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Calendar

Social's Social—Friday, March 15—See the ad in this issue. A great way to organize your summer Club work schedule.

Racing Rules Night—Wednesday, April 24—UK Sails will make a presentation about the changes in the racing rules and review the basics.

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

Warm-Up Race—Wednesday, May 8—Make sure all the bits are operating properly.

Race 1 Series 1—Wednesday, May 15—Come out for racing and get more enjoyment from your boat, as well as learning to sail it better. First gun at 18:30

Ice Breaker Race—Saturday, May 18—Skipper's Meeting at 11:00 a.m. And then warm up at the Beer Commodore's Event on your return.

Beer Commodore's Event—Saturday, May 18—A great party to start the summer season.

Race 2 Series 1—Wednesday, May 22—Come out for racing and get more enjoyment from your boat, as well as learning to sail it better. First gun at 18:30.

Race 3 Series 1—Wednesday, May 29—Come out for racing and get more enjoyment from your boat, as well as learning to sail it better. First gun at 18:30.

Race 4 Series 1—Wednesday, June 5—Come out for racing and get more enjoyment from your boat, as well as learning to sail it better. First gun at 18:30.

SAILPAST—Saturday, June 8—The biggest and best event of the year!

Race 5 Series 1—Wednesday, June 12—Come out for racing and get more enjoyment from your boat, as well as learning to sail it better. First gun at 18:30.

Canada Day Family Evening Event—Monday, July 1—Celebrate Canada's Birthday at your Club.

Summer Blast Regatta and Sailor's BBQ—July 13th & 14th—It will be here before you know it.

SOCIAL'S SOCIAL

Friday, March 15

7:00 p.m.

See poster on page 7

for details

A Party; Darts; Signup
for Social, Ways & Means;

Officer of the Day

Racing Rules Night

Wednesday, April 24

7:00 p.m.

UK Sails will present a seminar
covering the 2013 update of the
Rules for Racing

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

John Edwards

I'M WRITING THIS BETWEEN breaks with the shovel. The snow is still coming down and I think it's my fault. With my concern about the low water on the lakes I've been wishing for snow, lots and lots of snow. I need to be more specific about what I ask for. I was thinking more like Thunder Bay or Wawa, certainly not my driveway. Oh well, given the water levels on all the Great Lakes are at or approaching record low levels I shouldn't complain. It's going to take a number of years of increased precipitation to raise the lakes back to more acceptable levels. It is to be hoped that the dredging done last fall will keep our channel open for another year of sailing.

Speaking of sailing, the Boat Show has come and gone. February is passing us by with ever lengthening days. Can launch day be that far away? Your Executive is working with its approach in mind. Some boats will be leaving while new boats are coming in. All of this is being taken into account. I can tell you that your entire Executive working hard to make sure everything goes without a hitch and this Sailing Season will be a great one for our club.

Speaking of our club, the last of the paper work has been filed to officially change our name to The Toronto Hydroplane & Sailing Club. In spite of the road blocks that the Provincial Government has thrown in our way Glen Eddie has persisted. We are now waiting for the Government to issue the amended Letter Patent that will officially recognize our full name. The Club owes Glen a big round of thanks for his time and effort.

For my part I have been in communication with the city in regard our lease. At present we are waiting for the City legal department to provide the agreed language changes necessary for the Club to sign the lease.

There is another major issue that the City has brought to my attention. We have been informed that the property tax assessment done in 2009 is in error. Land that is leased by the Club was not assessed. At present we are waiting for the new assessment to determine the increased tax costs to the Club. I will be following this issue closely and report further as the information becomes available. ▲

VICE COMMODORE

Robert McComb

THE BOAT SHOW HAS COME and gone and we now have our new toys and a smaller bank account. The invoices are mailed and we eagerly await your payments with your signed invoice, your proof of insurance and your money of course. Rubbing ones' hands together and drooling is hard work isn't it. If you see errors or changes of information please note them on the invoice. If you haven't received your invoice yet please let me know. Damn that postal service! In that case I will send you a new invoice by email plus it will have the proper year on it. No flies on me.

