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Peregrine

Wheatstone's catamaran in
San Maarten—Photo by Marie Evans



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Calendar

Racing Rules Night—Wednesday, April 24—UK Sails will make a presentation about the changes in the racing rules and review the basics.

Launch Day—Saturday, May 4—It will be here before you know it—at 7 a.m.

Warm-Up Race—Wednesday, May 8—Make sure all the bits are operating properly.

Race 1 Series 1—Wednesday, May 15—Come out for racing and get more enjoyment from your boat, as well as learning to sail it better. First gun at 18:30

Ice Breaker Race—Saturday, May 18—Skipper's Meeting at 11:00 a.m. And then warm up at the Beer Commodore's Event on your return.

Beer Commodore's Event—Saturday, May 18—A great party to start the summer season.

Race 2 Series 1—Wednesday, May 22—Come out for racing and get more enjoyment from your boat, as well as learning to sail it better. First gun at 18:30.

Race 3 Series 1—Wednesday, May 29—Come out for racing and get more enjoyment from your boat, as well as learning to sail it better. First gun at 18:30.

Race 4 Series 1—Wednesday, June 5—Come out for racing and get more enjoyment from your boat, as well as learning to sail it better. First gun at 18:30.

SAILPAST—Saturday, June 8—The biggest and best event of the year!

Race 5 Series 1—Wednesday, June 12—Come out for racing and get more enjoyment from your boat, as well as learning to sail it better. First gun at 18:30.

Canada Day Family Evening Event—Monday, July 1—Celebrate Canada's Birthday at your Club.

Summer Blast Regatta and Sailor's BBQ—July 13th & 14th—It will be here before you know it.

Corn Roast—August 31st—A summer's end party for everyone. There will be posters and information closer to the event.

LAUNCH DAY

Saturday, May 4

**Be at the clubhouse
by 7 a.m.**

**See the Social report
on page 7 for details
about breakfast and lunch**

Racing Rules Night

Wednesday, April 24


7:00 p.m.

**UK Sails will present a seminar
covering the 2013 update of the
Rules for Racing
See Rear Commodore's report
on page 5**

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John Edwards

Speaking of being ready for launch, I trust those who haven't yet shown proof of insurance are preparing to do so on or prior to launch day. We will need to see proof of liability insurance prior to your boat being lifted. Proof of insurance has always been an obligation for those

That's all for my report. See you at the Club. 

Steve Brown

On the serious side. Launch Day May 4th There will be a sign in sheet and there's also going to be a list

Looking forward to seeing all of you. Let's have a great launch and a perfect sailing season. 

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A man in a white shirt and blue shorts is steering a boat. A large green sea turtle is visible on the side of the boat.

A group of seven people, four men and three women, are seated around a long wooden table in a restaurant. They are all smiling at the camera. The table is set with glasses, plates, and napkins. The background shows other patrons and warm, ambient lighting.

WAYS AND MEANS

David "Wayz" Johnston
Neal "Meanz" Claassen

A BIG THANK YOU to all of you who attended the Social Ways and Means Night on March 15. This was the first time that we tried this event, and the turn-out was fabulous. The fact that Peter was handing out free drinks and his Supertest Irish coffees made it so that everyone was in a great mood, and generous in signing up for countless jobs for the busy year ahead.

This was the first opportunity for the membership to see what work needs to be done, and we have already decided to make this an annual event. Although many jobs have now been assigned, there is still plenty of work to sign up for.

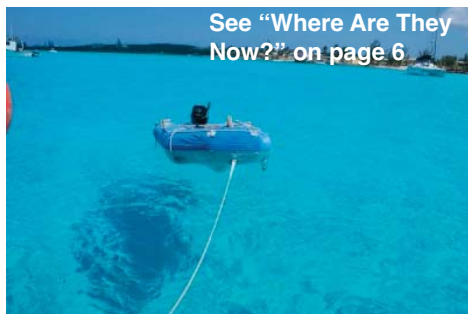
The "Book of Jobs" has been returned to the weather station. You can go and review it if you are looking for ways to get your 16 hours of work assignments fulfilled, so that you can get back to the important business of sailing.

