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November



Racing News

Bluenose 2017

Another successful Bluenose Regatta!

The Bluenose Regatta was held on October 28 and 29 and there were 7 classes, 79 boats and 164 registrants. KYC sailors did very well, particularly the Cal 20 and 505 sailors taking first place in both classes!

505 – 1st place - Ian Plumbley and Andriy Kanyaka

Cal 20 – 1st place - Kerry Brann and Andrea Brann



Bluenose Principal Race Officer, Matt Henley, KYC member Menno Bos, 2nd place finishers are KYC sailors Ted Sharplin and Dani Genossar and 1st place finishers Andrea Brann and Kerry Brann.



Getting ready on Saturday morning



505 winners, Charles Hansen, Andriy Kanyaka, Ian Plumbley, Tom Crawford, and Courtney Starks, and Cynthia Des Brisay.

Full race results and a great slide show of pictures are available on the [website](#). For more about the off the water activities for the Bluenose, see the article, further down in the newsletter, in the Staff Captain section.

Pacific Reach

After a focus year of training and hard work towards racing in the 45th Year of the Queen Liliuokalani 29km Distance Race in KONA Hawaii, Pacific Reach safely finished the race in 2:19 hours. We placed 9th in our Category amongst a total of 122 Teams lined up across the ocean in our race. We were very happy we had no incident during the race and our boat stayed upright in the messy waves. The weather was melting hot with humidity up to 40 degrees. It was very challenging but a rewarding experience.

Several teams around us dropped out either not finishing the 29km course by paddling to shore early or unexpectedly flipping their boat over in the big waters. Some teams were DQ'd after their paddlers were taken out of the boat by Jetski officials for heat exhaustion. During the race a paddler would have to stop paddling a few times to rapidly bail water out of the boat while the other 5 paddle harder to pull his weight during his bailing. Getting swamped adds heavy weight into the Canoe for the paddlers to pull through the rough conditions.

Pacific Reach accomplished 13 local and out of town races this year. Our Outrigger racing season is now tapering down until we ramp up again in January starting with some short fun 5km races.

We are always recruiting new paddlers to develop in our Outrigger program. Especially if you already have an interest and experience in SUP, Dragon Boat, Kayak, Canoe or Rowing.

Email Carmen at: pacificreachadmin@shaw.ca to book complimentary outrigger sessions. We provide free coaching, lifejackets and paddles for guests at our ongoing Sunday 9:30am practices.

Happy Year End!



Carmen, Sarah and Sam helping the Waikiki & New York Team launch their boat at 6a.m.



Rob Varnel dipping in the Kona water to cool off. From back to front, sitting, Rob B, Leanne, Carmen, and Sam.



Race Boats ready to launch from Honaunau Bay, KONA



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Kits Chronicles by Barbara Dill

Annual Prizegiving

Having just attended a lovely prizegiving and dinner, I thought I might describe some of ways the Club marked the end of a sailing season in the past.

In 1934, the year that the Kitsilano Yacht Club was founded, a dinner and dance was held at the Peter Pan Café (located on Granville Street at the time). Over two hundred attendees enjoyed the nautical decorations-ship's flags and life belts - and the miniature sailboat on the stage.

These year-end events continued to be held at off-site venues for many years as the club lacked adequate kitchen facilities until some relatively recent additions and renovations. A brief description of two of these from the sixties follows.

The Stanley Park Pavilion (Malkin Bowl) was chosen for the 1965 prize-giving. Admission was \$4.50 and reservations were required as only 100 couples could be accommodated. The festivities included free cocktails, a full course dinner, prize presentation, door prizes and free parking. An orchestra, "The Rhythm Four", played music during dinner and for dancing afterward.

In 1967, the banquet was held at the Vancouver Rowing Club's clubhouse in Coal Harbour. The dinner was catered, and the new stewards tended the bar. Tickets were again \$4.50. The prize giving ended with the awarding of the Sand Bar trophy and there was a band for dancing.

The Clubhouse is now the venue, ticket prices have increased (like everything else e.g. house prices) and dancing is no longer a part of the festivities. Some things remain the same. The event is still held in November and the highlight of the evening is the awarding of the Sand Bar trophy.



A note from Rosemary – I enjoyed Barbara's article so much I Googled the Peter Pan Café and found a lovely article by Mia Stainsby in the Vancouver Sun, the article, [:http://vancouversun.com/news/staff-blogs/vancouver-restaurant-history](http://vancouversun.com/news/staff-blogs/vancouver-restaurant-history), included the picture to the left. The original article appeared in the Sun on August 12, 2011.

From the Staff Captain

Bluenose Regatta



This was the beautiful site that greeted us when we arrive at the club on Saturday morning.



The coffee wasn't even ready before the first sailors and boats arrived. Menno opened up the gates and welcomed the early birds.



Inside the icy cold clubhouse, still wearing my coat, scarf and mitts, I unsuccessfully attempted to turn on the coffee; once Su pointed out the "ON" switch, I was able to complete this task competently and efficiently! The embarrassed blush helped to warm me up.





The breakfast team had everything under control pretty quickly – hot chocolate, tea, coffee, muffins, loaves, croissants, all warm and ready for anyone looking for a breakfast treat. Once breakfast was under way, the breakfast team transitioned into the “on-the-water” lunch team and prepared 15 hearty lunches, with snacks, to make sure the race committee and whaler teams had sustenance to sustain themselves while on the water. Sheila is in the black, quilted jacket in the corner, Mark is enjoying the full sunshine and Marilyn is ready for the next task.





