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Canada day at these was a wonderfull family affair which included cake, cupcakes and lori, kailie, vivienne and clara.



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Calendar

Summer Blast Regatta—August 11–12—An Open Regatta. Our first Open Regtta. Members, come and help. Racers, come and enjoy.

Cruise/Race to Etobicoke Yacht Club—August 18—"Race de Voyageurs" is the race component. A great destination west of Toronto. Skipper's meeting at 11.

Race 5–Series 3—August 22—Last race of the summer series of three, five-race series. For the next four weeks the schedule calls for make-up races for those cancelled or not completed this summer. Don't forget the earlier start time—6:15.

Cruise to Dalhousie Yacht Club—September 8–9—Across the lake this time. Lots of company for those going the first time.

Bluffer's Challenge—Saturday, September 1—Race to Bluffer's Park buoy and back to the Club for the Corn Roast. A wonderful way to start Fall. Skipper's meeting at 11.

Corn Roast—Saturday, September 1—An annual treat for everyone. See poster here and at the Clubhouse.

Frostbite Race—Saturday, September 15—If the weather continues warm it will be sunscreen, not woolen sweaters. Skipper's meeting at 11.

Election Meeting—Monday, September 24—Please attend this important meeting where half the Executive Board will be elected. The usual 7 p.m. start. See Proxy form in this issue of Spar and Prop if you are unable to attend.

Turkey Race—Saturday, September 29—Prepare for Thanksgiving. But there could be a few surprises. Check with race captain. Skipper's meeting at 11.

Cradle Placement—Saturday, October 6—No cars in the yard. There must be room to place the cradles.

Thanksgiving Dinner—Saturday, October 6—See signup posters at the Clubhouse. A great time to get together.

HAULOUT—Saturday and Sunday, October 13–14—Watch the bulletin board for your work day and assignment. Any question? Contact the Harbourmaster.

Awards Night—Saturday, November 17—Come and applaude the winners. Enjoy the evening. Tickets are available at Haulout. Watch for posters.

Kids' Christmas Party—Sunday, November 25—No cars in the yard. There must be room to place the cradles.

HAULOUT

Saturday and Sunday
October 13th and 14th

See bulletin board for your day and work assignment

Be at the Clubhouse by 7:00 a.m. for the Harbourmaster's Meeting

CORN ROAST

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER IST

SEE POSTERS

Election Meeting monday, September 24th 7 pm.

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

John Edwards

S I SIT DOWN to write this I'm forced to realize that our sailing season is at the half way mark. However with the great weather we have had this year it means the cup is still very much half full. Plenty of time left to get out and enjoy our boats and club events.

Speaking of Club events, by the time you read this our biggest sailing event Summer Blast will have taken place. This has taken a huge amount of planning and while I do not wish to miss anyone I would like to thank Greg Smith, John Morris and Glen Eddy for their work in putting this event together. There are many others involved in contributing to this event and I wish to thank them all.

It is time for me to catch up on the events of this spring. As most are now aware due to personal reasons Rose and I unable to attend our Sailpast and would like to thank the executive for covering for me during this time. The Club's understanding and support during this period was most appreciated.

Time for an update on the Lease situation. At our meeting with the City an agreement to return to the prior termination language was reached. Further to this an agreement in principle was reached to add wording that would more clearly define the circumstances that would trigger the termination clause. At present it is clear that the money needed to make any major changes to our basin is not available.

I would like to thank Glen Eddie whose work on the Not for Profit committee has result in a detailed game plan for the executive to use as we prepare for changing legislation that will affect how our Club operates and reports to the membership. I know that Glen put many hours of research into putting this document together. Thank's Glen for a job well done.

This is the time to remind everyone that our elections will soon be here. Several positions will be coming up: Vice Commodore, Harbour Master and Treasurer. Maybe this is the year to stand up and make a major contribution to the Club by helping plan and implement our agenda. If this is not the year for you, keep in mind my term ends in 18 months.

Cheers All and fair winds.

