



Belwood Lake Sailing Club 2016 Newsletter #1 — March

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2016 Schedule

- 17 April Sun** Spring AGM
- 30 April Sat** Club Opening
- 8 May Sun** Newsletter #2 Deadline
- 8 May Sun** Racing Starts 2pm
- 11 May Wed** Racing Starts 6:30pm
- 20-23 May** OMDA weekend
- 5 June** "Joe Davis" Sail Past
- 6 June Mon** Cruising Starts
- 12 June Sun** Wellington Cup
- 22 June Wed** Longest Day Racers
BBQ
- 25 June Sat** Wine & Cheese
- 1 July Fri** Canada Day Parade and
Lake Boat Tour
- 9 July Sat** Cruise to Belwood
- 10 July Sun** Newsletter #3 deadline
- 11-15 July** International Y Flyer Re-
gatta
- 17 July Sun** Pursuit Races
- 23-24 July Sat/Sun** Family Camp
- 14 Aug Sun** Rib Cook-off
- 28 Aug Sun** Commodore's Cup
- 28 Aug Sun** Deadline for Newsletter
#4
- 2-5 Sep** OMDA weekend
- 14 Sep Wed** Last Wed Racing
- 25 Sep Sun** Last Sun Racing
- 1 Oct Sat** Club Closing
- 16 Oct Sun** Fall AGM

Message from the Commodore

Ahoy!!! All members of BLSC

As seasons go, Spring has always been my favourite. Nature's time of renewal is uplifting and energizing for me, and probably one of the reasons I enjoy boating so much. The feeling one gets finally seeing the snow disappear, the days getting longer, and the warmth in the air, really starts me thinking about working on my boat, getting it ready for launch, planning, and looking forward to the Racing & Cruising season ahead.

Your executive have been planning another great season of racing, cruising, and several **FUN** social events, which can be seen on BLSC Web Page. The important thing to remember is that all members should make a real effort to take advantage of the exciting events planned for the season. This is **Your** club, you are rewarded to the extent to which **you** participate.

In closing, I would like to express my appreciation to all members of the Executive who have spent many hours working as a team planning for 2016, and all members who work so hard to keep our club in great shape!! I believe we are going to have another outstanding season at BLSC. See you on the water, or at the club house.

Ed Davis, Commodore

Spring Annual General Meeting Sunday 17th April 2pm at the Guelph West End Recreational Building, Room 2

Come to hear about the plans for the year (such as more canoe storage!), approve the budget, and perhaps pay your membership for the year. There will be coffee and cookies available.

Jackie Stackelberg, Secretary

Club Opening Saturday 30th April 9am

This is the day we look forward to all winter!! Come to help with putting the



First trip to Belwood Lake for the season. The lake was reflecting the weak spring sun. The water is clear and the geese were flying over. Almost time to get the boats in the water. Photo by Frances Norlen who wins the prize for being the first on the lake for 2016

docks out, setting the picnic tables around, raking up the tree needles and leaves, cleaning the clubhouse and finishing up with a communal lunch. Terri will be bringing her almost famous chili - meat and vegetarian. Please bring snacks, a salad or a dessert to share, the rest will be provided. Also bring rakes, gloves etc. and come suitably attired for the weather and the jobs.

Report on Club Closing 26 September 2015

Though not as many members as usual turned up for the club closing, all the work got done in good time and a BBQ lunch was enjoyed by all.

Paul Coppes, Maintenance Captain and Patrick Ney, Social Captain



Moving a Section of the New Dock, Club Closing Day 2015

2016 Memberships

These are due now. May 31st is the date after which your designated boat parking spot(s) will be made available to others. A membership form is available on the website, (and included with the printed version of this newsletter.) Note that the extra boat fees have been increased to \$75, other fees remain the same. If you pay on or before the Club Opening date (April 30th) you can pay at the lower Early Bird rates. We are working on being able to pay online using Pay Pal - watch for it on the website. If you elect to pay this way, remember you still have to fill out a membership form, sign it and get it to the Membership Secretary before your 2016 membership is valid.

