

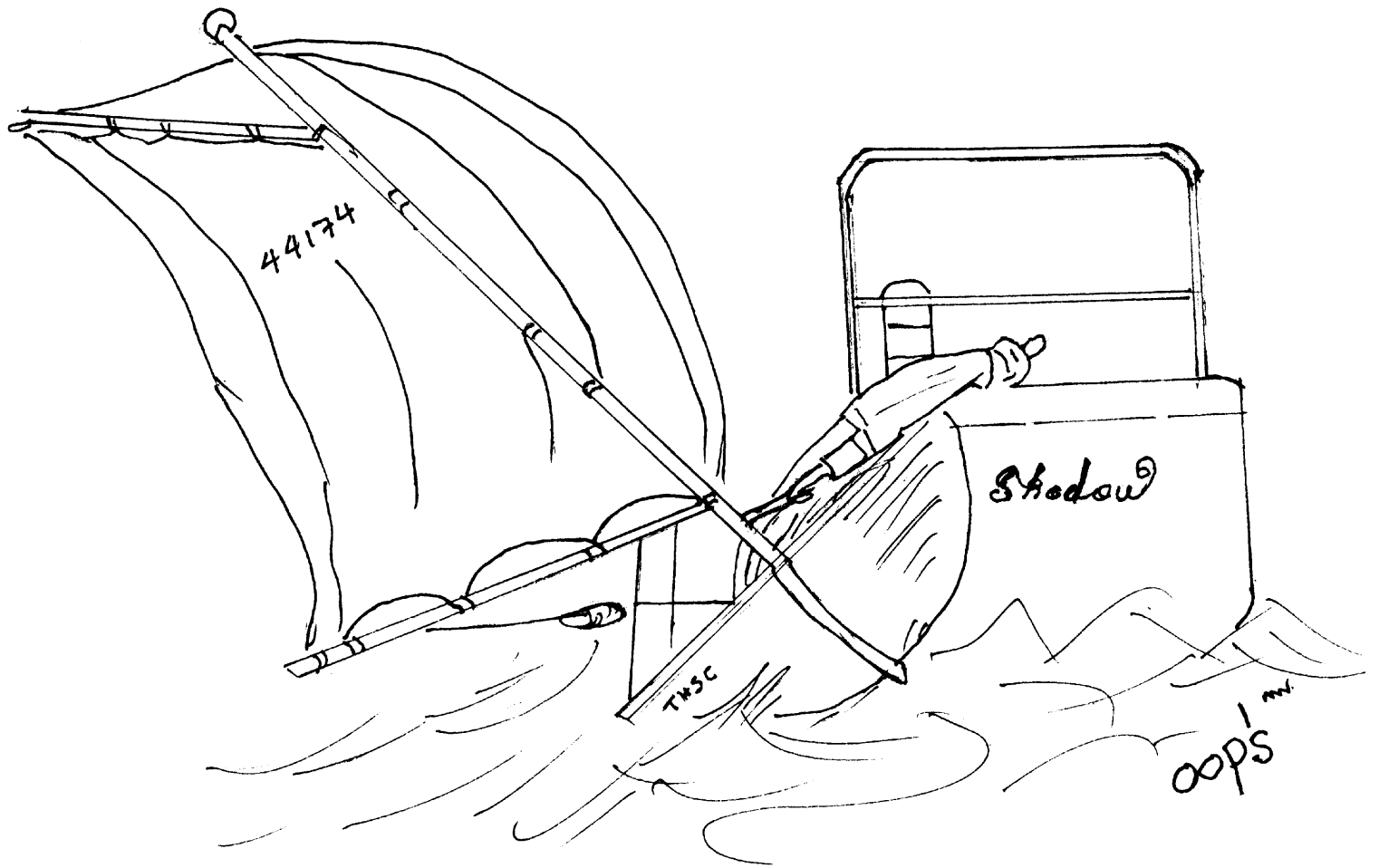
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Calendar

Easter Parade—Sunday, March 31—Join us in the Parade representing our club or come and watch the best Easter Parade. bar none. Contact Paul Evans for details about how to join in the march along Queen Street.

Pre-season Meeting—Thursday, April 18—Both Cruising and Racing people are invited to discuss our 2002 plans. See Vice Commodore's article on page 3 and Cruising on page 5 for details.

Launch Day—Saturday, May 4—Have your boats ready for the water or, if not, be sure to talk to the Harbourmaster about it. The Harbourmaster will have more to say in the April issue of Spar and Prop.

