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*Newsletter of the Bay of Quinte Yacht Club*



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As the new year begins, so does another year of exciting events. One such annual event, the **BOAT SHOW TRIP**, still has seats left. Jack Press, has kindly offered once again to run the 50-50 draw. A couple of door prizes are being donated and we will have some more available as more passengers join us, hopefully. If you would like to donate something please let me know.

The after-dinner entertainment this year should enable those of us who want to sleep off the Mandarin Restaurant "snack", to do so. The rest of us can enjoy the sailing DVD "All is Lost" with Robert Redford (hey, he's probably still not hard to look at IMHO - or am I getting really old?!)

Our cell phone number in case you have a last minute emergency: 613-921-2434. Until about 9:15 when we leave, you can get us at 613-969-9766.

As always feel free to pack a cooler for the trip! We do not stop on the way there but the coach is washroom-equipped. Looking forward to the 14th and another great Boat Show Trip - thanks for supporting it.

Remember to be at the Yacht Club **BEFORE 10 a.m.** (Or at Trenton Rona by 10:10). If we can dig up a few more enthusiasts we will have a profit at the end for the Chris Waller Memorial Foundation. Here's hoping!

Bernie & Fiona

## HAPPY NEW YEAR





*A HAPPY NEW YEAR to everyone.*

*A bit of history of the New Year's Day Levee at BQYC.*

*The word levée originates from the French "lever" (to rise) and the New Year's Day Levée was a royal custom in France during the reign of Louis XIV.*

*The first recorded levée in Canada was held on January 1, 1646, in the Chateau St. Louis by the Governor of New France. In addition to wishing a happy new year to the citizens the governor informed guests of significant events in France as well as the state of affairs within the colony. In turn, the settlers were expected to renew their pledges of allegiance to the Crown.*

*The levée tradition was continued by British colonial governors in Canada and subsequently by both the governor general and lieutenant governors. Over the years the levée has become almost solely a Canadian observance.*

*Today, levées are the receptions held on New Year's Day to mark the start of another year and to provide an opportunity for people to welcome the New Year. The first New Year's Levee held at BQYC was held in 1988 sponsored by member and Director Stu Meeks. The first years were attended by members and their guests and were very basic in refreshments and entertainment. In a true naval tradition "Bouillon and Moose Milk" were served.*

*The Levée began to grow in 1990 with the addition of finger foods, the opening of the Bar and a Piper leading the Board of Directors into the main hall for an introduction to members and their guests. In 1991 invitations to the BQYC Levée were sent to city and government officials and an open invitation was published in The Intelligencer for the public to attend. The Board felt this was a great way to showcase our Club and promote our image in the community and this was so successful we had a line up at the main door and had to rotate the number of guests in the Clubhouse at one time. The City Town Crier was a great help with this task and has been asked to attend every year since.*

*BQYC Levée Traditions*

*The 2015 Levee was held on New Year's Day from 2:00 – 5:00 PM in the dining room of BQYC.*

*Formal Invitations were sent by email to neighbouring yacht clubs, the Mayor and City Councillors, City Departments etc. our local MP's Darryl Kramp and Todd Smith. An open invitation was published on our Facebook page and through the local media.*

*Many of the Board members and Past Commodores (wearing their blazers where applicable) and their families were in attendance welcoming guests at the main door. (Many thanks to the volunteers for setting up tables for food and for cleaning up. Thanks to the Entertainment Director, Lana Washington and her crew of volunteers, and to board members and other members for contributing food for this event. A large slab cake was decorated in a BQYC nautical theme to welcome 2015, which I had the joy of cutting after toasting the Piper on the bagpipes. Thanks go out to the Piper who led the procession of the new Board into the dining hall to start off the day of celebration and to the members and their guests in attendance.*

*John Trueman, Commodore*



## MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE - MARJORIE HARE

### NEW CLUB HOUSE?

As we wait for the magic day when we can have a brand new building, we have a challenge to keep the existing building in good repair and the decor up to date. Parts of our BQYC building are looking a bit tired now that we are well into the 21th Century. The House Committee did a wonderful do-over of the dining room during 2014, so it is now time to freshen up the look of the lounge area. In making our choices of wall colour and replacement furniture, we will keep in mind that the decisions must meet the needs of all of our members recognizing the broad range of the members from Junior sailors to Seniors.

