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New Year's Levee—Friday, January 1, 2016

Toronto International Boat Show—January 9 to 17, 2016

LAUNCH DAY—Saturday, May 7



New Year's Levee

Friday, January 1st

from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Come and join us at the Clubhouse
for refreshments and good company.
Also a good time and place to transfer the
kids after a parent's night out.



DARTS

Most Fridays

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



Merry Christmas

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Don Bland

I WISH one and all a Merry Christmas and a very happy and healthy New Year.

This is my final article written as your Commodore.



Sigh of relief from all parties.

The year started with the demise of our tired 40 year old forklift at launch. Since it was not specifically mentioned on our insurance it was a struggle to make a claim. We have replaced it with a much newer 1994 model that is only 20 years old. Among the advantages are working brakes and hydraulics at a cost below the estimate to bring the old one up to safety standards.

After many many years of "if it ain't broke just leave it alone" stuff has started to wear out and break. Going forward we must plan and budget for wear and tear on the club's infrastructure.

This year through the efforts of Terry Lowe, Tom Monson and a dedicated crew of workers the out dated outmoded electrical systems from the meter to the distribution system to the ends of our docks has been replaced and officially approved.

Thanks to Tom Monson, Bob Prosper and yet another amazing dedicated crew the board walk and sea wall from our south end to past "A" dock has new sheet steel. This work has messed up our lawn but when the board walk is replaced next spring I'm confident the lawn will also be renewed.

To all the committee chairs thank you for your countless hours of unselfish work. A large THANK YOU to Mike Davidson for his hard work as Property Manager over the last two years. To John Edwards for his four years: two as Past Commodore and two as Commodore as well as three years from a previous stint. "A bear for punishment". To Greg Smith for signing on as your next Commodore. "Another bear for punishment". To George Tsapoitis for signing on as Property Manager. To all the 2014 and 2015 Executive Board members for their time and commitment to our club. To Joan Wilson for her patience as our Secretary and for the many weekends preparing hot lunches for the work crews a very special thanks.

In closing we have just concluded

PAST COMMODORE

John Edwards

I AM going to start my report with a follow up on the Ashbridges Bay Erosion and Sediment Control Project. When I last reported on this there were three options on the table. Any one of these options would have met the needs of this club. That being addressing the problem of silting within the gap. At a recent meeting at ABYC attended by Don Bland, Tom Monson, George Tsapoitis and myself the graphic below was presented as the preferred option. While this option has been approved by Toronto Council the funding and therefore the time lines are still rather vague. I do not therefore expect to see any trucks rolling on this until 2018 at the earliest.

As this is my last report as a member of your executive I wish to take a moment to thank some people. First of course are all the people I have worked with on the executive over the last four years. I would try and mention everyone by name but given the executive changes every year and I



am now completing four years I am afraid I would miss someone.

There is one person however that I think needs special mention. When I became Commodore for the first time in 1998 Joan Willson was the Secretary. When I returned to the board in 2012 Joan was still there as Secretary. Now I know there where a couple of years in the interim when she wasn't on the board. However, I believe that Joan has served this club as a member of the executive for more years than anyone. Her record keeping skills and the importance of the continuity she brings to the board can't be over stated. So thank you Joan for all your help and support during my time on the board.

Last but not least I would like to thank you, the membership, for your support during my time in office. The respect you have shown me has made this a rewarding experience.

I will close now by encouraging any of you who haven't yet served on the executive to consider a position on the executive in the future. You will find it both rewarding and a great opportunity to work closely with members you might not otherwise get to know. ▲



our 2015 A G M. You approved the reports from your executive board for 2015 and the 2016 budget!

Congratulations, we remain the best value, most welcoming club in the GTA. ▲



SOCIAL CHAIR

Lynda de Jonge van der Halen

Haulout

THANKS to all of you who provided our members with warm food, delicious surprises, and efficient service at our Haulout. Plus we had good weather and cooperative crew out in the yard. Best of all, Haulout was safe and uneventful.

Club members raved about the quality, quantity and variety of the food provided. And the members of the kitchen team had fun working together, while contributing to the success of Haulout.

Lorraine and Rebecca and others have already started discussing menu options for Launch and Haulout in 2016!

It is a delight to work with such dedicated and inspiring people, such as Lorraine, Annie, Joan, Laurie, Eva, Rita, Sylvie, Cat, Rebecca, Krys and Donna. Welcome to newcomer Sandra and thanks to the "desk duty" guys such as George, John E, and Robert. Thanks to Doris who sent in a plate of delectable sweets on Sunday and to Peter for the numerous shopping trips and set up. A big thank you to Joanne who passed on the leftover Thanksgiving turkey and ham and to Joan who made the homemade soup, a welcome hot item served in the yard and in the clubhouse mid afternoon.