Warmup Race—Wednesday, May 15—Get your boat all tuned up tonight so when the racing starts you will be competitive.

Icebreaker Race—Sunday, May 26—Our first distance race. There won't be any ice to break but bring your warm coat. Last year was balmy. This year, who knows? The only sure thing is a good race.

Sailpast—Saturday, June 8—A really big event. Everyone has a great time. Get your dinner tickets early.

Cruise to Toronto Island—June 29–July 1—Our annual Island cruise is always fun, no matter where we end up on the Island.

East End Challenge—July 20–21—This resurrection of a race weekend close to home promises to be a good time. Try out a weekend series if you haven't already done so.

Thunderbird Regional Regatta—Labour Day weekend—These are serious racers who also have a good time at regattas. We will host the 2002 event. Help out and have a great time doing it.

Join Us in the Easter Parade

Sunday, March 31st

Dress up weird — A boatload of bunny fun

We'll gather at Queen and Neville Pk.

Call Paul Evens at (416) 292-7458 for more info

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Patrick Flynn

AT LAST THE SNOW we've all been waiting for. I know when we were at Judy and Aubrey Millard's slide presentation, it was nice enough to be sailing. We had to use the curtains from *Rising Wind* to block the view. Excellent food and a great world tour with all the attendant equipment problems, manual labour, winds good and bad, local detours, customs, harbour masters, lock operators ...

Winners of the Distant Waters Flag for 2001 (we're all tied for second at under 10,000 miles). TH&SC also presented the Millards with some 50th anniversary burgees and pins to exchange for what's left of *Veleda* when they get back to Turkey (OK I made that part up—just my paranoia about not being able to see the club when I sail!).

Your executive is hard at work. A couple of environmental issues have caused concern about our preparedness and awareness of the new realities of handling hazardous waste—used engine oil and used anti-freeze in particular but also the many environmentally hazardous products and by-products of boating. We're on city land and the Ministry of the Environment has gone around inspecting the area sailing clubs this past year so this is an issue that's not going to go away.

We're dealing appropriately with the two issues we've been ordered to address—the hydraulic oil not cleaned up completely at haulout and the storage of excess used oil and anti-freeze outside the new shed. If you are interested—and you will be—take a look at the Lakeshore Sailing Club's website where they have a pretty complete environmental policy and procedure for their membership.

The executive has approached Gerald McManus to be our environmental eyes and ears. With his background in Environment, awareness of MOE guidelines, the examples set by clubs such as MCC, LSYC, and HYC, and the backing of the executive, Gerry will advise and recommend TH&SC on environmental issues.

This is an issue much like the issue of safety. We don't much think about it until we are facing a problem. Most of us don't set out from shore in that frame of mind and, with Dave's and Gerry's help, we shall try to run a tighter ship for all of our safety and to better preserve our environment. ▲

REAR COMMODORE VICE COMMODORE

Dave Campbell

Paul Evans

WE could have sailed all winter. Well, at least, the lake was open. At this writing it really has not snowed. Sailing is coming closer. We dragged some sails out of the basement today. They go to the sail-makers tomorrow. We stopped by the deserted club today. Not a soul about. That is soon to change.

The preseason meeting is Thursday April 18 at 7:00. Come one come all. We will have a clinic on sailing. A racing video. It is a good time to decide to race this year. Dennis McCallum will outline his plans for cruising in 2002. We have room for all in this year's racing. If you want to come out racing we will promise a good race and hot supper every Wednesday.

Launch Day is May 4th. Sailpast is June 8. Please mark your calendars. Wednesday night racing starts with a warm up race on May 15. The Ice Breaker Distance race is May 26 a Sunday. The first cruise is the Toronto Island Picnic Cruise June 29 to July 1.

We are working on making every social event well worth going to. We've planned for bands at most events and as requested some events will be BYOB. My thanks to Kerry Cahill and Ron McIntyre.

This year we are once again hosting two regattas. One is the East End Challenge on July 20 and the Thunderbird Regionals on Labour Day. We last did this about 12 years ago. If you helped out then or if you want to help out this year. Please let me know. We need help in the committee boat, the chase boat, protest committee, food department, decoration, where to put them all department and many others I will not know until we do it. Working together is what built this club; working together will help us do a first class job with these events. ▲



GREETINGS EVERYONE.

I am looking for someone in the Club who is familiar with QuickBooks please.

