

# Toronto Brigantine Inc.



## 57th Annual Report Nov. 2017/Oct. 2018

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### OUR VISION:

To be a leader in the delivery of sail training for youth, to develop character, foster personal growth and develop self-confidence and awareness.

### OUR MISSION:

TBI is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to building character in youth through sail training. This is accomplished through the peer-to-peer delivery of challenging programs aboard our traditionally-rigged vessels, with a focus on the safety and creation of positive and memorable experiences for trainees. TBI endeavors to foster learning and the development of practical skills, the adoption of environmentally sustainable practices, and an appreciation of the rich marine heritage of the Great Lakes.

# Board of Directors

## Active (as of March 2nd)

Darren Holmes, President  
Louise Henney, Secretary  
Eugene Berezovsky  
Michele Fraser

# Staff

Tasha Hyndman, Program Coordinator    James Wannell, Captain of Playfair  
Caedon Kingdon, Mate of Playfair

# Officers

## Wardroom Officers:

*First Mate/Executive Officer*  
*Senior Watch Officer*  
Junior W.O.  
*Junior W.O.*  
*Junior Officer*  
*Junior Officer*

## TS Playfair

Caedon Kingdon  
AB  
Rowan Perry  
Justin Schoenhofer  
Toby Smith  
Nicholas Donovan

## Training Officer:

Tristan Black

## Petty Officers:

Connor Teskey  
Jessica Boase  
Lindsay Buckingham  
Austin Black  
Dylan Morgan  
Christian Marshall  
Ethan Birch-Sheils

## President's Report: Darren Holmes

The year since our last meeting has been a very busy one for Toronto Brigantine; we completed the sale of Pathfinder, moved to a new location and embarked on a revitalization of our program.

The sale of Pathfinder was completed in January of this year. This was a long and, at times, painful journey for all of us, but was ultimately the right decision for Toronto Brigantine. Pathfinder was sold to a private buyer and will remain in the Great Lakes.

This has dramatically changed the financial position of the organization. Our debt has been reduced by 75% and we have closed the existing mortgage against both vessels, while significantly reducing our operating costs. Our goal is to close the remaining debt within in next 18 months. We are now able to actively seek grants and approach donors from a reasonable financial position, and have received our first significant grant in many years just recently.

In November of 2018, Toronto Brigantine and the Broad Reach Foundation for youth leaders finalized a partnership plan that would provide berths for 40 youth on board in the 2019 season. Broad Reach is an organization dedicated to provide sailing experiences for at risk youth on board their fleet of small vessels. The opportunity to work with such a like-minded organization is a great partnership opportunity for TBI.

At our last meeting, the Mission to Seafarers announced their intention to cease operations at its 8 Unwin Avenue location, which sparked the formation of a committee to assist with the search for a new home. In the later half of the year, we reached an agreement with a new location and I am happy to announce that we moved to a new winter shop at the Bluffers Park Marina in February. At the end of this season, this will serve as Playfairs permanent winter berth.

This past summer, our enrollment was the highest it has been in many years, we saw a 16% increase in sign-ups and feedback from our summer participants was extremely positive. In addition, we have a strong crew returning for the 2019 season. Our schedule has been released and registration is open. This year, we will travel up the lakes and return to the Georgian Bay. We will be participating in the Tall Ships America Great Lakes Challenge this year and participating in port events in Toronto, Midland and Erie Pennsylvania.

The Sale of Pathfinder and the move to Bluffers Park gives us a stable foundation to build on for the future. Our main goal now is to revitalize the program. Our training environment and techniques need to evolve to resonate with youth and align with investments being made by other youth program providers. This will allow us to pursue other partnerships to increase enrollment.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers and supporters that have helped throughout this past season. Without the support of dedicated individuals and organizations, we could not be able to continue to deliver a truly unique program.

Regards,



Darren Holmes

## Financial Report:

Toronto Brigantine has engaged Derek Turner of Kurin & Partners LLP to perform a financial review of the last fiscal year. Due to delays around HST questions from the reviewer, the reports have not been approved as of the time of the AGM. We expect to receive and be able to discuss draft reports during the meeting.

The official report from Kurin & Partners LLP will be available upon written request after the 18th of April when it is reviewed and approved by the board of directors

## Safety, Training & Operations Report

Toronto Brigantine has completed year of sail training on the Great Lakes. We continue to offer the leadership training and character building which we are known for, and continue to have some of the best youth sailors. .

