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Reminder

**Heads Up! Lots of work
hours available in upcoming
projects.**

**See inside for requests for
volunteers.**

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In Memoriam

As many of you already know, we are sad at the recent passing of Egon Weidenborner, long time member of Frenchman's Bay Yacht Club, recreational pilot, and all round good guy. He had been fighting cancer for a number of years, and finally lost the battle. He died in hospital surrounded by his wife Anne and family.

Egon was born in Germany, and came to Canada many years ago. He originally joined FBYC in the 1960's, but let his membership lapse.

He rejoined in 2000, and for many years his HR28, Noelani II, was tied up next to me on the south side of A dock. His contribution to the infrastructure around the club was immense. He was a gifted designer and fabricator, most notably he designed and assembled the hydraulic powered winch for the mast crane. He even created his own roller furling for his headsail. His home in Clairmont was heated and cooled by a heat pump system largely of his own design.

Some of you may have noted the license plate number on his smart car was the registration of the Cessna 150 aircraft that he had once owned. He was a member of the Scarborough / Markham Chapter of the Recreational Aircraft Association of Canada, which is dedicated to amateur built aircraft. He had been building a two seater Jodel in his basement until he finally decided that he would not live long enough to finish it and sold the project. He inspired his son Mark to take up flying, and Mark is now a Major in the RCAF.

Egon was a good friend of mine and source of inspiration and advice, particularly on technical subjects. He will be sorely missed.

- Bob Stobie

A Celebration of Life for Egon will be held on Sunday, April 15th from 2:00 to 5:00 in the Flag Room.

St. Patricks Day

Saint Patrick's Day, or the Feast of Saint Patrick is a cultural and religious celebration held on 17 March, the traditional death date of Saint Patrick (c. AD 385–461), the foremost patron saint of Ireland. Patrick was a 5th-century Romano-British Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland. Much of what is known about Saint Patrick comes from the Declaration, which was allegedly written by Patrick himself. It is believed that he was born in Roman Britain in the fourth century, into a wealthy Romano-British family. His father was a deacon and his grandfather was a priest in the Christian church.

According to the Declaration, at the age of sixteen, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders and taken as a slave to Gaelic Ireland. It says that he spent six years there working as a shepherd and that during this time he "found God". The Declaration says that God told Patrick to flee to the coast, where a ship would be waiting to take him home. After making his way home, Patrick went on to become a priest.

According to tradition, Patrick returned to Ireland to convert the pagan Irish to Christianity. The Declaration says that he spent many years evangelising in the northern half of Ireland and converted "thousands". Patrick's efforts against the druids were eventually turned into an allegory in which he drove "snakes" out of Ireland (Ireland never had any snakes). Tradition holds that he died on 17 March and was buried at Downpatrick. Over the following centuries, many legends grew up around Patrick and he became Ireland's foremost saint.



Saint Patrick's Day was made an official Christian feast day in the early 17th century and is observed by the Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion (especially the Church of Ireland), the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Lutheran Church. The day commemorates Saint Patrick and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland, and celebrates the heritage and culture of the Irish in general.

Celebrations generally involve public parades and festivals, cèilidhs, and the wearing of green attire or shamrocks. Christians who belong to liturgical denominations also attend church services and historically the Lenten restrictions on eating and drinking alcohol were lifted for the day, which has encouraged and propagated the holiday's tradition of alcohol consumption.

Saint Patrick's Day is a public holiday in the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, Newfoundland and Labrador (for provincial government employees), and the British Overseas Territory of Montserrat. It is also widely celebrated by the Irish diaspora around the world, especially in the United Kingdom, Canada, United States, Brazil, Argentina, Australia and New Zealand. Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated in more countries than any other national festival.

St Paddy`s Dinner at the Club

Saturday evening, March 17, was an evening to remember as the club celebrated St. Patrick's day in style. Great meal, fantastic in-house entertainment and a host of friends.

Take a look at some of the fun had by all.





The group in action! Is that Joe hiding at the back?

- Photos courtesy of Ron van der Wees



Just waiting my turn!

News

Alert! Clear Your Schedules!

Volunteers required shortly! Over the next month or so, there are a number of upcoming projects that will require a variety of volunteers to contribute their time and effort.

Fleet, Harbour and House committees have a need for assistance for their projects so it would be helpful if you can clear your schedules and be prepared for requests for assistance as they occur. Times and dates and the nature of the work will be published as the need arises BUT If you already know that you can contribute your time and talent, just alert the committee chairs of your willingness to participate. *And don't forget our annual spring cleanup day that will shortly be announced.*

Fleet: Tom Wood (rcfleet@fbyc.ca)
 Harbour: Greg Greason
 (harbourmaster@fbyc.ca)
 House: Chris Smith (house@fbyc.ca)

Easter Egg Hunt

The Pickering Auxiliary Rescue Association invites you and your family to join them at West Shore Beach on Sunday, April 1 (0900-1200) for a Sponsored Easter Egg Hunt (no charge). This Event is for Children aged 2 - 10 --- But ALL are welcome! Tea, Coffee and Hot Chocolate will be available.