As the House Committee of 2015 gets underway, please feel free to offer any suggestions. I can be reached at: [peihuiii@hotmail.com](mailto:peihuiii@hotmail.com). Marjorie Hare, House Director

## NEWS AND VIEWS

### The Board of Directors for the 2015 Bay of Quinte Yacht Club:

**Back:** Dale Holland-PC, Tony Knowles- Secretary, Kim Wilkes-Bar, Lana Washington-Entertainment, Hazel Lloyst-Rear Commodore, Kathy Graham-Treasurer, Marjorie hare-House, Don Reidel-Grounds, Dan Steinitz-Sailing School (currently Dave Corbett, absent), **Front:** Brian Smith-Vice Commodore, John Tureman-Commodore, Susan Rollinson-Bulletin, Kristine Davis-Fleet Capt. Sail, Eric Courtney-Fleet Capt. Power

Right: A burgee from Nanaimo Yacht Club was sent to BQYC by former Belleville resident Bill MacDonald Presented to Commodore John Trueman and Past Commodore Dale Holland by Club Historian Susan Smith



### *It's great to have you back!*

Thank you for renewing your membership to BQYC. Your continued membership, support and involvement are very important to us. The Club just wouldn't be the same without you!

I would also like to take this opportunity to once again thank all those members who made the effort to renew their membership early. 60% of our voting members (91 of 151) took advantage of the 5% discount prior to the December 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. Well done!

We also welcomed two new members, Tina Pennacchio and Geoff Martin. We look forward to the opportunity to introduce them to the Club and welcome their involvement in BQYC activities. As time and space permits, we will highlight new members in each issue of our Newsletter. When you see a new member at the Club, please take the time to introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

It's also time to remind those members who haven't yet renewed their membership; the cut-off date is Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. After that date, the door code will be changed, your name will be taken out of the 50/50 draw and sadly, you will cease to be a member of BQYC. If you are a boating member, it is incumbent upon you to renew your membership prior to January 31<sup>st</sup> so that your boat can continue to be stored at the Club and be part of lift-in.

Not sure if you are going to rejoin, have some issues, concerns, questions or extenuating circumstances you would like to discuss? Please don't hesitate to contact me at [hazel@cogeco.ca](mailto:hazel@cogeco.ca). Let's talk about it and see if we can resolve anything outstanding before the deadline. We very much want you to remain as a member so that we can continue to build upon our existing strength. BQYC is only as strong as its membership.

The main role/responsibility of the Rear Commodore is membership. During this busy first quarter, I will be forming a Membership Committee with the intent of exploring how we can attract new members, retain current members, involve all members, and ensure your membership experience is a memorable one. Several ideas and suggestions have already come forward for consideration and will be closely looked at by this new committee. If you would like to be involved with this committee, please email me and let's get together for a chat.

As Rear Commodore overseeing membership, I look forward to your suggestions, constructive criticism and feedback as we go forward in 2015. Again, thank you for your continued support as a valuable member of BQYC.

Hazel Lloyst, Rear Commodore



# NEW YEAR'S LEVEE 2015



## Reunion of Commodores, past and present (above)

What a privilege to have a visit from past Commodores Jim Bench (far left) and Dirk DeBoer (center) at the Levee.



# SAVE OUR LIGHTHOUSES



An update on the status of Heritage Lighthouses from Marc Seguin, December 2014.



## HLPA Lighthouse Status

Here's the big picture on lighthouses and the Heritage Lighthouse Protection Act (HLPA) as of the end of November, 2014:

-348 lighthouses were petitioned as of May 29, 2012.

-58 of the petitioned lighthouses are NOT surplus and will be retained by the federal government. 9 have already been HPLA designated. The other 49 federal lighthouses will likely be designated in the next few months.

-290 of the petitioned lighthouses are SURPLUS to DFO's operational requirements. These are the ones that require a community group or municipality to commit to preserving the lighthouse.

