



# Spar

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In 13 years of cruising North America and Europe in *Veleda*, Judy and Aubrey Millard have collected 40 country decals of the flags of those countries. They are still cruising...heading south.



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# Calendar

**Turkey Race—Saturday, October 1st**—Depending on the weather, anything goes.

**Cradle Placement—Saturday, October 8th**—No cars in the yard today.

**Thanksgiving Dinner—Saturday, October 8th**—A great evening to celebrate with your friends. Watch for posters.

**HAULOUT—Saturday-Sunday, October 15th-16th**—End of season, end of sailing. Check board to see your day. Start at 7 a.m. sharp.

**Awards Night—Saturday, November 19th**—Get your tickets at Haulout to ensure your seat.

**Kids' Christmas Party—Sunday, November 27th**—All kids are welcome. They always have a great time.

**Annual General Meeting—Sunday, December 4th**—If you can't make it be SURE to send in your proxy to ensure a quorum.

**New Year's Levy—Sunday, January 1st**—Join us at the clubhouse to meet your new Commodore, friends, get caught up and have a bite of lunch.

**Toronto Boat Show—Saturday, January 14th to Sunday January 22nd**—The biggest indoor boat show. Save \$3 per ticket by buying online.



## HAUL OUT

**SATURDAY AND  
SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 15 - 16**

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7 P.M. MONDAY,

DECEMBER 4TH

IF YOU CAN'T COME

SEND IN YOUR PROXY



## 60th Anniversary Regalia

Talk to Joann at  
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# COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Dave Johnston

**A**HOY!

Yet again we turn another page and a season passes. On Sunday October 2nd, Rosie and I went out for our last sail of the season. Unlike other members of TH&SC who were participating in contact sport, we just went for a sail to relax. 20 knots with only the headsail and a four-foot chop, perfect. Rose and I have not had the opportunity to sail much in the past two years, but a day like this was a reminder of why we continue to own a boat.

As you are all aware, the elections have been held and the open positions on the Executive Board are for the most part filled.

I would like to thank and congratulate our new Commodore-elect John Edwards and our new Property Manager-elect Randy Boyd.

At the election meeting, the position of Rear Commodore was left in a state of confusion. Greg Smith has informed me that he will stand again for the position of Rear Commodore. Greg is one of the most professional and competent people that I have ever had the pleasure of working with.

I would ask the membership to let Greg know how lucky we are to have him on the Executive Board yet again. I will also ask the membership to start thinking of a new Rear Commodore as the TH&SC constitution limits Executive Board members to three consecutive terms.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our Thanksgiving dinner and at Haul Out. The sailing season may end but the fellowship continues. ▲



# VICE COMMODORE

Robert McComb

**H**AULING OUT A BOAt at the end of the season is an unhappy event for most of us. It means cold weather is fast approaching and, with the exception of playing with toy boats in the bathtub, our chances of getting out on the water before next spring are Slim and None and Slim has left town.

Since joining the club, the October haul-out day has always been a weeper for me. I typically sailed once or twice a week even if it was just for a few hours plus the odd weekend race. Having a boat in the water gave structure to my life—beer friends and wind. The club events, drinking and telling lies with my cronies at the gazebo or on the patio on a warm summer night as we solved all the club, country and other problems of the universe will be sorely missed.

How did you enjoy the election. Definitely democracy in the raw. Maybe too raw. I would like to congratulate and thank Randy Boyd and John Edwards for stepping into positions as Property Manager and Commodore respectively. I'm sure they will get to the long and short of any and all issues. The position of Rear Commodore has not been settled at the writing of this article.

The club is technically full and even though we have had people moving on for various reasons new members have joined to take their places and I get inquirers all the time asking about joining though they usually disappear when I can't guarantee a spot right away. We don't have an actual waiting list due to the fact our resourceful Harbour Master seems to keep creating temporary spots for people who've joined.

If you have any change of plans such as leaving your boat on the hard next year let me know so I can give you an invoice reflecting that. Ditto for personal information such as address, phone and email.

