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Calendar

April 15th—Race Meeting—7-9

April 16th—Cruising 101—7-9

May 2-3rd—LAUNCH—7-5

May 9th—Coatsworth's Cut Cruise (with ABYC)

May 13th—Warm Up Race—6:30-9

May 14th—Coastal Personal Survival Course—See Race Captain report

May 16/17/18—Reciprocal Cruise to BPYC

May 16th—Ice Breaker Race—11-4 (with ABYC-TH&SC Hosting)

May 16th—Rear Commodore Meet & Greet (Licensed 5-12p, Dinner at 6p)

May 17th—Rear Commodore Brunch—10-12

May 20th—Wednesday Night Racing Series I begins—6:30-9

May 23rd—Pop Up Karaoke

May 29th—Susan Hood Trophy Race

May 31st—LOSHRS Race 1 Day Race

June 6th—Boat Open—YARD SALE

June 13th—SAIL PAST—1 am-midnight

June 14th—D-Dock Brunch—10-noon

June 20th—Dufferin Bell Buoy Race (with ABYC-ABYC hosting)

June 21st—AGM—1 pm

June 27-28th—LOSHRS Races 2 & 3

June 27/28/29—Reciprocal Cruise to Highland YC

June 28th—A-Dock Brunch

July 1st—Canada Day—5-6 pm—dessert set out

July 1st—Wednesday Night Racing Series II begins—6:30-9

July 4th—Circle of Life Race—11-4

July 10th—ABYC Sail Canada Event (we help)

July 10th-14th—Lake Ontario 300

July 11/12—Reciprocal Cruise to LSYC

July 18/19—Reciprocal Cruise to QCYC

July 25/26—Race des Voyageurs Reciprocal Cruise with Etobicoke Yacht Club

Pop Up Party in the Hole

August 2nd—B-Dock Brunch—10-12

August 8th—East End Challenge - Summer Blast

Regatta & Dinner—11 am-midnight

August 12th—Wednesday Night Racing Series III begins—6:30-9

August 15-16—LOSHRS Race 4—100 miler

September 5th—Bluffers Challenge Race—11-4

September 5th—Corn Roast—5 to midnight—AND COUNTRY FARE SALE

September 6th—C-Dock Brunch—10-12

September 5/6—Reciprocal Cruise to FBYC

September 12/13—LOSHRS Races 5 & 6 Port Dalhousie

September 19th—Frost Bite Race—11-4 + Summerville (with ABYC)

September 20th—Female Fleet Regatta

September 23rd—Delehaye Cup—6:15-8:45

September 28th—TH&SC Elections—7-9

October 10th—Cradle Placement—9-4

October 10th—Thanksgiving Dinner—6-11

October 17th-18th—HAULOUT—

November 7th—Awards Night—5-12

November 15th—Kid's Christmas Party—11-2

December 6th—Budget Meeting—1-4

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Martin Osborne

IS it ever going to warm up and dry out? Let's hope the weather forecast for the next few weeks is somewhat accurate so we will see the temperature trending upwards into the low to mid teens and hopefully staying above freezing at night with not too much rain! I



It's going to be quite a push getting our boats ready for the 2026 launch, which by the time you read this will be less than 21 days away for the first round of launching boats.

I am simply amazed by how much is going on in and around the club this Spring in preparation for the season, it's really heart warming. First, kudos to John and his property work crews for the unbelievable number of hours they have been putting in over the past few months, the clubhouse both inside and out are a clear indication of their commitment and efforts to make it a better place for all of us.

Secondly, the new club information sharing method *Telltales* is rolling out weekly now thanks to the efforts of Paul Lewis our new Communication Officer and I must say it's nice to open one email and find out everything going on in and around the club currently and get a glimpse into the future events.

As well, another project that is rolling out and looks really great is the insurance update portal so don't forget to check it out and upload your current insurance documents into the new web portal before launch!

There are lots of exciting things happening in the other portfolios as well! Peeter is well into the planning for launch and is also in the early stages of examining our aging dock electrical systems and starting work with a committee to figure out where we go from here to improve them.

