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Calendar

HAUL OUT—October 13-14—Check the bulletin board for your day.

Awards Night—Saturday, November 24—come and cheer the winners.

Children's Christmas Party—Sunday, December 9—Sign up for this annual event.

New Year's Day Levee—Tuesday, January 1—Start the year off right.





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Children's Christmas Party

Sunday, December 9th

All Member's children, gramdchildrem and relatives are invited to meet Santa and have a good day.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board with instructions and details for parents.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Lee Rixon

AUL OUT 2007 IS NOW IN the history books and the boats all look sad as they sit on the hard waiting for 2008 to roll around. The two days of haul out went very well, despite some freezing cold temperatures and high winds on the Saturday, so thank you all for your efforts in ensuring our boats got on land safely.

I'd like to especially single out Mel and her crew on Sunday for serving lunch on the go, and Ross and his crew who worked overtime immediately prior to haul out to ensure that we would be as little inconvenienced by the low water as possible.

As you are aware, dredging hasn't happened to this point, even though the membership approved expenditure at the elections meeting. The reason for this is the contamination in our basin, and unless we were willing and able to store the material dredged on land as ABYC did, then we would have to incur significant additional costs both for transportation and for dumping. We don't have those costs at the moment, and when we do, we will be looking at the situation further.

In respect to out potential move, the situation is exactly the same as the last update. Waterfront Toronto had scheduled a stakeholders meeting for earlier this month, but cancelled it at the last minute. They have since rescheduled that meeting for October 25, so hopefully there will be some update to report after that. They are planning on presenting, and I quote, "the recently revised Lake Ontario Park Draft Master Plan, based on the feedback from the public, stakeholders, steering committee and government partners. The areas of revision include the North Shore, at the Peninsula and in the Bay."

Finally, I'd like to welcome your new Commodore and Rear Commodore, and returning Property Manager to the board. Marguerite Ethier will be taking the role of Commodore, Greg Smith that of Rear Commodore and Don Bland will be continuing in the position effective the end of this year.

Well, that is all for now. See you at Awards Night



THAT TIME OF THE YEAR HAS come around, time to say goodbye to our boats for another season. Again this year, during the off season beginning after the AGM on December 2nd, we will discontinue the regular weekly e-mail broadcast sent out via THSCnews@sympatico.ca of the gate code in an effort to help secure our boats. If you are not currently receiving the gate code and would like

receiving the gate code and would like to be on the mailing list, please send me an e-mail stating so.

This past year has proven to be an

excellent year for membership recruiting with 21 new members to date made up of 10 Crew, 1 Junior and 10 Sailing members. The current membership status is at 202 members, made up of 19 Life, 119 Sailing, 58 Crew and 6 Junior members.

If you know that a change will exist in your 2008 billing of your membership fees, please let me know in advance so that the change can be incorporated prior to the mailing of our invoices.

Now is the time to get out there and enjoy the cooler weather. This is a great way to stay healthy and make the winter months zip by. In no time we will be taking the tarps off our boats again. Have a great winter.





ATTENTION ALL TROPHY WINNERS FROM 2006. It's time to return the hardware to the clubhouse.

The new sailing season will soon be under way and all trophies will be "back up for grabs".

Please return your trophy and leave it atop the new trophy cabinets in the Bruce Farquhar Lounge by launch day, May 5th.

Rear Commodore Mona Anderson Editor's e-mail address is rwt@total.net

t t t t The Deadline for the DECEMBER issue of Spar & Prop is November 30th

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Website address is www.thsc.ca



AWARDS NIGHT SLIDE SHOW

by Chris Hanson

Pictures of the sailing season are requested, to show during the Awards Night festivities. If you have taken digital pictures during Club events or please send them to me so I can include them in a slide show presentation during the evening.





REAR COMMODORE

Mona Anderson

AROUND THE CANS

T CAN'T BE MUCH FUN RACING by yourself ... can it? This is a I frequent comment we hear as the crew of *Handsome Jack*. The fact is, we usually are racing by ourselves, half a leg or more ahead of the rest of the fleet. That's not bragging. It's just the way things are. The boat is fast. And because we owe everybody else a lot of time (Triple Threat excluded) we need to sail as fast as we can. It's tricky at the front with no other boats around. It's harder to judge boat speed. Class rules don't allow electronic equipment, things like knot meters, or tactical compasses that show lifts and headers. And, the lead boat can give pretty good indicators to the rest of the fleet of the wind and sea conditions. So not only are we sailing by the seat of our pants, we're telling everyone else what's going on.

