

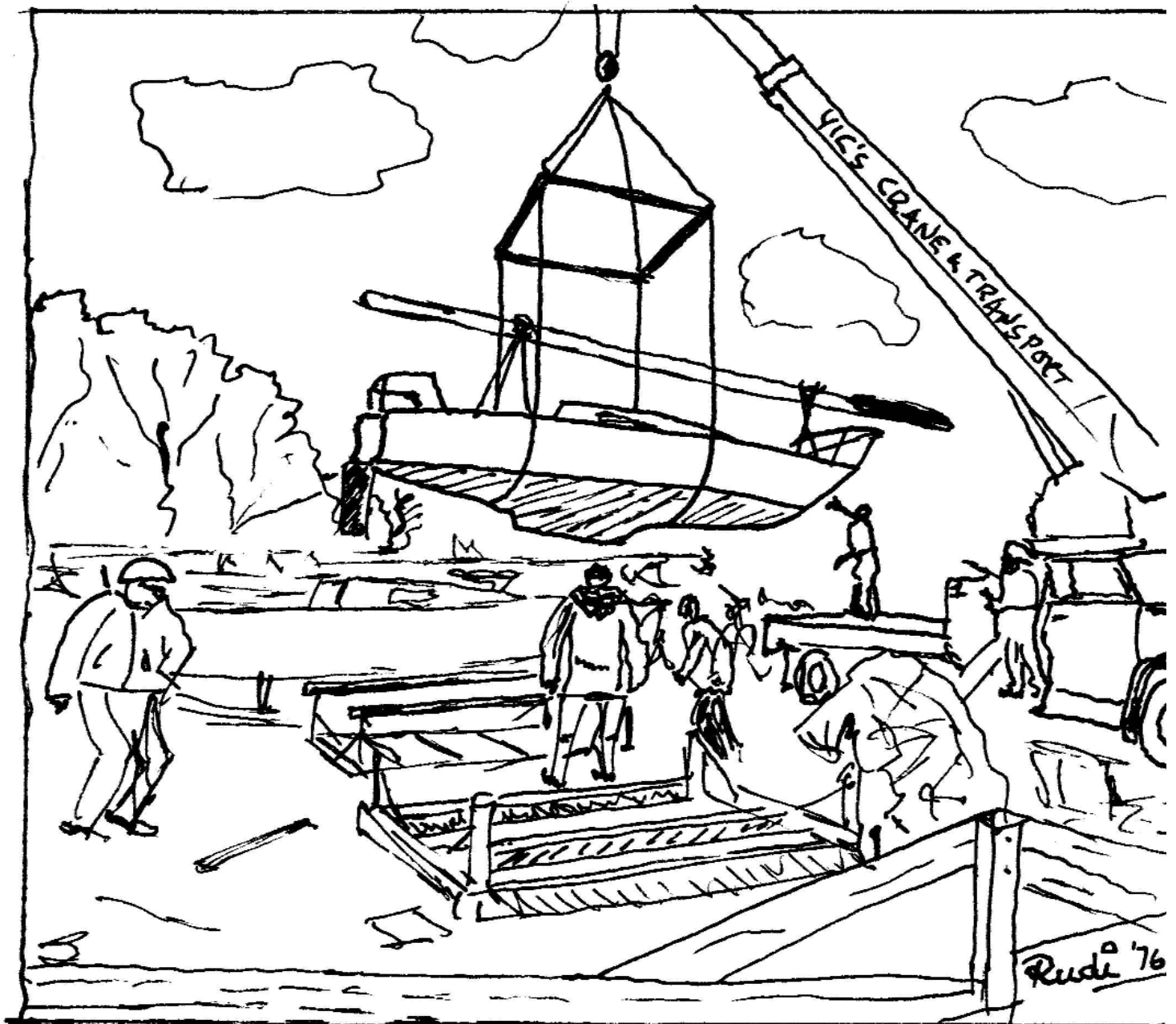


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Calendar

Racer's Meeting & PHRF Sail Measuring—Wednesday, April 25th—In the Clubhouse. Burgers, beer, everyone welcome.

LAUNCH DAY—Saturday, May 5th—Before we know it we'll be untucking our boats from their winter's nap, cleaning and polishing in anticipation of the 2012 boating season.