Helen has an amazing crew working on Sail Past and take note, she also has some very swanky regalia that she debuted at the Spring Social and will have available for orders at Launch as well.

On the Race front Bryan has been working with our neighbours at ABYC to continue our collaboration with them for several of our races as well working to make this years East End Challenge bigger and better!

One other item that I think needs

mention are the changes to the Pleasure Craft Licence regulations that came into effect on January 1st of this year. It will initially only affect those with power boats this year and then sailboats next year. I am only including the link for your reference and action as required at this point. We will likely make mention of it a few more times over the season. Link; Apply for or manage a Pleasure Craft Licence (PCL)

That leads me in closing to once again remind everyone that 2026 is the International Year of the Volunteer and I say what better place to put in time as a volunteer than somewhere as great as TH&SC.

With the implementation of the new volunteer portal, it should be easier than ever to find jobs that suit your abilities and of course count towards your work hour total. Imagine how much could be accomplished if each of us went a little above and beyond our sixteen hours and contributed as little as fifty percent more!

As a side note there are many who have already reached that threshold and beyond and we aren't even at the end of the first quarter! Again, I say let's really try and break the trend of twenty percent of the people doing eighty percent of the work and truly share the load across the entire membership, it will make our club a better place for everyone!

Finally, I would like to say, please don't hesitate to reach out to myself or any member of the executive with suggestions or concerns that you might have or especially to offer your time to volunteer and keep our club the best club on the lake!

Fair winds and following seas,
Martin Osborne ▲

PAST COMMODORE

Terry Pasieka

DEAR Sailing Club Members, after a tough winter, the days are getting longer, the water will soon be calling, and we're looking forward to welcoming everyone back to the docks for another great season of sailing, learning, and camaraderie.



A special congratulations—and a sincere thank-you to the volunteers who put in so much effort over the winter to complete the renovations. Your time, skill, and dedication have made a real difference, and the improvements you've delivered will help every member enjoy the club more safely and comfortably for years to come.

I'd also like to extend our thanks to the Harbour Master and his team for the tremendous effort that has gone into planning for launch on May 2 and 3. Your preparation, coordination, and attention to detail help ensure that our boats—and our members—start the season safely and smoothly.

As we reopen, you'll appreciate the refreshed spaces and the extra care that's gone into getting everything ready. We encourage everyone to come down, reconnect, and lend a hand where you can—many hands make light work, especially at the start of the season.

Thank you for your patience through the winter months and for everything you do to make our club a welcoming community. Here's to a smooth opening, steady breezes, and a memorable season on the water. We can't wait to see you back at the club.

Terry Pasieka
Past-Commodore ▲

Officer of the Day signup

now - available in April

The OOD signup schedule(4 pages) is now on its clipboard.

It is temporarily located in the breezeway (laundry hall) while renovation work continues in the main clubhouse.

It will be moved to the OOD station in the main room after the OOD station has been re-installed and set up for the season.

OOD signup will also be available on both Launch days at the checkin table.

Please remember to check your personal calendar to avoid conflicts. You are responsible for finding your own replacement if you need to change shifts.



PROPERTY MGR

John Greenham

THEY say April showers bring May flowers—but as a wise sailor once reminded me, sunny days in April are the perfect opportunity to give your boat the love it deserves, so you can enjoy it all summer long. So get down to the club, roll up your sleeves, and let's make this a great season.



Our club deserves a little of the same passion we bring to our boats and the water, and judging by the energy around the grounds lately, that passion is well and truly on display. There are plenty of projects underway, and many of our members can attest to just how much is getting done.

Our property team has picked up an enthusiastic new groupie—Tony Labatt, who seems to show up hammer in hand no matter which site we're working on. Admittedly, Tony occasionally turns a work session into story time, but honestly, that's half the fun. All kidding aside, Tony, your contributions are very much appreciated—and so are the stories.

No matter your skill level, there is something you can help with. Our indoor painting team—of Claude, Richard, and Rob—have been doing a fantastic job of making things fresh and bright inside the clubhouse. Thanks, guys, your work makes a real difference.