The gate code will be changed after haul out to save confusion. I plan to send around an email with the new one at that time so please remember to tell me if the information I have for you is correct? Just think about the consequences. You won't get the new code or your invoice. Now wouldn't that be awful?

Look, I know this is a sad time but before you know it we will all be back in the water, sitting in the back of our boats basking in the sun, drinking Dr Pepper and other stuff. I hope you all had a great season!

To all a safe haul out and enjoy the end of a wonderful season! ▲

## Kid's Christmas Party

Sunday, November 27th

For kids of all ages

Crafts, presents, and food

Fun for the parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles

Watch for signup sheets on the bulletin board

## HARBOURMASTER

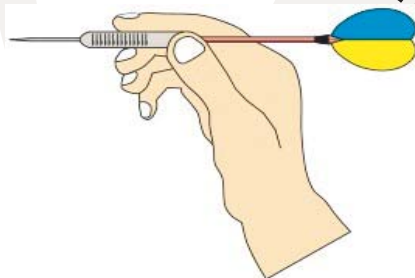
Bob Prosper

WELL AS I WRITE THIS, canvas is coming down, booms are being removed and put away for the winter, and yes, masts are finding their places on the mast rack. This summer has certainly gone through like a freight train. I've been told by others that as we get older, time just goes faster and faster. I do believe this is true.

If this issue of Spar & Prop finds you before haul out please take note of the following:

- It can be chilly this time of year so please dress in layers and bring a raincoat if the forecast calls for rain.
- Wear steel toed boots if you have them.
- Have your boat prepared and ready to go. There will be no mast removal during both days of haul out.
- If you have not checked the schedule posted already, please do so. Do not assume that because you were hauled last year on a Saturday that the same is true this year.

Please let me know as soon as possible of any medical conditions or prescription medications that might prevent you from performing your tasks.



## DARTS

Most Friday nights  
Starting Friday, October 28

We gather at the clubhouse  
about 7 p.m.

No experience necessary

We have darts to lend

No alcohol is allowed to be consumed until the crane shuts down at the end of the day. If you decide to ignore this rule, you will likely lose your membership.

Safety is important! Please think before you do something. Always use caution to keep everyone safe.

I would like to thank all those involved with required work previous to haul out. There is always much to be done such as cradle placement, help with job assignments and yard layout. Thanks again to all those assisting me with this.

Winter is on its way and delivers a heavy blow if your boat is not properly prepared. I made the mistake last year of using a poor frame material for my tarp and paid the price by having my frame come apart. Please make sure you check your boat from time to time. It is your responsibility, not the Board, and certainly not the job of the club Steward.

I find this time of year just a little depressing knowing that *Salaro* has made her last sail out on the lake. I trust I'm not the only one. I look forward to seeing you all at haul out. Cheers,

Bob Prosper

Your Harbourmonster. 

## REAR COMMODORE

Greg Smith

EACH YEAR AND EVERY YEAR, I'm amazed at how abruptly our summer season comes to an end. Soon, our boats will be resting in their winter berths. Your time spent in the Rigging Shoppe now shifts to wandering the aisles of the Home Depot. There's no escaping the summer promises made to fixing things around the home front. For me, it's a never-ending bathroom renovation—best of luck with your "do it yourself" home projects.

Despite the summer's weather concoction of rain, fog, dead calms, crazy winds, line squalls, hail, and lightning, we somehow managed to get the majority of our scheduled races and cruises in. I must confess it wasn't one of my favorite sailing seasons. That said, the summer weather was spectacular and very hot—just not on Wednesday nights!

Finally, on a sunny Sunday afternoon late in September, Mother Nature permitted us to squeeze in three make-up races. It seemed as if she was offering an apology for the miserable race conditions that forced us to cancel scheduled events. However, she provided good winds and reasonable seas. For most of us, it was a suitable conclusion to an interesting season.

