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A perfect Summer's day



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# Calendar

Wild Card Cruise—August 3rd–5th—See Cruise Director for details.

Cruise to EYC/Race de Voyageurs—August 17th–18th—Race to Etobicoke YC, dinner, then stay if you want.

Bluffer's Challenge Race—Saturday, August 31st—A race to a buoy "near" Bluffer's Park and back. Then the Corn Roast. A great start to the long weekend. Skipper's meeting at 11 a.m.

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

**Frostbite Race—Saturday, September 14th—**The last distance race of the summer. Skipper's meeting at 11 a.m.

Turkey Race—Saturday, September 28th—See the posters for this one. It's different. Skipper's meeting at 12 noon.

TH&SC Elections—Monday, September 30th—Half the Executive Board will be elected today. Do you wish to help? Contact anyone on the Board for advice.

Cradle Placement—Saturday, October 12th—Cradles will be placed in their approximate locations. It is your duty to assemble it.

HAUL OUT—October 19–20—Check the bulletin board for the day your boat is to be hauled. Be in the Clubhouse at 7 a.m.

Awards Night—Saturday, November 16th—Come and cheer the winners. It's a great party and dinner.

Kid's Christmas Party—Saturday, November 30th—All kids are invited: daughter, sons, grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Annual General Meeting—Sunday, December 1st—Executive Board reports and all the business of your Club.

New Year's Levy—Wednesday, January 1st—A good day to come and hobnob with your friends, have a light lunch and complete the Holiday Season.

#### **HAULOUT**

October 19 and 20

Start time 7:00 a.m.

Breakfast items will be available

A hearty lunch will also be available

Election Meeting Monday, September 30th

Half the Executive will be elected Watch for info

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S I WRITE THIS there is a gentle rain falling outside. Not an uncommon experience this year...except maybe the gentle part. The Toronto Region has experienced a lot of major rain falls this season some of which has caused flooding and heavy damage. I certainly hope that our members have not suffered negatively from the impact of these storms. As for Rose and I, while living in an area close to some of the flooding we have suffered little more than a few minor power outages.

There has been a positive side to all this rain. Our water levels have come back up to more normal levels. This is the first year I can remember the water levels in our bay rising after launch day. This rise in water levels coupled with the preparations for dredging that appears to be happening should allow us to enjoy the balance of the season without concerns of running

aground.

Our club had a recent visit from Toronto Parks. Patrick McCabe a Representative from the Parks Department dropped by to provide revised language dealing with the changes we have asked for in our lease. He has provided an area map that shows the property we are presently occupying. There are some discrepancies with the map. We are occupying slightly more area than the lease speaks to. I am reviewing the lease language and the map discrepancies. The discrepancies will probably result in an increase in property tax we are paying. As for the lease language changes, I am in the process of comparing the language with our old lease and the previous draft lease. I'm sure the fine print will keep me out of trouble for a day or two.

At present the next meeting of the Ashbridges Bay Erosion and Sediment Control Project is being scheduled with dates offered in early September. The object of this project is to offer a more permanent solution to our silt problem than annual dredging.

I am hoping to give a more complete report on these items at our Election Meeting scheduled for September 25. I trust you have all set this date aside and plan on attending. We have only a few opportunities

during the year when all the membership can come together to discuss the issues that impact us. A democratic club can only work with everyone participation. I hope to see you all at the Club.



Canada day art



#### PROPERTY MGR. Randy Boyd

THE SUMMER is in full swing and the club is a busy place. The usual volunteers have stepped up to make the club the great place it is. We need others to do their part and go the extra distance to chip in. If you owe work hours, please step up and if you have done them already thank you.

Check with Neal, there are lots of things to do around the club and docks. This is your club and you can make a difference, be a solution and not a problem.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and see you at the club.

### **VICE COMMODORE**

Robert McComb

'N THE LAST Spar & Prop I promised you wonderful weather for the rest of the summer. Okay, was a little off. I guess maybe I stretched the truth a bit. Well, maybe a lot. It's definitely been a wetter and cooler summer than most and for my terrible fib I plan to go out and buy myself a new hair shirt. One that's waterproof and warm of course.

