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Cruising Solo: Belleville to Waupoos

by Melissa Goudeseune



Before moving to the Belleville area, I sailed out of Port Credit for `ten years. An annual event was a week-long cruise on my Tanzer 22 "Brave and Crazy" with my Dad Tony and brother Camille. We sailed all around the Golden Horseshoe and into Hamilton harbour.

This summer marks my first time cruising since moving here in 2009, and first time since Tony passed away in December 2018. I was prepared to go solo, but Maxine Holland suggested I ask Andrea Campbell (s/v Moments Away) to buddy-boat with me. Sage advice, as you'll see.

We departed BQYC on Sat July 20, heading for Picton. Winds were south west,,building to more than 20 knots as we headed down Long Reach. I flew the working jib, with a double reef in the main. My top speed on this leg was 6.9 knots, and I did wash the windows a few times! We anchored at Hallowell Mills Cove, just north of Picton. My BBQ wouldn't light -- fortunately, my alcohol stove cooks chicken just as well.

Sunday, prudence was the better part of valour, and we had a short sail to Prinyer's Cove. My out-of-date PORTS book shows it as a great place to anchor. Not for many boats these days, as there are lots of moorings, which swing much less than a boat at anchor. I opted for a slip at the marina for the night. The next morning, Andrea's anchor was stuck. Or rather, the rode. With 100' out, it was not coming up at all. I rafted B+C to Moments Away, and together we sorted it. Letting out slack in the rode and then motoring in a large circle, we finally got the anchor up.

We spent two days at Waupoos. One night at the marina, and a night at anchor. We both had a pleasant day-sail the second day, and went for a swim in Waupoos Bay, while anchored out. This was when I had anchor issues. First try at setting the anchor, I pulled up a clump of weeds. Second try, an even bigger ball of weeds came up with the

anchor. Not wanting to try a third time, I rafted to Moments Away, and arranged the lines and fenders. It was nice to visit my "boat buddy" at anchor, before retiring behind the companionway screen to keep away from the bugs after sunset.

Our sail back was two days: Waupoos to Glen Island, and from thereto Belleville. The first day started with light air, and we motor-sailed the first stretch, before rounding the point and heading back towards Prinyer's Cove. The wind freshened, and we both tacked our way up Adolphus Reach over the next few hours. I passed the Glenora Ferry under sail, keeping a sharp lookout on the ferry, and on my wristwatch, with the ferry operating on a 15-minute schedule. We anchored at Glen Island, literally around the corner from the ferry. Good holding in mud, a big improvement over Waupoos's weedy bottom.

The forecast for our last day called for chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. We were up at 6am, and underway by 7. Very light northwest winds up Long Reach, pointing high to try and make Forester's Island on one tack (I did). Approaching the Skyway Bridge, we both opted to motor through the bridge and Telegraph Narrows, with the wind square on the nose. Neither of us wanted to do fifty tacks singlehanded through the Narrows. The wind backed to southwest, and we had a great sail home across Big Bay and the Bay of Quinte.

I'm very glad I went, and glad to have a friend along as well. We both sailed our own boats, but were able to chat via two-way FRS radio, to discuss routing options, and to offer moral support. My wings feel a bit bigger than they did the week before.

For a longer write up with many more photos, check back at my website:

<http://www.tanzer22.org/2104/cruising/>





Notes from the Helm

Almost September already! Wow! Summer sure goes by fast. Between racing and cruising we have had lots of on-the-water time, but it is never enough when

you consider the short boating season. Heidi and I did get away for a 1000 Island sail in July. It was evident that the water levels have taken their toll on many of the islands. We were still able to pick up a mooring ball at a Park Island and had some fun.

On the Sunday of the long weekend, I counted 22 boats in Sandy Cove with 9 of them being BQYC members. I was able to do an impromptu but wobbly "Commodore's Paddle-board Past" to inspect the fleet.

I am thrilled by an influx of new members. Last week, the board approved 5 new memberships with boats. Boating is alive and well even with the high water. Introduce yourself when you see a newbie at the club.

