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Calendar

AGM—Sunday, December 6—Via ZOOM. Watch for an email describing how to connect to the virtual AGM. There needs to be enough connecting to make a quorum so please plan on joining in.

Virtual New Year's Levee—Friday, January 1—The AGM worked well so we'll try again on January 1st with a virtual Levee via ZOOM. Between 1 and 4.

Virtual Social Planning Evening—Tuesday, January 12—Between 1 and 4.

Spring Social—Saturday, March 13—Between 7 and 10 (approx).

Sarah Douglas Meet an Olympian—Thursday, April 15—Between 7 and 10.

Race Meeting—Wednesday, April 21—between 7 and 9.

LAUNCH—Saturday May 1—Really!

Warmup Race—Wednesday, May 12

Wednesday Night Racing Series I begins—May 19—6:30 to 9

Ice Breaker Race—Saturday, May 22—Skipper's Meeting at 11.

Rear Commodore's Meet & Greet—Saturday, May 22—Licensed from 5 to 7 with dinner at 6 pm.



Poor Shadow—The windstorm got her



But Harbour Master Paul fixed her up

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

John Morris

WELL then. Enough of that.

Thanks so much to the members of the Executive Board 2020. You will be long appreciated for keeping the bus on the road as we negotiated hairpin turns and dramatic cliff ledges. Thanks also to our stoic members who put up with the rules we were forced to put in place and others that we felt we should put in place to be safe and err on the side of caution. So let's tie a big brown bow on all that and move on to 2021.

Here's what we expect for the upcoming year:

<<Your guess goes here>>

Your EB has been striving to prepare for whatever comes our way. That may or may not include some or all of the following depending on what happens: COVID acknowledgements for members will be required; washrooms will be open and cleaned; the rest of the



clubhouse will not likely be accessible; we will attempt to open the workshop, patio areas, barbecues and grounds. Guests will hopefully be welcome likely subject to checking them in. Racing in some form will happen. Cruising and reciprocals will be reviewed. And so on.

The City, the Province, and other authorities will dictate our decisions. We will digest interpretation from Ontario Sailing, which is planning to have legal reviews, as needed, for clubs to consider. The health of members comes first, the liability of the club a close second and the budget third.

In summary, no absolute promises but we are hopeful. Feel free to communicate your thoughts and comments as constructively as possible.

Thanks to the good weather, some late season racing and great camaraderie in person and on the screen, we have had more than our share of fun under the circumstances. 2021 just has to be even better!

Happy holidays, Merry Christmas to all. We will speak soon at the New Year's Virtual Levee. Stay safe and have a great holiday. 🚩

WAYS AND MEANS

Jeff Hocking

I WOULD like to thank all who have volunteered this season on the various projects to keep things running when work hours were not a requirement.

Beyond the projects that I posted seeking volunteers—which were always met with a willing response—there were a lot of little, on the spot jobs that people pitched in for throughout the season. These volunteers included people who did not even have boats in the water.

One of the most visible projects this year was the replacement of dock boards and a lot of people worked with the Harbour Master to make that happen.

Thank you for making this season happen and for your generous spirits. 🚩



REAR COMMODORE

John Greenham

SPAR & PROP REPORT

HAPPY Holidays TH&SC members.

With the 2020 COVID-19 sailing season behind us we have learned a lot about what we can and cannot do safely. All parts of my portfolio are progressing carefully and cautiously to keep everyone safe.

Our Social Team is planning a Virtual New Years Levee and possibly Virtual Euchre Tournaments, if you are interested in Euchre email

social@thsc.ca, Susan would love to hear from you.

Our Kid's Christmas Party was a wonderful success thanks to Susan, Lynda and of course the special guest Santa!

2021 will be our club's 70th Anniversary. We are hoping to celebrate and many options are being considered, let me know if you have some ideas. Planning, planning, planning is underway with our focus to celebrate and stay safe.

We had an unbelievable racing season with a very special thanks to



Michael Smith—why you may ask—unfortunately I'm not allowed to elaborate but those that know agree completely. It's members like Michael that help make TH&SC such a special place.

Believe it or not we have had cruising requests and even sent a few ourselves, hoping for the possibility.

Please find my report in this S&P for more details of the awesomeness we have at TH&SC.

Love to have you help if you are interested, just let me know.

Thanks and Happy New Year.

AGM REPORT

GOOD afternoon team.

Considering the COVID-19 restrictions we had a relatively successful Wednesday and Weekend Racing program enjoyed by many. As a club we decided not to offer our traditional awards and such as we didn't want to play with the reputation of the awards! A special thanks to our Race Committee teams Richard and Phil, and Helen and Steve! Also, a thank you to our Tetrahedrons Team, Jack, KB, Brooks, Lee, Richard and Paul. Members like them make it all possible.

Our COVID-safe version of the

Blessing of the Fleet went off without a hitch, thanks to members like Paul Evans, we all know Paul for driving *Mac 1*, Simon Beaistor, of *Sweet Pea* for Blessing the Fleet and Matthew Parsons, son of Scott and Maggie of *Moonlight* for piping. Who would have known we had all this talent on our membership, another reason TH&SC is such a great place?

Events big or small were limited, however, we managed a September Corn Roast like no other, the social team of Laurie, Isabel, Doris, Lynda, and Susan made it safe and entertaining for all.

I know my report is all full of thank you and I left our good member Tony till last. His shop and staff at No Bull Burgers fed us Wednesdays and at the Corn Roast, thanks again for helping.

