



News letter of the

# Belwood Lake Sailing Club

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## From the Commodore

### *Special Event BBQ*

Please join us on 19 July for a special celebration BBQ to honor our life members. They will all have reached or almost reach their 80<sup>th</sup> year in 2009. Life membership is granted "as a reward for exemplary service to the club" and we would like to recognize their reaching this milestone and their continuing dedication to the club. Our life members are George Bowman, Joe and Betty Davis. Al and Olwen Morgan, and Derek and Audrey Street.

The celebration will be a BBQ at approximately 4.30 pm on 19 July, after the cruise to Belwood. The club will be providing all the food and soft drinks.

### *Cruise to Belwood*

19 July starts at 1.00 pm – **NOT** 2.00 pm This is an opportunity to sail in company with other BLSC boats in a leisurely cruise down the lake. The last two years there was a flat calm so this year we are guaranteed a good wind. Enjoy the cruise and stay for the celebration BBQ.

### *Club 420 Dinghies*



Club 420 for Sale

The executive has decided to dispose of the three 420 dinghies originally owned by the Sea Scouts.

One dinghy has been renovated and is offered for sale to club members at **\$500 obo** including launching dolly but no trailer. If no reasonable offer is received it will be offered for sale outside the club. If two identical offers are received the sale will be decided by lottery.

Two other 420 hulls, masts, booms plus various sails, rudders and fittings are offered **FREE** as a complete package only, to anyone who will take them off club premises. If two or more people are interested there will be a lottery.

For more information or to make an offer contact the commodore at [commodore@blsc.on.ca](mailto:commodore@blsc.on.ca) 519-880-8747

### *Camping at BLSC*

One of the privileges that we enjoy at BLSC is camping on the club premises and many members take advantage of this throughout the season. We must remember however that we are first and foremost a sailing club and have an obligation to the GRCA policies, the cottagers and our members, not to abuse the privilege. Here is reminder of some of our rules that effect camping

No more than 4 consecutive nights camping per family, tents or RV's must removed from the site between visits. During BOOM week only, we allow camping for the whole week.

Non-members may camp as long as a club host member sponsors them. If more than two non-member families are camping the club host must complete a Group Visit Form available as a

download from our website. In this case a contribution towards club expenses is expected – see the Group Visit Form.

Vehicles, trailers and campsites must not obstruct access to club boats.

Campers must remove all their own garbage. Do not place garbage in club garbage bins for someone else to remove.

The clubhouse must be kept clean and club dishes etc washed and put away.

In accordance with GRCA policies, fishing is not allowed anywhere from the club premises. Pets are not allowed to run free. They are not allowed in the water near the docks and launching ramp.

Only one open fire is allowed on the site – in the field fire pit.

I hope to see many of you at the special event on 19 July.

Tony Wright  
Commodore



Preparing for a Wednesday night race

## From the Racing Captain

The racing season is well underway in spite of the weather being rather unkind and at this date (Canada Day) we've had 4 Sunday races with 3 cancellations and 7 Wednesday races with only 1 cancellation. As we have about 10 more weeks of sailing I urge you to attend as many races as possible before the season ends. We will probably use your 10 best races when choosing the winners.

Our annual battle with the Guelph and Conestoga clubs, at Guelph this year, was nothing to boast about I am sorry to say. We were treated very well at Guelph being given a snack before the race and lunch after the race and our relations with their officers was excellent.

This is how our chaps did out of 22 racers:

8th.....Jim & Nancy Carroll in a Snipe

16th...Alan Morgan in (on?) a Sunfish

17th...Douglas Hillborn in a Sunfish

19th...Allan Hilborn in a Sunfish

21st...Scott Beasley & Richard on an F16

22nd...David and Kyle Lessard in a CL16

We are looking forward to remedying these poor results next year at Conestoga. I should add that Jim and Nancy were very late in the first race and could have been in the 1st three if they had been on time.

Keep an eye on the calendar for July 19! That is our trip to Belwood. It's not a race but should be a good show for everybody seeing a whole fleet "Sailing down the river on a Sunday Afternoon" We leave at 1pm.

