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Calendar

Cruise to BCYC—June 14-15—Sign up to be sure and get a spot.

Series I—Race V—Wednesday, June 18—Last race of Series I. If you haven't done well, good luck in Series II.

Circle of Life Race—Saturday, June 21—Discover all the marks of the race course. We had a good time last year.

Series II—Race I—Wednesday, June 25—The start of a new Series. Join us!

Cruise to PCYC—June 28-29—Sign up to be sure and get a spot.

Cruise to Lakeshore Yacht Club—July 5-6—Sign up to be sure and get a spot.

Spirit Of Canada Race & Fund Raiser—Saturday, July 12—Race and then enjoy good food and drink to support a good cause. Don't race? Come for all the rest.

Beaches Jazz Festival—July 25-26—A summer highlight.

Dufferin Bell Buoy Race—Saturday, August 2—All the way around the Dufferin buoy in Humber Bay and back.

Caribbean Night—Saturday, August 2—Music, food, popular Blender Bar. A great night for everyone.

Long Weekend Breakfast—Sunday, August 3—Come and enjoy a \$3 breakfast with all your friends. Party until the wee hours and sleepover on your boat!

Race des Voyageurs—August 16-17—Race on Saturday, overnight and then back.

Bluffer's Race and Corn Roast—Saturday, August 30—Welcome the Fall season with our traditional Corn Roast and Lynda's Trivia Challenge. Race to Bluffer's and back then relax and enjoy the Corn Roast.

Thanksgiving Potluck—Sunday, October 12—A gastronomical overload amongst friends!

Awards Night—Saturday, November 22—With a dance this year. Come and applaud the winners. There are many surprise awards too—you may get one.



*Derek will represent Canada in a solo non-stop race
around the world and the THSC wants to help!*

*Party with a Purpose!
Saturday July 12th
Family Relay Race &
Fundraiser*

(no racing experience required)

*Join us after the Relay Race for prizes,
food, beverages, live music, & dancing
Everyone welcome! Bring your family and
friends!*

Watch for more information about this event

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Marguerite Ethier

CONGRATULATIONS TO Greg Smith and his team on a great Sailpast. Thanks in particular to the social committee for pulling it off—there are a lot of moving parts at Sailpast, and they make it look pretty easy. I am pleased to announce that there will be a great prize at Sailpast 2009 for the “Best Gift to the Commodore”.

TH&SC are stakeholders in the proposed development of Lake Ontario Park. A draft master plan for the park has now been provided to the stakeholders, and we have had the opportunity to comment on the plan. I am pleased to report that our concerns are being addressed and that the plan recognizes that TH&SC is an important part of the new park. The plan recognizes that TH&SC requires reasonable lease rates and operational continuity, for the proposed location in the new park. The plan, in its current form, contemplates that TH&SC will be on the marina spit, west of the Outer Harbour Marina (the location previously proposed).

Lee Rixon and Ian Whan have been attending the stakeholder meetings on behalf of the club and they have been doing an excellent job of continuing to remind Waterfront Toronto of our needs and desires. We have provided Waterfront Toronto with our views on the draft master plan—both as they affect our club in particular and as they relate to the marine community at large. The issues that are specific to TH&SC are to ensure operational continuity, reasonable lease rates, proper access to the waterfront, and security for our boats and facilities, as well as our members. We believe that our voice is being heard.

The current Waterfront Toronto projections are that the first shovel into the ground will be in 2011, although we recognize the possibility that the timeline could be extended. The complexity of the planning, environmental, financial, and political processes can not be underestimated. Accordingly, it would be fair to say that the timing of a move is therefore slightly unclear, but whenever it happens, it is time to start planning. Whatever are the views on the likelihood and timing of a move, it would be an error not to plan for this event. The Executive Board will be

considering long range planning issues this year, and we will update you as we move along. We will be reaching out to the membership (particularly those of you who know how to work Gant charts) for input and assistance on this project. ▲



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VICE COMMODORE

Dan Demers

MEMBERSHIP IN TH&SC continues to be healthy with 51 Crew, 2 Junior, 19 Life and 123 Sailing members. If you did not return a signed Privacy Policy document with your yearly payment, your personal information did not appear in the Calendar of Events. Blank Privacy Policy documents are available near the OOD station to be completed for future publications. Your signed Privacy Policy document can be deposited in the wooden box near the bulletin boards.

