

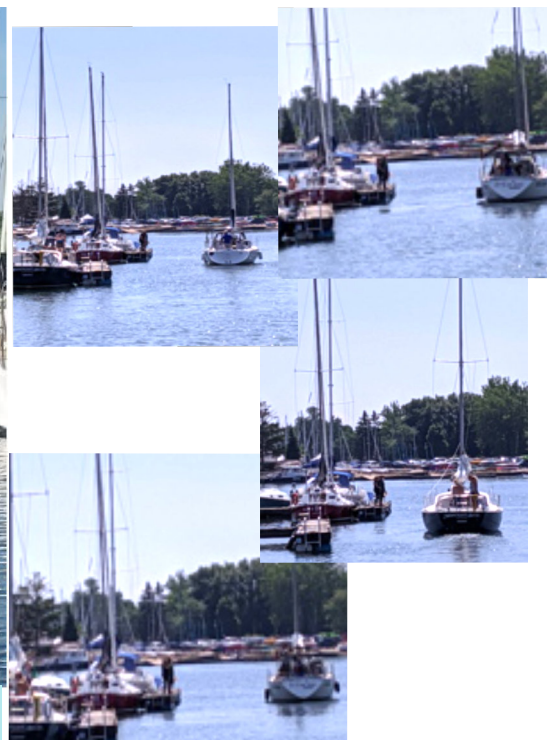


TORONTO HYDROPLANE & SAILING CLUB

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A special thanks to Simon Beairsto (one of our newer members, *Sweet Pea*) our very own Minister, and Matthew Parsons (son of Scott and Maggie Parsons, *Moonlight*) our very own Piper, the Blessing of Our Fleet went off without a hitch Saturday morning, July 18.

We are sorry we could not make it more inclusive with the current COVID restrictions in place but felt it was important to Bless our Fleet.

Thanks,
John Greenham and your Executive Team





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Wednesdays at 6:30—Pursuit racing—contact Rear Commodore John Greenham to get your start time.

HAULOUT—Saturday and Sunday, October 17–18—Pay attention to Harbourmaster emails.

SOUNDS

*Sounds at TH&SC during the summer of COVID 19
Sounds of youthful laughter from ABYC dinghy sailing
classes and also from Balmy Beach kayakers of all ages
Birdsong and splashing from huge carp*

Parental squawks from the swans

*Voices of boaters sharing mechanical advice and sailing
strategy, commiserating over the COVID 19 woes*

Halyards whistling in the wind

Sirens and traffic in the distance

*Missing sailing, racing, socializing
with club members and family members and friends, views
from the patio and balcony, visiting boaters, OOD duties,
sounds from the volleyball courts and the weekend concerts*

*Thank you to our Executive and Committees and club
members who have continued to work on all sorts of jobs,
many of them complicated by the ever changing COVID
restrictions and protocols.*

*We miss the social interactions that make TH&SC extra
special!*

— Lynda de Jonge van der Halen

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

John Morris

S EVEN swans a-swimming

Like many of you, we have been enjoying the club but staying pretty close to home at TH&SC. Maybe because we are less rushed it has become more apparent than ever that we are moored amid a park with nature and all that.



Those baby swans are growing and how about those foxes. Cute, but with a taste for critters. Mikey was rightly concerned warning us to keep the pups close—we don't want mishaps! As always there are raccoons and minks and rodents. Occasionally one of these little guys gets into the club facilities (or

your boats in some cases!) and we get professionals to get them out.

Pesky though they may be, this is a park and wildlife is entitled to enjoy it as well. Plus, there are a lot of regulations that prevent interfering or harming our fur-bearing cohabitants. With all the other rules floating around these days, please don't get involved with animal safety issues.

On the human side of things, we are trying to look after the care and feeding of members who, fortunately, are being extremely resilient under these crazy circumstances.

The Executive Board, with your old friend Greg Smith picking up the Past Commodore reins from Richard Peirce who resigned from the board when he moved to Thornbury, has been almost overwhelmed with the deluge of regulations and advice pouring in and has held many more meetings and discussions than would be the case in a "normal" summer.