Alan Morgan

## From the Treasurer

As the sailing season progresses, it seemed timely to bring the membership up to date on the club's finances. With the increase in fees this year, there have been more funds available. At the present time, the club has received just over \$20,500 in membership fees (the budgeted amount was \$22,000). Expenses are running as predicted in the budget. As of June 16, when a financial report was prepared for the Executive meeting, income from all sources was \$24,150.62 and expenses were \$16,525.12, leaving a surplus of \$7,625.50. These figures do not include the cost of our 2009-2010 lease, which has just been received and will be \$5097.61 (budgeted amount was \$5,300).

Fortunately, our lease is now tied to the Consumer Price Index and should not increase as rapidly as it did during the previous five year term.

As well, the net cost of the BOOM program has not been calculated. At the time of this writing, we have 9 Youth (maximum of 16) and 7 Adults (maximum of 8) registered. The Executive is confident that the program will be close to the maximum again this year and the club commitment of \$1,500 will be met. Last year, there were 14 Youth and 6 Adults registered for the BOOM program. Unless the club decides to undertake any major projects this year, we should be in a position to move some surplus funds to our capital reserves.

On another note, plans have been prepared for beginning the clubhouse renovations **if we are successful** in getting the grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. It is anticipated that the Committee should hear from the Foundation in the next week or so. Once the Committee hears, we will let the membership know what the decision was and what will happen next.

Paul Lingen

## From the VC Fleet and Facilities

I hope you have noticed the new swim float anchored just off the shore. There have been many members, young and old, making good use of it. The anchor that is holding it weighs over 100 lbs so be careful if you try to move it away from the shore. We are trying to keep the raft clear of the black docks and boats for safety reasons.

There have been some repair issues with the older motors so they have been changed around as repairs were necessary. As of this writing all were in good working order.

The racing buoys have been updated to larger versions. They are more visible on the water during both windy and sunny days when waves or reflection can obscure the buoys. Two of the buoys are really exercise balls. They are very durable and very reasonably priced. Rumor has it that Al Morgan, our race captain, has been seen using them for exercise on non-race days.

A hitch was added to the front of the dolly for the inflatable boat. This is a very welcome addition for anyone trying to lift and pull the boat and dolly up our long ramp at the end of the season. It is hoped that the hitch will speed placement of the boat into the water in the event of an emergency. The hitch fits a 1 7/8" ball.

Each boat is equipped with a safety kit to meet Can. Coast Guard regulations. If anything is missing or not working please let me know. Just a reminder that only members with a Pleasure Boaters Operators License can run the club boats. We held our annual boat safety and training session in early June and were able to show a few members how to operate the boats.

After a rain postponement the annual Racing BBQ was held on June 24<sup>th</sup>. There was good turn out and we managed to consume 40 hamburgers, a welcome meal after a hard night of racing.

Al Sullivan

## From the Membership Captain

Since our May newsletter we have had many more individuals and families join the club. We welcome the following as new members (sailing):

Terry & Judy Flanigan (Siren)  
Len & Joan Habermehl (Siren)  
Reiner Jaakson ("Chico" Mono Hull)  
Frank Laslow & Collen Ens (Arrow)  
Tom & Debbie Melber (Hobie 16)  
Paul McQueen (Associate)  
Nisso Pollowy (Bombardier 16)  
Antti Vilkkko & Anne Ossowski (CL 16)  
Jason & Jan Turchin (Cadet)

We also welcome John & Michele MacRae back to the club with their Hobbie 14 after several a hiatus of several years growing their crew (children).

Special acknowledgement to George Kuipers and Lila Chaudhury who joined at the end of 2008 but who we failed mention as new members last year. They have Cruiser and a Petrel (which George has been racing with keen interest).

As we go to print with this newsletter we have 111 members who have joined or rejoined the club this year. We also have eight boats on the site owned by people who were members in 2008 but have not rejoined and have not paid their 2009 membership fees. Recall that the membership deadline is May 31<sup>st</sup>.

In some instances this has posed a significant challenge in locating boat parking spots for new members.

