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### >>> DALHOUSIE YACHT CLUB <<<

# THE BREEZE

Founded 1937 - Incorporated 1945



DYC aims to keep members interested - informed - involved & inspired!





## >>> FIRST OF 4 FOR 2025

Welcome to the new quarterly format of the BREEZE!

We aim to bring you important, informative and fun updates about the club and it's members. Don't forget the website is continuously updated, showcasing our calendar of events, harbour office hours etc. Special requests and time sensitive correspondence will be communicated via email. So, even though the Breeze will be issued Jan Apr Jul & Oct you can count on us keeping in touch. NEW to the BREEZE you will find our "members matter" section on page 4 - FUN!

### **BOATING ENJOYMENT**

It's true! Our social and boating members share a love of the lake. We are kindred spirits and truly enjoy the club - even in the winter months!

OK - maybe we enjoy it a titch more in the summer!! The Learn to Sail program is a testament to our clubs mission to grow the sport and welcome people of all ages to the harbour. 2025 LTS is already shaping up to be the best yet! More on LTS HERE

## **MISSION STATEMENT:**

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# **WORDS FROM OUR BOARD**

SAILING INTO 2025

### >>> PRESENT COMMODORE - LEIGH BROWN





It's been an honour to represent our club these past 2 years as your Commodore. I want to thank you for all of the support and for you letting me "be me".

We are so very fortunate to have so many great people in our club, looking out for one and other and always there to lend a helping hand. I know Leah and I will be here for many MANY years because of all of you.

Sorry but you're stuck with us!!

# Leigh, Leah and of course Leo!

# 2025 DYC Board Nominations

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### **Nominating Committee**

- · James Desjardins
- Patti-Jo Chambers
- Leigh Brown
- Alan Crozier
- · Murray Fischer

			Position	Incumbents
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			Vice Commodore	James Desjardins
			Rear Commodore	Jeff Newkirk
			Treasurer	Paul Demare
			Secretary	Dave Thomas
			House	OPEN
			Yard	OPEN
			Entertainment	Genivieve Hunt
			Membership	OPEN
			Docks	Sean Furniss
			LTS	Marion Markarian
			Fleet	OPEN
			At Large	Brenda LaPointe

### **Nominees**

- Jason Matsugu
- · Sandra Chave
- Steve Kopeschny
- Neil Brockman



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### >>> AT THE HELM: "SOON TO BE" COMMODORE PATTI-JO CHAMBERS

Happy New Year DYC'ers!

Dear Members of Our Beloved Club,

I hope 2024 closed out on a positive note for you and your families. It's a pretty tall order, but I'm certain there were many wonderful moments shared throughout the year to look back on.



I do love this time of year . . . but I also feel it's not always an easy time of year, as I ponder my own loved ones who I've lost through the years and as I think back on past year, what it has brought and changed for me, and what's to come. There's much to be thankful for, that's for certain! I look forward to sharing laughter and working alongside you in the yards, on the docks and on the lake. The season is not far off now, only a few short months left, then we'll be planning Docks In and Launch once again.

In the meantime, remember to join us for the Annual General Meeting in the <u>Sunset Dining Room Thursday</u>, <u>January 16th at 6:30</u>. We'll be reviewing our 2024 financials, Docks of the Future plans and approving the next Board of Directors. Hope to see you there!



Cheers to the new season ahead! May good health, love and laughter, and safe adventures and travels fill your 2025 . . . . especially on the water!

Patti-jo Chambers Vice-Commodore Dalhousie Yacht Club 905 380 7455

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# DYC KIDS MADE THE GOOD LIST!



# MEMBERS MATTER

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### TROY NICKERSON . FULL BOATING MEMBER

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My coworker pulled that off the corkboard in the Martindale Avondale and handed it to me. The following Wednesday, I was sitting on the high side of Kesa Tuuli, racing in a storm, wondering if you should be able to see the keel from the high side. And that's how the adventure began.



