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# Calendar

**Cradle Placement—Saturday, October 6**—No cars in the yard. There must be room to place the cradles.

**Thanksgiving Dinner—Saturday, October 6**—See signup posters at the Clubhouse. A great time to get together.

**HAULOUT—Saturday and Sunday, October 13–14**—Watch the bulletin board for your work day and assignment. Any question? Contact the Harbourmaster.

**Kids' Christmas Party—Sunday, November 25**—All the kids are welcome. See ad on page 7 for details.

**Awards Night—Saturday, December 1**—Come and applaud the winners or collect your cruising flags. Enjoy the evening. Tickets are available at Haulout and after through Social. Watch for posters.

**Annual General Meeting—Sunday, December 2**—The Club's business will be conducted, including reports by the Executive Board. Please try to attend. If you can't make it, be SURE to sign and send a proxy or give it to a fellow member.

**New Year's Levee—Tuesday, January 1st**—An afternoon with friends after the night before sounds like a good afternoon.

**Toronto Boat Show—January 12 to 20**—After this it's downhill to launch day!



### Important Message

Due to an unforeseen scheduling conflict, our Annual Award's night has been moved from **Saturday, November 17th to Saturday, December 1st, 2012**

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

Presentations of the Club Perpetual Trophies  
Cruising and Racing Awards

Tickets go fast for this event! - Limited Seating

Only \$25.00 per person

\$30.00 after November 1st

Tickets available at Haul-Out

Contact:

Lynda de Jonge van der Halen

[Social@thsc.ca](mailto:Social@thsc.ca)

Have any great photos you wish to share?



Anyone wishing to submit photos of the 2012 sailing season for the Award's Night Slide Show, please contact, Greg Smith [rear-commodore@thsc.ca](mailto:rear-commodore@thsc.ca) 416-930-4569

All photos must be submitted no later than November 1st

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# COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

John Edwards

I AM WRITING THIS REPORT with a deep sense of sadness. I have just learned that Dan Demers, a long time member of the Club and former Executive, has passed away suddenly. Dan was a very active sailor and his boat *Sassy* was often away from the dock. While a quiet man he had a very pleasant smile and always ready to share a friendly word. He will be sadly missed by his family and all who knew him. Our Club has lost a very valuable member.

Our annual Election was held in September. Robert McComb will stay on for a second term as Vice-Commodore. Peggy Wheatstone will be our Treasurer and Steve Brown will become the Harbour Master when the new term starts in January. I would like to thank them for standing and look forward to working with them in the New Year.

I would also like to thank Bob Prosper and Tom Monson for their service to the club.

While on the issue of thanking people, I would like to take a moment to thank all the members who were involved with haul out. In spite of record low water we were able to accomplish the task without harm or injury. A special thanks goes to Ian Whan and Dave Johnston who spent the Thursday prior sounding the basin to determine the best spots for hauling the boats. They also suggested the idea of using the barge as a platform for placement of the slings. This worked out extremely well. I would also like to thank all who work in the kitchen keeping all well fed from morning till evening.

Our Annual General meeting will be coming up in December. Your Executive is presently reviewing the By-Laws and will be recommending the appropriate changes to keep the document current. I trust everyone will make the effort to attend or barring that send their proxy. ▲



# VICE COMMODORE

Robert McComb

UNFORTUNATELY IT'S BACK. HAUL-OUT. Damn! Excuse me as I wipe a tear from my eye so it won't fall in my beer.

Thanksgiving was wonderful and I'm sure we all have a bad case of turkey belly. It was at least a ten pound weekend for me and I can't recall the last time I made such a pig of myself. Oh, wait a minute. Yes I can. It was last year. To think this great club event started with George Black and he did it on his own dime. Thank you George wherever you are.

As Vice Commodore, I am responsible for billing and it helps to let me know your plans for next season. If your boat is on the hard and you plan to have it go back in or if you are going to sit out next season, let me, Bob or Steve Brown know. If there are any changes in your plans or information, address changes and/or email changes; I need them to keep in touch with you and it will result in a more accurate invoice being sent to you. So pigeon hole, email or phone me to let me know.

