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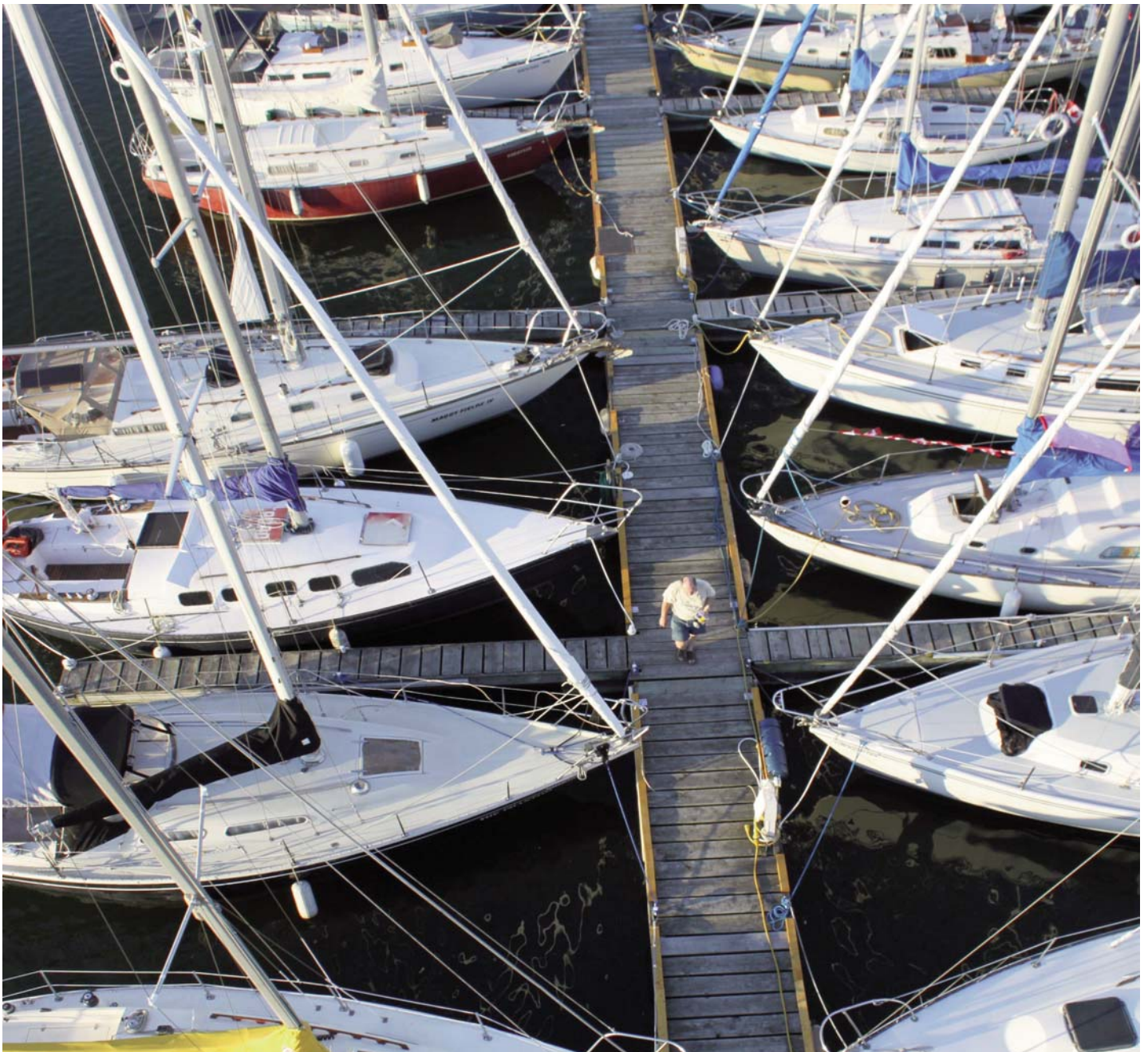


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by Alexis Wheatstone



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# Calendar

**Awards Night—Saturday, December 1**—Come and applaud the winners or collect your cruising flags. Enjoy the evening. Tickets are available at Haulout and after through Social. Watch for posters.

**Annual General Meeting—Sunday, December 2**—The Club's business will be conducted, including reports by the Executive Board. Please try to attend. If you can't make it, be SURE to sign and send a proxy or give it to a fellow member.

**New Year's Levee—Tuesday, January 1st**—An afternoon with friends after the night before sounds like a good afternoon.

**Toronto Boat Show—January 12 to 20**—After this it's downhill to launch day!

**Launch Day—Saturday, May 4**—It will be here before you know it.

## New Year's Levee

Tuesday, January 1st

at the

Toronto Hydroplane and  
Sailing Club

Lynda de Jonge van der Halen

[dejongevanderhalen@sympatico.ca](mailto:dejongevanderhalen@sympatico.ca)

from

1.00 to 4.00 p.m.