It is amazing to see faces light up when red licorice is passed out and hear the sighs of contentment when freshly baked cookies are smelled then devoured!

Also thanks to the Property team, especially Ramona who cleaned up the garage and made the popup tents much more accessible for Social events.

Awards Night

THE TH&SC Black and White Gala/aka Awards Night was a great success! The elegant attire and dining room decor lifted the spirits! Thank you to our members who dressed in high fashion...or at least in black and white! From black tie to tails and white tie to groups dressed for a night on the town, Ritz style,

feather boas, new black and white sneakers, to the novel approach of simulated leg casts!

Hats off to our master of ceremonies, Rear Commodore Glen Eddie, who kept the program moving along at a good pace (you can't fall asleep when you are



laughing out loud!) Thanks Glen for all you do for TH&SC.

Commodore Don Bland, aka the Old Bond, and Jamie Carroll assisted Glen with the presentation of some awards.

The well dressed bartenders, Peter, Tracey and Mike B., kept the liquid spirits flowing. Eva and Sheila once again handled our ticket sales as well as doing many other jobs on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Doris, with her professional panache, provided the black and white appetizers, such as Tuscan bean pate and black olive tapenade.

There were many people (such as Annie, John M, Ramona, Eva, Mike, Peter, Tracey, John G) who



signed up to help and brought their enthusiasm, energy, and ideas to the placement of dishes and decorations on Friday so that members entered an elegant salon on Saturday evening. On Saturday most of these people were back in action again as well as Phil. Thanks to our many other members who pitched in during the evening and at the end of the party and helped in various ways, such as the

dismantling of the party room, especially the Hexham group. Sunday morning and afternoon



Reza and Phil joined Eva with the morning after work and then set to work decorating for the children's Christmas party.

This year Annie Evans was the recipient of the Social Award for her contribution to a wide variety of events at TH&SC and to the merriment at TH&SC. Thank you Annie for the help and the laughter you bring to our work parties!

No one went away hungry! EnRoute Catering provided a delicious meal, with a wide selection of items. The roast pork and fennel salad were very popular! The steamed kale was a new experience for many guests (and avoided by some). The black forest cake was judged by Eva and others to taste wonderful...just not enough to satisfy all those with a sweet tooth. The Olympus dinner plates, from Higgins Event Rentals, and black linen napkins added a touch of sophistication to the table.

Kid's Christmas Party

SUNDAY November 22. was a busy day at TH&SC! The clubhouse was filled with families enjoying our annual Christmas party while outside work on the seawall repairs moved along at a good pace. Plenty of big

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machines to help with the job and entertain gawkers, young and older, through the windows.

As someone said, this party is a tech free zone! Family members

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ADVENTURES ON SPINDRIFTER

by Albert Kerek

After Tom Monson's Catalina 30 (Boomrang's demise in the Spring, Tom found her replacement. In mid-August Tom Monson took delivery of Spindrifter, a 1987 Catalina 30 in Ludington MI, a small town on the east coast of Lake Michigan about 155 miles north of Chicago. After a few days of provisioning and outfitting Tom and I set sail for Toronto and Spindrifter's new home at TH&SC, a distance of 780 miles. In the course of nearly 3 weeks we sailed four out of the five great lakes and the rivers and canals that join them.

NEW BEGINNING

Manistee Michigan, August 22, 2015

Two days out of Ludington Michigan and we're making good time considering the weather and heavy seas of this past week.

Before we left, the Badger car ferry to Manitowac, Wisconsin reported 12 foot seas on August 20th and it rained all that night...our boat shuddering and heeling at the dock. In the morning we drove to the breakwater to observe Lake Michigan and to talk with fishermen who reported water so rough they had to return to the harbour but Tom and I were seeing do-able seas...a couple of sailboats were motoring out through the channel. It was time to go.

Back at the Ludington Yacht Club Gary Ferguson was waiting with a bottle of single malt scotch whisky. Gary is a yacht salesman, an executive officer at LYC who also operates the LYC sailing program. Earlier in the month Tom had stayed at Gary's house while he viewed Spindrifter and had her surveyed. On taking delivery a few days ago he remained at our beck and call until departure time. And so, after we each took a couple of slugs of whisky straight from the bottle and a long jovial period of hand shaking and back slapping Tom and I motored out between the Ludington breakwater lights into Lake Michigan on a bright, windy day of rolling around in heavy following seas and soon enough furling the genoa...tired of the constant filling and luffing and filling...and luffing but, no matter, we were happy, smiling sailors now motoring up a sandy, grassy coastline of dunes and wonderful light houses. We were on our way to somewhere.