We already have more jobs planned for the year than the total club requirement, so no one has the excuse that there are no suitable jobs. Besides checking the book it is really helpful to ask the officers which jobs are of the highest priority. For social committee jobs speak to Lynda—for Property jobs speak to Randy—for dock work speak to Steve—and speak to Greg if you can help the race committee with the big races.

One job that needs to be done before launch is to Power Wash the Docks on Friday May 3rd. To have the goose poop gone before launch doesn't just make launch nicer, it makes walking the docks safer. This job is also in the book, but since I don't expect a run on the book for Goose Poop duty, please let us know if you can do this.

See you at launch.

Neal "Wayz and Meanz" Claassen. ▲



See "Where Are They Now?" on page 6

VICE COMMODORE

Robert McComb

IT'S ALMOST HERE! No, not your latest issue of S&M Digest. Launch Day you silly. Saturday May 4th. In spite of the obvious anger of the weather gods many members are happily working on their nautical babies or doing their best not to fall off the docks helping Steve Brown, our new and taller Harbour-Master. I've not started on my own boat yet but nobody has ever accused me of being overly industrious, or bright, come to think of it.

I will be changing the gate code after launch so it behooves everyone who wants the code to notify me of any email changes. In fact, I would like you to tell me about any information changes you have in regards to address, phone, email or plans such as launching or not launching. Last minute information is a pain in the butt to react to.

For crew members who have not paid their yearly fees their emails will be removed from our list and their gate keys deactivated so please pay your bill now. I hate seeing former crew members clinging to the gate like lost cats, tears streaming down their cheeks with useless key-fobs in their grubby little hands and because they won't be receiving any more Spar & Prop issues they will also be joining the ranks of the uninformed. Pay your bill, stay enlightened, protected and loved.

On launch I will have 2013 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 theirs or for some reason they did not receive their plastic cards. If this is your situation please notify me by email at rem32145@gmail.com and I will fix you up with a new one.

Lastly, let us talk about boat insurance. No, not mine. Yours. If we don't see it before launch you will not be going in. Period. End of story. So please get it to us or show it to a board member.

That's it for me, See you at the boatyard. ▲

SEICHE

by Dave Johnston

A HOY, I had a visit the other day from an old friend of mine, a geographer by trade.

Whilst chatting with Don about seiches and such I was made aware of previous issues on our lake.

Rosey and I went to the club on Monday, March 16th, 2013 to check out the water level and just be at the club. While we were looking at the water level in our bay we noticed the small current coming into our basin. Within 15 minutes the water level had risen 6 inches.

In the past I have yelled "SEECH", which was my pronunciation of these lovely little ebbs and flows on our lake. Dr. Don pointed out to me that the proper pronunciation should be "SEE-ETCH". The word itself is spelled seiche.

Standing on the wall at our club, and watching millions of gallons of water flowing in was heartening but sadly, most of the water flowed back out again.

These seiches happen when storm fronts move over our area. Low pressure allows the water level to increase at the centre of the storm system. These seiches also occur during a long lasting wind event.

As boat owners, we all whine and complain about lake level issues. Up, down, do we need a dredge?

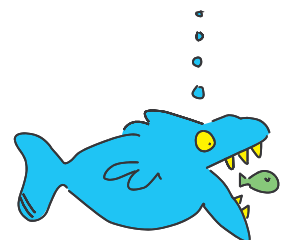
What happens when the water stops?

Almost to the day, 165 years ago, the Niagara River stopped. No water over the falls, nothing. If you lived in Niagara Falls in 1848, you would have thought that the world as you knew it had come to an end.

As it turned out, it was an ice jam at the mouth of the Niagara River that stopped the flow. For almost three days the river did not roar into Lake Ontario.

