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Calendar

Annual General Meeting—Sunday, December 5—Recap the 2010 season and find out what's in store for the 2011 sailing season.—**See PART 2 below**

New Year's Levy—Saturday, January 1—Start the New Year right. Join your friends at the Club and bring in the New Year.

Darts Resumes—Friday, January 7—Come to the Club about 7 for a few games of darts and good fellowship.

Annual General Meeting—PART 2—Monday, January 10—7 p.m.—To complete the official business of our Club postponed from December 5th.

Toronto International Boat Show —January 8 – 16—Admission \$15. Online Tickets available November 1st - SAVE \$3.00 (valid until January 7th)

WOW-Women On Water—Sunday, February 27—See ad on this page.

LAUNCH—Saturday, May 7, 2011—Think positive. Once we get past the Boat Show things launch day will approach quickly.



WQW = Women on the Water

A 2 session series, for women, to learn and talk about boating with Lori Mason of The Store Mason's Chandlery.

The first session covers Safety: Flares, PFD's and Man Overboard. The second session is basic boat handling, anchoring, & mooring, and tying knots.

"It doesn't matter whether you are a skipper or a first mate, there's always something to learn about boating. We share experiences, both good and bad, work out solutions and generally find camaraderie" says Mason. Be sure to

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HOY!

If a sailing season can be likened to a Man-of-War, then we are all now on the Orlop deck, any further down and we would be in the hold.

A great year is behind us, we now have to look at the horizon and ponder what is beyond.

On the first day of 2011 it will be my pleasure to say hello to all Members at the New Years Day Levee. Shortly after that, the Boat Show beckons, with new gear and untold opportunity.

I am sure that many of you have travel and perhaps sailing plans in the south, this winter. I am both envious and happy for those of you that can get away.

While we are at idle hands during the winter, I will keep working to ensure that our 60th Anniversary will be noticed by as many people as possible.

I can't wait for Spring and the sight of our boats in their proper place,

So in the meantime, enjoy your shore leave but don't let the Pressgang get you. If you can, find a seat beside a fireplace and enjoy your ease. Sandy bottoms to you all.

> Season's greetings, Dave Johnston.



wished to continue their association with the club. I did not get returns from five, mostly wives of members who have passed on. In 2011, the club will be insisting on a completed waiver before launch in the spring. Many of you do not return your waiver with your cheque. Please ensure you do this in 2011 to avoid problems at launch. Rob will have the forms for the Florida crowd available on launch day.

We had two members move to life status...Marilyn Goodman and Jamie Smallwood. They met the requirements of age 65 and two terms on the Board.

Again, please let me know of any address or e-mail changes so we can keep in touch with you. It has been a pleasure working with this Board and I will endeavor to assist the incoming Vice Commodore, Rob McComb, in any way I can.

VICE COMMODORE

Elizabeth Marin

THIS AGM ENDS my two-year term as Vice Commodore. Over this time I have worked on several projects to improve club compliance in legal areas. The previous Vice Commodore, with the assistance of Marguerite Ethier, developed the Club Privacy Policy in keeping with new laws. I have worked to improve our compliance from 25% to almost 85% of signed forms. Most sailing members have signed. It has been more difficult to get crew members who do not attend launch or haulout.

This season while preparing the bills, I realized we were lacking insurance information on over ten boats. I followed up on this and now have information on all boats on the property on file.

The e-mail system when I took office, ran on Dan's home computer. After an attempt to set up a system on the club computer, with Greg's help the club was set up with the Icontact system. It offers the ability to track bounces and messages opened. This helped me update the list by asking members on the bounce list for new addresses. This program allows Board members to send club e-mails from their home computers.

In the area of membership, I have fielded many inquiries, but as we currently have three paid-up, waiting list members I have not been able to entice any more people. In these financial hard times, few people are willing to commit over \$1700 with taxes to wait for a slip. While there has been little movement in the club, I hope we will be able to accommodate some of these members with a slip in 2011. This will not be decided until spring, closer to launch.

