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# Calendar

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

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

**Toronto Boat Show—January 11th to 19th**—Time to upgrade, stock up or just look around. Save \$3.00 by buying your ticket on line.

**Launch Day—Saturday, May 3rd**—I seems a long way away but before we know it we'll be pulling off the tarps and assessing our chores to get the boats ready.

## New Year's Levee

Wednesday, January 1st  
from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

at the

Toronto Hydroplane and  
Sailing Club

for refreshments and good company.

Also a good time and place to transfer the  
kids after a parent's night out.



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# COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

John Edwards

AS MY TERM OF OFFICE is coming to a close please note carefully...I might say something important. My focus will be on two issues. Our club lease and the Erosion and Sediment committee.

## The Lease

The Club has reached agreement on the terms of the new lease. The draft lease has been proofread and approved. We are now waiting on the copies for signature. I was hoping they would have arrived by the AGM meeting. This, however, was not the case but I do feel confident in saying the lease will be signed prior to the end of the year.

Now let me take you through the important details of the lease. This new lease covers the period from August 1, 2005 until July 31, 2025. A twenty-year lease of which eight and a half have already gone.

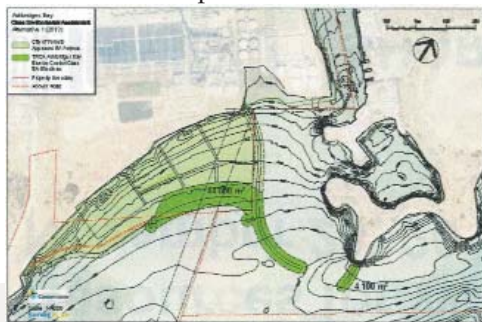
The major stumbling block has been the termination clause. The old lease which this replaces had a termination clause of one year. The new lease as originally presented had a termination clause of six months. As now modified we have gone back to language that has one year. We have also added language that goes further to protect our right of use and protects the clubhouse and docks.

The other issue in the new lease that will impact us in the New Year is the defined space. The new lease speaks to an increase in area that we have in fact being using for many years. This is going to impact significantly on the property tax we will pay next year. In 2013 the Club paid about \$2500 less in property tax than it would have if had we paid what will be paid in 2014. The only good news here is that MPAC could go

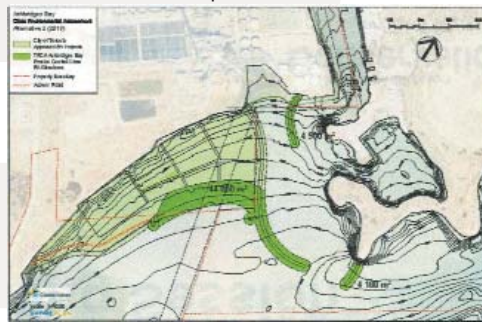
back two years and redo our taxes. I am told that this will not happen and the Club will start paying at the total land use in 2014. So at long last we can put the issue of the lease behind us and move on with some security.

## Erosion and Sediment

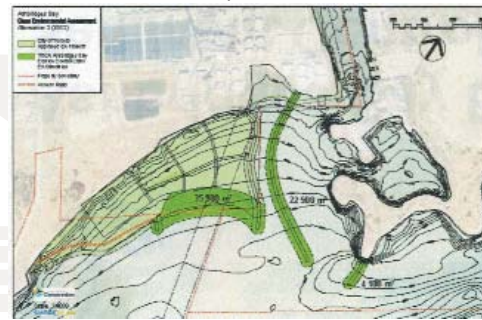
Moving on then, the last meeting of the Erosion and Sediment Committee was Thursday, November 28. Don Bland and I attended to represent our club. The primary purpose of this meeting was to start the evaluation process to select the best



Option 1



Option 2



Option 3

option going forward. I would like to state at this point that given the Club's primary interest in this is the sediment in the gap, any one of the proposals would fully meet our needs. The three options are being evaluated based on their impact on 21 different criteria.

These criteria fall under the following major headings.

1. Natural/Biological Environment
2. Socio-Economic Environment
3. Physical Criteria
4. Feasibility/Cost
5. Technical Considerations

At the end of this meeting everyone left with a working document that had a preliminary evaluation of all the criteria. This document was to be reviewed with comments submitted back to TRCA. I will communicate the final result when this process has been completed.