New this year you will be required to send in proof of the boat insurance that is in force at the time of the billing with your signed invoice and payment. Most insurance companies



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

1 P.M. AT TH&SC CLUBHOUSE

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU SEND IN YOUR PROXY IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND!

send you two copies but a photo-copy will be acceptable. You will not be launched until we have it. Any boat on the club grounds, including on the hard, needs to have liability insurance to protect the other members around them. There are no exceptions. We need to see valid proof.

The elections have quietly come and gone, thank God, and it looks like you're stuck with me for another two years. I want to thank you for giving me the honour and trust to do the job again. Bob Prosper, the Harbour-master for Life has stepped down for a well deserved break and has been replaced by the somewhat taller, with larger feet, Steve Brown. Steve is very knowledgeable about boats and I'm sure he will do a good job. Besides, look at the size of the guy. Who the heck is going to argue with him. Tom Monson is very busy in his work life and decided not to run again at this time. I want to thank Tom for his time and effort and hope he comes back in the future when he is not so busy. Peggy Wheatstone has graciously stepped back into the job and I'm sure will be as effective as she was last time. Thank you Peggy.

We remain full with a constant barrage of people at the gate wanting to get into our little piece of paradise, poor devils. Anyways, that's all I have for now. See you at the club. ▲

## TH&SC

### Photo Competition

Photos relating to TH&SC cruising, racing, social events

b&w or 4 colour

Deadline: Noon, Sunday  
November 25

Place prints in an envelope and pin to TH&SC bulletin board, addressed to:

Ted Martin

Please remember to include your name!

Good luck!

Ted Martin

416-861-1220

# HARBOURMASTER

Bob Prosper

AS I WRITE THIS, it is just four days until the first day of Haul Out. With the water levels dropping very quickly, it has been decided that we will have to take drastic measures to get all the boats out of the water. For some boats with a deeper draft, we will need to pull them from a platform set up well out and away from the wall. We are hoping that the club barge will serve as our platform. By the time you read this however, Haul Out will have come and gone. I'm keeping my fingers crossed.

Elections in September saw two new members come to the plate and I am sure that Peggy Wheatstone and Steve Brown will both hit home runs in the next couple of years. While Peggy has served before as Treasurer, Steve Brown comes to serve as your new Harbourmaster with a great skill set. I will assist Steve for as long as he needs me to, aiding him with the ins and outs of various procedures. Please take time to welcome them both to their posts.

As for me, I have mixed feelings about leaving the responsibilities as Harbourmaster. I am happy in one way because I get to claw back some time and tackle some long ignored projects. On the other side, I will miss so very much serving as your Harbourmaster. The membership has been so good to me and your patience exceeded my expectations. Mostly I am grateful for getting to know all of you better over the last five years.

I thought I would throw out there a few reminders for the membership while your boats sit on the hard over the winter. Please be sure to contain any antifreeze spilled while winterizing your boat. For those unaware, raw antifreeze is poisonous and yet animals like the taste. Dogs digesting antifreeze can go through a complete shut down of the liver and kidneys and more often they will die. Please dispose of your antifreeze in the waste bin provided for antifreeze. Be sure to cover your boat over the winter. It is your choice after all but be aware that water finding it's way into leaking areas of your boat will freeze and expand causing even more damage.

Please feel free to plug your boat in while at the club but please do not leave your boat for days or even weeks on end plugged in and unattended.

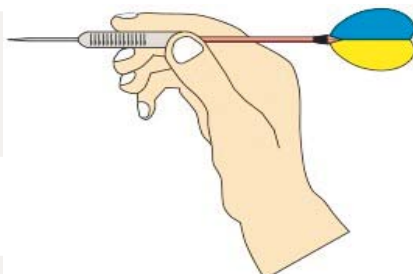
Faulty electrical equipment can cause major fires and it may not just be your boat damaged from a fire, but other boats around you.