Gary had suggested we take a

drive up the coast before we leave... "The most beautiful country in world" he said, but Tom was anxious to get underway, and besides, you see things from a boat you can't see from behind a windshield or through a window. After only 27 miles, because of our late start, we put into Manistee MI. Tomorrow our destination is Leland MI, an historic fishing village appearing so remote it could be a myth.

The lower Michigan peninsula is roughly the same size and shape as Ireland. If Leland was an Irish town I would place it near the top of the Irish west coast. Gary said it was our best bet if we couldn't make Charlevoix. Once again with the wind on our stern the seas are picking us up and tossing Spindrifter around like a toy. The salon is littered everywhere with charts and cushions and papers. Other times we are surfing on a roller under a blue sky laughing our heads off. Passing the Point Betsie lighthouse at Frankfort, making for South Manitou Island 17 miles north I'm thinking about what I know and where we're going.

The main skill for me is to keep from getting lost. I'm mostly obsessed with where we are. Nearly every moment we are talking about what has to be done next or soon if not already doing something else. From the charts I know there is 868 feet of water 17 miles to the west. Michigan comes from a native Indian word meaning great water.

South Manitou Island appears straight ahead as a low, flat one layer cake while Sleeping Bear Point looms on our starboard like a massive desert dune. Once I find the markers we will steer northeast between them into the 6 mile wide Manitou Passage but in rolling seas those red and green cans are nearly impossible to spot even with binoculars.

What I see are two 40 foot sailboats...bows plunging and rising 2 miles off our port side heading south into waves that keep coming and coming, one after the other. On our starboard another sailboat is clawing its way south off Sleeping Bear Shoal. Showers and thunderstorms are forecast for tomorrow as a cold front is ranging across Michigan. Tom and I had considered putting into a protective anchorage on south Manitou but after seeing those struggling boats our situation seems mild in comparison. Big rugged Lake Michigan is growing on us. It does something to you.

A GPS fix plotted on the chart proves it's time for a course change up the passage. Momentarily I spot the markers. An hour later we are being overhauled by the Manitou Island Transit ferry making for Leland. Everyone is on deck in yellow foul weather gear waving at us. At 18:00, surrounded by tourists and sailors alike, Tom and I are tying up at the visitor's dock in Leland. The Harbour Master has gone home for the day but the owner of a large tug offers us their spare key for the showers and facilities. Tom is hungry now...we both are, and tired too. What a great day it was—a 67 mile day. A sailor is walking towards us now with a smiling face introducing himself as Tom Hudson. "That's my boat over there" he says, "if you need anything that's where I'll be". He's holding a fender board describing its use: "do you have one of these aboard? If not, you can borrow this one tonight, there's a storm coming in you know." So the three of us tie the fender board over our fenders...the two Toms are discussing food and restaurants. And then Tom and I head into town.

There's an old Irish proverb:
May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be always at your back

As I'm looking back at the harbour and out at Lake Michigan I'm thinking I would like to drive back here in a car, one day, looking through a windshield. *They will continue their story in the next few issues of Spar and Prop.* 🏠

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VICE COMMODORE

Claude Soulodre

WITH the holiday season almost upon us, many members are making plans to get together with family, travel south, or enjoy some quiet downtime. It's also the time of year when club matters come full circle and we begin making plans for the spring.

As you're all aware, I will be sending out 2016 membership invoices through email and I expect to have them all out before Christmas.

In 2016, we will also begin sending Spar and Prop out in electronic format only. The anticipated savings in printing and mailing costs is expected to be in the range of \$2500-\$3000 annually for the club.

The club is currently at full capacity. We have a total of 216 members—87 Crew, 114 Sailing members and 15 Life members. We have two Sailing members on temporary moorings and one member waiting for a mooring. We are not taking any new Sailing membership applications at this time. Depending on the level of churn in the next 4-5 months, we will likely be opening up the waiting list to new members soon.

The end of this December marks the completion of my first year as Vice Commodore. I'd like to thank the membership again for entrusting me with these responsibilities. I'd also like



to take this opportunity to thank all the members who have supported and guided me as I floundered my way through this role. In particular, I'd like to thank Joanne Adolphe, Robert McComb, the other members of the executive and the members who gave of their time and experience to serve on membership and discipline committees in the past year. They include John Morris, John Edwards, Deb Bradley, Rosemary Johnston, Jaimie Smallwood, Anibal Pinguelo, Joanne Sawyer and Patrick Lyons. Lastly and most importantly, thanks to Rebecca for her ongoing support and wisdom.

