

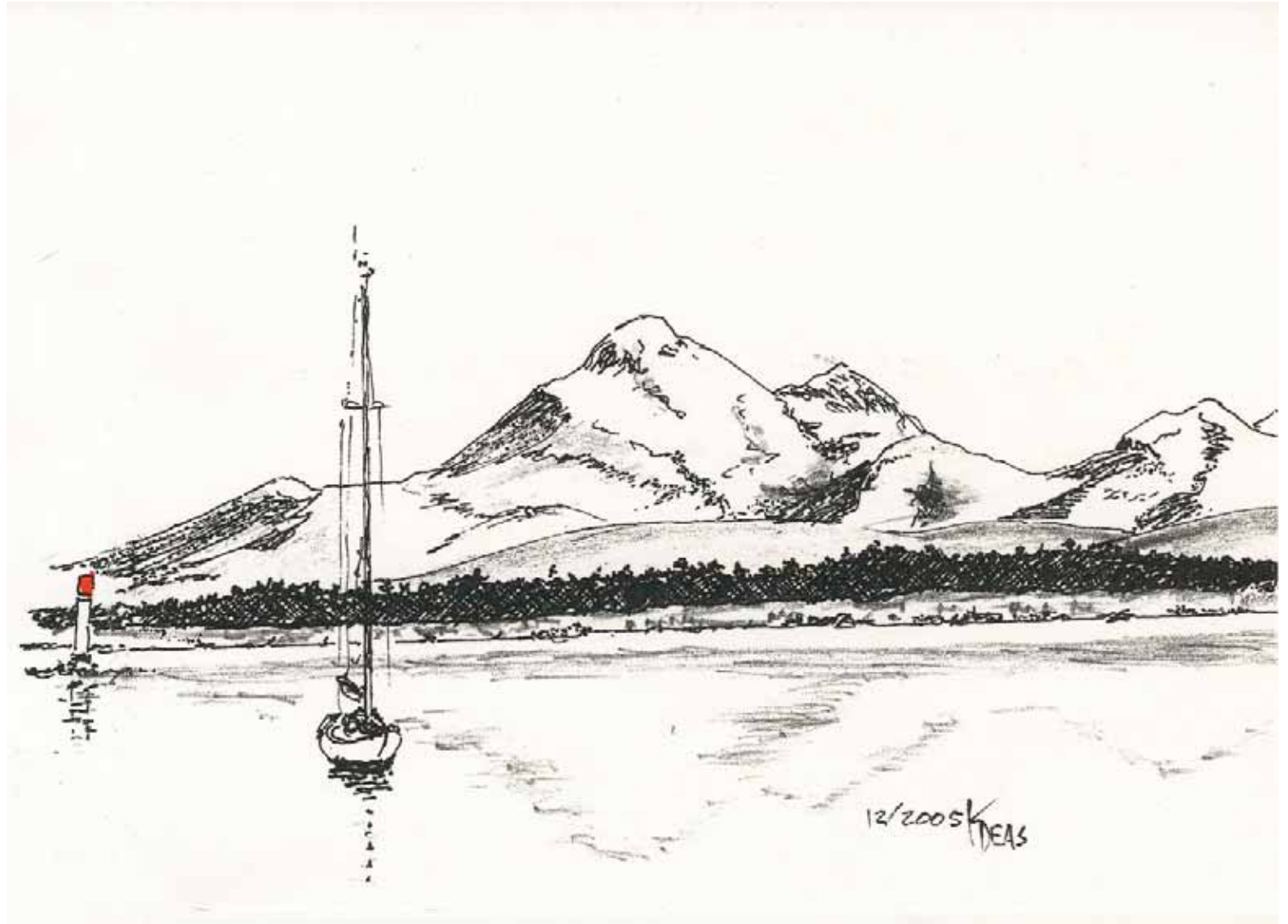
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Calendar

Easter Parade—Sunday, April 8—March in the biggest Easter Parade.

LAUNCH DAY—Saturday, May 5—It will be here before you know it.

Racers' Meeting—Wednesday, May 9—Come and find out what racing is about.

PHRF Sail Measuring—Saturday, May 12—Make sure your handicap is correct.

Tune-up Race—Wednesday, May 16—Test all the old and new equipment.

Ice Breaker Distance Race—Saturday, May 19—Skipper's Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

New Members Welcome Party—Saturday, May 19—Everybody come and welcome our new members.

