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# Calendar

**Ways and Means Social—Saturday, March 11**—Come sign up for work hours! Socialize! See page 6 for details.

**Skipper's Meeting—Wednesday, April 26**—Come and talk about the new racing rules. If you haven't raced yet, come and talk to the experts.

**LAUNCH DAY—MAY 6, 2017**—Help the kitchen team on Friday or Saturday.

**First Holiday Weekend Breakfast—Sunday, May 21**—Glen Eddie is the host for this one.

**NEW! Nautial Yard Sale—Saturday, May 27**—See poster on page 6 for details.

**Rear Commodore Meet & Greet—Saturday, May 27**—Traditional Greek menu! 4 pm to 6 pm.

**SAILPAST 2017—Saturday, June 10**—Celebrate Canada's 150th birthday. *Prepayment is required for Saipast. Plan your group. Reserve your tickets at Launch.*

**"Morning After" Dock Challenge Breakfast—Sunday, June 11**—Stay / come for breakfast. Dock Host to be determined.

**Canada Day Birthday Party—Saturday, July 1**—Let's make it a big birthday party. *NEW! Potluck! People bring their own main dish/meat and sign up to bring an appetizer, beverage, salad or dessert. More details coming. City Fireworks in the park after dark.*

**Holiday Weekend Dock Challenge Breakfast—Sunday, July 2**—Stay / come for breakfast. Dock Host to be determined.

**Event—Saturday, July 22**—Shake it up! New Summerblast event / menu in the planning.

**Holiday Weekend Dock Challenge Breakfast—Sunday, August 6**—Stay / come for breakfast. Dock Host to be determined.

**Corn Roast—Saturday, September 2**—Menu planning by Doris and Glen.

**Last Holiday Weekend Dock Challenge Breakfast—Sunday, September 3**—Stay / come for breakfast. Dock Host to be determined.

## Ways & Means Social

Saturday, March 11  
7 pm

Sign up for projects

See page 6 for details

## LAUNCH DAY

Saturday, May 6  
7 am

Boat owners MUST attend

Hope for a dry day

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# COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Greg Smith

**H**APPY NEW YEAR!



This year started off with another well-attended New Year's Day Levee. Thanks to all who took time out of their day to come and participate. Everyone seemed to be in good spirits. I suspect many of those in attendance had their luggage packed and were heading off to some exotic, warm and sunny destination. The rest of us seemed content sampling Peter's "cheerful concoction of whatever". Peter's punch never disappoints. Thanks again to Lynda and her team for starting the year off with yet another great New Year's Levee.

I'm writing my S&P report at 6:15 p.m. on February 2nd. I can tell you that the Editor and Chief of this wonderful news letter is delighted that my report will arrive on his desk, a full three days before the deadline as opposed to my normal one minute before the deadline date expires. I digress, what I noticed while writing my report, was the west sky still had the glow of the sunset. This is a clear sign that we're heading in the right direction. Apparently Warton Willie did his part—here's to an early spring.

Welcome to our newest additions to the Executive, Treasurer Alan Jones and Harbour Master, Paul Evans. Gentlemen, there's no turning back now. Thanks again for stepping up, we look forward to working with you.

February is a time when your board members are examining their respective projects for the year. This usually involves securing price quotes, lots of phone calls and emails to suppliers, services and of course the TH&SC membership.

By now you should have received your 2017 membership invoice, if not, please contact our Vice Commodore, Claude Soulodre to make arrangements to resend a copy. For those of you who are not launching this year, or have not made your intentions clear, please contact the Vice Commodore or Harbour Master. They would appreciate you contacting them at the earliest possible time to avoid unnecessary confusion at launch. Having a clear organized plan on launch day can save the club substantial dollars in crane costs.

With the club quiet at this time of

year, I would like to take a moment to remind the membership to ensure that your ladders are locked and secured. Please, do not leave your boat plugged in while unattended—the risks are too high. Also, make sure the gate closes when you leave and watch out for people and vehicles slipping in behind. According to Donald Trump, there are "bad dudes out there".

As mentioned at the AGM, we are working on a Five-Year Strategic Plan. Through this, we aim to create a realistic plan which will help guide our club to fulfill a shared vision of success and continuance for the TH&SC. Unfortunately, there are a lot of challenges facing many GTA sailing clubs. The challenges come in many forms, from tax increases, changing demographics of the city, high real estate costs and disposable income to name just a few. As a member of the club, your voice is important to this process and we encourage you to become involved.

We are carrying out a survey to gauge where you feel we are currently, and where we should be concentrating our energy, resources and focus over the next five years. This is a short questionnaire which will give you the opportunity to tell us what you think. We welcome your thoughts and promise to share the results with you. Check your email in the coming weeks. The email will contain a link to the questionnaire.