We have continued to work closely with Transport Canada to ensure Playfair is meeting all safety regulations and is sailing safe all summer. We had a successful inspection last year with few deficiencies and are expecting the same for this sailing season.

### **Summer 2018 Report**

This past summer was more traditional compared to the summer prior as we did not have any port appearance obligations. In 2018, we were able to visit some of our favourite spots on the lakes, particularly in the Georgian Bay. While there were some issues with forest fires in the North East part of the bay, we were able to modify programming to keep the youth on board safe from exposure.

With the high rate of officers aging out of our program, we had many first year wardroom officers taking on extra responsibilities. Despite this, the new officers exceeded expectations and while there were a few extra learning moments, they all contributed to make the summer a very successful one.

To end the summer, we had an adult course to bring Playfair home from Windsor. This was very well received and everyone on board had a wonderful time sailing with us. I would like to thank all of the volunteer crew who sailed this summer, especially to Liam Barclay who acted as a relief mate.

# STOPS Report Continued

## Winter 2018/19 Report

This winter saw lower trainee enrollment than before with only 4 trainees in frequent attendance and one with difficulties traveling frequently from New York. Along with that we did not have access to a shop for the first half of the winter program. This has slowed the major projects for this winter; however, we are still in a position to have a successful season with a smaller scope of projects undertaken this winter.

We are set to go into dry dock in the coming weeks for a five-year inspection of the vessel. We are hoping that no major plate work is needed and plan to jump right into re-rig after we exit the dry dock. The current plan is to be rigged and sailing by mid May.

We moved into our new shop in late February, and the move was extremely successful. We were able to get the shop set up and operational over the next 2 weeks which allowed us to have a very productive March Break. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to those that helped with the shop move and all the volunteers this winter.

We would like to thank the following people for their help and support throughout the 2018 season:

Christine Wolfe	Jack Currie	Caedon Kingdon
Ken Fraser	Liam Fraser	Celine Moore
Mike Nye	Bill Fraser	ChrisChafe
Jonah Charny	Michele Fraser	Lauren Lemega
Alex Fryer	Alex McCraw	Great Lakes Schooner
Janice Fryer	Ryan Vogt	Company
Rowan Perry	Jeremy Smart	Galcon Marine
AB	Noah Krantz	
Colin Wu	Robin Leaver	

# Awards & Scholarships

TBI is fortunate enough to have the support of various organizations.

The Naval Officers' Association of Canada (NOAC) sponsors the Deep Sea Award to the officer who has demonstrated good leadership and seamanship throughout the year. The 2018 recipient was Rowan Perry, Watch Officer on Playfair.

The International Ship Master's Association sponsors the Seamanship Award, which goes to a first year winter program trainee for their dedication to the program. This year's recipient will be announced at Commissioning Dinner

Thank you to the individuals and organizations mentioned above for recognizing the hard work of our young officer and trainees, and continuing to support their training in the marine industry.

# Thanks & Appreciation

TBI would like to thank all of our generous supporters for their ongoing contributions to our program. While it is impossible to list everyone who has donated their time or money to our organization over the last year in this report below is a partial list.

## Organizations

Naval Officer Assoc. Canada	nity Foundation	The Harbourfront Centre
IBM Canada Employee's Charitable Fund	The Marine Cub	Bales Beall LLP
International Paints	The Mission to Seafarers	Galcon Marine
Great Lakes Schooner Company	The Nautical Mind	The W. Garfield Weston Foundation
Nye Manufacturing	The Shellback Club	Coastwise Management
Sterling Fuels	Hornblower Niagara Cruises	Bluffers Park Marina
Toronto Port Authority	Toronto Drydock	The Broad Reach Foundation for Youth Leaders
The Kitchener & Waterloo Commu-	The Waterfront BIA	
	Canadian Boat Shows	

## Individuals

Judith Atree	Ted Morton
Richard Birchall	Sarah Neale
Paul Dennis	Captain Seann O'Donoghue
Janice Fryer	Renee Lehen
Alex Fryer	Jeremy White
Doug Jones	Melanie Croft-White
Gord Laco	Francis MacLachlan
Sarah & David Neale	Peter Humble
Seann O'Donoghue	Katherine King-Fisher
Mark Nye	Dan Johnson
Barb Murck	Mark Allen
Andrew Soper	
Mike Rodaway	
Laurie Hatfield	
Barbara McNutt	