Please keep the area around your boat tidy. Having a mess around your boat can cause members to trip causing serious injury.

Do not leave your ladder leaning on your boat while unattended. Lock your ladder to your cradle under your boat and ensure there are no dock lines dangling allowing access to your boat. Remember that allowing thieves access to your boat also allows them access to many other boats as well.

In closing I just wish to say thanks to all for a great sailing season in 2012. Also many thanks to all of those assisting me in my adventure as Harbourmaster for the past five years. Cheers everyone!

Your Harbourmaster.  
Bob Prosper ▲



## DARTS

Most Friday nights  
Starting Friday  
November 2, 2012

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

# PROPERTY MGR.

Randy Boyd

THE BOATS are getting tucked away for the winter and the sailing for the season is done. The roof work has been contracted out and depending on the weather may be done by now. The work looked to be moving at a nice pace despite the weather on Thursday before Haulout. We as a board decided to shingle the roof in a lighter colour to lessen the effects of the sun.

For those who notice that the BBQ hut does not match the roof shingles, we know and we will match them when those shingles wear out.

The WiFi is still a work in progress due to parts availability and Rich's schedule. The docks are wired up for the WiFi and just some more work needs to be done. Soon to be, I promise.

We have also contracted the services for pest control to keep the mice out of the building. We need you to do your part and not leave food out on the counters. Items like rice and bread should be in mouse proof containers.

When winterizing your boat make sure that all waste fluids, oil and antifreeze are put in the correct containers. We are charged heavily if the two are mixed up. Read the signs and dump accordingly.

Hope you all had a good season and got out on your boats often. I will miss my neighbour, Dan. ▲



Here is a photo of Dennis and Chrissy MacCallum leaving for their journey south. We wish them all the best along with bon voyage to Chris and Liz Hanson and to Mike Benson and brother-in-law, Les Bernier (also from Regina, who have also set sail for distant shores.

# WAYS AND MEANS

David "Wayz" Johnston  
Neal "Meanz" Claassen

**A**N IMPRESSIVE 90% of all members have already completed their work requirements for the 2012 season. Some have surpassed this by tenfold, but that is why we have the Ways and Means Award.

We have decided to get the roof done professionally. This was for safety reasons as much as getting a warranty. My apologies to those who were looking forward to showing off their balancing acts.

To help those members planning to complete their work requirement later in the year, I am posting those people who I think still owe the club hours. This list was compiled on Oct 4, so it may not include cradle placement work, etc. Dave and I may also have made errors. If you feel this is the case, email me at [neal.claassen@gmail.com](mailto:neal.claassen@gmail.com) to reach me right away. The list shows the number of hours we think you owe:

Phil Bastow 16  
James Brown 16  
Kim Campbell 16  
Mark Catania 8  
Anrew Chalmers 16  
Chris Embree 16  
Michael Franks 16  
Lisa MacDonald 16  
Max MacDonald 16  
Moody Murdo 8  
Tony Piemontese 16  
Mohammad Saeidi-Ghaheh 16  
Trevor Shin 8  
Meredith Thomas 16  
Todd Wilson 8  
Paul Wright 8

A quick note for those of you who have volunteered to work Awards Night; this has been changed to December 1st. Contact Lynda for more information.

There has been some confusion expressed over the use of the Ways and Means book. "Booking ahead" was supposed to only apply to jobs that were time specific, like Awards Night. Project jobs were meant to be signed up and completed right away. This means that if you signed up for a job and someone else completed the task before you, the hours go to the person who did the work. I hope this clarifies our procedure.

## JOBS AVAILABLE:

*For the Harbour Master:*

1. Saturday October 20. Work on seawall, ramps and docks
2. Saturday October 27. Work on seawall and bleed the waterlines.

*For the Property Manager:*

1. South women's washroom grill installation and drywall repair.
2. Kitchen disinfecting and cleaning to tackle mouse problem
3. Men's north washroom door repair.
4. Third floor flooring. No carpet. If one of our designers can mooch some free flooring, we will trade that for work hours.