Meanwhile, Fatih and Ali have been putting in tremendous effort down in the south bathrooms, tackling both the plumbing and the electrical. The unfortunate reality of renovation work, of course, is that all of their hard work is destined to disappear behind drywall—only to be made to look pretty by the painters once again. We see you, Fatih and Ali, even if the walls won't.

We have a long list of goals to hit before the party season arrives, and your Rear Commodore has plenty of exciting things planned for the summer ahead. Let's get the club ready and enjoy every minute of it.

If the new hours portal is giving you a bit of a challenge, don't worry—just track me down at the club and I'll hand you a loooooong list of tasks to choose from. And rest assured, Tony will be there to make it fun.

We've had so many helpers: Vaughn, Chris, Keane, Lisa, and yes, even our esteemed Commodore Martin. Thanks for all you do team and/or advise me on.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to Jack, Steve, and Andrea, who have consistently shown up and contributed many, many, many, many hours of their time to this club.

We've got this, team.

See you at the club.

—John 🚩

HARBOUR MASTER

Peeter Leppik

LAUNCH is fast approaching. Don't leave preparation 'till the last minute. It takes just one ill prepared boat to hold up the entire launch program.



- Launch sequence, job assignments, and the safety poster are posted on the west facing clubhouse window adjacent to the bar.
- Digital file links will also be available in Telltale.
- Have your 25 ft dock lines ready and tidy hanging over the side. No knots.
- Unlock and clear any ladders or gear from your cradle. Identify your boat name, bow and stern in PAINT on your cradle now. You won't be able to do it when stored vertically.
- Clear any tripping hazards on deck.
- Pick up your hard hat if working in the yard.
- Close all thru hulls.
- Check in attendance sheets upon arrival.
- The customary breakfast and lunch will be available at a nominal fee. Cash or e-transfer.
- If you don't recognize someone, he/she may be a new member. Introduce yourself and give them some guidance.
- If you take a break, INFORM your team so you can arrange a smooth handover of tasks without disruption.
- Wear safety footwear if you have them. Consider purchasing them.
- It is important to stay hydrated, warm (dress for the weather) and alert. No intoxicants of any kind. Sunscreen is often necessary.
- If you have a trailer, ensure tires are inflated, ladders, lumber, gear etc are removed, and ball and tongue are fully functional. If we can't move you, no launch.
- OOD sign up will also be available in the clubhouse. See Lynda.
- Stay tuned for updates in Telltale.

Every sailor has a star to guide him home.

Peeter Leppik
416-565-0487 Cell
Harbour Master TH&SC 🚩

WAYS AND MEANS

Jeff Hocking

AS you will note, there have been some major changes to the way jobs are posted and hours are recorded. The hope is that it will make things easier for everyone once everybody is used to the new system. I am admittedly not great at change and it has taken some time for me to wrap my head around it, but I think the software will be a valuable asset for the club.



Some have been wondering what happened to the hours worked before the new system was put in place. Rest assured I have those recorded and hopefully will be able to add them to your hours in the new system through the backend.

Unfortunately I am not going to be able to get that project sorted until after launch. Your hours are recorded in the old system and will not be lost, they will be added to any hours recorded in the new system and that total is what will be used at the end of the year.

If there are issues adding them into the new system, I will send an old style report so that you know where you stand. I do not expect that to be an issue, however.

Thanks to everyone who have been working hard on the back bathrooms and prepping for the new flooring in the clubhouse, things are progressing well and the floor looks great. 🚩



Placing the dock bridges



FLEET CAPTAIN CRUISING

Mike Smith

ALMOST time to go cruising and all you old-timers know what that means—fun and frolic afloat followed by an adult bevvie or two and a lovely meal in the company of like-minded sailing souls.



For the newcomers among us, welcome aboard. If you don't understand this "cruising" thing and why it needs a "Cruising Captain", fear not. You are in good company (especially the last bit). But all will be revealed April 16, if you care to show up for *Cruising 101*, in which the mysteries of reciprocal cruising will be explained in exquisite detail. That's at 7pm in the clubhouse.