The acquiring of a new computer for the club is in process and one of the tasks will be to get our club databases into some product that is current and hopefully easy to use. Whitby Yacht Club uses QuickBooks so I am in need of someone who has written programs/macros for this product as we have an opportunity to share what they have done. I am also in need of a committee to do some work on the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules as well as the Policy and Procedure manual. Knowledge of WordPerfect or MS Word would be needed by one of the committee members.

Anyone interested please give me a call at 416-292-7458 (home) or 905-316-5812 (work).

Lastly, the annual billing has been received and there are a disappointing number of folks who have not as yet paid. They will be receiving letters advising them that they now have an additional 10 percent added on to their bills.

If you have a problem with your billing, please call or write. There is enough work to do already with out chasing after people.

Many thanks. ▲

Pre-Season Meeting

Thursday, April 18
7:00 pm

We will have a clinic on sailing. A racing video. It is a good time to decide to race this year. Dennis McCallum will outline his plans for cruising in 2002.

Come and see what it is all about. Bring your crew. The experts will be glad to help you.

CALLING ALL GARDENERS

by Capt'n Dot

WELL, NOT ALL gardeners, but a few are needed. With the new executive in place, I will be working with the Properties Manager, Lloyd White, as one of next year's gardeners.

We will need a few more, enthusiastic members to beautify the garden for 2002.

This will be your work party commitment and the garden will be divided into sections. Each Garden Committee Member will shop, weed, seed, and feed only that section. I'm looking for members who are at the club in the summer on a regular basis, in order to tend to their area of gardening, let's say, weekly. Of course, no experience is necessary, as last year's garden was my first and from some of the comments, it didn't turn out too shabby.

This is a very rewarding position, watching the flowers bloom and the club come to life. So...come, smell the roses, and volunteer for the gardening committee. Please call Dorothy Williams at 416-889-0844 or Lloyd White to sign up. HURRY..."space is limited" ▲



Happy cruisers at Royal Hamilton Yacht Club last summer.



A NIFTY ANCHOR LIGHT

by Keith Willson

SEEN AT THE CFB TRENTON Yacht Club

A very simple, inexpensive idea for a very trouble-free anchor light which is guaranteed never to drain your boat battery.

You need to get together with a fellow boater and purchase a set of NOMA SOLAR Powered Garden lights. They come in a pack of two, hence the need for the fellow boater.

Once purchased, cut off the stake on the bottom of the light, unless you want to plant it in your deck. Next, drill two holes on opposite sides through the cap of the light. These holes must be large enough to take a thin line. Pass the line through the holes and knot underneath the cap. Leave the line long enough to form a bridle from which you can hang the light.

When you are ready to use the light, suspend it from the bridle and expose to daylight. These lights have a built in light sensor which switches on at dusk and off at daylight—so it becomes an automatic light. It takes a couple of days to initialize the batteries for a full charge but after that a day in the light will provide more than enough charge to run the light all night.

That's all there is to it—simple and effective. ▲

PROPERTY MGR. Lloyd White

FIRSTLY I WOULD LIKE TO thank the membership, the owners of our beautiful little club, for the opportunity to show, in some meaningful way, my appreciation of our club and the efforts of others before me who have made it the way we have it today. Speaking of those before me includes Ross Campbell, who will be a hard act to follow, but I will do my best.

There is some unfinished work carried over from last year that Ross started—the new yard cover at the North end—work house roof shingles to be finished, and regarding new work, a host of little jobs in the clubhouse as well as some substantive ones. The ladies washroom is looking as if it could use a facelift and, as many of you have commented upon, how attractive the new cabinet work is in the men's washroom, the probability is high that the ladies facility will get something similar as well as other decorating it badly needs. We are vigorously going after the potential natural gas pipeline as this could mean a huge savings for the club maybe as much as \$3,500 per year and, in this regard I am very pleased that Franz Hzdira of *Short Wave* has joined me and my efforts to make the next two years good ones for the Property portfolio. Franz has had meetings with gas line officials and the other yacht clubs that have an interest in seeing the line installed. I also welcome David Brand of *Christephanie* to my team. Both of these men have strong abilities that I am sure will show up greatly benefiting our club,

I am also fortunate in having Lou Lalonde agree to continue with the never-ending task of keeping the drinks, etc. in good supply, and again, my good luck in having Dorothy Williams step up to the plate to continue making our clubhouse exterior so attractive and enhanced because of her horticultural talents! See you in March. ▲



FLEET CAPTAIN CRUISING

Dennis MacCallum

TODAY IS GROUND HOG DAY and I feel I have written this column before. For those of us who didn't know, February 2 is exactly halfway through winter; being equidistant from December 21st and March 21st or... SPRING!! A special one this year, as it can be written 02 / 02 / 02.