Join us for refreshments  
and socializing

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# COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

John Edwards

**M**Y REPORT FOR THIS ISSUE will be a review of the AGM held on Dec 2 2012.

The first item is the status of our lease. We are operating at present under the terms and conditions of a 25-year lease and have come to the close of the seventh year. However, that lease has not been signed by the club. The reason it wasn't signed is due to the termination clause that allows the city to terminate our lease with six-months notice. The prior lease required twelve-months notice.

At present, after discussions with the city, they agreed to go back to the old wording. In those discussions they also agreed to consider wording that would clarify when the clause would trigger. What the club is looking for here is wording that would limit the termination to only a redevelopment of the area and that we would be part of and discussion dealing with that redevelopment. These propose language changes take a long time. The city has to review them through their legal department and get back. This places us one step from the decision making process.

Therefore your executive will have to decide on the following;

Sign the lease with the one year termination which would give us what we had in the past.

Continue to pursue mitigating language to limit the use of the termination clause.

I would say this, any redevelopment of this area would be years in the making. Further, based on our Club's past experience, we would be part of any discussion of redevelopment. We have been involved in prior proposals all of which died due to lack of money. It is the lack of money that prohibits the city from making any significant changes that would in any way impact on us. I do not see this changing in the short to medium term.

Based on this information your Executive voted at the December executive meeting to sign the Lease with the word change to reflect the one year termination. I will be contacting the City of Toronto to proceed.

The next issue is the proposed changes to the sewage treatment plant. I have included with this report a photograph with an overlay showing the proposed changes. Further information can be accessed with the

following link.

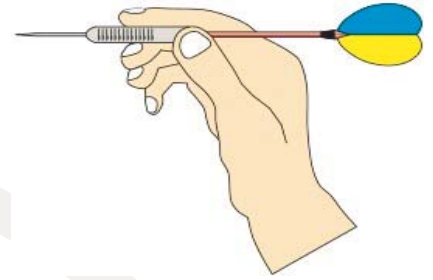
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There is no approval for these changes at present. The Environmental Assessment Study has not been completed at this time, nor is there funding available to complete this study. The approval of these changes would be a long way off.

This brings us to the special resolution that was passed at the AGM. The proposed changes to the letters patent. The changes would also be reflected in our Constitution and By-laws to clarify that the members of the executive will be the directors of the club while in office.

Just a bit of background here. I and I'm sure many of the senior members of the club recall that the issue of our name was dealt with in the past. However a search of the records with the Provincial Government does not reflect this. At present the Letters Patent show our name as The Toronto Hydroplane Club. I have searched our club records as best as I was able and found no record of our name being officially changed to The Toronto Hydroplane and Sailing Club. I came then to realize that whatever we thought was done in the past we need today to make sure the changes are officially made. Thus the reason for the special amendment. The appropriate documents have now been signed by the Executive and are being filed with the Provincial Government.

As I close my report I wish to wish all members and their families the very best for the Holiday Season. ▲



## DARTS

**Most Friday nights  
Re-starting Friday  
January 4, 2013**

We gather at the clubhouse  
about 7 p.m.  
Come and unwind after your  
week by throwing darts

No experience necessary

We have darts to lend



Ashbridges Bay Landform Concept Incorporating Stormwater Management Wetland and Combined Sewer Overflow High Rate Treatment Facility

## HARBOURMASTER

Bob Prosper

CONGRATULATIONS to all those recipients on Awards Night. It looks as though a wonderful time was had by all. It is great to see all the smiling faces I have not seen since Haulout. Looking at all the images taken over the 2012 season and viewed by all on the big screen at the clubhouse during Awards Night, it becomes obvious to all onlookers that TH&SC is a healthy vibrant club. Uniqueness is obvious as well due to all the interesting characters who call TH&SC their sanctuary.

I have had the opportunity over the past 5 years to serve as Harbourmaster. While challenging at times, I consider those times to be amongst some of the best years of my life. I've had time to learn more about the rich history of TH&SC from various members who have been active members for many years. I think for the most part that many of our older members continue to contribute in many ways to our club out of respect and deep sentimental attachment to those years. It is important for the younger members and especially new members coming into TH&SC, to obtain a true sense of just who we are and where we came from. I feel strongly that if there should be a disconnection between the new and the old, then all will be lost and TH&SC as we know it, will become something of the past. A great deal of our strength is in our history and that history needs to be resurrected from time to time to ensure we maintain our vibrancy.