Warm-Up Race—Wednesday, May 9th—Get your mast up, sails bent on, crew revved up and shake down your boat in a Warm-Up Race. First gun at 6:30.

Ice Breaker Race—Saturday, May 12th—The first long distance race of the season. Skipper's meeting at 11:00 a.m. Then at 4:00 p.m. the "Beer Commodore's" bash. Not to be missed.

Race 1 Series 1—Wednesday, May 16th—The first of five races which will constitute Series 1. Every Wednesday evening until late September. Three Series of five races each. First gun at 6:30.

Cruise to Bluffer's Park—May 19–21—The first cruise of the season. Just a short hop but a wonderful place to spend the weekend, tucked under the Bluffs.

SAILPAST—Saturday, June 9th—The biggest party of the year. Get your tickets at Launch. Blessing of the fleet at 12 noon.

Cruise to Hanlan's/Island Marina—June 16–17—Not too far but to that Toronto gem, Toronto Island. Centreville will be open.

Race 1 Series 2—Wednesday, June 20th—The second group of five races which will constitute Series 2. Every Wednesday evening until late September. If you didn't do well in the first series, now's your chance to do better. First gun at 6:30.

Cruise to Highland Yacht Club—June 23–24—East to Bluffer's Park this time. One of our favourite cruise destinations.

Sailpast

Saturday, June 9th

*Tickets will be
available at
Launch.*

*\$35 each—\$40 after
May 21st*

*Seating choice
dependant on when
you purchase your
ticket!*

RACER'S MEETING

**Wednesday, April 25th
7:00 p.m.**

If you have new or modified sails now is a good time to have them measured for your handicap

Burgers will be on the grill at 6:30

Come and see what racing is all about—everyone welcome

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

John Edwards

WINTER MAY NEVER have arrived but spring certainly has. Which is a good thing for those of us who have boat to get ready. And ready they're getting. I don't think I've seen so many boats waxed and polished this early in the year. I managed to get my tarp off the boat on Easter weekend. I thought I was getting a jump on things. It seems I'm well behind many who's boats were gleaming in the sun.

Your executive have been working hard to make sure all will be ready for the sailing season. They will need your help in completing projects that will make this another successful season. So don't be shy, get your name in there, you don't have to wait to be asked.

Just an update on a few on going issues I have been working on. As mentioned in the last Spar & Prop the **Not for Profit** committee is now up and running. I would like to thank Dave Johnston and Glen Eddie for joining me on this project. In particular Glen who up to now has been running with the ball. His skills and knowledge of the issues are proving to be a great asset to the club.

The other issue that has arisen from hibernation is that of our lease with the City. There will be a meeting with the City at the TH&SC club house on April 24th. Dave Johnston and I will be attending this meeting on behalf of the Club. Also attending will be representatives from both the Lions Club and the Navy League. The specific issue to be discussed is the termination clause. At present the City has wanted the lease signed with a six month termination clause. Our objective at the meeting will be to have this clause mitigated to wording we can live with.

Cheers to a new season on the water. See you all at launch. ▲



VICE COMMODORE

Robert McComb

LAUNCH DAY is getting closer and there is lots of activity at the club with members getting ready for the 2012 sailing season. Let's hope our sailing season weather is as pleasant as the non-winter we've just experienced.

For the crew members who have not paid their 2012 fees I will be disabling your gate key-fobs after launch and will no longer notify you of gate code changes plus this will be your last issue of Spar and Prop so read it and weep. You really need to bring your membership up to date or I will assume you have left the club.

On launch I will have 2012 membership stickers for full sailing members and cardboard membership cards for crew members, plus the parking passes. I need to have the plastic membership cards made for the new full sailing members who have recently joined and from talking to some existing members I have been made aware that a few can no longer find or for some reason did not receive their plastic cards. If this is your situation please notify me at **vice-**

commodore@thsc.ca and I will have a new one made for you at the same time.

Many TH&SC members don't have a Harbour License though the law states that all recreational and commercial boat operators who have engine-powered vessels, whether the engine is the main power or only auxiliary, must possess an operators license from the Port Authority to navigate in the waters of the port and harbour of Toronto from Humber River in the west, to Victoria Park Avenue in the east and stretching out into the lake along a line which runs south from the shore encompassing the islands and reaching a most southerly point of one mile from Gibraltar Point. I have been approached about the possibility of members or their crew testing for their Harbour License at the club using a club boat and bringing in an officer from the Port Authority to lecture and administer the written test. If you think this would be of interest to you please contact me at **vice-commodore@thsc.ca** and I will try to arrange it provided there is enough response to warrant doing it.