We had an excellent day for Sail Past 2008. Mel and her crew put on another memorable party. Thank you to everyone that made it a success.

Happy sailing to all. ▲

WAYS AND MEANS

Meredith Thomas

THIS SPRING has seen many members get their work hours completed before the serious part of the sailing season, but at the latest count, 54 members have still to record even a single hour. I have seen some of you hard at work setting up the Sailpast Party, building the deck etc, so please make sure you get a work chit completed, before the details get forgotten.

Anyone who has read of the problems that the Island Cruising Club is enduring must wish them well, but at the same time feel relief that we do not have to pay \$4,000 annual dues plus a mooring fee. However, much of our good fortune is based on the fact that we are a self-help club. We joined knowing that we are expected to participate and work hours should not therefore be regarded as a chore to be put off to the last minute. Nor should we expect others to do the work for us and pay a fine instead, this undermines the principle of a self-help club and sends us down the road to that \$4,000 annual dues. So volunteer and what's more, get to know your fellow members.

Jamie Smallwood and his dedicated team have done a tremendous job on the balcony. Soon a select group will be able to sit there sipping a congratulatory cold beer knowing that without them the deck may never have been built. Pity the poor member who meekly sips his beer in the corner, hoping not to be noticed and wishing he had taken the opportunity to participate. It's not too late! As little as two days may be all that is required to get the deck finished and open. Call Jamie today and make the commitment to YOUR club. ▲



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HARBOURMASTER

Bob Prosper

WITH SPRING UNFOLDING to reveal summer, we anticipate another sailing season before us. With the boats tucked safely in their slips, we fine tune them so we might have them ready when we call upon them to satisfy our sailing pleasures. While some cruisers have not had their first exposure to the lake just yet, the racers are well on their way into the season which has begun a little on the chilly side.

Launch was an exciting one with my name being echoed across the parking lot every five seconds or so and as I turned my head to answer one question, another question would come from another direction. And so my neck muscles had a great workout that day! While Ross Campbell was looking for me, I was looking for him. Eventually we would find one another and forget just what it was we needed from each other in the first place. Oh well, I am pleased to say that launch went off without serious injury or scratches on John Edwards' new paint job.

The docks are in fine condition with the exception of a few minor repairs still needed to be done. As most of you are aware, we have made the "Great Wall of TH&SC" a functioning wall. With the help of Ross Campbell and Richard Coutts, we have come up with an engineering marvel which allows us to place boats along the wall without damage to their decks or topsides. With the help of many others, we were able to put this wall together and have it function as it should. This wall came in handy when we had many visitors from BPYC on Saturday May 17th. After accommodating as many boats as possible in the few slips we had available, we began to place them along the wall without complaints or mishaps.

My first year organizing launch was a great experience as well as an eye opener. Just when you think you have everything covered off, text arrives over your email and voice messages are left on your answering service reminding you that you are not quite there just yet. And so coming to the scene is Wendy Stratton with her wonderful words of wisdom to further encourage me and deliver me from total chaos. Wendy made me to be aware of many little things I had

managed to overlook or had not been able to get to. However, in just a few short days and merely hours before launch, I knew I was finally ready. Thanks Wendy! Thanks to the team leaders for organizing their crew! Thanks to Mel and her team for feeding the hungry! Thanks to Ross for slapping me silly when I showed signs of panic! Thanks to Mike, Eva and Dan for keeping the records on the level! Thanks to all members for your understanding and words of encouragement! And oh yes, thanks to Richard Coutts for his explanation and theory on "electromagnetic induction" and its relationship with "subatomic particles"! Whew!

Cheers!

The Harbour Monster. ▲



PROPERTY MGR.

Don Bland

THANKS TO ALL THE GOOD members who, when you see that the paper hand towel dispenser is empty you look in the washroom vanity and replace the empty roll. I've seen you stoop to pick up an empty can or bottle and put it in the recycle bin. You are the members that are making us one of the best "go to, fun" destinations on the lake. I don't always get to say thanks but your efforts are appreciated.

The entertainment equipment in the club house is coming together—not finished yet but certainly an improvement. We now can watch T.V. listen to music or enjoy a movie together.

The "DECK" is now furnished and in use. The new gate closer is working well. If those of us who have been too busy to look after our cradles/pads can you please deal with them—before a work party puts them goodness knows where, and goodness probably won't be able to find them when they are needed—everything would be in ship shape order.