When we first brought the Etchells to the club, John Morris commented that it wasn't a very good choice for our fleet. He was right. Our PHRF rating is half that of our nearest competitor. But our interest leans toward one design racing. John understands that very well. Racing, like

boats, "mano e mano", may the best sailor win.

I met a new young friend one evening and asked if she wanted to see my boat. "Okay" she said. So we took a walk out the dock. She was impressed. I was smug. I told her it was a race boat. "Wow." She said. "I never saw a real race boat before. Do you ever win?" Hmmm ... kids.

To be honest, not very often. Last year we won the *Miss Colourflame* trophy. This year we only chalked up one first place. Well, we did win another race, sort of. We crossed the finish line. Then the wind died and the entire fleet ended up DNF. We slunk away with our mug as if we'd stolen it.

And how is that one design thing going? The straight answer is net zero. Etchells Fleet 1 is a tough nut to crack with at least a half dozen world champions and Olympic sailors competing, all who have been sailing Etchells for 20 years or more. Still, we held our own at the Canadian's this summer and were as far up as 6th place at one point (out of 21 boats).

The big question is, how did we get Bruce to sign on as crew? Jim and I figure ... luck. It started last year with one intense regatta at the end of the season. We didn't think we'd even make it because we didn't have crew. It was almost on a dare that Bruce decided to come with us last minute. So, it was Etchells 101 dockside Saturday morning. We did 4 races Saturday, another 4 on Sunday (which were really two races of 16 legs each). And it was windy. On the last downwind leg, Bruce and I were so tired, we mutinied and refused the last order to gibe. Poor Jim. "Gibe not" was



our response. All the same, we were pleased with how well we did. The rest of the fleet knew we were snapping at their transoms. And best of all, Bruce came back to us this spring and said ..."I'm in." Lucky bums we are.

Drawbacks – there are a few. The boat's a bit wet when the sea is up. Bruce usually takes the worst of it ... unless he ducks, and I get it. Imagine, if you will, a pail of water in the face at 30kph. The skipper on the other hand always seems to have dry cigarettes, but Bruce and I have come to refer to ourselves fondly as the Soggy Bottom Boys. Pumping is required when you take on water. There are no scuppers;

... also no head, no galley, no fridge for the beer. There's one seat.

But if you want to know what sailing an Etchells is like, in a word, awesome. It's not just because she's fast, and she is, but the boat is incredibly stable. It can handle just about any amount of wind, more than the sailors usually. Chop doesn't bother us nor big rollers. HJ will easily surf downwind. Uphill, she climbs over the waves without leaping off the top. There are no winches – everything is hand tension. There's no motor so none of that messy, oily, noisy business. Docking is no problem. The boat only weighs 3500 pounds. There are no life lines so no stanchions for the jib to get hooked on. And the boat is drop dead gorgeous.

You know how every once in awhile (it's called a Blue Moon) you have a perfect sail? When the air is soft and twilight is glowing. A light chop ripples under the hull and the boat slips along effortlessly. We had such a sail late this summer; three little grasshoppers in complete harmony with the wind, the water, and the boat. We weren't thinking about winning or losing, we were just sailing. That's all. That's the night Jimmy stood on the top step of the podium. Awesome.



PROPERTY MGR. Don Bland

If FOLKS. THE SAD NEWS IS that once again I have been elected Property Manager. I would welcome volunteers to contact me regarding helping out with the yard, garden and clubhouse. It is a good way to get some or all of your work days in and achieve a feeling of accomplishment and even some pride in your club property..

I'll be designating a couple of the un-used lockers just outside the north door near the entrance to the ladies washroom as a lost and found. You can place found items (assuming they will fit in a locker) and look for your misplaced stuff there.

Haulout is upon us—good luck and start getting your boat ready for launch.

OFFICER OF THE DAY MANAGER

Rob Murray

HANKS EVERYONE!

The Officer of the Day program went well this summer. Thanks go out to all the members who assisted visitors and members to dock, made sure the grounds were secure and recorded interesting entries in the OOD log book. Doing your four-hour tour of duty in one of the 123 timeslots that had to be filled, shows how well our volunteer club can work.

I'm sure the 176 visitors who signed our Visitor's Log really appreciated having a Duty Officer at our club to answer their radio call and help them dock. When a visitor did arrive, statistically speaking there was a high probability the visitor was from Whitby Yacht Club since 55 of the visitors were from there. Second place was Lakeshore (18) and third went to Highland (16). We even had to raise the American flag some days as we had 13 US boats visit.