The year 2002 is a palindrome; that is to say it can be read forward and backward, a lot of how we all feel this time of year. The weather being like it was in January, backward to the way we usually have it, it almost felt like we had taken our boats out of the water too early. Visits to the club are met with different sailors sanding and painting keels and transoms, changing heads and refrigeration and replacing rudders. A good start on spring fix-ups before launch which won't be long now.

We ended the year with Awards Night both for racers and cruisers. Although I made a mention of some of the accomplishments cruisers in our club were recognized for, in this issue you will find a complete list of the flags awarded for cruisers of TH&SC in 2001. It is important to remember that there are many cruisers in our club every year that are signed out in the Gone Sailing Log, who although have not qualified for the "official" cruising flags, are recognized in our list of club cruisers. There were 21 boats who participated in at least one club cruise, and half our fleet spent at least one night in another port. The list will be on the Cruising Board.

Our new Commodore met us at New Year's Levee, which is a nice way to start the year and catch up on all the news from people we see all summer at our club. A chance to relive the past year and discuss plans for the coming season. Then it was the middle of January and off to the annual Boat Show to chase away the winter blues and give us a taste of summer. Also to see if there is anything left in those Visa cards after Christmas.

We officially kicked off the Cruising season with a Sunday Brunch on January 27th! This was an event for all members of TH&SC. but because it was an unscheduled event there was not enough time to advertise in the Spar and Prop. We relied on a notice at

the club, e-mail addresses, and word of mouth. The turnout was amazing. Our members who attended outdid themselves again in the quantity and quality of food. A super afternoon was had by everyone.

As you know Aubrey and Judy Millard are presently on a world cruise on *Veleda*, a 32' Ontario. The boat presently is in Turkey while they are visiting back here in Toronto for a short while. They have an excellent slide presentation and volunteered to show us the portion from leaving the Bahamas to the Azores on their voyage across the Atlantic, then around Great Britain, Scandinavia through the canals of eastern Europe to the Mediterranean. From the slides alone you can see how this courageous couple is seeing the world, but in talking to them you can hear the fun they are having while doing it. Our thanks to them for sharing their passion with fellow members.

Commodore Patrick and Rear Commodore Dave presented Aubrey and Judy with a special "one of a kind" TH&SC 50th Anniversary cruising flag together with burgees and pins for them to give out all over the world.

My apologies for not being able to use all the many volunteers so that I had to turn people down. Your turn will come!! It goes to show how many are willing to give their time and really are members of a club. My thanks to everyone who participated and made it such an enjoyable day. Thanks to Dave Dickey for promoting the idea, to

Franz for the use of his e-mail list, to Dave and Brenda, Chris and Liz, and again Christine for cooking, serving and cleanup. Everybody was involved in some way and mostly from the delicious trays of food. Thanks so much.

We are deep into planning some club cruises again this year. They will be shorter cruises to exotic places such as Mimico, Highland, Whitby, and maybe one across the lake. We are trying to get them to fall on an activity being held at these respective clubs, but all their events are not yet confirmed. Emphasis this year will be on getting more of our members involved, more food and more fun ! Stay tuned.

Cruising Awards

First Across *Short Wave*
Last Across *Connemara*
Smallest Across *Kelt 7.6*
Most Miles *Komomivanaleiya*
Most Ports *Rising Wind*
Main Duck Island *Nipkin, Rising Wind, Connemara*
Bay of Quinte *Christephanie, Dynes Glas, Lothlorien, Komonivanaleiya, Nipkin, Our Affair, Penduleum, Rising Wind, Sassy and Short Wave*
1000 Islands *Connemara, Ghost, Lothlorien, Nipkin, Quest IV, Rising Wind, Snowy plover, Soulstice 11 and Wild Rose IV.*
Most often to same Port *Keldy*
Shortest Cruise, ABYC *Rock It & Fauvette* 🚤



Leona MacDonald

Passed away December 18, 2001, age 97

"Lee" MacDonald, wife of TH&SC founding member Don MacDonald was born in Toronto and led an active business life, owning or managing several companies.

Colorflame fireplace products inspired the name of their inboard hydroplane *Colorflame* which they campaigned all over North America.