Our waiting list for moorings now stands at four with more strong inquiries coming all the time as our club continues to be a popular place to be a part of. Our total membership Sailing and Crew is 207.

On Monday, September 30 our club elections take pace with the positions of Commodore, Rear Commodore and Property Manager coming open. It would be really great to see lots of people vying for all these important positions. You know what I mean. A real election with knock down drag out campaigns full of passion and outrageous lies and promises. Politics is such a blood sport so I ask you. Are a couple of nasty bruises too much to ask for?

I'm kidding of course, but I would encourage you to step forward and run. The positions are not that difficult and I have found it to be a very rewarding experience and lets face it, if I can do the job an A-list person like yourself would ace it. I promise you, the incredible power you get with these jobs will corrupt you completely and believe me, being completely corrupted is a wonderful experience. So run. You will thank me later.

I will be emailing out proxies before the election and I will have some around the bulletin board and if for some reason you can't attend please fill out the proxy with the name of a person that you know will be there such as an Executive Board Officer and then leave it at the club.

That's all I have for now, see you at the club.



#### **WAYS AND MEANS**

Neal Claasser

I'M SURE I'm not the only person to say this, but boy has this summer ever flown by. A new boat, three rapidly growing boys and a growing business could be the opening line of a joke.

Meanwhile, at the club, life goes on. Races and cruises are enjoyed by all and the parties are a blast. Then you realize that you haven't put in the required 16 hours of work time and the season is almost done. PANIC!

By the time you are reading this there will probably be a list on the notice board showing who still needs to complete their hours and how many hours are to be completed. If you find you've done work and I did not record it, just email or call me and we'll straighten it out.

If you have an idea for work that needs to be done, get in touch and I will check with the proletariat if it qualifies for hours. If you want to ask me if there is any work left that is not listed in the ways and means book feel free to ask. There are plenty of social committee jobs left to do, and after haul-out Steve is going to need lots of help on the docks. You have until December 31st, but time flies as I'm beginning to notice.

As always, the best way to get hold of me is neal.claassen@gmail.com

Happy sailing, but don't forget your work hours.





#### **HARBOURMASTER**

Steve Brown

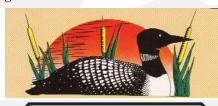
T'S ABOUT the halfway point of the sailing season, things are going well, although it has been very wet. Water levels are very high. The channel however is very narrow. There are still many chores to be done please check with Ways and Means.

I would very much like to thank Richard Coutts for all of his efforts. He's heading off to university, and I think we should thank him for everything he's done. He will be missed.

There are many others that also contribute a lot to the club, one being John Norton who quietly does a lot for the club. Bob Prosper, Terry Lowe, Mike Wheatstone, Mike Adams, are constantly there to take charge of projects and get things done. There are many more that contribute but I don't have room to actually thank everyone by name.

I need someone to step up and take charge of safety equipment for the club, We have had a few members try to go swimming off the docks and had a little bit of difficulty trying to get back on the docks afterwards, I won't name names.

Please enjoy the rest of the season. I hope it's a great one; weather is getting better. And remember if you see something that needs doing please bring it to my attention. I would love to be able to fix it for you. Thanks again.



#### **HAULOUT**

Saturday and Sunday
October 19th and 20th

See bulletin board for your day and work assignment

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

#### **RACING CAPTAIN**

**John Morris** 

**Wonky Wednesdays** 

N FACT, this year has been an interesting if unpredictable one for weeknight racing. The weather has been generally pretty meh, but we have got most of the races in. As is the tradition, Wednesday night winds are here there and everywhere resulting in both flukey come from behind victories (that's when someone else wins) and some valiant come from behind victories (that's when *RockIt* wins.)

The first race of Series 3 would be a good (make that painful) example. RockIt led around the course until the last rounding at Mark 1. After rounding, Windchaser and Iggy held on port heading toward the spit into the right corner. Fauvette tacked behind us into the lake and we dutifully covered. Jamie and his crew read the micro shifts, engaged us in a tacking duel and embarrassingly came from way behind gaining on us each tack and crossing ahead.