I would like to thank all of those on the board having served with me in the past. Thank you for your patience, your assistance, and your respect. We have had some great moments together. Some moments make me smile or even laugh when I think of them today. Thanks to all those members who have shared their wisdom with me, helped guide me on a straight line. I would also like to thank all those members sharing great conversation and drinks with me allowing me to abandon that straight line from time to time. Thanks to assisting work parties helping me maintain the docks, the wall, and equipment. I could not have done it alone. A special thanks to Steve Warner who was constantly there

## VICE COMMODORE

Robert McComb

HELLO EVERY ONE AND for those who attended the AGM or took the time to issue their proxy a big thank you. If we don't get quorum we have to call another meeting or the budget can't be passed or the invoices done which results in a late billing. I know in my heart you love to get your bills early.

You voted for a 1.5% increase which will be reflected in your invoice. Initiations will remain the same but everything else will go up 1.5%. Charges will be as follows: Sailing membership = \$533.29, Wet mooring = \$49.95 a beam foot, Summer storage = \$.85 a square foot, Winter storage = \$.71 a square foot, Summer trailer storage = \$84.50, Small locker = \$21.64, Large locker = \$55.63, Launch and Haul-out = \$103.02 each. All charges are subject to the 13% HST. If your cost the last three years was \$1500.00 you will now pay \$22.50 more. Not a big deal so stop weeping and wringing that hankie. Or if you're an American, "hanky".

Now is the time to give me a heads up about any changes in your information such as address, phone number or email. This is your responsibility. If the club can't communicate with you and your invoice doesn't get paid I really hope you enjoy yachting around the public parking lot. If you have a change of

assisting with many repairs. And of course, I would like to thank Richard Coutts who was always there for me.

2012 was an interesting year. I was fortunate in getting out more often than last year. I think it was a result of many concerned members encouraging me to pass the hammer and saw to others, and to just get the hell out there. I had the opportunity to race with Michael Smith on Connemara on a few occasions as well as take *Salaro* out dancing at least once per week. Some great sailing was had overall. The water levels did drop very quickly this year towards the end making it challenging for *Salaro* to even get out of her slip let alone making it through the channel. I usually don't wish for much snow over winter but this coming winter season, I am hoping for an abundance of it. We will need the melt off to raise the water level again.

I am looking forward to the 2013

plans for next season and plan to leave your boat on the hard, again you must let me know so you are not charged for launch, wet mooring and haul-out and the Harbourmaster can make proper plans as to what to do with your slip. So tell me please.

At this time I want to remind—okay, nag—you again about sending in proof of insurance with your payment. It can be a copy or a photocopy or you can show your insurance to a standing member of the Executive Board. If you choose the latter please make a notation that you did so and the name of the Executive Board member so they can verify that they did indeed see your splendid document.

I would like to thank the many members who have helped me this year with the tedious but necessary task of the envelope stuffing and mailings and of course Rich Taylor for keeping me on the straight and narrow as far as my articles go. I will miss Bob Prosper and Tom Monson who are leaving thier jobs as Harbourmaster and Treasurer and hope they find the time to come back to the board at some later date. I want to thank them for their hard work and dedication. I want to welcome their replacements, Peggy Wheatstone and Steve Brown who are taking over in January.

In closing I'm working on the billing and will be mailing as soon as it is done. Bless you all and your families and please have a wonderful Christmas and New year. ▲

sailing season already. And while winter has only just made her presence known, I miss *Salaro* already. I'm hoping to be able to fit in an extended trip down the east end of the lake next year if all goes well. It's been a while since I have been able to have more than a few days at a time on *Salaro* and I look forward to it. I'm hoping that many of you will have the same opportunity to get out in 2013 and enjoy your boat.

In closing, I would just like to welcome Steve Brown as your new Harbourmaster. Steve is already very familiar with the many tasks at hand. He is smart, good with his hands, and is creative as well. I think these attributes make for a great Harbourmaster. Please warrant Steve sufficient time to get to know your names and boats associated. Grant him the same patience that I had the great fortune of receiving from you.

Cheers everyone,  
Your Harbourmonster,  
Bob Prosper ▲

## WAYS AND MEANS

David "Wayz" Johnston  
Neal "Meanz" Claassen

AS A PERCENTAGE, 97.3% of all required work hours have been accounted for. That means that the only thing left to fight over is the quality of work completed. All I can tell you is that I am very happy with how prepared this membership is to lend a hand.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Steve Brown on winning the Ways and Means award this year. He is very worthy of the honour, but I must say I'm very disappointed that he wasn't able to receive the award on awards night, on account that he wasn't there. I shouldn't be surprised though, since he wasn't present at the meeting where he was anointed as our new Harbour Master either. I wonder if he reads the "Spar and Prop?"