After retiring from business Lee and Don moved to the Picton area where they enjoyed an active lifestyle. Their last move to a condo in Gananoque overlooking the river was made when maintaining their extensive home got to be too much for them.

We were fortunate to see Lee and Don at the Awards Night 2000 when Don presented a group of his racing trophies to the club. Lee and Don also attended Sailpast 2001 to help celebrate TH&SC's 50th Anniversary. A number of original Toronto Hydroplane Club members also attended. Lee was seen having a great time with old friends.

Our condolences go to Don and all who knew Lee.

PLEASURE CRAFT OPERATING CARD

from Regulations

INFORMATION about Pleasure Craft Operating Cards which will eventually be mandatory for all power boat operators.

As of Sept 15/99:

Persons born after April 1, 1983 may not operate a powered recreational vessel (including auxiliary powered sailboats) without proof of competency.

As of Sept 15/02:

Any person operating a powered recreational vessel less than 4 metres in length (including personal watercraft or auxiliary powered sailboats) must have proof of competency.

As of Sept 15/09

Any person operating a powered recreational vessel must have proof of competency.

Exemptions:

- Pleasure Craft Operator Card
- Proof of having taken a boating safety course in Canada before April 1/99—Grace period of 45 days for non-resident of Canada operating foreign vessels. Operator card by their state or country will be recognized.

Age & Horsepower Restrictions—As of April 1/99:

- Under 12 yrs of age—may not operate a powered recreational vessel over 10hp unless accompanied/supervised.
- Under 16 yrs of age—may not operate a personal watercraft (no exemptions) —12 yrs of age but not 16 yrs of age—may not operate a powered recreational vessel over 40hp unless accompanied/supervised.

Definition: Accompanied/supervised means by a person 16 yrs of age or older. ▲

MARK YOUR REGATTA CALENDAR

by John Morris

THE EAST END CHALLENGE rises phoenix-reborn from the crystal waters of Ashbridge's Bay on July 20 and 21. The dates have been changed to stay out of the way of Sailpast and get the candy-ass Mirage 27 sailors to come out when it's somewhat warmer.

The fleets remain the same: TB 26, Viking 28 and level 27 which is roughly PHRF 180-220, but racing flat level.

Social functions will now include more warm weather stuff like an outdoor patio fiesta, Ken Deas' Commemorative wet t-shirt contest and lots more.

Details tba. ▲

COMMUNITY CENTRE 55

A letter to the Club

Re: 19th Annual Miracle of Christmas.

Dear Boaters and Friends:

On behalf of Hamper, Santa, the Board of Management of Community Centre 55, its staff, about 2,000 volunteers and the 629 families who received the Christmas miracle this year, I want to express our most sincerest appreciation to you. Your effort helped to make Christmas bigger, better, bolder and brighter for struggling neighbourhood children and their families.

Your selfless devotion to the welfare of some other person ensured that the needful in our community received relief for the Christmas season and that there was food on their table and a gift for their children.

"...it was always said of them, that they knew how to keep Christmas well, if a community alive possessed the knowledge. May that be truly said of us and all of us! An so, as Tiny Tim observed, God Bless Us, Every One!"

We all remain truly grateful for your help.

Bob Murdoch, Executive Director,
Community Centre 55

Seaduction is for sale

To our dear friends,

By now, our passion for sailing is no secret to you.

Nathalie, Emilie and I have decided to look for a new boat that will reflect our growing passion for the sport of sailing. In doing so, we are also in the sad position to have to part with *Seaduction*, our Catalina 25. She has been a tremendously trustworthy companion on the water since 1993. The memories are endless for our little family.

We also know that she will bring the same joy to her future owners. We are asking a fair market price of \$15,600.

Our website link containing all the details for *Seaduction* is:

www3.sympatico.ca/nfgg

You can contact us at:

nfgg@sympatico.ca

home: 905-895-7483

office: 416-743-4684 ext 25

Ghislain Gaumont

FLOTSAM & JETSAM Shadow

GOOGLE RULES!

Have all those who use the Web used the Google search site yet? This place is amazing. I searched for the word "Colorflame", the name of Don MacDonald's inboard hydroplane. I got 10 hits on that name. Most were about the products for adding colour to fire flames (the business Don was in before retiring) but one hit was about Don's boat. It was an inquiry asking where Don's boat was presently located. It turned out to be a query in the American Powerboat Assoc. magazine. And the latest issue had a reply. The boat was raced in the the 3 litre class during the 1970s under several names before ending up in Ogdensburg, NY.