In the meantime, stay warm and remember to mark your calendar for the Ways and Means Social Job Fair Saturday, 11 March, 19:00–22:00.

Greg Smith  
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Different Spot / Different Day ▲



## VICE COMMODORE

Claude Soulodre

**H**OWDY FRIENDS!!



Old Man Winter sure is giving Toronto a good spanking this year! And you don't hear me complaining...I mean, who doesn't love a good spanking? Anyway, if your tarp isn't secure, maybe now is a good time to whip out

your bungee and tie that baby up like you know you want to.

So did everyone get some fun email over the last few weeks? I know you did! You should all have received your 2017 membership invoices by now. So this here is just a friendly ol' reminder to get your payments in before March 1 to avoid those nasty late fines. Cuz you know, late fines = less cashola to buy that D-Dock Swimsuit Calendar you have been saving up for. And without that, how will you know what style swim fashions to sport at the hole? And what will you do without a full-colour spread of the crew of *Let It Be*, draped across the stern, looking at you with a smouldering gaze? So friends, don't miss out on a year of D-Dock swim-spiration. Please pay your dues before March 1.

And don't forget to send Paul Lewis a copy of your insurance policy when you send payment!!!

As we get a bit closer to launch day, the delightful Paul Evans (your Harbour Master) and I will be figuring out the situation with slips. You and I have already had "the Talk" about those special changes you might be going through, so if in the next little while something changes and you decide NOT to launch your boat after all this spring, let us know ASAP so we can plan accordingly. And no matter whether you are planning on a wet summer or a hard one—for your boat, that is—it is part of your obligation as a member of TH&SC to be at the club on launch day, which is on Saturday May 6. In an emergency (and only an emergency) you must send a proxy, but you have to contact a board member to arrange this. All the board members' phone numbers and email addresses are on the website as well as on page 2 of the Spar and Prop. (Thanks Rich!)

But before that, there will be some Ways and Means Socializing (three cheers for Peter's peppy and palatoglossal punch!!). Come to the Social on March 11! It's a great opportunity to see what's coming up on the job front and to sign up for your work hours early. Hope to see you there, and until then, keep your cockles warm! ▲



## REAR COMMODORE

Glen Eddie

HELLO EVERYONE. Another calendar year has turned and we are now head long into 2017 getting prepared for another sailing season. Let's make 2017 huge!



Now onto important business. First, I want to thank Lynda de Jonge van der Halen (that is a long last name) again for agreeing to head the Social Committee. If I could just bottle her organization skills and energy, I would have a much nicer boat (and cleaner too). Also thanks to Doris Bradley who has been a great help with ideas for events for 2017. New for this year we also have John Greenham who has agreed to help out with social and make Toronto Hydroplane & Sailing Club great again.

Our first event will be the Ways and Means Social on Saturday, March 11, 2017. Please come down to see everyone, have some food and cheer, and most importantly get signed up for your 2017 work hours.

If you have any ideas for social events this year or wish to help out, please do not hesitate to contact Lynda [lynda.dejongevanderhalen@gmail.com](mailto:lynda.dejongevanderhalen@gmail.com) or myself [geddie@torkinmanes.com](mailto:geddie@torkinmanes.com).

Now onto racing news. First, we are looking for additional race scorers and people who can assist on the committee boat. Alternatively if we do not get volunteers, we will be required to volunteer crew from the racing fleet. Please see me or send me an email if you are interested in either task.

Next, Jamie Carroll and myself are in process of seeing how we can make the racing season better. If you have any ideas, please let me know. We have had some discussions of bringing back the Lalonde handicap system. I would explain it here for everyone, but I am not sure I understand it fully. Further discussions will be required.

On cruising, I would like to thank Joan and Keith Willson for stepping up on an interim basis to organize the 2017 cruising program. I strongly recommend that you attend at least one event. Janina and I both hope to get out for some of the cruises this year.

Lastly, our 2017 calendar for social events, cruising, and racing is on the website so please go to [www.thsc.ca](http://www.thsc.ca) to

check out the dates for our many events this year.

Well, that is all I have for now. See you down at the club. ⚓

## FLEET CAPTAIN CRUISING

Keith Willson

WELCOME to TH&SC cruising 2017.

To start, let's introduce the crew. Firstly, there is our organizational king, Keith Willson. Keith has been involved in club cruising for many years and continues to provide meticulous organization. Next, comes the strong arm members, Peggy Wheatstone and Lee Rixon. Our job is to gently convince as many club members as we can to sample club cruising this year, so look for us to be delicately twisting arms to come out and give it a try.