I will miss Bob as our Harbour Master. Lots of members came out year after year and made sure to help him keep our docks and seawall in order. To them I say "please keep it up for Steve."

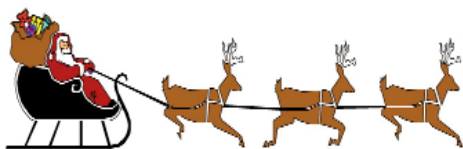
Our Rear Commodore has expressed a desire to bring some video and blog content to our website. The idea being that this may promote interest in racing. This means that if there are any members out there with video production experience or blogger creds, there is a great way to get your work hours in for 2013. (This paragraph is in no way intended to be directed solely at Richard Pierce.)

There is a bit in the Ways and Means job description that all jobs to be done have to be brought to my attention by the executive. We have turned that system around a few times this year with the membership bringing jobs to my attention directly, in order for me to bring it to the executive. This has worked quite successfully, so you can bring jobs needing attention to my attention (say that fast 10 times!) to

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I would like to add that the last email address gets much faster response than [waysandmeans@thsc.ca](mailto:waysandmeans@thsc.ca) but both do the job.

Thank you all for your hard work. ▲



## PROPERTY MGR.

Randy Boyd

YES, 2012 IS ALMOST FINISHED and the New Year is on the horizon. It is at this time we look back and reflect on the past year and the great times we had with our boats and friends at the club.

I would like to thank Tom and Bob for their time on the Board and all that they have done for the Club. Your service has been appreciated now Go Sailing. The new year will also welcome Peggy and Steve into their new positions, let's all go easy on them as they have big shoes to fill. Step up and help them where you can.

I would also like to thank Richard Peirce for his hard work getting our new WiFi up and running. Yes it is finally done and working great, thanks Rich.

The Kids Christmas Party was a huge success with the little ones and everyone enjoyed Santa's visit and presents. I was not able to attend the awards night but all reports say it was another good one thanks to Greg and Lynda and all their helpers.

I hope everybody has a great holiday and puts "more water in the lake" on their wish lists.

See you around the club. ▲



Margie Lalonde—T'snamie II



Jamie—Dark & Stormy

## AWARDS NIGHT HIGHLIGHTS



Glen Eddie—Freya II



Jack Hexham—Legacy



Bruce Bateman—Wind Dancer



# Ahoy!

As I am sure you all know by now our good friend and fellow member Dan Demers has made his last voyage on the water.

Whenever I have to reflect on the life of a family member, or close friend, I always wonder what everyone else is feeling. What are the thoughts of wives, sons, daughters and other friends?

When I think of Dan Demers I have warm memories of friendship and a shared love of boating.

That is not enough to properly remember Dan.

I think it is appropriate to let someone else, who was far closer to Dan than I, share their thoughts with the membership of TH&SC.

Wendy Stratten knew Dan far better than I, so here are her words.

## Dan Demers was my friend.

I first met Dan when he joined the Toronto Hydroplane and Sailing Club in 1989. He was a handsome young man with a big mop of dark curly hair. He and his new bride had just purchased a house in our neighbourhood and were looking for a boat. They were also very busy moving out of what was his bachelor pad on Jarvis Street across the road from the old CBC building to a new life in a home of their own. We became fast friends enjoying many sailing adventures, cottage get-aways, birthday parties and family dinners together with parents and grandparents.

Hopes were high and life was good. They had big plans all worked out. It always amazed me how methodical they were about the major milestone events in life. With lock-step precision planning... School, Job, Marriage, A Home, A Boat, A Dog, and 5 yrs along just as planned a 1st Child, then a Bigger Boat, 2 more yrs along, just as planned a 2nd Child, and yes, a Bigger boat. Dan told me once that he always dreamed he would have two little girls. This didn't mean he didn't like boys, not at all it's just that well... Dan always saw himself as a Dad with two daughters.

And he got 'em. When Alex was born in September of 1994 she was an angel from above to Dan and he was very excited.

And he slid so smoothly into the role of Father. In days gone by most Dads were afraid of newborns and they certainly didn't change diapers. Not Dan, he rolled up his sleeves and was right in there with any dirty job that needed doing. No matter which end was up!

When Jamie was born at home in July of 1996 Dan's dream was complete. And she was the apple of her Daddy's eye. He loved his house and his family and his boat. He was a modest man and it was all he ever wanted. One day years ago during a family-get-together I asked his mother midst the mayhem of loads of kids in the yard if she ever imagined her son would grow up to be such a good Dad? She nodded and beamed as we watched him with his young daughters whom he loved so unconditionally. Dan was a person who led and taught by example and he rarely raised his voice.