We continue to be a desirable club with two new members joining the club and our waiting list in February. Our newest sailing members are Benoit Sorel who has a CS 27 and Sol Hermolin who is buying Paul Savage's CS 22. Paul will remain a partner in the boat. Please welcome them when you see them.

Finally a plea for some members to take part in the Easter Parade. If you have a vehicle that can haul our club boat, *Mach 1*, and would consider putting in a day decorating her I will give you two work days and the club will be very grateful to you for your effort. I might even talk John Edwards into giving you a big hug...if you're not too tall. It could be awkward otherwise.

That's it for now. I'm heading to Florida for a few weeks but I will be available by email. I will be thinking about you while I'm snoozing in the sun. Enjoy your shovelling. ▲



TH&SC in February



HARBOURMASTER

Steve Brown

THE FIRST THING I would like to say is a simple Thank You for the chance to serve on the board. I hope to fill the shoes of Bob Prosper and continue on his excellent work.

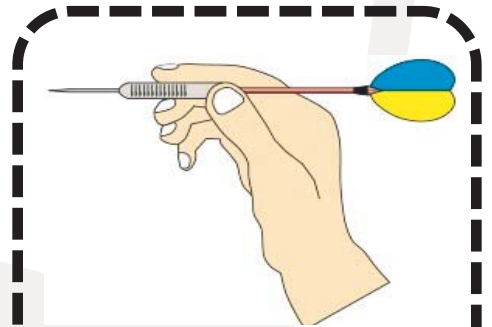
The rain and snow are promising to get the water levels up after the low levels of last fall.

There has been ice in our bay and this has popped a few barrels. So we are going to need help with the dock work for the start of your upcoming season. Feel free to contact Neil Classen or myself to get your hands on early work hours.

The sailing season is not far away and we are getting applications for several new members. I think the secret, TH&SC is a fantastic club, is out.

If you have plans to not launch, can you let Robert McComb or me know. Crane is already booked, step one. The new pump-out is being delivered for the start of the season.

Really looking forward to splashing the boats to start a great sailing season. ▲



DARTS

Most Friday nights
Re-starting Friday
January 4, 2013

We gather at the clubhouse
about 7 p.m.

Come and unwind after your
week by throwing darts

No experience necessary

We have darts to lend

WAYS AND MEANS

David "Wayz" Johnston
Neal "Meanz" Claassen

ANOTHER STELLAR YEAR behind us! I remain impressed by how the membership of this fine club works together, rolls up their sleeves, and pretends we are a much bigger club than we actually are. The docks and slips remain in fine order without the use of outside contractors. The gardens look great. The clubhouse is inviting, and we put on the best social events anywhere. All this is accomplished with only a 16 hour requirement, which is possible only because the extras so many of you are prepared to do.

Last year saw another 99% success rate in getting hours completed. Sometimes it is the newer members who have a hard time figuring out what everyone is doing, so I will give some basic tips on getting involved early.

There will be an orange Ways & Means binder in the OOD / weather station area by April. It will have a variety of jobs listed that you can take on.

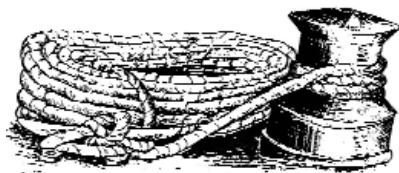
If you are interested in helping out the social committee, Lynda is putting on a pre-season social party, which is really a thinly disguised recruitment exercise where you can find out everything that the social committee has planned for the year, all whilst enjoying a drink "on the house."

Before launch, the Harbourmaster puts together a crew to fix up the sea wall, docks and slips. To many this looks like a secret society of dock workers, but really it is the same group of guys every year that likes to do this kind of work. If you want to be on this crew, let Steve Brown know as soon as possible through the executive link on the website at

<http://thsc.ca/executive.asp>

If you know of any jobs you want included in the binder for 2013, email me at neal.claassen@gmail.com. Never forget to let me know what work you have done.

That reminds me, I have to go and check on my boat. ▲



Nauticals

ON THE STORMY EVENING OF OCT. 22, 1707, ADMIRAL SIR CLOUDSLEY SHOVELL CALLED A MEETING OF SAILING MASTERS FROM 5 WARSHIPS TO DISCUSS HIS FLEET'S LONGITUDE. FOUR OF FIVE NAVIGATORS BELIEVED THEY WERE OFF USHANT, ON THE FRENCH COAST AS DID THE ADMIRAL. THE DISSIDENTING VOTE THOUGHT THEY WERE SW. OF THE SCILLY ISLANDS, SW OF LANDS END, ENGLAND.