Our calendar of cruises is now set, so please get out your diaries and mark off some dates:

- Bluffers Park Yacht Club May 20-22
- Port Credit Yacht Club June 17-18
- Lakeshore Yacht Club July 8-9
- Mimico Cruising Club August 19-20
- Frenchmans Bay Yacht Club September 16-17

We are trying as best as possible to set one cruise a month, and to avoid conflict with other club social activities, so fingers crossed we got it right. Getting cruises organized is getting more and more difficult each year as the available spots at other clubs are getting taken up earlier and earlier each year.

As per normal with our club cruises, each cruise will be led by a host boat who will be responsible for cooking the main course, with the rest of the cruisers providing a pot luck of appetizers and desserts. If this year is the same as prior years, you can usually expect to gain at least one pound on each cruise as the food is good (sometimes spectacular) and plentiful, so please come and join us. If you would like to volunteer to be a host boat, then please contact either Peggy or Lee and we will be happy to discuss it with you. We can be contacted either at the club or through the cruising email which is [cruising@thsc.ca](mailto:cruising@thsc.ca)

Your Krooz Krew ⚓

## RACING CAPTAIN

Jamie Carroll

AHOY!...Happy Belated New Year everyone!

Here are some thoughts for the coming racing season:

If you are having new sails made be sure and obtain from the sailmaker a certificate. PHRF-LO will be implementing some minor adjustments to the PHRF ratings depending on mainsail measurements.

We would like to re-instate the "Spinnaker Division", if we have enough interest from the members. We would need a minimum of five boats to commit to this division.

This coming season, we will be governed by the "Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020". We are hoping to have a guest speaker attend our Skipper's Meeting on Wednesday, April 26th, 2017, to review with us the pertinent changes. For a sneak preview, please go to [www.sailing.org/documents/racingrules/](http://www.sailing.org/documents/racingrules/) where you can see the new rules, changes and corrections, and the study version.

So...please let us know if you are interested in joining the Spinnaker Division for the coming season AND/OR if you have any questions or suggestions for this year's racing, email or call either Glen or myself.

Cheers!

Jamie Carroll

Race Captain ⚓



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The Deadline for the APRIL issue of Spar & Prop is MARCH 30



Spar and Prop is emailed to all members and is available to all from our website.

Website address is [www.thsc.ca](http://www.thsc.ca)



## John Goba

1923 - December 10, 2016  
 John was a long-time member. Rita and John were always ready to help. They sailed "Morning Star" until health prevented him from doing so. His son Norman did some sailing and maintenance of the boat while John was playing Admiral. A celebration of life took place at the Latvian Centre on January 7.



# DARTS

## Most Fridays

We gather at the clubhouse about 7 p.m.  
 Come and unwind after your week by throwing darts  
 No experience necessary  
 Everyone welcome  
 We have darts to lend

## Elfi Streng

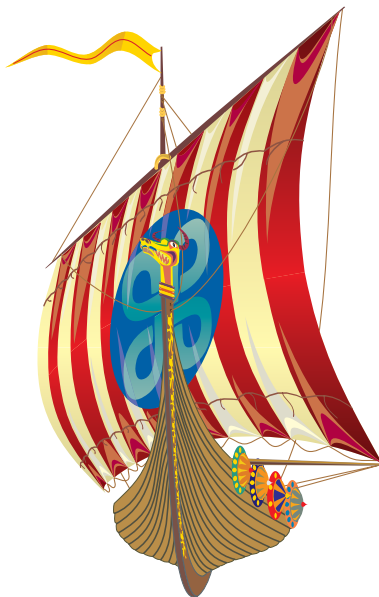
My Mother, Elfi Streng, passed away Saturday afternoon, January 28, very peacefully, in the company of her Granddaughter Laura Finamore. I talked to her only minutes earlier and she was serene and ready for her next journey. She sent her love to all her family and friends. It was a joy to receive all the communication from friends that she and Rudi met in their travels around the world. I was fortunate to be raised in a family with so much love. I will miss my Mom and Dad, but will always have that love in my heart.

In keeping with the wishes of my parents, there will not be a funeral.

We will lay their ashes to rest, together, this summer at a small family gathering.

Please keep them in your heart.

Michael Streng



## Rudi and Elfriede Streng

by Sylvie and Bill



THE FIRST and only other owners of our Nonsuch 26C, *Snowy Plover* were Rudi and Elfie. We were lucky enough to experience the best boat purchase imaginable in May 2000 with the Strengs. They had purchased *Snowy Plover* in 1981 from the factory and had taken as good a care of it as possible. They left almost all of what was aboard for us to enjoy.

Though trained as a druggist back in Germany, in Canada Rudi had been a self employed professional photographer for Corningware among other clients so an entire set of all you would need was included. They sailed with us many times to make sure that we knew all the little tricks that they had mastered. We became quite fast friends and had many meals and laughs with them.