He became an intrepid sailor too and has many awards proudly displayed in his home. Crossing Lake Ontario many times travelling to the Thousand Islands in progressively larger boats. They also had endless fun, pool hopping around the bathtub of the Lake, swimming, waterskiing [behind a dinghy] and spending long and sometimes leisurely days at the "Hole". A special place at the end of the Leslie Street Spit, named variously over the years, now known simply as the Hole.

One time Dan was at the helm crossing the lake when a storm whipped up and the tiller snapped right off. He quickly improvised by lashing an oar to the tiny broken bit left intact. That 1st boat "The Bijou" was so small I remember looking back in horror, constantly losing sight of it behind the waves during a particularly rough passage to Wapoose in the early 90's. They arrived not ten minutes after us soaking wet from head to toe and only slightly the worse for wear.

Dan enthusiastically inspired in his girls a love of sailing in summer and skiing in winter that will last their whole lives. His children were among the fortunate few who grew up at the sailing club and both parents served on Executive Committee's donating countless hours to further the sport of sailing, constantly contributing their time and effort to the betterment and the enjoyment of their club.



Some of the parties were notorious. One in particular is remembered affectionately because Dan and my husband Russ were both talked into wearing dresses. They allowed the high fashion make-up and the false eyelashes and hair-do's but stopped short of shaving their legs and wearing high heels, insisted instead on sweat socks and running shoes so there would be no doubt of their gender. They both looked very good and Dan was quite a beautiful girl.

He is described as a quiet man who always welcomed others into his life. I knew Dan to be a man of high moral standards and good character. And he was a heck of a lot of fun. But, how is it then, that a man of so few

words could have a couple beers of an evening and never shut up?

He shared his love of sailing with everyone he knew. There are dozens of young people whom Dan has introduced to sailing and some have also enjoyed improving their skills on the Wednesday night racing circuit aboard Sassy.

Eight years ago today, at the wheel of the family Van heading home to Timmins, a tragic crash took place that changed life for Dan and his family forever. Everyone was injured and miraculously nobody was killed. Dan took the worst of it and was first stabilized then air lifted to Toronto for acute care followed by a long and difficult recovery. With multiple surgeries, months in re-hab, years in physiotherapy Dan learned to walk again and bravely worked very hard to regain his health without ever a complaint. To even his last morning here with us he visited the gym in the loyal and disciplined manner that out of necessity had become his habit.

The scars of the accident were deep and the family unit was adversely affected. A new co-parenting chapter began as both girls changed homes weekly. The transition seemed smooth and of course, had many challenges. However, the abiding love of both parents toward their children was always ever present, characterized by open and honest communication, a lot of patience and understanding and a lot of driving. Concern for the girls always came first in any life and planning decisions. Dan thought his two daughters were very beautiful, both inside and out. And he was very proud of the fine young women they were becoming...showing maturity, strength, and added confidence as each year passed.

Four years ago, Dan found a new love, Jane.

It might be considered disloyal to reveal some of the details that Dan confided in me about this new love. But, just let me say that Dan was a new man as his relationship with Jane grew and enriched his life.

They were good for each other. And they complimented one another.

He was admired and respected by her two sons. He worked successfully to include them as often as possible and connect these modern families in a whole new way.

Dan was a good and loyal friend to me particularly after my husband passed away in 2009. He could fix electronics, figure out complicated computer issues, install electric light fixtures, repair cables, program navigation systems and take orders in the kitchen. All of which, he has done for me. And...did I mention that he could cook?

In particular, I'm going to miss the informal weekday dinners that living in the same condo complex would allow. They were often spontaneous and last minute, sometimes cobbled together left-overs, sometimes with the girls and sometimes not. Those easy going casual dinners should have resumed this week as his beloved Sassy was put to bed for the winter...

But, it was not to be.

Good Bye Dan, we will always love you, we are grateful to have had you in our lives and we will all cherish our many happy memories of you.

In closing, to honour Dan, words from the song sung by Christopher Cross...

*"Fantasy gets the best of me when I'm Sailing and soon I will be Free with the Wind and the Waves and the Sea."*

—Wendy Stratten

**Wendy, we all feel his early departure.**

**Dave Johnston**

# REAR COMMODORE

Greg Smith

IT WAS CERTAINLY A DYNAMIC year at the TH&SC. I would like to thank the many members who helped make the 2012 season a successful one. The racing, cruising, and social programs were well attended. Thanks to James Perrault, Cruising Fleet Captain, for organizing a great season of cruising. I'm pleased to report James will be returning as our Cruising Captain for 2013. Special thank you to Keith and Joan Willson for the smooth transition. Your detailed documents helped to provide the road map for James and future Cruising Fleet Captains.