The registration team was plugged in and ready to register last minute racers. The online registration went very smoothly and only a few participants left it to the last minute. The conversation taking place in the picture above was, I'm sure, key to the tasks at hand. Menno, part of the registration team, is making a point, Theresa and Tracy, also registration team members are standing by and Johanne, a member of the race committee, is ready to help.

Menno, Tracy, and Johanne, all on the water volunteers as well, were finished with registration and ready for the Skipper's Meeting at 11a.m., while Theresa stayed on land and finished up the paperwork and compiled the information needed by the dinner team. This is the first year we had a registration team member stay after the actual close of the registration desk and it was very valuable as Theresa was able to help out during the day and answer questions from coaches and parents.





Warren did double duty on Saturday, not only was he an on-the-water volunteer, he was also the official Coffee Taster.

Once everyone was on the water, the clubhouse quickly changed over to dinner preparations. The breakfast team cleaned-up and made everything ship-shape to make Sunday breakfast quick and easy and they were gone by 11:30. Soup, focaccia bread, and dessert maker extraordinaire, Kathy, moved into the kitchen while event support volunteers Susan, Judy, Christine, Tim, Jennifer, Jean, and Viki made the clubhouse ready to welcome up to 164 people for dinner. With Su, and Beverley joining later, we had some fun along the way!



Viki making Hallowe'en decorations.



Jennifer and Jean and a glittery, green head, part of the Hallowe'en theme for the evening.



Judy, head down and hard at work, making the dessert trays look beautiful. All the tables had either a black or orange tablecloth, a pumpkin or two and a little glitter for decoration.



Kathy stirring the soup while the bread is resting



Holly, amidst the Hallowe'en decorations, getting the bar ready for action. When Holly moved into the kitchen, Su and Kristopher took over bartending duties.



The clubhouse filling up on Saturday evening

When sailors came off the water, Kathy’s warm and delicious soup and bread was waiting for them. The dinner team volunteers swung into action, Viki, Jean Nicole, Laura, and Jennifer with Holly at the helm. By the time everyone had soup and the boats were away for the night, Nelly’s Catering had delivered the tasty and hearty mac and cheese and the amazingly awesome carrot cake with the unbelievably wonderful cream cheese icing (I had two pieces).



Nicole, Kathy, Holly accept delivery of dinner from Nelson.



And, all of a sudden, day one of the 2017 Bluenose was over.....

...and, almost before you could say, "Hallow'en Apples", it was Day Two. A beautiful, sunny, calm Sunday morning. You may have a sense of déjà vu, the Sunday of the 2016 Bluenose was also beautiful, sunny, and calm and, this year, the wind arrived at almost the exact same time, just after 11a.m. Within minutes, the clubhouse went from an sense of anticipation to bustling everyone out the door.



Marilyn, back on breakfast team duty on Sunday morning, along with Edna, Carole, and Debra.

Louise and Cindy arrived on Sunday, along with Holly, Laura, Jennifer, Gregg and Beverley to help set-up the club for the trophy giving and to serve leftovers to anyone who was hungry.



Can you identify the volunteers hiding behind the Bluenose trophies?

On Sunday afternoon, the boats came in, the clouds rolled in, the trophies were given out, all the leftovers were enjoyed, and the very successful 2017 Bluenose came to an end. Hope to see everyone back for 2018!



Su, Rosemary and Holly in a empty kitchen on Sunday afternoon. One last, but very important volunteer, arrived at the club on Sunday, Suzanne. In the peace of an empty club, Suzanne hoovered, washed, scrubbed and shined the club to perfection.

November 18 Awards dinner

Saturday, November 18th was a typical wet November day in Vancouver. That did not stop 56 of our members attending our annual awards night. The heat was turned on in the clubhouse on Friday evening to give the heaters a chance to warm up the building (it was still pretty cold when the volunteers arrived about 2:30) and the event set-up team prepared the clubhouse for guests.



Ross, Jean, and Jane are setting up the tables while Menno is in the background arranging the trophies.



Su is assembling the Volunteer awards.



The front hall looking festive, a little glittery and welcoming.



The event set-up team, using blue, gold, and silver, made the tables sparkle. Rob is in the corner, looking at the trophies.



The party is in full swing.....



Ed, in black, and Nelson, are prepping dinner. Dinner, provided by Nelly's Catering, was delicious!



Kathy and Achilles tending bar.

The December Hailer will have a full list of awards and award recipients, as well as more pictures of the evening.

Wine tasting and dinner on December 7th

Please add the date to your calendar and come and join us! The email invitation has been sent, with full details for the wine tasting and the menu for another excellent Nelly's Catering dinner. The KYC website also has all the details.

Looking forward to seeing you!

Last Silly word

In honour of November being Novel Writing Month, The Last Silly Word is pleased to present the winner of the 2017 Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest.

Each year, in honor of English novelist Edward Bulwer-Lytton, who once began a novel "It was a dark and stormy night", the Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest attracts hundreds of entrants who attempt to craft the worst opening sentence to an imaginary novel. Kat Russo won the 2017 contest with this line:

The elven city of Losstii faced towering sea cliffs and abutted rolling hills that in the summer were covered with blankets of flowers and in the winter were covered with blankets, because the elves wanted to keep the flowers warm and didn't know much at all about gardening.

From <https://kottke.org/17/08/the-bulwer-lytton-fiction-contest-winners-for-2017>