



News letter of the

Belwood Lake Sailing Club

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From the Commodore

Well the summer and sailing season are off to a great start. The club was very busy on the first weekend in July as it was the first time out for many members. The racing fleet on Sunday July 4th was one of the largest I have seen in recent weeks.

We were not successful with our grant to the Trillium Foundation and the Treasurer will have more details. This means that we will need to scale back our plans, have a longer time line and raise more funds in support of our projects. We voted at the Spring AGM to proceed with the ramp to the clubhouse. The Executive deemed that a new roof is in order before we start any interior renovations. Monies should not be invested on the interior if the roof was not sound. The current roof is as old as the building which is 50+ years. The Executive has settled on a very cost effective and long-term method to replace the roof. The roof replacement must be completed before the building of the ramp to allow crews to work safely. The Club is going to start on a fund raising campaign in support of the renovation project that was introduced at the Spring AGM. There will be two phases to the campaign. (This was needed even with the Trillium Grant.) The first phase will be donations from the membership. There will be several levels of giving: Platinum (\$1500.+), Gold (\$1000.), Silver (\$750.) and Bronze (\$500.). Donors will be recognized (if they wish) with a special plaque to be hung in the showcase of the clubhouse. The second phase will be a levy applied to our membership dues to raise the remaining funds for the capital account over the next few seasons. This will need to be voted on by the membership. If anyone has any experience with successful fundraising events please let me know.

There are several trees on the property that are interfering with boat parking and movement around the site. In the next couple of weeks we are planning to get those trees trimmed. This will be done by professionals who have all of the experience, training and equipment to do the job safely. We may need to move a few boats for a couple of hours on the day of the job.

Have you noticed the new 25 kph speed limit signs just after the entrance to Ninth Street? This is a friendly reminder about the need to drive slowly especially on the road running past the cottages.

Have a safe summer on and off of the water.

Al Sullivan

From the Racing Captain

The racing season is now well underway with its usual calm days, gusty days, capsizes, and occasional arguments. Nothing ever changes!

Our day at Conestoga Sailing Club was beset with next to no wind and only three of our boats attended and I think there were four from Guelph. The Conestogians launched 10 of theirs. According to the sheet I am now reading, the winner of the regatta was Harry Palin (I always thought his name was Palm) from Guelph, the second was Dwight Apelvich from Conestoga and the third was Adrian (?) from Guelph. The closest of our members to these three were Jim and Nancy Carroll (7th), Alan Morgan (8th) and Paul Coppes (12th).

I said a few pessimistic words to our executive about our showing but the feeling was that it was because of the poor weather and also that our

Y-Flyers were having their own regatta on the same day. As we are the hosts next year our club may have the advantage for a change.

Our racing this year has been enjoyed by 23 of our members and we hope that more of you will join us before our short season ends. We have had ten regattas and this year we have separated the faster boats from the slower ones so that we can give the faster ones a longer course. So far the ones with the better scores are: Richard and Colin King, Alan Sullivan and Michael All are in the faster ones, and Margaret Hull, Barrie Abraham and Alan Morgan in the slower ones. We still have about 20 more regattas to run and we are going to use the best 15 regattas of each racer as qualifications for the prizes, so there is still plenty of time left for anyone to be among the winners.

Good luck to everyone!

Alan Morgan

From the Treasurer

There are several topics that I wish to address in these comments: the BOOM program, club fees and operational expenses, phone costs and clubhouse renovations and the Trillium grant status.

Compliments and thanks are extended to Scott Beesley and Amy Domaratzki for the work they have done promoting this year's BOOM program. The program is fully subscribed with 16 youth and 10 adults registered. Well done!! The Club has held the registration fees (youth \$250, adult \$175) on this program at the same level for the last several years despite the rising cost paid to the Ontario Sailing Association for delivering the program. This is an important program as it represents, in part, our commitment to the future of sailing at BLSC. Having said that, however, the Executive will have to look at the possibility of either raising these fees or being prepared to increase the club's willingness to commit additional financial resources

to the program. This is by no means a 'panic' situation, just an observation that the rising costs of delivering the BOOM program need to be carefully monitored in future years. This year, with the program fully subscribed, the club's commitment is approximately \$150, which is commendable given that the budget allocation for support of the program was up to \$500.