I will be preparing the 2011 bills to assist the incoming Vice Commodore. Those of you on the hard will be billed for wet mooring unless you let me know otherwise.

The current membership stands at a total of 183, down slightly from last year at 193. This is because some crew members did not re-join, although they are still out on Wednesday night racing. After discussion with the Rules Committee regarding life members, I sent special letters to them with their 2010 renewals to return their membership and waiver if they

<u>SOCIAL CHAIR</u>

Laurie Chan-Prospe

NOTHER YEAR has come and gone...almost. Our recent yearend bash, Awards Night, was a great way to recap the year. Listening to our guest speaker, Diane Reid-"One Girl's Ocean Challenge", inspired me to one day go out on my own and challenge myself to the open seas. Well, not really, however I do admire her for having the courage to do it. Greg Smith, RC, MC and DJ did an outstanding job once again. Congratulations to all who had won well deserved awards.

We had a very full house for the Kids Christmas party. Unfortunately, our number one, first-line Santa had to cancel so we had to bring in a last minute substitute. It's amazing how many different tasks are on the Harbour Master's job description. Despite the change, the kids were probably too distracted by their gifts to notice. All with the exception of Jordyn Boyd, who ratted him out.

Thank you to Lynda de Jonge van der Halen who had worked hard in the last couple of months to put this together. She hand picks the gifts for each and every child and ensures that the gifts are never repeated. That was

25 gifts this year!

That's it for scheduled events for 2010. What's in store for next year? The RC will be working diligently in the next couple of months planning for the next season. Stay tuned to see what's up his sleeve.

What better way to cure your New Year's hangover than to come down and spend the afternoon at the New Years Levee. There will be food and drinks and great company. Come on down New Years Day between 1 and

Thank you everyone for a great year. It was a blast and let's hope that the new year brings more great times together. I wish you all a very merry holidays and a happy and safe New



<u>Harbourmaster</u>

Bob Prosper

■HE BOATS ARE OUT! Don't be confused by the exclamation mark at the end of my opening sentence. I'm not happy about it. It's just that every haul out or launch I worry. I worry that something might go wrong. I know how members feel about their boats and I know how I feel about our members. My first priority is to ensure our members don't get hurt and my second is to make sure the boats are safely lifted and placed. So needless to say, this haul out deserves an exclamation mark. Thanks to everyone for making the event a huge success. I'm not going to mention names this year of those who worked very closely both during haul out and prior to, for fear I might miss someone. I would feel terrible about that. You all know who you are, and if I didn't thank you already, I will definitely thank you when I see you next. This haul out convinced me that the majority of members really do care.

While I am in mourning over the lack of sailing, I suppose I will have to take up on some reading about sailing. It's funny how during the sailing season I don't have much appetite for literature of the nautical kind. I guess my appetite is already satisfied with the actual sailing that I do. It sort of makes up for it I suppose. Once the boat comes out however, I instantly shuffle through all of my collection of nautical related books. Technical manuals, how to do, historical accounts of navigation, and sailor's adventures are all food for the mind during the off-season. I think I have reread every book I own. Some I have read several times over. Technical manuals I source for the info needed at various times so I might make much needed repairs to Salaro on those few but much appreciated milder days over the off season. I think, however, it is time for me to buy more books. I think I will wait for the boat show when some of those books are greatly reduced in price.

I'm not looking forward to the grey that winter brings. Colours will be flushed out of everything once alive and vibrant. Cold hands on the steering wheel first thing in the morning is something I don't look forward to. The horrible sound of scraping ice from the windshield is enough to make one go back inside

and fall back to sleep. It's dark when I leave for work, and it's dark when I'm coming home.