Race Series I / Race 1—Wednesday, May 23—Official start of the racing season.

Race Series I / Race 2—Wednesday, May 30—The best way to learn to sail.

Cruise to Lakeshore YC—June 2-3—A wonderful way to spend the weekend.

Race Series I / Race 3—Wednesday, June 6—Join the gang on Wednesdays.

SAIL PAST—Saturday, June 9—Get your tickets at Launch. See Mel's Report.

Race Series I / Race 4—Wednesday, June 13—Nearing the end of Series I.

Circle of Life Race—Saturday, June 16—Skipper's Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Race Series I / Race 5—Wednesday, June 20—Practise for a win in next series.

Cruise to Bluffer's Park YC—June 23-24—Eastward to beautiful Bluffer's Park.

Race Series II / Race 1—Wednesday, June 27—A new series to make good in.

Cruise to Port Credit YC—June 30-July 2—A beautiful club for a destination.

Family Canada Day Weekend—Sun./Mon. July 1/2—Fun, games and food.

Race Series II / Race 2—Wednesday, July 4—The weather's warm now.

Race Series II / Race 3—Wednesday, July 11—Join us for an evening sail.

Cruise to Frenchman's Bay YC—July 14-15—Cruise or race—your choice.

Race des Voyageurs to Frenchman's Bay YC—July 14-15—A linear race.

Race Series II / Race 4—Wednesday, July 18—Series II is coming to a close.

Race Series II / Race 5—Wednesday, July 25—The end of Series II. One more left.

Beaches Jazz Festival—July 27 to 29—We have lots of visitors this weekend.

LYRA at ABYC—Fri. to Sun., August 3 to 5—Serious racing next door.

Dufferin Bell Buoy Race—Saturday, August 11—Skipper's Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Sizzling Hot Caribbean Night—Saturday, August 11—A mid-summer party.

Cruise to Mimico YC—August 18-19—An enjoyable club to visit.

Cruise to Aquatic Park SC—August 25-26—Y

LAUNCH DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 5TH

CHECK THE BULLETIN

BOARD FOR YOUR WORK

ASSIGNMENT

IT'S AN EARLY START SO

BE ON TIME FOR ROLL CALL

Sail Past

Saturday, June 9th

*Our premiere event
of the year*

*Watch for posters and see
Mel's Social Report*

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Lee Rixon

WELCOME TO SPRING. The weather today was glorious, and had me thinking about driving down to the club to take the cover off the boat. I suspect I'll still wait a little while, but the temptation was very strong. Spring is finally here, and the countdown clock to launch is running.

Your executive has been working very hard on your behalf and this year is shaping up really well. There are lots of activities planned, both on-water and off and you will be reading about those in other articles in this issue.

There is also a number of work parties scheduled to make sure our docks are ready for the upcoming season. If you are interested in taking part in those, the sign-up sheets are on the board in the club house.

I'm truly looking forward to the upcoming season, and I'm sure that Mona and her wonderful on-water and social volunteers will be having a few little surprises for us.

On other fronts, the design finalization for Lake Ontario Park seems to be moving at a very measured pace.

Thanks to a very informative SGM, your executive has a very clear picture of what the membership views are on our potential relocation. The SGM was excellent, in that we got a clear mandate from you as to how to proceed and what your wishes are. Special mention goes to Ian Whan for preparing and putting on a very informative presentation. Great job Ian, and a huge thank you from all of us for all of the work that you have put in. I'd also like to thank the many members that turned out. Your views and comments were very helpful in clarifying our strategy and approach.

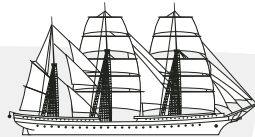
Based upon the results of the SGM, Ian and I drafted a letter that contained a high level statement of all of our major concerns about our potential relocation. We sent that letter to all interested parties, including all of our political representatives and all of the major players involved in the park planning process. I've had one response so far, from one of key consultants designing the park, stating that we had done a good job of outlining our concerns, so at least we have put a stake in the ground about our wants and needs. I would expect more responses shortly.

There are two meetings planned to be scheduled to discuss the park design implications, one targeting the Ashbridge's Bay area, and one targeting the Outer Harbour area. We have requested that we be allowed representation to both.