AT THAT DATE, CHRONOMETERS WERE STILL IN THE DESIGN STAGE, WITH MOON, STARS & PLANETS AS POSSIBLE REFERENCES TO ESTABLISH ACCURATE DEGREES OF LONGITUDE. JAMES HARRISON'S CHRONOMETER WAS NOT IN USE UNTIL 1773. IN EFFECT - WHEN OUT OF SIGHT OF LAND, LONGITUDE WAS A GUESS AT BEST. THE SCILLY ISLANDS WERE 100 MILES WEST OF USHANT ISLAND. THAT NIGHT, THE LOMAX, WITH THE DISSIDENTING VOTE, WAS ORDERED TO SAIL AHEAD OF THE FLEET WITH TWO OTHER SHIPS. ONE OF THE THREE, THE PHOENIX, WAS RUN ASHORE. THE LOMAX & LAVALEUR CHANGED COURSE AND SURVIVED. THE FLEET SET SAIL AND WITHIN A FEW HOURS THREE SHIPS HAD RUN AGROUND ON THE SCILLY ISLANDS WITH THE LOSS OF 2000 MEN. THE ADMIRAL MADE IT ASHORE BUT WAS MURDERED BY A WOMAN BEACHCOMBER WHO TOOK HIS EMERALD RING. SHE CONFESSED TO BOTH THE KILLING & THEFT ON HER DEATHBED.



TREASURER

Peggy Wheatstone

ANOTHER YEAR BEGINS and thank you to all of you who have already forwarded your annual renewals. The deadline is February 28!

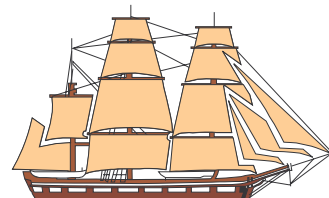
Thank you also to Joan Willson, returning as club Secretary and Paul Evans, Receiving Officer.

If by any chance you have not yet received your renewal please contact Rob McComb. All renewals were sent

out to the most recent address we have on file. There have been a few returned to the club so we would rather not have you inconvenienced by an incorrect address.

It is important that you also include a copy of your proof of insurance with your renewal. If you are uncomfortable sending this in you may instead show your proof to a member of the Executive Board.

Our club continues to be in good financial shape. We look forward to another wonderful year of Sailing! ▲



REAR COMMODORE

Greg Smith

HAPPY FEBRUARY!

I say this because I've noticed the days are getting longer. This has to be a clear sign that we're heading in the right direction—let's hope for an early spring.

I'm delighted to report that all of our club events are booked. Fortunately, this year's calendar came together without any major scheduling conflicts, numerous emails, or days of telephone tag. You may find the event dates on our club website under the Events Tab and in the pages of this month's Spar and Prop. Noticeable not to miss dates are; Friday March 15th—the "Social's Social." Drop by the clubhouse between 6:30–8:30 p.m. for a glass of wine, beer, and Peter's now-famous Irish Coffee. Of course, Friday night is Dart's Night at TH&SC; if it's been a while since, you've tossed some darts, this would be a good opportunity to join in the fun. Last year's Social's Social was a great success. It allowed the members to sign-up early for projects and secure their club work hours. Due to the success of that event, we've expanded it to include Ways and Means and Officer of the Day. I invite everyone to drop by and talk to the respective Chairs about the projects and events' schedule for this year. Remember, this is a self-help club, and we need your support to keep the club running smoothly.

This year Sailpast is set for Saturday, June 8th. Sailpast is the club's biggest event of the season; tickets will be available at Launch, Saturday May 4th. The Social Committee appreciates it when members purchase their tickets early for the big events as it greatly helps the planning process. This year our Summer Blast Regatta and Sailor's BBQ are scheduled for July 13th. If you haven't seen the video, check it out on the website—congratulations, to Richard Pierce for this fabulous video production of last year's regatta.

