



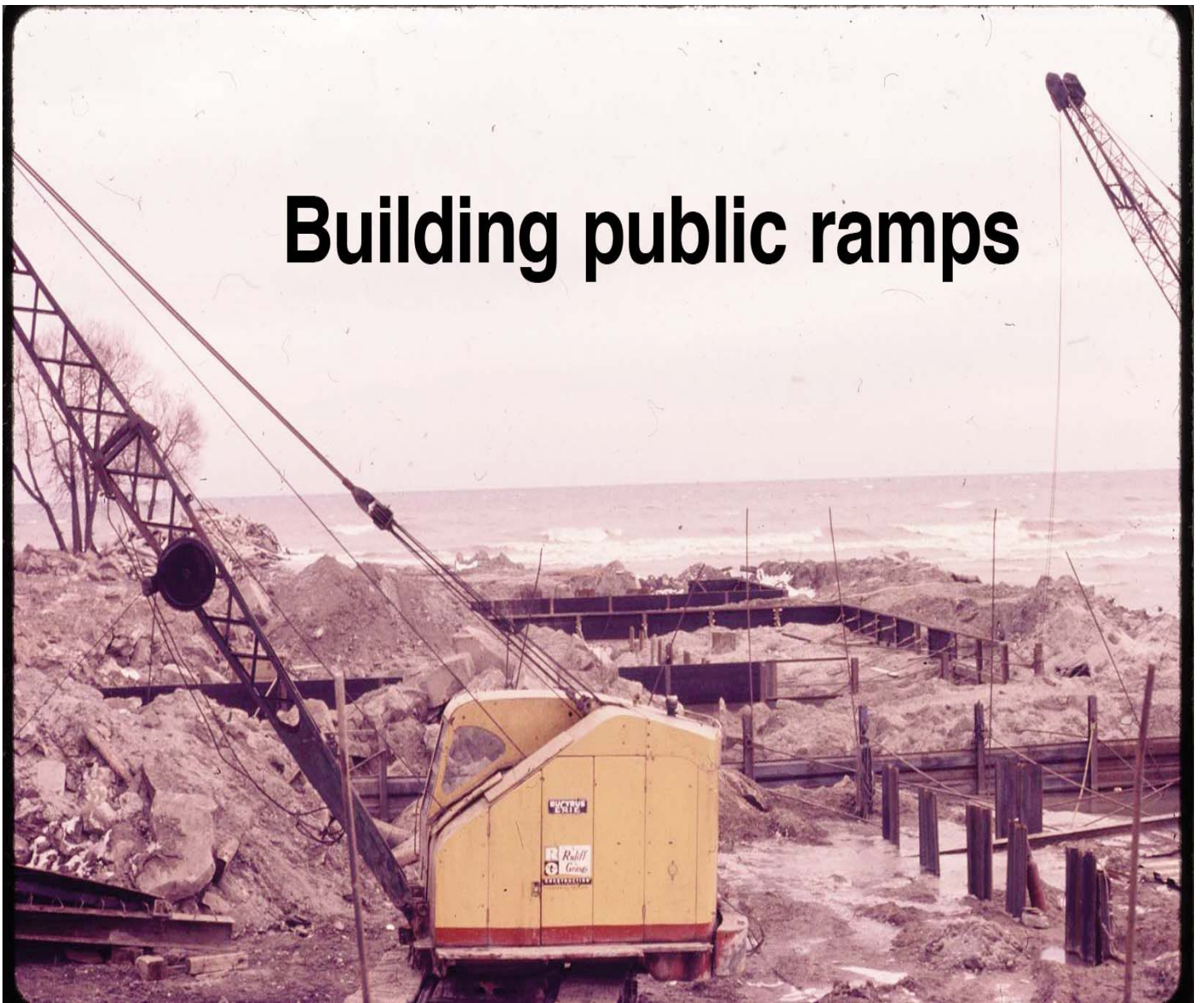
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Building public ramps



A “blast from the past”! This picture of the public ramps being built at Ashbridge’s Bay was probably taken in the late 1960s. Research failed to uncover the date. Note the absence of land to the south and the waves breaking on the sandbar across the entrance to the bay.