Members may be wondering why club fees were raised again this year. The reality is that operational costs (hydro, telephone, maintenance, cost of repairs and boat operation, cost of goods and services) have risen at a rate higher than our club fees could support. Two years ago, the Club needed an additional \$500 to make it through the time between closing and the collection of club fees for the next year. Last year, that number grew to \$3700. The additional funds needed were taken from our cash reserves (our investments) in order to make it through. With our membership staying approximately at the same level, the only option available for this year (without any fundraising program in place) was to raise membership fees, and it appears so far this year that the decision was a sound one. We are in the best financial shape we have been for several years and should be able to again set aside money into our reserve funds. A more detailed accounting will be made at our Fall Annual General Meeting.

Another area of concern is the cost of maintaining the current phone line to the club. At the present time, the club is required to have a business line at a cost of approximately \$97 per month all year round. This is a cost that can be reduced by removing the business line and moving to a more cost effective means of communication at the club. At the present time, research is being done on this issue that will result in a significant reduction in phone communication costs beginning approximately within a month's time.

Unfortunately, the Club was not successful in receiving a Trillium grant to assist with the cost of renovating the clubhouse. It has not yet been

decided by the Executive if they wish to apply again to the Trillium Foundation. The cost of the project will likely have to be borne by the members of the club over time. This has several possible implications: the timeline for renovations will likely be extended, fundraising initiatives may have to be considered, and the extent of renovations to be undertaken may be reviewed by the Executive. It Fun day is the next club event, Sunday July 11, 2010 starting about 1:00 p.m. Some games etc for kids (of all ages) and there is a special event for the slightly older. Club member Jack Hone is making one of his Limo's available for guided tours (with commentary??) around the Belwood area. Donations are expected and all will go to the capital fund, not the general operating funds.

Bar-B-Q dinner is being held as well and in a departure from normal the club is supplying desert. So please bring a salad or veggie to go with dinner.

Volunteers to do games or cook or clean up will be greatly appreciated. has been decided that the two priorities for the immediate future are the installation of the ramp and repairing/replacing the roof. Plans are underway for building the ramp toward the end of this year's sailing season. Planning and costing details are now underway. Sufficient funds to do this project will be made available through this year's operating budget and the use of some cash reserves that the Executive have allocated for this project.

If you wish further details or have questions on the club's finances, feel free to email me – treasurer@blsc.on.ca

Paul Lingen

From the Membership Captain

107 individuals and families were members of our club as of the beginning of July.

Please welcome new members:

Gord & Catherine Reed
John & Ilona Maunksi
David & Sabine Maarse (returning)
John & Karen Friend
Robert & Diana Clackett & family
Jim & Michelle Hooper
Alan & Esther Wiik & family
Joe & Natalia Puim

At least seven individuals still have boats on the club site and have not paid their 2010 membership fees. May 31st is our membership deadline date. The executive have made decisions to move some boats of those who have not paid their current dues to make way for new member boat parking spaces.

Boat Parking

When parking your boat, please ensure you centre it on the cement paver that marks your spot. Doing so avoids overcrowding and the loss of parking spaces as boats bunch up.

Your 2010-2011 Board of Directors

This year's nominating committee has been established and will include: **Olwen Morgan, Doug Hilborn and Kim Muller.**

If you are interested in knowing more about our board please consider asking anyone on the board (list posted in the club house) or discussing the positions that will be open with one of the nominating committee members.

If you have an idea of someone who you think would be a good nominee please speak to us.

Kim Muller

From the Social Captain

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Bob Harper

From the Maintenance Captain

I would take this time to thank those who have been following the schedule cleaning, mowing, and other things. You have been doing a good job. We have had repair jobs done all the mowers with more to come and the aluminum committee boat with more repair to the boat in the fall. I would like to thank all the people that have come out on the Saturdays that we have had extra large jobs like digging the hole for the ramp into the clubhouse and spreading the gravel. A BIG thanks goes out to Al Madden for bringing in his log splitter for the day and with his family. Jim Cox, Al Morgan we were able to split more than half of the wood pile for burning. As you can see we are starting to get so more things done. We still have a few more projects yet to complete like siding the one side of the old garage and trimming of more trees. We have also replaced one of the BBQ's. Please be reminded that it is your responsibility to cut the grass in and around your own boat, there are a few of you that are not doing this and it makes the club look messy.