The Board is also looking to the future. I have purchased an additional three crystal balls and an Ouija board but still don't have much of an idea what to expect. The only solution is to consider all the alternate scenarios and plan for each. Things remain fluid, but so far basically under control.

None of us would have predicted the summer we are having but as it turns out it has had some very enjoyable days, thanks to great weather and wonderful friends yelling across the boats and parking lot. Thanks so much to all our members who have cooperated mightily. ▲

REAR COMMODORE

John Greenham

IT certainly is an interesting summer, I hope everyone and their families are safe.

With Toronto entering Stage 3 a few weeks back we certainly need to be diligent with the COVID-19 restrictions and do our best to keep the curve going in the right direction, please stay safe, and wash your hands.

The racing program is moving along with the new COVID-19 rules and as I write this article we've had one successful week so far. We are planning a few weekend races with past destinations in mind for the awards and trophy club tradition. Please pay attention to the emails for details, or contact myself or Martin, your racing captain.

Our cruising program with COVID-19 restrictions remains limited as we at TH&SC are closed to guests and incoming cruises. With the restrictions, small outgoing cruises are available, so if you'd like to organize one please contact your cruising directors, Albert or Miranda for details as they would be happy to help you plan a cruise if you're interested.

As far as our social calendar is concerned we have had many discussions and feel that an outdoor gathering with a maximum of a hundred people could be arranged if you, the membership, are interested. We have tentatively set a date for August 22nd and will be sending out a Survey Monkey to see if you're interested when on vacation. So again please stay tuned to your emails for the Survey Monkey. ▲



FIRST OFFICIAL RACE



RACING CAPTAIN

Martin Osborne

FOR all the lack of certainty in these definitely strange times, I can be certain if someone had told me in November when I agreed to take a 2nd term as the Race Captain that there would be no sanctioned sailing races on Lake Ontario until August, I am very certain I would have told them they were crazy. Yet, here we are rolling into the 2nd week of August and we have just now finally had one club sanctioned pursuit race and there have only been a very small number of other, officially not a race, sailing competitions held in Ontario waters so far this year.

The LO300 cancelled, the LOSHRS races cancelled, LYRA cancelled and the list goes on and on. It does seem all is not lost for 2020 after all, there is now a glimmer of hope with Ontario entering phase three. It seems we are now allowed to organize club sanctioned sailing races with individual bubbles being respected in terms of crew and of course appropriate distancing for the race committees on the start boats.

I would like to thank the race committee crew who have stepped up on short notice to make our Wednesday night races happen at TH&SC; Helen, Steve, Dave, Richard, Paul, Keith, Jamie



and everyone else who has and is going above and beyond to get our boats out on the line for the Wednesday night pursuit style races.

I might add that this would be an excellent opportunity for anyone who isn't really comfortable in a full on start line scenario to come out and give racing a whirl. Simply put, in a pursuit race everyone has an individual start time assigned and it is their responsibility to get to the line on time and then sail the designated course.

Also thanks to Andy for posting the race results to the website for all to see <https://thsc.ca/category/racing-results/>.

I think it was great to see eleven boats out on the water last Wednesday.

As well it now seems that there is going to be some shorthanded racing on the lake with LOSHRS organization out of PCYC. They are offering a short distance 38 nautical mile race on August 15th and I am happy to say that we will be well represented as a club with Paul Lewis on *Break Free* and John Greenham on *Split Second* and of course their respective co-skippers trying to continue our winning tradition outside the club.

I hope everyone is keeping well, staying safe and having a great summer despite the unusual times. Martin

HARBOUR MASTER

Paul Evans

HI there—Another quiet hot month.

We did manage to build a prototype of replacement boards for a finger on C19/C21 with help from Larry and Phil. The design worked well after minor adjustments.

Also did some dock board repairs on A-dock.

Haul out plan pretty much done. Most boats going back in place.

Most work assignments the same.

If the COVID numbers stay good we will haul out as normal on Oct. 17/18. If it looks like a second wave is coming, we can haul out early if necessary.