I look forward to 2021, our 70th year, and hope we can all enjoy it the TH&SC way!

Thank you.

John. 🚩



VICE COMMODORE

Randy Boyd

WELL we had our first ever digital AGM and by all accounts all went well thanks to the hard work of Andy d'Silva and Greg Smith. Thanks Andy and Greg. This was just one of the many challenges 2020 presented us that we were able to overcome.



TH&SC has had challenges like no other year and the challenges are not over yet. Our members have shown that we can adapt our ways to enjoy the sailing life we all love and still do it safely.

Your executive team have been working overtime to be compliant with the strict guidelines imposed on us and still provide a safe experience for all members. I would like to thank the executive and all the members for their patience and cooperation while we steered the ship through the storm that had changed our world. We need to continue this patience and cooperation for just a bit longer as we are not out of the rough waters quite yet.

My time as Vice Commodore is coming to an end and I would also like to thank the Executive Board and the membership for allowing me the privilege of serving the club. I have been a member at this club for over 23 years and I have never seen the challenges that we faced and met this year. Our club has banded together and made it work in spite of the obstacles and that is a testament to the spirit of our club. We must all continue to work together to ensure the club remains active but also safe in the operations.

I would like at this time to remember members who are in very many ways

family of TH&SC that we have lost this year.

Lorna Hexham, George Tsapoitis, Guy Lucas, Sandra Bruce, Johanna Brunning and Casey Middleton. As a member said "I was overwhelmed by the kind wishes for my loss". In doing so we remember and miss you.

I am happy to report that membership and interest in TH&SC is strong and our Membership Committee has been busy, I want thank Rebecca and her team for all the hard work and their innovative ideas to continue interviewing and vetting new members. Although the orientations were put on hold for now, know that the team has put together an amazing Welcome to TH&SC package complete with guided tour to familiarize folks with our facility and facilities. Good work and thanks to that team. With that said I would like to welcome these new sailing members.

Marty Fisher, Mark Powell, Alex Tchikalov, Peeter Leppik, and Chris Osborne.

We would also like to welcome new crew members, George Squire, Celia Squire, Nathaniel Hathaway, Ian Devia, Byron White and Connor Fisher.

As I turn over the reins, I hope you will join me in welcoming Miranda Wheatstone to the role of your new Vice Commodore.

Welcome Miranda.

Let's help her out by following these simple steps

- 1) Pay your membership fees on time
- 2) Follow the rules
- 3) Step up and pitch in, rinse and repeat
- 4) and above all be nice and considerate to each other

Thanks again for allowing me to serve as your Vice Commodore.

Vice Out. ▲

TREASURER

Helen Rigler

MEMBERS We have all had a challenging year. With a shortened sailing season and restrictions imposed on us due to COVID-19, everyone had to adapt and make the best of the glorious summer we had.



I am pleased to report that we remain financially sound with thanks to prior Executive Boards' foresight allowing a capital fund to exist for projects that will need addressing in the next few years.

The bookkeeping and bank reconciliations have been done on a weekly basis. The books are currently being reviewed by Deb Bradley and Peggy Wheatstone. They will report their findings to the Board in December.

Our 2019 tax return was prepared by Segal LLP. I am proposing a change for the 2020 tax return. I have spoken to Romanovsky & Associates LLP and would propose this firm as a replacement for Segal LLP.

I am wishing us all a normal 2021 but I am afraid we will find ourselves under some restrictions. Know that all members of the Board have taken this current situation very seriously and attempted to protect the club's financial integrity and the members' safety and the need to enjoy the time we have on the water.

Helen Rigler ▲



RANDY BOYD SET UP SOME TRAIL CAMERAS AT THE CLUB AND MANAGED TO CAPTURE THESE IMAGES OF CRITTERS THAT ROAM THE PROPERTY.



PAST COMMODORE

Greg Smith

AGM REPORT



WHAT a difference a year makes. This time last year I was writing my final report as Past Commodore; or so I thought. To say 2020 has been a challenging year is an understatement. The COVID-19 crisis is unprecedented and has affected our daily lives at every turn.

The crisis presented numerous uncertainties, restrictions, restrictive by-laws, insurance challenges, and of course, the health concerns of the membership. I was not a member of the board when the Executive was facing the early stages of COVID crisis and its countless challenges. I applaud our Commodore, John Morris and the entire Executive team for keeping a steady hand on the helm while guiding the club through the perils of 2020.

Special note of thanks to our Harbour Master, Paul Evans and Rear Commodore, John Greenham and his team. Their efforts allowed members the opportunity to sail their boats or just simply enjoy a summer's day relaxing in the comfort of the cockpit.

At the end of the season, the Social Committee managed to produce a modified version of our traditional Corn Roast event. The event was carefully planned and followed the safety by-laws to the letter, and then some.

Thanks to Andy d'Silva and his efforts, we have managed to successfully hold the first virtual club Election, and soon our AGM meeting. This is proof the club can offer safe, modified club activities in the midst of a pandemic when following the imposed rules and regulations.

So, what's the plan for 2021 you ask? I can assure everyone that the many phone conversations, numerous meetings, and planning for 2021 have been extensive and at times exhaustive. Stepping back into the PC position at the year's halfway point was challenging. Understanding the ever changing COVID rules and regulations as it applies to the club was my first hurdle.

As Past Commodore, it's my responsibility to create various committees to ensure the club's continuity.