I recently searched the name of the person who surveys my boat and up came his name. It turns out he's changed the company he works for. If you haven't tried www.Google.com give it a try. You'll be amazed.



Legends of the Sea

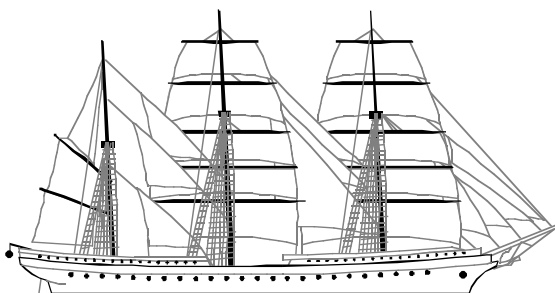
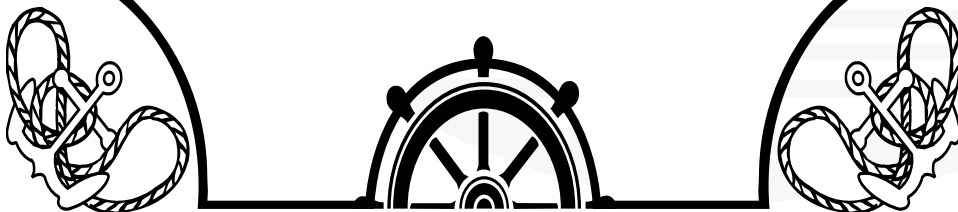
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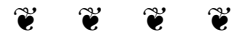
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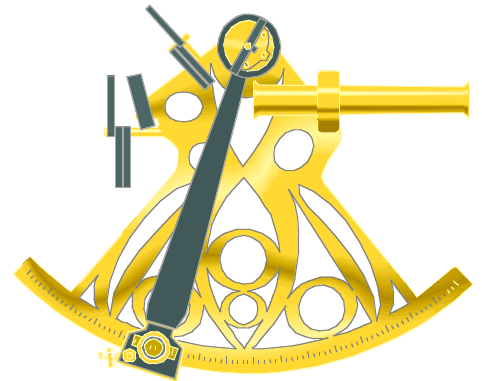
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TH&SC REGALIA

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- T-shirts (white)\$12
- Golf shirts (Blue or White)\$25
- Turtle Necks (Blue or White)\$28
- Fleece vests\$50
- Sew-on crests\$ 4
- Window decals\$ 4
- Burgees\$15

\$5 extra to add a boat name
or your name.

\$10 extra to add XXL for vest.

Prices include PST & GST.

All products have TH&SC crest.
We have a fairly complete inventory of
specialty items available on request.
Current inventory is available from the
Officer of the Day or any member of
the Executive.

BUT, HEY!!! ...THAT'S THE ADVENTURE

by Eric Muff

AS I SAID AT THE CLOSE of my last epistle, we had slipped during the night from beautiful downtown Key West, Florida and were bound for the exotic islands of St. John and St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Tuesday 5 December 2000 finds us at sea under cool and cloudy skies. I always figure when I'm this far south it's supposed to be hotter 'n hell but it usually ain't. But it sure beats T.O.

Cruise lines lay on all kinds of shore excursions for the passengers. These "usually" cost between twenty and sixty bucks (U.S.) depending on the activities.

In St. John they had the National Park Tour at \$39 plus the St. John Trunk Bay Beach and Snorkel Tour (reef roamer) at \$46.

In St. Thomas they had the St. Thomas Scuba Diving Adventure (for card-carrying certified divers only) at \$82 plus Discover Scuba Diving Experience at Coki Beach (for beginners) at \$60, to name a couple.

Early Thursday morning 7 December 2000 we were alongside in St. John, but only long enough to let the folks ashore who were taking one of the St. John tours. They would catch us up later in St. Thomas. St. John and St. Thomas are cheek by jowl.

We then proceeded to St. Thomas and tied up at the Havensight Mall and Pier which is about a fifteen-minute hike outside of Charlotte Amalie (capitol of St. Thomas)—renowned for it's duty-free shopping—on a beautiful warm, sunny day.

Here are a few gems for your store of useless information. Old Chris Columbus named this cluster of more than 50 verdant islands after the beautiful St. Urrula and her legendary 11,000 martyred virgins. Legendary?... I'd say bloody mythical!

But hey!! Who's counting?