We are hoping to get some dock boards replaced over the next couple of months if it cools down a bit. If you notice any bad boards on your dock, please send me an email.

Since we do not have a Gone Sailing book this year, please send an email to Harbourmaster@thsc.ca with the usual info of name, boat name, destination, return date.

Some emergency procedures in this COVID year are:

- If a boat comes in off the lake because of bad weather, we will not turn them away. If you see this, please let the owner know that they can stay but we are closed and there is no gate code to get back in. They can contact an Executive member if they need to leave the property.
- If you see a member's boat that needs attention, I have posted a dock layout with names and phone numbers along with the list of Executive members inside the window by the sliding door. Yes, it is facing out.

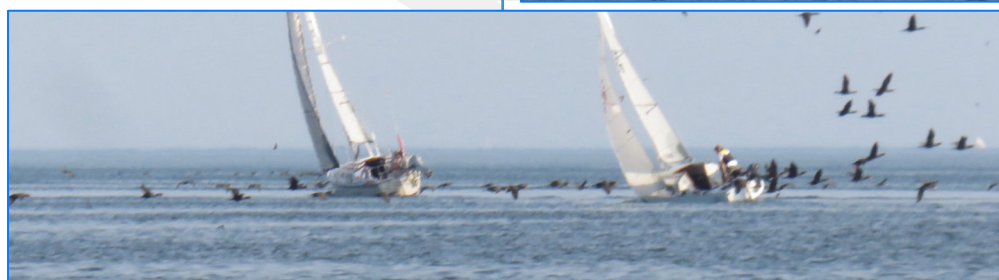
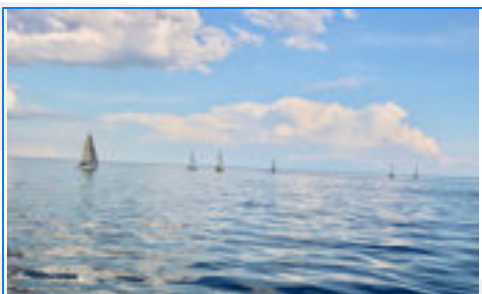
Enjoy the heat while it lasts.

Paul



FIRST S.W.A.P. RACE

SAILING WITH A PURPOSE



PROPERTY MGR


Chris Craigen

AS I drive around the city getting groceries and hitting up the LCBO, the latter much more than previous years—I see big corporate chains with staff and resources at their disposal with their washrooms closed. We've stalled out on volunteers to clean our washrooms—many thanks to the brave few who have stepped forward. A new plan is in the works and I'm optimistic there.

In a compromised season during these strange times its been good to see TH&SC maintaining these new temporary standards. With so many unknowns it's been difficult to prepare. It's looking like we're in for a longer haul then we hoped going into the fall, next year, and beyond. With masks mandatory for all interior public spaces it's clear this isn't going away anytime soon.

Hope you're healthy and well.

Best,

Chris 

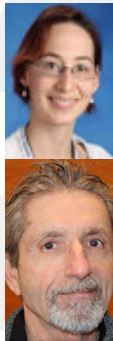


FLEET CAPTAIN CRUISING

Miranda Wheatstone
Albert Kerek

ON December 08, 2019, before any of us what knew was about to happen, I attended a LOCCA (Lake Ontario Clubs Cruising Association) meeting hosted by Ashbridge's Bay YC. The session was designed to encourage coordination of reciprocal cruises among clubs with further discussion about what clubs want from LOCCA. With so many club representatives present things went well and later in the evening even better when cruising fleet captains sat down together to arrange reciprocal cruise dates for the upcoming 2020 sailing season.

Co-cruise captains Lori and Erica from Oakville Yacht Squadron searched me out to book for July 04/05. I had never sailed into their club and was interested in their Mediterranean style mooring and of course the 21-mile sail. Our good friends at Frenchman's Bay in Pickering, represented by John Redman, confirmed for June 27/28.