-Only 165 of the surplus lighthouses received a written commitment for their preservation. Of these, 7 have already been HPLA designated. 30 more have transfer agreements that are about to be signed. The other 128 have to be dealt with in the next 120 working days.

I'm not sure how they're going to process an average of 1 lighthouse transfer per day, but they say they can do it!

## Yes, I'm still here, and so are the lighthouses...

I know it's been quite a while since many of you have heard from me. What can I say... Life happens! Family, work, more family, coaching baseball, writing a book in my spare time, you know... life.

I do apologize for not communicating sooner.

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So, what's going on with the lighthouses?

The government has been very uncommunicative and our local lame-duck MP, Daryl Kramp has pretty much given up representing our area. Since his newly-created riding will not have any lighthouses in it, he has decided to ignore any requests for help when it comes to conserving them. At least that's been my experience over the past 24 months.

Both Parks Canada and Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) have been incredibly difficult to get hold of over the past year (even more difficult than getting hold of me, if you can believe it). Nevertheless, I did manage to speak with representatives from both organizations last week, so this email is a summary of those conversations.

## Mark's Upcoming Book

*"FOR WANT OF A LIGHTHOUSE: Building the Lighthouses of Eastern Lake Ontario 1828-1914"*

It's about the remarkable network of some 45 lighthouses and light towers that were built along this 65 nautical mile stretch of eastern Lake Ontario over the course of about 85 years.

The final draft of the book, together with all of the maps and images will be submitted to the publisher in the next couple of weeks. I'm not sure how long it will take them to do their magic, but I'm hoping to have it available by the beginning of July 2015, which would put it pretty close to the Heritage Lighthouse Protection Act announcements.



# What about all of the lighthouses that were part of the Lighthouse Signature Challenge in 2012?

## Lighthouse Signature Challenge Status

65 lighthouses were petitioned by many of us during the Lighthouse Signature Challenge (LSC) of 2012. Two of these already had multiple petitions so these two were not submitted. One other could not be identified conclusively as a lighthouse so it did not qualify. That left 62 lighthouses as part of the LSC. In addition to these, another 5 lighthouses in Prince Edward County had been previously petitioned by the Municipality based on a recommendation of their Heritage Advisory Committee. That Committee has asked "Save Our Lighthouses" to shepherd these through the system.

So, of these 67 lighthouses...

- 47 are surplus. It's not known how many of these had written proposals from groups who wanted to take ownership of them. So far, none of these has been designated. These include Main Duck Island, False Ducks Island, Point Petre and Nine Mile Point.

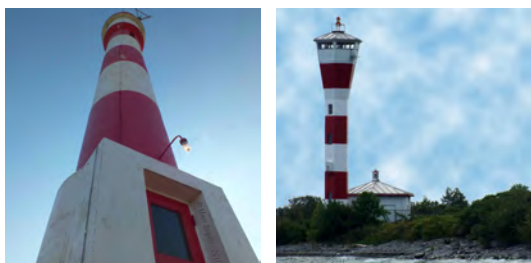
- 20 are being retained by the Government of Canada – 3 have already been HPLA designated (Point Amour NL, Windmill Point ON, Fisgard BC). The other 17, will likely be HPLA designated in the coming months. These include Point Traverse(aka Prince Edward Point) and Scotch Bonnet Island.

The deadline for designation is May 29, 2015, although the government is not obliged to announce the designations until August, 2015.

Other important heritage lighthouses like Presqu'île Point (owned by the Ontario government), Salmon Point (privately owned) and Pigeon Island (surplus but not nominated under HPLA) are not included in these numbers.



Nine Mile Point Lighthouse (1833).  
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# What is happening with the lighthouses in Prince Edward County?

## Prince Edward County Lighthouses

### Scotch Bonnet Island (1856)

It's in ruins but the federal government will have to stabilize the structure if it is HPLA designated. This is the Prince Edward County's oldest lighthouse and has played a significant role in our marine history. It's crumbling quickly. It should be preserved immediately.