See you on the water. ▲

FLEET CAPTAIN CRUISING

Keith Willson

HERE IT IS a little over a month since launch and we have our first cruise under our keels. The Cruise to Cathedral Bluffs Yacht Club on May 24-25 was attended by six boats and four land yachters. CBYC was a great host. They even managed to put all six of our boats on the same dock. What better hospitality could you ask for?

I can hear the questions now. What do you mean first cruise? We had one in February, didn't we? Well, actually, NO. We cancelled the cruise due to lack of interest. The almost 50 boats that participated last year dwindled to five this year. Seems like a Winter cruise is not what you, the members, want. So unless we hear otherwise there will not be one planned for 2009.

By the time you read this article we will have put our second cruise under our keels. This time to a new destination—the wall at Hanlan's Point. More on this cruise in the next Spar and Prop.

The sign up sheets for the remaining four cruises are posted on the Cruising Bulletin Board at the Club. To help you plan here is the schedule:

June 28–29 **Port Credit**—Hosts are Paul & Marie Evans (Pork Tenderloin)
July 5–6 **Lakeshore Yacht Club**—Hosts Lee and Debbie (Ribs and Beans)
August 16–17 **Mimico Cruising Club**—Hosts *NEEDED (NO HOST—NO FOOD)*
Sept 6–7 **Etobicoke Yacht Club**—Hosts EYC (OctoberFest)

Note the need for a host for the cruise to MCC in August. We will be away on vacation so we need somebody to step in and volunteer. It's not a daunting task. Plan a meal. Buy the food and prepare it. Submit your bills for the food to the Club and receive a cheque back reimbursing you. Couldn't be easier.

That's it for now. See you at a cruise. ▲



SOCIAL CHAIR

Melinda Ramsay

WE ARE VERY HAPPY to report that the social season has started off extremely well, despite the weather!

Your new RC, the Beer Commodore himself, hosted a great season opener in May ... the traditional WarmUp social (with a draught twist!). The girls and I agree that he has certainly set the tone for the summer—and if you haven't attended an event yet, you should because Greg loves a good time as much as he loves racing (and that would be a hint to all of you who are not racers to come out to the social events anyway).

Sailpast was a great success. Thankfully the weather perked up for us and it was a lovely day overall. The food and music was great, and it seemed like you all enjoyed yourself a great deal. I know that I had a long thank you list that night, but I would like to reiterate how great Marguerite was at her first sailpast as Commodore (and Conon, also).

I'd also like to thank the Social committee (Laurie, Lynda, Cat), the setup crew (Agnes, John, Bob, Don, Mike, Billy, Peter, Eva, Lucy) and then all those people who chipped in where they could (you know who you are).

What I'd really like to point out, though, is how great our 'club kids' are. The real youngsters had a great time with our attentive kid wranglers, but it was really the tween set that was remarkable. We have a whole group of 8 to 13 year olds who are now the life of the club's social scene. They can outdance us, outlast us, outeat us, and outshine us.

It was fabulous to watch the Demers, Bennett and Timlin girls, Sarah Renendez, and a host of pretty girlfriends dance up a storm on the dance floor. Then Willem and Benzie (and I'm sorry for bad name spelling) kicked in and the under 14 set took over. They are all growing up so well and turning into such interesting individuals. If you don't know them yet, take the time to watch them in action. With any luck, they are the future of our club and I think it will be a great future.

After all that philosophy, let me remind you that on July 1st you are welcome to come down to the club with a dish or two for our annual July 1st potluck. Then, the *Spirit of Canada* Fundraiser is July 12 (watch out for the posters)—Vince and his band(s) are playing!

There is lots of fun planned for the summer so keep your eyes open and watch for the posters and emails. You don't want to miss any of it. ▲



OFFICER OF THE DAY MANAGER

Rob Murray

WHO'S THAT IN THE ORANGE VEST?

There are essentially two types of people in the club—those that have worn the orange vest as Officer of the Day already this year and those whose time is fast approaching to wear it. (Technically, there is a third type who are jealous because they don't get the chance to wear it, e.g. crew members, junior members and certain exempted members.)