Hopefully there will be some action on this soon, so that we will at least be able to let you know what is going on, rather than having little to report. Lake Ontario Park is a huge project and we are just a tiny part of it, but we are doing our very best to ensure that our needs and wants are reflected in the Park designs, and trying to ensure that we maintain our profile with the LOP decision makers.

As events unfold, I'll keep you all informed.

That's it for now – see you down the club. ▲



VICE COMMODORE

Dan Demers

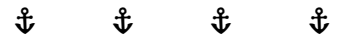
AS THE NICER WEATHER appears and members start to work on their boats, we have sent out via THSCnews@sympatico.ca the first Gate Code broadcast of the year to members. If you have not received the new Gate Code and would like to be on the mailing list, please send me an e-mail stating so.

If you are a crew member that has not yet paid your fees for 2007, please do so as soon as possible. Your name has already been removed from the e-mail distribution list and soon your gate key will be deactivated. This will be your last Spar & Prop sent to you. For those that have paid on time, thank you and continue to enjoy access to our Club.

Lastly, in my last article I talked about problems with the billing and that I felt we had caught most problems. As time moves forward I continue to find new errors. I ask everyone to please look over your invoice and confirm that you were billed accurately. If you require Launch or Haulout and you have not been billed for it, your boat will not be launched or hauled out. Only those who have paid for the service will receive the service. Please contact me if you have any questions.

See you around the boat yard. ▲

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The Deadline for the
JUNE issue of
Spar & Prop is
May 31st



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Bring 'Em Back

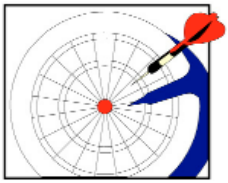
ATTENTION ALL TROPHY
WINNERS FROM 2006.

It's time to return the hardware to
the clubhouse.

The new sailing season will soon
be under way and all trophies will
be "back up for grabs".

Please return your trophy and leave
it atop the new trophy cabinets in
the Bruce Farquhar Lounge by
launch day, May 5th.

Rear Commodore
Mona Anderson



DARTS

Friday evenings

THREE CLUBS, Cathedral Bluffs YC, Ashbridge's Bay YC and TH&SC participated in a darts tournament in February and March.



On Feb. 22 we had a wonderful time at CBYC. 36 matches of darts were played (each match being the best 2 of 3 games) with CBYC coming out on top and TH&SC coming second.



On March 7 we played the games again, with ABYC our hosts. Great games were played by all participants with CBYC and ABYC tied and TH&SC on the podium in third place.



On March 22 everyone came to our club on a mild Spring day and we had a great evening of darts. This event had CBYC in first place and ABYC in second.

The final total for the three matches ended up with CBYC in first place and ABYC in second. TH&SC gained a podium finish again.

We have a great time on Friday evenings with some darts and socializing. Come and join us next season. Don't forget the other activities available in our clubhouse. The pool table, shuffleboard and lots of tables for games. ▲

PROPERTY MGR.

Don Bland

ONE MONTH TO GO. So much to do and so little good weather-time to do it.

We will dump the club garbage bin frequently over the next couple of weeks. The people that pick up the bin will not pick up a bin that contains loose tarps or shrink wrap. If you don't want to take it home for your garbage disposal please fold or wrap tightly and secure with twine before putting in our bin.

One member was overheard saying he was glad the bin was empty as he could now bring the concrete from his house down. The bin is for your club refuse please.

It seems we are so far unable to move city hall to issue our building permit for the balcony before launch we actively pursuing it.

Remember, we have to use our recycle storage facility for your used anti-freeze and motor oil.

We are looking at the current usage of the storage lockers in the club house and who is using them. If you use these lockers either weekly or for the season please inform a member of the executive board. We are trying to put a value on them.

Remember that our club and property may be under scrutiny by our landlord, perhaps to establish a value for the property. So don't litter and if you see anything broken or in need of repair let us know. ▲

Wednesday May 9th, 2007
Warning 18:50
Start 19:00

THSC Clubhouse

RACERS MEETING
Launch of the 2007 Racing Season

AGENDA

1. 2007 Season Overview - John Morris
2. Starting Procedures & Course Layout - Tom Monson
3. PHRF Certificates & Measuring - Jim Anderson
4. Registration Forms & Waivers
5. Awards & Prizes

The BBO Pit will open at 1800h
BYOB
That's "Bring your Own Beverage" not "Bring your own Burger"

SOCIAL CHAIR

Melinda Ramsay

LAUNCH IS AROUND the corner, and the social committee has started gearing up for the 2007 season!