### Abandoned & Delinquent Boats

Many will know that we have a small area in the south-west corner of the club's site where we have been storing 'Abandoned & Delinquent' boats.

Having spent many hours at board meeting discussing how we should handle various situations of those who leave their boats on the club site but fail to pay their fees we have adopted the following practices:

- Members who fail to pay for two consecutive years are sent a registered letter with a request that they pay their overdue fees and either remove their boat or restore it to sailing condition (we have done this on two occasions in the past two years and sold two boats as a result); ***provision for this is contained in our by-laws***
- Members who are in their second year of not paying are sent a registered letter after the membership deadline date (May 31<sup>st</sup>) and asked to bring their membership fees into good standing. **This has been done once this year.**
- The executives of 2008 and 2009 have resolved to immobilize boats of those boat owners who fail to pay their dues. This year August 31<sup>st</sup> will be the date that boats will be immobilized (by trailer lock or other means) for those who do not pay their fees. The member who is two years in arrears in his membership has already had his boat immobilized. To some this may seem a harsh approach. To the board it is based on a principle of fairness: why do you pay fees while others get away with not paying their annual dues?

There has been some reaction to this firmer approach. If you have an opinion on this, have another idea how we could deal with this problem or have other ideas how to improve your club please let your executive know!

Kim Muller

## From the Maintenance Captain

I am writing this as our Maintenance Captain is under the weather at the moment but even so it's hard to keep him down as he is helping the racing on Wednesdays and Sundays and also popping in to give his welcome advice during the week. We all hope you soon get back to good health soon, Don.

First, a big thanks to those who have been following the schedule cleaning, mowing, and other things. You have been doing a good job. One lady was doing such a good job sweeping out the garage that I asked if she would dust the place as well.

Unfortunately, it hasn't been all beer and skittles. We have had an unusual number of repair jobs to do on the mowers and the outboard motors. Like the rest of us they are getting older resulting in our budget looking rather pale. Well you can always fire me!

Alan Morgan

## From the Publicity Captain

This newsletter is produced by the members. This is a team effort. Thanks to all the members who submitted articles for this edition. The dead line for the next newsletter is September 6. Please forward your sailing related stories before then to [Publicity@blsc.on.ca](mailto:Publicity@blsc.on.ca).

Scott Beesley

## Zehrs Tapes

Under their new rules it is now difficult to be approved by them to exchange tapes for cash. They have finally approved our organization and the first cheque has been received so please continue saving them so we might attain our target of \$300 for the season.

Thank you all,  
Olwen

## Trillium Grant Application – Results

Unfortunately, we were not successful in getting a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation this time. What will happen next is a meeting between the Club's OTF Committee (and representatives from the Club Executive) with the OTF Program Supervisor for this area to determine why we were not successful. Following that meeting, and subject to the approval of the Executive (and the members at the October 2009) Annual General Meeting, the Committee will prepare another application for submission in March 2010. Hopefully, we will be successful in our second attempt.

Paul Lingen, Treasurer  
Chair – BLSC Trillium Grant Committee

## Security At BLSC

We are very fortunate at Belwood Lake Sailing Club in having few unwanted guests, little theft or vandalism. From time to time we have an incident reminding us that we are not invulnerable. Recently a member had expensive equipment stolen from his boat. Even more recently I arrived at the club at dark to find the gates wide open and unlocked.

Please remember to:

- Always lock the gate if you think you may be the last person leaving. Err on the side of locking. If you lock someone in they can let themselves out (or learn a valuable lesson about remembering to always bring their key!)
- Secure everything to your boat or your trailer
- Don't leave anything lying around your boat parking site. This is both club policy as well as common sense. Despite our signage, cottagers and others sometimes walk onto the club site. Visitors with suspect motivation may see items laying around the

site as an invitation that reads “free for the taking”.

Be mindful and enjoy the rest of your summer of sailing.

Kim Muller,  
Membership Captain

## Club Events

### OMDA Weekend, 16-17 May



Off to the windward mark

Most campers (about 8 or 9 families) arrived at Belwood Lake Sailing Club on Friday for this first camping weekend of the 2009 season. The weather was fine at that point but deteriorated day by day as you shall read.