This year, three different ports were added to the program; they included Toronto Island Marina, Frenchman's Bay, and Port Dalhousie Yacht club. The Toronto Island cruise was the highlight of the cruising season—I expect it to be well attended next season. Congratulations James, your rookie season was a success, and we look forward to 2013 cruising program.

The racing program continues to hold its numbers with strong turn-outs on Wednesday nights. Thanks to John Morris—race fleet captain; Richard Coutts—race committee captain; Howie Glen—Race Committee; Bruce Bateman—scorer and club handicapper for their dedication to the program.

Special thanks to John Morris and Glen Eddie for their hard work, patience and support with the inaugural Summer Blast Regatta, an event we hope to expand on next season.

The event presented every possible challenge from last minute fleet cancellations, to extreme weather on the first day, forcing us to cancel all Saturday's races. However, Sunday turned out to be a perfect day for racing allowing John Weakley our acting Race Officer from Port Credit Yacht Club to run four races for the Flying sails fleet. Special thankyou to Wendy Loat (ABYC) and Robert Stewart (OSA), International judges for their support and guidance. All have offered to return 2013 Summer Blast Regatta.

Our Social Director, Lynda De Jonge van der Halen and her team really out did themselves producing

the club events. The TH&SC social events were very well attended and supported by the membership. I'm delighted to report that Lynda will be returning for one more year. Special thanks to Mike and Eva Baker for their continued help and support for the events. Congratulations to Lorraine and Marcel Bedard for their 2012 Social Award; your contribution to the club is greatly appreciated. There are many other members who contributed to this year's social events, and I know that your contribution will be acknowledged by Lynda in her S&P report.

Plans are underway for the 2013 program. I encourage anyone interested in helping the Social Committee to contact Lynda or myself—we'll find a project for you.

Joanne Adolphe has agreed to stay on for one more year in charge of regalia. Joanne has done an outstanding job introducing new styles and designs. If you have any requests for different regalia items, please see Joanne or myself, we would be pleased to hear your suggestions.

I'm delight to report that Ted and Dawn Martin will continue next year with the very popular photography contest. Each year we get more fantastic photos to grace our club's walls.

Peter Martyn will carry on as our Ambassador abroad handling reciprocal arrangements with other sailing clubs. Peter works silently in the background contacting clubs near and far allowing our members access to other sailing clubs facilitates—well done Peter.

If you missed the 2012 Awards Night; you missed a good one. The event was a complete sellout. Since Lynda and I both visited Italy this year, we thought we would go with an Italian theme. The club never looked better with checkered table cloths, Chianti wine bottles, candles, and Dino playing in the background. The evening included a wonderful pasta dinner, cappuccino, dessert and a very funny comedian named David Tsonos. However, the highlight of the evening may have been the unveiling of the inaugural Jabberwocky trophy presented to Anibal Pinguelo by Phil Delahaye. I'm certain photos of this piece of art may be found in other areas of this publication. The award is presented to a racer who competes and supports our racing program. The

formula for winning this prestigious trophy is far too complex to explicate in this report; I can assure everyone that Anibal and his crew of the *Missee Lee* were the appropriate winners—congratulations.

2012 has, for the most part, been a very successful year for our club, and I look forward to the 2013 season in what will be my last year as the club's Rear Commodore.

I will be meeting with the committees over the coming weeks and months, planning, scheduling, and listening for new ideas and suggestions for ways to improve and strengthen our programs.

If you would like to get involved with any of the events, I encourage you to step forward and contact me—the TH&SC needs your help.

Finally, I wish to thank the hard-working Executive Board for their assistance and support. It really has been a pleasure working with everyone this year. To the members of this gem of a club, I wish you a Merry Christmas, Season's Greetings, and all the very best in 2013.

Greg Smith

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Same Spot / Different Day 



# SOCIAL CHAIR

Lynda de Jonge van der Halen

## LEVEE

As in past years, TH&SC will once again host a Levee on New Year's Day, January 1, 2013, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.. Please join your fellow club members to welcome the New Year and talk about the highs and lows of the 2012 season as well as plan eagerly for the 2013 summer boating season on Lake Ontario. Light refreshments will be served. Those fortunate enough to find warm waters for a winter sailing adventure are invited to share their exploits in person and online. **Sailblogs.com** is a wonderful site to visit to follow the adventures of the McCallums and other sailors and get a taste of the sheer joy of the experience and sometimes a vicarious link to the challenges that the sea brings to those who dare challenge it.

## SOCIAL SOCIAL

In March of 2012, a new event was held to encourage people to become part of the Social Committee and sign up for specific jobs/events well in advance in order to assist the core group in planning and carrying out events. In 2013, plans are in the works for another gathering, likely in March this year. All the work committees will be invited to promote their specific and general needs for the year and solicit volunteers with the appropriate skills and interests to sign up. Jobs will also continue to be added to the job list in all categories throughout the year as the need arises. The minimum number of work hours is 16 for the year. Fortunately for our club, the majority of our members and family members contribute many hours beyond the minimum required, signing up for jobs as well as spontaneously pitching in when help is needed.