*For Social:*

1. Awards Night
2. Santa Claus Party.

Please contact Bob, Randy and Lynda respectively. If you have an idea for jobs that need doing and you want to do it, let us know. The book has been removed from the weather station. It will return next year.

Can't wait till haul-out. I love playing with cranes. ▲

## SOCIAL CHAIR

Lynda de Jonge van der Halen

**T**HE WEATHER WAS TERRIFIC for our Annual Corn Roast. People were able to enjoy the afternoon on the water and the evening on the patio. Thanks to Marcel and Lorraine and their family, the patio was decorated for the event and tidied up the next day. This year, we had an Open Stage with predinner drinks and corn husking. A big thank you to our musicians: Frank (Marcel's brother), Helen, and Mike Smith, as well as Vince and his buddy. There were a number of family fun activities available on the lawn and we had many children in attendance from toddlers to tweens and teens. The Redman family prepared the chocobanana treats with melted chocolate and marshmallows. The Social Committee once again worked hard to provide food and drinks and a warm environment for the traditional Labour Day weekend event (Marilyn, Kathie, Curleen, Annie, Dee, Laurie, Dee, Eva, Mike, Peter, Bill, Rob, Paavo, Lorraine, Marcel, with help from others such as Bill C and Steve) In addition to the salads prepared by the Social Committee, there were several salads contributed by TH&SC members (Pat,

## THANKSGIVING DINNER

by Lynda

Thanksgiving at TH&SC was once again a warm and tasty event with members, family and friends gathering for a bountiful potluck with the traditional turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy and cranberry sauce plus a great variety of other hot and cold dishes and mouth watering desserts.

Joanne Aldolphe co-ordinated the event and cooked the turkeys and hams as well as doing many behind the scenes cleaning and prep tasks during the week so that the kitchen sparkled when members arrived on Saturday with their potluck contributions.

Dorothy, Lynda, Marie and Paul, Joan, and the Campbell family also helped in various ways. The evening was filled with laughter and sighs of contentment (or over indulgence)! ▲

Christine, Erika, McGiffords, Antes, Virginia, Lisa, Lori, Rona, Penroses) with four of these members winning prizes from a lucky draw. It is great to see people sharing their time and talents in many ways and having fun! Our DJ, Bill Springate, kept people of all ages dancing and entertaining with karaoke throughout the evening. Did you recognize our extra special singing star?



Paavo—Chief Corn Cooker



Mike the troubador

## REAR COMMODORE

Greg Smith

OUR 2012 CLUB cruising and racing programs have come to an end. By the time you read this report our boats will be resting in their winter berths. The summer of 2012 was one of the hottest in recent memory. For me, the winds of Wednesday nights remind me of the wonderful Henry Mancini's song, "Slow Hot Wind"—"Some days it's too warm to fight a slow hot wind." The Circle of Life race still haunts the captain and crew of the *Trevor Kane*.

With the 2012 sailing season in the books, plans are already underway for the 2013 season. Only three important club dates remain on this year's calendar.

Our last big social event is Awards Night and has been moved to Saturday December 1. I invite you to come and celebrate the 2012 sailing season with a full evening of great food, drink, trophies, flags, prizes and fabulous club photography. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun. If you've not had the opportunity to attend awards night, I encourage you to join the Cruisers, Racers and fellow members as we acknowledge the achievements of 2012. For tickets, please contact Lynda de Jonge van der Halen, [social@thsc.ca](mailto:social@thsc.ca) This club event is usually sold out, be sure to order your tickets early. We invite all members to nominate their candidates for the following club awards:

Marks Trophy—For Furtherance of the TH&SC, Bruce Farquhar Trophy—For Contribution to the Ways & Means Committee, and the Fouled Prop Award—For Problems Overcome. Email your nominees to [rear-commodore@thsc.ca](mailto:rear-commodore@thsc.ca) or contact any member of the Executive.