HOWEVER, in the meantime there had been a 30 degree right shift and Bruce came out of the corner a mile ahead of us. Aboard *RockIt* Andy's (Andy is the only one who can see that far) state of denial was evaporating as this truth was gradually becoming clear. *Windchaser* got the gun as we were falling behind Jamie and our anticipated podium step dropped to third.

HOWEVER, *Iggy* had also shot the corner and also came out of deep right field, behind us but sufficiently close for us to drop right off the podium as the Shark took third.

RockIt's newest crew genius, Oleg, keeps the GPS rolling during every race and emails us our track after every race. The track showed every painful moment as we tacked into headers, missed shifts and basically sailed backwards. Was it a fluke? Was it simply astute observation on the other boats? You won't get me to admit it. Let's just call it a delightful Wednesday evening sail.



#### **REAR COMMODORE**

**Greg Smith** 

EAR TH&SC MEMBERS, greetings from Sin City, Las Vegas Nevada. By the time you read this report, we'll be quickly approaching the middle of August. The combination of the two doesn't mix well for this Canadian sailor. For me, the middle of August is a reminder to seize any available moment and get out on the water—a difficult task, when one is trapped at a trade show in the Mojave desert.

It's been an interesting summer to say the least. The weather patterns produced some of the most spectacular evening skies in recent memory. I'm certain Ted and Dawn Martin will be receiving plenty of sunset entries in this year's TH&SC Photo contest.

For the most part, the winds of Wednesday nights have been light; however, they managed to produce enough breeze to make for some interesting races around the marks.

Furthermore, I'm delighted to report that our Wednesday night racing program is growing in numbers. Some nights, as many as twenty plus TH&SC boats are on the course—a beautiful sight indeed.

Our club successfully hosted two regattas this year. In June, we welcomed the return of the Albergs, and July, our very own TH&SC Summer Blast regatta. I was extremely pleased with the memberships support of this event. One hundred and twenty five BBQ dinners were served, and plenty of cold beer was enjoyed, thanks to our generous sponsor, Muskoka Brewery. In addition to all of this, everyone was entertained by the fabulous music of Toronto's own "Honeyrunners".

The wind on the first day of racing produced some nice steady winds, allowing our Race Committee to get in three full races on the windwardleeward course, while the white sail fleet raced on the Ken Deas course to Bluffers and back. Unfortunately, Sunday's wind disappointed the racers. However, they returned to the clubhouse for some legendary TH&SC hospitality consisting of burgers and ice cold beer and generous awards to the winners. I want to thank our TH&SC Racing Committee consisting of; Richard Coutts, Tom Monson, John Norton, and Steve Brown—we can't thank you enough for your support

and dedication. Furthermore, a special thank you to Mr. John Weakly of the PCYC for his continued support of the Summer Blast Regatta. In recognition of John's support, a donation was made to the Canadian Junior Sailing program on his behalf.

Running an event like the Summer Blast takes a lot of effort. I had the pleasure of working with two dedicated members who; without their help, the event would not be possible. Special thanks to Glen Eddie and John "Midshipman" Morris for their support and assistance with producing the Summer Blast event—well done gentlemen!

Last but not least, I want to thank our Super Social Director, Lynda de Jonge Van der Halen and her fabulous team that stepped up to make this such a successful event. Lynda's attention to detail is nothing short of amazing. It's a real pleasure to work with Lynda and her sidekick Peter on these events—thanks for your dedication and hard work.

With our summer events coming to a close, I encourage everyone to check the calendar in this addition of the Spar and Prop or online at www.thsc.ca for the upcoming races, cruises, and social events, and of course, please plan to attend.

In closing, our September elections are just around the corner. As you may or may not be aware, this is my last year as the club's Rear Commodore. To date, no one has stepped up for this position on the board.