Our first event will be the *New Members' Wine & Cheese /Warmup Social* on Sat. May 19. This will give members the chance to meet our new members, over a glass of wine and some munchies. Since there will be a race this day, there will also be a BBQ following the wine & cheese.

Sailpast is on June 9th, this year. Tickets can be purchased at launch (\$30). After launch (and until we're sold out) tickets will be \$35. Watch for important information concerning the schedule this year!

On July 1st we will once again be having our Canada Day Family Potluck - for those of you who don't go on the weekend cruise /race. It's great fun and good food and a chance to watch the fireworks from the club.

The next morning, on July 2nd, we'll be hosting another *Pancake Breakfast* - the \$2.00 special on pancakes and bacon will run from 0900 to 1100.

During the Beaches Jazz Festival (July 27 - 29) we'll be hosting an event for our members and the visiting boats who come for the festival. Watch for details!

Caribbean Night will once again be heating up the patio... mark Aug. 11 in your calendars. Blender drinks, yummy food and dancing.

Labour day weekend will bring the *Corn Roast* - Sat. Sept. 1.

Awards Night will fall on Sat. Nov. 24. This year we're planning a dance after the dinner and awards ceremony - so plan to come down, even if you're not up for an award. Or, show up afterwards and party with your friends.

The TH&SC *Annual Kids Christmas Party* will be held on Sun., Dec. 9. Please note the change back to a Sunday. Bring down your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews and friends. Crafts, lunch and a visit from Santa - each child gets a small gift.

Finally, another *New Years Levee* on the 1st of January - our yearly tradition.

This year's schedule is bound to be filled with fun. If you're interested in getting involved on the committee, please email Mel at maxfx@sympatico.ca. ▲

FLEET CAPTAIN CRUISING

Keith Willson

Cruisers Corner Keith and Joan Willson

Mid Winter Cruise February 24

The first cruise of the year has come and gone. A total of 49 people representing 19 fine yachts managed to navigate the icy patches in the parking lot and make it to TH&SC on Feb. 24. Rumour has it that one yacht managed to get lost and "run aground" outside the harbour. At least that's the story the first mate gave us.

Dinner started off with an amazing palette satisfying array of appetizers. The main course of lasagna and salad was topped off with TH&SC's standard fare of diet-blowing desserts. Does it sound like we eat well on cruises? Just wait until summer when the real deal happens.

Judging by the chatter around the room, this cruise was very popular and seems to be one worth adding to the list.

Racers, beware, the cruisers already have 19 boats in the running for the prestigious "Land Cruiser" trophy. Pretty good considering we are still frozen in solid.

Note: a lost item found in the parking lot that night please contact Keith or Joan if you lost a North American Atlas.

TH & SC Club Cruises for 2007

June 2 - 3 Lakeshore Yacht Club
Hosts: Dorothy and Keith, Dinner: Shrimp & Steak

June 23 - 24 Bluffer's Park Yacht Club
Hosts: Paul & Marie, Dinner: Pork Tenderloin

June 30 - July 2 Port Credit Yacht Club
Hosts: Mike & Peggy, Dinner: Chicken

July 14 - 15 Frenchman's Bay Yacht Club
Hosts: Lee & Debbie, Dinner: Ribs & Beans

Aug 18 - 19 Mimico Cruising Club
Hosts: Need a Volunteer

Aug 25 - 26 Aquatic Park Sailing Club
Hosts: Need a Volunteer

Sept 8 - 9 Etobicoke Yacht Club
Hosts: TH&SC, Dinner: the EYC Family Event

The cruise to Aquatic Park Sailing Club is new this year. This will be different type of cruise as APSC only has swing moorings and anchorages available. It is possible that the host boat may have use of their visitors dock for the cruise. More information to come.

Cruising to the U.S.

There is some indication that some members are interested in a cruise to the U.S. side of the lake. There are some new rules for cross border cruising this year. Our counterpart at Youngstown is compiling a list of the new rules and will be sending them to us shortly. As individuals crossing the lake if you fail to comply you do so at your own peril. As a Club sponsored event, the Club wears some liability to ensure that each boat complies with both the U.S. and Canadian rules. This will involve some financial outlay for each boat, as well a lead time to acquire the proper documentation. If anybody is interested in hosting the cruise and has a destination in mind, let us know and we will make the contacts to book the cruise.

