

## Ahoy!! All BLSC Sailors – Commodore’s Message



Just got back from Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, where we had a wonderful 2 months, with above average temperatures. We wintered right next to Shelter Cove Marina, and noticed a lot of beautiful yachts both power and sail, which reminded me that we don't have many days until Club opening April 29. Mark your calendar, and plan on helping get our club ready for 2017.

Your executive have been busy planning a full slate of events, racing, social and cruising. Please check our home page <http://blsc.on.ca/> or this newsletter for all dates.

Special thanks to Al Sullivan for obtaining 18 full lockers from Guelph University and Perry Stackelberg for using his truck to bring them to our club. These lockers will replace several old half lockers. Perry was assisted by several club members. Thanks for giving up most of a Saturday to make our club better. And a big thank you to Paul Coppes who arranged for the OMDA to sell their Charger powerboat to BLSC.

That's all for now, see you at our Spring AGM, April 23.

Ed Davis Commodore BLSC

### Spring AGM Sunday April 23, 2017

The BLSC Spring AGM is on April 23, 2017 from 2 to 4 pm at the West End Recreational Centre Room 2, 21 Imperial Rd S, Guelph. Need directions? Click [here](#)

### Fall AGM 2016 Report

Some highlights from the Fall AGM:

- All sections of the wood ramp will be removed by the 2017 season, making the docks safer to use. VC Fleet Bill Downes discussed the task of weekly pushing the docks out into the water and mentioned that it will become the responsibility of the racing PRO to have the docks pushed out.
- Extending the concrete ramp was raised and Maintenance Captain Paul Coppes advised that the GRCA says it cannot be extended due to protecting the fish habitat of the lake.
- Chris Zimmerman made a motion to purchase an additional 10 foot section of the EZ dock. Andy Blackmore seconded the motion. All in favour. Motion carried. Dock section to be installed in the spring
- The 2017 Pro Tem budget with amended wording regarding potential purchase of the motor boat from the Mirror Association was moved by Frank Laszlo and seconded by Al Hilborn. All in favour, motion carried.
- Ed Davis thanked the race committee for their contribution during the race season. Richard King reported the Y-Flyer International was a fantastic event. The conditions were perfect (the wind didn't fade away in the afternoon heat) over the four day event

and all participants enjoyed it. He thanked several people for their contributions to help make the event successful.

- Andy Blackmore reported the 2016 racing statistics and discussed improving and continuing the relationships with the Guelph Sailing and the Conestogo Sailing Club. Andy presented the awards and trophies.
- Al Sullivan, Nomination Committee reported that four positions needed filling for 2017 executive board. Frances Norlen accepted the nomination for Publicity Captain, Perry Adams accepted the nomination for Treasurer, Brian Lee accepted the nomination for Race Captain. Al asked if any of the present membership would like to come forth with a nomination for Membership Captain. Tony Moon accepted the nomination. Commodore Ed Davis thanked departing members of the 2016 executive for all their efforts in supporting the club.

## **BELWOOD LAKE SAILING CLUB EXECUTIVE BOARD 2017-2018**

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## Annual Club Opening Saturday April 29, 2017

All members should be planning to come and help with the annual Club Opening Day which happens rain or shine.

This year we are going try and see if we can get a few more things done on Opening Day. We will need help with the following tasks:

getting the docks in the water, the picnic tables out, the grounds raked up, flower beds cleaned up, the fire pit area cleaned up which means restacking the wood and cutting up the logs (if you have a chain saw please bring it), raking some topsoil to cover tree roots and cleaning the clubhouse and getting it ready for the season.



There will be coffee available during the morning then when all the work is done or close to done lunch will be provided.

Please plan to bring appetizers, a salad or a dessert to compliment the provided chili and buns.

There will be no lack of things to do, so come out and help. For more information contact Paul Coppes, Maintenance Captain

## Membership Renewal

Early bird fees (discounted membership renewal) apply up until and including the club opening date which is April 29, 2017. Full and junior membership fees entitle the member to one boat parking spot. Additional spots are \$100 for the second boat and \$150 for the third boat. A spot on the canoe/kayak rack is \$25 for the year. Members are assigned a week in which to complete one assigned maintenance task. If a member does not wish or is unable to do this, the member pays an additional Maintenance Exemption Fee of \$100.