For two or three Christmases after we owned the boat they would find various boat things such as an extra winch handle which they would wrap up and include with other Christmas gifts for us.

When some of our dock mates would see new things...we would say "oh, it just came with the boat."

Their many trips overseas meant that we were privy to Rudi's travel binders that he had spent hundreds of hours putting together. Each picture had a caption and descriptions of specific adventures.

Our trip to New Zealand was that much more enjoyable because we had consulted them on what not to miss.

Their above picture reflects the happiness that they shared with all of us in their company and we will miss them as will any and all of you who got to know them.

Sylvie and Bill,  
*Snowy Plover* on A dock. ⚓

## SOCIAL CHAIR

Lynda de Jonge van der Halen

**H**APPY NEW YEAR.

An excellent turn out for our traditional New Year's Levee, with over 60 people in attendance, from age 11 months to 80 years plus.

A variety of hot and cold appetizers plus sweets and a choice of beverages fortified our cheerful members. The sunshine and moderate temperature made it a good day to visit the club, pat your boat and socialize inside.



Thank you to Marilyn and Sol for their long hours in the kitchen for set up, food prep and cleanup, including preparing several recipes for the guests. Thanks to KC and Janet for some additional support. Peter was behind the bar as usual so no one went thirsty.

We look forward to another year of fun filled events as well as the great range of jobs that are needed to maintain and improve our fine club.

We look forward to your participation as guests and as helpers for events at TH&SC.

Have a good year on and near the water! ▲

**Saturday March 11**

**7 p.m**

**Ways and Means Social**



**Please join us for our annual job fair!**

**Irish coffee and refreshments**

**(no charge)**

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

***Already committed for work hours?***

***Come out to encourage others and enjoy the evening.***

***A good way for newer Senior and Crew members to meet other members and to find a way to contribute to the club.***

**Musicians and singers are invited to make this a lively kitchen party! Help warm up our members with a catchy tune and some toe tapping music! Please bring your harmonica, fiddle, guitar, bodhran, spoons, your voice, whatever!**

**New!**

**HOOK A BARGAIN**

**AT**

**OUR NAUTICAL YARD SALE!**



**HEADS UP!**

New this year is our nautical yard sale on Saturday May 27, same day as the Ice Breaker Race and the Rear Commodore's Meet and Greet dinner. Save that useful gear (boating, fishing) that you no longer need and find a new home for it on May 27.

Look for details in the April Spar and Prop.

## FLOTSAM & JETSAM

Shadow

### APOLOGY

In the December issue of Spar and Prop in the Trophy Winners the wrong winner of the Photo of the Year was published. The true winner was Vivian Pasvieaka. Her photo can be seen on the wall in the clubhouse.

### SAILING BOOKS DONATED

When Max Hauser's Will was read it was found that he donated his extensive library of sailing books to TH&SC. Lorne Vineberg collected the books and delivered them to the clubhouse.

### RIGGING SHOPPE SEMINARS

Again this Spring the Rigging Shoppe will be holding seminars at their store. February 11—Fiberglass and Gelcoat Workshop

February 18—12-volt Workshop

February 25—Splicing

March 11—VHF Study Course & Exam

March 18—Epifanes Varnish and Coatings

March 25—Interlux Coatings and Finishes

The details of these excellent seminars can be found at <http://www.riggingshoppe.com/>

# TREASURER

Alan Jones

**G**REETINGS everyone from the new treasury department. I say new because all of the positions affiliated with the treasurer have been filled with new people.



Funny there was no mention of that in the agreement that Don Bland and Claude Soulodre forced to me sign at the end of D dock that dark night. Regardless I am actually pleased to be here and looking forward to doing what I can to contribute to the club.

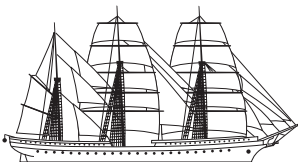
As mentioned there are new people working with us. We have a new book keeper, Marnie Gilbert, who is replacing Manie Mamone. Big thanks to Manie with helping us with the transition and offering her assistance moving forward.

Paul Lewis has stepped forward to fill the shoes of Paul Evans as our new Receiving Officer. In the position of Way and Means Commander, Mark Pearson has taken on the task of relieving Dave (*Two Bits*) Johnston. Mark is charging full steam into this spot and is looking to streamline the reporting process.

Many thanks to all of these people for services rendered and to those who have offered their commitment to the club. Of course the person I need to thank personally is Bill Comerford our outgoing Treasurer. Bill has worked with me since the AGM to understand the ins and outs of the position and for that I am grateful, although he is far from done. Cheers Bill.

