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# ONBOARD

## Newsletter of the Bay of Quinte Yacht Club



Ice Sailing on the Bay of Quinte with Peter Aker, Ross Findlater, Gord de Vries



Ice boating and skating can be fun and exciting activities to enjoy on the bay during the winter but safety should be top of mind. Remember, SAFETY FIRST! Watch for pressure cracks, holes, thin ice and any other dangers. A local incident this month has proven that such dangers can be fatal. Call the city to find out if the ice is safe, and use your own due diligence before venturing out. It might be a wise thing to ensure you are never out there alone. Be alert and be careful!.





## Notes from the Helm

Welcome to 2019! The boat show has begun and that is what I use in my mind to kick off Spring and the start of the boating season.

Looking ahead to May lift-in, I intend to do a lot of sailing this year, being on the water with other members checking out the Bay of Quinte and beyond. Of course I'm looking forward to Wednesday night racing and trying to beat Tiger Niles once or twice. I look forward to meeting potential new members through helping with Adult

Learn to Sail and some of the boat maintenance (Shark Bulkhead) waiting to be tackled.

My primary goal for 2019 as Commodore is to get members (and their guests) out on their boats and enjoying the club more often. Watch the club calendar for Racing and Cruising Seminars. Come out and participate in club pub nights and dinners and boating events. When you do go out on the water invite along another club member or a friend.

We're looking for a couple of groups to take on Club dinners for Feb thru April. White Sail Division could team up for a "*We hate Sausages*" night. Maybe South dock could put on a "South" Pacific or Caribbean night. The Shark Fleet could consider hosting a "*Shark-kabob*" or *Jaws* night. Or E dock can pool their Irish blood to organize some green stew for St Paddy's day... *You get the idea*. There are folks that can help with set up and handle tickets. You also have a choice to do your own clean up or contract some of it to Alvin. Please pull your gang together and contact the Commodore with what you have in mind.

We do still need some help on the board. We are looking for directors for Entertainment, Bar, and Fleet Capt for Sail Training. The current board is covering the responsibilities but some extra hands would sure be nice. Please consider joining the board. The roles are not that hard, they actually can be rewarding, and we don't bite for the most part.

Keep ahold of yer Tiller, Commodore Steve Macklin

### Mark Your Calendar:

1. Winter courses held by the Bay of Quinte Power and Sail Squadron:  
Boating 1, February 9 & 10, March 30 & 31,  
Maritime Radio Operator's Course - ROC(M) May 7-9.
2. Tin Foil HOBO Dinner Friday Jan 25, 2019
3. Fogh Sail Seminar: Poster on P. 5, see Chris Danner, Fleet Captain Sail  
Tickets available at the bar
4. March 01, 2019: CPS Annual Lasagne Dinner
5. Cruising planning/brainstorming session is planned for Tuesday, Apr. 16th, 630 p.m.  
at the club. Please let me know at [fcc@bqyc.ca](mailto:fcc@bqyc.ca) if you plan to attend!
6. Friday, Apr. 26th: longtime club members Brian & Marg Credico are giving an A-V  
presentation on their cruise to the Iles de la Madeleine, followed by a casual supper.

## Meet the Board: Bay of Qunite Yacht Club



L to R:

Mitch Kennedy: Vice Commodore

Dale Holland: Marketing

Don Reidel: Grounds

Matt Giesebrecht: House



Steve Macklin: Commodore

Fiona King: FCC

Louise Mitchell: Treasurer

Linda Pearson: Secretary



If you are a new member, or a returning member, any one of the board of directors would be happy to assist you with any questions or concerns. Note there are still vacancies on the board that need members to step forward and fill, or you could join a committee and help out any of the directors with their projects.

### BOARD PROFILES : MATT GEISEBRECHT, HOUSE DIRECTOR

Matt Giesebrecht has now been a member of our club for 3 years. Always thankful for, and benefitting from the tireless efforts of so many at the club, Matt decided that it was time to step forward and also give a little more of himself to the service of our club. With an ever expanding background in general maintenance, repairs and minor renovations as the owner and landlord of 4 small properties, Matt is hoping to draw on these experiences to effectively serve in the role of House Director. He is appreciative of the detailed and well documented portfolio he has inherited from Mr. Robert Owen and would like to congratulate Bob on the completion of his 14th directorship.