That's it for now but I'm looking forward to seeing your happy, sun-tanned faces on launch day. ▲

America's Cup World Series In Naples

by Rich Taylor

Day One in Naples saw good wind with large waves. Exciting racing! See www.americascup.com



2012 OOD SCHEDULE

Officer of the Day (OOD) 2012 sign up list is available at the OOD Station. It will also be available online at www.thsc.ca (read only) to check your obligation. See OOD Report on page 8.

HARBOURMASTER

Bob Prosper

MARCH OF 2012 was the warmest I can remember. Some of you went south with the kids leaving behind some record breaking warm temperatures. The winter of 2011/2012 just didn't feel like winter at all. I think I shoveled my driveway twice. Unfortunately, the lack of snow means very little run off this spring and that translates into low water levels. We will need much rain in April and May to combat this low water issue. Have no fear however. We should have enough water to launch and with our Past Commodore pushing for dredging in the channel and having success, we shouldn't have any issues with getting in and out. In saying that, I hope we get plenty of rain before the sailing season begins to help with water levels. I have communicated with the Weather Gods and we are clear for a pleasant and dry day for launch on Saturday May 5th.

Speaking of launch, did you know that if you have a vessel on the property and despite whether you are launching or not, you need to present on launch day? This is the rule. In the event you cannot be present, you need to have another member present to over see your vessel. I will not take responsibility for moving your vessel.

Launch begins at 7:00 a.m. whereby we will inform all members of the day's events and important safety announcements. Please try to be on time. It would also be wise to bring warm clothing, steel toe footwear, and a raincoat just in case the Weather Gods forget their promise. For those of you who are new members and unfamiliar with launch procedures, feel free to call me at 647-938-9584 or email me at harbourmaster@thsc.ca and I will answer any questions you might have. Also be aware that non-members are not allowed to work on the property during launch or haul out. If members should have friends visiting during launch, please make them aware that they are not allowed on the grounds. They must remain in the clubhouse.

By the time you receive this issue of Spar & Prop, we will have begun our preseason dock work. Richard Coutts will have submerged a large portion of his body in the cold water many times to replace or reattach

chains for securing our docks and fingers. Next time you see him, show some gratitude towards his dedication to the club. You will also see some changes with our docks this year. We are adding 2 X 4 lumber around the outside perimeter of the docks just as they have at many other clubs and marinas. This will give the docks more structural integrity and keep those nasty boards from flipping as we walk down the docks. A smaller and lower version will be added to the outside perimeter of fingers during the late spring/early summer. We are also doing some electrical work on various docks that seem to be encountering some hydro tripping. Be patient with us as we do these repairs. We are working with people who are volunteering their time and we have to work with their schedule. To remain compliant, we will be adding some new safety equipment to our docks as well.

Our club, its facilities, and equipment is getting older. Please bring to my attention things needing repairs. In the event it needs

immediate attention and I cannot be found, please take it upon yourself to make the fix if possible. If you have to buy supplies to make that fix, I will reimburse you. I will also apply your work time for Ways & Means.

We all have to work together to keep our club running safely and efficient.

This year will be my last year as Harbour Master. While I am a bit sad my term is coming to an end, I certainly look forward to sailing more. For members considering running for the position of Harbour Master, please advise the Board of your intentions. For those members afraid to consider such an undertaking, have no fear. The position is much easier than you think. It has some challenges along the way, but overall it is a great experience.

Soon I will be seeing many of you preparing your boats for the water. The sounds of drills, saws, and sanders are like music to my ears. I look forward to seeing all of you in the near future. Cheers everyone!

Your Harbourmonster,
Bob Prosper



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FLEET CAPTAIN CRUISING

James Perrault

IT'S SO NICE TO SEE the club beginning to buzz with activity and even better seeing familiar faces missed throughout the winter.

Everyone seems content as they plug into the spring preparation list that precedes every launch. As I write this article, there is a little less than four weeks to go and the panic stages are still a little way off. Rest assured, May 5th will come very quickly and as you are reading this the panic may be well under way.