Our Five-Year plan created in 2019 has been somewhat interrupted. The majority of items identified in the plan

are club infrastructure projects. This includes, the Clubhouse Siding, Club Buildings, Launch-Seawall Ramp and Washroom renovations.

The Clubhouse Siding project is a major expenditure for the club and requires extensive work to address the problems. As you might recall, Phil Delahaye gave a presentation on the Clubhouse Siding project at last year's AGM. Phil accompanied the Brown & Beattie engineers on the clubhouse inspection and can speak to the clubhouse siding issues with firsthand knowledge. The Clubhouse Siding Committee has done extensive work throughout the year. Leveraging the information provided in Brown and Beatty audit, they created a Scope of Work for the project. The combined professional construction experience of Allan Jones, Jamie Smallwood, and Martin Osborne was invaluable in creating a detailed Scope of Work document. Due to the COVID roadblocks, the scheduling of the project is not certain at the time of this report. However, 2022 looks to be our best guess at this time. This of course, is subject to the membership's approval of the project. A revised short presentation of the project is planned for the AGM. In the meantime, general maintenance has addressed some immediate issues and will continue to monitor areas of concern and address them as necessary. Needless to say, the clubhouse is a major asset, and we cannot lose sight of this important project.

With the Siding project on hold, it opens up an opportunity to move the Washroom project to the front of the line. A committee has been struck to examine and cost a complete renovation of the main north washrooms. Committee members include, Sub-Chair Rosemary Johnston, team members, Tony Resendez, Susan Osborne, Catherine Ward, and Laurie Chan-Prosper. Anibal Pinguelo and Martin Osborne have joined the committee in a Construction Advisor role for the project. Their professional expertise is greatly appreciated and will help expedite the process. I affectionately refer to this team as the "Love It or List Committee". In addition to the washrooms, the Committee will also be addressing ways to invigorate our fatigued clubhouse main floor.

Should all the stars align, we feel it is possible to have newly renovated washrooms open for spring 2021. Like the Clubhouse Siding project, it is subject to the membership's approval;

we hope you will "Love It"!

We are working quickly to fast track the project. A short presentation to the membership will be made at the AGM. Having the washrooms safely opened for next year, is a top priority for 2021. Please keep in mind that under the current COVID restrictions, showers are off limits.

More committees are planned for 2021. Property related projects will be the main focus in the early part of the new year. Our Property Manager, Chris Craigen and I are currently in the process of identifying key projects that require prompt attention. I would like to thank Chris for stepping up for the role as Property Manager. Chris joined the Executive at the halfway mark of the year and is still working through the responsibilities of the Property portfolio. The sudden passing of George Tsapoytis left the Property Manager position vacant at the beginning of 2020. Special thanks to Keith Willson for stepping in as the club's interim Property Manager until George's replacement could be found.

The Five-Year Plan clearly identified that our club's infrastructure needs serious attention. The club's lease for renewal is clearly on the 2025 horizon. As per our agreement with the Landlord, we are obligated to maintain all buildings and assets. There is no better way to show pride of tenancy than our commitment to upgrading when needed.

Our Club's committees are spending countless hours identifying and prioritising projects, scope of work, and costs. I applaud and thank them for their efforts, enthusiasm, and dedication to these important projects. More detailed information will be made to the membership as projects move forward.

In closing, I wish to thank our outgoing Vice Commodore, Randy Boyd for his work over the past two years. The Vice Commodore's position can be challenging at times. I appreciate the battles he fought over the past year. The difficult decisions were always in the best interest of the club and the safety of the members. Well done Randy!

Also, I would like to welcome Miranda Wheatstone to the board as our new Vice Commodore. Miranda has been a long time TH&SC member, and I believe one of the youngest Executive members in the club's history. Thank you for stepping up!

Wishing everyone the very best in 2021. Stay Safe! Greg Smith
TH&SC Past Commodore

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AGM REPORT

WELL, it has been a year to forget.

With everything locked down earlier in the year, it was nearly impossible to get anything done. Nearly, but not entirely.

I cannot thank Steve Brown and David Baran enough for rebuilding the barge so they could then use it to prepare the docks for eventual use in mid-June when we did finally launch.

Launch was interesting as about a third of the membership decided to stay on the hard. That led to some moving of boats at launch and a number of blind lifts. As a result, launch was spread out over two days—however, the efforts spent made haul out go smoothly.

Once we were in the water, things seemed to be much more like the new normal. As we adjusted to COVID-19, racing started up and some work on the docks got going.

I want to say a big thank you to the dock builders. Keith Willson, Lee Rixon, Mike Wheatstone, KB Bradley, Michael Smith, Greg Smith, Giles Dehtere, David Brunning, Ed Bogdanowicz, Alexandre Tchikolov, Scott Parsons, Jack Coney and Peeter Leppik.

C-dock is almost complete now. Hopefully there will be a supply of pressed wood in the spring and we can get going again.

You will notice in the budget that we did not spend the expected money this year and will spread out the remaining cost over the next two years. Please be ready to sign up for dock work in the spring.

I also want to thank all others who helped out over the year in many ways.

I must also thank the other Executive members for all their hard work. And fair winds to Randy as he steps down and a warm welcome to Miranda as she joins the fray.

SPAR & PROP REPORT

SEASONS GREETINGS everyone. Well, we got thru haul out before the lock down hit.

Just when it seemed everything was tucked in, a mini hurricane blasted thru and toppled *Shadow* on her side and mangled a number of tarps.