As for time lines for the implementation of a chosen plan we are looking years down the road. At our present pace the chosen option would be placed in front of City Council looking for funding some time in 2015. Assuming the money is approved it would take several years to complete the project far enough that we would start to see any benefit. I will continue to serve on this committee on behalf of the club.

As I will now be moving on to take the position of Past Commodore I would like to make a few comments. First in answer to a question I have been asked frequently since the election meeting. Have I enjoyed being Commodore? I have to answer yes but I'm reminded that the two happiest days of a boat owner's life are the day they buy their boat and the day they sell it. Being Commodore is a bit like that.

I must say however the most pleasant part is the members, both on and off the executive, that I have worked with during my term. It is the people that make this job rewarding. So I would like to thank you the membership and your executive for the pleasure of serving TH&SC.

I would like to thank in particular those on the executive that will be leaving at the end of this year. Your Past Commodore, Dave Johnston, who served with me on various committees and was always there when needed for advise and support. Thank you very much and I know we will continue to

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**WHEREAS** the lands described in Schedule "A" and "B" attached hereto are owned by the Authority and managed on its behalf by the Landlord pursuant to an agreement dated the October 11, 1972 (the "Management Agreement"), and

**WHEREAS** the Management Agreement does not allow the Landlord to lease or dispose of the lands without the prior written approval of the Authority; and

**WHEREAS** by the adoption by the Landlord's Council of Clause No. 1 of Report No. 7 of the Economic Development and Parks Committee at its meeting on September 22, 23, 24 and 25, 2003, as concurred in by Resolution No. A123/05 of the Authority, adopted on June 24, 2005, the Landlord and the Authority authorized the leasing to the Tenant of approximately 2.146 acres of land and 2.174 acres of water lot for a total of 4.32 acres, all as shown on Schedule "A" attached hereto (hereinafter referred to as the "Leased Property") upon the terms and conditions set out in this Agreement;

## Commodore...

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work together on the planning committee.

Randy Boyd who has served as Property Manager. The property job, unlike that of Commodore, requires spending a lot of time at the club. Randy, unlike some of us who are retired, did this while working and caring for a young family. Thank you Randy for all your time at all hours and all days.

And last, Greg Smith, your Rear Commodore, who is leaving not because he wants too. Heaven knows he wanted that four years ago. He is leaving after completing the maximum number of terms in office allowed under our constitution. He has not only done the job for six years, he has done it so well he has defined the position. And he has done it while traveling, maybe not the whole world, but the continent for his job. No matter what he was doing he always made himself available if I need him. And he did all this with the most pleasant smile. Greg, thank you very much.

There is one other person I would like to thank who is not leaving the board. That is because Joan Willson's position as Club Secretary is not an elected position. The record is the most important part of any executive's job. It ensures that the process is followed and it is Joan who keeps the record for our Club. Thank you Joan for all your work and for keeping me on track. ▲



## PROPERTY MGR.

**Randy Boyd**

**I**T IS AT THIS TIME of year that I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I would also like to congratulate all those who were recognised at the Awards Night. It is a recognition for achievement but also a recognition of club participation. Without member participation this club would not be the same great club it is. The Awards Night is always well attended and this year was no exception. **SOLD OUT !!**

Greg and his team put together another memorable evening and a good great time was had by all. 2013 was an active year and the slideshow that was compiled was a small snapshot of the activities at the club during sailing season and is a good representation of the various ways that the members enjoy the club. This is a healthy and vibrant club with a good mix of members enjoying the benefits of being the club that we are. Thanks for coming out and supporting all the hard work that makes these events fun.

Santa has already been to the club and dished out goodies for the kids. This is just another event that thanks to all the hard work of Lynda and her team of elves is a huge success. Come out next year if you have not been before to sing carols and mingle with your summer friends. Chris Hanson and his guitar are always a good way to sing in Santa, too bad you missed him Chris. The children always have a good time with the sing along and a visit from the jolly guy in the red suit.