The beautiful bright white associated with a fresh snowfall can be wonderful but the yellow slushy stuff is bloody dreadful. Towards the end of winter and into early spring when we've had enough already, even the nice white stuff can be daunting. And then there are the people in their cars beside you during rush hour. They look like pod people from the movie "Invasion Of The Body Snatchers". With no expressions they just look straight ahead into emptiness. I can't help but wonder if I look like them. Hum, I probably do. Please forgive me for putting you all in a state of depression.

I must go south this winter! I must! I must! I want to walk the beach first thing in the morning and watch the sun cross upwards and over that horizontal line separating sea and sky. I want to feel the fine sand slip through my toes only to have the sea take the fine particles back again. I want to smell the blend of fragrances from various tropical plants in the hills behind the beach. I want to hear exotic birds come to life at dawn and the surf breaking on reefs. Oh yes, and I long to feel the constant trade wind on my skin carry off the beads of sweat created by the sun just moments ago. And also to feel fine rum so fine that it needs no mixing, carried through me and to my head where all that I am experiencing is made yet even finer. There, how's that? Feel better now?

In a classic 1851 piece of literature "Moby Dick", the author Herman Melville goes to great length to describe just how big of an impact bodies of water can be. He points out that when vacationing from inland, most tourists find the allure of the water's edge too much to resist.

He also makes clear that men who earn their living at sea do so even though they face the many dangers and in many cases possible death. And yet, men came in great numbers for a chance to serve at sea. Even today we find ourselves drawn to the sea. Any city along any coast will draw people from both near and very far. I was thinking the other day about all the places I have vacationed and every one of those vacation places happen to be on the edge where land meets sea. The sea must be magical, is it not?

While the meteorologists are

calling for a winter with much precipitation in the form of snow, I sincerely hope we don't have too many of those days well below freezing temperatures. While the boats are tucked away in their blankets, we can dream of those perfect days with the sun warming the cockpit as a ten knot wind pushes our boat effortlessly across the water. May all of you have a pleasant winter and many sweet dreams.

Your Harbour Monster 🛮 📤

NEW YEAR'S LEVEE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1ST IN THE CLUBHOUSE

BETWEEN 1 AND 4 P.M. REFRESHMENTS

A GOOD PLACE TO WIND DOWN AFTER **ALL THE FESTIVITIES**

WAYS AND MEANS

Meredith Thomas

IT'S NEVER TOO SOON

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who helped make my job easy in ■ 2010 by completing their 16 hours work requirement early—and for remembering to pass their chits on

Early this season our tireless Harbour Master, Bob Proper, will need a team to repair winter damage to the docks and harbour wall. This is a great way to work off those pounds gained from too much food and drink over the holiday season, plus getting to know other members of the club.

The clubhouse also needs constant maintenance and repairs so there is plenty of work that can be done to complete your work hours before launch. A call to Don Bland is all that is required to get you started.

Best wishes to everyone for the New Year and for a great new sailing

Meredith Thomas Ways & Means Convenor.



Γ CAPTAIN

ere it is, December already. The boats have gone to bed for another year and memories of cruises along with pictures are all that remain from the 2010 season.

Hats off to the Social Committee for all their hard work and to Rear Commodore Greg Smith for getting all the trophies and flags organized and organizing the rest of us to make all those presentations at Awards Night on November 20.

We had seven cruises this year, including a theme cruise, "the 60s." There was lots of long hair and Cool clothing to be seen. The best part was that nobody at our host club, Highland, seemed surprised.

We are busy making plans for next year's cruises by making initial contacts with our cruising captain counterparts at our destination clubs. Sounds extreme doesn't it? Not really, most of the cruises are booked and confirmed at the annual LOCCA meeting in early January. This is an interesting process that resembles the trading floor at the stock exchange. Just imagine, at least one, more often two people, representing 20 to 30 clubs around Lake Ontario all trying to book and confirm cruises at the same time.

The theme for next year is "Mythology". Think way back and let your minds be creative.