Look in January for the OOD sign up list for the 2008 season. If you want a choice of timeslot, sign up early!



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Nauticals

JURY-RIGGED: This was a temporary arrangement to help bring a disabled vessel back to land. If the mast was carried away in heavy weather a contrivance of masts and sails was produced to get the ship underway. This was jurying. A Jury rudder is a makeshift arrangement to give a ship the ability to steer when she has lost her rudder. Some ships sailed many thousands of miles using Jury-rigged masts and rudders.







FLOTSAM & JETSAM Shadow

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TEDDY ROSS DIED

Just to let you know, Edna (TEDDY) Ross, a long time member of the club passed away in February this year at age 82. She had been sick for a while. Her husband, Stan, is in a Senior's Home in Newmarket.

NEW CREW FOR BRIDGET McMANUS

Bridget had her baby on October 3rd, a Girl 6 lbs. 8 oz. She had Isabella at the Club on Haulout Sunday.



2007 RACING SEASON RESULTS

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Spar and Prop

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

by Eric Muff

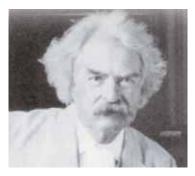
THE SAD PART ABOUT TAKING all these "slendifforous" trips is...I'm doing more trips than there are issues of Spar and Prop, hence there are a "scillion" voyages you land-locked pheasants peasants will never get to drool over (have you read my new dictionary?). But then, on the other hand, when I am too old and decrepit (no comments, Garry) to haul my sorry arse about this fabulous planet I can regale you with the yarns I've had to by-pass (if only I could remember them).

Anywho! I'm moving on to a trip I just got home from. That doesn't sound grammarically correct, do it? A trip from which I just got home? Oh, bugger it!

Last week I just got back from a trip called Mississippi River Casinos. I know this sounds like a gamboling gambling junket but this is kinda misleading. It was really a sight-seeing tour with gambling options. Gambling is not an addiction of mine. Shit! The addictions I have are bad enough. (No, Garry, verbal diarrhea is *not* one of them.)

The selling point for me was not donating my hard-earned money to organized crime (the government) but it embraced Hannibal, Missouri, St. Charles and St. Louis.

Before I ramble onwards, do not, do not, piss the natives off by calling it Saint Loo-eee. It is pronounced Saint Loo-issss. Forget that old song, "Meet Me In St. Loo-eee, Loo-eee".



The siren call for me was Hannibal, MO. My sainted, male parent was a Mark Twain Freak. He owned every book Samuel Clemens ever thought of writing, and of course, I had a steady diet of Sam's down-home witticisms.

Now, a lot of folks believe that Sam was born in Hannibal, MO. This is not

the case. He was actually born in Florida (the town name has left me) but he spent his boyhood in Hannibal, MO. Doesn't that roll off the tongue pleasantly? Hannibal, MO....

We arrived in Hannibal, MO early on our second day, having overnighted in Hammond, Indiana, and had lots of time to explore Sam's beloved Hannibal.

We started off by having lunch in the famous Mark Twain Family Restaurant, where they still brew their famous homemade rootbeer, of which I heartily partook (a childhood favourite of mine).

Apparently some distant relatives of Sam's still abide in beautiful downtown Hannibal.

At the base of the hill (who's name I've forgotten) stands a life-sized bronze statue of "Tom and Huck", fishing poles in hand, heading for the Mississippi and an afternoon's fishin' and dreamin'.

Before our "official" tour started I wandered down to the Mark Twain Museum in quest of souvenir thimbles which my daughter collects (and I pay for). Finding exactly what I desired, I spent a delightful half-hour or more one-on-oneing with the museum curator, who also ran the gift shop—small town, quiet afternoon.

Our tour was a "do-it-yourself, unescorted type, ask questions when you found someone in period costume". We started off in the original home where Sam grew up as a boy—follow the arrows. Then the Huckleberry Finn House, the Becky Thatcher House, the J.M. Clemens, Justice of the Peace Office, Grant's Drug Store, the Pilaster House and the Mark Twain Museum and Gallery. Not forgetting the ubiquitous gift shops connected to anything and everything.



Another of the selling points on this tour was the fact that fifteen original Norman Rockwell paintings call the Mark Twain Museum home.

Something further I learned this day, Hannibal, MO. is also the

birthplace of Molly (allegedly unsinkable) Brown, allegedly of *Titanic* fame. But, you know me and the State motto of Missouri.