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Calendar

PHRF -LO Training Seminar—Saturday, March 31st—TH&SC will be hosting the PHRF-LO Training Seminar. Clubs from around the lake will be attending this event.

Easter Parade—Sunday, April 8th—An annual treat for the kids. Enjoy it even more by walking with the TH&SC entry. See Vice Commodore Rob McComb's report in this Spar and Prop.

Racer's Meeting & PHRF Sail Measuring—Wednesday, April 25th—In the Clubhouse. Burgers, beer, everyone welcome.

LAUNCH DAY—Saturday, May 5th—Before we know it we'll be untucking our boats from their winter's nap, cleaning and polishing in anticipation of the 2012 boating season.

Warm-Up Race—Wednesday, May 9th—Get your mast up, sails bent on, crew revved up and shake down your boat in a Warm-Up Race. First gun at 6:30.

Ice Breaker Race—Saturday, May 12th—The first long distance race of the season. Skipper's meeting at 11:00 a.m. Then at 4:00 p.m. the "Beer Commodore's" bash. Not to be missed.

Race 1 Series 1—Wednesday, May 16th—The first of five races which will constitute Series 1. Every Wednesday evening until late September. Three Series of five races each. First gun at 6:30.

Cruise to Bluffer's Park—May 19-21—The first cruise of the season. Just a short hop but a wonderful place to spend the weekend, tucked under the Bluffs.

SAILPAST—Saturday, June 9th—The biggest party of the year. Get your tickets at Launch. Blessing of the fleet at 12 noon.

Race 1 Series 2—Wednesday, June 20th—The second group of five races which will constitute Series 2. Every Wednesday evening until late September. If you didn't do well in the first series, now's your chance to do better. First gun at 6:30.

**EASTER
PARADE**

SUNDAY, APRIL 8th

*Be part of the
Parade
Contact
Vice Commodore
Bob McComb for
details.
The kids will love
it!*

**RACER'S
MEETING**

**Wednesday, April 25th
7:00 p.m.**

If you have new or modified sails now is a good time to have them measured for your handicap

Burgers will be on the grill at 6:30

Come and see what racing is all about—everyone welcome

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

John Edwards

FOR ANYONE considering standing for the position of Commodore I can tell you the job starts most pleasantly. The first responsibility is the New Year's Levee. A very pleasant task indeed. And all I had to do was show up. This of course was due to the efforts of Laurie Chan and Lynda de Jonge van der Halen who took care of all the details. This was Laurie's last event as chair of the social committee. Lynda is taking over as the new chair. As we all know Laurie has done an excellent job and I wish to thank her for the time and effort put in. Lynda will have big shoes to fill (metaphorically speaking of course) but I know will be up to the task. She has been helping the Social committee for some time and has been the driving force behind our Kid's Christmas Party.

I had an opportunity to attend several Executive meetings last Fall and was very pleased by the experience. Your executive run very effective meetings and business is well taken care of. My first meeting as Commodore in early January gives me the confidence to expect this pattern to continue.

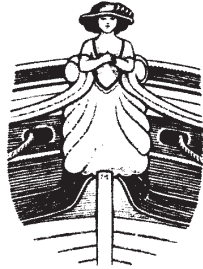
We will have our challenges to deal with as always. The first major task that will dominate the agenda for the near future is our Club's status with new legislation. As a Sailing Club we are governed by the Not For Profit legislation. This legislation is changing. While there will be a transition period our governance and financial reporting will have to change to comply with the new legislation. This will mean a complete review of our Constitution, Rules and Bylaw document with the appropriate changes made to meet compliance.

At our January Executive board meeting we had a presentation by John Cleveland-Iliffe, a Chartered Accountant. He was able to take us through how some of these changes would impact on our financial reporting to the membership.

I will be putting together a committee to deal with the various aspects of this legislation and make recommendation as to the appropriate changes to meet compliance with the legislation.