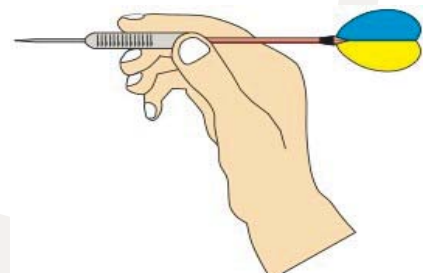
The AGM was also well attended and the quorum was met. The club is in good financial shape and thanks for all the hard work that Peggy did to prepare the budget and help guide us in a sound financial direction for the club. We now have a lease and can get to work with some of the projects that were being held off due to the uncertainty—pitch in and help make these projects a reality.

Earlier in the year I got a request for a fridge because the beer in Scuttlebutt was too warm and I acquired a newer refrigerator. Now apparently the beer is now too cold and a replacement garage heater has been requested. The new heater has been investigated, approved by the board and on its way. Thanks Jack, your input at the AGM is always welcome, even if your timing and delivery need some diplomacy. Jack will be heading up the committee to get the new heater and have it

installed to be sure it is done properly. Hopefully after this the beer will be just right.

My term of Property Manager is coming to a close and I would like to thank all those who offered their support and wisdom while I held the position. I also thank those who made it challenging and offered problems as opposed to solutions. It was a wonderful experience to serve and get to know the members. I would like to thank the members of the board with whom I have served. Their guidance was priceless and I thank them for the patience they showed me during the two years. I welcome the incoming Executive members and wish them the best for their terms. Mike Davidson will be the new Property Manager and I will assist him in the transition wherever I can. Support the efforts of the new executive and whenever possible pitch in and give them a hand. I will be stepping down as Property Manager but plan to keep busy helping out with the new projects coming down the pipe.

I hope everybody has a great holiday and again puts "more water in the lake" on their Christmas wish lists. Hopefully we will see you at the New Years Levee and for sure around the Club. ▲



## DARTS

**Most Friday nights  
Re-starting Friday  
January 3rd, 2014**

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

No experience necessary  
Everyone welcome  
We have darts to lend



# REAR COMMODORE

Greg Smith

THIS IS MY LAST column as your Rear Commodore, and to the surprise of the Editor and Chief of this delightful publication, my report was submitted a full two days ahead of deadline. It only took me six years to get it right Rich, thanks for all the extensions. You surely top the list of the "Best Bosses to work for".

Another Award's Night has come and gone. Once again, the membership came out to support the last big social event of 2013. It was a night of excellent food, and the hilariously funny entertainment of Andrew Chapman. Andrew, a sailor himself, adapted his normal routine to accommodate the sailing audience. By the laughter and applause I know that everyone enjoyed his performance.

One of the big hits of the evening was the "Mark 0 Goat Rodeo Hats". The hats sold out in ten minutes! We've had requests for more. If you're interested in purchasing one, please contact JoAnne Aldolphe or the Rear Commodore. The hats make a great Christmas gift for your loved ones.

The big race winners of the evening were Glen Eddie (*Freya IV*) and Jamie Carroll (*Dark n' Stormy*), over-all winners of **Divisions 1 and 2** respectively. Congratulations to Randy Boyd and the crew of *Effen* for **Cruiser of the Year Award**.

Congratulations also to Lee Rixon (*Emrys*) winner of the **Keldy Cup Div II** and **George Malcolm Award Div. II**. Bruce Bateman (*Wind Chaser*) for the **Race des Voyageurs Div II**, and **Miss Colourflame Award Div. I**, Jamie Smallwood (*Fauvette*) **Don MacDonald Award Div I**, John Morris (*Rock It*) **Stinger Award Div. I**, and the **Thomas Patterson Memorial Trophy Div. I**. Special acknowledgement goes to Jack Hexham, skipper of *Legacy* for winning this year's **Delahaye Cup**.

This year's recipients of the TH&SC club awards were all unanimous choices. Congratulations to Del Schinkopf winner of the **Bruce Farquhar Trophy** (Ways and Means). Claude Soulodre for the **Harbour Master's Trophy** (Most Improved Skipper). Congratulations, to Anibal Pinguelo (**Photography Award**), Joanne Adolphe for the **Marks Trophy** (Furtherance of TH&SC). Special thanks to Howie Glen winner of the **Race Committee "C" Cup**. Also to the

Resendes Family (**Social Committee Award**) for their notable contribution to the Social Committee. Last but not least, congratulations to team Lindstrom and Smith, winners of the prestigious **Fouled Prop Award** (Problems Overcome). Oh, if Kenny could see us now Paavo!