Saturday promised wind and showers, but at least it was warm so racing was definitely on the cards. The Skipper’s Meeting produced eight registrants but by the time it came to get out on the water, the conditions had become quite rough.

The Race Committee was Hanzo Van Beusekom and Margaret Hull. They were joined by BLSC’s Commodore, Tony Wright, who was to replace Mike Coombes for just a short while in order to take pictures of the fleet. As it turned out, Tony stayed

with the busy committee boat for the whole afternoon, there being little time to go back to shore for the switch over. This made Mike very happy.

However, as there were only two races (during the event), technically this cannot be counted as a regatta. There were discussions about changing this rule.

2009 OMDA Victoria Day Weekend Regatta Results					
Place	Sail No.	Crew	Race 1	Race 2	Points
1	70098	Don Alp Lucy	2	1	3
2	20758	Marika Beaumont Kayley Pugh	3	2	5
3	31341	John McCulloch Paul Lingen	4	3	7
4	67069	Aleid Brendeke	1	DNF	11
5	53050	Stephen Steel	DNS	DNS	18
6		Paul Lingen	DNS	DNS	18
7	16562	Heather Pugh	DNF	DNS	18
8	63840	Heather Alp Branden	DNF	DNS	18

The reason there were only two races is that on Sunday the wind had increased even more – there were white caps racing across the lake towards the shore from the north east – and the temperature had dropped considerably, only getting up to a day’s high of 10C. Needless to say, all racing for the day was cancelled. Instead, we enjoyed the traditional pancake breakfast, held in the clubhouse, thanks to Aleid and Ynskje. Yours truly, who had already had breakfast at home, couldn’t resist a second one. The rest of the day was spent socializing and slowly packing up.



Our Paul Lingen and John

The other event over the weekend was a garage sale to raise money to help send Matt Biencyk to the Mirror Worlds this summer in Wales. I don't think much 'stuff' changed hands, but there were many donations and all told \$164.80 was raised for the cause – thanks everyone!

As usual, thanks to BLSC for hosting the weekend, and in particular this time for the use of their motor boat.

Look on the OMDA website ([http://www.mirrorsailing.ca/2009/Victoria\\_Day\\_Wknd/photos\\_vdw09.html](http://www.mirrorsailing.ca/2009/Victoria_Day_Wknd/photos_vdw09.html)) in the Photo Gallery for the wonderful pictures Tony took of the sailors on Saturday – thanks Tony!

*Margaret Hull, Juno M69792*



Aleid serve our Derek Street Breakfast

## RC Sailing Demonstration, June 6

As those who came out in June for the demonstration know, the folks that were to come did not show due to illness. However, we did have an interesting afternoon of RC sailing a Mirror, and a Soling one Metre as well as some other two and three masted schooners (one of which sunk and had to be rescued). There was a Soling One Metre kit for folks to look at as well (cost approximately \$320 complete with radio control). Since it seemed that

there was an interest in pursuing this initiative, further plans have been made.

Here is what is happening now – on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM, Charlie Mann and Bill Shorney from the Newmarket club will be coming to the club and bring some RC models with them for demonstration. One of the models will be the Soling One Metre. Hopefully, those members that have an interest in RC sailing will be able to come out and enjoy the afternoon of both sailing and observing the RC boats under sail. During the afternoon, we will have a chat about how to proceed and will make some tentative plans for next year. It would be great to be in a position to request of the club executive to set aside one afternoon or evening for RC sailing at our club.

For the information of those interested, I have found out that there is RC sailing in Mississauga, Hamilton, Kitchener-Waterloo and London, so there is lots going on in this area with this hobby.



Hope to see you out at the club on July 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. If you would like more information, email me at [plingen1@gmail.com](mailto:plingen1@gmail.com)

## Y-Flyer Regatta, June 13-14



Y-Flyers waiting for wind

A great Ontario Provincial Championship Regatta was hosted on June 13-14<sup>th</sup> by Y-Flyer Fleet #19 at Belwood Lake Sailing Club. Sunny skies, warm temperatures and good wind greeted nine Y-Flyers at the start line on Saturday. Sailors attended from Sudbury, Ottawa, Gatineau and BLSC.