Of interest, 22 boats attended at least one cruise and we ranged from a high of 15 in July for the Commodore's Cruise to a low of 0 boats attending in May (we all cruised by car to the landlocked Bluffer's Park).

Our planned cruise to APSC had to be rearranged at the last minute due a combination of circumstances. Many thanks to the Mimico Cruising Club for accepting our cruise with only two day's warning. It turned out to be the best weather cruise we had all year with broad reaching winds in both directions.

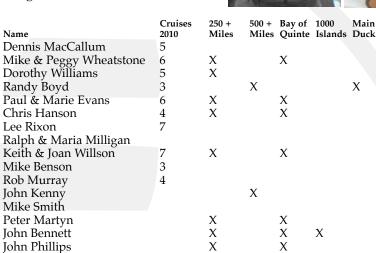
We are working on two new cruises for next year. A cruise to the "Hole" hosted by Dan Demers and a cruise to the US side. Stay turned for more details on the US cruise. Yes you read that correctly, we already have a volunteer host for a cruise for 2011. Have a favourite cruise that you want to host? It's never too early to volunteer. Give us a call and the cruise will be yours.

Cruises are only as good as the hosts, as they do all the meal preparation which makes our club cruises so memorable. Thanks go to; team Evans, team Wheatstones, team Murrays, team Willsons, team Hanson and Marin, team Johnston, team Smiths (Greg and Dee).

43 boats ventured away from the club for at least one night.

Below is a listing of who won awards and flags for cruising related sailing this year.

Congratulations to all.



First Across: Michael Smith Last Across: Chris Hanson Distant Waters: John Kenney (Ottawa) Land Cruiser: Ralph & Maria Milligan Cruiser of the Year: A Two-way tie: Lee Rixon, Keith & Joan Willson (7 of

7 cruises attended)

Aubrey Millard

Outside Route: John Phillips



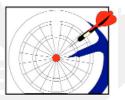




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2011 00D SCHEDULE

Officer of the Day (00D) 2011 sign up list is available at the OOD Station as of January 1st, 2011



DARTS

Friday evenings

RIDAY NIGHT DARTS will be on hiatus over the holidays. Last December night will be the 17th. We will start again on January 7th.

We have extra sets of darts so come down and find out what it's all about. We have excellent dart boards and good company. We are low-key and most of us are "duffers" too. Our "good" players are always ready to coach a newcomer.

Come on down around 7 p.m. for a few hours. It's an enjoyable way to end your week and prepare for a wintery weekend.

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PROPERTY MGR.

T EASONS GREETINGS Best wishes to you and yours for a healthy and prosperous new year.

Thanks to Peggy Wheatstone and Liz Marin for their many contributions to the clubs' Executive Board.

Welcome to Tom Monson and Rob McComb our new Board members.

The past year saw continued improvement to our great club. Some of the more noticeable changes include the patio. Thanks to Rosemary the flower boxes and gardens received lots of praise and the patio itself has never been as weed and litter free thanks to Captain Dot and crew. The dry sail area is very organized and uncluttered thanks to Geoff Steele and crew. Our colourfully rejuvenated mast crane is so quiet members can't even hear it operating, thanks to Jack Hexham Lou Lalonde et. al. The kitchen was not only painted but also has increased storage, a new fridge and an efficient dishwasher as well.

Thanks to Bob (harbour master for life) Prosper our stored boats are organized so that there is ample parking all along the east fence and down to the workshop and dry sail areas. This means that other than loading and unloading there is no need to park between the "no parking fire route sign" and the main door to the club house.

We need someone to oversee the maintenance of both the yard and the clubhouse. Please speak to me for a description of the duties for either of these jobs.

There will be several inside jobs posted early in the new year for those of you who would like to get your work hours in before sailing season.



USE AND RENTAL OF THE CLUBHOUSE

by Don Bland

THERE IS CONSIDERABLE confusion regarding using and/or booking the use of the clubhouse. At the risk of making it worse I'll attempt to give a brief clarification of the current policy.