But you won't need to know anything for the first event of the season, except how to walk. The second edition of the **Coatsworth Cut Cruise**, in which members of ABYC will wander over to visit us in the afternoon for cocktails and we will go back in the

evening to their place for chili, is set for May 9.

The Victoria Day weekend sees the first sailing cruise, as we point the bows east-ish to Bluffers Park Yacht Club.

Mid-summer this year is chock-a-block with cruises.

The Canada Day weekend destination is also eastward, to Highland Yacht Club, followed closely by:

- Lake Shore Yacht Club on July 11 and 12
- Queen City Yacht Club on July 18 and 19
- Etobicoke Yacht Club, July 25 and 26.

The EYC cruise, as regulars know well, is the one where the racing crowd joins in. You can simply cruise over at your leisure, enjoy the meal, and stay the night. Or you can race over, and also dine and stay the night. Or you can race over and go straight back...sometimes with an informal race home.

We haven't gone to QCYC as a club in the memory of your genial Cruising Captain. Many of us have visited there on an individual basis but the club

cruises are a different beast. But it should be fun.

LSYC is a regular stop with a great location and very pleasant people.

I know that some members are planning to make those stops part of longer individual cruises around the west end of the Lake and if you have the leisure to do it that way it could be great fun.

Whew! After that busy July, it's more than a month to our final jaunt of the season—eastward to Frenchman's Bay Yacht Club Sept. 5 and 6.

I should note that this will be the first full season of cruising using the online portal. There were some hiccoughs last year, but they seem to be mostly ironed out.

So mark your calendars now. And give a thought to hosting one of the cruises. The Rear Commodore, as is the custom, will handle the EYC race/cruise, and your genial Cruising Captain will no doubt pick up another unless there is a host of would-be...umm...hosts. ▲

Skookumchuk is For Sale

She is a C&C 24

Year—1977 Length—24' Beam—8' 9" Draft—4' Locaton—TH&SC

Skookumchuk was build by C&C Yachts at NOTL and launched there in 1977. One owner. Steel cradle. 8 hp Yamaha electric start motor. Sails—Roller reefing 150% jib, good mainsail (still winning races). Very roomy cabin. Teak cockpit floor boards. Cockpit cushions. Autohelm. All the equipment necessary to sail from the dock plus tons of extras. Asking price \$6000