On a lighter note the Boat Show is

now over and we can now stop waiting for Winter and start waiting for Spring. While I'm not sure what happened to Winter I am sure that Spring is on the way. Three out of four groundhogs can't be wrong. With Spring comes launch and a new sailing season can begin. So I hope to see you all soon at the Club with polish and paint. Cheers to a new sailing season. ▲



HARBOURMASTER

Bob Prosper

IT JUST DOES NOT feel like a typical January and while I'm not complaining, it does make me think about the whole climate change thing. Hopefully, some of you have had some time south or perhaps other destinations around the globe where the weather is much warmer. I was able to escape the cold weather and spend my Christmas in Florida. It was a bit odd spending Christmas in a place while being surrounded by warm sandy beaches and palm trees. However, it was wonderful.

Things are quiet around the club these days with all the boats lying about the yard. However, I am grateful to bump into a few members at the club from time to time checking on their boats or just like me, hoping to bump into other members to catch up on things. Before you know it, May 5th will arrive and we'll have the opportunity to work together for the whole day putting our boats back where they belong. Strangely enough, despite how stressful launch day can be, I look forward to it.

It will as always be challenging assigning slips because we have a few members with new boats as well as new members coming in with vessels. On that note, congratulations to Glen Eddie upon delivering his new C&C 35 to TH&SC. It will be exciting to see that vessel out on race nights. Glen's commitment on Wednesday nights with his previous boat, *Matta II*, in making each race as exciting as possible is testament to just how

important the racing program is. I'm sure Glen will continue to be a contender on race night. I urge others to get involved with our racing program either by entering your boat, or serving as crew on someone else's boat. You can also get involved by helping out on the race committee boats. Doing so is a great learning experience.

With launch day creeping up on us, it would be much appreciated for those members intending to stay on the hard, to let me know well in advance. Making me aware of such the day before launch, makes my planning procedures a living hell. Really! Much work goes into planning launch as well as assigning slips for the coming season. When someone announces their intent to stay on the hard the day before, it causes a domino effect in my plans and many things previously planned suddenly have to change, quite often in wee hours of the morning of launch. Also make me aware if you cannot attend launch and let me know who the member overseeing your boat is. I would also like to add that after a discussion this past year with other board members, we have concluded that it will not be allowed to have non-members performing duties on launch or haul out. You must at least have a crew membership. The board can make an exception due to special circumstances only.

For those of you who are not aware; we lost our dog Oscar in December. Oscar lost a battle with lymphoma. He was just 2-1/2 years old, therefore really taking us off guard. Many of you were special friends to Oscar and he was always happiest when you spent even a little time petting him. Some of you were even more involved with him by caring for him while we were on vacation or when we were busy with events around the club. But with all things ending, something begins. We have introduced a new member to our family and her name is Keeley. Keeley was born 11/11/11. Keeley is a Golden Doodle just as Oscar was. So if you happen to see Keeley around the club and find she bears a great resemblance to Oscar, you're not the only one. I see so much of Oscar in Keeley and that, can only be a good thing.

I look forward to seeing all of you down at the club. Cheers everyone!

Your Harbourmonster. ▲

VICE COMMODORE

Robert McComb

WHAT AN EASY WINTER it has been so far. It's been great if you have to drive but not so good for those of you into winter sports. For me personally I want to thank the weather gods and intend to enlarge my carbon footprint to help with this global warming thing. Just kidding but I do much prefer this type of mild winter.

I would like to thank the members who have already paid their 2012 membership fees and remind everyone else that your payment must be in by the end of February. On March 1st you will have to pay a 10% fine then on April 1st an additional 10% and in May you won't be launched if not paid up. In most cases it's a matter of forgetfulness but if you have a legitimate problem or a circumstance that has come up please contact me or any other Executive Board member. We are always willing to listen and try to work something out but you have to try and communicate with us.

If for some reason you have not received your invoice yet please contact me via email at rem32145@gmail.com or phone 416-251-3363 and I will find out why plus make you a new one. If you find your invoice is not correct in any way, again please get in touch with me so I can rectify the issue.