First—rental does not grant anyone exclusive use of the property. Members cannot be denied access to their clubhouse. We all try to be considerate but members can use their facilities.

Second—Restricted rentals during the sailing season. From launch to haulout an application to rent can only be from Monday to Thursday.

Rentals to members who wish to entertain outside guests must submit a written application specifying the date and other information required on the application. A security / damage deposit is required. Insurance and liquor permits may also be required.

Members who wish to host an event with other members, or small groups of their family or friends, as long as liquor is not being provided or sold, need only notify the property manager to see if any other events have been scheduled.

The clubhouse belongs to all of us. No reasonable request would be turned down.



Extreme 40s—Exciting Sailing

■ UROPE HAS HAD exciting sailing for some time. For the last **d** couple of years there has been a circuit of five venues where 40-foot catamarans race on short courses in front of huge spectator crowds.

Close racing, flying hulls, near capsizes and capsizes are normal sailing in this series.

Videos of all five 2010 racing sites are available at

http://www.extremesailingseries.com

They race many races a day over several days. Check out the videos and be prepared to see exciting sailing.

TH&SC GOLF TOURNAMENT

by Jack Hexham

UR SECOND ATTEMPT for a TH&SC golf tournament was held this year at Bushwood golf course on September 14th. Seventeen stout souls commenced whacking the white thing at 11:00 AM under sunny skies and little cool. Their drives off the first tee even landed for some where

Club members who attended this shindig where Jeff and Mike Ante, Bruce Bateman, Jack and Lorna Hexham, Jack Kennedy, Rob Kozack, Paavo Lindstrom, Robert McComb, Lee and Debbie Rixon. We also had six guests invited by Jack Kennedy which helped our turn-out...thanks guys.

We had prizes this year donated by members. I can't remember all the winners (a long list). The longest drives went to Debbie Rixon and I believe Rick Green.

I do remember the closest to the pin (a par three) never happened—we all missed the green! Sooooo we had a draw; a couple in fact. The winners were Mike Ante and Jack Kennedy. They received a pair of tickets each to a Jays game,

Thanks to Rob Kozack. Thank you one and all for contributing to a fun filled day.



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REAR COMMODORE of producing club events—a difficult task with constant rising.

WOULD LIKE TO THANK everyone who helped make the 2010 Lseason a successful one. 2010 produced a great summer of sailing. I am pleased to report, our racing, cruising, and social programs were well attended this year.

Thanks to Keith and Joan Willson, our, Cruising Fleet Captains, for organizing a great season of cruising. It takes a lot of coordinating and communication to put both incoming and outgoing cruises together. As of this date, I'm pleased to report that we have five requests from other clubs for cruises into the TH&SC for 2011!

We had seven cruises in total this year. Twenty two boats attended at least one cruise, and we ranged from a high of fifteen in July for the Commodore's Cruise to a low of zero boats attending in May to the landlocked Bluffer's Park. However, a last minute land cruise was organized to Bluffer's. Our "Land Cruiser" visit was well received by our friends at the BYC. 2011

Cruising plans are currently underway for the next season, which includes a crossing to U.S. side.

Our racing program continues to grow. Thanks to Jacquie Claassenrace fleet captain; Tom Monson—race committee captain; Rick Lalonde scorer and club handicapper.

Rick Lalonde is stepping down as our club scorer. However, Rick will continue as our club PHRF handicapper. Rick has held both positions for the last ten years and has done an outstanding job for the TH&SC. Bruce Bateman will take over the role as our club scorer for the next season.

Rick has offered to instruct Bruce on the scoring software before the next season and will make himself available in a consulting role. I invite anyone who has an interest in learning the scoring software to contact me directly. It is important to the club's racing program that we have several members who can competently manage the software program.

