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Calendar

MMC Cruise—August 16-17—Look for the poster to sign up for this cruise.

Race des Voyageurs—Saturday, August 16—Race to the cruise location (MMC). Then stay for a visit and come back next day. Or race and come back the same day.

Alberg Regatta—August 23-24—Visiting boats. Lynda needs help. Hope it's a good weekend.

Bluffer's Challenge—Saturday, August 30th—A race to Bluffer's buoy and back, then the Corn Roast and City fireworks. A great way to end August.

Corn Roast—Saturday, August 30th—Enjoy the afternoon on the water watching the airshow then join us on the patio for drinks, dinner and dancing under the stars on the last long weekend of the summer.

Frostbite Race—September 13—The last distance race of the season.

LYC Cruise—September 20-21—Look for the poster to sign up for this cruise. LYC visits us on the same weekend.

Circle Of Life Race—September 27—Around and around the racing buoys. It's harder than you think.

HAUL OUT—Saturday & Sunday, October 18 & 19—See Harbour Master's report on page 5. Buy your tickets for Awards Night.

Awards Night—Saturday, November 15th—Our annual celebration of sailing and cruising and contributions to TH&SC!

Children's Christmas Party—Sunday, November 23rd—A family event with a visit from the man in red! 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

New Year's Levee—Thursday, January 1st—Welcome the New Year at our traditional levee!



Bluffer's Challenge Race—Corn Roast and Fireworks

Saturday, August 30

**Race to Bluffer's
Corn Roast at TH&SC
Fireworks on the beach**

Choose all or any

RACE DES VOYAGEURS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

**RACE TO MMC. STAY
OVERNIGHT. CRUISE BACK**

OR

**RACE TO MMC. STAY FOR
PARTY—COME BACK
SAME DAY**

**WHATEVER YOUR FLAVOUR
IT'S A GREAT WEEKEND**

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Don Bland

HAPPY summertime fellow sailors. Well, according to my calendar it's summer. Though judging by the weather gods, not just yet.



Race night Wednesday—That would be the night there is no wind but lots of lightning, thunder, fog, followed by more nights when the wind lasts 'til the course is set, then shifts and slowly fades to calm. Undaunted we still get a great turnout.

Our weekend cruises are a continuing success. A 50/50 chance to sail and or motor. Always a great evening getting to know your fellow club members, share a few, stories that is. Have a fantastic meal, sing a few songs then to bed, 'cause club tradition on cruises requires the male members prepare the communal breakfast.

We have received many thanks and compliments from in-coming cruisers for our hospitality and friendly welcoming atmosphere.

Good news—our noise-making outdoor ice making machine that a previous well-intended but misguided Property Manager placed behind the bar has died. Our current not misguided Property Manager is aware of the pitfalls.

Your Board is starting to prepare the budget for next year. Please, if you have any ideas for improving our property, docks and facilities in general share them with a Board member. Although this will come as a surprise to many of you, your Board doesn't know everything. If you see a way we can do things better share it.

We are rapidly approaching club election time. If you have thought about serving on the Board the offices that are up for election this year are Vice Commodore, Harbour Master and Treasurer. If you are curious speak to the incumbent as well as any other Board member. ⚓



A rainy wait—Summer Blast

REAR COMMODORE

Glen Eddie

THE SUMMER is going by very quickly. It seems like yesterday everyone was getting ready for Sailpast and now the Labour Day "Octoberfestive" Corn Roast is only three weeks away.



The Summerblast was a huge success with good fun had by all, notwithstanding the rain—and then more rain. Did I mention that there was rain! Let's just say that the racers were treated to the best leftovers ever at the Sunday BBQ. Those that braved the rain on the Saturday were treated to a great band in the "Honeyrunners". They were fantastic.

A special thanks to everyone who worked on the party and the race, especially Lynda and Peter who always have everything under control. Caroline Montminy and Andy D'Silva were great behind the bar. As always, Eva and Mike Baker were great making sure that all the dinner tickets are allotted, everyone gets enough refreshment tickets. Thanks again to Tony and Isabel Resendes for your help on the Saturday and looking after the BBQ on the Sunday. I think Sheila Smallwood has a career in retail after handling the regalia.