Later this evening we had a delightful dinner cruise on the Mississippi River aboard the stern-wheel riverboat *Mark Twain*, where we were graciously wined and dined and fabulously entertained by a chap named L.A. Suess, who bore a remarkable resemblance to Pete Seager (some will remember) both in musical interpretation and looks. I was going to make an observation that maybe *all* banjo plucker look like Pete Seager, but Garry would only twist it out of shape.

...so I won't!



It was a very enjoyable evening. Quiet and peaceful on the river. Katydids and bullfrogs on the banks. Our entertainment's mellow rendition of "In The Evenin' By The Moonlight", cigars and juleps. "Momma, I've died and gone to heaven!"

"Hush-up, boy." Back-tracking...

I should have told you this before we went off on the river.

All the people connected to the Mark Twain exhibit wear period costumes (as I have stated elsewhere). Near the end of the tour a chap appears, made up as Mark Twain. And an uncanny resemblance he bore—could pass any day.

Anywho! He's chatting with a group of our party, having his picture took (bugger grammar) tellin' yarns, sellin' postcards of himself and autographing them for two bucks, apiece, each.

When I saunter up...

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But, Hey!!!...

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He shakes my hand and says "Good afternoon, sir, do you recognize me?" I shake his hand and says "No sir, can't say as I do."

"Well, sir, I'm Mark Twain."
"It's a pleasure to meet you, sir," says I.

I'm deep six!



Whilst back-tracking I neglected to report there was casino gambling in Hammond, Indiana, a place called the Horseshoe Casino.

No casinos in Hannibal, MO. Now that I've mentioned the word casinos I can't recall hearing of *any* winners, and winners usually like to tell you of their good fortune and prowess. They're kinda like fishermen.

Although, a chap playing beside me at the Penny Slots won \$50. He then drew out the \$50.00 marker, cashed in and went home. I guess that would make him a winner. Good-time Charlie Bernstein.

Buy, hey...That's the adventure!!!!

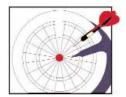
www.marktwainmuseum.org

I'm gonna cut it short here, and make it a two-issue yarn. Richard can round it out pictorially and breathe easy that he has another on tap.

And always remember, my

Cherish yesterday,
Dream tomorrow,
Live today!
Luv yas!
Sail well and true.





DARTS

Friday evenings

ARTS WILL START AGAIN IN the Clubhouse on Friday, October 26th. Come and join us for an evening of playing darts on the best dartboards in the city. We gather most Fridays so if you can't make it on the 26th, try later.

We get together about 7 p.m., or come later if you like. It's an informal group and we have a lot of fun.

If you don't know anything about darts, come anyway. You can borrow a set of darts and see how you like it. If you're an expert, we need all the coaching we can get.

If you'd like more information, call Paul Evans at (416) 292-7458.



FLOTSAM & JETSAM Shadow

MILLARDS HAVE SLIDE SHOW AND TALK ABOUT THEIR TRAVELS

When Judy and Aubrey Millard come back to Toronto for a visit periodically, they have a talk and pictures show prepared for groups who are interested in their travels. If your group is interested you can contact Aubrey by email at svveledaiv@hotmail.com. If you are planning to go cruising yourself or just dreaming, have Judy and Aubrey tell you about their's.

FAMILY TRADITION UPHELD

Mike Ante has upheld the family tradition by being the last TH&SC sailor to cross the lake this year. He did the deed just last Friday. Coupled with a cruise to the 1000 Islands this summer, Mike has had a great sailing year.

NAUTICAL QUOTES

Cruisers don't have plans, just intentions. It is infinitely easier to shake out a reef when one is bored, than it is to try to tie one in when one is scared.



There are three sorts of people; those who are alive, those who are dead, and those who are at sea.



There is not anything in all the earth as wonderful as that first scent of shore to sailormen come in from deep-sea voyaging—except it be a woman's kiss, she the right woman.



"The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails."—William Arthur Ward



"Without patience, a sailor I would never be."—Lee Allred



"The sea finds out everything you did wrong."—Francis Stokes



"He who lets the sea lull him into a sense of security is in very grave danger."— Hammond Ines



"Whenever your preparations for the sea are poor; the sea worms its way in and finds the problems."—Francis Stokes



"I was born in the breezes, and I had studied the sea as perhaps few men have studied it, neglecting all else."—oshua Slocum



"When I forget how talented God is, I look to the sea."—Whoopi Goldberg



"A tourist remains an outsider throughout his visit; but a sailor is part of the local scene from the monent he arrives."—Anne Davison



"At sea, I learned how little a person needs, not how much."—Robin Lee Graham





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