Once again, Laurie, our Social Director, and her team really outdid themselves producing the club events. Laurie has informed me that she will be staying on for one more year as Social Director. Laurie and her team worked hard to bring down the costs

pleased to report that they have been successful in doing so.

A big thank you to Lynda & Peter De Jonge Van der halen, and Eva and Mike Baker for all their extra work on the Social Committee. Furthermore, a special thank you to Rosemary Johnston for helping make our summer's East Coast Night a huge success. Rosemary's ability in the kitchen and in the garden are quite extraordinary.

The Social Committee will need some support as they plan and produce 2011 events. If you would like to get involved with any of the events, I encourage you to step forward and contact Laurie Prosper or myself for information.

Thanks to all for the wonderful turnout for our annual Awards Night held November 20th. It was a night filled with a lovely atmosphere, including delicious food, terrific friends, and dedicated members.

Diane Reid, of "One Girl's Open Challenge" was our guest speaker for the evening. For those of you not yet familiar with Diane Reid, I assure you that you that you will hear more about her extraordinary racing challenge in the months to come. Diane will race across 4300 nautical miles in a 6.5 meter open class Mini 2013 Mini Transat Race From France to Brazil...single handed. TH&SC is proud to support Diane's "One Girl's Open Challenge" with a \$500.00 donation. For more information, please visit www.onegirlsoceanchallenge.com.

I believe our club has more trophies than any club on the lake. However, what else should we expected from a club with such a prestigious racing heritage. I must say, it wasn't easy keeping the Awards evening under four hours. I was warned, if the evening lasted longer than four hours, I should contact a doctor! The results of the season may be found in other pages of this publication, congratulations once again to the winners—it was a great season of cruising, food, dancing, and racing.

So, here we are at the end of another sailing season, thank you to everyone who has helped to make it a successful year. Plans for the next season are well underway, and I promise to keep you informed throughout the winter season. Remember, this is your club. Get

involved, host a club cruise, sign on as a racing crew member, join a committee, even run for the Rear Commodore position!

I look forward to the New Year, new projects, and a new # 3.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year...see you at the Levee! Same Spot, Different Day N43° 39.610 W79° 18.812

RACE RESULTS

MIDWEEK-SERIES 1

DIVISION 1-Spinnaker

1 - Tsunami II; 2 - Fauvette; 3 - Dark & Stormy; 4-Rock It; 5-Legacy; 6-Missee Lee

DIVISION 2-White Sail

1-L'Autre Femme; 2-Trevor Kane; 3-Matta II; 4-Crackerjack; 5-Wind Chaser; 6-Skookumchuk; 7 - Connemara; 8 - Effen; 9 -Triple Threat; 10—Pendragon; 11—Figment Squared: 12-Spectrum

MIDWEEK-SERIES 2

DIVISION 1—Spinnaker

1 - Tsunami II; 2 - Legacy; 3 - Dark & Stormy;

4-Rock It; 5-Missee Lee

DIVISION 2-White Sail

1-L'Autre Femme; 2-Breakaway; 3-Trevor Kane; 4-Wind Chaser, 5-Skookumchuk; 6-Crackerjack; 7 - Effen; 8 - Matta II; 9 - Triple Threat, 10—Connemara; 11—Spectrum; 12— Figment Squared

MIDWEEK-SERIES 3

DIVISION 1-Spinnaker

1-Tsunami II; 2-Rock It, 3-Legacy; 4-Wind Chaser, 5-Missee Lee

DIVISION 2-White Sail

1-L'Autre Femme; 2-Matta II; 3-Crackerjack; 4-Trevor Kane; 5-Connemara; 6-Skookumchuk; 7—Effen; 8—Triple Threat, 9— Pendragon; 10—Breakaway; 11—Spectrum

MIDWEEK-SERIES-OVERALL

DIVISION 1—Spinnaker

1 - Tsunami II; 2 - Rock It; 3 - Legacy; 4 -Missee Lee; 5-Dark & Stormy; 6-Wind Chaser; 7 - Fauvette