## PHRF

TH&SC hosted the PHRF training session for representatives from clubs around Lake Ontario, with lunch and refreshments provided by our Social Committee.

## LAUNCH & HAULOUT

At Launch and Haulout, the food was organized by the Social Committee, with the work being carried out by members who are assigned to the kitchen. But the food preparation and service also benefitted from the many hours of work contributed by family members who

like to volunteer and keep busy at Launch!

## MEET AND GREEK

Hosted by our beer commodore, was our first event once the boats were back in the water. This is always fun, with a special invitation to new members to meet folks at TH&SC. A five dollar Greek themed meal plus some free beer and wine resulted in the usual crowd of sociable members and bargain hunters!

## SAILPAST GALA

New this year was providing table reservations ahead of time, beginning with the large groups, with a choice of inside or outside seating, subject to numbers of people and number of seats and availability. Please let us know what you think about this change. Sailpast is our major event and takes a great deal of advance preparation and the contribution of many, many club members and friends. We can't control the weather but we do need to have a contingency plan. Thanks for being flexible!

## CANADA DAY

TH&SC sometimes seems underutilized on July 1, especially in contrast to the hundreds of people in the public areas along the waterfront. A Canada Day cake, ice cream and sparklers were provided. Members are invited to bring their own food up to the patio and enjoy dessert with friends and members. Just plan to come in the morning to avoid traffic congestion and stay overnight if possible. The fireworks on Woodbine Beach were outstanding and wowed the crowd of thousands!

## AUGUST REGATTA

The weather did not co-operate for much of the weekend but Greg and Laurie made sure that the sailors and party goers were well fed and entertained.

## CORN ROAST

The annual corn roast was a fun family event, with a country western theme this year. An added attraction this year was our first Open Stage with predinner drinks when the bar opened. Dancing and good weather as well. Several boats also sailed over to watch the air show on this traditional last long weekend of the summer.

## THANKSGIVING DINNER

Thanksgiving dinner (not a Social Committee event but a very sociable gathering, under the direction of Joanne Aldophe and her sous chefs) was enjoyed by a full house gathering

of members and invited guests. Plan to participate next year and ask how you can help with the preparations.

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS

The enthusiasm of children and adults alike was evident at the Children's Christmas party! Santa, naturally, was the hit of the day! Families had the opportunity for quality time together, working on crafts and enjoying a traditional singalong and a tasty lunch in the beautifully decorated clubhouse. Thanks Santa!

## AWARDS NIGHT

Awards Night, with its Italian themed menu and decor, was very well attended this year. Again, member input is key to the success of any event and many people contributed behind the scenes and at the event. Special thanks to our young volunteers, Sarah and Annie. The Social Committee MVP Award was presented to Lorraine and Marcel Bedard, in absentia, in recognition of their many contributions behind the scenes to our club.

A big thank you to the regulars who signed up ahead of time to help at events and the many others who pitched in without needing to be asked or graciously contributed when their help was needed/requested. ▲







# Nauticals

THE VASA: IN THE 17<sup>th</sup> CENTURY, SWEDISH KING, GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS, ORDERED 4 NEW GALLEONS BUILT TO PATROL THE BALTIC SEA. ONE OF THEM WAS THE VASA. THE KING DICTATED ITS MEASUREMENTS. NO ONE DARED OPPOSE THE KING! VASA TOOK 3 YEARS TO BUILD. SHE WAS 201' LONG, 38' BEAM, 15½' DRAUGHT AND 1200 TONS. IT HAD 2 GUNDECKS, 64 BRONZE CANNONS. THE MAIN MAST SOARED 190' ABOVE THE DECK. THE RUDDER WAS 30' TALL. VASA HAD 120 TONS OF BALLAST.

ON AUGUST 10, 1628, VASA CAST OFF HER LINES ON HER MAIDEN VOYAGE. SHE FIRED ONE CANNON TO ANNOUNCE SHE WAS UNDERWAY! VASA CAPSIZED AND SANK, IN 100 FT. OF WATER, WITHIN ONE NAUTICAL MILE FROM HER STARTING POINT IN STOCKHOLM HARBOUR!

WHEN SHE SANK HER MAST TOP WAS WELL CLEAR OF THE WATER. ONE ENGINEER USED THE MAST TO LEVER THE VESSEL ON TO AN EVEN KEEL ON THE MUDDY BOTTOM.