VICE COMMODORE

Robert McComb

HOPE YOU ARE ENJOYING our very hot and at least until the last couple of weeks, dry summer so far. Even the rain we've experienced seems to be of the short, intense variety with a huge deluges coming down and very often over night. All in all it's been a great summer. This is a slower time for my job although it's been a fairly busy year as new members joining the club is concerned and if we had slips to offer we could easily be in the double digits. So far in 2012 we have had four new sailing members and eleven crew. If you see them please welcome—Phil Birkenheier, Murdo Moody, Jean Philippe Avon, and George Tsapoitis as the new sailing members and— Bartek Bielny, Brad Bates, David de Jonge van der Halen, Kevin Hawkswwll, Peter Jasniewsk, Sam Masri, William Moody, Terry Pasieka, Mark Vandenburg and Tom Walkom our new crew members. Our club is overfull and even with three boats heading south in August we will remain so.

On September 24th three executive board positions come up for election. Harbour Master, Treasurer and my job, Vice Commodore. I would encourage you to consider running. The reason the club is the affordable, friendly place it is, is because fellow members step forward to do the work and organization that is necessary. If you can find the time and feel you could do any of these jobs it would be much appreciated and I'm sure you'd find it a rewarding experience. The incumbents and board members past and present will ease your transition into the jobs and you are free to delegate some of your responsibilities that other members can use as work hours. I have asked Richard to include a blank proxy in this issue of Spar & Prop and though it would be best if you came to the September24th meeting yourself you may find for some reason you can't make it. In that unfortunate case please assign your proxy to a Sailing, Life or Executive Board member you trust and you know will be present at the meeting. The club needs you to be involved so please put this on your to do list.

That's all for now. Enjoy the season and see you at the Summer Blast.

REAR COMMODORE

Greg Smith

THEN THE Editor & Chief of the Spar & Prop sends out his August email reminder that my S&P report is due, it always creates a state of alarm. For me, it's a reminder that the end of summer is near. Our busy lives and short Canadian summer make it a challenge to find time on the water. Suddenly, we realize that only a few weekends remain during the summer of 2012. I encourage everyone to find time in your busy schedule to get out on the lake and enjoy what left of summer.

Early in January, on a cold winter's night, Glen Eddie, John Morris, and myself met to start planning process of creating and hosting a regatta at the TH&SC. Our objective was "to create the regatta experience of the summer at a reasonable cost with a long list of highlights." Hosting an event of this kind is full of challenges and land mines. The first hurdle was finding a suitable date without calendar conflicts; choosing the right weekend to host a regatta is a key to its success.

Once the date is set, then come the squalls of emails, phone calls, and meetings in an effort to make all the pieces of this nautical puzzle fall into place. I'm pleased to report that on the August 10th–12th weekend, the TH&SC successfully hosted the inaugural 2012 Summer Blast Regatta. The TH&SC Summer Blast was just that—a blast! The rain clouds cleared for the Friday night BBQ and registration, and it turned out to be a wonderful summer's evening.

However, Saturday's weather was quite different. High winds and large swells made for an unpleasant day on the water, and the Race Committee decided to postpone the racing after the completion of the first race. At 2:00 p.m., in the afternoon, in the interest of safety, I made the decision to cancel all races for the remainder of Saturday. The weather remained unstable for most of the day producing periods of rain, dark clouds, and sun showers.

The decision to move the evening event inside or take our chances with the weather Gods was a difficult one. In the end, the decision was to thumb our noses at the weather and keep the event outdoors. At six o'clock, the Urban Smoke truck moved in and

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HARBOURMASTER

Bob Prospe

HAVE ONLY ONE DISLIKE when it comes to summer. I dislike how it just flies by. I'm lucky because I've been able to get out sailing a number of times greater than the number of fingers on both hands. I'm grateful for that. Our new dog "Keeley" has adapted well to the boat and is comfortable both under sail as well as just lounging at the dock.

This summer must be one of the warmest I can remember. Some days with extreme heat and humidity brings us much excitement at the end of that day when Mother Nature decides to show her stuff with high winds, thunder and lightning, and torrential rains. There is still some great sailing to be had so I encourage all of you to take advantage of the great weather.