I continue to get inquiries about joining our club but I have to tell them we are full although one person who was here at the Alberg Regatta still wishes to join and take his chances, as he was that impressed with our club and our warm hospitality. Kudos to us all.

Happily spring is getting ever closer and soon we will get back on the water with family and friends, cruising to exotic places like The Hole and beating the snot out of fellow members on the race course.

One sure sign of Spring is the Easter Parade, which will be held on Sunday, April 8, 2012 from 2 pm to 4 pm. We try to have one of our boats decorated and pulled on a trailer in the parade and I need members to step forward to help with these endeavors. If you have a boat or a means to pull a boat, would like to help with the decorations or just walk in the parade I would like to hear from you. The

time will count towards your work hours and you will have some fun doing it. It's a good way to make our club visible as a good member of the Beach community.

A parting thought. Due to recent cutbacks the light at the end of the tunnel has been turned off but we are now into just double digit calendar days until launch. So, whoopee! ▲



PROPERTY MGR.

Randy Boyd

THE DON has left the building but is still often visiting to help guide me through the takeover of the Property Manager position. Don's dedication over the last years has left the property in great shape and his guidance will allow me to try and fill the big shoes of the position. Rest assured that the building will not fall down anytime soon; "The Don" is still watching his baby while I learn the ropes. Thanks again to "The Don".

At the time of this writing the outside temperature is 5 degrees above zero and there is no snow on the ground. In fact we have not seen much snow at all this winter and I use the word winter with some hesitation because it feels more like Spring. I am not sure why the Harbour Monster even made us take the boats out of the water. We have had rain and heavy winds reminiscent of Wednesday night racing but there has been little snow and the bay was frozen for only a few days.

There is a disturbance in the Force and a sure sign of that is that for the first time in years I did not run into Dave Johnson at the Sperry Booth at the Boat Show. This with the weather we have been having is a sure sign that there is something amiss. I could believe that Don has somehow negotiated and ordered up a mild winter to keep the snow at bay, but I can't believe that Dave is done shoe shopping. Let's just hope that the mild weather continues as we prepare our boats and the property for the upcoming season and that Dave got his new shoes for Christmas.

I look forward to working as your Property Manager in the coming year. ▲

WAYS AND MEANS

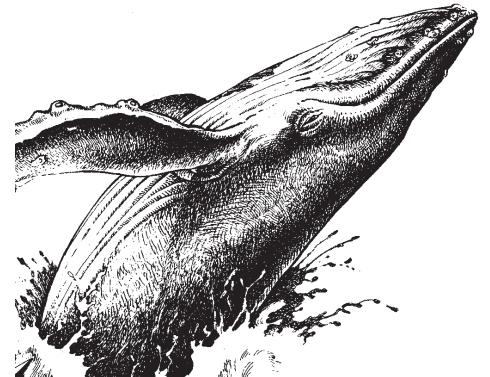
David "Wayz" Johnston
Neal "Meanz" Claassen

BY THE TIME you are reading this launch should be about ten or fewer weeks away! Prior to launch there is a lot of preparatory work on the clubhouse and facilities to be done so we all can enjoy another season on the water. These jobs will soon be in the Ways & Means Binder for members to sign up and volunteer their time and skills—and fulfill their work obligation. (See the August 2011 edition of Spar & Prop for details on The Binder. Available as a PDF on the Club web site.) Please take the time to check for those jobs which are available that most closely match your abilities and skills and sign up early next time you are at the clubhouse.

One of those jobs that absolutely has to get done is the dock work and associated repairs. Barrels go missing, chains break, etc. The Harbourmaster needs four people every Saturday and Sunday in the month of April to get this work done. This too will be posted in The Binder. It's not an easy job but the great thing is that you can get your entire work obligation completed at the start of the year and spend the remainder with no worries. Or do even more work as many members do!