The water levels are finally receding. As of writing, we are down a foot from the peak. Our property is recovering. It is surprising how the lawn is coming back after being submerged. We will need to consider some remediation as we have lost a few feet all the way around the point as well as considerable damage around the dinghy ramp. We will be looking for input on this topic from knowledgeable members.

Our reciprocal dock re-opened on August 1st and we have had numerous visitors with lots of good stories shared. We are charging \$20 flat-rate for the first night as we have no power on that dock yet. Go say hello to our visitors when you are at the club.

The new Point of Sale system is up and running at the bar. It will reduce many hours of manual book-keeping and minimize

chances for errors. Thanks to Louise, Ian, & Vanessa for making it happen. This summer we have also invested in a new BBQ (nom nom nom), new HVAC unit (cool), and new sewer pumps (yah) as we continue to keep the club infrastructure current. Sail training also continues to replenish the fleet with acquisition of 2 used race-quality Lasers.

Quinte Sailability - Although we had to defer due to the flooding, our intention is to be the new home for Quinte Sailability starting in 2020. This will give us a more realistic runway for preparation and infrastructure work. A few of the QS racers have engaged with our Sailing Instructors to get on the water this summer. Watch for further membership communication in the fall.

We have 2 signature racing events still to come with the Round the County and the Katie Gray. Both offer great opportunities to go on an adventure. Take part.

Keep a hold of your tiller.

THE KIDS ARE AT IT AGAIN!





Andreas Steinitz finished his last regatta in Optimist at the 2019 World Championships in Antigua this July, finishing mid-fleet as top Canadian at 132, in a tough international fleet of 255.

Andreas has since moved into the 29er with his partner, Nathan Duffar-Caldar, of Royal St. Laurence Yacht Club, where the pair won the Sail Canada 29er Youth Championships at CORK this past week, after only 5 weeks of sailing together.

Andreas is excited to be moving onto skiff sailing and what the next year holds in international competition on this team.

You can view the Opti results at: <http://2019worlds.optiworld.org/en/default/races/race-resultsall>

Andreas and Andrew Giacamuzzo are representing BQYC racing in the Laser 4.7 World Championships in Kingston. We wish the boys much luck and great winds!

The boys are sailing up to 12 races through Aug 18-23.

Follow along below and cheer loudly so they can hear you all the way from Belleville !

http://www.cork.org/past-results/results2019/147yw/47_youth_worlds_results.htm



Chris Waller Fund – New option to give through Sail Canada

Thank you to those members who have generously supported the Chris Waller Fund this year. With your help, we have eight young sailors participating in our 2019 Sailing School. We are now fundraising to ensure at least as many deserving youth get out on the water in 2020.

In addition to supporting The Chris Waller Fund events and by making gifts directly to BQYC (no tax receipt), you can now make a gift to Sail Canada and designate it to: BQYC Chris Waller Fund. Sail Canada will issue you a charitable tax receipt.



Sail Canada donation forms are available at the bar or at their website: www.sailing.ca

You can also give online:

Visit: www.sailing.ca

Click on: **“Donate Now”** button

Scroll to: **“Funding Options”** and click on the drop down menu choice: **“BQYC Chris Waller Fund”**

Thank you for your ongoing support! For more information, please contact Linda Pearson, Secretary

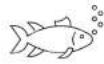
Read more about the Chris Waller Fund in Sail Canada’s July 2019 newsletter:

<https://sailcanada.blog/2019/07/31/i-am-a-sailor-trevor-chris-waller/>

Chris Waller Fund Fish and Chip Dinner

Friday, September 20th

Join us for a great dinner and help us to support local youth with Junior Sailing School Bursaries!