The next few years will be an unusual period in the life of our club. We have a ton of work to do and it's going to be disruptive—to the docks and to the grounds. It's an opportunity for us to come together and do everything we can to support the club and each other.

My wish for this coming year and beyond, is that we all find it in us to give the time, maybe a little more than usual, and to be patient and kind with each other as we work together to get our club into the fantastic shape we want it to be in for the next 25 years. Happy Holidays. ▲

RACING CAPTAIN

Jamie Carroll

SEASON'S Greetings! It is hard to believe it is almost Christmas!

Thank you to all the racers who participated in our Wednesday night series and weekend races.

In addition, many thanks to the race committee, in particular Richard Coutts and those who volunteered to help out on *Shadow*; a special thank to Rear Commodore, Glen Eddie, for the endless hours organizing racing, cruising and social events; to Lynda de Jonge van der Halen and her social crew; to Bruce Bateman, chief handicapper and scorer; and thank you to all the other members who lend a hand to help make racing an integral part of TH&SC!

Awards Night was again well attended and I would like to congratulate all the racers for their participation and accomplishments!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone...see you on the water in 2016! ▲



HARBOURMASTER

Tom Monson

TO SAY my first year as Harbour Master has been a learning experience would be a gross understatement. Fortunately, I was helped by a dedicated group of members who stepped up to the plate and gave their time, in almost all cases well above their mandatory sixteen hours, to work on the electrical upgrade project as well as the sea wall rebuild project.

I'm talking about the members who helped install the electrics on the boardwalk, and the cable trays on the docks, both electrical parts of the sea wall as well as the rebuild the first 120 feet of the sea wall itself, all for the betterment of our club.

Unfortunately, in too many cases members who go above and beyond receive little or no recognition for the time and effort they put in during the year. Well this is about to change. In the coming year you will see this elite group of members sporting a black tee shirt with a blue insignia on the left breast that identifies them as "Sea Wall Builders". When you see these members next sailing season, wearing their tee shirts around the club, a word of thanks for helping make our club a better place for all of us would be a nice gesture.

Next season, as we rebuild the next 100 or so feet of the sea wall I would love to be able to give more and more members their own Sea Wall Tee shirt. Everyone is invited to help regardless of your skill level or how much time you can offer.

I can't finish this report without thanking three special people—our Den Mother, Joan Wilson, who took care of us every weekend during the sea wall rebuild by keeping track of who was working and by keeping us fed, and Terry Lowe who spent hours building and installing the electrical components for the docks and boardwalk, and Bob Prosper, who has worked with me continuously since we swept the snow off the boardwalk by 'A' dock and tore up the boards last February, up to and during every weekend of the sea wall rebuild. Thank you Joan, Terry and Bob. ▲



PFD Recall

Mustang Survival has issued a recall for two models of their personal flotation devices: MD315 (sold in Canada) and MD318 (sold in the U.S.). The recall is for the reinforcement of a portion of the bladder assembly that may tear when the bladder lobes are flexed apart while fully inflated. If you have an affected PFD, contact Mustang's Customer Service Dept. at 1-800-526-0532 for instructions. Do not return it to the place of purchase.



Social...

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worked together on crafts and decorating gingerbread cookies or houses, and rang the bells and sang traditional songs. Three families even took on the challenge to dress mom or dad creatively as



Santa or an elf, with the materials provided. Lunch was a delicious collection of kid friendly food and seasonal items such as a cauliflower snowman and mini bagel wreathes. And sweets of course! The punch was popular with both children and adults. As expected, the highlight was the arrival for Santa after singing and ringing bells to help Santa find us at TH&SC!



Thank you to the party goers and others who added a warm hat, mittens or scarf to the Christmas tree. All items collected will be given to those less fortunate.

Thanks again to members who decorated the clubhouse the previous Sunday and to those who prepared the food and did the setup and clean up at the party and helped with activities.

Please join your fellow boaters and check on your boat at the annual New Year's Day Levee on the afternoon of January 1, 2016. Happy New Year! ▲

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Judy and Aubrey Millard

Aubrey and Judy have put *Veleda IV* away for the winter on Thetis Island in the Gulf Islands of B.C. In Late November, slowing the pace down, they will activate their trailer and head down to Arizona, or New Mexico or southern California for the rest of the winter.

Chris Hanson & Elizabeth Marin

Chris and Elizabeth have put are in Florida where they re-commissioned *Groovin'* and now have her back in the water and plan to visit the Bahamas again this winter.



Pat and Geoff Craigen

Pat and Geoff are back on *Beach House* and enjoying tropical weather.

Jeff Ante

Jeff is back on his mooring in the Caribbean. Maybe this year he will put more than 26 miles in the log.