This year, as much as possible, please have your work chit signed by the Harbourmaster or the Property Manager when you complete a task. It sure helps a lot at the end of the year when we tally up the hours and who did the work.

This is a great club that makes sailing affordable to those who otherwise couldn't. Much of this is because of the work hours we all put in to keep the costs low. Thanking everybody in advance for making TH&SC the best sailing club on the lake. ▲



REAR COMMODORE

Greg Smith

WE BREEZED THROUGH January without any major weather systems pounding our tarps and covers; let's hope February produces the same Spring-like conditions. On the other hand, if we don't get some much-needed precipitation, our Harbour Master may find his job somewhat challenging with low water levels come launch.

With the Toronto boat show behind us, the remaining winter months will drag on like an endless beat to windward. Of course, some TH&SC members are unable to relate, as they cruise the Caribbean on fifty-foot catamarans, others nicely anchored off a beach bar, and some just sitting poolside in Miami with a big boat drink in hand. I admit I'm terribly envious and in need of some "wind in my hair and water in my shoes"—perhaps it's time to click on [moorings.com](#).

As with every year at this time, I find myself playing a game of chess on the TH&SC event calendar. Moving the event pieces from one date to an alternate date, then back again to accommodate all the variables. Unlike last year, 2012 is coming together nicely. I'm pleased to report that most of our Social, Cruising, and Racing dates are confirmed. This year, we are breaking tradition with our biggest event of the season. Sailpast will be held on June 9th—the second Saturday in June. It's hoped the extra week will produce warmer, more favourable weather. Don't forget to mark your calendar, and please plan to attend our biggest party of the year. Speaking of calendars, all the event dates are now posted on our website under the Events tab; we hope this helps with planning your busy summer schedule a bit easier.

With a new year comes new changes. I'm delighted to announce that Lynda de Jonge van der Halen will assume the role as our new Social Chair. Over the past several years, Lynda has been a devoted team member of our Social Committee, and I look forward to working with her—I know she'll do a wonderful job in her new role. Lynda, takes the helm from Laurie Prosper, who, as we all know did a splendid job over the past four seasons. Although Laurie is stepping down, she plans to continue to work with the Social Committee and assist Lynda in the transition period. As

always, we are looking for members to help in the planning and organization of our summer events. I encourage anyone looking to fulfill their work hours to contact myself or Lynda—It's a great way to meet your fellow members and have some fun doing so.

Our other key announcement is that Keith and Joan Wilson are stepping down as the club's Cruising Captains. This comes after six years of devoted service to the club and cruising program. I've enjoyed my association with "Team Willson" over the past four years, and I can't thank them enough for their efforts, dedication, and contribution to the program.

I'm pleased to introduce our new Cruising Directors, James and Mayada Perrault. I look forward to working with James and Mayada over the coming months as they take on this important club program. As with all new Committee Chairs comes new ideas. I hope you will support the Perraults in their rookie season and consider hosting a club cruise. James and Mayada; mark me down as the host for August 18th, cruise/race into EYC!

As mentioned in my report at December's AGM meeting, we are planning on hosting an open regatta on August 11th weekend. It's no secret how strongly I feel about the importance of hosting this kind of event. The benefits to the club are many. It helps to support sailing in our community, and promotes the Toronto Hydroplane and Sailing Club's name around the lake. Furthermore, an active racing program attracts new and engaged members; ensuring healthy membership numbers, and the clubs continuance. It takes a lot of work and organization to produce a regatta. I want to thank Glen Eddie for his dedicated efforts contacting the fleets and promoting of the event. Special thanks to our Racing Captain, John Morris for his guidance, support and contacts. I look forward to working with Glen and John in the coming weeks producing this regatta. The call goes out to anyone wishing to join the committee; contact Glen Eddie, John Morris, or myself if you wish to participate.

Stay tuned for further club announcements over the coming weeks, more club activities are in the works for the 2012 season.

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Same Spot / Different Day. 