LYRA Weekend July 28 - 29 and Week of July 30 - Aug 6

In continuing with our good neighbour policy with ABYC we are cooperating by trying to provide them with as many slips as possible during this time period. Three feeder races, beginning July 28 - 29 with boats from all around the lake, will be bringing upwards of 100 boats into ABYC. The LYRA event will culminate with lake course racing over the long weekend in August (Aug 4 - 6). We have been invited to join ABYC's cruise to Port Credit the weekend of July 28 - 29.

If you are booking holidays and plan to cruise away from the Club, why not try for the end of July first of August? That way we will be able to free up as many "good neighbour" slips as possible. ABYC is also negotiating with other Clubs around the lake to host some of their members boats during that same time period. Please inform the club if you plan to be away during that period as we will then be able to inform ABYC of how many and what sizes of boats that we

can accommodate. There will be a "sign away" sheet for the LYRA period posted in the Clubhouse in June.

LOCCA

The Lake Ontario Clubs Cruising Association is a new, virtual, organization that formally meets twice a year and its members (cruising directors and commodores) are from Yacht and Sailing clubs from around the lake. Its prime purpose is to promote cruising around the lake and to serve as a clearing house of information for lake cruisers. For example, the site will contain a calendar for each Club where it can post events, inbound and outbound cruises and potential slip availability. This will be available to anyone logging onto the site and will be useful for destination planning during your vacation cruising. The website is planned to be re-launched in mid April with a new look. www.LOCCA.org.

Cruising Video's and Book—Cruising with the Shards

The Club has purchased a complete set of six DVDs produced by the Shards during their Caribbean and Mediterranean cruising. We also own a copy of their book which accompanies these videos. These are available to borrow for viewing and reading.

Please contact Keith or Joan to arrange to borrow them. ▲



WAYS AND MEANS

Patrick Lyons

WE HAD A pretty good year in '06, once we corrected our numbers for those who had worked but did not get a credit. Prior to submitting our final Ways and Means report, we do consult the executive to see if we have missed anyone's activities; but, it must be remembered that our Executive have lots on the go and you should not depend on their memories to report your work hours.

This came to light during this season's billing. We had a number of members who were levied fines because Ways and Means had not been advised of their work hours. I would suggest that each member let me know directly of any work commitment completed and not rely on others—even Executive members—to do so for them. It would make things a lot easier for us all.

After adjusting for those members work hours noted above, only four members (3%) have not completed any work hours. A few others still had some work hours to complete. Our overall participation 2006 rate (92%) improved over 2005 (88%).

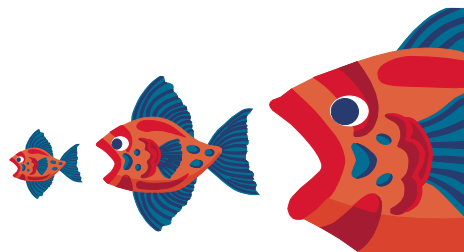
Currently, there is not a lot on the go other than the Harbour Master's work on the docks but this should change in short order. Be sure and check the Ways and Means section of the bulletin board and/or www.thsc.ca Ways and Means web page. Similar to previous years, project details will be found in the binder at the Club or by email when accessing the web site.

I look forward to the 2007 season and as in the past anticipate the continued goodwill and cooperation of all members.

Do the work—Be sure to get the credit!

Call Patrick Lyons @ 416 438-1716 or

Email waysandmeans@thsc.ca ▲



WEST COAST RACING

by Ken Deas

GUYS, I GOTTA tell you about the race Sunday [in December]. I was without crew but it was a calm day so off I went. The weather was ideal, not a lot of wind but enough. Unfortunately, it was a downwind start, which means boats with experienced crew would, could, and did fly spinnakers. The rest of us sucked.

The race was around Island A then around Island C and then between "Don't go near these rocks" and "Don't go near those rocks either". I did rather well sailing after bigger boats and emboldened by my (emboldened) small successes and cleverly elluding "These Rocks", I got too close to "Those Rocks" and got hung up a reef with a van-sized cement structure that the tide race held me against (without actually touching it). It had a sign on it that clearly means don't come close to these "Those Rocks".