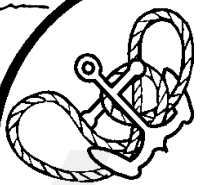
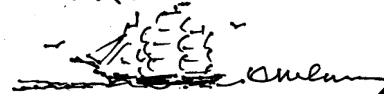
NAUTICALS

THE HAMMOCK: THROUGH HISTORY ORDINARY SEAMEN SLEPT WHERE THEY COULD ABOARD SHIP ON DECK, WHERE THEY ATE, IN THE CARGO HOLD. ONLY THE SKIPPER ENJOYED A CABIN.

WHEN CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS SAILED TO THE CARIBBEAN IN 1492, HE NOTED THAT THE NATIVES SLEPT IN 'HAMAKAS' WHICH WAS A COMBINATION OF A NATIVE FISH NET- 'ARNAKEN' IN TAINO CULTURE, AND THE SOFT BARK OF THE 'HAMAKA' TREE. THIS WAS SLUNG BETWEEN TWO TREES, 5 FT. ABOVE THE GROUND TO BE FREE OF 'CREEPY-CRAWLIES'. THEY WERE NOT DESIGNED FOR PLEASURE!


IN HIS SHIP'S LOG COLUMBUS NOTED: 'A GREAT MANY NATIVES IN CANOES VISIT THE SHIP TO BARTER THEIR COTTON AND HAMAKAS IN WHICH THEY SLEEP!'

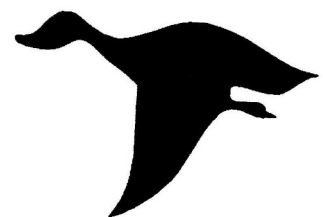
THE HAMMOCK GAINED POPULARITY IN EUROPE IN THE 1590'S. SLUNG AS THEY WERE AT SEA ROLLING OF THE SHIP WAS NEUTRALISED TO SOME EXTENT. NOT HAVING HAMAKA TREES IN EUROPE, THE HAMMOCKS USED A HEAVY CANVAS AS A MATTRESS. THESE LACKED BOTH THE SOFTNESS AND THE VENTILATION OF THE CARIBBEAN 'HAMAKA'.



Paul from Bronte Harbour YC, a sailor of just 12 years confirmed for August 20. I myself have been sailing only 10 years so Paul and I had a lot to share. In years past the ever popular Etobicoke YC has been a difficult cruise to book however, this year it was Sandra who approached us for a July 25/26 date. Bluffers Park YC had already been confirmed for May 16/18 long before this LOCCA meeting.

I'm sorry you never got the chance to meet these people and especially to sail into their clubs but rest assured the rescheduling and reconnecting with our

reciprocal clubs will be a priority again next season. I encourage all of you seasoned cruisers and especially new members to feel comfortable and welcome on one or many of the TH&SC club cruises. 



LAUNCH DAY 2020



SECOND S.W.A.P. RACE

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6 Pad Cradle for Sale

(made by Marine Cradle Shop)



This custom made 6 post cradle was built for a 34ft. Catalina 4'6" draft (12,000lbs)
It will accomodate vessels with drafts up to 5 ft + and folds flat. Base dimmensions 13 ft x 5.6 ft.
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Price: Asking \$1,000 or best offer

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For measurement details and
a photo of a sister boat:

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

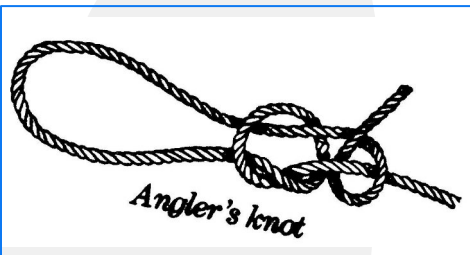
AUBREY and Judy Millard have been trying since last February to bring *Veleda IV*, their Ontario 32 back from El Salvador to the Great Lakes. Judy has had enough of international travel and wants to bring *Veleda* home. Aubrey set off from Bahia del Sol in El Salvador with a make up crew the beginning of February, heading 2000 nautical miles north to Puerto Penasco on the northern tip of the Sea of Cortez in Mexico with a volunteer crew, as Judy did not want to make such a slog.