### Salmon Point, aka Wicked Point (1871)

It's in fair condition and is privately owned. There is no heritage protection on this lighthouse and, as such, it could be demolished by the owner at any time. The County of Prince Edward would be powerless to prevent its demolition because the County has refused to use the Ontario Heritage Act to have this heritage structure designated. It's a simple, inexpensive process that can have very tangible and positive results.

### Point Traverse, aka Prince Edward Point (1881)

It's rotting away and the owner, Parks Canada, is doing nothing about it. Until it is HPLA designated, they refuse to spend any money on it. Even if it does get designated by May 29, 2015, it could be at least another year before they have any budget money available to do some basic conservation, and up to 5 years before they put any serious money into the project. Let's hope it's still standing in 5 years' time!

### Main Duck Island (1914)

This lighthouse is now 100 years old. It is the tallest and most iconic of the traditional lighthouses on Lake Ontario. Since it's a surplus lighthouse, the Hastings Prince Edward Land Trust has stepped up and submitted a proposal to take ownership. We haven't seen a formal agreement from DFO yet, but we're hoping it will be forthcoming very soon.

### False Ducks Island (1965)

The original 1829 tower has been gone for 50 years now, but this new lighthouse is still worth saving. Again, the Hastings Prince Edward Land Trust is hoping that their proposal to acquire the tower and the entire island will be approved by DFO.

### Point Petre (1968)

The 1833 was blasted to pieces 45 years ago and this slender replacement tower is also threatened with "demolition by neglect". It's owned by DFO, but the surrounding land including the keeper's dwelling and the control shack for the original radio beacon is owned by a different department, Environment Canada. EnviCan doesn't want to part with any of it, nor do they want to conserve any of it. Go figure! The Hastings Prince Edward Land Trust has put together a decent proposal for taking ownership, but it's not likely to get far given EnviCan's position.

## What about other lighthouses in the area?

### Pigeon Island (1909)

This is a unique piece of Canadian history sitting on a small, exposed reef in Lake Ontario not far from Wolfe Island. Architecturally, it's a hybrid between a modern structural steel tower and a traditional lighthouse. The tower was fabricated by the Gould Shapley and Muir Company of Brantford, Ontario and erected by government labourers. It's been guiding ships past the reef to and from Kingston and the St. Lawrence River for more than 100 years. It can be acquired from DFO for as little as \$1. If you know of some group or organization that would like to save this lighthouse, ask them to give me a call.

### Nine Mile Point (1833)

This is one of the oldest lighthouses in Canada. It's on Simcoe Island, just a stone's throw from downtown Kingston. This beautiful stone tower was designed and built by the same men who constructed the original lighthouses on False Ducks Island and Point Petre. It's truly the last of its kind. The Nine Mile Point Lighthouse Preservation Society is hoping to work with the local municipality to conserve it once they get it transferred from DFO.

### Presqu'île Point (1840)

Located in Presqu'île Provincial Park, it's original stonework and gothic-arched windows have been covered with wooden shingles for 120 years. The Presqu'île Point Lighthouse Preservation Society is trying to work with the Government of Ontario to have the lighthouse restored, including replacing the original blue lantern that was removed many decades ago.



**As for what can be done to help preserve the few lighthouses that are remaining...**

Right now, it's pretty much a waiting game. We expect that there will be a few announcements from the federal government in the new year culminating in the bulk of the HLPAs designations being announced at the beginning of June 2015.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Save-Our-Lighthouses-Canada/295665347201916?ref=hl>

**LONG REACH LINES - REPORT FROM THE BAR**

**Happy New Year Everyone!**

The beginning of 2015 has been a little challenging for Bar Operations at BQYC and I would like to thank our Members for their patience while we get the necessary cooler repairs completed. We expect these to be done in the next 30 days at which time the draught machines will be reconnected.

**Just a reminder of our Winter Hours...**

Sunday and Monday Closed

Tuesday thru Friday 4 - 9pm

Saturday 1 - 7pm

These hours will vary for Club events and rentals.

For those who may not know Tuesdays are 'special' at BQYC...usually a draught (currently bottled) beer special and nibbles provided by our Club Manager, Dawn Benway. Come in from the cold, enjoy a visit with friends and a some refreshments!