The force and speed of the tide was frightening—I became duly alarmed (read scared shitless). After first checking—just as I thought, no Rye!!!!—I got out the extending boat hook and attempted to push the boat away from the marker. Ha!...with the motor revved up to a complaining pitch I tried again. Then, after collapsing into the cockpit, I thought I'd try reverse...no good. I was already in reverse so let's go ahead while I push this thirty ton cement marker out of the way. Surprise!...and again collapse into the cockpit.

About now I start to remember the stories about guys getting hung up on reefs in a falling tide and having to wait there for the tide to come back. Assuming the boat stays relatively upright it will eventually float off some eight hours later and if you are still alive, you sail home, all the while furiously thinking up believable lies as to why you bailed out of the race!!!

After a wee rest I try again. Push, harder, jeez the boat hook's gonna break. Push—fart—push harder—harder—I'm done. I collapse again into the cockpit. Then...the marker is moving...I'm off! Dunno how, let's get out of here. Full ahead and into another rock...smarten up...go

slow...bump a bit here and there until I am finally clear and emerge to the applause from a 40 Hunter that has been standing by, unable to help but hung around anyway. Good people, and an aluminum dive boat that arrived with four or five divers aboard who had seen my struggles and came to help...a tad late, but great that they showed up. The pointing and laughing was unnecessary.

My only problem was that the other racing boats had disappeared in the rapidly approaching P.M. and I have no idea where I am. However, the Hunter was close enough to hail, and he led me for a while, gave me directions, ending with "and stay to hell away from those and these rocks". With tail between my legs I motored home.

Lesson...when it looks a little tight but you think you can make it, "*you can't*".

With any luck the boat will be ready for the Boxing Day race.

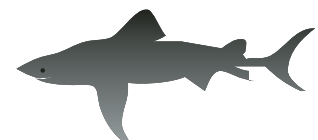
I'm not too sure about me. ▲

TWRC & RELOCATION OF TH&SC

by Ian Whan

AS YOU HAVE ALREADY READ in Lee's article things are moving along at a "measured" pace. At this point it seems to be a very slow pace as far as our club is concerned. It is a typical hurry up and wait situation. What we have been told is that there are no new drawings or plans yet. We will definitely be involved in the process for the next stage. We have had no feedback regarding timing or funding to date.

There have been lots of rumours floating around. The powers to be at TWRC state that these rumours are only the individual organization's wishes and wants...none of which have been negotiated or approved. Please do not take these rumours seriously. If you have a concern about anything you hear I will be happy to track the information down at TWRC. Just drop me a note at whan@sympatico.ca We will keep you informed. In the meantime let's enjoy the spring and summer. ▲



BUT, HEY!!! ...THAT'S THE ADVENTURE

by Eric Muff

HAVING GOTTEN the Trip From Hell off my chest, let us return to the sublime.

As I have iterated on other occasions, the *frequency* of my cruises is diminishing. *Shit! Everything* in my life is diminishing, even life itself.

But, hey!!!...let's not get maudlin.

Tuesday, 14 November 2006. I found my "vagabond shoes" dragging me seaward again.



This time to the Port of New York and another wee jaunt to the Caribbean. This voyage got my attention as it was going to Grand Turk and Tortola. I had never been to Grand Turk and only once before to Tortola.

Even the *sound* of the word Tortola stirs my romantic soul. R.L. Stevenson, Daniel Dafoe and the many others who filled my boyhood dreams (I'm trying to think of a poem I used to know about piracy and adventure but I cannot bring it to the surface. *See the glossary under diminishing.) This trip was bought and paid for *before* the Trip From Hell or I probably wouldn't be boring you with it now. It was arranged by Denure and the tour guide was a young woman I knew from other trips and better days. So my mind was at ease.

Day one we travelled from Lindsay to Clark's Summit, Pennsylvania (which is near Scranton). It is a beautiful property and I have probably sung it's praises to you on other, boring occasions. This is the man who has adopted a so-called burned-out Greyhound from the Florida tracks. He always parades him around for the guests to "skritch". His name is Bernie—the dog, not the owner.

Back-water a minute.