I would like to remind everyone of the May/June cruising schedule and plant a seed that we are looking for a host for each of the cruises. If you've never hosted a cruise and are curious about what is involved please contact me and I will run you through the short list of tasks. There are a lot of boats that have never been on a club cruise before and my goal is to see a lot of new faces joining in this year. This is the season to make your mark on the cruising scene and create what you want it to be.

MAY/JUNE CRUISING SCHEDULE:

May 19-21: Bluffer's Park Yacht Club cruise

June 16-17: Hanlon's Point/Toronto Island Marina Jam Cruise—

Musicians...bring your guitars, bongos, egg shakers, voices, etc. and join in or listen to live music with your fellow club members and friends

June 23-24: Highland Yacht Club cruise



WAYS AND MEANS

David "Wayz" Johnston

Neal "Meanz" Claassen

ON BLAND, our past property manager, was looking for the building permit for our balcony the other day. He wasn't having a great deal of success finding it, but what he did find was a list of all the skills that our members claimed to have. A great tool for getting work done indeed! The only drawback was that this particular list covered our membership during the seventies and eighties. Not to worry however, because Peggy Wheatstone has volunteered to compile a new list that will be slightly more accurate, depending on how honest we can all be about our vast arrays of skills. During launch the entire membership will be asked to complete a short questionnaire outlining the talents we possess so we can be called upon at the right times. Please make sure to find some time on launch day to see Peggy in this regard.

Our roof is beginning to show some serious signs of aging. It has been a long time since Dennis MacCallum, another past property manager, has patched it. David Brunning has done a preliminary inspection, and we still have to decide if we are going to patch it or if we are going to tackle the roof in a bigger way, but we will know

shortly. Dennis will once again take a leadership role in fixing our roof, and anyone interested in helping should get in touch with Dennis and Randy Boyd. Previous roofing experience is an asset, although the customary "time spent in a federal facility" which usually goes with roofing experience is not. If you have a fear of heights, we really do not need your help.

There was an issue with a mink having made a lovely home out of the south ladies washroom. The problem was that the mink was not toilet trained, and the smell was terrible. A special thank you goes out to Jason Crowley who drove down from Stouffville, cleaned up the mess, and left enough cayenne pepper and mothballs in the nest to force the mink to move all the way to the garage. Mink sightings are still a regular occurrence, and we should all keep our eyes peeled.

The Ways and Means sign up book is back in action and working well. Notice that many jobs are now date specific, especially when it comes to social events. Our social chair, Lynda, organized a small party where members could volunteer for upcoming social events. Many of those jobs have volunteers, but there are many more that can use a spot of help. CHECK THE BOOK. ▲



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BVI VACATION ON A "CAT"

by Mike Wheatstone

HERE WE ARE, back from two weeks in the British Virgin Islands on what has become a bi-annual expedition. We spend a long time getting things arranged and then it flies by. Peggy and Mike Wheatstone, Joan and Keith Willson and Marie and Paul Evans traveled to Road Town, Tortola, in late January. Previously we'd chartered monohulls but this time we thought we'd try something new and went with a catamaran—a Lagoon 38 named *Kokomo*.

We were late leaving Toronto (had to de-ice) but a strong tail wind meant we made up all the time so no missed or hurried connections (and no lost luggage!). Instead of flying Toronto-Miami-San Juan-Tortola, this time we flew to St Thomas and took the fast ferry (26 knots) over to Road Town.

Chris and Liz Hanson had also flown down for two weeks with four friends from their cottage, arriving a day before we did. After stowing bags on the cat, it was off to the Pub for our usual arrival meal.

The Christmas Winds hadn't really let up yet so it was quite windy, predominantly from the East, and never dropped at night the way we get used to it doing on Lake Ontario. But it was mostly sunny and we were in shorts or bathing suits so life was good. I know sailors are supposed to like lots of wind but it interferes with the snorkeling and sunning. There were the obligatory two-minute rain storms many nights and the odd bit some mornings.

We cruised clockwise this time which seemed to work as no place was very crowded.