Additional membership information and the required form can be found here:

<http://blsc.on.ca/membership/joining-and-renewing/#memapp>

For more information contact Tony Moon, Membership Captain

## Off the Mark

Hey racers, It`s time to polish your hulls and checkout your rigging and sail trim; take every legal advantage you can in readiness for the racing season. Racing will start on Wednesday, May 10 and run thereafter on each Sunday and Wednesday throughout the season, ending in September subject to water levels in the lake. I will need your feedback and support throughout season as I find my way as Race Captain. Be aware you could be next in line for the role if you have too many good ideas. It`s all about having a fun and friendly competition on the water; I look forward to being out there with you all. Yours in Racing Brian Lee.

## **New Handbook**

The [Members' Handbook](#) has had an extensive rewrite; please take a moment or two to read it. Note: printed copies are no longer given out to every member. Thanks to Paul C., Debbie M., and Margaret H. Comments to [Publicity@blsc.on.ca](mailto:Publicity@blsc.on.ca)

## **BLSC First Aid Information Session Sunday May 28, 2017**

The club has arranged a free First Aid information session in the clubhouse on Sunday May 28 from 10 am to 12 noon, to be followed by a BBQ lunch for the participants. Johanna Moloughney, a Red Cross qualified club member, will go over basic First Aid and CPR. Space is limited so members who wish to attend will be registered on a first come basis at the Club Opening April 29.

Others may register after the club opening. A waiting list will be kept if necessary. A back up date of June 4 has been made available. For more information or to register after the Club Opening, email the Supply Captain or speak to Margaret Hull personally.

Take advantage of this session to brush up your first aid knowledge. Although the club emphasizes Safety First, it is important that we know how to respond when accidents do happen.

## **New this season**

Members can look forward to new canoe/kayak racks to be installed this season, new signage on the gate and around the club, new dock section and a new rescue boat.

## **Mark your calendar now – lots of activities for 2017**

Newsletter deadlines for submissions: May 20 and Aug 20  
May 10 – Wed night racing starts - BBQ after racing - all members welcome to attend any BBQ this season (Sunday racing starts May 14 which is also Mother's Day)  
May 19-22 Mirrors at club racing (Victoria Day long weekend)  
May 28 -2 hours of first aid info session followed by a BBQ  
May 29 – Monday night cruising open house and BBQ  
June 11 - Wellington Cup race host - BBQ and Cake - all welcome to attend  
June 21 - longest day BBQ  
June 24 - welcome to new members Wine/Beverage & Cheese (bring your own wine/beverage to share) RSVP by June 17 to the social captain  
July 1 – Elora Canada Day Parade – all member invited to participate in celebrating Canada's 150 Birthday. RSVP to social captain. Also cruiser night and view fireworks  
July 16 - Pursuit racing and BBQ  
Aug 27 - Pig Roast and Commodore's Cup racing  
Sept 1-4 Mirrors at club racing (Labour Day long weekend)  
Sept 9 - Campfire with marshmallows and spider dogs - starts at 5pm (Rain date is Sept 16)  
Sept 13 - last Wed race and BBQ  
Sept 17 - last Sun race and BBQ  
Sept 30 - closing and BBQ  
Oct 22 - AGM 2pm

## **Additions to the Website**

A write up about the early days of sailing in the Guelph area (the 1970s) has been added to the website, in the History and Archives section under the About BLSC tab. Also added is an item about our Life Members, in the same section.

## **Boats for Sale**

Members can advertise their boat for sale for two months on the club website. Click here for the current listings: <http://blsc.on.ca/sailing-at-belwood-lake/boats-for-sale/>

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

Got news to share, some great photos? Send them in for inclusion on the webpage, Facebook and/or the newsletter. [Publicity@blsc.on.ca](mailto:Publicity@blsc.on.ca)

## **And lastly**

One in three bites of food is made possible by bees and other pollinators, who spread the pollen that crops need to grow. That includes many favourite foods like apples, coffee, and of course, honey. Bees are also needed to pollinate many flowers and trees. To get free wildflower seeds for your garden or yard go to <https://bringbackthebees.ca/>