Saturday afternoons are another good day to pop in...play some pool, the boys may be jammin' on the guitars or there could be a game on the TV. Bring your skates for some fun on Victoria Harbour then warm up inside....A great place on a cold winter afternoon.

Dawn, Laurie, Rachelle and I look forward to working with Entertainment, Racing, Cruising and other initiatives to make BQYC and the Long Reach an even better destination for you, our Members and your guests in the coming year! Any questions or concerns...please email me at [kimberleylander1@gmail.com](mailto:kimberleylander1@gmail.com)

Kimberley Wilkes  
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*EYC 2015 @ BQYC ~ Let's make it one to remember!*

The Eastern Yachting Circuit Regatta started as a family regatta that would be a part of the family's cruising holiday. It has evolved to be a regatta that features as many as 60+ boats in spinnaker, white sail, and one design divisions representing clubs from Sodus Bay, east to Brockville, and back around the north shore to Trenton. Each year, as well as the racing, people look forward to renewing friendships made over the years and meeting new sailors as they join the EYC fleet. It's all about fun and friendship, on the water and on the shore.

Over the past 30 years many of our present club members have represented the BQYC at EYC many times (Thomson Davis Trueman III, Tom Dolan, Roger Poultney, Mike Shaw, to name a few).

Each club hosts the regatta every seven to nine years. This year is our turn again to host this fabulous regatta and our sailing friends from around the lake! It's a big job, but it can also bring benefits for our club. The last time we hosted we had a fleet of over 50 boats!

With the use of our volunteer power we stand to make a significant contribution to our club through registration, meals, bar, and raffles.

Racers and their crews who are unable to attend out of town regattas will be able to attend and race against boats from other parts of the lake and participate in the regatta social events, again contributing to club spirit and the bottom line.

Spinnakers flying, sails racing up and down the bay showcase our club and contribute positively to the annual waterfront festival. Many visiting racers and crew will stay in a hotel so they won't have to load and unload sleeping and sailing gear every day. They often take part in waterfront festival events after the regatta further contributing to regional tourism and the local economy.

**BOLO.** When the call comes for volunteers, **Be On Look Out** for some activity where you can volunteer, have fun and enjoy helping. Get a group of people together to do a job. If you have an interested friend who isn't a member, bring them along. Maybe they'll enjoy it so much they'll join the club. Also you'll meet lots of nice people from other clubs.

EYC 2015. Let's make it a great experience for everyone!

**Krissy - Fleet Captain Sail & EYC Chair**





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## Sandy's Bio

- BSc (Hons) Navigation & Maritime Science (Plymouth U.)
- 1st person to sail solo non-stop around Lake Ontario
- Raised more than \$15000 for Cancer research with "Sail for a Cure" campaign
- 5th place: Sailing Arabia the Tour 2013
- 1st: Myth of Malham race 2013
- 1st: Solent 650 Mini race 2013
- 3rd: Cape2Rio Transatlantic Race 2014
- Boat captain: Iskareen Racing – Tour de France a la Voile 2013



## An Evening with Sandy Macpherson

Sandy Macpherson has been sailing since the age of 9. He grew up in Picton, ON and it's here he realized he dream of competing in the Mini Transat. Not many have Canadians entered international sailing races like the MT, so his sights were set on changing that.

Sandy attended Plymouth University in the UK, where he obtained a BSc (Hons) in Navigation and Maritime Science. He used his experiences in England to network with some of the world's best sailors.

Sandy's sailing experience is over 20 000 miles including one transatlantic crossing, a 550 mile solo sail around Lake Ontario which was part of a Canadian Cancer Society fundraiser, and several other long distance races. The Vendee Globe is Sandy's ultimate goal but he knows there are many steps to getting there.

"The Mini Transat is the perfect starting ground for someone like Sandy. The Mini Transat is regarded as the toughest ocean race in the world and he can't want to give the dominating Europeans a run for their money. He's motivated to succeed and with the Canadian Cancer Society flag flying, he'll have every will to complete the race."

*Lana would like to thank everyone who helped out with the New Year's Levee. The generous help and contributions of members made this a fantastic event. Look forward to many exciting events in 2015.*



Wasn't that  
party!?  
Christmas 2014





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