Hailing from Petawawa, Matt retired from his family's Pepsi Cola and confectionary distributorship back in 2011. After a year long tour of Central America he settled in Belleville upon meeting his life partner, Kirsty McCulloch. It was Kirsty that encouraged Matt to explore our club, "sunny patio, cold beer and a beautiful views," she said! Kirsty forgot to mention the boats but it certainly didn't take long for Matt to realize that he wanted one... and thanks in no small part to the camaraderie and bubbling enthusiasm of past member Rob Lander and then Fleet Captain of Sail, Steve Macklin, Matt is now the proud and 'effectively brainwashed' co-owner of a Shark 24 aptly named, Nautical Disaster.

Matt has no desire to shake up the status quo of our charming clubhouse design and for now, in addition to his weekly obligations, will focus simply on continuing to learn about the building and its history. His singular priority for 2019 will be seeing through the AGM mandated replacement of the heating and cooling system for our bar lounge but as the year unfolds, he is certain there will be clubhouse projects which will arise and some degree of member participation will definitely be welcomed. If you haven't already met Matt, please feel comfortable taking a quick moment to introduce yourself if you see him around the club or to send him a quick message at [house@bqyc.ca](mailto:house@bqyc.ca) to share your observations thoughts, ideas or your willingness and availability to lend a helping hand.

Random facts about Matt:

- was born in Kansas City, Missouri
- first name is Trevor. Trevor Matthew Giesebrecht
- had never been on a sailboat before joining BQYC
- is a PADI scuba dive instructor
- childhood nickname was Diesel
- has tobogganed down the side of a volcano
- created and operated a week long hockey camp for 100+ children
- favourite beach bar: Post Card Inn, St. Pete's Beach
- favourite beach town: Otres Beach, Sihanoukville, Cambodia
- favourite song: Mo Money Mo Problems (Notorious B.I.G.)

### NEW YEAR'S DAY LEEVE

On Tues, Jan. 01, 2019 the Bay of Quinte Yacht Club welcomed approximately 100 members and guests to celebrate the 30th anniversary of our New Year's Day Levee.



Piper James Wessels led the procession of the 2019 Board of Flag Officers and Directors into the Club hall where Commodore Steve Macklin welcomed everyone and toasted the piper with the traditional "wee dram".

At that point he introduced the 2019 Board of Directors to the gathering.

Everyone then spent the afternoon greeting old friends, meeting new people, wishing



everyone a prosperous New Year and enjoying refreshments supplied by Club members. A special thank you to Sue Jordan and the Entertainment committee for organizing the event.



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# SAILING SEMINAR

**WITH THOMAS FOGH  
OF THE ONTARIO SAILING UNIVERSITY**

**Seminar 1 (9 am – noon) – Boat Speed and Sail Trim**

This seminar will look at how to get the most speed from your boat. Topics include tuning of the mast for different wind conditions, trimming tips for your sails and steering techniques

**Lunch (Noon – 1pm)**

Pizza, assorted salads and the Long Reach

**Seminar 2 (1 pm – 4pm) – Start and Race Strategy**

This seminar will focus on how to prepare for a start and strategies around the race course. For starts, topics will cover making a game plan. Crew roles and the three main parts to the start will also be covered. Race strategy will look at both upwind and downwind concepts to better understand a race course

Retire to the long reach and discuss.

[WWW.BQYC.CA](http://WWW.BQYC.CA)

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/BAYOFQUINTEYACHTCLUB/](https://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/BAYOFQUINTEYACHTCLUB/)

## **WHEN**

**March 3, 2019**  
**9:00am – 4:00pm**

## **WHERE**

**Bay of Quinte  
Yacht Club**

86 South Front Street, Belleville,  
On, K8N 5V7

## **TICKETS**

\$70 PER PERSON

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE  
BQYC BAR OR AT

[FCS@BQYC.CA](mailto:FCS@BQYC.CA) BEFORE  
FEBRUARY 20, LIMITED SPACE,  
LUNCH INCLUDED

## An Unfamiliar Holiday - John & Joan Boor

Many of you have followed our adventures as we left Belleville and embarked on our "Adventure of a Lifetime". You have read about our trials and tribulations, our triumphs and defeats but one thing that has not been talked about is Christmas holidays...away from family and away from all that is familiar.

Many cruisers try to make their boats as festive as possible. Some have lights, tinsel, ornaments, trees, while others prefer the minimalist style. Whatever it is, they try to make the holidays the best they can be no matter where they are. We were among those trying to be as festive as possible. We had our icicle lights out along with our Christmas "palm" tree.



Christmas for us, although unfamiliar, was a wonderful experience. We have been blessed to find like-minded cruisers who want to make the best of any celebration. We have also been fortunate to meet a couple, Rick and Liz (sailboat owners), who have opened their Bahama home to the Ocean Reef cruisers.