I have attended a few executive meetings and have seen first hand the passion and hard work that this executive brings to each position and I am glad to be a part of that.

It's an exciting time at TH&SC with the seawall well on its way and upgrades for the clubhouse that are in the pipe. I am also excited to work with our Commodore and helping with developing future plans for the club. I look forward to working with all members. Well I have to sign off now as I have been informed that my column for the Spar and Prop can't be bigger than the Commodore's. See you on the water. As always, pray for wind. ▲



# HARBOUR MASTER

Paul Evans

**H**APPY NEW YEAR every one.



As I settle into the role of Harbour Master, I would like to start with a big Thank You to Tom and his sea wall crew. I am very lucky that Tom has indicated that he wants to continue in the sea wall work. I can use all the help I can get.

This being Jan 19th as I write this, there are only 109 more days to launch. The crane has been ordered and I am working on the job assignments for launch day along with slip assignments. If there is a launch job that you really want, please let me know.

One thing that I really want to stress is Safety on Launch Day. At Haul Out there were a couple of members who were too stupid to listen to the Safety Officers requests to put on a hard hat. That is NOT acceptable and will NOT be tolerated at Launch. The Safety Officers are trying to protect you even if it is from yourselves so please do as they ask.

Before we get to Launch, there are some jobs that need to be done. Along with Tom and team replacing the boardwalk, there are some repairs on the docks needed and general dock preparation.

I will be putting together work sheets for the Social event in March so please sign up.

If you have any change in your membership status such as deciding to not launch, PLEASE let me know at [harbourmaster@thsc.ca](mailto:harbourmaster@thsc.ca)

Looking forward to the sailing season.

Many Thanks ▲



# WAYS AND MEANS

Mark Pearson

**H**I EVERYONE. Mark Pearson here. I am the new Ways & Means guy. If you don't know me, I own *Water Music* on B Dock and have taken over from Dave *Two Bits* Johnston. This is my first Spar and



Prop so please be gentle and kind with your reviews.

The only guidance I have been given is be as be much like Donald Trump as possible—or is that Donald Bland...I forget.

As I am new, myself, Alan our new Money Guy and our Vice Comm, Claude are looking at new ideas on how to make things easier for members to know and plan on what needs to be accomplished under work parties and projects, get signed-up and also make sure that everyone gets their hours accurately recorded and reported.

We are also looking at some automation—as the old paper based 'chit' system could do with a 're-vamp'. More on that to come.

Reminder that there is plenty of opportunity to get your hours in this year and that we have a Ways & Means Open House at the Club on March 7 - look for an email blast on that shortly.

I look forward to working with all the members on projects that will make the club an even better place to be. And to quote Donald Trump—ummm I mean Tommy Monson—"we are gonna build that wall..."

Cheers everyone and roll on Spring! ▲



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## THE PERILS OF PEREGRINE

by Peggy Wheatstone

### The Perils of *Peregrine* Episode 1 – 17

Our adventure this year started with a twist. Instead of flying direct to Sint Maarten (SXM) we rejoined our friends Lynn & Derek in Antigua on their *Catana 47 Out-Rageous*.

The plan was to sail to SXM via Barbuda. Of course the wind didn't get the memo.

We arrived on Wednesday the 11th and the wind shifted to out of the North. While there we had gotten an email from friends on a *Leopard 40* saying "Your boat is in the water! When are you arriving?" The wind shifted enough that we could finally leave on Tuesday the 17th. Derek and Lynn had friends flying into SXM on the 19th so it was go-or-else time.

The seas were two metres plus with 18 knots of apparent wind. Unfortunately those swells were barely aft of beam. It was truly a bouncy ride. We were already not having a good time when the bilge alarm went off. Thinking we knew what it was we pumped the starboard bilge only to find out it was the port one and disaster had struck.

Catanas have a very large opening port on the inside of the bows that opens on the aft edge. Somehow the sea pounding had loosened the dogs enough it had opened and we were definitely wet. Here of course is where the fun begins. We are still four hours from SXM and all our luggage is in the forward cabin...most of it now soaking wet from salt water. As we passed the shelter of St Barts I, at least, could go down below and sift through the damage. Since we had packed for airlines baggage handling in plastic bags etc. the only severe casualties were Mike's laptop and the electronic baggage scale. Virtually all the clothes and new bedding were wringing wet and destined for the laundry.

We made the five o'clock bridge into the lagoon and went to customs to check in. No such luck! A power failure had forced an early closure of the office. We ran up the Q flag, opened the wine and sat down to some scrumptious chili Lynn had put away in the freezer. We finished sorting the

disaster and called it a night.