Doug Hurd had managed to turn a MacGregor onto a racing boat. Doug, Dave, Andrew, Barb and myself sailed that brick for a decade and had a blast doing it. Along the way, we learned to sail, had a lot of laughs and even won a few races! So much fun.

When Doug stepped away from racing, I had the chance to hop on Brutus and give Ellen Ann a hand. That was right around the time when Cell phones became useful cameras. So, I admit, I would try to make Brutus the favoured end of the start line....better pics! Having a photo of yourself on your own boat was pretty rare before that, and I got a real kick out of sharing the pics with the racers.

I continued to crew with whoever would put up with me until I finally bought a boat two years ago. Chris Turner, Larissa and many others welcomed me onboard and shared their knowledge and experience. Thank you to everyone who gave me the chance to do something that I so enjoy.

Now I'm sailing Papillon, a Tanzer 26 that had been sitting in the yard, looking for love. She checked off all the boxes: big enough for napping, small enough for A dock! Of course, owning a boat means that your rock star sailing days are over. You can't just show up, crack a beer and say let's go! There's something called maintenance that happens before you race. Something that crew can often blissfully ignore. Now I listen to people smarter than me when they say fix it and how to fix it. Once you own the boat, you are starting over.

Of course, that's the nature of a yacht club. Whether it's boats in, boats out, masts up and down, repairs to boats, equipment, etc, we all have our talents. It's been my pleasure being able to help out where I can after receiving so much good advice, assistance and goodwill from so many members.

Being part of this club has spilled over into my working life. I work for Community Living St Catharines and "my guys" have been sailing in the AbleSail program (Burlington) for years now. Autism and sailing is quite a combination. They are fearless and obsessed with water, the more wind and waves, the better. it's a beautiful thing! My sailing experience from DYC enabled me to volunteer there for a Summer and buys me a ride on the coach boat every week!

So, that's a bit about me at the DYC. It's been a heck of a ride. I definitely have experience now, but I don't know if I'm as brave as I used to be. Most of all I'm grateful. We've had some grand old times.

# MEMBERS MATTER

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### MIKE & LORIE MACLEAN

### **SOCIAL MEMBERS**

### 1. WHAT DREW YOU TO BECOME MEMBERS?

I have been sailing since I was a kid. My father rented Tanzer 22s on The St. John River and Grand Lake in New Brunswick. In my late teens I bought a Hobie Cat 16... And later a Viking 28 Sailboat. I had great fun sailing both of those out of Pointe du Chene Yacht Club, New Brunswick.

I moved to St. Catharines where I met my wife, Lorie, an Insurance Underwriter. I am an HVAC technician.



Fast forward to the spring of 2014, when we purchased a 34' Viking Sailboat. Her Name was "Precious Time". We loved sailing around Lake Ontario with her. I started racing with DYC racers after which time we moved our boat to DYC and became full members. It was like having a nautical family. Warm, friendly and fun people! We later sold our boat in the fall of 2019 but remain on as active social members.

### 2. FAVOURITE EVENTS TO ATTEND:



The club has a variety of wonderful events happening all through the year that include activities for everyone; even those without boats.

Club cruises are so much fun. A great opportunity for members to go to other clubs to meet other members and socialize. It is also a great way to learn the in's and outs of sailing with a wide variety of experienced sailors and to hear "mariner tales". Personally, my favorite thing to do is anything to do with racing or sailing specifically. A scheduled time to gather and compete with like- minded individuals; knowing that those individuals race the most expensive and slowest mode of transportation of all time; but it makes people get out and on a boat and push off every single week. Even our race committee must turn that key and make the trip happen; safely and on time.

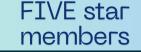
Welcome to the struggle!

Currently I've been drawn into the Kirby World Racing multiverse! I highly recommend this activity. It is a great way to learn and have a lot of fun doing it.