FLEET CAPTAIN CRUISING

James Perrault

THERE HAS BEEN A LOT of talk about the Mayan Calendar and the talk seemed to have been getting louder and louder as the years rolled by. Archeologists and scholars have said that the Mayan Calendar ends on December 21, 2012 and there are a number of explanations which try to decipher what this will mean for the earth and all of her inhabitants. Whether you believe in giant comets, solar flares, UFOs or even a shift in astrological ages, one thing that 2012 promises to be is a year of change.

On a slightly less dramatic note, there's been a change at TH&SC as well. After six long years and with a large debt of thanks we say goodbye to Keith and Joan Wilson in the role of cruise directors. As with most things TH&SC related we rarely have an appreciation for the amount of work that goes into keeping our programs and our club running. We would like to personally thank Keith and Joan both for the work they have done in keep our cruising program active as well as the help they have provided in making this transition as seamless as possible.

Since last summer we've heard a lot of requests for cruises that go further afield: safety in numbers to travel to destinations you may not otherwise do on your own. While much of 2012 will have the destinations regular cruisers have become used to, we have tried to accommodate cruisers that wish to push the limits on a weekend sail.

2012 CRUISING SCHEDULE:

May 19-21: *Bluffer's Park Yacht Club cruise*

June 16-17: *Hanlan's Point/Toronto Island Marina Jam Cruise*

Musicians, bring your guitars, bongos, egg shakers, voices, etc. and join in or listen to live music with your fellow club members and friends

June 23-24: *Highland Yacht Club cruise*

July 7-8: *Frenchman's Bay Yacht Club cruise*

August 11-12: *LOCCA (Lake Ontario Club Cruising Association) Rendez-vous hosted jointly by EYC and MCC. More info to follow in the next Spar and Prop*

August 18: *EYC/Race de Voyageurs cruise*

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Cruising...

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September 8-9: Pirate Cruise (not for the faint of heart) to Dalhousie Yacht Club

We're looking for hosts for these cruises as well, so please send an email if you are interested to JPerrault@44DegreesNorth.ca otherwise we'll come looking for you!

If you're heading to a club on your own or are a regular solo cruiser you may want to check out the www.locca.org and/or www.lakeontariosailing.com websites. The sites contain club and reciprocal information as well as an availability chart for possible visitors. It's up to each club to keep the availability chart up to date so we would still recommend calling ahead to reserve a slip.

Cruising Awards

There are flags available for the following cruising awards. If your boat qualifies for any of the following awards please let us know:

First and Last Across the lake
(Dalhousie/West)

Main Duck Island
Bay of Quinte
1000 Islands
Rideau Canal
Welland Canal
Lake Erie
Lake Huron
Salt Water Cruise

This is your club and your cruising group. If there is something you would like to see with the weekend cruises please let us know and we'll do what we can to make it happen. The cruises also involve your participation to be successful, so come out, join in and if you've never hosted a cruise, 2012 may be your year. ▲



Nauticals

THE DUTCHMANS LOG IS AN EARLY NAUTICAL MEASURING DEVICE THAT USED A BOUYANT OBJECT, E.G. A PIECE OF WOOD TOSSED OVERBOARD, NEAR THE BOW OF THE VESSEL, AND ASSUMED TO BE DEAD IN THE WATER. THE TIME IT TOOK FOR THE BOAT TO MOVE PAST THE OBJECT OVER A MEASURED DISTANCE - BASED ON MARKS NEAR THE BOW AND NEAR THE STERN WAS RECORDED. FROM THIS INFORMATION THE SPEED OF THE VESSEL THROUGH THE WATER WAS CALCULATED.



OFFICER OF THE DAY MANAGER

Rob Murray

CONGRATULATIONS to the 56 members who have signed up for their 2012 OOD time slot (as of January 25th). Hopefully you were able to pick one that easily fits your schedule.

For the other members who have not signed up, don't worry. Although most of the choice time slots have been taken, there are plenty of others available. However, the sooner you sign up, the more choice you will have.

So next time you're down at your boat making sure it is okay, pop into the clubhouse and sign up.

See you at Launch! ▲

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What Are The Millards Doing Now?