As far as the race went, I would like to thank John Norton, Tom Monson, Paavo Lindström, and Richard Coutts. Without volunteers like you we would be unable to have these events. Also I would be remiss not to mention Jamie Carroll, our capable Race Captain, and Bruce Bateman for all his work scoring the races.

Congratulations again to Jamie for winning race once again!

Now to the upcoming events: The first event is the Race de Voyageurs on the August 16–17 weekend which is a cruising race to Mimico. Please sign up if you are planning on staying overnight at Mimico. Remember, Janina and I will be hosting so it should be good. I can't wait to see what Janina makes for us (I hope this is published after the race).

Next up is the North American Alberg Championship Regatta on August 22–23. We have three Albergs at the club so please offer to crew. I am sure that they would be happy for the assistance. Good luck guys.

Lastly, but certainly not least, we

will have Octoberfestive Corn Roast on the Saturday of the Labour Day weekend. I know that Lynda looks like she has everything under control, but your assistance is appreciated. Remember this is the last social event for the summer season. Make sure you come out and enjoy! Brunch will be hosted by D-Dock on the Sunday so stay over on the Saturday and wake up to a great breakfast on the Sunday. ⚓

PAST COMMODORE

John Edwards

WELL, IT'S THAT TIME of year again. The summer is coming to a close. Hopefully the fall will bring sunny weather and fair winds.



There are however other issues to consider as this sailing season comes to a close. We have our election meeting in September. It is time for the membership to consider their contribution to the club. We are after all a contributory collective. We can only operate with our own efforts.

Is this the year you can contribute to the operation of the club?

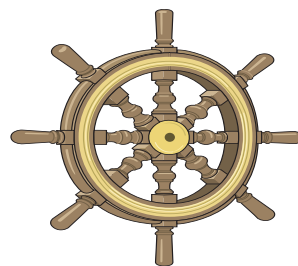
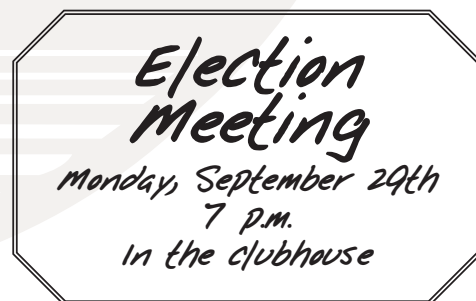
The following three positions will be open for election:

Vice Commodore—responsible for membership.

Treasurer—responsible for our budget and paying the bills.

Harbour Master—responsible for our water based assets.

Please take a moment and consider standing for one of these positions. ⚓



SOCIAL CHAIR

Lynda de Jonge van der Halen



SUMMERBLAST REPORT

Thanks to the gang who helped with Summerblast Regatta and to those who attended this event.

It was a fun party even though it rained...but that didn't dampen the spirits of the party goers, at least not until later in the evening.

The racers managed to complete some races even though they probably had to personally huff and puff to get some wind in their sails on Sunday.

Congratulations to Caroline, Andy and Mike Baker on their first event as our bartenders. Once again Eva handled the bar ticket sales with some help from Sheila who also sold Summerblast hats and T shirts. The bar tips were donated to the Disabled Sailors Association.

Laurie provided back up at the bar throughout the evening.

"Simply BBQ" once again provided us with a delicious BBQ menu which we supplemented with plenty of crunchy snacks before dinner and with ice cream treats, cookies and watermelon after the main meal with help from Tracey and Kathie. Mike Baker and Kathie Davidson handled the tickets and monitored the salad station during dinner.

The band, "The Honey Runners" was in good form, opening with several of their own tunes plus old favourites for dancing. Lots of people up dancing! Thanks to Jamie and Sheila who certainly enjoy dancing.

More thanks to Caroline and Andy who prepared the continental breakfast for racers on Saturday and made packed lunches for both race days for the *Shadow/Mac 1* crew.