The ever popular TH&SC Kid's Christmas party is set for November 25th; sign-up sheets are posted on the club's bulletin board. With Chris Hanson currently navigating his way to the Caribbean, we're in search for someone to fill his shoes, or should I say his red suit—contact Lynda if you have any interest in this prestigious, holly jolly club position. Our club's most important meeting of the year; the AGM is set for Sunday, December 2nd; please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate in-coming Treasurer, Peggy Wheatstone, in-coming Harbour Master, Steve Brown, and returning Vice Commodore Robert McComb. I look forward to working with them on the 2013 TH&SC Executive; in what will be my last year as Rear Commodore. Thanks to Tom Monson our out-going Treasurer. I know your daytime gig made the Treasurer position challenging at times. I would like to express my thanks for your cooperation over the last two years—it was a pleasure working with you. To our current Harbour Master, Bob Prosper; your balanced and sincere approach to managing a difficult portfolio will be missed. However, knowing your dedication to this club, I suspect Steve will have plenty of support in his first year. Well done Mr. "Harbour Monster."

In closing, I would like to take a moment to express my deepest sympathy to the Demers family and Dan's sweetheart Jane Patrick-Guolo. I had the pleasure of working with Dan on the Executive; I know how much he loved our club. In fact, it was only a few weeks ago that I had a conversation with Dan, about his interest in running for a position on the board. Dan was a terrific guy, with a great sense of humour and always willing to lend a helping hand. Our club has lost an outstanding member; he will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

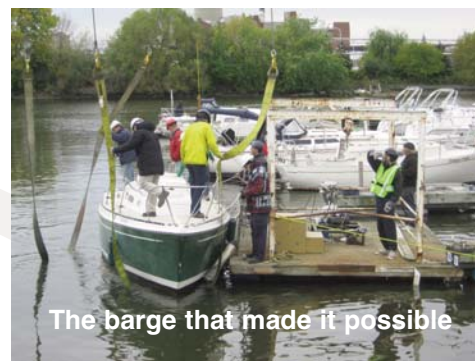
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Same Spot / Different Day. ▲



Our Harbourmonster with his jigsaw puzzle.

## SOCIAL CHAIR

Lynda de Jonge van der Halen



The barge that made it possible

### Haulout 2012

Thanks to the assigned kitchen helpers (Annie, Rita, Lisa) and the others who generously donated their time (Dorothy, Bev, Laurie, Joan, Peter, Kathie) to provide hot and cold breakfast options, snacks and drinks throughout the day, homemade soup, and homemade turkey chili for lunch on Saturday and Sunday, with chicken pot pies as a backup on for lunch on Sunday. The kitchen team cheerfully and effectively supported the work of the other haulout work crews. With this keen group working so well together, an interesting and tasty menu has already been planned for Launch. See you in May 2013! ▲



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# OFFICER OF THE DAY MANAGER

Rob Murray

WELL, another sailing season is behind us. And so it's time again to examine the comings and goings at the club. Actually it's interesting going through the visitor's sign-in log and the members' sign out log to see where everyone came from or went to.

I thought it was a great sailing season, however the number of TH&SC members who signed out for overnight trips dropped to 130. That compares to 182 in 2011, 173 in 2010 and 161 in 2009. Maybe I missed counting a couple of pages or everyone mostly went for day sails like me.

The 152 visiting boats this year belonged to 31 clubs (26 Canadian; five U.S.) from as far away as Collins Bay. The number of clubs is consistent with prior years. However, the number of visitors is down from 182 last year, but is comparable with 147 from two years ago.

In past years, Whitby has by far accounted for the most visiting boats. However this year, Lakeshore jumped ahead with 31, followed by Highland with 23, Whitby YC with 16, Bluffers Park with 11 and Frenchman's Bay with seven to round out the top 5 clubs. Whitby may be a contender for second place standing if the six Port Whitby Marina boats are lumped in with the Whitby Yacht Club. (And yes, the Port Whitby Marina boats can have reciprocal rights.)