With our 2011 programs complete, the planning is under way for our 2012 season. The word is, 2012 will be a spectacular season for San Juan 24s and C&C 24s—fingers crossed.

Of course, our programs would not be possible without the dedication of our Cruising, Racing, and Social Committees. Each Committee has a specific role and works diligently, allowing the rest of us to enjoy our club, both on and off the water. I cannot thank them enough for the support and cooperation they have shown me over the past four years.

Those of you who attended our recent club election know that I had intended to step down this year. However, circumstances as they are, I have decided to stay on as your Rear Commodore for another term. This of course, is subject to the membership's approval at our next AGM meeting, Sunday, December 4th. Over the past week, I was over whelmed with the support of club members who offered to help with the 2012 programs. As we all know this is a self-help club, it



Some winners of the make up  
race regatta

# FLEET CAPTAIN CRUISING

Keith Willson

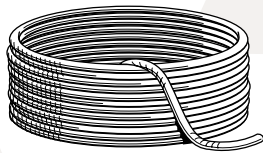
## Cruisers Corner

**I**T'S OVER. By the time you read this most of the masts will be off and the boats will be looking sad as they await haul out.

We had ten cruises this year. Attendance ranged from a low of zero to a high of eighteen, with an average of four boats per cruise. Numbers were down significantly this year. The number of boats that left the Club to cruise for vacation was also down this year so I guess it's just a sign of the times.

We have finalized the numbers and types of Cruising flags and trophy winners as the order had to be placed by late September. The results will be announced at Awards Night and a full list will be included in my report for the December Spar & Prop.

We will be discussing the future of the TH&SC cruising program for next year with the Rear Commodore soon as most Clubs book their cruises during November and December. If you have any ideas or suggestions please send them to [Cruising@THSC.CA](mailto:Cruising@THSC.CA). We look forward to hearing from you. ▲



These intrepid explorers, led by our Commodore, set out on a stormy day to investigate the "Topless Parade", supposedly at Woodbine Beach. It was rough going and they found nothing!

# OFFICER OF THE DAY MANAGER

Rob Murray

**D**ID YOU NOTICE that the visitor registration book ran out of pages in August? The reason was a big jump in the number of visiting boats stopping at our club.

The visitors represented about the same 32 reciprocal clubs as last year, but the total number of boats jumped from 147 in 2010 to 188 this year. The top visiting clubs were similar to last year.

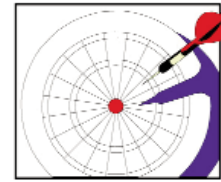
The number of visiting boats from the top five clubs were (2010 in brackets) Whitby – 30 (27), Highland – 27 (27), Lakeshore – 23 (16), Port Credit – 14, and tied for fifth place Bluffers Park and Etobicoke – 12 boats each.

I'm sure everyone had a good time at our club, which one visitor stated is a "hidden gem".

The number of visiting boats from the U.S. declined from 15 to 11. Tuscarora and Olcott tied with 5 boats each.

Thanks to all those members who made room for the visiting boats by cruising to other clubs. Judging by the Gone Sailing Log entries, it was a good sailing season. There were 182 boats signed out compared to 173 last year and 161 in 2009.

See you at the New Year's Levee when you can sign up for your 2012 "tour of duty". ▲



# DARTS

Friday evenings

**F**RIDAY NIGHT DARTS will start again on October 29th. Everyone is welcome, no experience necessary. We have some good players and some not-so-good players. You will fit in perfectly. No darts? We can lend you some.

Come on down to the Club around 7 p.m. for a few hours. It's an enjoyable way to end your week and prepare for a wintery weekend. ▲

# PHOTO CONTEST

See the bulletin board for details

# PROPERTY MGR.

Don Bland

**H**APPY HAUL OUT!

I hope everyone gets a few last week sails in. The weather forecast is promising.

Remember when you take your mast down to identify it with one of the tags provided at the crane. Also please remember to put the smaller masts higher up to accommodate some of the really large masts.

The oil recycle container is labelled please pour your own in the container, don't just leave it on the ground for another member to dispose of for you.