Unfortunately, many see the position of Rear as wearing "too many hats." While it is true that the RC's portfolio touches many areas of the club, it doesn't mean that the work falls directly on your shoulders. The Rear works with the different committees to schedule and plan events. It's then up to the committee chairs to organize the details of the events and execute. Personally, I've enjoyed working with the many members of our wonderful club and have found the experience to be very rewarding. If you have even a remote interest in the position, please contact me for more information. I promise to work closely with the next RC; in fact, many of next year's events are penciled in on the 2014 calendar—the frame work is in place.

With that said, this desert sailor has a craving for a Land Shark Ale and some Jamaica Mistaka wings. I'm heading on down to the Margaretville bar on Las Vegas Blvd...thanks Jimmy B for creating a Fin City in Sin City.

> Latitude: 36-05'30" N Longitude: 115-10'27" W Different Spot/Different Daywing.





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The Deadline for the OCTOBER issue of Spar & Prop is September 30

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#### **SOCIAL CHAIR**

Lynda de Jonge van der Halen

TTH THE Summer Blast Regatta TH&SC hosted another successful event: a weekend of racing and the Saturday night BBQ for racers, members. "SIMPLY BBQ" provided a tasty hot entree of ribs and a portion of steak, or chicken breast or salmon, two salads, a dinner roll and a cold drink. Tea and coffee with fresh cookies from Montmartre bakery plus slices of watermelon were available after dinner. A variety of ice cream treats were welcome treats on a hot day! The band,"The Honeyrunners", played their own songs and dance tunes, with several requests by a core group of party goers at the end of the evening.

A continental breakfast was provided for racers on Saturday with many people also enjoying a similar snack on Sunday morning. Packed lunches were also prepared for the crews of the committee boats on both days. Sunday's lack of wind resulted in an early return to the docks and the patio for cold beer and juicy cheeseburgers and salad and ice cream treats.

Thanks to those who worked behind the scenes. and at the event, especially Eva and Mike, Peter, Marilyn, Richard Evans, Murdo, Tony and Isabel plus those who moved tables and chairs and took down the tents.....Merci.

Greg Smith deserves a huge thank you and thanks too to his racing helpers.

#### CANADA DAY AT TH&SC

Families and friends enjoyed the luxury of the TH&SC private parking lot, our proximity to Woodbine Beach, and club amenities on Canada Day. With toe tapping music from noon on bellowing from Woodbine Park to horse shoes, bubbles and conversation and drinks on the patio and on boats, people enjoyed a relaxing Canada Day. Two large cakes were provided for dessert and enjoyed by members, friends and visiting boaters. Sparklers were also provided. The weather stayed good for the outstanding fireworks display at Woodbine Beach.













# FLEET CAPTAIN CRUISING

James Perrault

T'S HARD TO WRAP my head around the fact that this is the last Spar and Prop before haul out. The summer, with all of it's crazy weather has been speeding past like an America's Cup boat on a downwind leg.

The cruising season as well is coming to a fast end with only the EYC/Race de Voyageurs cruise left on August 17–18. The boat list is already half full so please sign up soon if you plan on attending.

I would like to extend a special thank you to the Rixon's for hosting the Frenchman's Bay Cruise in July. All reports were that the food was fantastic and the FBYC was a lot easier to get to this year. Good job guys.

Albert Kerek will be taking over the Cruise Director lead next year so, while your mind is still on sailing for the next 2 ½ months, let Albert know if you have any suggestions or requests so we can plan next year's schedule accordingly.

Happy cruising and enjoy the remainder of the summer.



# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Judy and Aubrey Millard—Veleda July 29, 2013

We left Roche Harbour on San Juan Island shortly after 0800 on July 25 to head into Canadian waters via Haro Strait and the Strait of Juan de Fuca, 22 miles to Esquimalt, B.C. Haro Strait and the Strait of Juan de Fuca form the Canadian/U.S. border between lower Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands of Canada and the San Juan Islands of the U.S.

After three nights in Esquimalt we motored into the first of our Gulf Island destinations, that of Sidney Spit on Sidney Island off the city of Sidney. This is one of 13 Gulf Islands National Park Reserves spread throughout the Gulf Islands.