Behind the scenes...thanks to Ron Mazereeuw for repairs to our folding chairs throughout the year and thanks to Mike Davidson and Dorothy Williams for the new look in the clubhouse and cleaning on the patio. Both members and visiting boaters enjoyed the new TV and sitting area! Del Schinkopf and Mike Adams cleaned up the area at the front entrance.

Tony and Isabel put in a full day on Sunday, stretched out by the late return of the racing fleet, cleaning up the clubhouse after Saturday's party and Sunday's breakfast, preparing and serving the tasty lunch for the racers, and seeing that everything was sorted, tidied and returned to its place after the very late lunch.

Special thanks to Glen Eddie who handled the challenges of his first Summer Blast with a smile and sense of humour! More about the races in Glen's report. Thanks to Glen and Janina for the door prizes as well as to the racing sponsors.

As usual, others pitched in here and there, for example, to move tables or set up/take down the tents for the band area, take out garbage and recycling. Thanks!

Next big event is the Annual Corn Roast which takes place on Saturday, August 30 with a return to German sausages and with an Oktoberfest theme this year. Please see the poster elsewhere in Spar and Prop.

Need work hours or just feel generous? Contact Lynda to find out how you can help with the set up and party for Corn Roast or to order your tickets.

Dust off your guitar, hunt up your sheet music, or warm up your voice...we'd love to have our talented singers and musicians perform at our Open Stage on the patio, from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Corn Roast. Our DJ, Bill Springate, has offered the use of his sound system. 🚢



"A" dock brunch



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SOCIAL CHAIR

Lynda de Jonge van der Halen

LOOKING ahead and help needed: Urgent! Sunday, August 24 We are still looking for help with the bbq lunch, especially a person doing the bbq, for the visiting Alberg regatta racers on Sunday afternoon. Help needed from 12 noon to about 4 p.m.

Corn Roast Saturday, August 30 (morning, afternoon and/or evening help needed) and clean up Sunday August 31 (morning)

On Friday, October 17 one or two helpers will be needed to prepare the food ahead of time and to set up for the weekend of Haulout.

Necessary work and fun! Haulout: We will be looking for the return of many of the usual volunteers and some new people for the food service on Saturday, October 18 and on Sunday October 19.

Fun to do and you get to meet Santa! The annual TH&SC Children's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, November 23, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Help needed from 10 a.m. to about 4 p.m.

Need hours or just willing to give a hand to support your club? Please email Lynda:

lynda.dejongevanderhalen@gmail.com



Summer Blast Breakfast



"Simply BBQ"—Delicious!

HARBOURMASTER

Steve Brown

THE WEATHER is finally feeling like summer. It is great to see so many of the members using the club and going sailing. As this is the middle of the season there are many jobs still to fill. The club is your other home here in the city and a jewel it is. We are a working club and there is still work to do to polish it. We have need of people to step up and add their skills and energy.



If you feel that there is something needing improvement or fixing take it on, get involved. Change is your responsibility.

Many thanks to those who have worked hard to put on successful events for the club. Glen Eddie is working hard with the social committee headed by Lynda de Jonge van der Halen to give you a full schedule of exciting events this season, with the many others who give of their time.

Mike Davidson is making changes with the help of Dorothy Williams to improve the clubhouse, check out the new lounge on the main floor.

Well, now I have been asked to say the two dirty words.....Haul out Sorry about that but this may be the last Spar and Prop before the dreaded day arrives. I will need a member to sign up to take the lead on placing the cradles the week before. Also a few good men or women to help muscle them into place.

Cradle placement is going to be the weekend before Haul Out the (11th and 12th of October), and you'll see where your boat is going to go. Please ensure that your cradle is assembled and the pads wound down and with that we're ready to go.

Your assignment for the day will be posted on the notice board inside the club on Thanksgiving weekend. If you're unable to do the task assigned to you, please, trade with someone else that can do it and change only those names on the sheets.

An important thing we all have to remember is that other people helped you put your boat in the cradle, please stay and help them put their boat in their cradle. The assignments are for the whole day, please, stay with it.

Just a hint—you will probably be doing the same type of job you did at launch. So don't worry, you know it by now and are great at it.