As a "self help" club, we are all responsible for the running of the club. That includes helping visitors feel at home and making sure the premises are a clean and safe place to be. We accomplish this by having an Officer of the Day (OOD) onsite Friday evenings, Saturdays, Sundays and holiday Mondays. And this year, we even have volunteers on Monday June 30 because we know lots of people will be taking a four day weekend since the July 1st Canada Day holiday falls on a Tuesday.

If you have forgotten when you volunteered (or were assigned) to be OOD, you can check the OOD schedule located on a clipboard on the inside of the left hand cupboard door of the OOD Station. We will try and remind you of your time slot if the club has your current email and/or phone number.

For those of you who may be unsure of what to do as OOD, don't worry. There are instructions at the OOD Station to help you survive your four-hour "tour of duty".

For anyone who did not sign up for an OOD time slot, one has been assigned to you. If you have not received an email or phone call telling you what it is, please check the schedule or contact the OOD Coordinator Rob Murray at 416-757-4276.

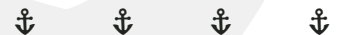
Isn't it nice to have someone to help you when you arrive back at the dock? Please keep this in mind that when it's your turn to be OOD. ▲

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This is the minimum number of boats we would like to have out for the Relay Race on Sat., July 12th

It's for a good cause and it will be a wonderful family day. A Jumping Castle has been ordered for the kids. Remember, in the Relay Race it's 95% fun and only 5% race. There will be lots of prizes.

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The Deadline for the AUGUST issue of Spar & Prop is **July 31**



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Website address is **www.thsc.ca**

REAR COMMODORE

Greg Smith

HEARTFELT THANKS to all the members who helped make our 2008 Sailpast a big success. The weather was perfect and the event was well attended. We had many fine compliments about the food, music and our Commodore's Punch. The indicator for any party can be measured by the number of people on the dance floor—it was filled to capacity all night long. It was good to see the mix of age groups on the floor, from the very young to the "Old Salts"—they danced until the clock struck midnight.



I must acknowledge three dancers who amazed me with their moves. First, Jack and Lorna Hexham burned up the floor, dancing to Meatloaf's "Paradise By the Dashboard"; it was a performance worthy of Dancing with the Stars. Our other notable dancer was Jeff Ante (solo), mov'n and groov'n to James Brown's "Get Up Offa That Thing", who would of thought? Way to go Jeff!

Our next big event is scheduled for Saturday July 12th when we plan to "Party with a Purpose". The *Spirit of Canada* event is planned as a family & friends day, full of fun on the water, great food, a live band, dancing, prizes, and silent auctions. We are bringing back the TH&SC Relay Race; this is a fun and crazy race with no racing experience required. We hope for a record turnout for this event.

All proceeds of the event will go to support Canada's Derek Hatfield. Derek is representing Canada in Vendee Globe, a single-handed, non-stop without assistance race around the world. It's been described as the greatest mental and physical challenge in any sport. To get updates on Derek's summer preparations, and track *Spirit of Canada's* progress as she races to the finish line in France, spring 2009, click on info@spiritofcanada.net

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CIRCLE OF LIFE RACE

SATURDAY JUNE 21 ST
SKIPPER'S MEETING 11:00

Wed	May 7	Race Meeting & Measuring In
Sat	May 10	Launch
Wed	May 14	Warm up Race
Sat	May 17	Ice Breaker Race
Wed	May 21	Wednesday Series I Race 1
Sat Sun	May 24 25	ADYC Skipper's Plan Regatta
Wed	May 28	Wednesday Series I Race 2
Wed	June 4	Wednesday Series I Race 3
Sat	June 7	Sailpast
Wed	June 11	Wednesday Series I Race 4
Wed	June 18	Wednesday Series I Race 5
Sat	June 21	Circle of Life Race
Wed	June 25	Wednesday Series II Race 1
Wed	July 2	Wednesday Series II Race 2
Wed	July 9	Wednesday Series II Race 3
Sat	July 12	Spirit of Canada Fund Raiser
Wed	July 16	Wednesday Series II Race 4
Wed	July 23	Wednesday Series II Race 5
Sat Sun	July 26 27	Yountown Regatta
Wed	July 30	Wednesday Series III Race 1
Sat	Aug 2	Quentin Bell Booy
Wed	Aug 6	Wednesday Series III Race 2
Wed	Aug 13	Wednesday Series III Race 3
Sat Sun	Aug 16 17	Race des Voyageurs to MMC
Wed	Aug 20	Wednesday Series III Race 4
Wed	Aug 27	Wednesday Series III Race 5
Sat	Aug 30	Butler's Race & Corn Roast
Wed	Sept 3	Make Up Race 1
Wed	Sept 10	Make Up Race 2
Wed	Sept 17	Make Up Race 3
Wed	Sept 24	Make Up Race 4
Sat	Nov 22	Awards Night

So mark your calendars for July 12th, bring your family and friends to the TH&SC biggest party of the summer and support the *Spirit of Canada* Challenge! Stay tuned for more information on the event.