### 3. VOLUNTEERING:

Volunteering at the club is working with like- minded people, taking care of our "toys". Large projects are daunting, but add a couple dozen people, with work gloves, and we can make our docks move! The teamwork comes so natural. It takes a great many people with many talents to pull these events off; and here at DYC, it is done very well. I am proud to be part of it. I volunteer as often as I am able and will continue to do so.

Happy New Year everyone. And we look forward to seeing you around the club in 2025!!



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### **REBECCA JACOBS & TOM ROESSLEIN**



My husband Tom and I have been members since 2021, with our first boat 'Namaste'. A 26 foot Four Winns. Since then, we got the foot-itis and moved up to our boat 'HELOC'. A 37 foot cruiser that calls B Dock its home.

We first became interested in joining the club through conversation with Mike and Connie (Fool'n in the Rain). We were a transient for a night or two back in 2021 and they spoke so highly of the club we decided to look into joining. The rest as they say, is history!

Starting off the season with the sailpast is definitely one of our favourites. But we have also really enjoyed the Commodores Ball. It is great to see everyone (we don't see often enough) all done up for a night out.



Our first boat was my first foray into anything sailing. My husband, a mariner of over 45 years, had to teach me literally everything. There are no rights and lefts on our boat. Nor a bathroom or a bedroom. There is however a starboard and port, a head and a berth.

When I am not on the water, my job is with <u>Niagara's Mobile Closet</u>. A not for profit organization that is committed to bringing new/gently used clothes and other daily essentials to the unhoused and low income in our community. An organization born out of the pandemic, the team of volunteers creates free shopping events throughout the Niagara region. The events are no questions asked and the goal is to have people's basic clothing and hygiene necessities met with compassion and dignity.

Our organization has also created what we call 'mini closets'. Front line crisis service agencies are provided with a structure filled with clothing and shoes to help bridge the gap for anyone in emergent need. Currently there are 21 throughout the region in places such as the hospitals, police stations and EMS buildings, with big plans next year to add 4 more.

heart of gold!

Whether you are a longstanding member, new member, boating or social member, we want to hear your story!

Let's feature YOU in a future issue - because YOU ARE AMAZING!

Click HERE to submit your story to the BREEZE.





# LEARN TO SAIL SUMMER 2025

HEAD Sailing Instructor position OPEN - interested and eligible candidates are encouraged to apply today!

LINK to INDEED JOB
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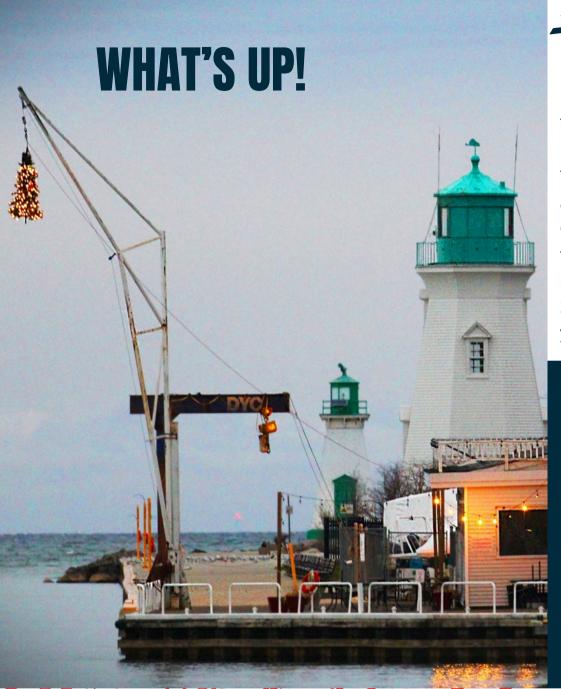
# LTS BILLETING OPPORTUNITY

DYC has a billeting opportunity - our Head Sailing Instructor for 2025 is in need of a place to stay!
A comfortable bedroom and sharing your kitchen along with your friendly face is all that's needed.
Interested hosts are encouraged to contact Marion of LTS for more info!









