Annette Reesor



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Upcoming Events

Celebration of Life

Saturday, March 25 - 1pm to 4 pm
Lori Robinson

Saturday, April 22 - 1 pm to 4 pm
Wanda Saunders
(mother of Isla Viscount)

Social Events

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

Friday, March 17 - - St. Patricks
Day Dinner

Friday, April 28 - Spring Pot Luck Dinner

Club Business

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

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

Monday, April 10 (7:30 pm) - Board
Meeting

Yoga

Tuesdays from 7:30 pm to 9 pm - starts
March 7 and continues until April 4

PARA Meetings:

*I would like to thank PARA for their
generosity, consideration and
willingness to relinquish training time
that they had booked for us to
accommodate two Celebrations of Life
of our members.*

- Byron Lucas

Sunday, February 26
(0800-1600)

Thursday, March 2
(1700-1930)

Tuesday, March 14
(1700-1930)

Thursday, March 21
(1700-2130)

Tuesday, April 4
(1900-2130)

Thursday, April 13
(1900-2130)

Tuesday, April 18
(1900-2130)

Sunday, April 23
CCGA Training
(1000-1600)

Saturday, April 29
(0800-1600)

Power Radio Course

Saturday, March 4
Flag Room
0800-1600

Regatta Room
1400-1600

Sunday, March 5
(0800-1600)

Saturday, April 1
Flag Room
(0800-1600)

Regatta Room
(1400-1600)

Sunday, April 2
(0800-1600)



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