First up—Soper's Hole for the best pizza at the Jolly Roger, also bumping into Chris & Liz. Next day off to Jost



The Bubbly Pool

Van Dyke and Foxy's (again meeting the Hansons). Cane Garden Bay was next for a Cheeseburger in Paradise (Jimmy Buffet) at lunch (while one of our two heads was repaired) and the best sunset of the trip. Back to Jost Van Dyke for the Bubbly Pool (swells from the Atlantic inundate and tumble you from a rock seat) Then off to spend time exploring the Baths at Virgin Gorda followed by the trek to Leverick Bay. Here we had another fabulous meal at the Leverick Bay Restaurant (admiring the lovely carved ladies some more) and bumping into Chris and Liz.

We had a weather window and sailed north the 14 miles to Anegada. As it is only 28 ft high you're halfway there before you see anything. It's surrounded by reefs so a GPS with the correct waypoint is the best way to get there safely. We were doing 8+ knots in 15 knots apparent and having a good time.

Once there we had great beaches and snorkeling with a sea turtle. By this time we were loving the cat with the galley, saloon and cockpit all together on the bridge deck so you can easily see around you. It was a little strange not heeling but we definitely got used to not having to stow all counters before heading off. Or wedging yourself in the cockpit.

Then back to Saba Rock where we found a 1952 race-winning hydroplane in the restaurant. We took a group



photo with the hydroplane to bring back to the club.

Next day we sailed to the Dogs for some lunch time snorkeling before heading to Trellis Bay and the Super Bowl commercials. (not being football fans they were the best part of the broadcast). Then off to the smaller islands (the order remembered as *Ginger Cooper gives Salt Peter to Norman*).

First up, snorkeling at The Indians, (with the best mooring ball pickup ever) followed by more snorkeling at

the Caves before retiring to the Bight for the night. Peggy, being part fish, didn't want to come out of the water. Star gazing from the trampoline was a common occurrence many nights as was relaxing on the trampoline while running with the wind but it could get wet up front when beating into the 4-6 foot waves.

In the morning we sailed over to Cooper Island for, you guessed it, more snorkeling and a little shopping. We spent at least a couple of hours in the water every day.

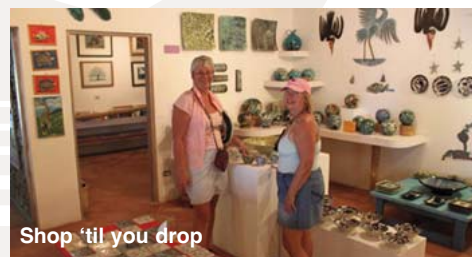
This trip we planned to get back to Road Town a day early and spend some time checking out some of the sights we hadn't seen in previous visits. The botanical gardens were



Botanical Gardens

luscious with umpteen kinds of palms, certainly more than I realized existed. There was shopping (did I mention we seemed to check out every boutique where ever we were?) and then Peggy and I had a fascinating wander through Old Government House Museum learning about the 1924 hurricane that devastated the town.

The next morning we got checked off *Kokomo* and headed to the ferry terminal. A fast passage to St Thomas and with several hours to kill went (surprise!)—shopping and exploring a



Shop 'til you drop

little. Peggy had wanted some new earrings and a necklace which she found in one of the many small jewelry shops.

Finally it was time to head to the airport and eventually arrived home at 12:30 the next morning. All in all it was a great vacation. ▲

**More pictures on pages
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REAR COMMODORE

Greg Smith

WELCOME TO SPRING! As they say at McDonald's, "I'm Lovin' It." For many of us, the mild spring has allowed an early jump on the annual nautical projects. Sadly, I'm not included in the "many of us."

Once again, my well-intentioned winter boat projects got pushed aside by other pressing tasks. Let's hope the weather continues to cooperate so the rest of the "leave it to later gang" can get our boats prepped and ready for launch day.

I'm happy to report that all our TH&SC events are confirmed. I encourage you to visit www.thsc.ca to view the entire 2012 events calendar. I can assure you that we have a full schedule for both the Cruising and Racing programs.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Social Director, Lynda de jonge vander Halen and her side-kick, Laurie Prosper for putting together a wonderful "Social's Social" evening. The event morphed into a good old-fashioned kitchen party with music provided by Lorne Vineberg, Michael Smith, Chris Hanson, and a few wanna be bodhran players. Special thanks to Peter de jonge vander Halen for his excellent Irish Coffees and bartending skills. Also, thanks to the Darts Group who made room for this event—it was great to see new members joining in on a friendly game of darts.