The racing program continues to grow. Thanks to John Morris—race fleet captain; Richard Coutts—race committee captain; Howie Glen—race committee assistant; Bruce Bateman—scorer and club handicapper. Special thanks to John Morris and Glen Eddie for their support with the Summer Blast Regatta.

Coordinating an event such as the Summer Blast is a challenge in itself and takes several months of planning to get all the pieces in place. That said, I feel strongly that the efforts to produce such an event will create many positives for the club. I know that our new Rear Commodore plans to keep the momentum moving forward with this event, and I offer my assistance in helping to produce this year's regatta.

John Morris, our Racing Fleet Captain, is standing down this year. However he will make himself available in an advisory role if needed. I am pleased to announce that Jamie Carroll will be taking over from John next season. This is an important step for the club as the torch is passed from long standing members such as Jamie Smallwood and John Morris (who served many years on the race committee) to a new generation of members. Also, I am pleased to announce that Richard Coutts will be returning as our Race Committee Captain as well as, Howie Glen (health permitting). In addition to this, I'm excited to report that Miranda Wheatstone has expressed interest in learning Race Committee duties.

Thanks to James Perrault, Cruising Fleet Captain, for organizing the club's cruising program. It takes a great deal of planning in January and February to coordinate our reciprocal cruising dates. This year proved to be more challenging than the previous year. For reasons unknown, some of the other clubs were unable or late to respond to requests for reciprocal dates. James has informed me that two 2014 cruises are already booked, and plans are underway for the popular Island cruise as well as Niagara or Wilson, New York. James will be stepping down this

year; replacing James is Albert Kerek. Albert has shown a keen interest in the position, and I'm certain he will do a wonderful job as your new Cruising Fleet Captain. I consider the club's cruising program a vital part of the club's social network and encourage members to attend at least one cruise and even sign up to host one. I promise you'll be glad you did.

I want to thank Joanne Aldolphe for her outstanding job managing the Regalia inventory. Over the past two years, Joanne has introduced new styles and designs. Joanne will be stepping down from the Regalia duties to assist Vice Commodore Robert McComb with his duties. I'm delighted to report that our 2014 Regalia program will be managed by Mavada Perrault. I'm certain that Mavada will do a terrific job with the TH&SC Regalia program. Special thanks to John Greenham for arranging all the Summer Blast regalia items, awards hats, and the now famous Mark 0 hats. Thanks to new member Brian Reiser, for creating new and beautiful graphic artwork for the club; we really appreciate you stepping up.

Special thanks to Ted and Dawn Martin who will continue managing the TH&SC Photographs and Archives and of course our very popular photography contest. Peter Martyn will carry on as our Ambassador abroad handling reciprocal arrangements with other sailing clubs. Peter does a superb job each year organizing the reciprocals.

Our incredible little club has a great group of hard working dedicated volunteers. From the running of the everyday day errands to budget planning to working on special projects, like the Summer Blast Regatta being one of them. All the functions take the energy of a lot of people. Over the past six years, I've been lucky to have worked with three of the finest Social Directors.

The Social Director is the Rear's wingman/women. I want to recognize Mel Ramsey, Laurie Chan-Prosper, and Lynda De Jonge van der Halen for their support and dedication. I sincerely appreciate all your efforts to make our club events the success they are.

I'm delighted to report (and Glen Eddie is delighted to hear) that Lynda will be returning as the club's Social

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## Rear Commodore...

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Director for 2014. The Social Committee is the hub of our club. We can never have enough members helping with the production of our club events. This year was a stand-out year. I was truly impressed with the number of members who stepped up to help with the events.

2013 has for the most part been a very successful year for our club. My term as the club's Rear Commodore ends December 31. The last six years have been an education in the internal workings of our club. What is now clear to me, is how fragile a small club like ours can be. As a club, we must understand the purpose of our organization as written in the club's constitution over 60 years ago. A real purpose can't just be words on paper. Every member must believe in the club's purpose to ensure it's continuance. I want to thank the membership and all the Board Members for their support over the past six years. Special thanks to Commodores Marguerite Ethier, David Johnston, and John Edwards; it has been a real pleasure working with you. You have guided our club through some difficult times with a firm steady hand on the helm. It has been a real pleasure serving on the Executive Board—I encourage every member to consider running for a Committee Chair or EB position.

