



Belwood Lake Sailing Club

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2015 Schedule

6 Aug Cruising Thursdays begins

16 Aug Rib Cookoff

23 Aug Junior Regatta, Commodore's Cup, Pig Roast 12 noon

NOTE CHANGED DATE

30 Aug Deadline for September Newsletter

4-7 Sep OMDA weekend

16 Sep Last Wed racing 6:30pm

20 Sep Last Sunday racing 2pm

26 Sep Club closing 9am

25 Oct Fall AGM 2pm

Message from the Commodore

I hope you have had the opportunity to spend some time at the Club this summer whether as part of one of our organized social events, racing or just enjoying the space. And, if you haven't had a chance yet, make it a priority to take a day or two to come out to relax and spend some time on the water.

Trespassers

We have had a number of instances of trespassers recently arriving either from the water by motor boat or through the gates. We will be increasing signage in an attempt to deter this activity. If you happen to be at the club at a time when there is no one else there, and you go for a sail, please lock the gate and clubhouse while you are out on the water.

However, if you see someone that is not a familiar face, don't assume they are trespassing. They may be new members or potential members. Please make them feel welcome. Our membership has increased from last year so there are a lot of new people at the Club.

Website

Lastly, I have received a number of positive comments about the look and functionality of our new website. Take a look, if you haven't already. And, let us know if you see anything that we can do better.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and I hope to see you at the Club soon.

Debbie Madden, Commodore

Betty Roggie

Betty in her Sunfish As you have probably heard, our good friend and keen sailor, racer, and BLSC member for 10 years passed away on July 12th while doing what she loved - racing at Belwood. See photos and more details on the website. She will be sorely missed. Our condolences go out to her husband Terry and sons Tyler and Jay.

Racing Program

At midseason we are into full swing.

Wellington Cup June 7th

Congratulations to the racers who travelled to Guelph to take part in the annual Wellington Cup. Although we didn't win the cup or the team trophy, Richard and Colin King came 2nd, Calum McKellar came 4th, Ed and Jacob Hone came 7th in a borrowed Snipe, and Chris Zimmermann came 8th. Well done everyone!!

Warren Flannery, Race Captain



Social Events

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Wine and Cheese evening (27th June)

Despite heavy rain and cool temperatures, the club's first attempt at a Wine and Cheese social evening on Saturday 27th June was a great success. Patrick was assisted by wife Terri, and we had a wonderful display of cheeses as well as other goodies for everyone to sample. There was music, there was even heat, thanks to Paul and Elke, and there was babysitting thanks to Sarah and friend. Most enjoyable.

Entry in the Elora Canada Day Parade

This year BLSC entered a float into the Elora Canada Day Parade. There was a great turn out for the parade and we received a great reception. Thanks to Jackie Stackelberg for getting the banners and helping decorate the boat, Dave Noyle and Lauren Reed for allowing us to use their attractive boat for the parade, Jason and Lesia Eidt for doing the face painting for the kids, and finally Patrick's wife Terri Ney for organizing all the troops.

Cruise to Belwood (1st July)



The Cruisers, Returned from Belwood, 1st July

Six boats and 12 or more people went on the Canada Day Cruise to the village of Belwood, about 7 km up the lake. The fleet made it back at about 4:30 after feasting on ice cream, butter tarts and french fries at the café. It was a tad brisk and cool but a good time was had by all. Rumour has it that Stan got stuck in the weeds but didn't think a butter tart was worth fighting them for.

AHEAD

Upcoming events to mark in your calendar:

New - Cruising Group

If you'd like to sail with others but aren't into racing, how about joining a group of cruisers? We are planning to make this a weekly affair each Thursday, starting Thursday 6th August. Meet ready to cast off at 5pm, and depending on the weather we'll sail for 1 to 2 hours, then come back and enjoy a social time. This will be informal and depend on the wishes of those taking part. Perhaps bring a picnic supper - perhaps this could be turned into a potluck - other ideas? For more information, email Social Captain Patrick at patrick-john17@yahoo.ca.