DIVISION 2-White Sail

1-L'Autre Femme; 2-Matta II; 3-Trevor Kane; 4-Crackerjack; 5-Skookumchuk; 6-Connemara; 7 - Effen; 8 - Wind Chaser; 9 -Triple Threat; 10—Breakaway; 11—Pendragon; 12—Spectrum; 13—Figment Squared

WEEKEND SERIES

DIVISION 1—Spinnaker

1 — Tsunami II; 2 — Legacy; 3 — Missee Lee; 4 — Dark & Stormy; 5-Matta II

DIVISION 2-White Sail

1 - Wind Chaser, 2 - Trevor Kane; 3 - L'Autre Femme; 4—Connemara; 5—Skookumchuk; 6— Triple Threat; 7—Maldives; 8—Effen; 9—Mello

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Race Results...

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Yellow, 10—Ante Up II; 11—Eau Naturele; 12—Sojourner; 13—Rainmaker; 14—Oyaa; 14—Wildrose V; 14—Hobie 1; 14—Hobie 2; 14—Veuve Cliquot; 14—Chances

COMBINED OVERALL

DIVISION 1—Spinnaker 1—Tsunami II; 2—Legacy; 3—Rock It; 4— Missee Lee; 5—Dark & Stormy; 6—Wind Chaser; 7—Fauvette; 8—Matta II

DIVISION 2—White Sail
1—L'Autre Femme; 2—Trevor Kane; 3—Wind
Chaser, 4—Skookumchuk; 5—Connemara; 6—
Triple Threat; 7—Matta II; 8—Effen; 9—
Crackerjack; 10—Breakaway; 11—Pendragon;
12—Spectrum; 13—Ante Up II; 14—Sojourner;
15—Figment Squared; 16—Wildrose V





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TREASURER Peggy Wheatstone

A NOTHER YEAR draws to a close and I want to commend the Board for their responsible management of your money.

As unforeseen events happened, they juggled priorities and shifted focus rather than ignore your budget and spend regardless. We, as a Club and a Board, have worked hard to build and preserve our holdings as we continue to live under a cloud of uncertainty. Still with no lease or firm commitment we continue to hold our year's expenses in reserve as well as the \$50,000 put aside over the last two years against the eventuality of needing a new mast rack in the event to a move. Shadow is aging and requires more care and money every year to keep her an active part of our Club

It was asked at our unfortunately shortened AGM about our plans for fees next year. The proposed budget had no fee increase contemplated in it in recognition of the fact that there would be an increase to all due to the switch to the HST.

It was also questioned whether the change benefited the Club with regard to reclaiming the value of what was the old PST. Having only received the benefit of this for one quarter so far and since we do not track PST paid, I can only estimated what we have claimed in GST must be increased proportionately for the HST. Using this calculation there would be an estimated additional return to the club of just over \$7,500. Unfortunately the increase to launch and haul out costs has, since the demise of Klomp Cranes, increased by just over \$8,800. All expenses have continued to rise, overall about 10% over last year. Most notably are our costs for launch and haul out, for the crane and powerwash and our utility expenses. All these costs have risen significantly over the last year.

Meredith continues to manage Ways and Means, and we are pleased that the vast majority of members have completed their work party days.

I am personally pleased to have had the opportunity to represent you these past two years. It has been a wonderful experience with lots of learning about just how much work it takes to make this Club the gem that it is. I have been blessed to have been able to work with a wonderful executive team. They continuously give selflessly on your behalf. I want to wish Tom and Bob all the best as they step into their new roles in January. Enjoy the ride!



WINTER STORAGE— AN ADVENTURE

by Mike Benson

'T'S REALLY ANNOYING how work gets in the way of doing the things we really want to do. After a poor sailing season due to being on the (work-related) road too much this past summer, I discovered that I also had to be away for both haulout and next spring's launch!

