



SAILPAST



Haul Out/Halloween Edition

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Happy Halloween!



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and your support to our
newest board members.

Of Special Note

About the Cover

It is that time of year when we prepare to get the "Moths" out of our winter covers and hopefully remember to put it all together again.

The picture comes from the cover of the current issue Physics Today which was provided by Bob Stobie.

And of course, a reminder that the little kiddies will be at your door on Halloween.

2017 Ontario Sailing Awards

Ontario Sailing would like to recognize the outstanding achievements and significant contributions of sailors, athletes, coaches, instructors, and regattas that have impacted the sailing community. If you have a deserving recipient in mind, nominate them today! Awards will be presented at the Ontario Sailing Annual General Meeting on Saturday, November 25th, 2017 at the Delta Hotels by Marriott Toronto Airport & Conference Centre. The deadline for submissions is Sunday, October 29, 2017 at 11:59pm ET. Check the Ontario Sailing website for details on the nomination process.

Below is a list of the 2016 award winners.

Annual Award Name	Winner
Gill North America Sailor of the Year	Brenda Bowskill
Hans Fogh Developing Sailor of the Year	Sarah Douglas
Fogh Marine Youth Sailor of the Year	Gray Snyder & Jack Porter
Women Sailing Assoc. Female Junior Sailor of the Year	Clara Gravely
Joanne Abbott Female Sailor of the Year	Danielle Boyd
Angus (Bud) Roulstone Leadership Award	Nigel Crosscombe
Regatta of the Year	Sailfest, Sarnia Yacht Club

Halloween

Halloween or Hallowe'en (a contraction of All Hallows' Evening), also known as Allhalloween, All Hallows' Eve, or All Saints' Eve, is a celebration observed in a number of countries on 31 October, the eve of the Western Christian feast of All Hallows' Day. It begins the three-day observance of Allhallowtide, the time in the liturgical year dedicated to remembering the dead, including saints (hallows), martyrs, and all the faithful departed.

It is widely believed that many Halloween traditions originated from ancient Celtic harvest festivals, particularly the Gaelic festival Samhain; that such festivals may have had pagan roots; and that Samhain itself was Christianized as Halloween by the early Church. Some believe, however, that Halloween began solely as a Christian holiday, separate from ancient festivals like Samhain.

Halloween activities include trick-or-treating (or the related guising), attending Halloween costume parties, carving pumpkins into jack-o'-lanterns, lighting bonfires, apple bobbing, divination games, playing pranks, visiting haunted attractions, telling scary stories and watching horror films. In many parts of the world, the Christian religious observances of All Hallows' Eve, including attending church services and lighting candles on the graves of the dead, remain popular, although elsewhere it is a more commercial and secular celebration. Some Christians historically abstained from meat on All Hallows' Eve, a tradition reflected in the eating of certain vegetarian foods on this vigil day, including apples, potato pancakes, and soul cakes.

The word Halloween or Hallowe'en dates to about 1745 and is of Christian origin. The word "Hallowe'en" means "hallowed

evening" or "holy evening". It comes from a Scottish term for All Hallows' Eve (the evening before All Hallows' Day). In Scots, the word "eve" is even, and this is contracted to e'en or een. Over time, (All) Hallow(s) E(v)en evolved into Hallowe'en. Although the phrase "All Hallows'" is found in Old English "All Hallows' Eve" is itself not seen until 1556.

Gaelic and Welsh influence

Today's Halloween customs are thought to have been influenced by folk customs and beliefs from the Celtic-speaking countries, some of which are believed to have pagan roots. Jack Santino, a folklorist, writes that "there was throughout Ireland an uneasy truce existing between customs and beliefs associated with Christianity and those associated with religions that were Irish before Christianity arrived". Historian Nicholas Rogers, exploring the origins of Halloween, notes that while "some folklorists have detected its origins in the Roman feast of Pomona, the goddess of fruits and seeds, or in the festival of the dead called Parentalia, it is more typically linked to the Celtic festival of Samhain, which comes from the Old Irish for "summer's end".

Christian influence

Today's Halloween customs are also thought to have been influenced by Christian dogma and practices derived from it. Halloween is the evening before the Christian holy days of All Hallows' Day (also known as All Saints' or *Hallowmas*) on 1 November and All Souls' Day on 2 November, thus giving the holiday on 31 October the full name of All Hallows' Eve (meaning the evening before All Hallows' Day). Since the time of the early Church, major feasts in Christianity (such as Christmas, Easter and Pentecost) had vigils that began the night before, as did

the feast of All Hallows'. These three days are collectively called Allhallowtide and are a time for honoring the saints and praying for the recently departed souls who have yet to reach Heaven.