Next morning the boys went off to customs to clear us into the island and off *Out-Rageous*. I took all the laundry over to the laundry lady's beautiful new digs and got my welcome back hug. Then Lynn and I started in on the cleaning of the salt water. While I was wiping down the entire port hull Lynn worked on the V-berth cushions and covers. She now has the cleanest interior hull in the islands. From ceiling to the bottom of the locker under the V-berth that salt water got everywhere.

Mike and Derek returned from customs and tried to get our dinghy in service but, of course, the engine didn't want to start. But my new professionally made dinghy chaps are gorgeous! Eventually it is determined that the "straw" that goes down into the gas can has disconnected. Funny how a lack of fuel will impede the proper functioning of an outboard.

After lunch Mike and I started settling into *Peregrine* while Derek and Lynn sorted out their new dinghy and "cooker" ordered from Budget Marine. *Peregrine* was not however on her own ball but on a borrowed ball. A tour of the balls with Mike Disch (who looks after *Peregrine* for us when we're not on her) determined that our ball had not moved, it was missing! After an extremely busy day both boats met up for a delicious Thai dinner on shore.

Move in is always entertaining as you dance between cleaning and stowing. No matter how hard you try to prevent it there is always some mildew and a gritty film on a boat closed up for over 6 months down here. By the time Deb and Lee arrived on the Tuesday of the next week, we had at least cleaned from the aft cabins forward and the galley. Our shore side neighbours made a special trip to Cost U Less (SXM's Costco) so I could stock up on bulk and frozen. Deb and I had wine, Lee had beer and rum, Mike had a new discovery of a premixed Shandy, the fridge was full and freezer half full.

We were ready! Oh, I forgot. The main sail was in for repair. Mike and I had managed to put the jib on though so we were almost a sailboat. Lee and Deb had also brought with them my laptop from home along with the where-with-all to load Mike's various programs onto it. Thank heavens I had not brought it or it too would have been a goner.

Meanwhile Paul the diver (from Port Elgin ON no less) came to the rescue. Luckily Mike had a way point for our ball and we knew its relative position to the ball we were on and the shore. On his last pass he found it! We got the fellow Canadian discount, that is CAD at par with USD so his US\$100/hr fee was \$100 CAD = \$75 USD. Thank you Paul! Mike salvaged an abandoned ball pulled to shore at our neighbours and \$250 later for new chain we were back in business vs \$2100 for a new mooring.

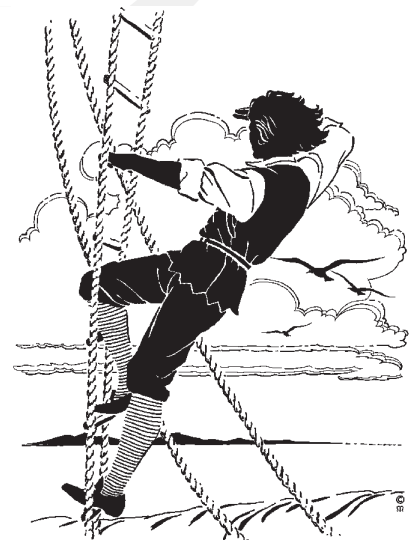
It was just as well we were not quite ready to go though since Lee arrived with the plague. We were sure we were going to find him trying to stuff his lung back into his chest. Wednesday Deb and I went to the ladies luncheon. Nice lunch, good conversation with fellow lady cruisers followed by a swim in a pool and HOT shower with all the water you might want. Mike pattered and Lee suffered. I note here that this was my first swim of the season and not even in the sea!

Over the next few days we finished the provisioning, cleaning and a few of Mike's chores. It took all four of us to get the main on but we won. Sunday night we headed to our shore side neighbours for a barbecue dinner. As usual Dyana did not disappoint. We had to take Deb back to the boat early though since Lee had graciously shared his germs.

Monday we finally left the lagoon clearing the 4 pm bridge. Off we headed for the horrifically long (3 mile) trek to Philipsburg.

Sitting in Philipsburg we are waiting again for the wind to abate so we can leave the island. Not sure when or where, more next time.

Peggy and Mike (Deb and Lee)  
*Peregrine* ▲





# NEW YEAR'S LEVEE



## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

### Judy & Aubrey Millard (*Veleda*)

Jan 24, 2017

Hi Folks, we've been away 18.5 years now and still enjoying the life.

We are half way up the inside of the Baja, near a town called Loreto. Going north in the Sea of Cortes is unfortunately going against the predominant wind patterns, so we are pounding into it most days. On our way up to Puerto Escondido where we are now, we did a rescue of a fisherman from Vancouver who was stranded in his Boston Whaler with an overheated 90 hp outboard. We towed him seven miles to Agua Verde where we were headed and anchored there for the night. He still could not get his engine started and so we towed him another 22 miles up here to Puerto Escondido.