I neglected to tell yas that when I met the bus in Lindsay I did not know that my old friend was going to be the tour guide. And when we embraced I popped a lens from my spectacles. (I was wearing them on a string around

my neck, not on me nose) so I started the trip unable to read. This is not fun. But God is good. Before we hit the "Big A" (that's Apple, Garry) we stopped at a food court in a mall for lunch. I forewent (is that a new word?) lunch and searched for an ~~optimist~~ optometrist. Fortunately, I found a Lensecrafter and light was restored. This was in Dover, New Jersey. One o'clockish we hit the cruise terminal, and the fun begins. The "semis" have gone security nuts. I shall not try to elaborate. Suffice it to say, pandemonium reigns.

But we survive, and are happily ensconced in our collective cabins (pronounced "staterooms"). I am next door neighbour to our tour guide, whether by chance or by design I know not, nor do I question. Chilled bottles of wine await us in our ~~cab~~ staterooms, along with a bowl of fresh fruit.



The line is Holland America. The ship is *M/S Noordam* (another of those "dam" ships). The specs, Gerry, are as follows:

Length—935 ft
Beam—106 ft
Gross tonnage—81,769 tons
Max Speed—24 knots
Five diesel generators—3x16,000 hp;
2x12,000 hp; TOTAL 84,000 hp
Guests—1918
Crew—803

Our itinerary—15 Nov./06—
New York, N.Y.

16 Nov.—at sea

17 Nov.—at sea

18 Nov.—Cockburn Town, Grand Turk

19 Nov.—Roadtown, Tortola

20 Nov.—Philipsburg, St. Maarten

21 Nov.—St. Thomas, U.S. Virgins

22 Nov.—San Juan, Puerto Rico

23 Nov.—at sea

24 Nov.—at sea

25 Nov.—New York, N.Y.

Welcome aboard!

M/S Noordam is Holland America's newest vessel. Named for the northern point of the compass. Her sister ships are named for the other three cardinal points: *Zuiderdam*, *Oosterdam*, and *Westerdam*. H.A.L. ships have traditionally been named with the "dam" suffix. The "dam" being coupled with famous rivers, cities and

compass bearings.

We are allotted the early seating for dinner, 5:30 to 6 p.m. The tour director is seated at our table the first evening and everyone is happy (at our table). The next day some old goat is unhappy with his table-mates and asked to be moved, so she dumps him off at our table and she goes to his table and everyone is unhappy) at our table).

But, hey!!!...that's the adventure.

A good Welcome Aboard stage show and so to bed.

16 Nov./06—A quiet day at sea.

It's a kinda orientation day. Find out just where everything is. Believe me the hardest thing to find is your stateroom once you've left it. It's amazing how difficult it is to tell port from starboard when you're below decks. The day you figure out where your stateroom is is the *day before* disembarkation.

This is the largest vessel I've sailed in so far, a far cry from corvettes (and much drier).

I've picked up another little snippet for your Book Of Useless Information. The Atlantic Ocean is the second largest of the earth's four oceans and the most heavily travelled. The name Atlantic is derived from Atlas, one of the Titans of Greek mythology.

Tonight's dress is informal, which meaneth, sports jacket, no tie required. You are expected to remain in the "rig-of-the-day" from 6 p.m. onwards.

The stage show "c'est soir" is a chap named Jim Curry who is a John Denver look-alike and impersonator. Very good indeed. I'm certain he would even confuse John himself. His wife and family had breakfast at the table next to mine next morning. His wife accompanies him on various instruments during his performance. And so to bed.

17 Nov./06—Another quiet day at sea.

After departing New York and dropping the pilot off near the Ambrose Pilot Station, we sailed a southeasterly course through the Traffic Separation Scheme.

Author's Note—When I was a



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child and plied these waters during the dark days of WW II "Ambrose" used to be a light-ship positioned outside New York Harbour. She now rests in the South Street Marine Museum on the Lower east Side. There was also a light-ship anchored outside Halifax Harbour. It was called "Sambro", I don't know if it was preserved. Likely not.

A Traffic Separation Scheme defines traffic lanes at sea in order to organize safe and efficient traffic flows in usually busy areas.

After passing through "The Scheme" we set a SSE course of 174° which will take us all the way to Grand Turk.

Tonight's dress is *formal*, and we all dress up as penguins.

Useful info—three times around the Promenade Deck equals one mile.

Tonight's performance is called "Paparazzi" and stars Tommy Tune (whoever the hell that is) we also met the Old Man at a champagne reception. And so to bed.