For questions, feel free to e-mail us: events@para-rescue.org Let us know you are joining in the fun

JFest

The JFest NOR is posted and registrations are already rolling in with representation from the following J fleets ... J/80, J/105, J/88, J/27, J/70 and J/120. The J/80s are currently leading the registration race with 8 boats from around the lake already signed up!

If you are interested in this event and wish to enter, you can register at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm> If you're into facebook you'll find them at - www.facebook.com/groups/GreatLakesJFest/

Employment Opportunity

Frenchmans Bay Marina is looking for students to work at the marina May through to September. If a member has a friend or relative interested, we would be happy to hear from them.

Please ask they call me at 905-978-7276, or Karen at 905-839-5036.

- Ian Mackimmie

Ron Susman on the Move

Ron Susman (formerly of Mats Marine) is now working at Drivemaster Marine in Pickering where he is in the process of developing and establishing a parts service. He has been setting up and bringing in inventory for spring time to service the boating community in Pickering.

Stop by and say hello!

Past Commodore's Report

This report was to be read at the February General Meeting, but due to emails and absenteeism, it was missed.

I was really hoping 2018 would start off better than 2017, but while I was away I received word that we had lost Egon. There's a man I will miss greatly. He was always willing to jump in with ideas or both hands whenever anyone needed it. He's the only reason the mast crane is powered. Rest in peace Egon.

However, I do have some good news.

Last year there was a push by some to once again look at options for facilitating the purchase and installation of a chair lift system for the mobility challenged to access our second floor, so they could join in and enjoy upstairs functions, be they club, private, or community oriented.

It should be noted that there is currently a proposal before the federal government to turn all commercial buildings, ours included, into accessible premises. At some point, soon or in the not too distant future, this WILL be made into a law.

A committee at FBYC was tasked with scoping out the project requirements, attaining at least 3 quotes, and determining funding options.

A proposal was agreed upon, and ideas were discussed on just how to fund such a venture. As with everything we deal with here, no company that sells and installs chair lift systems will put a residential lift into a commercial property. We of course need to shell out big bucks for commercial grade equipment.

At the end, it was determined we need to come up with approx. \$40,000 to acquire and install such a system. Seeing as it is an externally retrofitted system (ie, mounted on existing structure), there are no structural modifications to be made, and therefore no permits required.

Through several efforts to raise funds and awareness, we were only able to see a number equal to about half the required amounts as attainable. However, I'm very pleased to say that through the efforts of Maureen Dike and Maureen Tutty, in conjunction with the staff of the Hon Tracy MacCharles, MPP Pickering – Scarborough East, we were successful in getting approval for half the funds in the form of a grant from the Enabling Accessibility fund of the Federal Government.

This will allow access to the second floor for our members and guests at private and public functions such as local community events, safety awareness, training functions, and public visitation to special events such as Get Out On The Water and other now possible events for the future.

I'd like to thank Maureen Dike and Maureen Tutty for their efforts, Tracy MacCharles and her office for their assistance, those members who so graciously donated their final payment of the dredging loan, and all others who have helped out at bake sales and other fundraising events.

We now have all the funds in our hands, and have an ambitious completion target date of Sailpast for this year.

- Glen Dickson

Fleet Report

Looking to fulfill your volunteer hours ?

Volunteers for race night dinners:

Food coordinator – work with the other volunteers to ensure the food is purchased and brought to the club – this is likely a one to three phone calls each week and a few emails, pleasant outgoing personality preferred but not required

Shoppers – pick up the food and bring it to FBYC before each race night- not a job for vegetarians

Burger flippers – this should be obvious, must be comfortable with large open flames

Food helpers – you get to decide each persons portion, this is the most powerful volunteer position in the club

I am looking for 5 to 15 hours commitment from each volunteer but I will take what I can get. Please email me at rcfleet@fbyc.ca .

FBYC regatta volunteers required -

I am hoping to make this years regatta party a big event with significant entertainment. This will require people with a vision and the will to make it happen. My intent is that this will be an event to bring your friends, family and neighbors to.

Email me at rcfleet@fbyc.ca .

-Tom Wood

Harbour Master

Able Bodied Sailors Needed!

As part of the dock electrical modifications, we will need a few lads and lassies who aren't afraid to handle a shovel.

This is just a heads-up that we will be hiring an excavator to do the bulk of the work, but hand shoveling is needed when we get close to underground electrical cables (don't worry, the power is off). Stay tuned for the plea to assist once the ground thaws.

- Greg Greason

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Caribbean 600



I am certain that one or more of our FBYC members that participated in this years' boisterous Caribbean 600 Race will give a much better synopsis of the event than I can hope to do in this edition of Sailpast.

However, please allow me to say just a few words. I've done a fair bit of tough sailing through the years, and a very close to 10,000 offshore ocean miles. But this event was different. The conditions were very challenging; high winds, large waves, currents, squalls, sharks off St. Barts, breakages.....you name it, we saw it. And all together in a large boat, with minimal time aboard prior to the event starting. Thankfully we did it in 90 degree temperatures with 80 degree water, or else it would have been a whole lot tougher.