#### ANNUAL CORN ROAST on Saturday August 31, 2013

Join us for Jimmy Buffet 'Cheeseburgers in Paradise'









#### 5 p.m. Gather on the patio

- Assist with Corn husking
- OPEN STAGE for members and guests with musical inclination (guitar, harmonica, voice, fiddle etc.)
- PARADISE SALAD CONTEST with prizes
- Licensed Bar opens

6:30 p.m. Dinner

Corn, Cheeseburgers, Salads, Dessert

#### After Dinner

- Jimmy Buffett look a-like contest
- Our DJ Bill Springate will provide the Jimmy Buffet sounds of Margaritaville plus contemporary hits (he accepts requests)



- Prizes awarded Paradise Salads
- Lucky draw door prizes

Adults \$10 each Cheeseburger or Vegetarian burger Children \$3 each Hot dog or Mini burger







FRANK "LUCKY" TOWER IS THE SUBJECT OF AN URBAN LEGEND THAT SAYS HE WAS A SEAMAN WHO SURVIVED THE SINKING OF THE TITANIC, EMPRESS OF IRELANDS LUSTANIA. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT ANYONE WAS INVOLVED IN ALL THREE PEASTERS. ALGO, NO ONE NAMED FRANK TOWER WAS ON THE CREW LIST OF ANY OF THE THREE SHIPS LAST VOYAGE. THERE WAS A FRANK TOWER SURVIVOR ON THE LUSITANIA, AND A WILLAM CLARK WHO SLIRVIVED BOTH THE TITANIC AND THE EMPRESS OF IRELAND! RE: FRANK TOWER. THE LEGEND CLAWS HE WAS ON THE EMPRESS OF IREMAND AND SURVIVED WHEN SHE SANK ON MAY 28, 1914 AFTER COLLIDING WITH THE S.S. STORSTAD OFF FATHER BINT ON THE ST, LAWRENCE RIVER .~ PURING WWI, FRANK TOWER, IT IS RUMOURED, WAS ABOARD THE LUSITANIA ON THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 7. 1915 WHEN SHE WAS TORPEDOED BY THE GERMAN SUB U-20. IT SANK IN ABOUT EIGHTEEN MINUTES AFTER THE TORPEDO HIT. (IT IS ALLEGED THAT FRANK SHOUTED "NOW WHAT?! "WHEN THE TORPEDO STRUCK). AGAIN, TOWER ESCAPED THE SINKING SHIP AND SWAM TO A NEARBY LIFEBOAT. THE LEGEND'ALSO CLAIMS THAT THE FRANK TOWER STORY SERVED AS THE INSPIRATION FOR ROD SERLINGS TELEPLAY ONE SURVIVOR!









#### OFFICER OF THE DAY MANAGER

**Patrick Lyons** 

O FAR, I AM PLEASED to report that our OOD program continues to be alive and well at TH&SC.

As of August 1st, there have been 62 OOD "Tours of Duty" and, although I know it is a mandatory commitment, I would like to congratulate all of you for showing up and doing your stint.

And our visitors have reported they feel very welcome here and that is one bonus of the program.

Speaking of visitors, last year we had 154 visitors during the sailing season. And so far this year, over 90 visitors have dropped by and we are just only a little over halfway through our sailing season.

By far, the busiest OOD day this year was Friday July 26th—the last weekend of the Beaches Jazz Festival—when Mike Adams and Oscar Palma welcomed 16 visitors on that one day. A job well done gentlemen!! And boy, the Club was hopping that weekend.

Also, I am pleased to report that members have signed up for all of the remaining season OOD timeslots.

Any problems or questions please call.

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# THINKING OF RETIRING SOUTH?

by Jeff Ante

This beautiful and well outfitted boat is for sale. Lying is Grenada, the many pictures and equipment list can be found at this URL:

#### http://www.yachtworld.com/bo ats/1978/Ontario-Sloop-2611408/Grenada

The asking price for this gem is \$45,000 US.

Take a look.

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