### Final Results

Ed and Jacob Hone (BLSC) First  
Pierre Dignard and Parker Cudney (Sudbury) Second  
Richard and Colin King (BLSC) Third  
Jamie Alexander and Tony McCormick Fourth  
Rob Montgomery (Sudbury) and Adam Sokolowski Fifth  
Steve McCamus and Randy Gast (Ottawa) Sixth  
Richard and Will Hart (Ottawa) Seventh  
Carl and Peter Swail (Gatineau) Eighth  
Al Hilborn and Barry Abraham (BLSC) Ninth

I would like to thank Tony Wright who did a great job as Principal Race Officer and Al Morgan who assisted out on the race course. Also Sue Wright, assisted by Marie Abraham, who organized the kitchen (you can't hold a regatta without food). I would also like to note that this was the first Y-Flyer regatta sailed by Allan H. and Barry. We hope to see them in many more. If anyone would like to try sailing a Y just ask Ed or me. We would be more than happy to take you out for a ride.

Richard King

## BOOM Time at BLSC

The BOOM sail-training program is coming again in July

BOOM is a program provided by the Ontario Sailing Association.

It is a fun, safe way to introduce kids and adults to the sport of sailing. The BOOM mobile sailing school includes two CYA certified instructors, Vanguard Laser Pico instructional boats, a coach boat, teaching aids, and Lifejackets/PFDs for all participants.

### Kids 8 - 14

The kids' program will run Monday to Friday 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. from July 20 to 24, 2009. Please send your child with a change of clothes and a packed lunch. The cost is \$250. A deposit of \$150 per child will secure your spot.

### Kids 15 and Up

The adults' program will run Monday to Thursday 6 p.m. until dusk from July 20 to 23, 2009. The cost is \$175. A deposit of \$90 will secure your spot.

The club also allows camping all week during BOOM

For more information contact Amy Domaratzki at 519-886-8996, [BOOM@blsc.on.ca](mailto:BOOM@blsc.on.ca)



Ed and Jacob Hone in Y-Flyer Regatta

## From our Members

### For Sale



#### DS16

Trailerable (500lbs), refurbished with new tires and bearing buddies.

Swing Keel, Head sail furling, newly covered cabin cushions, positive foam floatation (unsinkable), navigation lights, Nissan 2.5hp - 2 stroke outboard  
\$ 2000 OBO

Contact Todd - 519-925-1571 [caseleys@yahoo.ca](mailto:caseleys@yahoo.ca)

2005 Nacra F-18, 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition

2 sets of sails, two spinnakers and a trailer.

\$12000.00 OBO

Contact Ed Hone

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## 2009 Event Schedule

### April

19	Spring General Meeting 2pm
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### May

2	Club Opening
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3	Newsletter Contribution deadline
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13	Wed Night Racing Starts - 6:30pm
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17	Sunday Racing Starts - 2pm
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16-18	OMDA Weekend
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31	Membership Deadline & Race Committee Training 12pm
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### June

6	RC Sailing demonstration 2pm
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7	Club Power boat training 12pm
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13/14	Y Flyer Regatta
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Sunday racing as normal

19-21	Boy Scout camping weekend
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21	Wellington Cup @ Guelph
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No racing at blsc that day

### July

5	Newsletter Contribution Deadlines
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19	Cruise to Belwood Village - <b>1pm</b>
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No racing that day

19	New Life Member Celebration BBQ -
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4:30pm

20-24	BOOM Sail training week.
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### August

9	Pursuit Races - 2pm
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30	Junior Regatta - 12pm
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Commodore's Cup - 2pm

### September

5-7	OMDA Weekend
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6	Newsletter Contribution Deadlines
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16	Last Wed Night Race
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20	Last Sunday Race - 2pm
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26	Club Closing - 9am
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### October

25	Fall General Meeting
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New Location - Guelph - 2pm

West End Community Centre

Impressive Promotions Community Room #2