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(ANNUAL MEETING) JAN. 16, 2025

This night marks less than 100 days until docks in! That alone is reason to join us at the club!!!

Our Board members look forward to sharing the latest news as we prepare for the 2025 boating season. See you there! 6:30pm

# **DID YOU** KNOW?

In 1945 members began a building fund and in 1950 a new clubhouse (20 x 60) with an open veranda was constructed at a cost of \$8,000. Members finished the interior with donated supplies including the fireplace, with materials left over from the "Mills Memorial" being constructed at Victoria Lawn Cemetery. Our members have always ROCKED!

### **BULLSEYE**

Social and boating members alike are enjoying Wednesday night darts and euchre at the club! Come out and take part in the fun!

Who knew our members had such mad skill! Thanks Sean for organizing this winter activity. Serious competition for some - while others are just trying to hit the board! FUN TIMES!!





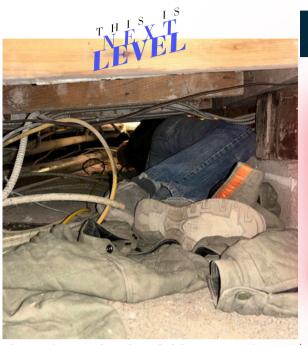


# LETS TALK 2025



# Keeping costs DOWN

It starts with YOU! We are a self-help club and the more we can do together results in lower costs. Carrie & Tracey are working on a new volunteer opportunity portal on the website that will allow you to sign up for anything you like! Whether it's contributing food on launch day - helping to decorate the clubhouse for an event, gardening, LTS bottle returns, painting, pedestal clean-up etc. All of which you can plan and sign up for in advance! There will also be an option to help with last minute issues that come up unexpectedly! We want to encourage you to help for many reasons - new friendships are made, offering your hand provides a sense of community AND keeps our costs down!



Is that Brian under the clubhouse saving us \$\$\$

# EMAIL BRIAN.FULTON@DALHOUSIEYACHTCLUB.COM AND OFFER A HAND!

IT JUST FEELS GOOD TO HELP DOESN'T IT!!



### **KNOT TIME YET**

Not much longer before we replace Adock! YAHOO

Many of us know it takes core strength and balance to walk A - it puts our sea legs to the test that's for sure and it's something we definitely won't miss!

Summer 2025 will be your last time to make memories on the beloved cheese shredder. Haul out will be celebrated this year because come 2026 boating season we'll be living the dream!





January clubhouse hours:
CLOSED Jan. 1 - 12 for reno's
OPEN: January 15 at 3pm
See you there!
\*Darts resumes Jan. 15 too!!





# THE FUN STUFF



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# Payment Schedule Reminder

ok - maybe this isn't so fun! LOL

FEBRUARY 1st - Reminder of dock deposit due by end of February

MARCH 1st - Dock fees invoice - deposit = balance due before you are launched in April/May

**APRIL 1st** - Reminder of dock fees due 5 DAYS PRIOR TO LAUNCH or end of April

**AUGUST 1st** - Winter Storage confirmation & \$500 Winter Storage Deposit request



**September 1st** ~ Social Memberships invoiced, as well as winter storage - deposit = balance due

October 1st ~ reminder of winter storage due in 5 days before scheduled Haul Out date



Click Boat Show Image for more info!

# EASTER SEALS REGATTA

# Easter Seals Regatta Chair Position OPEN

Please contact Tom Schulz by email if you would like more information on becoming the next Easter Seals Regatta Chair!

Thank you Tom for your outstanding contribution to this event - held annually at DYC!

Click on Toms email HERE:

tschulz2@cogeco.ca

we really need someone to step up and relieve Tom... pretty please... for the kids!

### **SEND US YOUR PICS!**



WE'RE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR PICS TO USE IN THE BREEZE! "STRIKE A POSE" AND SHARE YOUR PIC <u>HERE</u>



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS



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CLICK ON THE EVENT TO REGISTER!