My thanks to my old friend Don Lloyd for his inspiration and to his wife Joyce for putting up with us.

Sandy Bottoms. ▲



REAR COMMODORE

Greg Smith

WELCOME TO SPRING!

Mind you, it's been a cold, damp, windy start to the season with not much to celebrate other than Launch is a few short weeks away. Judging by the number boats still cocooned in their winter covers, there's going to be a last minute rush to get the boats ready—fingers crossed for a string of warm, sunny days.

As mentioned in my February S&P report, our programs and events are in place. As with every season, there are last minute requests that require small changes to the schedule. I would remind everyone to check the club's website for the latest updates to our 2013 events schedule as well as the calendar in this publication.

We had a full house for the March 15th Social/Ways & Means evening. The highlight of the evening was Peter's Irish Coffees—sold out in the first hour. I know Peter's recently retired, but I would suggest he consider opening an Irish pub to earn some extra shillings—could be profitable Peter.

The evening allowed members to preview the various projects and events planned for 2013 season and sign-up for the member's required work hours in advance. At the time of this report the Race Committee is looking to fill positions on the Committee boat and *Mac 1* for the Alberge and Summer Blast regattas. Please contact me if you are interested in working these events.

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

April 24th—Racer's Rules Meeting and Sail Measurements.

UK Sails experts will present the 2013 changes to the rules of racing at 7:00 P.M. Beer and Burgers will be served at 6:30—everyone welcome.

To view the study version, please visit

www.sailing.org/documents/racingrules/rrs2013-2016-study-version.php

At the end of the evening, the TH&SC will make a \$500.00 donation on behalf of UK Sails to the Broad Reach Program. For more information on this wonderful program, please visit www.sailbroadreach.ca

May 8th—Warm-up Race

May 18th—Ice Breaker Race (one week later this year)

May 18th—Beer Commodore's Social

May 18th—Cruise to Bluffers

June 8th—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 2013 Launch. See you around the boatyard.

N43° 39.610 W79° 18.812

Same Spot / Different Day



Did you miss one of our canopies?
There's the frame. That was some gust of wind!

PROPERTY MGR.

Randy Boyd

IHOPE EVERYBODY has had a good off season and lucky for those who managed to get away and do some winter sailing south. For others they are anticipating the up coming season and can't wait to start tinkering with their boats.

We have replaced the fridge in Scuttlebutt through a kind donation from Don Bland so cold beer is again possible at Shadow Executive meetings.

Things are starting to warm up and the sailors are coming out of their winter hideaways once again.

The bins are on the property to dispose of the wood frames and shrink wrap material from the club. These are not a convenient place to put all the junk from home and we are watching.

The spring commissioning has begun and we need to respect the environment and properly dispose of our oil and antifreeze in the provided containers. Please don't mix them up because they won't take them and it gets very expensive.

Looking forward to seeing old friends at the club again and getting to the business of sailing.

FLOTSAM & JETSAM

Shadow

Lake Ontario 300

This year the Lake Ontario 300 will start on Saturday, July 13th. It will have the same two courses with the longer course travelling approximately 300 miles around the shoreline of Lake Ontario.

America's Cup World Series—Naples

Starting on April 16th, the AMCWS will return to Naples, Italy. Check www.americascup.com for video of all the racing.

34th America's Cup in San Francisco

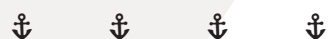
It's America's Cup summer this year. The action will span July 4th to September 21st. First the Louis Vuitton Cup and then the USA vs the winner of the Louis Vuitton Cup. All this in the magnificent San Francisco Bay.

New Zealand AC 72

The NZ 72-foot America's Cup catamaran is called *Aotearoa*. The name is the Maori name for New Zealand.



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EAVESTROUGH RACE

by Jamie Smallwood

I'll Huff and I'll Puff at the TH&SC Eavestrough Race Championship—Sail Past 2013

FOR THE PAST number of years TH&SC has run an Eavestrough Race on an ad hoc basis. For those who are not familiar with this event, here is the concept.