See you on the lake!

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RACING CAPTAIN

Jamie Smallwood

THE BEGINNING of the season has been meteorologically challenged. We have been thrown everything but the kitchen sink. The first Wednesday night race was downright cool & nasty. Only a few boats that had managed to get their masts up in time came out. The next Wednesday saw no wind at all. The scheduled Ice Breaker was canceled due to inclement conditions.

Things have progressed quite nicely since then. The last couple of Wednesdays have been just divine. The rescheduled and renamed "Global Warming Ice Breaker" was held in cool enough conditions to keep us honest.

Up coming, we have the "Circle of Life Race" on Saturday June 21. This is an interesting race concept. Basically, we circumnavigate the perimeter of the racecourse twice. The reaches flow into



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down-winds. Down-winds tighten into reaches.

TH&SC is proud to sponsor Dereck Hatfield and the *Spirit of Canada*. On Saturday July 12, TH&SC is holding the *Spirit of Canada* Fund Raiser. A part of this will be a special fun race—a relay race with teams formed from throughout our club. If you have a boat, you can take part. Racer, cruiser, heck, we will even accommodate a boat without a mast up. The key word is FUN. Think water fights and that sort of thing. On shore there will be lots of activities. We want the whole club involved. Be prepared.

A new tradition was formed last night. If you win a beer glass, our "Beer Commodore" will personally christen it with some of his imported bubbly.

Good Sailing

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

by Eric Muff

IT JUST DAWNED ON ME how much I'm falling astern. Not mentally or physically (that will never dawn on me).

But by the time I finish one of these epic tomes, I've been away on three other trips and they're all starting to meld into one.

I was thumbing through my files and I see trips from 2003 that I never got to make up.

I just got back last week from Îles de la Madeleine so I'd better start with that before it disappears in the fog that shrouds my mind.

I had heard of les Îles del la Madeleine eons ago when I was being taught "junior second" Canadian geography. Les Îles are also known as the Magdalen Islands, pour quoi? Je ne c'est pas.

Anywho, this is the only tour company that I've heard of going there, and the road less travelled is the road for me. (Settle down, Walt Whitman.)



For those of you who were not fortunate enough to have been taught "junior second" Canadian geography, les Îles are situated in the Gulf of "Ste Laurent", between Spud Island and Newfie, and if you weren't taught "junior second" Canadian geography you probably don't know that Spud Island and Newfie are the Canadian provinces of Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland.

This mindless dissertation from reality also gives me a chance to flaunt my proficiency in high school french and gives you a ~~clue~~ clue as to why I flunked it.

Just how far from Spud Island and Newfie these island are I cannot honestly say, but they are a five-hour ferry ride from Souris, P.E.I.

A passing thought—how do knots convert in your stupid metric system? (Editor's note—my thought is that a knot is based on a nautical mile which is based

on degrees of latitude which hasn't changed. Anyone else care to comment?)

This little bus tour, hosted by Great Canadian Holidays and Coaches takes twelve days and overnights in Montreal, Rivière-du-Loup, Miramachi, Summerside, Cap-aux-Meules, Moncton, Gorham, New Hampshire and Burlington, Vermont.

Our first evening finds us in beautiful downtown Montreal, where, if memory serves, le Jazz Festival du Montréal was in full swing. (Unintentional play on words.)

After a good night's snooze we head up river to Rivière-du-Loup (Wolf River to you bilingual insistants.), stopping enroute, at one of my favourite towns, Ste-Jean-port-Joli. (Editor's note—It's down river from Montreal to Rivière du Loup.) I am sure I have told you before, this is the woodcarving capital "du monde". If you are a wood carver, this is where you go when you die. The artistry would make one weep. Beautiful.