Commemorations of all saints and martyrs were held by several churches on various dates, mostly in springtime. In 609, Pope Boniface IV re-dedicated the Pantheon in Rome to "St Mary and all martyrs" on 13 May. This was the same date as Lemuria, an ancient Roman festival of the dead, and the same date as the commemoration of all saints in Edessa in the time of Ephrem.

Spread to North America

Lesley Bannatyne and Cindy Ott both write that Anglican colonists in the Southern United States and Catholic colonists in Maryland "recognized All Hallow's Eve in their church calendars", although the Puritans of New England maintained strong opposition to the holiday, along with other traditional celebrations of the established Church, including Christmas. Almanacs of the late 18th and early 19th century give no indication that Halloween was widely celebrated in North America. It was not until mass Irish and Scottish immigration in the 19th century that Halloween became a major holiday in North America. Confined to the immigrant communities during the mid-19th century, it was gradually assimilated into mainstream society and by the first decade of the 20th century it was being celebrated coast to coast by people of all social, racial and religious backgrounds. In Cajun areas, a nocturnal Mass was said in cemeteries on Halloween night. Candles that had been blessed were placed on graves, and families sometimes spent the entire night at the graveside.

Haunted attractions

The first recorded purpose-built haunted attraction was the Orton and Spooner Ghost House, which opened in 1915 in Liphook, England. This attraction actually most closely resembles a carnival fun house, powered by steam. The House still exists, in the Hollycombe Steam Collection.

It was during the 1930s, about the same time as trick-or-treating, that Halloween-themed haunted houses first began to appear in America. It was in the late 1950s that haunted houses as a major attraction began to appear, focusing first on California. Sponsored by the Children's Health Home Junior Auxiliary, the San Mateo Haunted House opened in 1957. The San Bernardino Assistance League Haunted House opened in 1958. Home haunts began appearing across the country during 1962 and 1963. In 1964, the San Manteo Haunted House opened, as well as the Children's Museum Haunted House in Indianapolis.

Around the world

The traditions and importance of Halloween vary greatly among countries that observe it. In Scotland and Ireland, traditional Halloween customs include children dressing up in costume going "guising", holding parties, while other practices in Ireland include lighting bonfires, and having firework displays. In Brittany children would play practical jokes by setting candles inside skulls in graveyards to frighten visitors. Mass transatlantic immigration in the 19th century popularized Halloween in North America, and celebration in the United States and Canada has had a significant impact on how the event is observed in other nations. This larger North American influence, particularly in iconic and

commercial elements, has extended to places such as Ecuador, Chile, Australia, New Zealand, (most) continental Europe, Japan, and other parts of East Asia. In the Philippines, during Halloween, Filipinos return to their hometowns and purchase candles and flowers, in preparation for the following All Saints Day (Araw ng mga Patay) on 1 November and All Souls Day —though it falls on 2 November, most of them observe it on the day before. In Mexico and Latin American in general, it is referred to as " Día de los Muertos " which translates in English to "Day of the dead". Most of the people from Latin America construct altars in their homes to honor their deceased relatives and they decorate them with flowers and candies and other offerings.

Commodore's Report

From start to finish, this has just been a strange year. I took my vacation the end of August and was wearing a sweater or rain gear much of the time, and had heaters running each night as the temperature dipped to around 11 degrees. I just spent Thanksgiving in shorts!

Frowns abound at the club these days as the mast crane gets it's semi annual workout. I have to say, powering that crane is, in my estimation, the best thing this club has done in many years. We lifted the monstrous spar off Victorious the day I'm writing this and it didn't so much as flinch. Thanks Egon!

There's still so much to do, but my time is pretty much up! Congratulations to Sam Cummings on his election to the position of Commodore starting the first of November. He has a great board to support him moving forward. I would also like to welcome the 3 newest additions to the board, Mark Chin as Vice Commodore, Chuck Watson as Treasurer, and Tom Wood as Rear Commodore Fleet.

With that in mind, I would like to extend my thanks to all those who have served on the board during my tenure. You've made it almost enjoyable to do the job!