I hope I have left the Rear Commodore portfolio in good order and promise to make myself available to ensure a smooth transition. I look forward to the 2014 season as new Board members bring new ideas and suggestions for ways to improve and strengthen our programs.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and the best in 2014.

Keep a weather eye on the chart up high.

N43° 39.610 W79° 18.812

Same Spot / Different Day—the boatyard. ▲



## SOCIAL CHAIR

Lynda de Jonge van der Halen

2013 has been a busy year!

A special thank you to outgoing Rear Commodore, Greg Smith, for his dedication to the racers and party goers at TH&SC!! All those hours that may now be spent sailing and with family!

Thanks to the members who prepared for, attended and cleaned up after the events and obtained permits throughout the year. Social events need all kinds of help and many people contributed many more hours than the basic 16 hours required by Ways and Means. All events were well attended, with good weather, good food, good drinks and good company! Feedback for improvements and suggestions for new events are welcome.

### Looking forward

Please plan to join your fellow boaters on January 1, from 1 to 4 p.m. at TH&SC for the annual New Year's Levee

### Looking back

*Children's Christmas Party* with a visit from Santa

*Awards Night:* A well attended and rewarding evening with delicious food and beautiful decorations. Unfortunately, our bartender Peter was taken ill one hour before the bar was scheduled to open...but the drinkers were spared disappointment when other Smart Serve certified members stood up to the bar and kept the drinkers from getting too thirsty.\* Laurie once again oversaw the evening. This year's Social award was presented to the Resendes family (Isabel, Tony, and Sarah) for their contribution in many ways at numerous events.

\* We want to compile a list of members/spouses/partners who have successfully completed the Smart Serve course. Please indicate where/when you took the course. We hope to run a review session as well as the course itself if there are sufficient numbers. Please contact Lynda:

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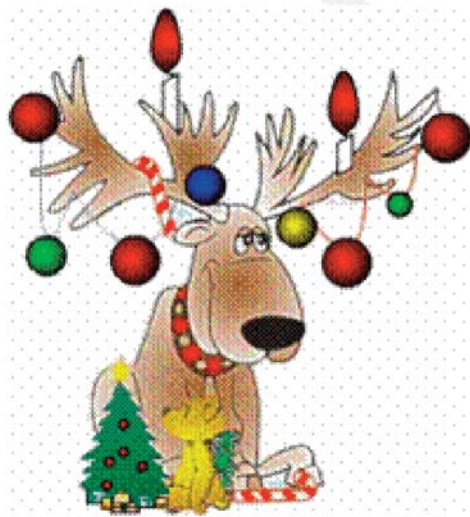
We had a great crew doing the set up and decorating on Friday, appetizer prep, serving, etc, bar sale and dinner ticket sales. on Saturday and the clean workers at the end of the evening and the final tidy up and decorating for the Children's Christmas party on the Sunday. Some of the gang included

Caroline and Andy, Remy, John and Tracey, Laurie, Sandra, Sheila, Sarah, Annie, Donna, Mike and Eva. Thanks everyone!

*Haulout:* The people who helped in the kitchen and bar area worked very well together and cheerfully prepared and served plentiful food and drinks each day to keep our crews well fed plus they did the clean up work and sold tickets for Awards Night. Many of the helpers were volunteers who came down and put in a full day's work along side those doing their assigned duty for Haulout. Some even worked on both days!

Thanks to Laurie, Rita, Lorraine, Linda W, Jacquie K, Annie, Deb, Lisa and her mother Krys, Donna, and Lori C.

Just the latest in a year filled with Social events at TH&SC! ▲



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## VICE COMMODORE

Robert McComb

**H**ELLO FELLOW TH&SC members. As Christmas rushes upon us you will be happy to know that I'm busy working on your invoices for 2014. With some luck you might even get them before Christmas and wouldn't that be a pleasant surprise. You voted for a 2% increase across the board except for haul-out and launch which went up 10.8% to reflect our actual cost and using the principle user pays. Initiations will remain the same. Your 2014 invoices will reflect these changes.

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 you're not receiving it will not be accepted as a valid reason and you will be fined for late payment.