Cod and chips



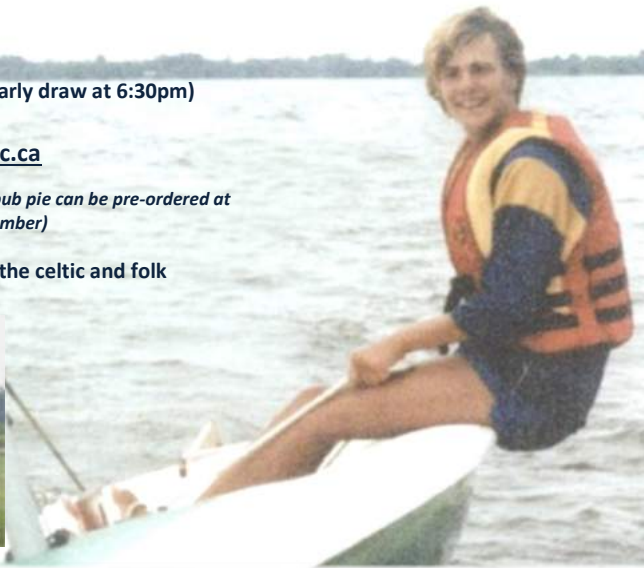
by Mike Mundell's Surf and Turf

**Coleslaw, Mushy Peas,
Broad & Butter, Ice Cream Cones**

Dinner at 7:00pm (following early draw at 6:30pm)
Tickets \$17 plus tax
Order tickets at tickets@bqyc.ca

If you have an allergy to fish, a meat pub pie can be pre-ordered at the time of ticket purchase (limited number)

Hang out after dinner and enjoy the celtic and folk sounds of Seventh Town.ca



MARKETING UPDATE - DALE HOLLAND, Marketing Director

Many Thanks to the six skippers who volunteered the boats and time in support of **YourTV Belleville (Cogeco)** volunteer appreciation event at BQYC on Tuesday, June 18. The feedback I received was that those who went out on boats truly enjoyed the experience

and were grateful for the hospitality shown by the BQYC members.

“Get Out On The Water 2019” on June 22, was a very successful day with 58 individuals experiencing sailing. 44 took advantage of keel boat sailing and 14 went out on dinghys. 9 Volunteer skippers and all the sailing school instructors and several club members assisted with on land support. The Belleville Dragon Boat Club, Quinte Outrigger Canoe Club, Bay

of Quinte Power and Sail Squadron participated and were quite surprised at the support the club membership provided and the numbers from the public who came out. On Wednesday, August 21 and Friday August 23 a Belleville Marketing company visited the club to get video for a Sail Canada promotional video, which will highlight the social and family aspects of sailing. The company will be taking video from the junior program, race night and the social time after racing. More info to follow.

Please follow BQYC on Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/BayOfQuinteYachtClub/>

On Twitter @ <https://twitter.com/BQYC3>

On Instagram@ <https://www.instagram.com/bayofquinteyachtclub/>

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Thanks to our hearty volunteers from the Board of Directors

A gang of over a dozen volunteers made quick work of 50 ft of boardwalk around the front of the club. While we may need to rename the front lawn as Victoria Wetlands, the deck and patio are open for business. Your help is MUCH appreciated!

See photos right:

A poem from the Mid 1800's

En route from Hungry to Muscote
bear the Big Bay Shoal in mind.
Keep her well abaft and to the east
to arrive in time, and in one piece.

'Twixt the Isles of Grape and Grove,
and to the north of Robinson's Cove,
unmarked and rarely seen
a quarter mile of rock, distinctly mean.

From the Ship Rock light
to the Grove Island bight
two thirds of the distance,
then to the Tower with insouciance.

(by an Unknown Sailor Poet, after a winter grounded on Big Bay Shoal)



Cruising Report, Fiona King

PLEASE if you have any interest at all in getting together with other cruising BQYC boaters, fill out a Cruising questionnaire, available at the bar. This will add you to our “Cruisers” email group. No commitments ever! I especially would love to hear from our new boating members – welcome to you!

A wonderful evening was had with our new friends for “Sail on with Parkinsons” on Tuesday July 30. Besides a good number of members, several local Parkinson’s Support Group participants turned out, and a few from Quinte Sailability. Lots of yummy food was provided by various members. Special thanks go to Matt for setting up tables, Sue J. for her decorating expertise, Jill for last-minute cutting of flowers, Dale, Bernie and David for being greeters, and Don R. for acting as chauffeur for the sailors AND Patrick O’Boyle-Kelly! I heard many complimentary comments from visitors: thank you all for making me proud of our club and the way we can pull things together in a short time. A nice article was written for the Intell by reporter Jack Evans. Our esteemed Commodore Steve and Darlene and Steve from Sail on, (who said this was the biggest crowd they had had!), exchanged club burgees, so the club now sports one from Gimli Manitoba.