You are invited to join us for

"Oktoberfest in August" at 75SC

on **Saturday August 30, 2014.**

Liquor license in effect for this event (clubhouse, patio and balcony)

The fresh picked corn on the cob will be in the pot and German sausages, salads, condiments and some surprises on the table for dinner.

Instead of the salad contest of the last few years, we are looking for dishes that complement the Oktoberfest theme. Each dish entered will be eligible for a lucky draw. (Salads are still welcome.)

Bill Springate, professional DJ and fellow boater, will once again provide a popular selection of dance tunes plus some oom pah pah music as well to get us in the Oktoberfest mood.

Plan to join us on the patio for drinks at 5 p.m. and the return of our Open Stage for singers and musicians.

Dress the part if you wish!

A bargain at \$10 each for adults! \$3 each for children We are able to keep the price low through the generosity of those members who pay for their own meal and bring along a salad or other dish for the food table. Many thanks!

Dinner at 6:30 p.m. **RSVP: Vegetarian option available.**

Please email Lynda to reserve your tickets. lynda.dejongevanderhalen@gmail.com

Except for a few changes, if you were hauled out on Saturday last year you will be assigned the Saturday. And yes, if it was Sunday you got it easy huh!

Please let me know if you need to make special arrangements.

Not to worry you but we have much sailing and partying to do until the day arrives.

Thank you all for your help—don't stop as I need all the help I can get,

All that said, "May the wind be at your favour and your glass never empty".

Your harbour monster
Steven 🍷

HAULOUT

**Saturday and Sunday
October 18th and 19th**

See bulletin board for your day and work assignment

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

PROPERTY MGR.

Mike Davidson

HOT ENOUGH for you? Hi all, I'm not complaining. I was in the water yesterday, Saturday that is, it was absolutely fabulous. I was only able to make one cruise so far this year, Kath and I went to Frenchman's Bay. A very enjoyable experience.



Well now down to business. The 3rd floor is almost complete. I ordered and recently received wrought iron bars which are going to be installed in front of the openable portions of the windows at 4" centers so as to prevent children falling out of them. When that is done the 3rd floor can be declared safe. I have had some new Ikea bookshelves installed on the 2nd and 3rd floors so we can bring some order to those areas. Dawn and Ted Martin have been good enough to take on those tasks, not only by assembling the book shelves but also by sorting through all of those books and arranging them in an orderly fashion. My thanks to Dawn and Ted.

I have had glowing reports on the new lounge area and TV, thanks of course to Dorothy A.K.A. Capt. Dot. And John Philips for getting and installing the new TV. Thanks John.

Tony Labatt and I recently cleared the garbage bin area of all those gas containers, sofa, gas stove, ice maker etc. The old gas furnace used to heat the garage is still there because when the guy tried to put it into his truck he was swarmed by a bunch of wasps. They have gone and built a nest inside of it. I am going to have to sneak up one night and spray the nest before it can be taken away.

The piano is next. It's still here because we have been hoping someone would come and take it, not to mention that it is so big and cumbersome.

A reminder to members: it is ok to leave your vehicles on club property for up to sixteen days. After that you need to get the property managers ok. Having said that, it would be nice to let me know you are planning to leave your vehicle. At a minimum your parking pass should be left on the dash board.

The ice maker behind the bar has died, Randy Boyd and James Perrault helped me get rid of it. I am hoping to have it replaced soon with a much quieter one.



Nauticals

NAUTICAL CUSTOMS. ONE OLD CUSTOM DICTATES THAT ANY SAILOR WHO SAILS AROUND CAPE HORN IS ENTITLED TO A SMALL, BLUE TATTOO OF A 5 POINTED STAR ON HIS LEFT EAR. FIVE TRIPS AROUND EARNS A STAR ON THE RIGHT EAR AS WELL. TWO RED MARKS ON THE FOREHEAD IS A SIGN OF A 'GREAT VOYAGER' WHO HAS ROUNDED CAPE HORN TEN TIMES OR MORE. ACCORDING TO ONE WHO SPORTS A BLUE STAR ON HIS LEFT EAR, THERE ARE ONLY TWO RED-MARK MEN IN THE WORLD. ~~~ BOTH ARE RETIRED IN LIVERPOOL. IN THAT CITY NO PUB WOULD CHARGE A RED-MARK MAN FOR A DRINK.