For many of you that sailed on Challenger, this may have been, by far, the toughest sailing that you have ever done. Yet mile after mile, shift after shift, and storm after storm, each and every one of you stood together and held your ground, completed all of the manouvers, and did what was asked (or sometimes told) what to do. None of you missed a shift, missed a meal, stayed in your bunk, cried for your mommy, wanted to quit, or,

incredibly...got seasick. Well done, all of you!



I am very proud to have completed this race with an almost 100% FBYC crew, on its 10th Anniversary, in the toughest conditions the race has seen to date. For those that have not heard, Challenger was the ONLY non-professional boat in the IRC-Zero Class to finish the race (11 of 22 boats did not finish), and the LARGEST of the non-professional boats in the entire fleet to finish the race (41 of 84 boats finished the race, and another 4 did not even get across the start line). We are now a part of the 47% Club!

So, to Stuart Robinson, Chris and Nancy Smith, Glen Dickson, Doug Welch, Chris Viscount, Larry Jensen, Mark and Shernaz Chin, Brian Duarte, Katharine Taylor, and Taleta of Switzerland.....I tip my hat to you. You are all much better sailors than you were when we started this adventure, and we are all better friends today than before we left. I am proud to have completed this race with you. To Ross Seeley, John Kennedy and Diane Reid; we missed you on board, but

you may have picked a good one to skip!
And finally, to CSM; Thank you for getting
us safely and securely around the course
and across that finish line!!! We did it!

- Brent Hughes

Check out the Skipper's account of the
Caribbean 600 at
<https://www.spartanoceanracing.com/blog/50-of-the-caribbean-600-fleet-fail-to-finish-but-a-deep-reefed-challenger-sees-it-through>.

Photos from the Race (provided by Brent Hughes)



Before the race....60' long and a 90' mast,
dwarfed by what's in the other side of the pier.
We are **BETWEEN** the fore and aft masts of a
186' yacht.....look at the height of those rigs





Ah....the important part.....the after party!

Entertainment Committee

In just about a month, the boats will start to launch! Not only does it mark the end of what always seems to be a long winter, but it's the beginning of another sailing season, hanging out at the club and seeing all of our sailing friends - our second home!

What better way to start things off, than with a Spring Pot Luck, where you can reconnect, talk boat, (find a buddy to help raise your mast) or just enjoy some delicious food and a nice evening. We're going to try things a little differently, and suggest either a first course or dessert item, depending on the first letter of your last name. Let's see if that balances out the savoury and sweet food on the pot luck menu. The date for the gathering is Saturday, April 21. The bar will be open, and we'll plan to eat at 6:30. I hope that you can be there.

The current session of yoga will wrap up at the end of March. I would like to thank Hayley, our Tuesday instructor from Stouffville, who drove down to help us out.

I am excited that Taryn will be returning in April to lead both the Tuesday and Thursday classes, beginning the week of April 16. The Tuesday class will be a more gentle, with more focus on stretching, while the Thursday class will incorporate more core strength & balance work. I encourage you to try a session, if you haven't yet. It's 60 minutes in the evening, just for you.

Early bird special:
sign up & pay by April 1 - both classes for only \$135!

Email: entertainment@fbyc.ca to reserve your spot. A confirmation email will be sent to you.

UPCOMING EVENT:

Saturday, April 21 - Launch into Spring Potluck -

Suggestion: bring a first course item if your last name begins with the letters A to M, and a dessert item if your last name begins with: N-Z.

FBYC YOGA

Next session of yoga will begin the 3rd week of April.

Classes will run both Tuesday & Thursday evenings with Taryn.

By April 1st Registration options:

Tuesday only: \$95 (10 classes)

Thursday only: \$85 (9 classes - no class on Apr 26)

Early bird special! Register & pay by April 1, for both evenings (19 classes) for only \$135

Drop in option: \$12 subject to availability

Looking forward to another great season by the water in Frenchman's Bay.

- Annette Reesor

Upcoming Events

Celebration of Life (April 15: 1400-1700) Egon Weidenborner

Social Events

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

Entertainment

Sunday, April 1 (0900-1200)
- PARA Sponsored Easter Egg Hunt (no charge)

Saturday, April 21 (1800-???)
- Spring Pot Luck Dinner

Club Business

Monday, April 16 (1930)
- Board Meeting

Yoga

Thursday Nights (1930-2100)
- till end of March

Tuesday Nights (1930-2100)

Racing

Friday, April 27 (tbd)
- Race Registration

PARA

Tuesday, March 20 (1700-2130)
- Training

Saturday, March 24 (0800-1600)
- Training

Sunday, March 25 (0800-1600)
- Training

Tuesday, April 3 (1900-2130)
- Training

Tuesday, April 17 (1900-2130)
- Executive Meeting

Thursday, April 26 (1900-2130)
- AGM

Saturday, April 28 (1000-1800)
- Training Ops

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