The race course consists of two water filled ten foot sections of PVC eavestrough mounted to either side of a picnic bench. The "yachts" are custom made by the contestants using the following items: A "one design" Styrofoam hull blank, a wood skewer for the mast, an air mail envelope for the sail, and five roofing nails for ballast. Also included are dental floss for rigging, and air mail stickers for attachment points. Communally available are scissors, razor blades, and markers. The kits will be available immediately after the blessing of the fleet and are on a first come basis with limited supply. See Jamie on *Fauvette* B20 for your kit.

Teams are formed consisting of any number of people, but only two are designated as "blowers". The rest of the team is involved in the design and assembly of their yacht.

The course will be open for practice, testing and modifications for a limited amount of time. A draw will be made to determine starting times. Two teams shall run at one time. Each team shall have two runs consisting of two lengths of the course on alternate sides. The boats are tacked by one of the team members when it reaches end of the trough. It is up to each team to decide if they use one "blower" or two at a time. The top eight best times are used in a round robin race off. Some races are won by the tenth of a second. Protests will be judged on the water by our select panel of judges. The cheering will be deafening!

The winning team will be crowned the **2013 TH&SC Eavestrough Race Champions!**

Prizes will also be awarded for best yacht design

This event is sanctioned by the **International Eavestrough Sailing**

FLEET CAPTAIN CRUISING

James Perrault

Best laid plans...

AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT, the cruise schedule that Albert and I put together for this year has run into a couple of deadheads. We have both been attempting to get a response from Tuscarora Yacht Club in Wilson, NY since January for a long weekend cruise. Unfortunately, we just received a response and they are fully booked that weekend. Additionally, the Toronto Island Marina office became occupied as of last week. Our cruise request for the June 15-16 weekend was given a tentative status. Apparently, boaters are booking slips for the entire season at a rapid pace and I have been told that if bookings continue at the same rate, they will be fully booked for the entire season.

While we're disappointed in the turn of events, we will move forward and press on. We currently have a request into Queen City Yacht Club for the June 15 weekend and should have an answer by the time you're reading this. Regardless, we will have a cruise to the Island that weekend. With Wilson out of the picture for the August long weekend, we will work to fill that slot as soon as possible. We will keep you posted.

For those of you that are on Facebook, we have a fantastic Facebook page for TH&SC that James Haley has put together. The site is a great forum to post photos and keep in touch with other members. Additionally, the cruises for the season are all posted in the events section for an up to date view.

2013 CRUISING SCHEDULE:

- May 18-19: Bluffer's Park Yacht Club reciprocal cruise (get your masts up...quick!!)
- June 15-16: Toronto Island Cruise
- June 22-23: Rum Runner Race/ Cruise to Highland Yacht Club
- July 20-21: Macassa Bay Yacht Club (Hamilton)—Rib Fest & Entertainment
- August 3-5: Wild Card Cruise
- August 17-18: EYC/Race de Voyageurs cruise



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Dennis and Christine MacCallum *The Big Turn...North*

As usual. Sunny and hot 86F
04/03/2013, Black Point Settlement, Exumas

Located approximately halfway up (or down!) the Exuma chain, this place reeks of paradise. I know that I have said that before, maybe about every place we have been, but this one so far ties for first place. Just another small community, of less than 300 polite and generous people, happy with their lot in life. Located in a bay where the water is so clear you would not hesitate, except for its saline content, to pick up a glass and drink it. There is nowhere in the whole harbour that you cannot make out every lump on the bottom, in water that is over ten feet deep. You become mesmerized by the shadow of your boat and dinghy on the bottom.

<http://www.sailblogs.com/member/chances/>

Chris and Elizabeth Hanson

Black Point—24° 05.75 N / 76° 24.5 W
Thursday, April 4, 2013

We have slowly been working our way north since our last log entry. We spent 5 days anchored off Monument Beach near *Seahawk* (Wendy & Burry), friends we got acquainted with when we were up at Warderick Wells at the end of February. Anticipating another weather front we sailed up the short 12 miles back to Emerald Bay Marina, where we got caught up in chores and laundry. The MacCallums (*Chances*) were also here with family visiting from PEI.