I would also like to thank Mike Adams and Del Schinkopf for cleaning the yard as much as that is possible.

For those people still looking for hours let me know, I have lots of jobs for you. Well, that's all I have for now. Enjoy the rest of the summer. ▲

VICE COMMODORE

Robert McComb

GOOD HEAVENS, it's C.N.E. time and the back to school ads have started. Where did this summer go? Hell, when is it going to start. For the most part it sure has been a lot cooler and wetter than what I can remember.

Three jobs are coming up for the



Executive Board—Harbourmaster, Treasurer and my job, Vice Commodore. I would encourage my fellow members to step up to the plate and do your turn at one of these positions. Run and make it a real election. If you lose, people will point and laugh at you but they do that to me already and I won.

Did you know we have just four paid lockers according to our invoices but amazingly enough there are locks on almost all of them. I would like you to put your name on your locker and ask to be billed for it next year. Come on guys, it's \$22.95 for the year. What will happen is the ones that are not identified will have their locks cut and the contents disposed of so please inform me if you are using a locker and do put your name on it.

That's it for me. Enjoy the rest of the summer. ▲

WAYS AND MEANS

Neal Claassen

Missing in Action.

THIS HAS BEEN a crazy summer for me personally, having spent every waking hour of my "spare" time fixing up our house to get it ready to put on the market. Hopefully we are close to done, because I want my sailing life back.

My absence from the club has been pointed out to me every time I do manage to steal a visit, and it has shown me that the club suffers if there is not an active Ways and Means person available. I have to thank Mike Davidson and Dorothy Williams for communicating to the club those projects that need attention on a daily basis, but I am told that the club has been slow to respond. I hope that soon I will be able to get back to whipping the crew back into shape and attack all the projects that keep our club beautiful.

The steel for the new mast racks has been purchased. Unfortunately, Richard Coutts is not in a position to weld the new racks at the moment. If anyone has the welding skills to help out on this, please call me at 416-720-8067.

Even if we do not get the new racks welded this year, I am still thinking of moving the existing racks to the north of the lamp posts. Let me know if you can help out on this. If you happen to own a post auger I really want to hear from you. Otherwise we will rent one.

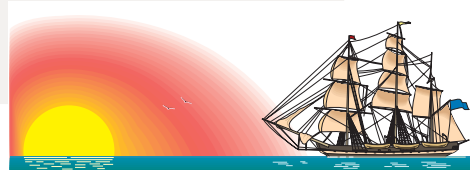
At the last board meeting there was a discussion about putting resources aside in next year's budget to deal with capital projects. It has been determined that the relocation of the workshop will not be part of this and will not happen in the foreseeable future. The project that does need monies put aside for is the repair of the seawall. How the seawall will be repaired is an ongoing discussion. There is one thought out there to hire a consultant to make suggestions on how to repair the seawall, but personally I prefer to talk to the membership first to see what our preferences are before we spend money on consultants. Bob Prosper is still studying what is, and what is not working at ABYC.

I am still calling for someone to procure a historical plaque for the



Centennial Tree that rains havoc on those boats that are placed beneath it during the winter. Please let me know if you want to take this on, and I will put you in touch with Bill Middleton who can give you all the history required. The tree was planted by the ABYC Commodore back in 1967 to commemorate Canada's centennial year. We may just call it ABYC's revenge.

Finally I want to assure everyone that Jacquie, Thomas, Willem, Bentzi and I are NOT leaving the club. We are moving to Horseshoe, but we have no plans to move the boat yet, and if we do we will be social members for life. Good news for some, not so much for others I'm sure. I will not be able to continue to be the Ways and Means officer however. The position needs much more attention than I can currently give, and I will gladly accept any help offered. ⚓



OFFICER OF THE DAY MANAGER

Patrick Lyons

WELL! CAN'T believe that here we are halfway through the sailing season!