### Elizabeth & Chris Hanson (*Groovin'*)

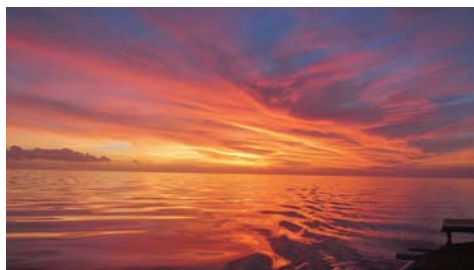
January 26, 2017

Marsh Harbour, Abaco, Bahamas

Hello All,

We have successfully made another gulf stream crossing on Wednesday Jan 18 clearing Lake Worth Inlet at 5:45 am then passing Memory Rock and onto the Bahama banks by 3 pm and finally anchoring at Mangrove Cay by 8 pm. Winds were favorable out of the SSE between 6-10 kts. which made the passage comfortable motor sailing with both sails.

The second day out we didn't make as much mileage due to a malfunctioning exhaust temperature alarm which forced us to shut down the engine to cool while we investigated the problem limping along at 3 kts under sail. In the end we believe it was a faulty alarm but will be monitored in the future. We did manage to catch a small "jack" that mad for a tasty dinner a few nights later. The sunsets are gorgeous!



The next two days were FABULOUS sailing. 10-18 kts from the SW enabled us to sail on one tack to Green Turtle and the next day around the "whale" and all the way to Marsh Harbour.

Cruising life isn't as glamorous as you all may think. Besides dealing with weather safely there is the constant upkeep and maintenance and trouble shooting. We have been pretty fortunate in the past years but this year, after believing we tackled most major projects and leaving the dock at Indiantown, we have had a very frustrating beginning to our trip. The wind indicator for true speed stopped working affecting the seatalc connection with our auto pilot, then the exhaust alarm issues then the scrolling knob on our GPS chartplotter fell off. The new windlass that we installed also stopped working and we are waiting on two little parts for the pull start on our outboard motor. Hopefully nothing else will develop for the rest of our time here and allow us to have a stress free remainder in the Bahamas .

### Jeff Ante

I wonder if Jeff has moved off his mooring ball in Grenada yet. He said he would this year.

### John Edwards

John is toughing it out in Bequia. Swimming, snorkelling, basking and keeping hydrated.

### Peggy and Mike Wheatstone

See page 8 for the "Trials of *Peregrine*".

### Pat and Geoff Craigen (*Beach House*)

The tale of the Craigen's and *Beach House* is a sad one this year.

On returning to Carriacou and *Beach House* we found we had termites aboard. So what to do. Research showed that our best cure was in Trinidad. Stage one to Trinidad is a lovely sail down to Grenada, where we



explored a couple of methods of pest control, just to avoid the further trip south.

While there we met up with Jeff and June Ante. Played Mexican Train dominoes on the beach at Hogg Island and generally enjoyed ourselves. Also while we were at Hogg Island, we bumped into Bill Asseltine (sp) an ex member of TH&SC from the '80s. He has a catamaran and is now based out of St Lucia.

We explored several options in Grenada but ultimately opted for, and found that the spray method to kill off the termites didn't work.

On Feb 1st *Beach House* left Grenada for the overnight hop to Trinidad. It's about 90 miles and took *Beach House* about 14 hours. It is best to arrive in daylight and allow an hour or so to clear into the country. When *Beach House* left the customs dock for the short trip, 100 yards, across the channel to it's dock the steering failed. Fortunately our friend Steve Manly (Queen City) had come aboard and he hailed a passing pirogue who "tugged" us into our slip with minimal damage on the concrete dock. The cable jumped off the quadrant.



The following Tuesday *Beach House* was hauled out. On the Wednesday the Trinidad Pest Control people sealed up *Beach House* and filled her with methyl bromide gas to kill off our unwanted visitors.

Today is Friday and the job is done. After a little hull and deck clean up *Beach House* will be back in the water and looking for a weather window for the return trip north and her mooring in Tyrrel Bay, Carriacou. Bug free.....we hope.

Regards  
Geoff Craigen



# PROPERTY MGR.

George Tsapotis

**H**APPY NEW YEAR to all, George here reporting on property stuff.



There was a plan to replace the parquet flooring in the dining room; NOT happening this year, probably next winter. As well as the flooring behind the bar area. The delay is based on correctly determining where exactly the water/moisture ingress is getting in under the floor. We will have a better idea this coming spring and will keep you all informed. The new water heater will be moved into the furnace room when the weather warms up and way before launch. Vent and intake stacks for the water heater need to go through the roof and we would want this done in warmer weather. Once moved we can start working on the kitchen and cleaning that area up.