It seems everything is in full swing in preparing for the big regatta coming up. There are many things to consider and I am confident everything will be come together just the way it should. Much assistance is needed in making this regatta a success. If you have some free time to assist with this event, we would greatly appreciate it. August 10, 11, 12 are the days of this event. Social will need assistance and we will also need help with placing all the boats coming into our club to race. There will be a few hiccups in placing boats and rafting will be required. We will need extra people to assist with this process as well as assisting members in and out of their slips because of the close proximity of the racers. Other clean-up jobs are also available to prepare the clubhouse, patio, and grounds for this event. This event is not just for racers. Come on down and party with us. Participate and in doing so, you contribute to your club.

While the water levels continue to drop, I don't anticipate any major issues. Boats are still coming into the pump-out area and the continuous traffic certainly helps in that we are self dredging. I will keep an eye on the wall areas between the docks and if it appears to be problematic for haulout, then I am prepared to take measures.

Thanks to those members who have been discovering small issues with docks and fingers and simply taking the initiative to fix them. I have plans to replace many of the aging water supply lines to the docks and

some of you may experience a temporary interruption in water supply. Please be patient with us.

I look forward to seeing you at the Club and out on the water. Cheers everyone!

Your Harbourmonster. Bob Prosper





Moving Sale ...

Water Music is for sale due to a job transfer. Great boat ... in great shape. 1995 Catalina 30 Mk III tall rig with bowsprit, walk-through transom and beautiful interior. Asking \$49,000. Contact Rob at 416-757-4276 or catalina4sale@rogers.com for details.



SUMMER IS IN FULL SWING and the club is hopping. By the time you read this we will have had our Summer Blast and I want to thank all that helped groom the club for the event.

We have had a few challenges this year with the building's plumbing but we are getting the bugs worked out. The new Wifi gear has arrived and will be installed possibly by the time you

read this. There are still lots of jobs to do and your help and support is needed. Enjoy the rest of your season and boat safe.





FLEET CAPTAIN CRUISING

James Perrault

HANK YOU TO EVERYONE that has supported the Cruising Season so far this year. My goal has been to make a couple of minor changes from the regular format to see club response.

The first Toronto Island Marina Cruise was an overwhelming success with a full contingent of 15 boats and close to 50 total attendees. Members were scattered throughout the Marina on Saturday night dancing to the live band on the Marina patio, hanging on their boats with a beautiful view of the city or relaxing on the beach with some acoustic music by the bonfire.

Greg Smith and the crew of *Trevor Kane* won the Rum Runner Race/Cruise to Highland Yacht Club. When there's a prize of alcohol involved, this team really comes together.

Dinner was fantastic and the atmosphere could not have been better. Mike Smith serenaded us into the night with some Irish Folk songs and the rest of us supported by drinking like the Irish.

All reports were that the Frenchman's Bay Cruise was a beautiful sail and a great location (except for all of the weeds in the bay). Frenchman's Bay is very inviting but it doesn't like you to leave.

There are still two cruises left on the docket for this season.

Cruise Countdown:

- August 18: EYC/Race de Voyageurs cruise
- September 8-9: Pirate Cruise to Dalhousie Yacht Club

The Race de Voyageurs Cruise to Etobicoke Yacht Club always has a good turnout of racers and cruisers. It would be nice to see this one full this year. A big thank you to Greg Smith for hosting this cruise.

I'm also looking for a host for the Port Dalhousie Cruise on September 8–9. If you're interested in the cruises this is a great way to meet fellow members and also, you get to decide what's for dinner. If you would like to be a host for this one, give me a call at 647-863-6391.

"Land was created to provide a place for boats to visit." – Brooks Atkinson

FROM PETER MARTYN, RECIPROCALS OFFICER

After nearly a decade, TH&SC has reestablished reciprocal privileges with Collins Bay Yacht Club, just west of Kingston.