Finally, I would like to thank all of you who completed their 4 hour tour of duty this year (99% of you showed up). Compared to what I've heard at other clubs who have difficulty getting members to help out to greet visitors and make sure the grounds are safe, we have a very admirable record. Keep it up!

Have a great winter dreaming of next year's sailing season. 🚤



## FLOTSAM & JETSAM

Shadow

Christmas party for children Sun. Nov. 25 We will be looking for a new Santa. Please contact Lynda, Greg or Laurie if you wish to volunteer.

Toronto Hydroplane and  
Sailing Club  
**Children's Christmas Party**  
Sunday November 25, 2012  
Time: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

You are invited to bring your children,  
grandchildren, nieces or nephews.  
All welcome!

Please sign up at the clubhouse by  
Saturday November 16  
or respond by email, by November 20, care of:  
[lynda.dejongevanderhalen@gmail.com](mailto:lynda.dejongevanderhalen@gmail.com)

Please include child's age, name, boy or girl, any  
allergies as well as the number of adults attending.

Lunch, crafts, and activities are provided  
as well as a visit with Santa for  
children 12 years of age and younger.

Come and enjoy the fun!

Each family is asked to bring one  
decoration for the tree.

Think creatively and bring something nautical!

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

### Aubrey and Judy Millard

On October 11th they were in Canby, Oregon. Aubrey says "We are at the end of our odyssey for this year as we have arrived at my high school chum's place here in Oregon to visit with him and his family before heading back to *Veleda* at the end of the month."

### Mike Benson

*Soulstice* is on the hard in Indiantown, Florida. I've been back in Regina for a couple of weeks now. Took 29 days to get her there. Good trip for the most part. Bit rough on the Toronto to Oswego run (steady 25 knots in the middle of Lake Ontario of course) and on the Charleston SC to Jacksonville,



FL outside run (winds relatively light but swells big and relentless on the stern for about 36 hrs). We had to do the Delaware and Chesapeake rather than go outside south of Cape May because it was too rough when we were there, otherwise we were lucky with wind and weather. Worst part of the trip was the Greyhound bus ride back to TH&SC to get my vehicle to drive back to Saskatchewan (5 bus changes and a roadside view of America's heartland).



### MacCallums and Hansons

On October 8 both *Chances* and *Groovin'* were in Annapolis, Maryland taking in the biggest sailboat show. Chris sends updates via email (Chris Hanson [sv.groovin@gmail.com](mailto:sv.groovin@gmail.com)) and Dennis has a very interesting blog at <http://www.sailblogs.com/member/chances/>

 <b>October 2012</b> 						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Cradles- Thanks- giving Dinner
7	Thanks- giving Day	8	9	10	11	12 HAULOUT
14 HAULOUT	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Halloween			
<b>TIME TO PREPARE FOR DRY LAND</b>						

 <b>November 2012</b> 						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
				1	2 Darts	3
4 Back to Stan- dard Time	5	6 USA— Election Day	7	8	9 Darts	10
11 Remem- brance Day	12	13	14	15	16 Darts	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 Darts	24
25 Kids' Christ- mas Party	26	27	28	29	30 Darts	
<b>PARTY TIME—COME TO AWARDS NIGHT</b>						

 <b>December 2012</b> 						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
<b>AWARDS NIGHT &amp; AGM THIS MONTH</b>						1 Awards Night
2 Annual General Meeting	3	4	5	6	7 Darts	8
9 Hanukkah	10	11	12	13	14 Darts	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Christ- mas Day	26 Boxing Day/ Kwanzaa	27	28	29
	31 New Year's Eve	<b>NEW YEAR'S LEVEE—JANUARY 1st</b>				

 <b>January 2013</b> 						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
		1 New Year's Levee	2	3	4 Darts	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Darts	12 Toronto Boat Show starts
13	14	15	16	17	18 Darts	19
20 Toronto Boat Show ends	21	22	23	24	25 Darts	26
27	28	29	30	31		
<b>ENJOY AND AFTERNOON WITH YOUR FRIENDS JAN. 1</b>						