A large number of boats at Outer Harbour were also knocked over with a

lot of damage there.

Amazingly, there is no apparent damage to *Shadow*.

With assistance from numerous brave souls who all faithfully wore masks and tried to social distance as much as possible, *Shadow* was picked up, briefly dunked in the water to level her out and then placed back upright.

My many thanks to every one who helped.

But now Toronto is back in lock down.

Please stay home and stay safe so you can enjoy the holidays.

If you do go down to check your boat, PLEASE ensure that you unplug and lock up your ladder when you leave.

Of course, wear a mask and social distance if any one else is near by.

Five boats went up in flames at Fifty Point Marina apparently from a heater

that was left plugged in.

We do not need anything like that to happen.

This year has been bad enough.

Looking to the future, depending on COVID-19 and availability of vaccines, I have been optimistic and ordered the crane for our normal launch on the first Saturday in May 2021. That happens to be May 1st next year which is as early as launch can be. Please think about launching and let me know if you are not going to launch next year.

Many thanks again to the many, many people who helped out this entire year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year—Paul



Officer of the Day Co-ordinator



Please continue to follow [TH&SC Covid Code of Conduct protocols](#) if you plan to bring a family member outside your household, a friend or contractor (eg. service providers for winterizing, engine work, surveyors, potential purchasers, potential members) to TH&SC. The form is available on the TH&SC website or you may request a copy by emailing: ood-coordinator@thsc.ca

See the September 2 email from our Commodore.

Remember:

1. You need to provide the THSC Covid Code of Conduct to your visitors for them to understand before entering TH&SC grounds and they need to comply with the rules.
2. You need to inform the club by emailing the Covid Code of Conduct form to ood-coordinator@thsc.ca with the names, telephone numbers, and date of visit, and your signature.

Thank you to those members who have informed the club! For approximately 90 visitors/contractors since early September.

In a couple of cases, we had to work backwards from the contractor who had not been notified by the member of the TH&SC Covid Code of Conduct and the member had not informed the [ood-coordinator](mailto:ood-coordinator@thsc.ca) about these visitors. Please do your part. Please do not let that happen again.

ood-coordinator@thsc.ca

PAST COMMODORE

Greg Smith

SPAR & PROP REPORT

HELLO fellow members, First, congratulations to the Executive and Andy d'Silva for producing a successful AGM Zoom meeting. I heard many fine comments on the meeting. Most were impressed on how smooth and orderly the meeting proceeded. Special thanks to our Secretary, Joan Willson, for creating scripts to keep us on the right tack. Perhaps this will be the way forward for future AGM meetings?

I'm sure everyone can't wait to see 2020 in their rear-view mirror. The year can't end soon enough. Not that there won't be challenges in 2021, but at least there's hope on the horizon.

We are now better educated on how to limit our exposure to the virus. If we continue to follow the health guidelines, the chances are good we'll be able to enjoy a sailing season in 2021; modified though it may be. Behind the scenes, your Executive is working hard to make the TH&SC a better, safer experience in 2021.

I am continuing to work with current Committees and establish new Committees for 2021. The Five-Year Plan will require an update. The Clubhouse Siding Committee will stay intact and will resume meetings in the first part of 2021.

With the membership's approval of the 2021 budget, it now allows us to move forward with planned club upgrades. The most exciting project is, the renovation of the main washrooms. Sunday's budget approval allowed our Love it or List it Committee to quickly spring out of the gate into action. They are now in the process of sourcing products and contractors to provide the club with new fresh, bright and clean washrooms. All of the mechanicals will be updated to a commercial standard that this space requires. This will include touchless fixtures wherever possible to promote the safest and sanitized environment for our members and guests.

With many of the LIOLI team either retired or taking forced vacation days with nowhere to go, I see the project moving along at a good pace. I am truly impressed with their enthusiasm for the project. We promise to keep the membership informed as the project evolves.

At this point, the biggest obstacle is



the washroom floors. We are looking at several cost-effective solutions to address this issue.

The Washroom renovation project will require the help of the membership. Members will have the opportunity to fulfill work party hours but they would be limited to such things as, demolition, painting, receiving, cosmetic and post completion maintenance. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks on the what washroom projects require membership hours.

The AGM is a time to express our thanks to the Executive and Committee Members. I would like to take this moment to thank the Editor & Chief of our wonderful Spar & Prop, Rich Taylor. Take a virtual bow Rich! The Spar & Prop is very special and helps to keep the membership connected. A big thank you to Rich for keeping the tradition alive and well.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday season. Fingers crossed for 2021 🍀

FLOTSAM & JETSAM

Shadow

VIRTUAL EUCHRE

Are you looking for something to do with your sailing friends this winter? Would you be interested in playing Virtual Euchre every few weeks? If so, please email social@thsc.ca. If we have enough interest, we will start planning it.

MONA'S BOOKS

Our good friend Mona Knight (Anderson), author and a Past Rear Commodore has checked in and announced the publishing of her second book.



FLEET CAPTAIN CRUISING

Albert Kerek

HELLO all, with not much going on in our sailing world I wondered what the heck I could fill this column with. Well, I could pine away over my co-cruise captain Miranda Wheatstone leaving me for an executive board member position—congratulations Miranda.

Since I didn't launch, members may or may not be interested to hear I racked up 4000+ kms on the bicycle this season with a couple of doozy crashes and some ugly road rash.

However, throughout many of those miles my thoughts would drift back to my boat and to the places I sailed and to some of our club cruises.