They had more engine problems on this go-home passage than they have had in their last ten years of sailing the Caribbean and west coast from Alaska to Costa Rica.

It included a severe engine overheat, four alternator belts broken, and a

major engine oil leak from worn out engine seals. They got *Veleda* to Puerto Penasco by March 7, and by the time they got it on the hard, prepared for truck transport to Chicago, and flew back to Toronto it was March 11, just as COVID-19 was declared a pandemic. They made it through customs and the border with no problems and self quarantined for two weeks.

However *Veleda* could not be moved across the Mexican/US border, and they are reluctant to go to the States because of their high incidence of COVID-19. So they are hoping/planning on *Veleda* being shipped late next April to Chicago if the COVID situation permits, when they will fly down to launch it and sail up to the North Channel Yacht Club in Spragge in mid May. 🚤



FLOTSAM & JETSAM Shadow

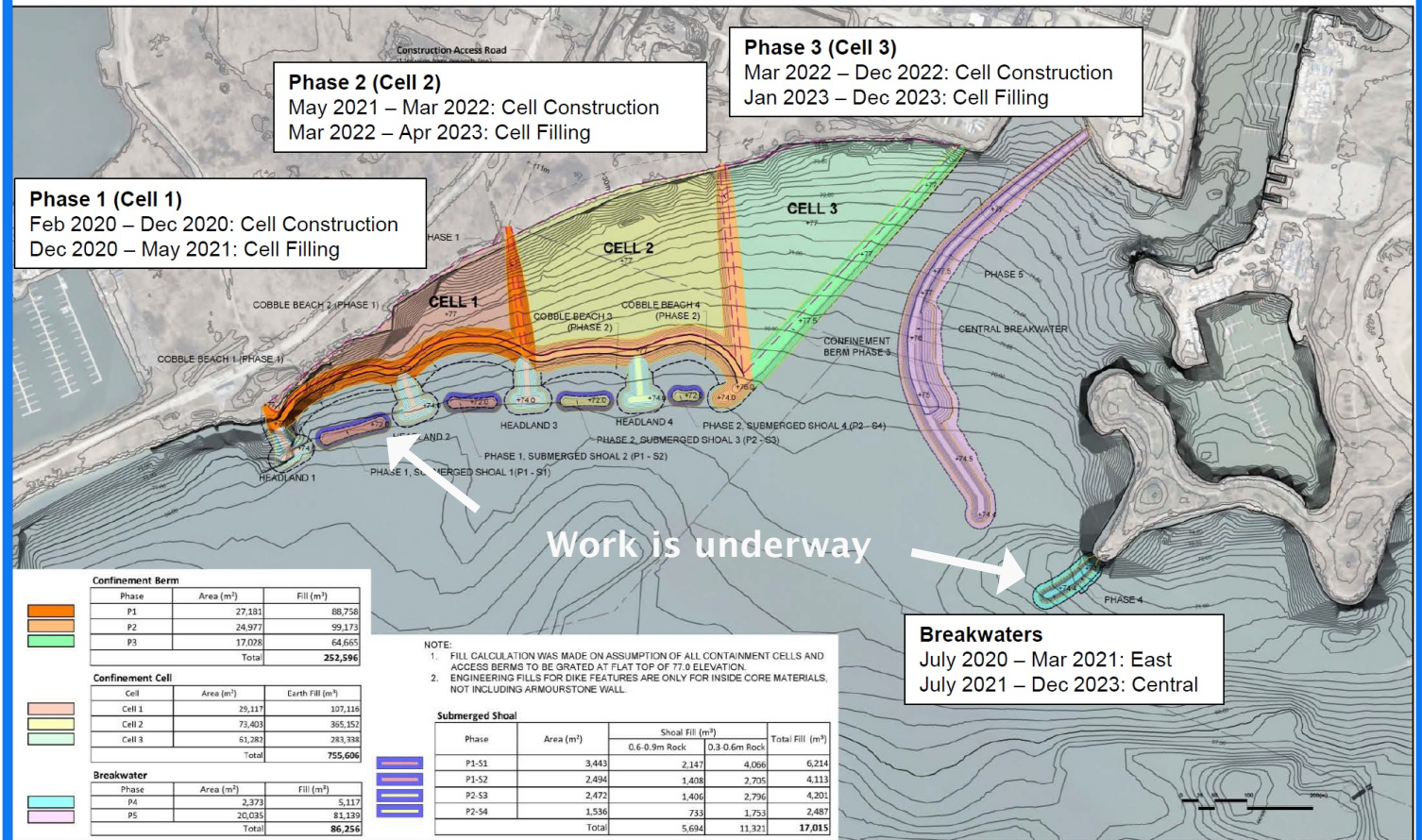
GT LAKES WARMEST SINCE 1990s

The lakes haven't seen these temperatures for 30 years—they've risen between 3 and 5 C at the surface. Adding to the heat is an overall lack of wind this summer so there is less mixing the deep cooler water with the surface water. These really high temperatures can increase our chances of seeing harmful algae blooms.

DON'T FORGET—SPAR AND PROP IS YOUR NEWSLETTER

If you have an adventure in boating or involving TH&SC please share it in Spar and Prop. Sure, the Executive Board has their reports and the various managers keep us up-to-date on the various aspects of club life, but personal or family stories are also welcome. Just take a look at some previous issues to see that all kinds of stories are welcome. Previous issues are available on the www.thsc.ca web site under Spar and Prop. If you run out of things to read there is lots there to keep you occupied.

Ashbridges Bay Treatment Plant Landform Project: Key Milestones for Construction



BREAKWATER PROGRESSION



FOURTH S.W.A.P. RACE SAILING WITH A PURPOSE





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August 12, 2020

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Dear Members of the Toronto Hydroplane & Sailing Club,

A huge thank you to the members that contributed to the THSC Launch 2020 Red Door fundraiser!