A shout out to David Alexander, Jeff Blundell, Mike Brajac, Peter Campbell, Denis Carrier, Peter Chalkley, Sam Cummings, Maureen Dike, Ed Fulton, Greg Greason, Kevin Guerin, Byron Lucas, Bill Newman, John Redman, Annette Reesor, Dave Riegert, Taylor Robinson, Louis Skretas, Chris Smith, Bruce Stephen, Bob Stobie, Maureen Tutty, Ron Vanderwees, Chuck Watson, Doug Welch, and Andrea and Karl Zeeb. I hope I haven't missed anyone.

I can't imagine doing the job without the help I had from this great group over the past few years.

Next up, and a lot of fun, is the Halloween Friday pub night on October 27th. I'd like to see this become a much bigger affair! Awards night is the following night on Saturday October 28th (my liver hurts already...) and please come out November 18th to the annual banquet so I can take my final bows.

Again, thank you to everyone for the kind words over the last month or so, it was very much appreciated.

Well, the mast is down on one boat and the other is getting ready for some late season racing. I hope to see you die hards out on the water!

- Glen Dickson

Reflections on Summer

Some final photographs of past events.

Raft-up photo is provided courtesy of Fred Wolfel.



The THSC cruise photos are provided courtesy of Dave Wysocki.



Rear Commodore, Fleet

As this is my last report of my two years as RC Fleet, I would like to express my gratitude to a number of people who have assisted me in carrying out my duties.

First I would like to thank Bob Hickson for handing over a well-organized department. Having a good set of records is invaluable to any organization. Thank you to the many volunteers who worked on the committee boat for races. Michelle Stratton works tirelessly to ensure that there are volunteers each Wednesday. A big thank you is due Alan May who acted as Principal Race Officer for 90% of the races this season. That is a big commitment to "bob" on the boat every Wednesday night. Another major role for Wednesday night races is coordinating BBQ volunteers. I didn't realize how much was involved with this task until I tried to organize it myself at the start of this season. Thankfully, Andrea Zeeb stepped in and offered to take on the job of organizing the volunteers, getting the condiments and burgers, balancing the cash, and managing the float. All of these volunteers played an essential role in making the weekly races enjoyable at FBYC this year.

Mike Brett and Craig Castle spent many hours measuring sails and updating PHRF records. Thank you gentlemen, I was glad to leave this responsibility in your capable hands. For years Diana Burandt has taken on the task of contacting sponsors for regatta. Thank you for the hours you put in and for procuring the awesome prizes. The money raised from the raffle is needed to keep the Fleet budget in the black. Thank you Peter Chalkley for working the crowd selling tickets. (You are invited to return next year in this role.) Thanks to Fred Wolfel for painting the race marks and thank you to the teams who set them out

and who will be retrieving them by the end of this month. Lastly, I would like to thank the members of the sail committee; Mark Bowman, Bryan Buttigieg, Karen May-Kim, and Ron VanDerwess. Although we did not meet much, your availability and input was appreciated.

I would be remiss if I did not also express appreciation to Glen Dickson for his capable and consistent leadership as Commodore over the last 3-4 years. Glen loves FBYC and as a result has poured his heart into leading us and ensuring we are able to sail smoothly. I am confident that future planning is in good hands as Glen moves into the role of past commodore.

I am hoping that as many of you as possible will stay on to help and support our new RC Fleet, Tom Wood. Looking forward to our pot luck awards night Saturday October 28 at 6:30 pm.

- David Riegert

Cruise Committee

Last Call for Cruising Award for 2017:
The Cruising Award for 2017 is based on same criteria as last year—"most ports visited".

Visiting the same port twice counts as one port. The time period goes from Jan 1 to October 15. A copy of your log book pages or showing your logbook to me is all that is required.

If you wish to apply for the award, please e-mail at mike.brajac@gmail.com by October 20.

- Mike Brajac



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Ships of Yesteryear

THE " ILLAWARRA."



*"Illawarra"
Built 1881 Training Ship.*

The Illawarra is chiefly remembered as one of Devitt & Moore's cadet ships. She and the Macquarie succeeded the Harbinger and the Hesperus, and were in their turn succeeded by the Port Jackson and Medway. But for twenty years before the Illawarra became a school ship she voyaged regularly to Sydney in Devitt & Moore's service.