If you have a change of 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. I would encourage any of you who didn't use their boats last summer to consider leaving them on the hard and let someone else use the mooring. Around 15% of the sailboats did not have their mast up last year. It would be much cheaper for you to do so if you have a year when business or other obligations are taking up your boat time so do yourself a favour, don't launch and save some money.

Again for this year you must send in proof of insurance with your signed invoice and 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 document. You will not be launched unless we see it.

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 Dave Johnston Greg Smith and Randy Boyd who are leaving the Board and hope they find the time to come back to the Board in the future. I thank them

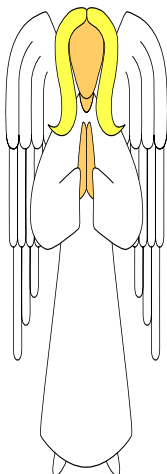
for their hard work and dedication. I want to give special thanks to Joanne Adolphe who helped me tremendously with my duties this last year as I was undergoing treatment and was not as energetic as usual. Joanne was a great help.

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



**PREECE, Donald John —**

Suddenly on Friday, November 29, 2013 at Sunnybrook Hospital. Loving husband of Margaret (nee McLay). Loving father of Shirley (Dan Lanegraff); Sandra (Chris Marquis); John (Sandy) and Steve. Dear Pa of Matthew, Sean, Brittany, and Samantha. Loving son of the late Jack Preece and Hazel Fruen, and step-son of Edward Fruen. Don was a member of the Toronto Hydroplane and Sailing Club. Friends may visit at the Jerrett Funeral Home - Vaughan Chapel, 8088 Yonge Street (south of Hwy. 7) on Monday, December 2, 2013 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. A Funeral Service will be held in the Chapel of the funeral home on Tuesday at 1 p.m. Online condolences may be made at [www.jerrettvaughanchapel.ca](http://www.jerrettvaughanchapel.ca)



Chris Hanson

## OFFICER OF THE DAY MANAGER

Patrick Lyons

**M**EMBERS OF TH&SC have already deservedly been congratulated on your participation in their OOD program this year!

Here are the stats on the number of visitors we had this past season.

- A total of 136 visitors—down from last year when we were visited by 154
- Visitors from the "GTA" totaled 59 or 43%—down from last year's 88
- Visitors from "Outside the GTA" totaled 77 or 57%—up from last year's 66
- The visitors that travelled the farthest to reach us came from Wilson, NY in the USA and from St Catherines in Canada.

And certainly Mike Adams and Oscar Palma remember the last weekend in July when they welcomed 16 visitors in the one day.

Wishing all of you and yours a Happy Christmas and a Joyous New Year!

Patrick Lyons

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A29—Late Again ▲

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

**Judy and Aubrey Millard—Veleda**  
They have finished cruising on *Veleda* for 2013 and are now cruising with their trailer in the southern United States.

**Elizabeth and Chris Hanson—Groovin'**  
They will be joining their boat soon and then continue to explore the Bahamas this winter. ▲

# WAYS AND MEANS

Neal Claassen

**I**F YOU THINK THIS YEAR WAS busy, wait till next year.

Looking back on 2013 I feel we had a jolly good year. All our events were great, we have some great new members contributing to our club, and over 90% of all the required work has been completed. If you still have not completed your work hours, you will see a reasonable charge on your 2014 invoice. If you dispute this charge, you can appeal by getting in touch with me, and I will bring your appeal to the executive board.

With our lease situation coming out of the doldrums, there are many major projects that we will have to start tackling in 2014. Here they are in no particular order:

**Electrical.** I don't need to go into the fact that we have had some breakers popping in the past. We are looking at upgrading our entire electrical system. Steve Brown and I got a tip from Lee Rixon and others that RCYC were upgrading their electrical stanchions, so we took Mac 1 and secured as many of them as we could. We are currently stanchion rich. An electrical committee has been assembled, comprising of Terry Lowe, Mike Wheatstone, and Richard Pierce. They are meeting currently and will come up with a preliminary report on what our master plan may look like and how much the budget will be. We should have more news early in the new year. The committee is full, but if you want to help on this project please get in touch with any of them directly or through me.