On one such cruise, to Mimico Cruising Club, the sailing was really good in both directions and I managed, one handed, to take some pics of *Fandango* and more later that evening in *Fandango's* cockpit where the party was really happening. You won't believe how many can cram into a Catalina 30's enclosure. That was a great cruise.

Things will get going again, the vaccine is around the corner, there will be more cruises like that one. I will arrange them and look forward to having you aboard. 🍀





SANDRA BRUCE

The Bruce/Lyons family is deeply saddened to announce the passing of Sandra Bruce on October 23, 2020 after a six month battle with cancer.

Born June 27, 1944 in Sudbury, Ontario, Sandra was a devoted wife to Patrick Lyons (Late Again Morgan 28), loving mother of Chris Bruce (Dana), Kathleen Bruce (Michael), Cary Bruce (Dana) and stepchildren Suzanne Lyons (Perry) and Gordon Lyons. Beloved Grandma to Cameron, Siobhan, Mara, Connor, Duncan, Andrew, Quentin and Joel. Dear sister of Jackie Diasio (Joe), Patricia Alexander (Ted), and Reginald Moore (Darlene).

Sandra will be deeply missed by her family and wide circle of many friends.

CASEY MIDDLETON



Casey Middleton, age 65, passed away on November 29th, 2020. Son of Life Time Members Bill and Marie Middleton. Not known to many of the new members of the Club, Casey was instrumental in making the Club property what it looks like today. He didn't just work his duty hours he worked above and beyond to make it his duty to make major projects his priority from start to finish. From working on the old work barge placing anchors, every year, to working on the then "new" seawall he was always part of the team. He saw it as his duty to protect less experienced members from possible injury by helping and mentoring. Early in the Club racing days he was very active in the B-Lion and Tornado Racing. He will be missed by his parents, Bill and Marie, his sister, Patti and his brother Barry. Casey was from the era of Peter Dudley, George Malcolm, Earl McCoy and Bill Eckhert.

REPAIRING THE DOCKS



TH&SC CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

On November 15th, the children of TH&SC and their parents and grandparents were treated to a virtual visit with Santa Claus.

The kids, 7 months to 10 years old began the afternoon showing us their Christmas crafts and coloring that they had done before the visit. Then with bells ringing and the children calling Santa's name, he appeared from his living room at the North Pole and joined them for a fireside chat. They told Santa what they would like for Christmas, and Santa sure surprised them when he told them that he had been at their houses the night before and had left a present for them and that their parents knew where they were hidden. The visit ended with a Christmas poem and a Carol Sing-Along.

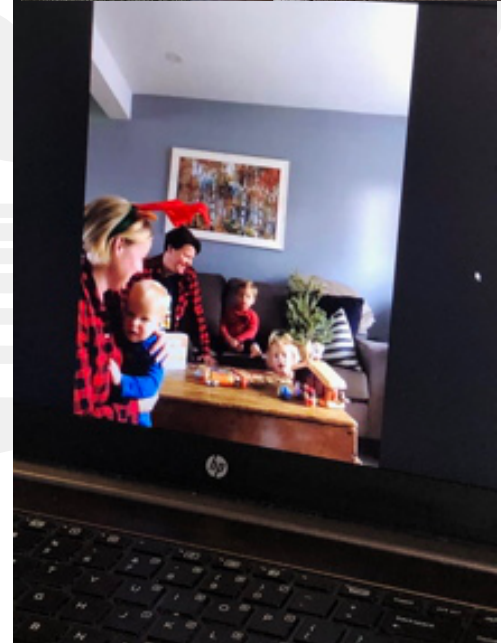
It may not have been the typical TH&SC Christmas Party, but the children had a great time, and were very excited to show everyone on the screen what Santa had brought them.

A special thank you to Santa for making the kids afternoon and kicking off their Christmas season.



ALL THE KIDS

Colton; Greyson; James;
Jason; Harper; Lazuli;
Lucas; Mackenzie; Noah;
Paloma; Thomas; Tyson



RACING CAPTAIN

Martin Osborne

IT all seems somewhat surreal as I sit down to write this final report for 2020 and hopefully the final chapter in what can only be described as a very unusual and challenging sailing season. I was buoyed by the results of the AGM this past Sunday with the commitment to upgrade our washrooms and hopefully we will then have them open for the entire 2021 season. This should make our Wednesday nights a much better experience as a whole and perhaps also allow for some more safely socially distanced weekend events through the season.

I believe we are going into 2021 much better armed with information and with a playbook that seemed to work better as we progressed through season and filled it with plays that were safe and more importantly worked.

I can assure you that race planning for 2021 is well underway at TH&SC as well as around the lake and all indications are there will be more offshore racing this season than last, with all the lessons learned it is looking very positive for there to be more shorthanded and perhaps even some crewed events.

In discussions with John, our awesome Rear Commodore, we are hoping that our club racing will start on time and we will manage a full schedule as well.

I don't foresee any substantial changes to the overall format and would certainly welcome any input on the format we used this year. The question will be to stay with the rabbit starts or if Ontario Sailing condones it return to open starts? I have grown to like the rabbit starts and would certainly be happy to consider retaining them if not for the Wednesday races at least for the weekend events.

Please feel free to email me with your thoughts and of course any ideas you might have to make our program better! Race-captain@thsc.ca

On that note my friends, please pay very careful heed to the public health guidelines. Have a safe Christmas and I look forward to seeing each and every one of you on the line in 2021.