Re-grouping in Wolf River (Rivière-du-Loup to you bilingual insistants) we press onward to beautiful downtown Miramachi, lovely little town on the banks of the Miramachi, where tonight we attend a lovely Kitchen Party at a local "tea room" nearby.

We muster in front of the hotel around seven p.m., when, lo and behold!, a piper appears, fully kilted and spurred, bagpipes at the ready.

Interjection for so-called Scottish humour. "Do you know the definition of a True Gentleman?"

"A wee chappy who [^]can play the bagpipes, but doesnae." (Courtesy of Garry T.)

Anywho! We are piped doon the streets to a down-east "wing-ding". There's a Gaelic word for this but I've forgotten how to spell it.

Connie and Paul serve tea and sticky buns while locals sing and play lotts a down-east folk songs accompanied by hootin' and hollerin' an' foot-stompin' an' spoon-playin'. **LARD TUNDERIN'!**

Back to our trundle beds...to sleep, perchance to dream.

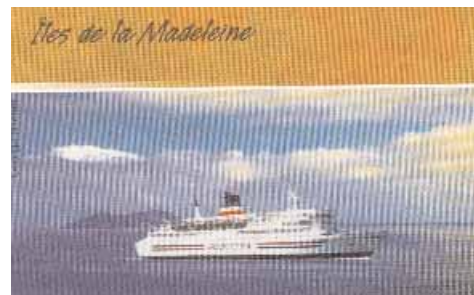
Today we make an unusual visit to the Olivier Soaperie, where we learn how soaps are made. The women who talks us through the soap-making process is the funniest goddamn female since Ellen Degeneres. She had us wettin' our knickers. She alone was worth the price of the trip.

Later that afternoon we go out on the bay in a lobster boat, where we learn how to catch lobsters. The instruction is topped-off by a sumptuous lobster dinner, m-m-m-m, good! Then we cross Confederation Bridge to Spud Island, where we spend two nights in beautiful, downtown Summerside.

We spend one whole day with a local guide, touring the whole island. And beautiful it is.

On the evening of our second day we take in a live theatre show at the Jubilee Theatre. Not "Anne of Green Gables" which is normally played...but something completely different...though I think it was to do with Confederation.

Next morning we drive to Souris, which is on the eastern end of the island, where we board a large ferry/cruise ship for a five-hour trip to "les Îles de la Madeleine". Here we have a delightful three-day stay.



I believe we stayed in Cap-aux-Meules and did day trips to the other "Îles".

Our visit to the eastern islands started out with a fascinating trip in a glass-bottomed boat to a sandspit where seals hang out. Like us they like the sun and the sand. The flat-bottomed boat allows us to get real close to them, as they slumber, blissfully.

From there we visit a family-run smoke-house where they smoke fish (not pot) in the old, traditional way. From there we drive through the lovely countryside with colourfull houses and gardens. What you see a lot "down-east" is washing on the line. Like to see that and love to smell it when it comes in.

The three best smells of my childhood:

Walking by a fish and chip shop;

Walking by a bakery; and

The smell of laundry just brought in from the line.

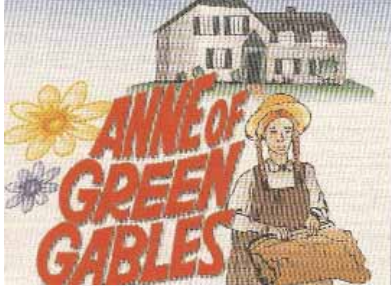
But I'm digressing (blissfully).

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We end up at the tip of the island in a place called Grande-Entré. Remember these islands are part of Quebec, not Canada. Actually the name of the town is Pointe de la Grand-entré, but I, like the natives, am getting slovenly.



Lots of artsy-fartsy boutiques and restaurants in this town.

The lovely young lady who is our tour guide is an R.N. who administers to the Indian children mostly, in the off season, in the summer (tourist season) she turns her home into a B&B. An extremely capable young person.

There are some very old and rustic wooden churches en route.

We return to our hotel in Cap-aux-Meules for a "free evening". (Free to torment the locals.) Tomorrow we tour the western islands.

Westward we travel to La Grave (sounds worse than it is) where we attend a lively performance of "My Islands, My Country", all about the history and culture of the islands, lunch, shopping, art galleries of La Grave and back to Cap-aux-Meules. Tomorrow we sail back to Spud Island and cross Confederation bridge to the mainland and beautiful downtown Moncton, N.B. En route we once again "back up" Magnetic Hill.