Peggy and Mike Wheatstone

Peggy and Mike will leave shortly for their catamaran *Perigrin* in St Maarten. Now that their boat is fully recovered from damage wrought by a wayward boat they hope to do some Caribbean cruising. ▲



TREASURER

Bill Comerford

MY first year as Treasurer has come to an end. It has been a challenging and rewarding year. The club has taken on some costly, major projects and thanks to the hard work of many, the projects have come in under budget.



For those of you not in attendance at the AGM, the members have voted to increase fees next year by 7.5%. This increase will go a long way towards ensuring our financial stability during the next few years as we complete club upgrades.

I'd like to thank Dave Johnston for his help with Ways and Means; Joan Willson for her help as Secretary; and Paul Evans for his efforts with Receivables. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Larry Adolphe, Phil Delahaye and Sylvie Lavoie for their assistance with this year's financial audit.

I am looking forward to working with our new Commodore, Greg Smith, and our new Property Manager, George Tsapoitis. Welcome to the jungle!

Lastly, I'd like to wish everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year. See you in 2016. ▲

FLOTSAM & JETSAM

Shadow

BOAT SHOW TICKETS

When buying tickets for the boat show online click "Captain's Club for \$5 off ticket price.

BRUNCH RECIPE—SHAKSHUKA

There were requests for the recipe of Shakshuka served at a Sunday Brunch. It's on pages 14 and 15 of this S&Prop.



REAR COMMODORE

Glen Eddie

AS IS the case every year, it went by way to fast.

All things considered I think the year went really well. The racing program is strong, the social events are packed, and the cruising fleet is as passionate as ever. As always, it doesn't just happen. It takes too many people to thank to make it a success. That said, I would especially like to thank Lynda and Peter de Jonge van der Halen, Laurie Prosper, Jamie Smallwood, Tracy Clingen, John Greenham, the Resendes, Greg Smith, Mike and Eva Baker, Jamie Carroll, Bruce Bateman, Richard Coutts, Doug Clariage, Doris and KB, Albert Kerek, that are there week in and week out. Without you and the many others that help out, we wouldn't have a racing, cruising, and social program. From the bottom of my heart, well done and thanks.

I would also like to thank the weather. Glad to have you back on our side after 2014. Money is in the mail for 2016.

Now a brief review of Awards Night. Who knew that you all cleaned up so well. Great job. I think we should dress that well during Wednesday race nights. I could just see Mike Wheatstone in his tails calling inside overlap at the mark. Who could deny him. I would also like to thank everyone that help make the night a success, many of which are already set out above. Thanks again to everyone who helped make it happen.

Okay, now onto next year. First, I would like to thank Jamie Carroll who has agreed to stay on as Race Captain. Also I would like to thank Keith and Joan Willson who have agreed to take over for Albert Kerek as the Cruise Captain on an interim basis. Thanks Albert for your hard work. Your efforts are appreciated and there will always be a cold beer for you on *Freya IV*. If anyone would like to take over the Cruising Captain position, I know that the Willsons would be happy to hand over the reins. Please contact me or Joan if this is something that tickles your fancy.

I am also happy to say that Lynda de Jonge van der Halen has agreed to stay on as Social Director. Everyone, I would like you all to say thanks to Lynda for agreeing to stay on next year. You and Peter are two of the greatest members we have ever had. I am running out of ways to say thank you.



On a serious note, we are trying to get the other clubs in the basin to participate in the Summer Blast Regatta. It is such a great event. I know that if we could just get racers from other clubs here for one Summer Blast we would have them hooked. It would be even more fun if we could share the hosting obligations!!!! Please stay tuned for more updates on this committee.

I would also like to thank John Edwards and Mike Davidson who have finished their respective terms on the executive (i.e. escaped!). Great work and I appreciate everything you brought to the table. Lastly I would again like to thank my wife Janina who was so supportive of me taking on the role of Rear Commodore and has allowed me to continue in the post for the next two years. Thanks Janina.

Lastly check page 12 of Spar and Prop to see the list of all of the 2015 Award Winners.

See you next year. ▲

FLEET CAPTAIN CRUISING

Albert Kerek

FOR those of you who were not at the AGM, our Rear Commodore announced that Albert Kerek would not be continuing on as your Cruising Captain in 2016. In the interim, so that the 2016 program can be established, Joan and I have volunteered to shepherd the program while Glen is busy trying to recruit someone to take over.

To date, we have two (2) confirmed cruises. Yes, the clubs start their cruising plans very early. We will have a reciprocal cruise to Bluffers Park Yacht Club on the long weekend in May (May 21-23) and a reciprocal cruise to Highland Yacht Club on June 18-19.

Now we need hosts for these two cruises. Volunteers anyone?