Ken Boyd, Membership Captain

Racing Program

The start dates for our bi-weekly racing are in the 2016 schedule on page 1. Also note that the Wellington Cup will be held at Conestogo Sailing Club on Sunday 12th June, and the Y Flyer International in the week of 11-15th July.

Warren Flannery, Race Captain

Cruising Mondays

Each Monday, starting 6th June, come and join a group of cruising sailors for a 1 or 2 hour sail on the lake perhaps followed by some social time. Be ready to cast off at 6pm. For more details email me at patrickjohn17@yahoo.com or call 905-299-1852

Patrick Ney, Social Captain

Social Events

There are many social events planned this year: have a look at the schedule. Mark your calendar now so you don't miss any!

Patrick Ney, Social Captain

Report on Fall General Meeting Sun 25th Oct 2015

The executive presented their reports and other business of the club was conducted. These included the



Debbie passes Commodore's 'hat' to Ed

passing of the Pro Tem budget for next year, planned improvements to the gate and the black dock ramp, approval of the new executive for 2016, and the results of the racing program together with the handing out of the trophies. Debbie Madden will be our Past Commodore, the new Commodore is Ed Davis who is moving on from VC Facilities, and Denis Neumann is taking over Ed's position as VC Facilities. All other positions are the same as 2015. Race Captain Warren talked about our hosting of the Y Flyer International in July 2016 from 11th to 15th and asked for volunteers to help with running the races, administration and food preparation. There was discussion about having a defibrillator on hand.

Finally the Winners of the Annual Trophies were announced by Warren:

Commodore's Cup - Richard and Colin King

Belwood Cup, Sunday Series - 1st Calum Mackellar, 2nd Warren Flannery and Frances Norlen, 3rd Al Sullivan and Jackie Stackelberg

Wednesday Evening Series Cup - 1st place Chris Zimmermann, 2nd place Richard and Colin King, 3rd place Colin and Richard King [*Yes, really*]

Most Improved Skipper - Stan Elliotson

Brian Searle Trophy - Al Morgan

Jackie Stackelberg, Secretary

Joe Davis will be Sadly Missed

Joe Davis, one of our Life Members, passed away in January 2016 and we have sent condolences from the club to Betty. Joe joined the club in 1975, one year after it began. He came with a Heron dinghy which he had made himself from a mold in a barn near the dam. A group of sailors, including Joe, used to sail from there before our club existed. In our club, he was on the Executive many times in several capacities, was Commodore in 1984 and 1985 and again in 2000. He single handedly wrote our first set of Bylaws, he steered the club through its incorporation process, he looked after our motors for many years, cleaning them and storing them in the winter. He was the one who kept our plumbing going, opening it in the Spring and shutting it down in the Fall.

He spoke up many times to remind us how things should be done, from meeting proceedings to maintenance to care and use of those motors. He was awarded Life Membership in 2000. Joe continued to join in the racing program up till quite recently, after which he and Betty would come to the club regularly on race days to watch from the shore. After the Heron, he sailed a Falcon, a Venture Cat, a Hobie 14 then more recently a Wayfarer which is up for sale - see our website.

He was serious when the occasion needed it but liked a good joke. He used to wear a sunhat with a target stitched on the top for seagulls to aim for!! We have much to thank Joe for and he will be remembered fondly for years to come. As a tribute to Joe, the club is renaming the 2016 Sail Past to the "Joe Davis" Sailpast.



Joe in 2015 at the Sailpast Lunch

2016 Club Executive

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Jack Hone

Jack also passed away recently and the club sent condolences to his widow Faith. Jack will be remembered for bringing the Y Flyer fleet to the club where they are now the major players in the racing group, Jack's son Ed, son-in-law Richard, and grandson Colin among them.



Jack Hone

Sunfish Dolly Wanted

Ed Poole needs a dolly to move his Sunfish around. If you have one to sell, please contact him at ed.poole8@gmail.com or call him on 519-605-0277

For Boats for Sale see the website at www.blsc.on.ca/boatsforsale



Publicity News

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

Website Notes

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 8th May 2016. 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

REMEMBER NOT TO SPEED ON THE COTTAGE ROAD.

Keep to the posted 25km/hr speed limit. There are children playing, our neighbours out strolling or walking their dogs, and the odd golf cart and bicycle scooting by.