After overnighting in Moncton we head for the U.S. border at St. Stephens. Of course we spend a few hours in St. Andrews-by-the-Sea, have a lunch and lolly-gag about. It's far too pretty a town to by-pass.

We cross over into Maine and spend the night in Gorham, New Hampshire. More miles of lovely scenery and we're into Vermont. These two states are quite mountainous (I'd call 'em hilly) the Green Mountains of New Hampshire meld into the White Mountains of Vermont. Very scenic.

Every time I'm in the New England states I *scream* "damn George the Third". He was the demented

bastard that gave New England to the semis. All that beautiful country was once Canada.

Ah, well! We're *still* governed by demented bastards!

And remember, my children, always do one things, every day, that "scares the be-jesus outa ya!".

Good sailing and God speed. Luv yas. ▲



DECADENT DOZEN

By Ken Deas

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE this opportunity to tell the members a heart warming, rather wonderful, unselfish, over the top, generous coming-together of unrelated people act of pure giving that you should know about. My friend Greg Smith arranged to meet a potential buyer of the *Keldy* who did not show.

Preparing for his visit Greg loosened the lines holding the tarp down, and when the ingrate did not show he did up the lines and went home. The winds that following night killed the tarp. Now you've got Lou Lalonde heading up the Motely ... read Magnificent Crew in the Workshop. Conversation centres around the mess on *Keldy*. It was decided, a few beers later, something must be done. A plan was laid out, with Bruce (Steward) agreeing to supervise and execute. Money was collected and through and by Bruce, a shrink wrap cover was fitted on *Keldy*.

I want every one to know how grateful and deeply moved I am because of what these people did—**Lou Lalonde; Jack Hexham; Paavo Lindstrom; Jack Kennedy; Robert McCoomb; Doug Wright; Larry Adolphe; Jo Anne Adolphe; Max and Mel McDonald; and Bruce Bateman.**

Nice people, really nice people...members of my Club. ▲

HISTORY

by Rich Taylor

OUR CLUB'S HISTORY is based on the self-help model. It started when the Toronto Hydroplane Club was formed and moved old houses to Ashbridge's Bay for their base.

Then in 1965 a small group of catamaran sailors joined and built a wooden ramp out of old boardwalk over the rocks to launch their boats into the bay. A few years later a concrete ramp was proposed. The experts said reinforcement was needed. No money for rebar but old concrete telephone poles were just over the fence.

Break out the sledge hammers and, *voila*, rebar appears. Sledge hammers had a role in building a sea wall, too. Broken sidewalk was dumped at our invitation, then broken up with muscle power and piled to build up the water's edge.

The new area needed to be filled and levelled. Washed out concrete looked good and did the job. It was free, too. But there was washed out cement in there too, and it was a dusty summer that year.

Our friends at the concrete yard had the answer. ▲

More next time

A SPECIAL THANKS

By Gord Jones

I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A special Thank You to Dan Demers and his family for letting me take their C&C 30 *Sassy* to a Memorial at Queen City Yacht Club last season.

The Memorial was in honour of Len Canham, Past Commodore of QCYC and a longtime (previous) owner of *Sassy*.

I was ably assisted on the voyage by Russ Germain.

In spite of very short notice, neither Dan nor Russ hesitated to help me make this possible.

Len's family were deeply touched by the gesture and have asked me to extend their heartfelt thanks to Dan and his family for their generosity and concern.

This is the type of involvement that makes our sailing community so great.

Gord Jones (Crewing Member) ▲



June 2008



Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Cruise to BPOC	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Cruise to PCYC	30	EVERYONE OUT FOR SAILPAST				
NOW IS THE TIME TO CRUISE AND RACE						



July 2008



Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5
Cruise to LSYC	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		
Youngstown Regatta						
EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO THE SPIRIT OF CANADA DAY						



August 2008



Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
THE HEART OF SUMMER—GO SAILING						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Long Weekend Breakfast	11	12	13	14	15	16
10	18	19	20	21	22	23
Race des Voyageurs	25		27		29	
24						
JOIN US AT THE CORN ROAST ON SATURDAY						



September 2008



Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				
TIME TO GET THOSE LAST SAILS IN BEFORE HAULOUT						