We have put out feeler requests to four other destinations but so far have not heard back.

If anybody has ideas for cruises, for example, a theme cruise, or if you are interested in becoming the Cruise Captain, please contact us using the Club Cruising Account—

Cruising@thsc.ca

Thanks

Joan and Keith Willson ▲

PROPERTY MGR.

Mike Davidson

WELL folks that was a quick two years.

That's right, for those of you who don't already know, my term as Property Manager ends on Dec. 31st and your new Property Manager, George Tsapoitis, takes over. In those two short years I think I have, with the help of others, made the club safer, cleaner, more spacious and hospitable.

It has been a very interesting two years. I have never had the opportunity to be a member of an executive board before. Sitting on the board, voting on important issues affecting the future of the club, sitting in judgment on members who have run amuck of the rules or who have come upon hard times and need some relief from the club's rules. Democracy in action, regular people coming together in a civilized manner. A mini government in action. It's actually even more than that. I just don't have the words or skill to articulate it. I am just very glad and honored to have been a part of it.

In regards to being the Property Manager on a daily basis, well that's another story. It's a very important position. On the one hand because if you're the kind of person who has a vision of what you would like the club to be, then you're in a very good position to bring that about, providing of course you can bring others around to see your vision. On the other hand there are just so many jobs that need to be done. Finding and organizing people to do those jobs is a job in and of itself. Because our club has been around for some time now things are breaking down on a regular basis meaning the Property Manager has to attend to it and attend to it *now*.

George will make a fine Property Manager. And I know all of those people who stepped forward to help me will be there to help him, because if they hadn't stepped forward I would have accomplished nothing. Thanks to all of you—you know who you are. And so on that note Merry Christmas to all of you who celebrate it and Happy Holiday to those who don't. ▲



WAYS AND MEANS

Dave Johnston (Two Bits)

BILL Comerford recently said to me that 2015 is an oddball year. That pretty well summed things up perfectly and politely. We began the year with considerable angst in not knowing what it would take to build the seawall and upgrade our electrical service. Quite a few jobs were put on hold to keep a reserve of labour available late in the year. Things turned out better than expected including very cooperative weather and a large group of wonderful members willing to work weekends.



Many thanks are extended to those who came in to work on the seawall on some very cold days. It is noted that many of you worked many more hours than the required 16. Also thanks to Joan Wilson et.al. for preparing a nice hot lunch for the work crews every weekend. It made a huge difference and was much appreciated by all.

In 2016 we will continue building the seawall but with better knowledge of the resources required and presumably with a lot less worry. We will be having another job fair in March for members to sign up for work they are best suited to. Many of those jobs put on hold in 2015 will become available at that time.

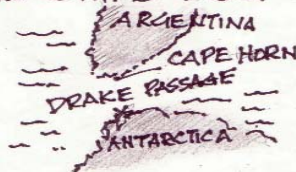
In the near future I will be doing a final tally of hours worked by each member. For those members that don't appear to have enough hours I will be calling you to see if I missed something. If you do owe hours you will be receiving a notice from the Vice-Commodore.

Safety tip: Tie your ladder to your boat rail when ascending and descending the ladder. This will greatly reduce the chances of falling off the ladder should it start sliding.

Have a happy and safe holiday.

Nauticals

THE SCHOONER JENNY. AN ARTICLE IN AN 1862 EDITION OF THE GERMAN MAGAZINE 'GLOBUS' RECOUNTS THE TALE OF THE ENGLISH SCHOONER JENNY: 'MAY 4, 1823. NO FOOD FOR 7 DAYS. I AM THE ONLY ONE ALIVE.' THE CAPTAIN WHO WROTE THE ENTRY IN THE SHIP'S LOGBOOK WAS FOUND SITTING IN HIS CHAIR, PEN IN HAND A FULL 17 YEARS LATER. ~ HIS BODY AND THOSE OF THE OTHER 8 CREW ON BOARD HAD BEEN PRESERVED BY THE FRIGID ANTARCTIC WEATHER WHICH HAD ENSNARED THE VESSEL BETWEEN WALLS OF ICE FOR ALMOST 20 YEARS. THEY HAD BEEN CAUGHT ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE DRAKE PASSAGE, THE 600 MILE WIDE SEA SEPARATING CAPE HORN, ARGENTINA AND THE SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS OF ANTARCTICA. ~ THE CREW OF THE WHALING SHIP THAT DISCOVERED THE JENNY SO LONG AFTER THE DISASTER BURIED THE CREW AND THE SHIP'S DOG - AT SEA.