The evening provided an opportunity for members, to sign-up for a variety of projects, and a chance to talk to the various Chairs—I hope we can expand on this event next year.

On April 31st, we hosted the PHRF-LO training seminar. Approximately, fifty PHRF-LO members attended from various clubs around the lake. For those not familiar with PHRF, here are some interesting facts. PHRF is a copyrighted trademark owned by and administered by US Sailing and overseen by the US Sailing PHRF Committee. PHRF-LO (Lake Ontario) represents the largest PHRF fleet in the world (1600+ yachts). Chesapeake Bay is 2nd with a boasted 1200 but in reality, has about 850. PHRF overall knows of about 25,000 racers under the system but acknowledges 15,000 with certificates. Thanks once again, to our Social Committee (Lynda, Peter, Laurie, Eva and Mike Baker) for

making our guests welcome with a wonderful lunch, refreshments and dessert—our guests were truly impressed by the TH&SC hospitality.

With Launch just a few weeks away, please take a moment to mark the upcoming spring events on your calendar.

April 18th—Racer's Meeting and Sail Measurements

May 9th—Warm-up Race

May 12th—Ice Breaker Race

May 12th—Beer Commodore's Social

May 19th—Cruise to Bluffers

June 9th—Sailpast

All of our events and programs require the help and assistance of our membership. We need your help to make our programs successful. I encourage you to talk to any of the Chairpersons or Executive Board members to find out more information on how to become involved in the TH&SC programs and projects.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a safe and successful 2012 Launch. See you around the boatyard.

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Beer Commodore's



Meet & Greek Warm Up Social Saturday May 12

4:30–6:30 PM (After Ice Breaker Race)

The Beer Commodore will be offering free beer and wine in the clubhouse to celebrate the new season and to welcome new and recent members to THSC.

Liquor license 4:00 –6:00 p.m.

BYOB after 6 pm

Dinner around 5 p.m. \$5.00 each

Race winners will be announced

OFFICER OF THE DAY MANAGER

Rob Murray

OOD Schedule Going Online!

Have you signed up for your 2012 Officer of the Day (OOD) four-hour timeslot yet?

There are lots of spots still open. Remember, the longer you wait, the less choice there will be.

To help those who can't remember when they signed up (since over 50 members had done so by the end of January), or need to check who they may be able to swap timeslots with, the list will soon be available in the member's section of the Club's website. It will only be a viewable copy of the schedule; it will not be "dynamic" so you won't be able to make changes. To make changes, you'll still need to go down to the Club. At least this will save you a trip down to the Club just to check the schedule.

See you at Launch! ⚓



Nauticals

THE RUTTER BOOK WAS THE NAME OF THE PILOT OR SEAMANS GUIDE USED BY EARLY MARINERS RIGHT UP TO THE 1400'S. THE WORD RUTTER IS LIKELY DERIVED FROM THE FRENCH 'ROUTIER DE MER'. THE RUTTERS CONTAINED DETAILS OF CURRENTS, TIDES, ROCKS, HAZARDS, ISLANDS, COASTAL LANDMARKS & SAILING DIRECTIONS BETWEEN PORTS. CONTINUALLY UPDATED, RUTTERS REPRESENTED UP-TO-DATE KNOWLEDGE FOR SAILORS. NAVIGATORS OFTEN TREATED THE BOOK AS THEIR MOST PRIZED POSSESSION. ITALIAN NAVIGATORS CALLED THEIR BOOK 'PORTO LANO'. IN 1595 DUTCH SAILOR, JAN HUYGEN VAN LICHSCHOTEN PUBLISHED HIS 'RUTTER' WHICH GAVE DIRECTIONS TO THE EAST-INDIES-THIS INFO. HAD BEEN KEPT SECRET BY THE PORTUGUESE FOR NEARLY 100 YEARS. DUTCH & ENGLISH SHIPS WERE SOON BOUND FOR THE INDIES USING HIS RUTTER.



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What Are The Millards Doing Now?

In 1998 Judy and Aubrey Millard set out in Veleda to sail until they got tired of it. So far, they are still sailing. Currently in the Gulf of Mexico, here are some reports from Aubrey (the chronicler) that he places before his latest formal logs sent by email. After hundreds of logs, they are still coming. Here are some of his latest observations in reverse chronological order.

