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# BLBC Newsflash!

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## A Message from the President

Christopher Gardiner  
President, Board of Directors.

Summer is fast approaching, meaning our Club will be open soon. I welcome all new and returning members as we plan another exciting summer on the lake. Following the retirement of Sarah Cartier after seven years as Manager, I am very pleased that Lisa Harvey, our 2008 assistant manager, has accepted the position of Manager for 2009. Lisa has already demonstrated her strong personal and organizational skills as she has recruited an excellent staff for the upcoming season. Some faces will be familiar, others new as we continue to match the best talent against our programming needs.

In the off-season, the Board of Directors has met 6 times to ensure the Club remains a vibrant and safe place while continually renewing our offerings and structures and equipment. Significant funds were spent in 2008 to upgrade the Clubhouse to code and our overall appearance. Much work stills needs to be done but our overall goal is to keep our fees and cost structure competitive. It is our custom to raise fees at or around inflation, if at all.

There are numerous new initiatives this year so please read through the newsletter. Your comments are necessary and appreciated. Please feel free to talk to any staff or board member about any concerns or comments. As this is my final year as President, I look forward to another successful and happy summer.



## A Message from the Manager

Lisa Harvey

With summer quickly approaching, I look forward to my new job as Manager of the Boat Club for the upcoming season.

As most of you know, I have been working at the Club for the past 3 summers, and while I have yet to assume this kind of responsibility, my time spent at the Club so far has been nothing short of a great experience.

I absolutely look forward to working with you again this summer and to getting to know you and your families.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me, as I am happy to help and begin our summer together a bit early!

## 2009 Fees and Calendar:

Please note that the updated 2009 fees and calendar are available online at [www.clublacbrome.com](http://www.clublacbrome.com)

## New Day Camp Spices Things Up for 2009!

Sandrine Duffar



Imagine a week of medieval adventures or discovering rainbow colors! This year, while keeping its core activities of tennis, swimming, and boating, the day camp program will inspire each week with a special theme: Air, Colors, Water Animals, Medieval Life, Sports, Africa, Boats, and Water. Counselors will lead age-specific activities for the children to immerse themselves in each theme.

Here is a **sneak-peak** of some of the weekly fun:

**“AIR” WEEK:** During this week, campers will be exploring the wide world of “AIR”. What can we do with air? Activities include blowing bubbles, cloud watching, butterfly catching, kite flying, mini-parachute making, decorating a paper hot air balloon, wind study for sailing, weather vane designing, and badminton.

**“MEDIEVAL” WEEK:** Travel back in time to the medieval era in which all become knights, wizards,

and princesses. Campers will participate in a sand castle contest, crown making and decorating, knights-vs-dragons races, flag making, a treasure hunt, and a knights & princesses costume day.

**“WATER ANIMAL” WEEK:** Join us this week for fun-filled days of water animal adventures. Activities will include frog hunting, mural drawing of ocean life, shell necklace making, water animal relay races, discovering Brome Lake water life, and snorkeling. Campers will also have fun at the children’s party dressed up as water animals.

Every week will be fun, diverse and exciting – **Sign up now and enjoy the fun!**

### TOTS changes:

The Tots program will now be held 5 days a week, from 9 – 1 each day.

## Have You Seen that Trophy?

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“...along with any stray trophies please bring a list of any events or tournaments you may have won!”

As some of you can attest, winning a trophy at Regatta, a sailing race or a tennis tournament, and then never actually receiving the trophy is no fun!

In order to keep this from happening this summer, we are trying to round up any and all trophies that are out there.

If you, or a member of your family, has a BLBC trophy lying around the house please bring it to the Club on June 20<sup>th</sup>, the opening BBQ.

We are also looking to improve our records of Regatta, sailing and tennis winners, so along with any stray trophies please bring a list of any events or tournaments you may have won!

## New Events for 2009

This summer, we will be hosting a few new events, as well as the traditional events we have hosted in the past.

On June 13<sup>th</sup>, prior to the opening of the Club, members are invited to spend the day helping out with miscellaneous maintenance jobs around the site. Some of the jobs include: planting flowers, repairing the docks and painting.

Another event we have decided to modify this year is the Opening BBQ, to be held on June 20<sup>th</sup>. This summer we plan to advertise for our opening as an Open House, in which we'll be inviting local and visiting families to come and discover the Club and all it has to offer.

A final change in events regards the Dinner Dance. This annual event will be held on BLBC grounds this summer, following the Regatta on July 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Sailing Camp

Luc St-Arnaud

This will be the second year Sailing Camp will be held at the Club. Those in the camp dedicate 100% of their week and time at the Club to sailing. The program is offered to members aged 12 to 16 who wish to learn basic skills or further their abilities.

Young sailors who meet learning objectives are awarded White Sail levels I, II or III.

Topics and activities include:

- ▶ Ashore knowledge: security, seamanship, terminology, buoyage system, rules of the road, etc.
- ▶ Afloat skills: rigging, boat handling, wind direction, etc.

## New BLBC Canteen

This season we have found a local company to run the canteen at BLBC.

Simple, good, wholesome food will be served daily.

Look for fresh baked muffins, lunch specials and weekly surprise lunches for the kids!

Come by to grab some coffee and a snack after tennis or to have a relaxing lunch with friends on the beach.

- ▶ Informal regatta
- ▶ Fun races with obstacles
- ▶ Lunch at the Island or at the Marina

Optional activities may be added to the regular program:

- ▶ Sailing to the other side of the lake and camping overnight at Camping des Érables
  - ▶ Official races on the Quebec circuit
  - ▶ Introduction to catamaran sailing
  - ▶ Introduction to windsurfing
- The camp runs from Monday to Friday, from 10 am to 4:30 pm.

For more information, please contact Luc St-Arnaud at 514 238-0806

