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The Lee Shore

A publication of news and events for the members of Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club.

Harbour Update: The spirit of ABYC lives on!

As a Club we should be very proud of the work and the progress we have made in the harbour since haulout. As a result sixteen more slips will have finger docks, and twenty-six additional will have V-docks this year. To support this an additional bubbling system to protect us against ice damage is under construction. New number plates, identifying our docks, have been installed to upgrade their appearance and assist visiting boaters in locating their assigned slips during their stay with us.

Lead Project Managers were:

- Pile Driving the posts
- Building and installing the the steel trusses for the finger docks
- Steel work for V-docks
- Wood Decking for finger docks
- Wood Decking for V-docks
- New Bubbling System
- New Dock Numbers

- John Ballman
- Alan Lewis
- Roger Marsh
- Randy Gouge
- Jaan Timusk
- David Gilbert
- Ann Kay

These results are due to the many people who have pitched in and contributed their time and ingenuity to accomplish this work. There are too many to mention individually and inadvertently some individuals could be missed. However, I do feel compelled to acknowledge the lead member on each of the projects that impacted our harbour this winter and hope that their teams will accept this as recognizing their efforts as well.

There were also many people who performed their regular harbour maintenance responsibilities. The spirit of ABYC lives on! New let us all have a safe launch and a happy sailing season.

Norm Davies, Harbour Master

ABYC WEBSITE POLL

I would use the ABYC F & B Service more if there were...

Better food quality	60%
More menu options	24.4%
More promo nights	8.8%
Social events	6.6%
Total Votes: 45	

I would like to receive the Leeshore...

via e-mail	52.7%
by downloading it from the website	33.3%
Snail mail	12.5%
Don't bother reading it	1.3%
Total Votes: 72	

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The Lee Shore strengthens the lines of communication between the club, the Board and the Membership of Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club.

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CREW BANK NIGHT 2004

Thursday, May 6, 7:00 pm

With the 2004 racing season fast approaching, it's time once again, to invite all and sundry to our annual Crew Bank night. Are you a racing Skipper putting a new crew together or just looking for fresh faces? Are you an Associate member who wants to join a racing crew or maybe try a different boat? The Crew Bank is here to help and Crew Bank night is the best way to start. It is a good opportunity for new members to learn about racing at ABYC; club members will be speaking about all aspects of racing. I'm hoping for a good turnout to support the Crew Bank and I would especially like to see more Skippers who are willing to make room for beginners and recent Keel Boat course graduates - even the best had to start somewhere. So, please come out on May 6 and help make it a successful evening.

Molly Asseltine, *Crew Bank Co-ordinator*

Winter Cruising from Bermuda

So far this winter I've cruised in the Antarctic, Baltic, Orkney's Line Islands, BVI's West Indies, with my own boat laid up ashore and my foul weather gear dry. With the aid of locals and owners of the boats that I'm helping to repair after being damaged by Fabian last September, there is a story to be told with each one. Day dreaming as I work I've found anchorage in warm tropical lagoons and stood freezing watches looking out for icebergs. I've planned routes and stopovers, noted changes to lights and buoys.

Soon I will return home, (April 4th) dip in a teaspoonful of realism and think of where we might really cruise this summer. But there is no hurry and I have a fancy still to find out about frogs and snakes of Prinyers Cove with my Granddaughter.

I love winter cruising - no seasickness, chafing of oilskins, dripping on the chart or peeking through fogged clouded glasses for a mark that simply will not show itself. A good fire, a pair of slippers and a shot of single malt or in my case a bottle of Goslings and your boat can take you anywhere.

Rick Bott, *Vice Commodore - Marine*

Easter Seals Regatta Challenge

In March 2003, ABYC hosted the first annual Easter Seals spring pre-Regatta Party. At this event Easter Seals announced a new program, challenging all the clubs present to be number one in the number of boats from their club to be registered as participants in the 2003 Easter Seals Regatta.