2013 is a Racing Rules change year. The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) are revised and published every four years by the International Sailing Federation (ISAF). Racers, mark your calendar for Wednesday April 24th and plan to attend Rules Night at the TH&SC

presented by UK Sails. This will be a great opportunity to ask questions of the experts about the new rules for 2012–2016. First official Wednesday night race is May 15th first gun 6:30. The annual Ice Breaker Race is scheduled Saturday May 18th followed by the Beer Commodores Event.

The June 22nd weekend at the TH&SC is a busy one. The Albergs return to their favorite club as we host their GLAA Regatta. Also, this weekend marks our first reciprocal cruise of the season as we sail and race to HYC and their Cruisers sail into the TH&SC for the weekend. As with last year, we've planned to combine the HYC Cruise and the Rum Runners Race; this presents the opportunity for the Racers and Cruisers to mingle, share some great food, and drinks after a few hours on the water—sign up early for this one. At the time of this report, our Cruising Calendar was not completed; James has informed me that more cruises are scheduled and awaiting confirmation—stay tuned for dates.

Of course, there are many other events scheduled for this year's TH&SC calendar. We hope that you will make every effort to attend them. If you have any requests, ideas, suggestions, about our events' and programs, please feel free to contact me directly. I'd love to hear them.

See you around the boat yard,
N43° 39.610 W79° 18.812
Same Spot / Different Day 🚩



TH&SC in February

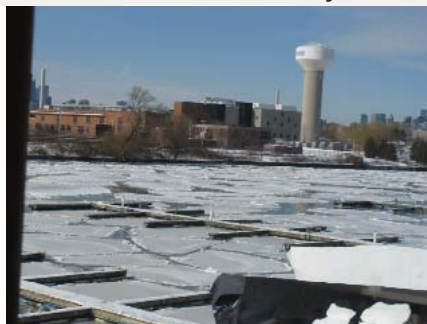


PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS—2012

by Dawn and Ted

Honourable Mention

- Tony Labatt "Flake Effect"
- Mike Smith "Pushpit"
- Peter Martyn "Peregrine's Hatchlings"

4th place tie

- Mike Wheatstone "Morning in the Murray"
- Anibal Pinguelo "Caution: Men at Work"

3rd Place

- Greg Smith "What Would Popeye Do?"

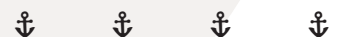
2nd Place

- Mike Wheatstone "Figment Too – That Sinking Feeling"

1st Place

- Alexis Wheatstone "Dad on the Dock"

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OFFICER OF THE DAY MANAGER

Patrick Lyons

THANK YOU TO ROB MURRAY for his hard work over the past four sailing seasons as your Officer of the Day Manager. Rob's great work and record keeping has provided us detailed information that allows us to make constructive changes to the program for the 2013 sailing season. And he is a tough act to follow for sure!

In reviewing the OOD documentation from past years, it was discovered that we have virtually no visitors before the long weekend in May and October. (e.g. we had 24 sessions of OOD—4 hours x 24 = 96 hours—in each of the last four sailing seasons. We had one visitor during those four years who ended up spending the night on the end of A dock).

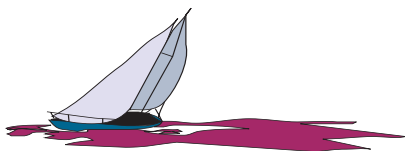
In consultation with the Harbourmaster, it was decided that this season we will only have OOD timeslots from May 17th to September 29th. Details on the program can be found at sign-in desk in the Clubhouse.

As Rob stated in his first newsletter – "Our OOD program is an important part of making sure somebody is looking after the safety of the club on the weekends and helping visitors arrive. The membership believes that as a working club, our members are the best people to fulfill the OOD duties."

Members will be able to sign up for their OOD time slot on Launch Day and at the Social's Social on Friday, March 15th. There may be conflicts with more than one member wanting the same OOD time slot; however, there is no doubt that we will find a way to resolve any of those issues.

Additionally, there will be times over the sailing season, when a large number of visitors are expected to arrive, that there will be need for more than one OOD for each 4 hour session. These will be decided closer to Launch Day when the calendar of events will be closer to being finalized.