High water levels have continued to plague our plans for group cruising. We were hoping to try for Napanee again but it was checked out by a couple of our cruisers and it is still not safe enough/low enough water for us to go there as a group. We also have had health issues within the group, hopefully better soon, and engine troubles.

I would like to hear from anyone who is interested in attending the **SCOTTISH-IRISH FESTIVAL*** in Trenton, the weekend of September 6-8. (Festival day is Saturday the 7th.) Lots of bands, food, vendors, hop-on-off trolley.....should be fun! I may be moving my mother that weekend so we aren’t sure yet whether we can attend – am looking for someone to head this up. Possibly dinner out on Friday night and potluck on Saturday? Or vice-



There may not have been a lot of boats at our first raft-up -but we sure ate well!!

versa....Please email me at fcc@bqyc.ca if interested. *Bookings for slips at Trent Port Marina will be done individually so please contact them directly and state you are with BQYC.

RAFT-UP will be planned for a Saturday in September – date and details tba.

Let’s get out there and enjoy our last several weeks before the dreaded Lift-Out. We have enjoyed some of our nicest cruises in September so – the best may be yet to come for this season!

Fiona King
Fleet Captain Cruise
fcc@bqyc.ca





ROUND THE COUNTY RACE

The Round the County race ran on the August 17-18 weekend. It is a 110 NM race going counter-clockwise around Prince Edward County starting at Presquile and finishing at Meyers Pier in Belleville. This is the 6th running of the revised race although it has a long history back into the 70's. It is a joint effort by BQYC, CFBTYC, and PrYC.

This year saw 9 boats split between Spinnaker and White Sail fleets. The fleet included one single-hander - C&C 25 Watts Up as well as a Trimaran Dream Weaver both from Trenton. The weekend started at CFB Trenton Yacht Club hosting the Friday night staging, skippers meeting, & steak BBQ. Early Saturday morning the fleet motors together through the Murray Canal for a 11 AM start by the Presquile Yacht Club race committee near the Lighthouse.

The race got off in light rain with a whisper of a South-West wind. The skies cleared by Scotch Bonnet and the wind built to 18 knots by the time the fleet reached the corner at Point Petre. J35 Jeannie from Collins Bay Yacht Club lead the way to the corner with Wicked, Heelin Groovy, and Spankin Mad all within 10 minutes. The building waves and now 20 knot south wind provided for an exciting close-reach across the bottom of the County. The lead pack rounded Psyche Shoal at 7:30 PM. Wicked had taken the lead across the bottom and would hold on to it to the finish.

Spinnakers were flying on the North bound leg towards the Upper Gap near Prinyer's Cove where the winds dropped off. It was slow going up Adolphus reach towards the Glenora Ferry, The fleet compressed and then experienced heavy fog for 2AM-5AM into Long Reach. With dawn, the fog burned off and the boats made their way slowly up Long Reach to turn at Foresters Island around 8:30 AM. A building south wind took the fleet under the Skyway bridge with reaching spinnakers into Big Bay. After some fickle winds after Sandy Cove, the lead boats finished in Belleville around 1PM for a 26 hour elapsed time. Single-hander Watts Up did a marathon 35 hours.

On corrected results - Spankin Mad from BQYC won the Spinnaker Fleet and PEYC Fox on the Run won the White Sail. Thanks to all 3 sister clubs for making this event work and to the co-chairs Brian Thomson and Rick Tinga for all their hard work at convincing us to come out and play !



ROUND THE LAKE NEWS

While Shark Mako won the Pursuit race at home on Sunday, some of our racers, in addition to the kids enjoying their time on the world circuit, have been representing BQYC at regattas.