We were invited to their home on Christmas Eve for a Christmas dinner potluck and White Elephant gift exchange. Dinner was amazing and the gift exchange was hilarious. You pick your gift and then you can keep it or steal someone else's. You can always tell the

favoured gifts. It was all great fun and a



special time among friends.

Unfortunately, though, it is not home and time was not spent with family. Christmas Day was relatively quiet. Many boaters contacted home and had some bittersweet chats with family and friends. Later in the afternoon, we got together for an appetizer potluck and some beverages and made the best of a melancholy day.

Many cruisers may not be as lucky as we were for Christmas 2018. They might have been in an anchorage, on their own, or perhaps with a few other boats. Perhaps they got together with others; maybe not. Cruisers are a resourceful group and will often make do with what they have at their disposal. Some may have been at a marina where there were festivities galore. It's hard to say.

Choosing this lifestyle certainly has its exciting times but it also has its downfalls...holidays being a big part of it. Next year, we anticipate that we will be away from the comforts of Ocean Reef and our sailing family here. We plan on being somewhere in the Exumas. Our Christmas 2019 could be a very different story...as yet unwritten.

# Tin Foil HOBO Dinner, Friday, Jan 25, 2019

Cost 10.00 plus Tax Tickets  
at BQYC or email:  
tickets@bqyc.ca

Feel free to bring a food item or  
donation to your local food bank.  
Hosted by Dale and Maxine  
Holland...that means most items  
purchased  
locally!



## Menu:

**Mixed Green Salad**  
**Tin Foil entrée: Hamburger,**  
**Potato, Carrots, Onion**

**Dessert: Smores**

**There may be some door prizes should you  
decide to dress up.**



### Yacht Club Yoga Wednesday evenings

Calm the mind and nourish the body.  
Nourishment is more than the food we  
eat. Join us to learn how!

start: Jan 16th  
end: Mar 6th  
5:00pm - 6:00pm  
BQYC

terriblairmaracle@gmail.com

#### Serenity Yoga for Overall Health and Wellbeing!

Spinal Flexibility equals easier  
movement and less strain. We  
will gently move the spine in 6  
directions to increase your  
range of motion.

Stiff joints can make movement  
painful. The lubrication in your  
joints is only produced by  
movement, so even small  
movements done regularly will  
increase the ease with which  
your joints can function.

We all know how important our  
balance is to staying healthy.  
Carefully increasing your

balance will also help with  
stability on your vessel.

Calming the mind is the final  
piece in our goal of overall  
wellbeing. Each week we will  
take time to calm the mind.

Please join me at BQYC for an  
eight week gentle yoga session.  
Together we can increase our  
health and happiness!

Cost: \$10.00 per night OR

\$56 for ALL 8 WEEKS!

Please email me if you'd like to  
join us for 1 or 8 evenings.  
See you soon!



*Photo - Kids enjoying sailing activity on the Bay of Quinte*

## Chris Waller Fund

Thank you to those members who generously supported the Chris Waller Fund with holiday season gifts and contributions. Your support makes sailing accessible to young people, particularly those who otherwise would not have the opportunity.

Over the past 30 years, through Trevor Waller's efforts, the Chris Waller Fund and the bursaries it supports has helped over **248** kids discover sailing through free sailing school enrolment.

To date, through your generous support, we have reached 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of our goal of supporting eight youth this year with bursaries for sailing school registration fees and related sailing school expenses such as life jackets.

At BQYC, we believe that connecting youth to the water and the joy of sailing inspires confidence, builds life skills and ultimately

contributes to a healthy community. If you wish to help us get eight deserving junior sailors on the water this year, please consider making your gift to the Chris Waller Fund. With your help, we can make this goal a reality. Sailing season is just around the corner, please make your gift soon. Donations can be made by cheque, cash or credit card either at the bar or submit to the Treasurer.

For more information, please contact Linda Pearson, Secretary

### Ground Hog Day - Saturday Feb. 02

Looking for someone to coordinate a skating party on the bay near the docks. Hot chocolate afterwards...just need some volunteers.

**Interested anyone? See Dale Holland, Marketing Director.**

**There are still 4 vacancies on the board. Rear Commodore, Entertainment, Bar and Dinghy/Sail Training**

**Please consider stepping up to the plate and taking on a position. For more info, please see Commodore Steve.**

### Winter Hours now in effect:

Tuesday 4:00-9:00 PM

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 4:30-9:00 PM

Saturday 1:00-6:00 PM

Closed Sundays and Mondays

**Saturdays: Afternoon Pool**

**Wednesdays: Evening Games**

**January 31st:** last day to renew your membership to stay in the club draw. The door code changes Feb. 01.