The light green bin marked GFL is for recycling and the darker green one marked Waste Management is for garbage. Signage will be in place soon.

The fridge in the back hallway has been unplugged for the winter. The dishwasher in the kitchen has been unplugged and is to be used as necessary. And must be cleaned, emptied and unplugged after use during the winter.

The door to the electrical room in the kitchen needs to stay open during the winter allowing circulation of warm air there.

The washrooms at back of the clubhouse next to the bar have been shut down for the winter. These doors need to remain open to ensure proper air circulation there too.

We should not be plugging in our boats during the winter unless you are there during the duration thereof. That is, if one is at the club for the day or many hours, sure, plug your boat in and unplug it before you leave.

The bobcat and forklift are in the process of being repaired and spiffed up for the coming season. Needless to emphasize that doing so will cost much money. Care will need to be exercised in the future to maintain these tools and keep them up to snuff.

There will be a workshop this Spring for those of us who want/need to learn how to use the bobcat and forklift and do a proper circle check

before use; eg: check oil, coolant etc. et al. And only those signed off as "competently capable" will be allowed to use the bobcat and forklift.

There is going to be a lot of landscaping work done in the spring because of the seawall work, as well as repairing the timbers around the garden beds. The grass bordering the boardwalk and parking lot will not be replaced. Curbstones will be placed next to the boardwalk in the parking lot, thereby extending parking space and providing a barrier to vehicles.

The grass around the Club House will need some re-seeding and landscape attention too.

Your ideas and suggestions in assisting myself and others taking care of property are gratefully appreciated.

Cheers... George. ▲



## SHELLBACK CLUB 2017

### Remainder of this year's Shellback's Speakers

*February 15th:* Moira & John Coule, return to tell us more of their adventures aboard *Geneveve*.

*February 22nd:* Peter Aykroyd will share with us the history of the fascinating Aykroyd Dinghy and the fleets today.

*March 1st:* Christopher Hope: took eight days, twenty-two hours and three minutes to make the journey from St. Johns to Penzance, Cornwall, UK. He will share the adventure.

*March 8th:* The Disabled Sailors of Ontario will share the challenges and successes of folks who enjoy the sport of sailing.

*March 15th:* Richard Hudson: returns to tell us, this time, of his journey through the Northwest Passage.

*March 22nd:* Carolyn O'Neil will speak about Great Lakes Awareness and recent policies with respect to the lakes.

*March 29th:* Beverley Darville, Archivist at the RCYC, will speak about the steamships that frequented Lake Ontario during the 19th and early 20th centuries.

*April 5th:* Aubrey & Judith Millard, will share their adventures Living the Dream Part 1—Toronto, to Antigua via the Mississippi, UK and Europe.... And how long did that little journey take, I wonder.

*April 12th:* Stephen & Fran Hill will speak about their Down East Circle Route sailing adventures in on their 37' Nordic Tug named *Tug'n* They started in the Trent Severn Waterway, made their way east to PEI and returned to their home base on Georgian Bay. They love to include historical detail of the places they visit.

Be a Shellback, come often, bring friends and enjoy the combination of good food, friendly people and interesting and often unique presentations about nautical and maritime topics.

The Shellback team is Dianne Leggatt, Skipper, Alf Jenkins, Purser, Elspeth Fanjoy, Mate, Philip Morton, Music Director, and George Stowe and many others who help throughout the year. Volunteers welcome! Call or write Dianne Leggatt, Skipper, for any reason: 416 486 6025 or [dianne.leggatt@gmail.com](mailto:dianne.leggatt@gmail.com)



Amsterdam's Parade of Ships





## February 2017



Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
WILL YOU BE MY...?			1	2	3 DARTS	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 DARTS	11
12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17 DARTS	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 DARTS	25
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HAVE YOU HUGGED YOUR BOAT THIS WINTER?



## March 2017



Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
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5	6	7	8	9	10 DARTS	11 WAYS & MEANS SOCIAL
12 Daylight Saving Time starts	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18
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26	27	28	29	30	31 DARTS	

TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT YOUR BOAT



## April 2017



Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
SCRUB...CLEAN...PAINT—IT'S TIME!						1
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16 Easter Sunday	17	18	19	20	21 DARTS	22 Earth Day
23	24	25	26 Racers' Meeting	27	28 DARTS	29
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HOORAY! LAUNCH DAY IS NEXT WEEK



## May 2017



Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
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21 REAR COMMODORE BRUNCH	22 Victoria Day	23	24	25	26	27 NEW! Nautical Yard Sale / Rear Commodore's Meet & Greet
28	29	30	31			

GET TO KNOW YOUR BOAT—START RACING THIS YEAR