Built by Dobie & Co., of Glasgow, and launched in October, 1881, she registered 1,887 tons, and her principal measurements were :—Length, 269 feet 1 inch ; breadth, 40 feet 6 inches ; depth, 24 feet. Her poop was 54 feet long, and she was designed to carry passengers, though not on the scale of such ships as the Rodney, Hesperus and Harbinger, for in the early 'eighties the sailing ships were already losing most of their passengers and emigrants to the steamship companies, and a windjammer, in order to be able to earn dividends, had to be suited for any kind of cargo.

The Illawarra was, therefore, constructed as a first-class iron cargo carrier rather than a fine-lined wool clipper or a handsomely-fitted passenger ship. She

was, indeed, of a very useful type, up to date in every way, with medium lines, easily capable of a 300-mile run in the "roaring forties," but slow, compared with the out-and-out clippers, in light and moderate winds.. Her sail plan was moderate, and much less than those of many iron ships of her size, with double topgallant yards and nothing to worry her apprentices above the royals.

Devitt & Moore gave the command of their new ship to the veteran Captain David B. Corvasso, who had made his name in the old Blackwall frigates, La Hogue and Dunbar Castle. Captain Corvasso was a splendid seaman, with a very strong personality, and ruled his passengers as he did his crew, with more than a touch of the martinet. His pet expression, which he bellowed out in a reef-topsail voice when roused, was : " What the devil next ? " Captain Corvasso commanded the Illawarra throughout the 'eighties. On her first voyage the Illawarra left Liverpool on January 12th, 1882, had a rather lengthy passage to the Line, which she did not cross until February 17th, 36 days out, and reached Sydney on April 29th, 107 days out. It was not a sufficiently good passage to gain her a place amongst the wool clippers, but at this date the San Francisco grain trade with Europe was booming so Corvasso loaded coal at Sydney for San Francisco, and proceeded to make the run across the Pacific in the splendid time of 51 days.

During her years as a cadet ship the Illawarra was diverted from the Sydney run to that of Melbourne. On her first passage to Hobson's Bay she went from Brixham to Melbourne in 83 days. In 1900 she left London, under Captain Maitland, on October 1st, cleared the Channel on October 8th, had to tack off Pernambuco on November 9th, and crossed the Cape Meridian in 42i° S. on December 4th. The longitude of Cape Leeuwin was crossed on Christmas Eve, and the Illawarra

entered Port Phillip Heads on January 1st, 85 days out. On this occasion, besides her cadets, she had two consumptive passengers ; both the latter died at sea.

In 1907 the Illawarra's career under Devitt & Moore's house-flag came to an end, and in July of that year she towed down the Thames with a Norwegian captain in place of Maitland, and the Norwegian flag instead of the Red Ensign. The Norwegians loaded her with wood at Christiania, a deck cargo of deals taking the place of the old schoolrooms and cadet accommodation on the main deck. Under Captain J. Jobson she made the run from Christiania to Melbourne in 104 days.

The end of the fine old ship came three years later. On February 12th, 1912, she left Leith for Valparaiso, but met with disaster, being abandoned off the Old Head of Kinsale on March 7th, in a sinking condition, leaking after a storm. Her crew were rescued by the British steamer, Bangore Head, and, though the shipping report does not say so, we may conclude that the ship sank off that rugged Irish coast.

With thanks to Bob Stobie who loaned his book "The Best of Sail" for this article. Future editions of Sailpast will contain other stories of famous ships.

"The Best of Sail, 1977 Printing, Grosser and Dunlap, ISBN 0-448-11840-8"

Entertainment Committee

The weather is changing, and the boats are hauling out, but there are still fun times to be had at the club.

Yoga is happening every Thursday evening at 7:30 until December 14. If you haven't signed up, you are still welcome to drop in (\$12) for the 60 minute practice. Comments from participants is that they leave feeling great! Just bring a yoga mat, water bottle, and wear something that you can move in.

Costume Party Pub Night

Come out Friday, October 27 for Halloween fun. There may not be any tricks, but if you bring along a ghoulish snack, you may just be a winner. And.... if you 'dress up', you may take the prize for 'best costume'. Can't wait to see what you'll come up with! Bar opens at 7 pm.

Year End Banquet

Tickets are now available for our banquet on November 18, at Waterfront Bistro - The chef has put together a delicious menu for us. Tickets \$50 per person, are selling fast, so don't be disappointed, as space is limited. You can sign up by emailing 'entertainment@fbyc.ca'. You will receive a confirmation note, with a link to make your menu selections and indicate your method of payment.

The menu options are on the last page of the newsletter.