**Mast Racks.** We are going to move the mast racks just north of where they currently reside. We will also make some new ones, and transform the flimsy old one into a beautiful boom rack. Depending on the weather after launch, and how fast everyone gets to put their mast up, we are going to start this as soon as possible. Richard Coutts will be building the new rack, and both he and myself are keen to hear your suggestions. Our plan is to have all larger masts closer to the water, and all smaller masts to the back. This will allow us to make a better use of space. At launch we will ask every one of you what your mast length is. If you don't know, please

measure it sometime before launch. We are also looking at the possibility of putting a mast jack on the new racks for the heavier masts. Masts are getting heavier and so are the captains, so these may come in handy to save ailing backs. Again, if you want to be involved in either the planning or execution of this project, talk to me.

**Workshop.** The old workshop is dead. Long live the new one. We will be designing a new workshop and we want to build it on the north east corner of the lot (for now.) Paul Wright, our resident architect, has stepped forward to help us design it with all the current actual uses of that building in mind. We plan to post some concept sketches sometime in the Spring. Since we have a clean slate, we can design anything we want, and I'm talking indoor plumbing and everything! If you think you can sketch a concept, please submit it to me at your convenience. Phil Birkenheier has been the first to express interest on being on the committee for this, and I hope you will want to join him. We will need quite a few people on this committee as we need to get approvals and permits and all that lovely stuff before we can move ahead. We should probably also have the new workshop built before we sacrifice the old one so our pets and smokers have a meeting place secured.

**Seawall.** We will have to come up with a fix for our crumbling seawall. The executive has already freed up some resources to study this further, but since our neighbours at ABYC are working on theirs already our enterprising commodore elect is currently meeting with them to gather intelligence. This project will run for several years, as we plan to fix the wall in stages. If you have particular experience in this area, or you have built seawalls in the past, I'm all ears.

**Centennial Tree.** The large tree by the south gate which is the ire of all our boats on trailers and is often referred to as the big weed is actually a centennial tree. Back in 1967 that part of what is now our yard was then actually the ABYC. Bill Middleton recalls watching the ABYC Commodore and entourage ceremoniously planting a little sapling to mark the grand occasion of Canada's centennial. Now look at what they did! Either way, this lovely

bit of history should probably be marked with a plaque at the very least, and besides, we may be able to use it as leverage when it comes time to pay for the pruning. We are looking for historians and plaque makers.

As I have already taken up way too much space on Richard Taylor's fine paper, I'll stop right there for now. I do hope that you get the message that a 16 hour work requirement is probably not going to cover our needs in 2014, so roll up your sleeves and let's have some fun! 🚤

## FLOTSAM & JETSAM

Shadow

### Thirteen Ways From Sunday

Our good friend Mona Anderson has a chapter in a book just published called *Thirteen Ways From Sunday*. She sent this email advertising the website that's been developed for the book. Here's the email:

*Dear Everyone:*

*Now this is a cool thing. Our new book, Thirteen Ways from Sunday, has its own website. You can check out all the authors, their bios, photos, story excerpts, meet Douglas. Cool.*

<http://thirteenwaysfromsunday.wordpress.com/>

*Thanks so much for all your help, and kind wishes.*

*mona*

<http://monaaanderson.com>

### Another Book To Report

*"Along The Shore" Rediscovering Toronto's Waterfront Heritage*. That's the title of a book by Jane Fairburn. The description says, *"An informative and surprising journey through Toronto's waterfront communities and districts"*. Jane has also written a book called *"The Beach"* which is all about the area east of the Club.

### THIS IS HAMILTON YACHT CLUB—AUSTRALIA

Challenging club of the next America's Cup.





# TREASURER

Peggy Wheatstone

**F**IRST, MY THANKS to our Club Secretary, Joan Willson. Joan continues to keep us organized, on track, true to our constitutional requirements for recording the Club's business and provides a quiet voice of reason when the seas get murky.

Paul Evans will be returning as our Receiving Officer. Many thanks Paul, life is much easier with your help.

There was an HST audit for 2012 and my thanks to Sylvie and our bookkeeper Mani for helping it go off without a hitch. We received a sizable refund for overpayments in 2012 which helped our position.

We are well placed to proceed as we near completion of the Saga of the Lease and the threat of eviction recedes. Neal Claassen and Dave Johnston ably managed the Clubs activities with Neal attending our November meeting to discuss future projects. Five projects were discussed for review in 2014 and action in 2015. I am confident you will be hearing more from Neal and Dave on these items.