ABYC took the challenge and won beating *National Yacht Club* with 8 registered boats to their 7. As the host for the Regatta, RCYC was not allowed to participate in the challenge.

ABYC is now the proud holder of the Challenge Flag!

On Tuesday evening March 30, 2004 the second annual spring pre-regatta party was again held at ABYC.

At the party your Commodore, Jim Allen was asked to challenge all the other clubs to try to beat ABYC this year. Thus I threw down the gauntlet and challenged all the clubs present to beat ABYC. I also challenged our members to not let another club take the flag away from ABYC.

Pride is at stake here!

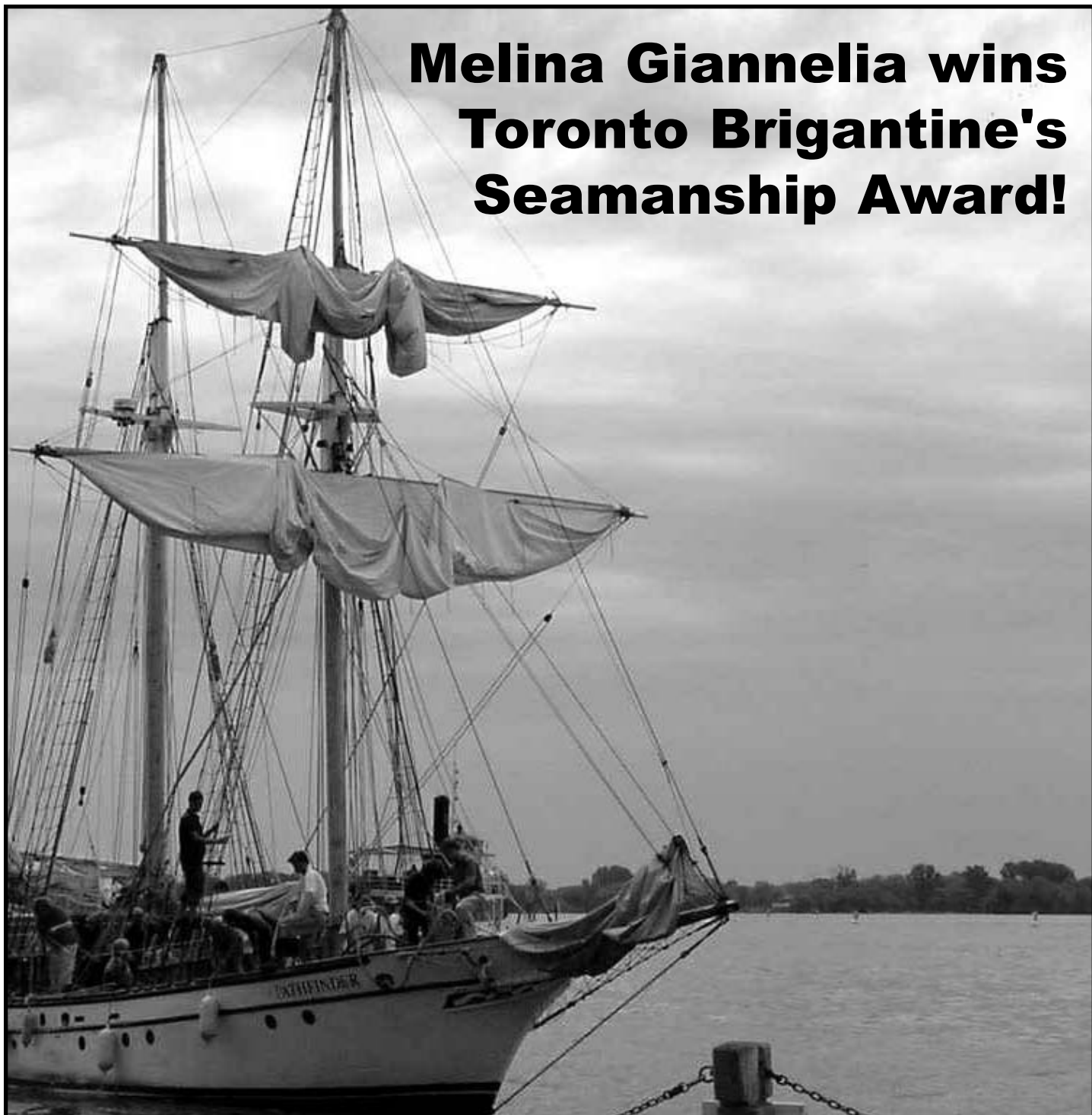
We all know that ABYC is the number one club on Lake Ontario, so let's step up and win the Challenge again in 2004. If we had 8 boats last year we should be able to go for 12 boats this year. You can enter as a member of either the racing fleet or the cruising fleet. If you haven't participated before, the after party at RCYC is one of the sailing social events of the season.