Friday, December 1st

Come help trim the tree and share some Christmas cheer! Connie & Jane are making a special Hot Rum Apple Cider, and Shernaz & Patricia are bringing Christmas Cookies. What better way to kick off the season! See you there.

Christmas potluck - Saturday, December 9

Bar opens at 6 pm, Dinner will be served at about 6:30 - Bring a \$10 gift for the white elephant gift exchange, along with your favourite Christmas dish &/or baking.

Euchre Tournament Pub Night

January 19 - 7:30 start - Pizza will be available

Other plans in the works

Skating party with ball hockey & hot chocolate, pancake breakfast, yoga retreat day,

Lastly, if you would like to help Entertainment Committee with an event, or have a bright idea that you are willing to champion, let us know by emailing: entertainment@fbyc.ca

On behalf of the committee (Connie Dickson, Nancy Smith, Shernaz Chin, Patricia Susman)

- Annette Reesor

Steward

Well, sadly the season is over for another year. Hopefully next year will prove to have better boating weather and conditions.

Thank you to everyone who assisted me over the busy summer months. I was fortunate to have help with the liquor/beer runs, recycling and handling kegs, etc. Your assistance was very much appreciated. Also, to Kayleen who shared hours with me and did an outstanding job!

Although our summer hours are over now, the bar is open on Friday evenings all year long. Generally, from 7:00 P.M. to approximately 11:00 P.M. or later....

The Entertainment Committee is also planning to have euchre games again and a variety of activities for Friday evenings during the fall and winter. The Halloween Costume Party being the start of functions on Friday, October 27th.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.
Cheers!

- Maureen Tutty

Upcoming Events

Social Events

Every Friday Night (7:00 pm) - Pub Nights
in the Regatta Room

Club Business

Saturday, October 21 - Cleanup Day

Monday, November 13 - Executive
Meeting

Club Racing

Saturday, October 28 - Awards Night

Entertainment

Friday, October 27
- Costume Party Pub Night

Saturday, November 18
- Annual Banquet

Friday, December 1
- Tree Trimming

Saturday, December 9
- Christmas Pot Luck and Gifts!!!!

Friday, January 19 (2018)
- Euchre Tournament

Yoga

Thursdays,
- 7:30 pm to 9 pm

PARA

Monday, November 21
- 1900-2130 hours

Sunday, November 16 - Training
- 2000 hours

Halloween Recipe

You should be eating ice cream all year long - not just during summer. I hereby decree that during fall (or at least up until Halloween) all scoops should be served and eaten out of these cute and spooky pumpkin bowls.

It's stupidly easy and ridiculously fun. First you melt chocolate, then you dip balloons into the melted chocolate, then you pop the balloons!

To make the bowl jack-o'-lantern orange, you'll need food coloring. Pro tip: Add the food coloring to the white chocolate chips before melting it in the microwave. White chocolate has an annoying habit of seizing when you try to change its color with dye.

As for the balloons, make sure they'll be small. Bigger = higher likelihood of breaking. Trust me, the finished product will still hold plenty of ice cream. You'll also want to make sure to get a really thick coat of chocolate on the balloon (again, to lower chances of breakage).

Though the process may seem super crafty, white chocolate sets pretty quickly, so from start to finish it should only take about 30 minutes.



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FBYC Year End Banquet

Waterfront Bistro Menu



Traditional Caesar Salad

Crisp romaine, smoked bacon, baked croutons, parmesan cheese
Tossed in our house made caesar dressing

House Market Salad

California mixed greens in a raspberry balsamic vinaigrette



AAA Slow Roasted Prime Rib of Angus Beef

Slow roasted in its own natural pan juices
Served with Roast Potatoes and Chef's choice of Seasonal Vegetables
Rolls & Butter

Salmon with Dill Hollandaise Sauce

Finest Salmon fillet char-grilled slowly,
Topped with a smooth rich dill cream sauce
Served with Rice or Potatoes and Chef's choice of Seasonal Vegetables
Rolls & Butter

Chicken Medallions

Chicken breasts filled with spinach and artichoke,
Topped with a white creamy sauce
Served with Roast Potatoes and Chef's choice of Seasonal Vegetables
Rolls & Butter



Fresh Brewed Coffee or Tea Selection

With a Delicious Dessert Tray Featuring choice of:
New York Cheesecake with Raspberry Coulis
or Chocolate Mousse Cake

House Red or White wine available at \$24 bottle