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SOCIAL CHAIR

Lynda de Jonge van der Halen

THERE WAS A GOOD turn out for the **Ways and Means Social/Job Fair** on March 15—could have been the Irish coffee, free food and drinks, even the desire to sign up early for one's choice of jobs, or the opportunity to catch up and socialize with fellow members.

Many members did sign up for jobs but there are many more jobs that are still available. If you were unable to attend on March 15, you will be able to check the Ways and Means binder in the OOD corner in the clubhouse. A special welcome and thank you to the new/recent members in attendance who asked questions and signed up for several jobs.

As VC Robert McCoomb had the tickets for Sailpast already printed, we were able to sell some tickets and take reservations for dinner at our big Sailpast event, Saturday June 8. *About 70 people have already bought or reserved their Sailpast tickets at \$35 each. Tickets will also be on sale at Launch on May 4 and on May 18. Cash, cheque or credit card. Please come prepared!*

Those who have reserved tickets may pick up their tickets once payment has been made. *You may indicate your preference for inside or outside seating and let us know with whom you'd like to sit.* Your requests will be honoured, subject to availability. Please contact your friends and make your reservations as soon as possible, especially if you have a large group.

Launch Day is Saturday May 4! A tasty breakfast and lunch menu has been planned at very reasonable costs!

In order to make the Social events successful, help is needed behind the scenes as well as on the day of events and for clean up after events. *PLEASE check the . Social job listings and find a way that you can help out, in big or small ways.*

Two weeks after Launch is **May 18, the date for the Ice Breaker Race and the Rear/Beer Commodore's Meet and Greet party with a Tex Mex menu this year.** A low cost meal and free beer and wine for two hours. Plan to attend and find how you can help.

Saturday June 8 is our big event of the year, SAILPAST!

Sailpast ticket requests after May 20 (up to May 30) will be \$40 each.

Many, many more helpers will be needed for set up on the Friday and lots of help Saturday and a few for clean up on Sunday morning.

Back by popular demand at Sailpast will be the eavestrough races. Jamie Smallwood will provide the details!

After the on the water Sailpast, plan to mix and mingle on the patio and lawn with friends and family. The Commodore will be serving punch for the adults. There will be a variety of familiar and new activities, such as the eavestrough races, crafts and bubbles. Help your kids make a 'pet rock', a 3-D model of a boat, some origami, or just play around on the grass. Drinks and snacks available. Supper will be provided (free) for the children in the children's area while the adults are dining on the patio (\$35 each until May 20).

Children 12 and under are free when eating in the children's area with our kid wranglers. Please sign up at

social@thsc.ca or on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board at TH&SC.

Please plan to supervise your children after dinner. Teens and tweens are welcome to watch a DVD on the third floor or hang out and chat or squeeze in with family members on the patio and balcony and enjoy the dance! There will even be a dance contest for the younger folks as well as the more 'mature' members! Check out the internet for some cool retro moves or up to date hip hop and—anything goes. We have Arden and the Tourists back by popular demand!

The full schedule of events has been posted on the club bulletin board.

Come out and enjoy Toronto Hydroplane and Sailing Club, both on and off the water for the 2013 boating season! ▲

SAILPAST TICKETS

ON SALE

FOR \$35 UNTIL MAY 20

Available in person at Launch May 4 and at the Meet and Greet event on May 18

Also available online at social@thsc.ca

Please give your name and your preference for inside

or outside seating and the number of tickets you wish to buy.

You may indicate with whom you would prefer to be seated.

(Subject to availability at time of booking).

You will receive an email confirmation within two or three days.

\$40 EACH IF RESERVED FROM MAY 21 TO MAY 30

Thursday May 30 is the final day to order tickets or change your original order.