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# Rabbie Burns Night Celebrate the Birthday of Scotland's Greatest Poet Saturday January 18, 2025

Join us for a 3-course meal along with Traditional Piper, Scottish Highland Dancing and Address to the Haggis Ceremony.

> Course One Cock-A-Leekie Soup

Course Two Traditional Haggis Choice of: Braised Lamb Shank or Cod Served with Mashed Turnip & Potatoes

> Course Three Sticky Toffee Pudding

6:00 p.m. Diner Service DYC Members \$75 / Non-Members \$85

To Reserve Call 905-934-8325 Ex.22



Join us for Robbie Burns Night on Saturday, January 18, 2025, to celebrate the life and legacy of Scotland's national poet! Expect traditional haggis, whisky, poetry, and music in a spirited evening honouring Scottish culture. Don't miss it!



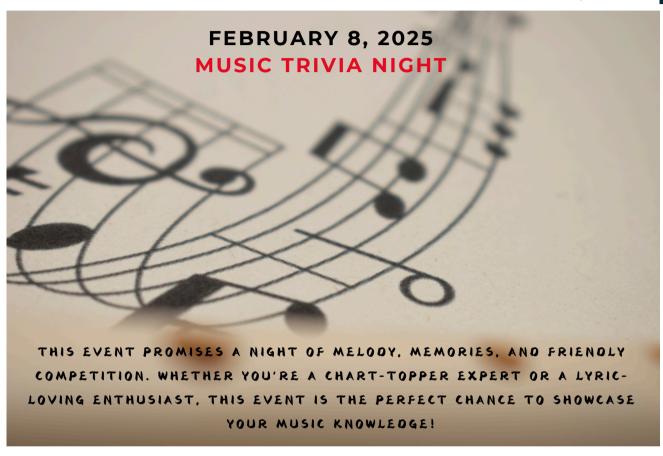
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### KARAOKE NIGHT

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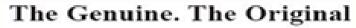














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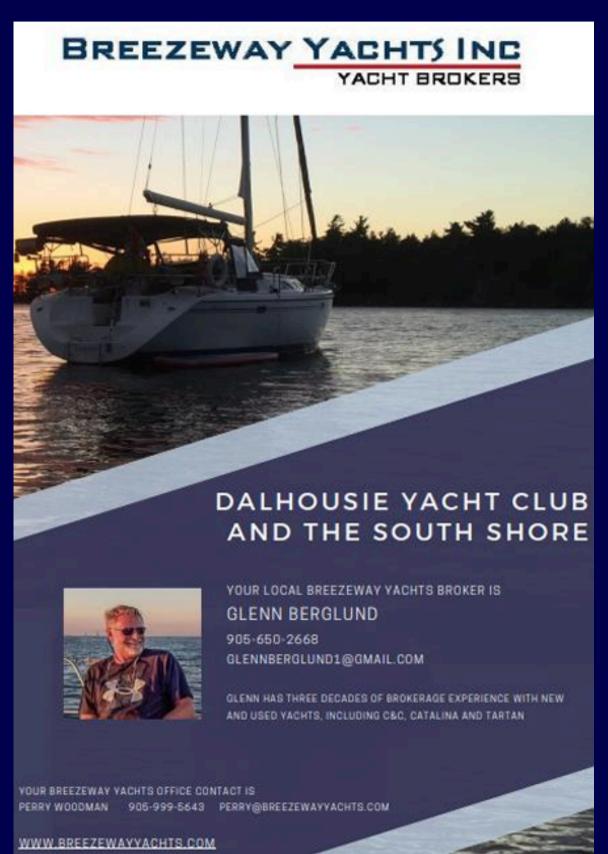




















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# to our Thank you! Board members

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# Together,

Anything you have on your mind, we'd love to hear about it! Whether it's swapping the members patio to the public side OR A-dockers hosting a club dock party

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