

Ahoy!! All BLSC Sailors – Commodore’s Message



Glad to see spring has finally arrived after a very slow arrival, and the racing season has commenced.

Special THANKS!!! to all our members who came out and helped open the club. I believe it was a record I have never seen so many cleaning in the clubhouse, putting docks in the lake, raking up brush & leaves, trimming trees etc. We were wonderfully assisted by Scout Leader Jeremy, and the Boy Scouts, who brought a trailer, wheelbarrow, and rakes. Once again Patrick & his social group put on wonderful lunch!!! We had so many members working I had to make a special trip to Zehrs to buy more food; this a job the Commodore really appreciates.

Look forward to meeting most of our members at different events throughout the spring and summer. If you have any questions or suggestions don't hesitate to [email me](#) or have a discussion with me.

We have a wonderful club!!! Make sure you come to some of our social events. I look forward to greeting members at our annual wine and cheese on June 24 where we welcome new members and say hello to returning members

Ed Davis Commodore BLSC

Social Report

All members are invited to the cruising open house on Monday May 29 at 5 pm. There will be a burger and hot dog BBQ at about 6 pm.

On Saturday June 24 the club hosts members with a wine and cheese evening that begins at 7 pm and wraps up about 9 pm. Members bring their own choice of wine or other beverages to share and the club provides a delicious spread of cheese, crackers, fruit and other tempting snacks. To help us plan food quantities please email the [Social Captain](#) by June 17.

Maintenance Report

I would like to thank everyone that came out for opening day. We got a lot done and the club looks great. Please be reminded that it is everyone’s responsibility to cut their grass under and around their own boats.

For more information contact Paul Coppes, [Maintenance Captain](#)



Membership

Membership renewal is just about finished – if you haven’t yet renewed please do so ASAP. Your allocated boat space(s) are yours as long as your membership is up-to-date. Memberships must be renewed each year on or before **May 31st**. After that date, any unpaid

member's boat space(s) become available for allocation to another member. Your ID number must be visible, preferably on the transom, at all times. 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.

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

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

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.

Duty List. It's not work; it's fun. Make it your club.

For more information contact Tony Moon, [Membership Captain](#)

Visitors and booking the club for an event



BLSC welcomes visitors – often they become members so please do invite your friends and family to come with you and experience all that the club has to offer. However, to prevent overcrowding, please limit your guest party to one family or small group of guests. New this year is a Visitor sign in book and informed consent form – please take a few minutes to have your guests sign the visitor book and drop the form in the gold slot in the filing cabinet.

If you would like to plan a larger event, please co-ordinate this through the [VC Fleet Captain](#) who will check it doesn't conflict with events or other group bookings already on the [schedule](#). Already this year the club is hosting a bridal shower, Girl Guides bike tour and a church group meeting. Download a copy of the [Request For Group Visit form](#), fill it

in and get it approved by the VC Fleet Captain. The [Informed Consent form](#) must be filled in and sent to the VC Fleet at the same time. Copies are available in the clubhouse for casual unplanned visitors.

People who crew for you on a regular basis but are not members of your immediate family are expected to join as members themselves, perhaps as associates if they do not own a boat. Visitors who want to join the Club can find application forms in the clubhouse.

New Lockers

We have added new lockers in the storage room this spring and kept all the previous lockers by rearranging the layout, which means there are still some lockers available. If you wish to get one of the new lockers, visit the club and put your name on empty locker using the white stickers/labels, which are available on the table at the entrance. Also sign your name on the list.

Those who have smaller lockers, can move up to the bigger lockers and empty their old ones.

We will look at securing the lockers to prevent them from falling over.

If you have any questions, contact Denis Neumann via an email VCFacilities@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.

For more information 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.

Off the Mark – Here Comes the Wellington Cup

Hey racers, It's time to polish your hulls and checkout your rigging and sail trim; Wellington Cup arrives on Sunday June 11 at 2 pm. This friendly competition between BLSC, Guelph Lake and Conestoga is always a great event and BLSC is the host this year. Come race or cheer the racers on to victory. After the Cup has been hosted there is a BBQ and cake – all club members are invited to come. Start time is approximately 4 pm depending on when racing finishes.

Unfavourable weather has adversely impacted racing so far this season but we are hoping for better conditions as we prepare for the Wellington Cup. Yours in Racing [Brian Lee](#)

Mark your calendar now – lots of activities for all members – please attend one or more of the club's free BBQs or events

May 28 - 2 hours of first aid info session (10 til noon) followed by a **BBQ** around noon

May 29 – Monday night cruising open house at 5 pm and **BBQ** at 6 pm

June 11 - Wellington Cup race host - **BBQ and Cake**

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 - Commodore's Cup racing followed by a delicious **Commodore's dinner** (the pig roaster wasn't available so the club is using a local caterer to supply a delicious buffet)

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

Pet Policy

As a tenant of the GRCA, the Belwood Lake Sailing Club adheres to the pet policies of the GRCA. These policies are as follows.

- Pets are not allowed in the water except from the back beach which is behind the canoe shed
- Pets must be leashed at all times and this leash is not to exceed 7 feet in length
- We also ask that pets be kept quiet and are not left alone tied up or in vehicles

Car Parking and Camping

The main parking area available is the area to the left from the gate to the garage, and there are more spaces near the clubhouse. If you park by the clubhouse, leave room for vehicle access to the shed behind and do not park where you are blocking the boats. Please do not drive cars onto the picnic area or park at the back of the clubhouse on the septic bed.



Camp in the field (or behind the clubhouse – members only): leave all other areas open for other uses. Do not obstruct access to the boats. Specifically do not set up camp on the septic bed, play area or picnic area. At the request of the GRCA, individual campfires cannot be allowed; instead please use the designated central fire pit that is provided.

Garbage and Recycling Update

Take your own garbage and recycling home with you as the Club does not have township garbage pickup. For special events the club does collect garbage and new this year will have a blue recycling bin for metal, plastic, paper and cardboard to divert these from the local dump. Members looking to reduce their ecological footprint can use club dishes and cutlery if they wash and dry them or bring their own to use and take home.

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

And lastly

BELWOOD LAKE SAILING CLUB EXECUTIVE BOARD 2017-2018

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