Most items in the Treasurer's budget were within expected limits. As at our homes, the most significant increases are in the Hydro and Propane

accounts. We can all do our part to ensure lights and propane are turned off when not in use.

In recent years the amounts paid by the members for boats lifted by the crane at launch and haulout has fallen behind the actual costs. To bring these back in line to a user pay system an increase of 10.8% to these items alone was approved by the members at the AGM. An increase of 2% was approved and will apply to all other chargeable items. A chart of new rates is included below. ▲

Per Member Cost Including HST		
	2013 Rate	2014 Rate
Member's Initiation	\$ 1,130.00	\$ 1,130.00
Wet Mooring Initiation	\$ 1,582.00	\$ 1,582.00
Sailing Membership	\$ 602.62	\$ 615.00
Crew Membership	\$ 114.70	\$ 117.00
Junior Membership	\$ 50.06	\$ 51.00
Locker fees Small	\$ 25.43	\$ 25.93
Locker fees Large	\$ 62.86	\$ 64.12
Haulout	\$ 116.41	\$ 129.00
Launch	\$ 116.41	\$ 129.00

Calculated costs NOT including HST		
Wet Mooring - based on boat's beam - minimum 6 ft	\$49.95 / beam ft	\$50.95 /beam ft
Summer Dry Storage, based on boat's area (LOA x Beam)	\$ 0.85 /sq. ft.	\$0.87 /sq. ft.
Summer Trailer Storage	\$84.50	\$86.19
Winter Storage, Based on boat's area (LOA x Beam)	\$ 0.71 /sq. ft.	\$0.72 /sq. ft.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY REPORT

Lynda de Jonge van der Halen

**W**ITH A DUSTING OF SNOW on the ground and a wintery wind chill, Santa made his annual visit to the families at TH&SC where he was welcomed warmly by adults and children! Santa had a quick visit with the children and gave out presents before leaving for his next event.



There was a mix of familiar activities and new crafts and cookie decorating. The reindeer cupcakes were completed by individual families. Chris Hanson led us in a sing along of Christmas favourites.



Our kitchen crew prepared an assortment of sandwiches, veggie Christmas tree, decorated brownies and cupcakes, fruit, and different kinds of French toast.



Igor took a variety of candid shots of smiling, happy children as well as many family portraits. Thanks to our scheduled workers (Donna, Alex, Sol, Matthew, Oscar, Vince, and Bill Mc) plus guests who also pitched in as needed. ▲



## TH&SC Christmas Party



<div>  <div>December 2013</div>  </div>						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
Annual General Meeting 1	2	3	4	5	DARTS 6	7
8	9	10	11	12	DARTS 13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	Winter Begins 21
22	23	24	Christmas Day 25	Boxing Day / Kwanzaa 26	27	28
29	30	New Year's Eve 31	New Year's Levee			
DON'T FORGET TH&SC NEW YEAR'S LEVEE						

<div>  <div>January 2014</div>  </div>						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
			New Year's Levee 1	2	DARTS 3	4
5	6	7	8	9	DARTS 10	Boat Show Begins 11
12	13	14	15	16	DARTS 17	18
Boat Show Ends 19	20	21	22	23	DARTS 24	25
26	27	28	29	30	DARTS 31	
JOIN US AT THE NEW YEAR'S LEVEE						

<div>  <div>February 2014</div>  </div>						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
IT'S THE HEART OF WINTER—TIME TO PLAY DARTS						1
2	3	4	5	6	DARTS 7	8
9	10	11	12	13	DARTS 14	15
16	17	18	19	20	DARTS 21	22
23	24	25	26	27	DARTS 28	
HAVE YOU HUGGED YOUR BOAT YET?						

<div>  <div>March 2014</div>  </div>						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
CHECK YOUR BOAT—CHARGE BATTERY						1
2	3	4	5	6	DARTS 7	8
Daylight Saving Starts 9	10	11	12	13	DARTS 14	15
16	St. Patrick's Day 17	18	19	Spring begins 20	DARTS 21	22
23	24	25	26	27	DARTS 28	29
30	31	MAKE YOUR LIST OF THINGS TO DO				