December 2015



Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	DARTS 4	5
TH&SC Annual General Meeting 6	7 Hanukkan	8	9	10	DARTS 11	12
13	14	15	16	17	DARTS 18	19
20	21 Winter begins	22	23	24	25 Christ- mas Day	26 Boxing Day/ Kwanzaa
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	1 TH&SC New Year's Levee	

JOIN US AT THE NEW YEAR'S LEVEE ON JANUARY 1st



January 2016



Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
JOIN US FOR OUR NEW YEAR'S LEVEE					1 New Year's Levee	2
3	4	5	6	7	DARTS 8	9 Boat Show begins
10	11	12	13	14	DARTS 15	16
17 Boat Show ends	18	19	20	21	DARTS 22	23
24	25	26	27	28	DARTS 29	30
31	END OF JANUARY—TIME TO CHECK YOUR BOAT					



February 2016



Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3	4	DARTS 5	6
7	Chinese New Year	8	9	10	11	DARTS 12
14 St Valen- tine's Day	15	16	17	18	DARTS 19	20
21	22	23	24	25	DARTS 26	27
28	29	HUG YOUR BOAT THIS MONTH				

IT'S THE HEART OF WINTER — TIME TO PLAY DARTS



March 2016



Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	DARTS 4	5
6	7	8	9	10	DARTS 11	12
13 Daylight Savings starts	14	15	16	17 St Patrick's Day	DARTS 18	19
20 Spring Begins	21	22	23	24	25 Good Friday	26
27 Easter Sunday	28 Easter Monday	29	30	31		

MAKE YOUR LIST OF "THINGS TO DO ON BOAT"

AWARDS NIGHT



KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY



TH&SC RACE RESULTS

WEDNESDAY SERIES

Division 2

Div. Rank	Boat Name	Div. Pts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1	Windhoek	18.00	1 (8f)	2 (11c)	3	1	1	(6)	2	(4)	(11c)	1	1	4	2		
1	Dark 'n' Stormy	18.00	2 (11c)	(11c)	(11c)	1	3	2	1	1	1	2	4	(11c)	1	5	
3	Windchaser	24.00(11c)	3	1 (11c)	2	2	(6)	5	3	(9f)	1	2	2	3	(9f)		
4	Legacy	30.00	3 (11c)	3	3	4	(8)	4	2	(6)	(5)	3	(8f)	3	2	3	
5	Missee Lee	42.00	4 (8f)	(6)	1	5	4	(8)	3	(8)	6	4	(8f)	4	5	6	
6	Emrys	45.00	(7)	2	4	2	6	6	5	(9)	7 (11c)	(11c)	(11c)	6	6	1	
7	Crackerjack	49.00	5	1	5 (11c)	(7)	(7)	3	7	5	7	6	5	5 (11c)	(9f)		
8	Sassy III	51.00	6	4	7	4	8	(9)	(9)	8	4	3 (11c)	3 (11c)	(11c)	4		
9	Tsunami II	87.00(11c)	(11c)	(11c)	(11c)	(11c)	(11c)	5	7	4	11c	11c	5	11c	11c	11c	

Division 3

1	Let It Be	15.00	(6)	1	1	2	(4)	(8)	(6)	(5)	1	4	1	2	1	1	1
2	Blue Sky	18.00	1	2	2	(5)	1	(7)	(9q)	2	2	1	2	(8s)	3	2	(5)
3	Gemini	28.00	4	(5)	5	3	(7)	1	1	1	3	2	(10c)	(10c)	(10c)	5	3
4	Iggy	30.00	2	(8s)	3	(6)	(8)	2	5	(10c)	4	(10f)	3	1	5	3	2
5	Skookumchuk	33.00	3	(10c)	(10c)	4	2	(5)	2	3	5	3	4	3	(6)	4	(8)
6	Trevor Kane	41.00	5	4	4	(10c)	3	3	4	4	(10c)	(10f)	(10c)	(10c)	4	6	4
7	Connemara	49.00	(8)	3	6	(7)	6	4	3	(7)	(10c)	5	5	4	7	(9)	6
8	El Sueno	52.00	(7)	6	(7)	1	5	6	(9f)	6	7	(10c)	7	5	2	(8)	7
9	Little Feat	82.00(10c)	(10c)	(10c)	(10c)	(10c)	(10c)	10c	10c	8	6	10f	6	8f	8	7	9