In 1998 Judy and Aubrey Millard set out in *Veleda* to sail until they got tired of it. So far, they are still sailing. Currently in the Gulf of Mexico, here are some reports from Aubrey (the chronicler) that he places before his latest formal logs sent by email. After hundreds of logs, they are still coming. Here are some of his latest observations in reverse chronological order.

Feb. 4, 2012

Hi Folks,

We changed our minds and stayed put until Monday Feb. 6, thus you are getting at least two logs in a row. Today is rainy and I am getting caught up on my logs. Our present plans are to stay until Monday, check out with the Capitan del Puerto and Immigration, two separate locations in town, then shove off for an overnight sail to Puerto Allen in Bahía de la Ascension, 100 miles south on the Yucatan.

Feb. 3, 2012

Hi Folks,

This is a short log, getting us into the ICW down to Albemarle Sound. I want to get it off before we leave tomorrow after spending an enjoyable two weeks here in Isla Mujeres. From anchor we have dinghied into town many times to take the ferry over to Cancun for bureaucratic paper work and several trips to Mayan ruins and up to Contoy, a bird sanctuary, as well as a couple of enjoyable snorkeling opportunities. We like Isla Mujeres better than the hotel strips of Cancun. Hopefully tomorrow we will head down past Cozumel towards Belize (if we can complete the exit paper work for which we will have to pay overtime as it will be a Saturday). It will take a

few days to get there, and because we are checking out of Mexico from here, we will not be able to stop at any marinas en route. We enjoyed Marina Paraiso which helped us do our entry and exit paperwork. We stayed there only two nights, but were welcomed to use their facilities including WiFi while we were out at anchor a few hundred yards from the marina. Thanks Marina Paraiso!

It may be a week or more before we are in WiFi contact again in Belize. The trade winds are heavy here, constantly between 10 to 20 knots from the east or southeast. We need to hug the shoreline to stay out of the Gulf Stream as it streams up the Yucatan Channel.

Jan. 27, 2012

Hi Folks,

We are still enjoying the warm weather of Mexico. Judy at last has her ideal climate where getting up in the morning just involves putting on a bathing suit. We are off to some Mayan ruins tomorrow from Cancun, before we leave this area. No pictures with this log, as I have misplaced the album with them. I hope I can find it for my next log.

All is well with us and *Veleda*.

January 23, 2012

Hi Folks,

We are here in Mexico after a 300 mile passage from the Dry Tortugas to Isla Mujeres, near Cancun on the east side of the Yucatan Peninsula here in Mexico. This log gets us to the south end of the Chesapeake, before crossing over to Norfolk and into the Intra Coastal Waterway (ICW). Hopefully I will be able to send this off later today as the marina has WiFi access. I have written it over a period of time, starting when we were in Key West, then in the Dry Tortugas, and finally here in Isla Mujeres, Mexico. The weather is hot (28 C, or 90 F). ▲

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If you are interested in seeing old issues of Spar and Prop a Data DVD of all the newsletters from 1969 to 2010 is available.

Contact Rich Taylor at

rwt@total.net

FLOTSAM & JETSAM

Shadow

TH&SC CALENDAR ON WEB SITE

For up-to-date calendar items the TH&SC web site is the latest word. The web site is www.thsc.ca. If members have difficulty accessing the Member's Section contact Vice Commodore Rob McCoomb and he will sort it out.

AMERICA'S CUP WORLD SERIES

The catamarans will give chase again this year with a series in Naples, Italy on April 7–15, 2012. Access this exciting racing at www.americascup.com. Then at Venice, Italy on May 12–20, 2012 they will go again. Finally, for 2012 they will be in North America again at Newport, Rhode Island, USA on June 23–July 1, 2012. And leading up to the racing a video magazine called *AC Uncovered* is posted on the America's Cup web site with background, updates and history. ▲

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LATE BREAKING NEWS!