Martin



FLOTSAM & JETSAM

Shadow

✓ There is enough water in Lake Superior to cover all of North and South America with water one foot deep.

✓ Lake Superior was formed during the last glacial retreat, making it one of the earth's youngest major features at only about 10,000 years old.

✓ The deepest point in the lake is 405 meters or 1,333 feet.

✓ There are 78 different species of fish that call the big lake home.

✓ The maximum wave ever recorded on Lake Superior was 9.45 meters or 31 feet high.

✓ If you stretched the shoreline of Lake Superior out to a straight line, it would be long enough to reach from Duluth to the Bahamas.

✓ Over 300 streams and rivers empty into Lake Superior with the largest source being the Nipigon River.

✓ The average underwater visibility of Lake Superior is about 8 meters or 27 feet, making it the cleanest and clearest of the Great Lakes—underwater visibility in some spots reaches 30 meters.

✓ In the summer, the sun sets more than 35 minutes later on the western shore of Lake Superior than at its southeastern edge.

✓ Some of the world's oldest rocks, formed about 2.7 billion years ago, can be found on the Ontario shore of Lake Superior.

✓ It very rarely freezes over completely, and then usually just for a few hours. Complete freezing occurred in 1962, 1979, 2003 and 2009.



PROPERTY MGR

Chris Craigen

THIS year will forever be a question mark.

COVID-19 was not on the radar when plans were being made at the beginning of this year. As more news came out and changed and changed again, it became clear the only course was to stay as safe as possible. Now that we have made it through to the other side of 2020, we can move forward with clearer information into 2021.

With the sudden passing of George, we lost a much loved member with character to spare. Along with him went knowledge as well. Thanks very much to Keith Willson for stepping in, his help and Joan's, have been an invaluable.

I am working on launch already so if you can guess if you are going to launch, please let me know. Hopefully the usual first Saturday in May COVID permitting??

The Property Manager position came with some big shoes to fill. I'm hoping next year can be a return to something TH&SC is used to.

The emphasis this year was put on safety. Next year we have some big plans for the washrooms, not only will they be open, but an upgrade is in the works, continuing the push to stay as safe as possible.

Our buildings are in different states of needing repair. Committees will be formed over the winter to address the best way to improve them.

Thank you to everyone who stepped in to help this year. Happy Holidays and stay safe.

All the best,
Chris Craigen



HAULOUT 2020

A safe Haulout...the best kind!

A couple of glitches/slowdowns due to necessary adjustments as needed.

Eg: *Windhoek's* keel found the high point of mud by the lifting out raft.

Thanks to the organizers for Haulout, the worker bees and those who worked with the crane crew for quite a while after the last boat was settled in its cradle, in-order to prepare the crane equipment for departure.



MINUTES OF TH&SC 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Toronto Hydroplane & Sailing Club
Annual General Meeting - 20 Ashbridges Bay Park
Rd. Toronto On. Due to Covid 19 this meeting is
being held by Video Conference. December 06, 2020
- 13:00 hrs

1. Meeting called to order by the Commodore John Morris at 13:00 hrs
Introduction from the Commodore explaining the process of today's meeting.

The Secretary through our Tech Administrator declared a quorum was present. 111X40%= 44 meeting 70 (registered) total at start of meeting 43 & 4 proxies

2. Whereas the minutes from last year have been sent to all Sailing and Life members of TH&SC:

Therefore, I Move:

To approve the minutes of the AGM held on December 08, 2019

Moved by Claude Soultre
Seconded by Don Bland

The meeting - housekeeping

Change to the Agenda, we will have the Presentation of Budget followed by the Presentation of the Washroom Renovation.

Raise Hand button

When I ask mover and seconder you raise your hand and you may be accepted as either

Opening comments - your EB has been working like never before... Thank Andy and Greg and of course Joan, for getting this meeting organized

Now, some news to start off.

- o No fees increase
- o Washrooms will be open - we are not counting on more, but we will attempt to open portions, barbecues etc, depending on what is allowed
- silver lining - washroom. We can do it with the cash we have from this year - no fees raise.
- 5 year study shows this is a top concern

Discussion (to the motion)

Q&A (Question & Answers)

Motion on the floor to accept the minutes from our last meeting.

(at this time would ask the membership to vote Yay or Nay)
(wait for the count)

Motion Carried

Next order of Business

Officer's Reports for 2020

Commodore - John Morris

Addition to my written report (sent to the membership November 22nd.)

a) OSA Council of Commodores AGM - \$50,000 to be used for member club purposes.

There will be applications shortly and perhaps our club may go forward.

The OSA has Budget expense to get legal opinion as the year progresses. I just re-read September minutes of the council of commodores and things have completely changed since the meeting. Things have been very volatile. Tomorrow night is another meeting, so stay tuned.

b) Red Door thanks to members. I hope we can continue this support

washroom open everyday
all club activities

Costs and revenue Helen will explain reduction in revenue but savings in expenses.

Bought wood for dock renovation

Surplus money not spent will explain what we plan to do - refresh those washroom and easily contamination

in our infection control.

Questions from the floor.

Q D Bland Does this mean we can use the showers too?

Q M Smith What about workshop, will it be open? Answer will be better explained after the presentation.

Vice Commodore - Randy Boyd

(Additional comments below) (Written report sent to the membership November 22nd)

It is, at this time we remember members who are in very many ways family of TH&SC. As a member said. "I was overwhelmed with kind wishes for my loss". In doing so we Remember; and miss you.