The Easter Seals children need our support! I know we can count on our members to step forward once again to show our support for the Easter Seals Regatta, July 18, 2004.

For further details see Brian Hollingshead, who is on the Easter Seals organizing committee or Wendy Loat, our club Easter Seals liaison person and a participant in the regatta racing fleet for many years.

Jim Allen

Melina Giannelia wins Toronto Brigantine's Seamanship Award!



Melina, an ABYC Junior member, has won Toronto Brigantine's Seamanship Award. She first sailed with Toronto Brigantine as a trainee in 2002 and participated in their winter program in 2002/2003.

Toronto Brigantine Inc.(TBI) has been building the character of youths aged 14 to 18 for over 40 years. This not-for-profit charitable organization, which runs sail training programs on the Great Lakes aboard T.S. Playfair and S.T.V. Pathfinder, has taught valuable life skills, including seamanship, self-reliance, teamwork, leadership, navigation and piloting, and respect, for generations of youth.

TBI's Seamanship Award is given to the winter program trainee who best demonstrates commitment, enthusiasm, and the potential to succeed as an officer. The award was an engraved rigging knife, which was donated by a TBI officer alumnus. Melina will be able to put the rigging knife to good use during the summer as Intermediate Watch Office aboard S.T.V. Pathfinder.

Congratulations Melina!

Wine and Food Appreciation at ABYC a resounding success

On Feb. 28, we held our first Wine and Food Appreciation night at ABYC. The intent of the evening was to highlight reasonably priced wines made from Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon grapes with food especially made to match the wines. The finale was a fabulous dessert wine and Normandy Pear Tart Drizzled with Chocolate and Caramel.

Michelle Wolfson volunteered her time to design the 7 course Chef's masterpiece and Jonathan Lewis sourced the wine that ranged in price between \$13 and \$23 per bottle. Sixty eight (68) lucky members had the foresight to reserve by the deadline 1 week prior to the event.

We intend to plan another event in the fall. It will feature 3 different varieties of white wine (such as Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Gris and Gewürztraminer) plus 3 reds (such as Beaujolais, Pinot Noir and Shiraz) with remarkable food to match. You won't want to miss it!

David Cloutier,
ABYC Wine Snob



The Wine Snob with
Jonathan Lewis



Michelle (second from
the left) and some of
her team of volunteers

A note from Brian Meret, Senior Vice Commodore

A few short weeks ago, Christine Tyndorf announced that she would be leaving us to pursue a career change opportunity. Christine had contributed to ABYC and our Membership in so many ways. We thank her and wish her well for the future. At press time, our infrastructure and needs have been assessed and a process is in place to re-establish a strong management team.

Club cleanliness and maintenance is a top concern and is being addressed. The plan is to ensure that we have a long term strategy in place to clean up, and maintain, a minimum acceptable standard.

We have had many members volunteer their time in assisting during the transition. Lidia, Dan, Rob and his team have stepped up to the plate and really made a difference, in the ABYC tradition; thank you!