SOCIAL CHAIR

Lynda de Jong van der Halen

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Is all this sunshine, open water and minimal snow making you think about your boat and the fun (and work) at TH&SC? Your Social Committee is already at work planning events. More information will be provided in future Spar and Props and by email.

The Social Committee is looking for new volunteers to assist with activities at the planning and preparation stages and/or on the actual day of specific events. Many members do help out by clearing

tables, etc. and that help is definitely appreciated. We are looking for other members who would be willing to commit ahead of time to being involved in more of the behind the scenes preparation, set up and clean up. A great way to support your club and meet club members.

New ideas welcome! Have you visited another club or attended a social event elsewhere and thought that event or theme or performer might be just the thing for us at TH&SC? Please email us with your idea for future consideration. ▲



Bowline

One of the most useful of knots. Can be tied and loosened quickly, yet holds fast. Used to secure sheets to sails, line to buckets or make loops to drop over pilings.

Last year, Toronto Hydroplane and Sailing Club hosted Lori Mason's WOW, an informative and entertaining seminar for east end women boaters. This year the event will be at Mason's in Port Credit on Sunday March 25. Please see below for details.

WOW SEMINAR

Sunday March 25, 2012

10 am – 3 pm

WOW—**w**omen **O**n the **w**ater will be hosted once again by The Store Mason's Chandlery over a Sunday 10am – 3pm at Mason's in Port Credit for women only. The seminars cover such topics as anchoring, man-overboard procedures, docking, and knot tying.

Lori Mason, creator of the WOW program has been doing safety seminars since 1985. "I thought it was a great idea when I was approached to do a seminar just for women. Traditionally, women boaters have been pre-occupied with galley duties and their children, and never really get a chance to get behind the wheel of the boat" said Mason. "Any boater can end up in a May Day situation and some women might find themselves without the knowledge and the skill to help their families."



WOW seminars are designed to be both educational and fun. The series is designed to teach women how to react to basic May Day situations such as shooting off flares; manoeuvring vessels in MOB situations; calling on the radio; and recognizing their positions. As well, basic boat handling skills such as how to dock; knot tying; mooring and anchoring are covered after lunch.



"The more informed women become and the more boating skills they acquire, the more fun they'll have boating" says Mason. "I am hoping that these WOW seminars will encourage more women to take on an active role in skippering their own boat."

Cost: \$25 at the door includes hand out material and a light lunch!

You can register online at <http://www.thestoremasons.com/>. Telephone: (905) 278-7005

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 February 2012 						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2	DARTS 3	4
5	6	7	8	9	DARTS 10	11
12	13 Valentines Day	14	15	16	DARTS 17	18
19	20	21	22	23	DARTS 24	25
26	27	28	29		DARTS	
TIME TO CHECK YOUR BOAT AND GIVE IT A HUG						

 March 2012 						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
ACWS NEXT MONTH				1	DARTS 2	3
4	5	6	7	8	DARTS 9	10
Day-light Savings Ime 11	12	13	14	15	DARTS 16	St. Patrick's Day 17
18	19	Spring begins 20	21	22	DARTS 23	24
25	26	27	28	29	DARTS 30	PHRF Training Seminar
TIME TO THINK ABOUT WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE						

 April 2012 						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2	3	4	5	Good Friday 6	Passover 7
Easter Sunday/Parade 8	9	10	11	12	DARTS 13	14
15	16	17	18	19	DARTS 20	21
Earth Day 22	23	24	Racer's Meeting PHRF meas. 25	26	DARTS 27	28
29	30					
CLEAN, POLISH, REPAIR—NOW'S THE TIME						

 May 2012 						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5 LAUNCH DAY
6	7	8	Warm Up Race 9	10	11	Ice Breaker Race 12
13	14	15	Race 1 Series 1 16	17	18	Cruise-Bluffer's Park 19
Mother's Day 20	Cruise-Bluffer's Park 21	22	Race 2 Series 1 23	24	25	26
27	Victoria Day 21	22	Race 3 Series 1 30	31		
27	Memorial Day (USA) 28	29				
LAUNCH DAY—RACING AND CRUISING STARTS						