Rib Cookoff (16th August)

This is a new venture for the club!! It will take place after the racing and all are invited. Members are asked to bring their own ribs (pre cooked, ready to BBQ), and side (salad, veggies, etc. for pot luck) and the club will provide corn. Ribs will be judged by their peers with each person getting one vote, they cannot vote for themselves.

Pig Roast (23rd August)

Note that this event, together with the Junior and Commodore's Cups racing, has had to be moved from 13th September due to availability of the chef. Junior regatta at 12 noon - each junior wanting to race is loaned a Sunfish. Winner is awarded the Junior Trophy and all participants get prizes. Our usual Sunday races still count towards the Sunday Series, but in addition, the winning boat this day is awarded the Commodore's Cup. Afterwards at approximately 5pm there will be a pig roast to which ALL club members are invited.

Patrick Ney, Social Captain

Safety First

Belwood Lake Sailing Club is concerned about safety, both on and off the water. We urge members to adhere to the requirements in Transport Canada's Safe Boating Guide. In addition, when racing we require participants to wear a PDF.

Ontario Sailing, formerly The Ontario Sailing Association (OSA), recently came out with the following reminders about how to keep safe on the water:

PUT SAFETY FIRST!

Here are a few reminders for everyone.

Texting and Driving - we should treat operating a coach boat (or committee boat or mark boat or safety boat) the same way as driving a car. Period. A distracted operator of a motor boat is a very common thing. Don't text or talk on the phone. While a cell phone is a good safety item to have, keep

it in your pocket until you are stopped and the engine is off or in neutral.

Ontario Sailing encourages our clubs and schools to pass this rule immediately! This is the policy of Ontario Sailing for all our coaches, instructors and contract staff.

PFDs - They Only Work If You Wear Them! - Ontario Sailing has a policy of mandatory wearing of PFDs by our coaching and instructing staff on the water. We ask clubs to pass the same policy.

Kill Cords - wear the kill cord round your leg as this is the only way to shut off the engine if you happen to fall overboard while coaching (or otherwise driving the motor boat). It's there for a reason - wear it!

Teach Knot Tying - we encourage all clubs to teach knot tying as part of their CANSail curriculum. Checklists are MINIMUM STANDARDS. By teaching such things as knots, parts of the boat, and sail controls, we will make safer and better sailors.

Final Words - Remember to hydrate, wear sunscreen. protect your eyes, get plenty of rest, don't drink and drive, and do a safety check of your boat daily! And beware of heat-related stress: hydrate, cover up, take a break, wear a hat, sunscreen, sunglasses and cover up!

Group Use of Club

If you wish to host a group like a large family picnic or a hiking club stop over at the club, that is perfectly OK. However, we do need to know in advance so we can check such activities do not clash. There is a Group Visit form on the website under Membership -> How the Club Works, at the very bottom. Print a copy, fill it in, and get it signed by the VC Fleet Bill Downes. Ask Bill for a copy if you can't access the website. The event will be listed on our schedule.

For Sale

Note: If you want to advertise a boat or other sailing related item for sale, send details to publicity@blsc.on.ca or Margaret Hull and an ad will be put on the website for two months. You can also put your own ad on the notice board in the clubhouse where it will remain till the end of the season or until you remove it.

Publicity News

Facebook Page <https://facebook.com/blsc.on.ca>

Website Notes

As of the end of July, our new website has had 4,713 posting / pages views. Wow!! The top viewing pages were:

- 2015 Schedule
- About BLSC
- Weather / Lake conditions

To Come: Your editor had the opportunity to volunteer at the Pan Am Games Sailing Venue in July and will be adding a photo essay of her experiences to the website soon so watch for that. Meanwhile, you might like to view this short video of several of the water events filmed from a drone - the sailing is shown about half way along. <https://vimeo.com/134457605>

Continue checking the website for the latest racing results, new pictures of recent events, and for the schedule.

Newsletter Notes

The deadline for the next newsletter is Sunday 30th August 2015. All submissions are welcome, written and photos, and the best will be published!! Send them to publicity@blsc.on.ca Note that the online and printed versions of the newsletter are fuller than the emailed version, in order to preserve information for the archives.

Margaret Hull, Publicity Captain

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