Fronteras, Rio Dulce, Guatemala—
March 29, 2012

This gets us down to the treacherous entry into an atoll off the Mexican coast. I felt the tension again. It is scary stuff when entering shoal waters with unreliable chart information.

We leave next Monday morning, April 2 for Toronto. Our trip back will not be direct as we will take four days before getting to Toronto. We will spend a couple of days at Tikal and Flores here in Guatemala before catching a bus to Belize City, and another bus to the Cancun airport in Mexico from where we will fly directly to Toronto.

Anchored off RAM Marine,
Fronteras, Rio Dulce, Guatemala—
March 28, 2012

We are just lazing here at anchor off this marina where we can access, free of charge, their WiFi. Happiness is having access to the internet from the boat. The town of Fronteras is also called Rio Dulce, after the river system on which it is located. Within a short dinghy ride we have access to fuel docks, where we can purchase water as well. Across the river we can tie up our dinghy at Bruno's Marina and a short 100 yard walk gets us into the hurly burly of the main drag of the town.

We have finalized our location for leaving Veleda for about seven months while we return to Canada and take our trip with the trailer up to the Yukon and Alaska some time towards the end of May. We will be back for the Easter weekend and live in our trailer while back.

I heard that there is a display of Mayan culture at the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto until April 11. Judy and I want to see it when we are back. ▲

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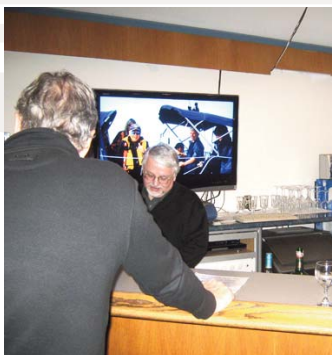
Lynda de Jonge van der Halen

ON A WARM EVENING in March, a social sign up event was held at TH&SC. Members interested in helping out with the social events were invited to find out what is planned and to sign up to help out in a variety of ways, such as setting up tents, bar tending, food prep and serving, decorating, planning events, selling tickets, helping with Sailpast, providing dessert for Canada Day, and being ready to help host the big regatta planned for the weekend of August 10, 11 and 12.

Many jobs were selected by those attending the party. If you are looking for ways to help your club, check out the Ways and Means binder in the clubhouse and the TH&SC website for job postings related to the social activities of the club as well as jobs posted by the Harbour Master and by the Property Manager. Rear Commodore Greg Smith will be providing more information about the regatta and sending out schedules and requests for people able to help out with the regatta.



Longtime crew member Lorne Vineberg offered to play the fiddle as we socialized with a 'touch of the Irish' and he was joined by Mike Smith and Chris Hanson with their voices and guitars and Mel and Jack dancing a jig!



Peter was kept busy behind the bar making Irish coffee. (The

dishwasher was once again put to good use!) Several 'wannabee' social committee members jumped right in and helped set out food, whip the cream, and keep the buffet table well stocked. Thanks to all who attended!

Please mark **Saturday May 12** on your calendar for the Beer Commodore's event. All racers and all club members are invited to this event to kick off the 'in water' boating season, with a special invitation extended to senior and crew members who have recently joined TH&SC.

Sailpast on **Saturday June 9** is traditionally the gala event of the year. Tickets will be for sale at Launch on May 5 (cash, cheque or credit card). Several people have signed up to help out with some of the specific tasks; more help will be needed. Please check the Ways and Means binder or online listing of jobs or email social@thsc.ca to offer your assistance on **Friday June 8** (morning, afternoon or evening set up) or on **Saturday June 9** (details will be provided).

Sunday July 1 Plan to celebrate Canada Day on the waterfront. Invite friends and family to join you on your boat or at the clubhouse. Come early as the area will be hopping with picnics, volleyball, strollers and 'Red, White and Vinyl' in the parks. There is a splash pad for the kids across the road from the Boardwalk Pub.

Have your club membership handy as access at Coxwell and Lakeshore can be limited due to traffic congestion even by early afternoon. Dessert will be provided at the clubhouse around 6 p.m. Fireworks will light up the sky over Woodbine Beach after dusk. ▲