Lorna Hexham

George Tsapoitis

Guy Lucas

Sandra Bruce

Johanna Brunning

Casey Middleton

New Sailing Members

Mark Powel

Alex Tchikalov

Chris Osborne

Peeter Leppik

Crew members

Bryon White

Ian Devia

Conner Fisher

George Squire

Nathaniel Hathaway

Rear Commodore - John Greenham

good children's Christmas party, new years levee by Zoom

(written report sent to the membership November 22nd)

Secretary/Treasurer - Helen Rigler

Romanovsky & Associates LLP as New Accounting Firm (prepares our tax returns)

Budget sent to the membership November 22nd

Harbourmaster- Paul Evans

Shadow fell over but she is righted now and will need to check Del's boat

Next year crane will be coming May 1st.

Q workshop may need to findout what zone we are in 2 closed.

Written report sent to the membership November 22nd.

Property Manager - Chris Craigen

(Written report sent to the membership November 22nd)

I will report on the washrooms later. Congrats to the board for all their work and struggled with all the challenges.

Insurance -exposure to what risk assume you are not covered.

Follow all the gov rules then you are covered.

We were in jeopardy of breaking our lease if we did not have insurance.

Whereas the Board Reports have been sent to all Sailing and Life members of TH&SC, and you have had a chance to hear from them

Therefore, I Move:

3. To approve the Executive Board Reports as presented.

Moved by: Mike Wheatstone

Seconded by: John Edwards

No further discussion (to the Motion)

Motion on the floor to approve the Board reports as presented.

Motion Carried

Next order of Business

5.Budget

Order of discussion: We will discuss the budget, clear up any questions then move on to the recommendation of using the surplus for washrooms

Presentation of Proposed Budget for 2021. By Helen Rigler (copies of the written budget were sent to the membership November 22nd)

(Presentation followed by Q&A)

Q to Greg from Romana I am happy to hear we will be able to open the washrooms and the repairs are in the 5 year plan.

Could there be a refund to the membership?

Q Why not use Capital funds for the washrooms.

A Thought surplus funds could be allocated to capital funds.

Presentation from the Past Commodore - Greg Smith Washroom Renovation.

2020 AGM Washroom Renovation Project Last year, 2019 TH&SC put together a 5-year long range plan to prioritize infrastructure and capital projects. It's clear our club's infrastructure requires much needed attention. The improvements in the 5 year plan included exterior and interior renovations for the Clubhouse. Due to the Covid roadblocks of 2020, the scheduling of the exterior siding renovation is not certain at this time of this report. However, 2022 looks to be our best guess at this time. An update report on the Clubhouse siding renovation will follow this report. Updating the washrooms was included in the 5-year plan and the postponement of the Siding Project has moved the washroom renovation to the forefront. A committee has been struck to examine and cost a complete renovation of the main north washrooms. Committee members include, Sub-Chair Rosemary Johnston, team members, Tony Resendes, Susan Osborne, Catherine Ward, and Laurie Prosper. Anibal Pinguelo and Martin Osborne have joined the committee in a Construction Advisor role for the project. Their professional expertise is greatly appreciated and will help expedite the costing process and scope of work. The Executive having listened to the membership, have duly noted the importance of having the washrooms available for the 2021 sailing season. I'm advised that there was a very limited refresh approximately 15 years ago that was superficial only. The current washrooms are approximately 40 years old. Because of the scope of work and timeframe available to us, the Committee strongly urges the EB and the Membership, to contract professionals for the key components of this project. This is not to say that Members will not have the opportunity to fulfill work party hours but they would be limited to such things as painting, receiving, cosmetic and post completion maintenance. The use of professional personnel will help ensure a timely completion, consistency and quality of the finished project for use in the 2021 season and beyond. The work will involve a full or partial demolition of the entire north washroom space, both men's and women. All of the mechanicals will be updated to a commercial standard that this space requires. To avoid building code issues, the foot print will remain the same. This will include touchless fixtures wherever possible to promote the safest and sanitized environment for our members and guests. The finished facility will be a bright clean space. If an estimated 10 seasonal liveboards had a shower every day from launch until Haul Out the amount is near 1700 showers. When you add the typical weekend use and Club events it becomes obvious that the washrooms must be built to last and stand the test of time. To be clear, the numbers provided are produced by industry professionals who have access to suppliers, contractors, and current costs. We can't get any closer without material selection and actual trade inputs. Our upcoming 2025 lease renewal should reflect TH&SC's good intentions to carry on as a first rate and longstanding custodian. A reminder that 2021 marks 70 years Should the members approve the budget, the project will move to the next phase, the Committee will create an RFP document complete with drawings. Should all the stars align, we feel it's possible to have newly renovated washrooms open for spring 2021. We

are working quickly to fast track the project. If the memberships decision is to move forward with the project, we will attempt to secure at least 3 quotations by the of this year. In closing, the Love it or List it Committee is really excited about this project and ready to make this project move forward.

Committee members named
5 yr plan projects that need to be addressed- club infrastructure
Club siding was put on hold due to materials
Club Washrooms – North end. Redone 15 years ago
There could be issues behind the wall suggest professional work commercial grade, but members to receiving projects and cosmetic work
Full/partial, building code issues flooring and tile touchless design not finished yet but need approval to go ahead clean bright wc. Numbers provided by industry pros that work in these industries. No exact amounts until materials and people required.
Members, guests cruisers to the club. Lease is up in 2025 we want to look good and take care of our buildings. The building need fixing up

Project will start after new year and open in 2021.