() = Thrown out
q = DSQ
c = Did not competn
s = Did Not start
f = Did not finish

WEKEND RACES

Icebreaker

1	Let It Be
2	Wind Chaser
3	Skookumchuk
4	Missee Lee
5	Iggy
6	Connemara
7	Emrys
8	Trevor Kane
9	Sassy III
10	Knotilus

Summer Blast Distance

Division 2

1	Dark 'n' Stormy
2	Tsunami II
3	Legacy
4	Sassy III
5	Magui
6	Missee Lee
8 DSQ	Emrys

Division 3

1	Let It Be
2	El Sueno
3	Matta II
4	Trevor Kane
5	Skookumchuk

Race des Voyageurs

Division 2

1	Legacy
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Division 3

1	El Sueno
2	Skookumchuk
3	Blue Sky
4	Let It Be
5	Trevor Kane

Frostbite

Division 2

1	Dark 'n' Stormy
2	Sassy III

Division 3

1	El Sueno
2	Blue Sky
3	Let It Be

Bluffer's

Division 3

1	Dark 'n' Stormy
2	Iggy
3	Trevor Kane
4	Let It Be
5	Skookumchuk
6	El Sueno
7	Sassy III

TROPHY WINNERS

Keldy Cup	Let It Be
Race des Voyageurs	Legacy
Crackerjack Award	Iggy
Wiz Trophy	Dark 'n' Stormy
Vertigone Cup	Dark 'n' Stormy
TH&SC Trophy	Let It Be
Ken Deas Memorial	Legacy
George Malcolm Award	Legacy
Greg Smith Award	Blue Sky
Rising Wind Award	Dark 'n' Stormy

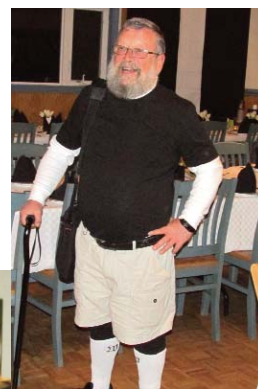
TROPHY WINNERS (Contd)

Richard Coutts
Award Gemini
Shadow Award Windhoek
Richard Taylor
Award Let It Be
Lang Memorial
Trophy Windhoek
Overall Winner Division 2/3
Combined Let It Be

CLUB TROPHIES (non-racing)

Bruce Faquhar Trophy
Ways & Means Bob Prosper
Harbour Master's Trophy
Stefan Irmeler
Most Improved Skipper
Insh' Allah
Photography Award
Anibal Pigulano
Photo of the Year
Distant Waters Mike Ante
Travelled farthest in one year
Ante Up
Cruiser of the Year Mike Ante
Land Cruiser Trophy
Greg Smith
Marks Trophy Richard Taylor
Fouled Prop Award
Richard Evans
Race Committee "C" Cup
Doug Claridge
Social Committee Award
Annie Evans
Golden Spatula Award—Best Brunch
"A" Dock

MORE AWARDS NIGHT



A REQUESTED RECIPE

First of all, congratulations to all the weekend brunch teams. Such an array of yumminess we were treated to this year by each and every dock!

While A Dock took the Silver Spatula victory (Great job A Dock!! ☺), over here on C dock we did receive lots of compliments and requests for our Shakshuka recipe. It actually belongs to Chef David Lebovitz. Here it is, and we hope you enjoy!

Love,

The Brunch Artists of C Dock!

Shakshuka

3 to 4 servings

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 medium onion, peeled and diced
- 3 cloves garlic, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1 red and 1 yellow bell pepper, cut into strips
- 1/2 – 1 chile pepper (or to taste), stemmed, sliced in half and deseeded, finely diced/minced
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon paprika, smoked or sweet
- 1 teaspoon caraway seeds, crushed
- 1 teaspoon cumin seeds, crushed, or 3/4 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon turmeric
- 2 14-ounce cans of diced or crushed tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 2 teaspoons honey
- 1 teaspoon red wine or cider vinegar
- 1 cup (20g) loosely packed greens, such as Swiss chard or spinach, coarsely chopped
- 4 to 6 eggs

1. In a wide skillet, heat the olive oil over medium high heat. Add the onions and



the garlic and cook for 5 minutes, until soft and wilted. Add bell peppers, the chile pepper, the salt, pepper, and spices. Cook for a minute, stirring constantly, to release their fragrance.

2. Add the tomatoes, tomato paste, honey, and vinegar, reduce the heat to medium, and cook for 12 to 15 minutes, or until the sauce has thickened somewhat. Stir in the chopped greens.

3. With the back of a spoon, make 6 indentations in the sauce. Crack an egg into each indentation, then drag a spatula gently through the egg whites so it mingles a bit with the tomato sauce, being careful not to disturb the yolks.

With the sauce at a gentle simmer, and cook for about 10 minutes, taking some of the tomato sauce and basting the egg whites from time-to-time. Cover, and cook 3 to 5 minutes, until the eggs are cooked to your liking. When served, the eggs should be still runny so that the yolks mingle with the spicy sauce.

Serve with lots of crusty bread for scraping up the sauce.