The largest islands in this group are St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John. St. Thomas the largest at 38 square miles and St. John at 28. All three islands have a total of 102,000 residents. The "semis" purchased the Virgin Islands for a cool \$25 million (in gold) and they became part of the U.S. on 31 March 1917.

We are all secured and cleared by customs and immigration by about 9 a.m. and I promptly hoof her ashore. There is nothing of interest at the Havensight Mall so I follow the Harbour Road into Charlotte Amalie.



I was last here in 1966 and the changes abound. I remember going across the island and sitting in Drake's Seat overlooking Magen's Bay and drinking banana daiquiris by the galloon.

But, hey!!! I was younger then.

It's a very pretty island. Drake was reputed to have sat on this stone bench watching for enemy shipping. No doubt sipping daiquiris.

Another thing pisses me off about cruise ships is, they are "forever" taking your picture. You come back aboard, they take your picture. You go to dinner, they take your picture. You



finish dinner, they take your picture. You get the picture? (That's a play on words Garry.)

They are always advertising Happy Hour in the Spyglass Lounge; 5-6 p.m. and 7:30-8:15 pm (5:30-6:30 p.m. AND 8-8:45 p.m. in Newfoundland). But there is *never* a reduction in price, no two-for-one or half-priced drinks, it's still the standard \$2.95 per drink (bar booze) maybe I'm missing the concept.

This is an "all aboard by 7:30 p.m." day as we are sailing for St. Maarten at 8. Hopefully the tour folk from St.

John are back aboard (or not).

The specialty of this evening is the Midnight Buffet (there is always a Midnight Buffet) but tonight is the *Pièce de résistance*. It is Chocoholic's Buffet. You never seen so much G...D... chocolate in yer life! You could put on thirty pounds just walkin' *past* the dining room.

But, hey!!! ... you can go back to weight-watchers *tomorrow*.

Yeah! Right! And so to bed.

This morning, Friday 8 December we wake up at 7 a.m. in beautiful downtown St. Maarten/St. Martin.

More for your Useless Information file. St. Maarten/St. Martin is half Dutch/half frog (please excuse my politically incorrectness, never my strong point).

Anywho, the frogs got the big half. Legend has it that the boundaries were set in a walking contest around the perimeter of the island in 1648. The speedy (or greedy) Frenchman paced off 21 square miles, while the Dutchman walking in the other direction only paced off 16 square miles. Dutchy was probably at the Chocoholic's Buffet.

Today it is the smallest land mass shared by two governments. The property has changed hands 16 times since 1648. The peoples have coexisted peacefully since 1816 when final settlement was made. there are no customs officials at the border, only an obelisk to mark the 1648 apportionment.

There are several tours available here. Butterfly Farm, snorkeling, island tour. I opt to wander on my own. 'Tis a small place and you can see it all in a day. Which I did.

This is another "back on board by 7:30 sail at 8 day". Our next destination is beautiful downtown Antigua.

Every morning we wake up to find a little daily news bulletin called "What's Up" slipped under our door. It lists everything that's happening aboard and ashore. The one we got in St. Maarten/St. Martin, gave me pause.

In part it says—

- "Sign up for Monday's talent show
- 2 p.m.—movie 'Sabrina'—theatre
- 4-4:30 p.m.—Snack time piano—the Bistro
- 5-6 p.m.; 7:30-8:30 p.m.—Happy hour—Spyglass Lounge

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5:00pm

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION is celebrated with Fr. Hagman Neptune Lounge

But, Hey!!!

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- 5 p.m.—Immaculate Conception is celebrated with Father Hagman—Neptune Lounge.”

Now I ain't no papist, but that last one got some strange thoughts racing through my addled mind.

But, hey!!! That's the Mother Church.

Would any of you true believers like to enlighten my on this, or is my mind *really* twisted? Hey, if it's what I'm thinkin' I might convert to Catholicism, or alcoholism, whatever!

It's difficult to concentrate on writing with these unanswered questions on your mind.

I think we were on our way to Antigua.

Antigua has been described as England with sunshine. Picture-postcard cottages and 18th-century harbours abound. Antigua has 365 beaches, a different one every day. At 108 square miles it is the largest of the British Leeward Islands. I think that's pronounced "looward".

After a territorial tug-of-war between Spain, France, Holland and Great Britain it wasn't until the 1630s that colonists from St. Kitts claimed the island and its crops, tobacco and sugarcane, for Great Britain. Centrally located with easy access to other Caribbean Islands it is a very popular destination.