Membership Committee

A new club brochure has been produced and is being distributed in a number of ways. Should you have any acquaintances that may be interested in joining a club or moving from their current club, please stop by the office and pick up a few copies and pass them on. Our own members are the best sales tool we have for gaining new members.

Co-Op Sailing Program

This program is ready to roll and at press-time we have significant interest from current Members and Sailing School graduates. Registration forms are available from our web site and from the front office area.

Bylaws Committee

The committee is charged with reviewing and recommending changes to Board Policies and By-Laws. Currently under review are the disposition or sale of club property or assets, insurance waivers and deductible and rental of club facilities.

Regalia

With launch, there will be an opportunity to pick up new items for the upcoming season. Why not retire that old look and treat yourself or your crew!

Club Historian

Al Stapleton has picked up old club photo books and has been saving them from the glue that was attacking and destroying these records. A suggestion was made to create an ABYC Year Book at the end of each season that highlights and documents the year's activities. Rick Bott showed me examples of what we had done in years past and we'll be exploring this over the coming weeks.

Safety

Zoltan Toth will have a safety officer on duty at each station for the upcoming launch. The St. John Ambulance has also been arranged.

Community Relations-

Mark Thursday July 1, 2004 in your calendar and plan to attend the ABYC Field Day. Activities are being planned to appeal to members of all ages and may include;

For kids- games, face painting, clowns

For adults- volleyball, tug of war between docks

The evening would be capped off with a dinner, fireworks at the Beach and continued music & dancing. Volunteers should contact Petra Fischer or Mai Meret.

ABYC Casino Night Saturday April 24 6:00 P.M.

Come out to support your Jr. Sailing School by joining us for an evening of fun, camaraderie and chance. Blackjack, Roulette, Crown & Anchor. All funds raised for the evening will go towards the purchase of new Club 420 dinghies for our Jr. Sailing School.

The evening begins when the tables open at 6:00 p.m. Each attendee will receive \$25.00 in 'funny money' for your \$25.00 donation as an entrance fee. 'Funny money' may be used on the tables or towards a variety of items (sailing gear, boat gear and miscellaneous). Hot hors d'oeuvres will be served throughout the evening for players. Cash bar available.

We are also going to assemble Silent Auction articles such as trips, paintings and specialty services. If you have anything you wish to donate to help the cause, please contact Julie Hughes at sailingschool@abyc.on.ca

ABYC Membership Business Directory

Ann O. Magnus Real estate	Ann O. Magnus	416.422.1173 416.422.4416	annmagnus@annmagnus.com	Residential or investment property sales in Toronto
Arlene Taylor Asso. Inc.	Arlene Taylor	416-494-9200 F: 416-494-6428	arlene.taylor@sympatico.ca	Interior designers and space planning consultants, specializing in office and health care renos and relocations.
Bob Wilson Auto & Equip. Leasing	Bob Wilson	905-940-2151 x223 905-940-1434	bwal@idirect.com	Auto & Equipment Leasing
Canadian Carpenter	Conrad Hall	416-829-1516	cdncarpenter@hotmail.com	Handyman and carpentry
Canadian Scholarship Trust	Peter Batson	416-699-1874	Peter@BatsonS.com	RESP Sales (guaranteed investments and high rate of return)
Chef de maison	Michelle Wolfson	416-889-9420	Michelle@chefdemaison.ca www.chefdemaison.ca	Personal chef, interactive cooking lessons, dinner parties, in home catering, 10 day meal plans.
Foreign Exchange Dealer	Julius Gryguc	416-366-8333	Julius@bendixfx.com	Exchanging currencies of most countries, drafts, wires, preferred rates. Bendix Foreign Exchange
H.Harman Consultants Ltd.	Harvey Harman	416 690 0658 F. 416 690 3578	hharman0469@rogers.com	Architectural services for existing and new residential . projects
Jannaway & Asso.	Graeme S. Jannaway	416-694-3274	graeme.jannaway@utoronto.ca	Specializing in creating plans to enable large and small companies recover from disasters.
Metropolitan Heating & A/C	Roel Vanderwal	416-283-5698		Furnaces, Boilers, Water Heaters, Air Conditioners, Lennox and Carrier residential, industrial and commercial
Moss design	Carolyn Moss	416-972-0601 F: 416-972-0231	c_moss@sympatico.ca	Moss design is a small design and consulting firm specializing in 'sustainable' building projects.
SailorJones Media Inc.	Barbara Jones	416-686-6278 F: 416.946.1889	bjones@sailorjones.com www.sailorjones.com	Specializing in program development and content design for both traditional and interactive television.
Swans Marina Yacht Sales and Brokerage	Colin Andrews	905-420-2141 F: 905-420-2142	colin@swansmarina.ca	C&C, Tartan and Catalina Yachts, "Larson Cabrio" power cruisers and "Zodiac Zoom" inflatables.
Third Wave Custom Canvas Products	William Russell	(416) 571-1941	thirdwave@sympatico.ca	conv. tops, dodgers, biminis, boom covers, heavy canvas winter storage tarpaulins, plastic window replacement