Through your online fundraising page you raised \$1,420.00 in support of the Red Door's mission to end the homelessness of each family that comes through our doors by providing a safe, temporary refuge and critical services to support them in healing, rebuilding their lives and integrating back into a community.

Thanks to THSC, a neighbor and member of the Red Door east end community, women and families affected by homelessness and abuse will be able to heal from their experiences and move forward in their lives. Donations from events like yours fund our childcare programs, a food bank, and a moving program to provide basic furnishings for residents when they move out of the shelter.

We truly appreciate your support, because it is only by working together that we can make a difference in the lives of homeless women and families. Thank you once again.

With warm thanks,

Hunter Stiles
Fundraising Coordinator
The Red Door Family Shelter

P.S. If you are still interested in making a contribution, the fundraising page will remain open and you can find it at <https://tinyurl.com/y3z6hfg5>



August 2020



Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
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2	Civic Holiday	3 Executive Board Meeting	4 Pursuit Racing	5	6	7
8						
9	10	11 Pursuit Racing	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Pursuit Racing	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Pursuit Racing	26	27	28	29
30	31	RACING IS BACK – A LITTLE DIFFERENT				



September 2020



Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
		Executive Board Meeting	1 Pursuit Racing	2	3	4
						5
6	Labour Day	7	8 Pursuit Racing	9	10	11
						12
13	14	15 Pursuit Racing	16	17	18	19
20	21	Fall Begins	22 Pursuit Racing	23	24	25
						26
27	28	29 Pursuit Racing	30			
LAST CHANCE TO TRY PURSUIT – NO START LINE PROBLEMS						



October 2020



Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
				1	2	3
4	5 Executive Board Meeting	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Thanksgiving Day	13	14	15	16	17 HAULOUT
18 HAULOUT	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Hallowe'en
LIKE LAUNCH, HAULOUT WILL BE SPECIAL – STAY TUNED						



November 2020



Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
Back to Standard Time	1	2 Executive Board Meeting	3	4	5	6
						7
8	9	10	11 Remembrance Day	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					