We arrive at 7 a.m. Saturday 9 December to uncharacteristic clouds and rain but it rapidly burns off.

Several tours here, tropical trails and jeep safari, kayaking and snorkeling, best of Antigua and English Harbour and Robinson Crusoe snorkeling. Once again I strike out alone.

I had been here before; there used to be a large British dockyard here when I sailed in naval vessels. So I renewed old acquaintances and was back on board by 5:30 p.m. for a 6 p.m. sailing.

We left harbour to the strains of our resident steel drum duo "Burning Steel" and pointed our majestic bows t'ard the island of Guadeloupe.

See ya there next time. ▲



TREASURER

Jeff Ante

IT WON'T BE LONG 'till sailing season begins and looking outside right now, winter is finally arriving. We need the snow so the lake levels will allow us to avoid sailing in our little harbour this summer.

The accounts of the Club are in great shape and it looks like we will have a surplus of cash to spend on the aggressive projects we have lined up for this year.

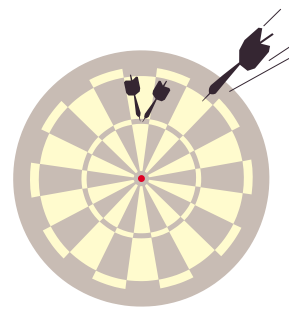
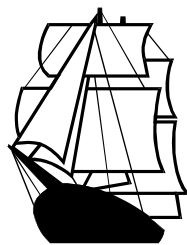
On writing this report it is the last day of January and the deadline for receiving your 2002 fees. There were still quite a few people who hadn't paid as of yesterday and I hope you all will beat a path to Bill Appleton's door by midnight tonight. His address is on your bill. Remember, if you didn't pay by January 31, you are considered a "Member not in good standing" (NIGS), and a 10% late penalty will be added to your outstanding balance.

Just a reminder to those who were wondering, we have subtracted any "wet mooring rebate" amounts, that were on the books for old members from your 2002 fees. These amounts were shown in the "other" category line and for some were netted against fines for missed workdays. Any balances of "wet mooring rebates" will be paid to the members on the list later this year to clear up this old item.

I am happy to say that the property tax issue has finally been resolved and we received our property tax bill the same day I received my own for my house. They now know where to send the bill. Even better, they gave us back all the interest we had to pay last year because of their error plus a little more that was overpaid from previous years.

I would like to close off the books for 2001 and would like to remind you if you have any invoices that pertain to 2001, please drop them in the mailbox with a note and I will get a cheque to you the next day.

Happy sailing!! ▲



DARTS REPORT

by Bill Martindale

THE 2002 SEASON has started and we are pleased to report that we have a number of new faces in our team this year. The match nights, every other Thursday, and the practice evenings, every other Friday, are all well attended and are very enjoyable. These evenings provide a lot of laughter, plenty of practice and provides us with an opportunity of relaxing with friends. Needless-to-say, every member of TH&SC is cordially invited to come and join in the fun.

Although we miss Neil, who was our star player, we can still field a decent team.

Unfortunately, our opening two games against CBYC resulted in losses. However, our last match was close as the final score was 9 games to 7. Hopefully, with a little more practice we will have a better result when we play HYC on the 7th February.

For your information the scheduled games against the other three clubs participating are as follows:

Date	Host Club	Guest Club
February 7	HYC	TH&SC
	CBYC	ABYC
February 21	CBYC	HYC
	TH&SC	ABYC
March 7	HYC	CBYC
	ABYC	TH&SC
March 21	TH&SC	HYC
	ABYC	CBYC

April 4—Awards night which will be hosted this year by TH&SC when all clubs will attend. We hope you will be able to join in the festivities.

Keep smiling, the sailing season is just around the corner. ▲



February 2002



Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

HAVE YOU HUGGED YOUR BOAT THIS MONTH?



March 2002



Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
					1	2
3	4	5	6	DARTS at ABYC	7	8
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	DARTS at TH&SC	21	22
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Easter Parade	31					

TIME TO THINK ABOUT GETTING READY!



April 2002



Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3	DARTS awards at TH&SC	4	5
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
4	15	16	17	Pre-sea- son Meeting	18	19
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

SCRUB, SCRAPE, CLEAN AND PAINT—IT'S TIME



May 2002



Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2	3	LAUNCH DAY
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	Warmup Race	15	16	17
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Ice- breaker Race	26	27	28	29	30	31

TIME TO TRY RACING, IT'S GREAT FUN!