Paul Coppes

From the Publicity Captain

This newsletter is produced by the members. It is a team effort. I would like to thank to all the members who submitted articles for this edition.

Scott Beesley

Club Events

OMDA (May 22 to 24)

The weather was a bit cold and rainy on Saturday, with Thunderstorms threatening. In the end, racing was cancelled for the day. It gave us lots of time to tinker with out boats and get *Charger* ready to sail after being stored for the winter.

Of course, the poor weather didn't stop those who participate in OMDAs unofficial sport, and the annual pilgrimage to the nearby knitting supplies store went ahead as scheduled.



Sunday started with much more promising weather conditions.

The first order of business, of course, was breakfast. Aleid hosted the annual President's Pancake Breakfast.

At first, the wind was quite light and patchy. Steve got becalmed on the way out to the course, and

didn't arrive until several minutes after the starting gun.



The race committee had some extra excitement: the Police stopped by to inspect their safety equipment. Fortunately *Charger* passed with flying colours.

After the first race, Paul headed in to shore to pick up a visitor, and then sailed in the B.L.S.C. Sunday afternoon races.

Later the wind filled in and we had some pretty decent conditions.



Later, after the racing, some of the younger OMDAites wanted to go for a sail.



After several rainy Victoria Day weekends, we'd accumulated a cache of unused fireworks. This year the weather was more cooperative. It didn't look like some of the youngest OMDAites would make it till darkness, so we had to settle for letting them off at dusk.



Race Results

2010 OMDA Victoria Day Weekend Regatta Results								
Place	Sail No.	Crew	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Points
1	70098	Don Alp	1	5	2	1	1	5
2	43576	Aleid Brendeke	2	1	1	3	DNS	7
3	16562	Heather Pugh	3	2	5	4	2	11
4	51161	Marika Beaumont	5	6	3	2	3	13
5	53050	Stephen Steel	4	3	4	5	4	13
6	25087	Richar Kropman	DNF	4	6	6	5	21
7	34048	Paul Lingen	DNF	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	32

Thanks to John McCulloch and Peter Kaiser for capturing some great photos.

Wellington Cup (June 13)

Rank	Class	SailNo	Club	HelmName	CrewName	USPN	R1	R2	Total	Nett
1st	Laser (Int.)	116878	GCBC	Harri Palin		91.1	3.0	1.0	4.0	4.0
2nd	Wayfarer	4606	CSC	Dwight Apelvich	Pat	91.6	2.0	2.0	4.0	4.0
3rd	Snipe (Int.)	25678	GCBC	Adrian	Carol	91.9	5.0	3.0	8.0	8.0
4th	Laser (Int.)	165861	CSC	Don McKenzie		91.1	4.0	4.0	8.0	8.0
5th	470 (Int.)	376	GCBC	Edward Harding	Jeanetta	92.3	1.0	10.0	11.0	11.0
6th	Wayfarer	9667	CSC	Leo Van Kampen	Joanne	91.6	6.0	5.0	11.0	11.0
7th	Snipe (Int.)	5775	Belwood	Jim Carroll		91.9	7.0	6.0	13.0	13.0
8th	Sunfish (Int.)	15	Belwood	Alan Morgan		99.6	8.0	8.0	16.0	16.0
9th	Laser (Int.)	179220	CSC	Ben Harrison		91.1	11.0	7.0	18.0	18.0
10th	Laser (Int.)	Orange	GCBC	David Morrison		91.1	12.0	9.0	21.0	21.0
11th	Wayfarer	7380	CSC	Allen Nichols	Ken	91.6	9.0	12.0	21.0	21.0
12th	Laser (Int.)	171156	Belwood	Paul Coppes		91.1	10.0	13.0	23.0	23.0
13th	Laser (Int.)	150967	CSC	Mat Bells		91.1	13.0	11.0	24.0	24.0
14th	Hobie Bravo		CSC	David Von Wahl		100	16.0	14.0	30.0	30.0
15th	Laser (Int.)	72060	CSC	John Kuntz		91.1	15.0	15.0	30.0	30.0
16th	Albacore (15')	7474	CSC	Matt Dugan		90.3	14.0	18.0 DNC	32.0	32.0
17th	Topaz	2	CSC	Marten Toenoers		100	18.0 DNF	16.0	34.0	34.0

Y-FLYER REGATTA (June 12/13)

What a wet weekend! A highly wet and saturated fleet of seven Y-Flyers started off at 10:30 and had two races before lunch and one after lunch. Then rain was off and on all day –torrential downpours at times. As soon the sails were almost dry the rain would come back.