Welcome to Randy Boyd our newly elected Property Manager.

Welcome our newly elected Commodore, John Edwards.

They officially start in January but are both attending board meetings and getting up to speed already.

Any special projects that you feel would benefit the club should be brought to Randy and I this month as our budget meeting will be in November. ▲

## Miss Supertest Gets Her Stamp

THE CELEBRATION of one of this country's most magnificent sporting achievements took place in Picton in August. That's when Canada Post officially unveiled a commemorative stamp in memory of the unlimited hydroplane racing boat *Miss Supertest III* and her driver, Bob Hayward. The stamp ceremony also honoured Jim Thompson who designed, built and still owns *Miss Supertest III*.

*Miss Supertest* was a household name in the early 1960s. Prime Ministers attended her races. On September 10th, 1961 in a race at Detroit Bob Hayward was killed.

Thompson retired from the sport. *Miss Supertest III* ran a total of 10 heats in four races winning eight and finishing second twice.

Ivan Novotny of Toronto designed the commemorative stamp.

Our Club, through, Past Commodore Marguerite Ethier, lobbied for the issuance of the stamp. ▲



## Nauticals

IN THE DAYS OF SAIL, WHISTLING ABOARD SHIP WAS DISCOURAGED BECAUSE IT WAS BELIEVED THAT WHISTLING SUMMONED THE WIND. WHILE IT COULD BE DESIRABLE IN TIMES OF CALM, SAILORS FORBADE ANY WHISTLING FOR FEAR OF CALLING UP WIND IN THE FORM OF A GALE OR HURRICANE. THERE WAS ALSO A BELIEF THAT IF WINDS DIED TO A DEAD-CALM, A YOUNG BOY MIGHT BE ALLOWED TO WHISTLE ON DECK BECAUSE A BOY COULD CALL A 'LITTLE' WIND, BUT NOT ENOUGH TO PLACE EITHER THE SHIP OR CREW IN JEOPARDY. AT OTHER TIMES, WHEN WIND WAS DESIRED, A KNIFE WAS DRIVEN INTO THE MAINMAST WITH THE BLADE POINTING IN THE DIRECTION THE VESSEL WAS BOUND. ~ ONE CREW MEMBER WHO WAS AT LIBERTY TO WHISTLE WHILE ON WATCH WAS THE SHIP'S COOK - IF HE WAS WHISTLING HE COULDN'T BE EATING!





**Saturday, November 19th, 2011**

**7:00 P.M. Dinner - Cash Bar Opens at 6:00 pm**

**Presentations of the Club Perpetual Trophies**

**Cruising and Racing Awards**

**Special Guest Appearance**

**Comedian Steve Lavine**



Steve Lavine is widely regarded as one of Canada's sharpest stand-up comics. His routines are so clever, clean, and masterfully crafted that audiences never fail to respond with riotous laughter and applause. **Steve Lavine** has appeared in his own specials on CTV and CBC as well as being featured at Montreal's prestigious Just For Laughs festival.

**Tickets are on Sale at Haul-Out**

**Only \$25.00 per person**

**or contact [Social@thsc.ca](mailto:Social@thsc.ca)**



# AMERICA'S CUP CATAMARANS—THE MOST EXCITING SAILBOAT RACING YOU WILL SEE

by Rich Taylor

**A**FTER WATCHING THE RACING in Portugal and Portsmouth tens of thousands of people will agree that during the America's Cup World Series it's the most exciting sailboat racing they've ever seen.

With the nine 45-foot catamarans tacking just a few metres off the shore, the tight race course, leaders changing often and high speeds it's now a spectator sport. Speeds in Portsmouth touched 50 km/hr. Nine boats starting and then having to round a mark just a few hundred metres from the start adds to the excitement.



The two camera boats, a helicopter camera and two cameras on each boat provide the action right in front of you. It appears that the Versus Network is showing the racing on TV but unless it's on the specialty channels (I don't get) the way to see it is through the America's Cup web site [www.americascup.com](http://www.americascup.com).