Now, the folks at TH&SC are terrific. A number of people indicated that they could see that Soulstice got safely put in her cradle and launched again in May. But that's a lot of responsibility and a bit too much to ask of people. Not only that, but I really didn't have enough time to get the mast off and otherwise get ready anyway. Solution—find a place that would haul/launch anytime and where I could keep the mast/boom etc on for the winter.

I did worry that keeping the mast up in the cradle would put a lot of stress on the rig. However, Soulstice is keel-stepped and, providing I could find a fairly sheltered spot, she should be OK, even with the shrouds eased a bit to allow for thermal contraction in cold weather. It's only for one season and lots of people seem to do it. So I decided to winter over at Bluffer's Park Marina. With their travel lift and a promise of a reasonably sheltered spot, I could haul when I had time and not have to worry much about prep before hand.

This was confirmed for me as the right decision when I used the one day I did have available to get a jump start on preparations for winter. I decided to

winterize all the plumbing on the boat before I left TH&SC.

An interesting design flaw of a Catalina 36 is that the port water tank fill and the diesel tank fill are approximately one inch from each other. Recognizing this, I painted the diesel cap a bright yellow to avoid confusion several years ago. You will appreciate my astonishment and disbelief when Judy asked why I was

So, one fuel tank pumpout later, I was ready for the short hop to Bluffers. Dennis MacCallum came along to help and to get in one more sail. But we weren't long out of the slip before the next major challenge. The aqua-lift muffler I thought I had fixed last winter finally gave up the ghost and any time the engine was running, there was water all over the place. Fortunately, there was about 20 knots of wind from the north and we were at our destination in no time. I guess I'll be installing a new muffler before launch.

The folks at Bluffers were great. The haulout was effortless and they did find me a well sheltered spot. One unanticipated thing I did notice was with the power wash of the hull. At TH&SC, we power wash our boats when they are in the cradle. That means that the underside of wing keels such as ours never get cleaned. In the cradle straps of the travel lift, that wasn't a problem. You'd be amazed at how much crud there is under a wing keel after 10 or so years. I'm sure I've gained another half a knot.

Other than my minor crises, which were unrelated to the decision to haul elsewhere, I think it was the right decision for me. Hopefully, I'll be able to get out early in the spring without waiting for the Bluffers Park entrance to be dredged.

The only downside of the decision is the cost, which is quite a bit more than wintering at the club. I wonder if my office would consider it as a workrelated expense.

diesel tank! I was obviously too rushed and starting to do stupid things.

FLOTSAM & JETSAM **Shadow**

IAN WHAN RECOVERING

After being in an accident involving a falling tree, Ian is now in rehab. His injuries were severe so the recovery will be long. Visitors are not indicated at this time so Ian can spend all his time in recovery. Our Commodore, Dave Johnston, will keep the membership updated during Ian's recovery.

CONDOLENCES

Sympathy goes out to two members who recently lost their Mothers. Our condolences to Richard Coutts and Chris Hanson and their families.

WATCH YOUR ELECTRIC CORDS

If you plug the electric cord into your boat when visiting it this winter and spring, be sure to remove it before you leave. Club rules insist that there be no live electric supply left on when there is no one present at the boat.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HAD NO QUORUM

As a result, no official business could be done. This will require another meeting on Monday, January 10, 2011 7:00 p.m. in order to complete the business of the our club. If you can't attend BE SURE to send in your proxy or give it to someone you know will be attending. The January meeting must have a quorum.

AMERICA'S CUP TO USE **CATAMARANS**

Catamarans with wing sails will compete for the next America's Cup and two experts in the craft are right here. Steve Killing and Magnus Clarke, who designed Fred Eaton's C-class cat wing which won him the Little America's Cup again this year, are said to be designing the Emirates Team New Zealand wing. For more information see

http://www.sailingworld.com/blogs/ra cing/americas-cup/a-chance-to-breakout







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