18 Nov./06—7 a.m., we dock at Cockburn Town, on Grand Turk Island. Grand Turk is an island in the Turks and Caicos chain. No one here seems to agree as to who discovered the Turks and Caicos, Juan Ponce de Leon or Chris Columbus.

Anywho, Grand Turk has served as the seat for the colony and the British Governor since 1766. Turks and Caicos, a British crown colony is comprised of 40 islands and cays.

The official language is english though they use U.S. currency.

The islands are located 575 miles southeast of Florida and 30 miles south of the Bahamas. The islands average 350 days of sunshine per annum. Today it is 81°F (that's 27°C, for you conformists).

Let me cry-in-my-beer for a few minutes, will ya?

You've all heard my tirage about the lack of romance in our lives before.

Power Well the cruise lines have taken the last semblanc of romance from cruising. No more going ashore and rubbing elbows with new and different cultures.

They have built monstrous concrete piers where they can

accommodate several humungus ocean liners. At the shoreward end of the pier they have built a so-called Cruise Ship Complex which house all your artsy-fartsy, touristy traps. Duty-frees, bars, restaurants and the ubiquitous diamond and emerald merchants and the *odd native craft shop*.

Caribbean Cruise

These monstrosities are built far enough away from the ports-of-call that you have to *book a tour* (on the ship) to get to the port-of-call advertised in the company brochures.

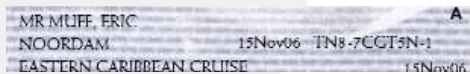
Rip-off city, U.S.A.

This fungus has already embraced most of the Caribbean islands and is spreading at a very frightening rate.

It's getting to be like *all* cities, universal. MacDonald's, Burger King, Denny's, Montana's, Starbucks, Wal-Mart.

Why are we letting our *insatiable greed* destroy our planet and the **romance** in our drab and pitiful lives? But hey!!!...like the parable of the frog and the scorpion...it's our stinking nature.

Thanks for letting me get that off my chest.



Back to Fun City.

Dress tonight is casual. This is *resort* casual—dress slacks and collared shirts. The entertainment tonight is Paul Dabek, magician extraordinere.

And so to bed.

And remember, my children, we pass this way but once. Treat each other kindly.

Luv yas! 🚤



FLOTSAM & JETSAM Shadow

Power Vessel Operator's Permits New Location

These permits will now be issued/ processed at the Outer Harbour Marina located at 475 Unwin Ave. Telephone (416) 778-1230 or permitinfo@torontoport.com

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		April 2007						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.		
1	2	3	4	5	6 Good Friday	7		
Easter Parade	9	10	11	12	13	14		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28		
29	30	SAND—PAINT—POLISH—CLEAN						
LAUNCH DAY IS ON MAY 5TH								

		May 2007						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.		
		1	2	3	4	5 LAUNCH DAY		
6	7	8	9 Racer's Meeting	10	11	12 PHRF Sail Measuring		
Mother's Day	14	15	16 Tune-Up Race	17	18	19 Ice Breaker Race—New Member's Welcome Party		
20	Victoria Day	22	23 Series I Race 1	24	25	26		
27	Memorial Day	29	30 Series I Race 2	31				
MAKE SURE ALL THE BITS WORK—GO SAILING								

		June 2007						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.		
					1	2 Cruise to Lakeshore YC		
3 Cruise to Lakeshore YC	4	5	6 Series I Race 3	7	8	9 SAIL PAST		
10	11	12	13 Series I Race 4	14	15	16 Circle of Life Race		
Father's Day	18	19	20 Series I Race 5	21	22	23 Cruise to Bluffer's Park YC		
24 Cruise to Bluffer's Park YC	25	26	27 Series II Race 1	28	29	30 Cruise to Port Credit YC		
SAIL PAST IS ON JUNE 9—GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY								

		July 2007						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.		
1 Port Credit Cruise—TH&SC Family Day	2 Port Credit Cruise—TH&SC Family Day	3	4 Series II Race 2	5	6	7		
8	9	10	11 Series II Race 3	12	13	14 Cruise/Race to Frenchman's Bay YC		
15 Cruise/Race to Frenchman's Bay YC	16	17	18 Series II Race 4	19	20	21		
22	23	24	25 Series II Race 5	26	27	28 Beach Jazz Festival		
29 Beach Jazz Festival	30	31	Get out on Wednesdays—Go Racing					
RACE TO FRENCHMAN'S BAY YC ON THE 14TH								