The conditions, as outlined in their reciprocal letter, are as follows:

"Through the generosity and cooperation of Collins Bay Marina, we are able to participate in this reciprocal program. It is the Marina staff who greets and assigns visitors to available slips. The Yacht Club itself owns no slips, and is therefore limited in the number of reciprocating slips which can be made available.

CBYC Reciprocal Agreement:

- One (1) free night of docking (in any 7-day period) is available to visiting members of reciprocating clubs in the vacant slips of signed-out CBYC members.
- Reciprocal slips are assigned on a first come, first served basis and may not be reserved.
- Reservations are accepted for paid slips, in which case reciprocal privileges will be offered for the second night, if space is available.
- Requests for reciprocal privileges must be made upon arrival. (Refunds will not be granted to those requesting reciprocal privileges after a slip has been paid for).
- Additional nights are charged at \$1.50/ft.
- Visitors must arrive within the hours of operation of the Marina, which are as follows: Summer Hours: Monday to Thursday 8 to 6; Friday and Saturday 8 to 8; Sunday 8 to 7. Off Season (Spring & Fall) Hours: 8 to 5 daily.

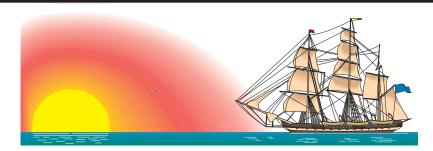
On arrival, visitors must:

• Register by contacting Collins Bay Marina staff who monitor VHF Channel 68.

The staff will meet you at the gas dock, located under the flags at the end of the break-wall near the entrance to the harbour.

- Present a current membership card in a recognized reciprocating club
- Fly their club burgee.

<u>Special Note:</u> CBYC is hosting the Eastern Yachting Circuit Regatta July 12-14, 2012 ... reciprocal dockage may not be available during this period.









Rear Commodore...

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everyone one dined on beef brisket, spicy salmon, tasty side dishes, and dessert.

After dinner, everyone gathered on the patio for a special presentation hosted by City TV's Breakfast Television Live Eye host Jennifer Valentyne. Jennifer emceed the presentation with her friendly, warm, charm and a touch of humor—hanks Janina for arranging this.

The presentation consisted of a \$500.00 donation on behalf of John Weakly to the Hans Fogh Fund (www.ontariosailing.ca). Mr. Weakly was our Race Officer for this event, and we were honoured to have one of the best Race Officials on the lake running the races. John made room in his busy schedule to help us with our event and left immediately after our Sunday awards to work the C.O.R.K regatta in Kingston—such dedication to the sailing community! In addition to the Hans Fogh donation, the club made a \$500.00 donation to Diane Reid's One Girls Ocean Challenge (www.onegirlsoceanchallenge.com)

We were delighted to have Diane sailing in the

Summer Blast Thunderbird fleet.

Diane will be sailing her Mini 650 in the 2013 Mini Transat Race—France To Guadeloupe; she comments "sailing with the Thunderbirds again feels like home." We wish Diane all the success in this incredible race.

After the presentation the Honey Runners band kicked in and played until midnight. I had many fine comments on the band and we'll be sure to have them return to the TH&SC. Sunday produced a spectacular day of sun, wind and awesome racing. The White Sail Fleet raced on the Kenny Deas Course and managed to get in two races, and the Thunderbirds sailed four races.

Congratulations to Jamie Carol (*Dark & Stormy*) who is this year's winners of the Kenny Deas Memorial cup. Congratulations to the Skipper and crew of *Rattle Ya Dags* who take the Thunderbird 2012 Districts. The day ended with awards, prizes, burgers and ice cold beer sponsored by our friends at Muskoka breweries.

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OFFICER OF THE DAY MANAGER

Rob Murray

Have You Ever Read ...?

We are now more than halfway through the 2012 season and thank you to all the members who have done your four-hour "tour of duty" as Officer of the Day (OOD) so far. A job well done!

When doing your OOD shift, have you ever taken the time to read the past entries in the black OOD logbook? Some entries are educational, some others entertaining. Here are some of them:

Not sailing weather!!