And we still have members who have not signed up yet although reminders were sent out to them by email in mid-June and early August.

All members should be aware—Fulfilling an OOD duty is an obligation of all TH&SC members and there is a significant fine—\$180—for failing to do so.

That being said, we have only had a few spots that have not been covered this season because other members have stepped up to fill in, receiving work hour credits for their efforts. And we thank them!

Hopefully the weather will cooperate to allow us to enjoy the rest of the season

See you on the water!
Patrick Lyons
OOD Co-ordinator
ood-coordinator@thsc.ca
A 29—Late Again ⚓



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Jeff Ante is still in town helping Jack on *Legacy* into the winner's circle.

Mike Benson—Soulstice II

Mike and Judy have arrived from Regina to do some sailing and Mike to complete his OOD obligation.

Dennis MacCallum—Chances

Chances is tucked away down south for the summer.

Elizabeth and Chris Hanson—Groovin'

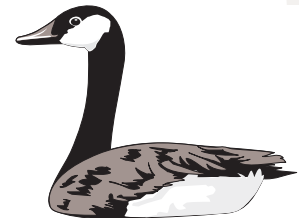
Groovin' is on the hard down south and Elizabeth and Chris are back in town for the summer.

Judy and Aubrey Millard—Veleda

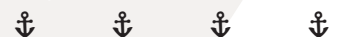
The west coast is still the "stomping grounds" for *Veleda*. Judy and Aubrey are wandering up and down the fiords of British Columbia, thoroughly enjoying the "left coast".

Wheatstones—Peregrine

Peggy and Mike are spending the summer enjoying *Dragonfire*, cruising with the club and wandering the western part of Lake Ontario. ⚓



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FLEET CAPTAIN CRUISING

Albert Kerek

BY THE AFTERNOON of a hot and sunny June 21st, 28 of our members had cruised into Highland Yacht Club on 16 boats. The winds were light but most of us had attempted to sail. Claude and Rebecca of *Fandango* were welcomed on their first Club Cruise and not just for Rebecca's amazing potato salad. Everywhere, cockpits were crammed with people having their drinks before dinner. Someone remarked at how *Connemara's* bow was pointing skyward.

This was Peggy Wheatstone's Cruise. She was our Cruise Captain and soon enough at dinner we knew this was going to be good. Miranda Wheatstone had cooked up the savoury chicken entrée and there were appetizers and salads and bottles of wine on the table and bumping of elbows and potato salad.

About 6:30 pm, maybe later, a cheer went up as *Rainmaker* was making its way down the channel. Hats off to Larry Adolphe who worked all day and arrived with J.J. and a big appetite. Thank you to Peggy, Mike and Miranda for showing us all such a great time.

Nearly a month later, on a mild July 18th evening, I was motoring into the channel at the Burlington Bridge for the 6 pm lift when my cell phone began to ring. It was Sandy McGill of *Cheetah* wondering where I was. "I'm right behind you Darling" I said as she turned around. What were the chances of that happening? I sailed from Niagara, they sailed from Toronto—it was like synchronized sailing.

This was the Macassa Bay Yacht Club Cruise, and here we were just the two boats but we had a great time. Sandy brought enough food to feed us all, as Dave and I were barbecuing in the pouring rain, sharing our manly adventure stories and a few stories about sailing. MBYC members in the clubhouse could be heard talking in hush tones about how come their parties weren't like ours.

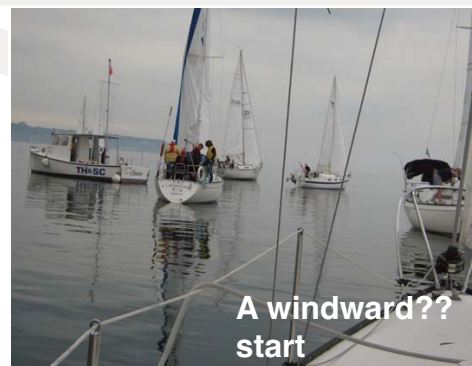
The very next weekend, July 26th & 27th, we were at FBYC for the Commodore's Cruise hosted by our very own Don Bland, who after weeks of indecision declared it a Rib fest.