From the beginning it was a fight between Ed Hone Y-2687, Richard King Y-2794 and Pierre Dignard Y-2776 for first, second and third. Ed won the race on the last tack by crossing in front of Richard to finish on port.

Here are the results.

Skipper	Crew	Sail #	Saturday			Sunday		Total Pts
			R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	
Ed Hone	Jacob Hone	2687	1	2	1	1	1	6
Richard King	Colin King	2794	2	1	2	2	2	7
Pierre Dignard	Drew Pettiplace	2776	3	3	3	5	3	12
Rob Montgomery	Suzanne Montgomery	2710	4	4	5	4	4	16
Carl Swail	Peter Swail	2502	5	6	7	3	5	19
Jamie Alexander	Sam/ Jack Alexander	2581	6	8	4	6	6	22
Richard Hart	Will Hart	2404	7	5	6	7	7	25

From our Members

ZEHRS TAPES

We have now sent in our second application to Zehrs for a hundred dollar donation so let's have at least one more before the season ends. Bring your tapes to the club as soon as possible.

Thank you, Olwen

T-SHIRTS & HATS

Due to popular demand, T-shirts and baseball caps will be available but only if you order them. An order form is included with this newsletter for your use.

Thank you, Olwen

FOR SALE or WANTED

Looking for a CL16 or Wayfarer in good shape around \$2000.00.
Contact p.coppes@sympatico.ca or 519-249-0170.

2010 Event Schedule	
April	
18	Spring General Meeting, 2:00PM
May	
1	Club Opening, 9:00AM
3	Newsletter Deadline
12	First Wednesday Night Race, 6:30PM
16	First Sunday Race, 2:00PM
22 to 24	Ontario Mirror Dingy Association Weekend
30	Race Committee Training, 12:00PM
30	Membership Deadline
June	
4 to 6	Siren Regatta
6	Club Power Boat Training, 12:00PM
12, 13	Y-Flyer Ontario Provincial Championship Regatta
13	Wellington Cup at Conestogo Sailing Club No Race at Belwood
18 to 20	Boy Scout weekend
23	Wednesday BBQ – After races
July	
4	Newsletter Deadline
5 to 9	BOOM Learn to Sail
11	Fun Day, 1:00 PM No Sunday Race
25	Cruise to Belwood, 10:00 AM No Sunday Race
August	
8	Pursuit Race, 2:00 PM
27 to 29	Sirens Cruise Weekend
29	Junior Regatta, 12:00PM
29	Commodore's Cup Regatta, 2:00PM
September	
4 to 6	Ontario Mirror Dingy Association Weekend, Sunday Racing as usual
5	Newsletter Deadline
15	Last Wednesday Night Race, 6:30PM
19	Last Sunday Race, 2:00PM
25	Club Closing, 9:00AM
October	
24	Fall General Meeting, 2:00PM Lion's Lair in the West End Community Centre, Guelph

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BELWOOD LAKE SAILING CLUB

Order Form For Club T-Shirts & Hats

Shirt colours are Navy Blue (N) or Light Blue (LB) and the sizes are XL, L, M, S.
Hats are Navy Blue (N) or Light Blue (LB)

Shirts: QTY_____ SIZE_____ COLOUR_____ Price \$12 inc. tax

Hats: QTY_____ SIZE_____ COLOUR_____ Price \$10 inc. tax

Children's shirts are coloured yellow & light and the sizes are ages 2-4, 6-8, 10-12, 14-16

Children's: QTY_____ SIZE_____ COLOUR_____ Price \$12 inc. tax

Please phone, e.mail or send by mail no later than July 25, 2010, or see you at the club.

Thank you, Olwen