Customs officers checked visitor's log at 6:45. No one arrested.

Arrived 3:50 to find Canadian border services. They were here to check in American visitors who had called from their home port.

John Kenny "Midnight Blue" ... rescued all the crew from a war canoe, 10–12 people from the water and brought them safely to shore.

... food is dying in the fridge ...

Don B still in bad shape but happy. \triangle

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The Deadline for the OCTOBER issue of Spar & Prop is

September 30

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Adobe Acrobat Reader.

Available from our website.

Website address is

www.thsc.ca







Nauticals

ADMIRAL JOHN BYNG: IN 1765 AT THE OLITSET OF THE SEVEN YEARS WAR FRANCE ATTACKED THE BRITISH HELD MINORCA IN THE MEDITTERANEAN ADMIRAL BYNG HAD BEEN SENT WITH TEN POORLY MANNED & EQUIPPED SHIPS OF THE LINE TO RELIEVE THE ISLAND GARRISON, AFTER A MISMANAGED BATTLE WITH THE FRENCH SQUADRON, THE FRENCH TOOK THE ISLAND. BYNG RETURNED TO GIBRALTAR WHERE HE WAS COURT MARTIALED ON THE CHARGE OF NOT DOING HIS CITMOST IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ENEMY! HE WAS FOUND GUILTY! LATER ADMIRAL BYNG WAS TAKEN TO H.M.S. MONARCH, LED TO THE QUARTER-DECK KNELT DOWN ON A CUSHION, BLINDFOLDED HIMSELF. AND WAS SHOT BY FOUR ROYAL MARINES!

VOLTAIRE SATIRISED THE EXECUTION IN HIS NOVEL, CANDIDE'...IT IS GOOD TO KILL AN ADMIRAL PROM TIME TO TIME IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE THE OTHERS.









we saw flying overhead during race night on August 8th. A real piece of history.

Country Old, Country New! Denim, boots and cowboy hats welcome!



TH&SC Annual Corn Roast

Saturday September 1, 2012

5 p.m. Gather on the patio for drinks and corn husking

Special prices! Adults \$10.00 each (Kids \$3.00 hot dog or \$5.00 sausage)

*Bar opens at 5 (<u>Licensed event</u>)

*Dinner served 6:30 'ish'

Sausage on a bun (or vegetarian alternative).

Sausage on a bun (or vegetarian alternative), (hot dogs for kids), condiments, salads, corn Dessert with tea and coffee

Salad contest Prizes!

Surprise us with your favourite salad!

NEW!

<u>Open Stage</u> for members and guests with a musical inclination! Beginning at 5 p.m.

Bring along your guitar, fiddle, harmonica, spoons or accordion and entertain us!

Dancing

A return engagement by Bill Springate, professional DJ., with country hits and contemporary dance tunes. Special requests welcome.



Rear Commodore...

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Everyone had a BLAST and are looking forward to returning next year.

Special thanks to Glen Eddie and John Morris, without their help and contribution, it would have been impossible to produce this event. Also, thanks to our Race Committee, Richard Coutts, Tom Monson, Howie Glen, John Norton, Jack Hexham, Steve Brown and Randy Boyd. Thanks also to Phil Delahaye, Bob Prosper, and our Commodore John Edwards for helping wherever they were needed. Special thanks to Laurie Prosper who once again stepped up to help the club produce this event—we can't thank you enough!

In closing, I wish to thank all the members who offered their help and

assistance with the event. The club never looked better—it was great to see everyone taking pride in the club. The comments and feedback from the guests and racers were extremely positive; all the hard work did not go unnoticed.

A reminder about the upcoming Race Des Voyageurs / Cruise. Contact James, our cruising director, for more information.

Greg Smith N43° 39.610 W79° 18.812 Same Spot / Different Day.



More SUMMER BLAST











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THSC PROXY BALLOT

I, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge that I am a **Sailing** or **Life** member in good standing at THSC and that the person designated below has the authority to vote for me as they wish:

Date:
Designated Voter: (please print)
Member: (please print)
Signature of the Member:

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September 2012