Nine boats made the trip to Frenchman's Bay and twenty-one of us sat down to those delicious Ribs and Don's Stuffed Baked Potato Creation—and beans—and appetizers—and desserts—and Rebecca's potato salad. Larry Adolphe and Jack Hexham drove in and joined the party. The Rib fest became the Roast fest as Larry Roasted Jack, Jack Roasted Don, Don Roasted me, and every-one Roasted Mike Davidson, who couldn't get a word in edgewise.

Later in the evening, Claude could be heard singing opera in the men's room. Ya had to be there! Thank you Don for putting it all together!

Join us for our next Cruise, known as the Race Des Voyageurs, weekend of August 16th & 17th to the Mimico Cruising Club hosted by our Rear Commodore, Glen Eddie. ▲



RACING CAPTAIN

Jaime Carroll

HERE WE ARE almost in the middle of August — it is hard to believe that the racing season is moving so quickly along!



The big news seems to be lack of race results due to the weather gods being uncooperative. If it's not storms rolling through, it's either fog or just simply windless Wednesday. If my calculations are correct, to date, we are looking to have 4 to 5 make-up races in September. If we end up with more we may have to include a mini-regatta on a Saturday to get the required races in.

"Summer Blast" has come and gone and we had a good turnout of 13 boats vying for the Kenny Deas trophy in white sail. We had a mix of wind, good on the Saturday and a little painful for Sunday's long distance race (light winds from the east). The results were very close this year with line honours going to *Dark & Stormy!* Many thanks to all the participants and to the Rear Commodore, Glen Eddie, and his faithful crew for organizing a great regatta with excellent food, beverages and entertainment. Next year we hope to make this event bigger and to attract other boats from outside the club.

We currently have three races remaining in Series 3 with the last race scheduled for Wednesday, August 27th. Scheduled weekend races include The Race des Voyageurs on August 16th, Bluffers Challenge on August 30th together with the annual Corn Roast, Frostbite Race on September 13th and the Circle of Life Race on September 27th.

Given the number of boats we have on the water, especially in the white sail fleet, yacht racing is an important and integral part of club life, and I want to thank all of you for making my job as Race Captain this year such a rewarding experience. Your on-going support has made it so much easier. Keep up the good work and, remember, "always round the mark first." ▲



EDITORIAL

by Rich Taylor

HERE IT IS...mid-summer and time to throw a bouquet or two to our Executive Board.

They operate behind the scenes, mostly. But the smoothly running, day-to-day operation of our club is the result of their efforts. The many hours of planning, implementing and also arm-twisting are not fun things to do. But they need to be done to have our organization running properly.

The Executive Board consists of six members.

THE COMMODORE—Top of the heap; steering the club; gets most of the flak when things go wrong so he tries to make things go right. Our Commodore represents our club in organizations across the Metro area.

THE VICE COMMODORE—Membership is a large part of the duties. New members, old members, keeping track of members, seeing members get all the information they require.

THE REAR COMMODORE—On the water activities are just one of the hats he wears. Racing, cruising and parties. Oh, yes. All those wonderful parties come under the Rear Commodore's gaze. How does he do it all? The Social Chairperson is the sparkplug for parties. The Cruising Captain and the Racing Captain are also the sparkplugs that make sure their respective areas are well run.

THE HARBOUR MASTER—The docks, all the mooring area and all the winter storage come under the Harbour Master. Launch and Haulout planning and implementation can be complex but he has an experienced

crew that make things go smoothly.

THE PROPERTY MANAGER—If you're walking on it, sitting on it, sheltering in it or admiring it the Property Manager is in charge. He doesn't do it alone. This is where the self-help part of our club's rules are paramount. We have so many club members who are expert in all sorts of jobs that most of the minor to medium maintenance can be done in-house.

THE TREASURER—Here's the person who keeps us solvent. The preparer of the Budget. And generally keeps us afloat—which in a boat club is a good thing.