At EYC (Eastern Yachting Circuit) at Henderson Harbor YC, which ran Thursday to Saturday, team Spankin Mad earned a 3rd place in their division in both course racing and long distance race. Warpaint from PEYC earned a 2nd in their division. Good work Sailors !

At Royal Hamilton YC on the weekend, Shark Tiger Niles earned a 3rd place over all in the Shark Ontario Championships. Good go Tiger.

HELP WANTED - KATIE GRAY VOLUNTEERS

Chris Danner <fcs@bqyc.ca>

The Katie Gray is fast approaching. In an effort to make it a great event, we're asking for some help from members. Your help is requested with the tasks below, it would be greatly appreciated.

Friday Dinner

- We need volunteers to cook burgers and sausages and make sure the dinner runs smoothly
- We need donations of salads, side dishes and desserts. if you are able to provide, please email Chris Danner with your item (fcs@bqyc.ca)

Friday Night Boat Parking

- We need a member to direct visiting boats to the right parking spots. Who is good at Tetris?
- Protest Committee - We need a volunteer protest committee in case of an issue on the Katie Gray or the Binnacle race. If you're able to commit to both, or one please let Chris know.

Dining Room

- The dining room needs to be set up on Friday afternoon.
- Saturday Breakfast - We need volunteers to prepare coffee and breakfast
- Registration Table - We need volunteers for registration on Friday night / Saturday morning.

If you can help with one or two of the tasks above, please let Chris Danner know via email: fcs@bqyc.ca, or call: 438-863-774 We are looking forward to another great race for the 51st edition. Thanks in advance.



Lift-Out

October 19th, 2019

8:00 am



REGISTRATION: Tues. Oct. 1st & Thurs. Oct. 3rd
5 - 7pm in the lounge
Cradle placement is on Saturday Oct. 5th
starting at 9am.

MEMBERS SUBMISSION - R2AK

750 miles. No motor. No support. All the way to Alaska.

By: Christophe Credico

Last Fall, I had the opportunity to join a team preparing for the 2019 Race to Alaska: The physical endurance, saltwater know-how, and bulldog tenacity to navigate the 750 cold water miles from Port Townsend, Washington, to Ketchikan, Alaska. First prize: \$10,000; second prize: a set of steak knives. There are no other prizes.

This is no ordinary sailboat race. Open to any type of boat without a motor, the race starts with Stage 1: The Proving Ground, a 40-mile qualifying leg across the Salish Sea from Port Townsend, Washington to Victoria, BC. Boats that finish within 36 hours are eligible to compete in Stage 2: To the Bitter End, which starts a few days later in Victoria and ends 710 miles north in Ketchikan, Alaska. The only designated waypoints are Seymour Narrows, an iconic pinch point on the Campbell River where tidal currents can reach up to 15 knots; and Bella Bella, a small fishing community 80 miles north of Vancouver Island amongst a set of (slightly) inland islands. Beyond these, it's up to each team to pick their route up the Inside Passage and beyond.

The event attracts everything from high performance multihull sailboats to tricked out monohulls to smaller, sometimes ramshackle vessels including dories, kayaks, and even stand up paddle boards. All on the same playing field. All vying for the \$10,000 first prize - although in reality, only a handful of boats are really in it to win it. For the rest, it's all about the adventure and challenge of getting to the finish line in one piece.

Motors are not allowed on board, so every boat needs a means of pushing forward using human propulsion when sailing is not practical (or not permitted, as is the case in Victoria Harbour). This results in all kinds of human propulsion engineering wizardry and innovation, often involving pedal power to drive an underwater propeller.

Through pedal power came my connection to this race via one of my Ottawa cycling buddies. His sister, Marjory Stewart, was putting together a team for the 2019 event, looking for like-minded adventurers - ideally with cycling and sailing experience - with whom she could plan, compete, and 'suffer cheerfully' on her R2AK campaign. With my competitive sailing background, cycling fanaticism, general sense of adventure, and vouched-for personality compatibility from Marj's brother, this was an intriguing proposition.

However, this would require my being away from home (and work) for up to 4 weeks, managing cold, wild and potentially treacherous ocean conditions along the Pacific Coastline, and spending a prolonged period of time in confined quarters under stressful conditions with people I had never met in person. But man...what an adventure it would be!