There are live feeds during the racing and YouTube videos available any time. There are hours and hours of video. Commentated multi-camera blow-by-blow videos and also videos from the cameras on the boats, uncommentated except for the sounds coming from the crew.

The next venue of racing is in San Diego starting on November 12 to 20.

There is a weekly video magazine called AC UNCOVERED which is up to issue 11 now. They have recaps of the racing, behind the scenes articles and generally show how everything is done. It's easy to get caught up if you access the video magazine.

There were lots of capsizes and a collision at Portsmouth due to some brisk winds. We will have to see what San Diego will bring. Even in light winds these wing-sailed boats go fast. Venice and Newport are also on the agenda.

These boats are just the "practice" boats. The America's Cup will be contested windy San Francisco Bay in 72-foot catamarans in 2013.

Check it out. ▲



## Rear Commodore...

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takes member involvement to make our programs successful. We all have busy schedules and commitments outside of this sailing club. That said, none of our programs are too big or onerous to manage if we all take a small piece of the work load. For those of you who have stepped forward, I say thank you. To those who may be uncertain as to what your contribution could be, I urge you to contact a member of the executive or a chairperson. Our Social committee is always in need of assistance with the planning and running of our events. It may involve a few hours of your time. However, your contribution will be warmly welcomed by the rest of the team.

With our club elections behind us, I want to congratulate our Commodore-elect, John Edwards and also to our new Property Manager-elect, Randy Boyd. I look forward to working with you on next year's Executive. To our outgoing Property Manager, Don Bland, I will miss your witty, amusing comments at the EB meetings. You accomplished many important club projects over the past few years—well done!

I want to express what a pleasure it has been to work with our Past Commodore, Marguerite Ethier. Marguerite's contribution to our club was immense—you will be missed. I hope you will reconsider launching [askmarguerite.com](http://askmarguerite.com) ;)


In closing, I want to remind everyone of our upcoming Award's Night Event. We wanted to shake it up a bit. This year's event will be completely different than past Awards Nights—real casual, and lots of laughs. Seating is limited and ticket prices for this event have been reduced to only \$25.00 per person. You may order your tickets at Haul Out or by contacting [social@thsc.ca](mailto:social@thsc.ca), hope to see you November 19th.



Greg Smith  
N43° 39.610 W79° 18.812  
Same Spot /Different Day ▲



More  
make  
up  
regatta  
winners






 <b>October 2011</b> 						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
<b>TIME TO PREPARE YOUR BOAT FOR HAULOUT</b>						1 Turkey Race
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Cradle Placement/ Thanksgiving Dinner
9	10 Thanks-giving Day	11	12	13	14	15 HAULOUT
16 HAULOUT	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 DARTS	29
30	31 Hallowe'en	<b>GET AWARDS NIGHT TICKETS AT HAULOUT</b>				

 <b>November 2011</b> 						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4 DARTS	5
6 Back to Stan- dard Time	7	8	9	10	11 Remem- brance Day	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Awards Night
20	21	22	23	24	25 DARTS	26
27 Kids' Christ- mas Party	28	29	30			
<b>PLENTY OF PARTIES—AWARDS NIGHT AND KIDS</b>						

 <b>December 2011</b> 						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
<b>AGM DEC. 4—BE THERE OR PROXY</b>				1	2 DARTS	3
4 Annual General Meeting	5	6	7	8	9 DARTS	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 DARTS	17
18	19	20	21 Hanukkah	22 Winter begins	23	24
25 Christ- mas Day	26 Boxing Day/ Kwanzaa	27	28	29	30	31
<b>JOIN US AT THE CLUB JANUARY 1ST FOR NEW YEAR'S LEVY</b>						

 <b>January 2012</b> 						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
1 New Year's Levy	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Boat Show Starts
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Boat Show Ends	23 Chinese New Year	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				
<b>TORONTO BOAT SHOW—JANUARY 14 TO 22</b>						