In the meantime, should you have any questions, please contact me directly at 416-438-1716 or by email to bruce.lyons@sympatico.ca ▲



FLEET CAPTAIN CRUISING

James Perrault

A HEARTFELT HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

It is January 30 as I write this and it is currently 12° C outside. I actually had to put my air conditioner on in the car today to clear out some of the humidity. Not that I mind, but strange weather like this always gets me thinking about the type of summer we are going to have.

One thing I've noticed in my short time as a sailor is that there has really been no such thing as a predictable summer. In some ways that is quite good. Planning a cruising season in January comes with a unique set of variables as I discovered last year. Trying to plan ahead for steady winds, heat and sun is a daunting task. August has lots of heat and sun but the possibility of no wind is something to consider. On the other side of the coin, the attempted Port Dalhousie cruise last September had winds of 40 knots on the Saturday and by Sunday the lake was glass without a spot of wind.

With that in mind, this year's schedule will retain what worked last year and another effort is being made to travel a little farther afield. I'm happy to say that I'm sharing the cruising duties with Albert Kerek (*Dances With Wind*) for 2013. Albert has offered to work with me for the upcoming cruising season and will take over the job for 2014. As many of you know, Albert spent much of the 2012 season getting to know both his boat and the lake intimately through many solo adventures. Its great having Albert on board and we're both looking forward to a great cruising season.

The tentative cruising schedule is listed below. While many of the cruises have been confirmed, we're still awaiting final approval on a couple so some of the schedule may change slightly before launch.

2013 Cruising Schedule:

- May 18–19: Bluffer's Park Yacht Club reciprocal cruise (get your masts up quick!!)
- June 15–16: Toronto Island Marina Jam Cruise...Live band on the patio and music by the beach bonfire.

- June 22–23: Rum Runner Race/Cruise to Highland Yacht Club
 - July 20–21: Macassa Bay Yacht Club (Hamilton)—Rib Fest & Entertainment
 - August 3–5: Long weekend cruise to Wilson, NY
 - August 17–18: EYC/Race de Voyageurs cruise
- Hope to see you all in the yard very soon. ▲

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Judy and Aubrey Millard

February 8, 2013—We are back in Toronto. Judy came down with a severe pain in her neck and right shoulder about ten days ago. It has continued in spite of chiropractic and physiotherapy treatments in Roatan. We decided to return to Canada to have it treated, and already have had a doctor's appointment and an Xray for what is suspected of being a pinched nerve into the spinal column. We will follow up with the doctor next week. We hope it is something which can be remedied, hopefully within a month so we can return to *Veleda* which we left at Brooksey Point Marina in French Cay Harbour of Roatan.

Chrissie and Dennis MacCallum

February 4, 2013—Highborne Cay Exumas

We made it across the Yellow Banks on Sunday from Nassau to Highborne Cay, one of the northerly in the Exuma chain of islands. Anchored in 20 feet of water we can see every grain of sand on the bottom. The weather is absolutely perfect, with a great little breeze keeping it bearable!

This island is a private island for the rich and famous to rent chalets for a minimum of \$1400.00 per night. Us ordinary folks can rent as well but we have to reserve years in advance. Although we are anchored off the beach but are allowed to go to the restaurant / bar and use the dinghy dock.

Elizabeth Marin and Chris Hanson

Tuesday, Feb. 5th, South Bimini 78° and sunny.

Our second attempt was a much easier and relaxed one. The forecast this past weekend for the coming Tuesday—Wednesday was for light easterly winds of 5-10 kts.

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SOCIAL CHAIR

Lynda de Jonge van der Halen

KEY SOCIAL EVENTS AT TH&SC this year!

FRIDAY MARCH 15

Ways and Means Social (see special notice)

SATURDAY MAY 18

Beer Commodore's Event

SATURDAY JUNE 8

Sailpast (Tickets on sale at Launch)

MONDAY JULY 1

Canada Day cake and ice cream

SATURDAY JULY 13- SUNDAY 14

Summer Blast Regatta and BBQ

SATURDAY AUGUST 31

Corn Roast

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16

Awards Night

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24

Children's Christmas party

Toronto Hydroplane and Sailing Club is a jewel on the lakeshore! Visiting boaters comment on the warm welcome and assistance they receive from TH&SC members and on our proximity to parks, restaurants, shopping, events and transportation.