THE WRECK WAS DISCOVERED IN THE 1950'S AND EVENTUALLY WINCHED ASHORE USING PONTOONS IN A 4-STEP, LABORIOUS PROCESS



## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

### Aubrey and Judy Millard

Roatan, Honduras  
Dec. 2, 2012

We are here in Roatan in the Bay Islands of Honduras; good to be back at sea again. We have been welcomed to this well sheltered anchorage by Wayne and Elly Smith of *Zeppelin*, originally from Victoria B.C. They painted a very hospitable picture of this area, so that we may stay a week or so. I hope to be able to send this off tomorrow, Dec. 3, if I can access WiFi from a local establishment. We will stay here until the New Year when we will go to Belize for a month, then back here for Feb. and in March and April

we will work our way up the Yucatan to Mexico, and in May across the Gulf of Mexico to Galveston Texas to ship *Veleda* across the country to Seattle or Bellingham on Puget Sound.

All is well with us and *Veleda* in spite of the heavy sail we had when we left the Rio.

Judy and I are extremely fortunate and appreciative to be able to do what we are doing in this cruising lifestyle.

### MacCallums and Hansons

Vero Beach, Florida  
Sunday, December 2nd, 2012

*Chances* and *Groovin* are now in a much nicer climate...south Florida

In Chris' last log (Jekll Island), it had been cold and cloudy much of

their travels through the Carolinas and Georgia.

But things began improving in the last week of November. They made the short run up to St. Marys to partake in the towns traditional sailors Thanksgiving Festivities.

Years ago, some townspeople began welcoming visiting boaters to share in the occasion at a local bar called Seagles, now it has grown in reputation.

This year's numbers were down from last but there were still approx. 60 people attending the three-day festivities. The first evening was chili night and a chance to mingle and meet their fellow travellers. The next night, hot steamed oysters and other munchies were served.

Thanksgiving day (it is an American tradition to have it in the early afternoon). There was an abundance of salads and sides with the main course of turkey and ham. Each boat brought something to contribute; much like our gathering at TH&SC. After all was done they took in some of the football before retiring to their boats for a snooze and then more football.

The next morning the other three boats moved on to Cumberland Island. They delayed in leaving until they did some emailing and visited the St. Mary Submarine museum. It was a small building but it housed a great collection and history of U.S. submarines. The weather had turned, the temperature was rising and the sun was shining. *Groovin* dropped anchor not too far from the ranger station dock near *Chances* and *Heritage*. They had to take care to leave enough room to swing, they were still unsure what the tides would do...spin around the hook or run over it with the current.

See Dennis MacCallum's excellent blog at <http://www.sailblogs.com/member/chances/>

### Liz Marin and Chris Hanson



TH&SC 60 YEARS 1951-2011		December 2012					TH&SC 60 YEARS 1951-2011	
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.		
<b>AWARDS NIGHT &amp; AGM THIS MONTH</b>							Awards Night	1
Annual General Meeting	2	3	4	5	6	Darts	7	8
Hanukkah	9	10	11	12	13	Darts	14	15
	16	17	18	19	20	Darts	21	22
	23	24	25 Christ- mas Day	26 Boxing Day/ Kwanzaa	27		28	29
	30 New Year's Eve	31	<b>NEW YEAR'S LEVEE—JANUARY 1st</b>					

TH&SC 60 YEARS 1951-2011		January 2013					TH&SC 60 YEARS 1951-2011	
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.		
		New Year's Levee	1	2	3	Darts	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	Darts	11	Toronto Boat Show starts	12
13	14	15	16	17	Darts	18	19	
Toronto Boat Show ends	20	21	22	23	24	Darts	25	26
27	28	29	30	31				
<b>ENJOY AN AFTERNOON WITH YOUR FRIENDS JAN. 1</b>								

TH&SC 60 YEARS 1951-2011		February 2013					TH&SC 60 YEARS 1951-2011	
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.		
<b>HUG YOUR BOAT MONTH</b>							Darts	1
3	4	5	6	7	Darts	8	9	
10	11	12	13	14 Valen- tine's Day	Darts	15	16	
17	18	19	20	21	Darts	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28				
<b>HAVE YOU HUGGED (CHECKED) YOUR BOAT?</b>								

TH&SC 60 YEARS 1951-2011		March 2013					TH&SC 60 YEARS 1951-2011	
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.		
<b>ARE YOU READY? GET SET! GO!</b>							Darts	1
3	4	5	6	7	Darts	8	9	
Daylight Saving starts	10	11	12	13	14	Darts	15	16
St. Patrick's Day	17	18	19	20 Spring begins	21	Darts	22	23
Palm Sunday	24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Good Friday	
Easter Sunday	31	<b>ONLY A MONTH TO GO BEFORE LAUNCH</b>						