The people in all these rolls have members who have previously held these offices available to them for advice. And the appointed offices of the club such as **SECRETARY, WAYS AND MEANS, SOCIAL AND RECIPROCALS** have a big part to play in the running of our club.

So a huge **THANK YOU** to all who are doing and have done their part in making our club a fine place to be.

For those who haven't stepped up yet give it some thought. Start small if you like, volunteer to do something you might feel is not being done. Or, go for the top. It's **YOUR** club.

The Executive Board and appointed positions kind of act like managers. You know managers, you either are one or have one. They look to the "big picture". We are the staff. I think that when a problem comes up the best thing a manager would like to hear is "I've identified this problem and this is what I'm going to do to fix it". Large problems might need a crew. This is where the manager can help.

To sum up, this is "our" club and the Executive Board and appointees are us, not them. That's what has built **TH&SC** to date. That's what is necessary to continue. 🚤

A Wild Goose Chase

IN EARLY JULY four members—James, Mike, Tony and Albert were enjoying the day in the north-end gazebo, as members do during the lazy days of summer. They looked up and found a Canada goose walking up to them.

This is an unusual thing to happen because Canada geese usually keep to the open areas where they can fly away when danger approaches—on our lawns and fields.

With a closer look they saw the goose was in distress and seemed to be looking toward them for help. There was plastic fishing line tangled around the goose's mouth and tongue. After some discussion they decided to try and help the goose. The goose was skittish when approached but it didn't go away.

A blanket was found and when it was thrown over the goose they were able to gently grab it. The goose calmed down. With pliers and snips the rescuers managed to remove all the fishing line from the goose's mouth and tongue.

When released the goose calmly walked away. A good deed indeed! 🦆



FLOTSAM & JETSAM



Shadow



PATIO CLEANUP



An excellent job of cleaning up the patio area was done recently by John Morris and Cat. It was observed that Cat was doing the bulk of the cleanup but John was there to provide brunch and was seen up to his armpits in eavestrough gunk. The spiders are going to have a big job to get their webs back to where they were last week!



RACING STARTS IN GOOD HANDS

Miranda Wheatstone is a new face on the race committee boat this year and is doing a great job of starting and managing our races. Tom Monson and John Norton are on hand to help but Miranda has been the one to be the voice of the committee boat. She's also been learning to handle *Shadow*. We often blame the committee when there's no wind or too much wind (who else is there to blame?) but without the crew on the race committee there would be no racing.

<div>  <div>August 2014</div>  </div>						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
HIGH SUMMER—GO SAILING					1	2
3	4 CIVIC HOLIDAY	5	6 Series III RACE 2	7	8	9
10 MMC Cruise	11	12	13 Series III RACE 3	14	15	16 MMC Cruise
17 HYC Cruise	18	19	20 Series III RACE 4	21	22	23 Alberg GLAA Regatta
24 Alberg GLAA Regatta	25	26	27 Series III RACE 5	28	29	30 Bluffer's Challenge/ CORN ROAST
31	BLUFFER'S—CORN ROAST—FIREWORKS					

<div>  <div>September 2014</div>  </div>						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
	1 Labour Day	2	3 Make-up Race	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Make-up Race	11	12	13 Frost Bite Race
14	15	16	17 Make-up Race	18	19	20 LYC Cruise— Both ways
21 LYC Cruise— Both ways	22 Fall Begins	23	24 Make-up Race	25	26	27 Circle of Life Race
28	29 TH&SC ELECTIONS	30				
SUMMER IS LEAVING—USE ALL THE DAYS						

<div>  <div>October 2014</div>  </div>						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
SUMMER IS OVER			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Cradle Placement
12 Cradle Placement	13 Thanks- giving Day	14	15	16	17	18 HAUL OUT
19 HAUL OUT	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Hallowe'en	
HAUL OUT THIS MONTH—PRAY FOR DRY WEATHER!						

<div>  <div>November 2014</div>  </div>						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
JOIN US AT AWARDS NIGHT						1
2 Back to Stan- dard Time	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Remem- brance Day	12	13	14	15 Awards Night
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Kid's Christ- mas Party	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	DON'T FORGET THE KID'S CHRISTMAS PARTY					