Cost set aside is \$60,000.00

Hope you love it.

Refreshment of main floor, to make it clean and tidy, replace water heater plates falling off.
2nd floor another time and our dollars. The apartment area not sure what to do with do not want to move the staircase will have to follow building Codes and that will change everything.

There was no further discussion or questions.

Whereas we have heard information regarding the budget, the surplus funds and the renovation to the North Washrooms, Therefore, I move to use the surplus funds not used in the 2020 Budget to spruce up/ renovate the Club's North Washrooms expenses not to exceed \$60,000.00

Moved by: Dave Johnston

Seconded by: Sol Hermolin

Further discussion to the motion

Amendment to the motion: How it is funded ?

Washrooms be debated on its merits. The funding comes from the Reserve Budget.

Moved by Ramona

Seconded by Martin Osborne

Several members spoke against the amendment siting we would not have enough funds to deal with the siding and will have to go back to you, the membership for additional funds.

The Question was called to proceed with the Vote on the amendment to remove from the operating budget.

Motion defeated

Motion on the floor to use the surplus funds to spruce up/renovate the North washrooms not to exceed \$60,000.00

Motion Carried

Next order of Business

Motion to approve the Budget 2021 as presented.
Moved by: Don Bland
Seconded by: Mike Wheatstone
Any further discussion to the motion.
Seeing no further discussion to this motion, the membership voted

Motion on the floor to approves the Budget 2021.

Motion Carried

Next order of business

Report from Audit Committee for 2019 and to date 2020

The report from the Audit Committee is as follows:

Audit Report Dec 3, 2020

Audit Committee Report (Committee members

P. Wheatstone and D. Bradley)

1. We did a sampling of expense receipts A- C against bank reconciliation. All receipts were matched to the Bank Reconciliation.
2. We reviewed the expense receipts for board members Paul Evans, John Greenham and Helen Rigler against Bank Reconciliation
All board member expenses reviewed were reconciled.
3. We did a reconciliation of the Bank Reconciliation for Feb 25 against receipts and invoices. All examined documents were reconciled, but we find that the Feb 25 bank Reconciliation shows chq for 17.00 no name and no chq #
4. We reviewed the member invoices to the CS 27 owners and the Catalina 40 owners to ensure like boats were charged the same amount.
The Cat 30's all came out to the same amount .
The CS27's are not the same. The beam on the boats are different between John Redmond 9.33 and Helen Rigler and Amy Horianopolous 9.3. Manufacturers specs shows 9.33 to be the correct data
5. We reviewed the ICE chits. We show 1 chit for 1 bag for Dave Bruning. Charged for 3 bags
Overall we found only minor inconsistencies in documentation as listed above.

We recommend that there be a log kept of lockers rented so that we can audit lockers in use against membership fees for rental of same.

We also recommend that we have a documented process for licensed club social event bottle return money.

Debbie Bradley
Peggy Wheatstone.

Whereas the Audit Report has been read to the Sailing and Life members in attendance at this meeting.

Therefore, I Move:

To approve the Audit Committee Report as presented.

Moved by: Ramona Robichaud

Seconded by: John Edwards

There was no further discussion about the Audit Review.

Motion on the floor to approve the Audit Report.

Motion Carried

Next order of Business

6. **Motion to appoint Audit Review Committee- Debbie Bradley and Peggy Wheatstone for 2021**

Moved by: Paul Evans

Seconded by: Michael Smith

There was no discussion to the motion.

Motion on the floor to appoint Audit Review Committee

Motion Carried

The Treasurer thanks the Committee members for a good job.

Next order of Business

7. Motion to approve Romanovsky & Associates LLP as New Accounting Firm (An accounting firm prepares our tax returns)

Moved by: Helen Rigler

Seconded by: Greg Smith

Discussion

John Stevenson asked if the expense be the same for this new Company? Yes.

Q I professionally have several Accounting firms of similar size and a not for profit involvement. I know they will stay current with the legislation.

Mike Smith, I think we should go with Helen's decision. Have you dealt with this company before. Helen? Yes.

Motion on the floor to approve new Accounting Firm

Motion carried

Next order of Business

Presentations and New Business

8. Clubhouse Siding Committee Update Presentation
Jammie Smallwood

Problem is 40 years ago there were mistakes made to the board and battens. No vent space behind the boards it needs to breathe. Decided board and batten to be replaced. Door overhangs and eavestrough. Remove the third floor door to nowhere. Suggest professional work be done and members to do what we deem that could be done.

Comments from Greg Smith - Thanks to the Committee Phil Delahaye, Alan Jones, Martin Osborne and Jamie Smallwood for all their hard work and putting this together. Again thanks for your work.

Q Don Bland, Will you keep the washroom in the Apartment. A Greg Smith there was a plan to have a meeting room in that area. Not sure at this time.

Announcements

Harbour Master – Rule 24b please unplug your boat, Contractor fill out forms and contact OOD. Lock up your ladder. No Power cords in the water. Let me know if you can work during the week starting in the Spring. Dock work to be done.

Club Access (use your Fob) Should we be in the need to do contact tracing, we do need to know who is on the property.

Final order of Business

Motion to terminate this meeting.

Moved by Dave Johnston

Seconded by xxx

No discussion

Motion carried

This cleaning with alcohol is total baloney. NOTHING gets done after that first bottle.