Plan to be part of the scene at TH&SC this year and support social events for the camaraderie and even earn hours for Ways and Means by working at some events and behind the scenes.

The social committee is looking for new people to help out this year as well as welcoming the return of familiar faces!. Come out on Friday March 15 to find out how you can get involved. If you are unable to attend, please contact Lynda for more information. ▲

Where Are They...

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We readied with provisions, washed off the previous attempt of salt and moved from Dinner Key's mooring field to anchor outside of No Name Harbor. There were over 25 boats outside waiting for sunrise to make the trek across the gulf stream. We got started at 5:30 a.m., I prepped the boat while Elizabeth made the morning coffee and made sure everything was secure down below. We got underway at 6 while still dark,

threaded our way out the cut and cleared the channel with the glimmer of light. The water had gentle 1-2 ft. chop and the light easterly 5-8 knot wind. This time we made sure to point *Groovin'* well south towards Cat Island and Gun Key as other boats ahead of us were doing. We arrived at South Bimini around 3p.m., not bad for

60 miles and then I set off for a 10 minute taxi to the small airport to clear Bahamian Customs.

We are staying at the Bimini Sands Marina & Resort which has two swimming pools, a beach and many low-rise hotel rooms. At \$1.10 per ft, a nice protected harbour. ▲



Please join us for a touch of the Irish on Friday March 15 for our first full Ways and Means Social at TH&SC!

Please bring along your personal calendar and sign up early for jobs on the docks, on the grounds, in the clubhouse, on the water and/or for social events.

You are invited to join us for drinks and light refreshments at the TH&SC clubhouse on Friday March 15 at 7 p.m. There will be time to mingle and relax as well as time for a look at the events and jobs planned for the year.

For example, the Social Committee will have a variety of jobs and events posted. You may sign up for some specific dates/jobs or you may prefer to be involved in the activities of the Social Committee in an overall manner, ready to help out at numerous events by working behind the scenes, decorating, food prep, set up and related tasks.

It is up to you! Meet club members and visiting boaters while fulfilling your Ways and Means hours in ways that meet the needs of the club and suit your interests/talents/skills.

This year, each Committee chair will be posting specific jobs and outlining general plans for the year. As in any year, urgent jobs and additional calls for maintenance and other work will occur as needed.

TH&SC 60 YEARS 1951-2011		February 2013					TH&SC 60 YEARS 1951-2011	
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.		
HUG YOUR BOAT MONTH						Darts	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	Darts	8	9	
10	11	12	13	Valentine's Day	14	Darts	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	Darts	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28				
HAVE YOU HUGGED (CHECKED) YOUR BOAT?								

TH&SC 60 YEARS 1951-2011		March 2013					TH&SC 60 YEARS 1951-2011	
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.		
ARE YOU READY? GET SET! GO!						Darts	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	Darts	8	9	
Daylight Saving starts	10	11	12	13	14	Social's-Social/Darts	15	16
St. Patrick's Day	17	18	19	Spring begins	20	21	Darts	22
Palm Sunday	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	Good Friday
Easter Sunday	31	ONLY A MONTH TO GO BEFORE LAUNCH						

TH&SC 60 YEARS 1951-2011		April 2013					TH&SC 60 YEARS 1951-2011	
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.		
	Easter Monday	1	2	3	4	Darts	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	Darts	12	13	
14	15	16	17	18	Darts	19	20	
21	22	23	Racing Rules Night	24	25	Darts	26	27
28	29	30						
SCRAPE, PAINT, CLEAN— THAT'S APRIL FOR YOU								

TH&SC 60 YEARS 1951-2011		May 2013					TH&SC 60 YEARS 1951-2011		
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.			
4 DAYS TO GO						1	2	3	LAUNCH DAY
5	6	7	Warm Up Race	8	9	10	11		
Mother's Day	12	13	14	Race 1 Series 1	15	16	17	Ice Breaker/Rear Comm.	
19	Victoria Day	20	21	Race 2 Series 1	22	23	24	25	
26	Memorial Day	27	28	Race 3 Series 1	29	30	31		
WELCOME TO SUMMER—BEWARE COLD WATER									