The ABYC Mentor Program wants YOU!

Joining a new environment can be a little overwhelming to some people. The ABYC Mentor Program, a Membership Committee initiative spearheaded by committee member Petra Fischer a number of years ago, was designed to help new members get involved in the Club and all that it has to offer.

New Senior and Dinghy members are matched with 'old' members (those who have been members for a while). Mentors are asked contact their new member occasionally to let them know about upcoming club activities; both racing and cruising events, and social events around the Club, and to encourage them to participate at work parties or on club committees. As well, mentors might suggest that they work together to put up/take down their masts, and help each other with their boats at Launch and Haulout. Most importantly, mentors are asked to help introduce the new member to other members and the camaraderie of ABYC.

Of course, new members have lots of questions and being matched with an existing member gives them a perfect pipeline to the answers! Many of the things that we all know and love about our club are not written down and need to be passed on to our new friends.

The Membership Committee feels that assisting our new members during their first year at ABYC is important and necessary. We are confident that this program will continue to be successful in introducing our new members to the club and its procedures, existing members, work parties and social events.

If you are interested in being a mentor to a new Club member, please contact our Mentor Coordinator, Alison Booz at (416) 699-0269. She will be pleased to match you up.

2004 Cruising Update

Canada Day falls on a Thursday. As with the same weekend last year we have provided for a 2-day weekend cruise and a 4-day cruise spanning Thursday-Sunday. Oakville has requested a reciprocal cruise that weekend with ABYC (staying Saturday night) so we're booked in at the Oakville Club. Larry has requested that any members interested in restaurant reservations contact him directly and he'll look after it - call Larry at 905-845-0231 ext 221. For those wanted a 4-day cruise, we have booked into the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club for Thursday and Friday nights - we must however be off the docks on Saturday morning as they have another cruise coming in.

Then there's the cruise to Pt. Dalhousie. We were unable to get space at the yacht club as they have a major event on. However, we are invited to join in the festivities. Those interested will need to arrange space at the marina. If we travel as a group we can book as a group. There will, however, be docking charges. As this is a long weekend, I suggest that those interested arrange for space earlier rather than later. There will be an organized bicycle tour of local wineries for those so interested. The Cooke cycle shop in downtown Dal will look after bike requirements - it's about 10 minutes walk from the marina. Again advance notice is preferable.

Cruising Group Meeting
Wednesday - April 14th at 7:00 PM.

Al & Joanne Workman,
Cruise Directors

Future Financial Strength

The future life of any club depends upon its marketability to the yachting community.

One aspect of the marketability of the club is its future financial strength. A new member usually asks "How much cash is in reserve?" or "Do you have a reserve fund policy aimed at long term commitments?". The club can currently respond positively to the current cash position question, but not to a cash reserve fund policy which meets future commitments.