After due consideration and with approvals from (most importantly) my wife, Tonya and from work, I gave my commitment in November to participate in R2AK 2019. With Marj based in Milwaukee, Chris Watt (Marj's cousin, our third teammate) in Victoria, and me in Ottawa, we spent the next 6 months remotely planning over weekly conference calls and countless emails, and worked through the many preparation challenges including finding and retrofitting a suitable boat.

The three of us met for the first time as a team on May 30th in Port Angeles, Washington, pedalled out of the harbour into the fog, and set sail aboard our boat - a Santa Cruz 27 with a bike mounted to its transom powering an underwater propeller - on our way to Port Townsend, where we would spend a few days preparing and soaking in the R2AK festivities before the June 3rd, 5:00 am Proving Ground start.

For the next several weeks, I was totally immersed in R2AK. Of the 46 Proving Ground starters, we were among the 35 who qualified to continue. And of the 25 who successfully made it To the Bitter End at Ketchikan, Alaska, we finished 20th, 11 days after our Victoria start.

We overcame sleep deprivation, thick foggy nights, commercial shipping traffic, kelp beds, a surprising number of floating logs, huge tides and currents, navigational hazards along rocky and exposed coastlines, isolation and remoteness, sometimes nasty and unpredictable weather including a middle of the night ocean gale in Dixon Entrance, and endless damp resulting in never-drying clothing. We logged about 55 hours on the pedals, propelling the boat north at roughly 2.5 knots when the wind refused to cooperate. When the fog lifted, we were treated to eye-popping vistas and beautiful scenery, including snow-peaked mountains, open ocean vastness, whales, dolphins, and eagles. We also had our share of exceptional sailing conditions.

Every day brought a new set of challenges and rewards. My teammates were amazing, and we persevered through everything that was thrown at us while maintaining our camaraderie and team spirit. When we pedalled into the Ketchikan harbour on June 17th and rang the bell to mark our successful finish in the cold Alaskan drizzle, our collective sense of relief, accomplishment, and exhaustion was palpable.

We missed out on the \$10,000 and the steak knives, but R2AK was everything I had hoped it would be and more. I feel so incredibly humbled and privileged to have been able to participate. While I'm proud of our accomplishment, my wife Tonya is the real hero. Without her support, none of this would have been possible for me. To her I express my deepest gratitude and affection.

The Race to Alaska is not for everyone. But finding ways to step out of your comfort zone, challenge yourself in unpredictable situations, and immerse yourself in the beauty of nature can be therapeutic and even life changing. I highly recommend it!

For more information, check out the R2AK website (<https://r2ak.com/>) and our Team Ripple Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/TeamRippleR2AK2019>



Pedalling out of Victoria Harbour after the Stage 2 start, on our way To the Bitter End. Photo Credit: Vic Jarvin



Light wind & nasty currents working our way up Campbell River. Photo credit: Christophe Credico



Wind, fog, rain & smiles in Gordon Channel. Photo credit: Chris Watt



Clear skies, mountains, & smooth sailing along Finlayson Channel. Photo credit: Christophe Credico



Team Ripple ringing the finisher bell

Please welcome our new members:

- Steven & Mabel Lee
- Tina Warren & Joel Frijters,
- Heidi Shacklady & Jason Bonter,
- John Wilson & Luce Charbonneau,
- David Burnham,
- Ayla & Jason Berry,
- Myron & Jane Lasko

We are thankful for the Adult Learn to Sail sessions as several new members are from that program

This brings our total membership up to 264 members. With the great publicity the club has been receiving of late, thanks to Dale and Linda, I am sure more people will become interested in joining. There are inquiries and I try to convert each inquiry to memberships. Please feel free to refer anyone to me at membership@bqyc.ca.

Lastly thinking about setting up a New Members event, which apparently has not been held in quite a while. Thinking it is time we let it be known, BQYC actively acknowledges and welcomes new members. There will be more on this soon.

Enjoy the club and the beautiful Bay of Quinte. David Mitchell, RC