The club currently has a policy to maintain \$150,000 in cash for operations, but no policy on building reserves for future commitments. Upon review of the Long Range Plan's financial commitments and other projects (both known and unknown) the club does not have enough cash to meet these requirements. Therefore the cash reserves must over time be increased to allow for future commitments. Similar to the financial policies of condominium corporations, a reserve fund policy is established (actually mandated by the Ontario Government for condominiums) to allow for major repairs and capital expenditures.

Our finance committee is researching such a policy in which the club's future financial requirements could be met. We will be reviewing the Long Range Plan as a basis and guide for possible project commitments and therefore the financial commitments that would be required.

An example of a major commitment could be the replacement of the Sarah Ashbridge. The commitment could be a full replacement which would require funds in excess of \$100,000 in 5 years. If current funds were required for other projects, (including ones noted in the Long Range Plan), then additional funds would have to be raised. It would be prudent to raise funds over a long period of time, thus avoiding a "surprise" assessment in one year of the membership.

As membership on the Board of Directors changes, quite often so do the financial policies or guidance. The finance committee will be recommending a policy or possible by-law change that ensures that consistent future financial strengths (e.g. Club Reserves) are maintained.

Club Manager Change

My Finance Committee and I wish to thank Christine Tyndorf for all her hard efforts and commitment to ABYC. Her pleasant and fair nature will be missed. We wish her well in her future career.

Daniel Gregory, *Vice Commodore, Finance*

2004 Cruise Schedule

Date		# of Days	Destination
22-24 May	Victoria Day Long Weekend	3	Cathedral
29-30 May	Weekend	2	RCYC
19-20 June	Summer Solstice	2	Port Credit
1 July	Canada Day Non-Long Weekend	2	Royal Hamilton
3-4 July		2	Oakville
17-18 July	Beaches Jazz Fest	2	Aquatic Pk Anchorage
31 July-2 Aug	Civic Holiday Long Weekend	3	Niagara-on-the-Lake
7-8 August	weekend	2	Queen City
14-15 August	weekend	2	ABYC Picnic
4-6 September	Labour Day Long Weekend	3	Dalhousie Y.C.
18-19 September	weekend	2	Pickering
9-11 October	Thanksgiving Long Weekend	3	Mimico CC



Carolyn Moss, David Dixon, Briar Robertson, David Hooper, Barbara Jones



Derek Vandermeer

Late in 2003, ABYC's "If Only..." heard the good news. After a competitive Ontario J/24 qualifying series, the crew had made the cut. Skipper Carolyn Moss and her crew [David Hooper – the boat owner and trimmer, David Dixon – bow, Briar Robertson – spinnaker, Barbara Jones – middle] are one of the Ontario teams competing in the J/24 World Championships. The event will be held in Connecticut in September 2004.

With their World's campaign launched, the 2004 season started early for the team. The J/24 class has some interesting rules; and the boats are fastest when 'maxed' to those class specifications. However, the crew was ridiculously light. And, since nobody was planning to 'beef up' another 100 or so, some critical tactical and technical decisions were made. The team added ABYC's Derek Vandermeer [both a Thunderbird and J/24 aficionado] to the team and Barbara is now an alternate. Let's just say, in addition to talent and brains, Derek brings the all up crew weight much closer to the class maximum – 882 lbs.

The crew of "If Only..." has faced the excitement and pressure of this type of campaigning in the past. In addition to an Olympic campaign mounted by Carolyn and Briar in the Yngling class, the team has seen quite a bit of international racing in J/24s and other competitive one-design fleets. Combined, the "If Only..." crew has raced in nine J/24 Worlds/ Rolex Women's Worlds in the past.

The team is excited about representing ABYC at the 2004 J/24 Worlds and has an ambitious training schedule for the year – including local and regional regattas, club races and off the water workouts. "If Only..." was sponsored by Bell Canada last season and looks to bring them back on board [and additional sponsors] in 2004.

Watch the Leeshore for regular updates from "If Only..."