Contact: Richard Taylor: RWT@TOTAL.NET—both email and text



	Dennis MacCallum	Sat	Property	D5	
1	Wooly Booly				
2	Sea Pleasure	Lynda de Jonge van der Halen	Sat	OOD signup	D west
3	Wind Hoek II	John Morris	Sat	Tow boat	C31
4	Eau Naturelle Proxy Dennis M	Dorothy Williams+ Keith	Sat	Runner	C18
5	Split Second	John Greenham, Andrea	Sat	Property, Kitchen	A9
5.1	Missee Lee	Anibal Pinguelo	Sat	Cradles	A16
6	Midnight Blue	Steve Brown	Sat	Crane Signal	B31
7	Rainmaker	Larry Adolphe	Sat	Crane Signal	C19
8	Break Free	Paul Lewis	Sat	Lines	A22
9	Pathfinder	Steve Loeffen	Sat	Forklift	B24
9.1	lady	Vaughn Passmore	Sat	Water Slings	C14
10	Celava	Jack Coney	Sat	Lines	B26
11	Press Gang	Michael Smith	Sat	Runner	A24
12	Sojourner	Tony Labatt	Sat	Tow boat	D12
13	Vivian	Zoran Cerovic, Caitlen	Sat	Cradles/Kitchen	D7
14	Far Niente	Mike Adams	Sat	Runner	D9
15	Late Again	Mike Edwards	Sat	Tow boat	D11
16	Ravena	Sarah Mifsud	Sat	Water Slings	B28
16.1	Ranger	John Stevenson	Sat	Land slings	B7
17	Shiva	Amy H	Sat	Property	B27
18	JoeNez	KB Bradley	Sat	Land Slings	A14
19	Narbit III	Bryan Pelke	Sat	Lines	D13
19.1	Pergrina	Mike de Bruyn	Sat	Property	C6
20	Coppermoon	Bill Comerford	Sat	Boat Coordinator	A28
21	Filament Too	Paul Evans	Sat	Forklift	C23
22	Shadow	Richard Coutts	Sat	Water Slings	A2
22.1	Lady Bug	Mete Canturk	Sat	Cradles	B22
23	Emerald	Justin Healy	Sat	Water Slings	A7
24	Run About	Stephen Pakert	Sat	Cradles	A5
25	Water Music	John Edwards	Sat	Property (pump out)	C26
26	Winddancer Move to W.S Row	Simon Snaith	Sat	Property	Hard
27	Puff	Keith Willson	Sat	Crane Signal	C25
28	Train	David Brunning	Sat	Forklift	B16
29	Gramplan	Stephen Paul	Sat	Crane Signal	C20
30	Go-Elan	Andrew Chalmers	Sat	Cradles	D15
31	Matta II	Mike de Bruyn	Sat	Water Slings	D17
32	Spectrum	JoAnne Sawyer/Giles Dehete	Sat	Check in, tickets /Lines	D8
33	Undine	Alex Turner	Sat	Forklift	D4
34	Sundowner	Dawn Martin	Sat	Safety	B6
34.1	Sweet Pea	Simon Bearsto	Sat	Land Slings	C8
35	Moonlight	Scott Parsons	Sat	Land Slings	C32
36	Moonshadow II	Richard Evans	Sat	Property	B20
37	Moonshadow	Bartek Bieuny	Sat	Water Slings	D10
38	Bold Venture	Fatih Topal	Sat	Cradles	B21
38.1	Little Feat	Colin Bingham	Sat	Lines	A6
39	Emrys	Lee Rixon	Sun	Crane Signal	A32
40	Dragonfyre	Mike Wheatstone	Sun	Crane Signal	C15
41	Free Radical	Anders Heilsberg	Sun	Cradles	B18
42	Kot	Bob Prosper	Sun	Land Slings, Kitchen	A23
43	Wild Rose	Dave Johnston	Sun	Crane Signal	A20
43.1	Capriccio	Chris Osborne	Sun	Tow boat	C13
44	Catalyst	Robert Clark	Sun	Land Slings	A31
45	Veuve Clicquot	Blake Markle	Sun	Cradles	A27
46	Wander Buoy	Peter Smith	Sun	Cradles	C9
47	Sassy	Barry Watson	Sun	Water Slings	A12
48	Legacy	Marty Fisher	Sun	Tow boat	C12
49	Take Five	Alan Jones	Sun	Lines	A15
49.1	Poppins (Trevor Kane)	Calo Albany	Sun	Cradles	C27
50	Two Bitts Move to W.S Row	Dave Johnston	Sun	Safety	Hard
51	Fandango!!	Claude Souldre	Sun	Land Slings	B32

52	Levitas	Lisa Alexander	Sun	Kitchen	A10
53	Rubber Duckie	Andy D'Silva	Sun	Cradles	B29
54	Calamari	Martin Osborne	Sun	Crane Signal	C24
55	Jabberwocky	Phil Delahaye	Sun	Lines	C21
56	Freya	Glen Eddie	Sun	Land Slings	A16
57	Nabucca	Leah Oster	Sun	Property	B15
58	Spindrift	Tom Monson	Sun	Property	B23
59	Espresso	Grant Britchford	Sun	Property	A19
59.1	Gingersnap	Alex Tchikalov	Sun	Land Slings	C22
60	Snowy Plover	Sylvie Lavoie	Sun	Sign in, tickets	A17
61	Sarocas	Tony Resendes Proxy Barry W	Sun	Cradles	A8
62	Watermark	Terry Pasieka	Sun	Runner	A30
63	California Star	Jeff Hocking	Sun	Water Slings	C10
64	Blue Magic	Brooks Robitaille	Sun	Forklift	C28
65	Sun Seeker	Greg Smith	Sun	Lines	C30
66	Windpassage	Miranda Walsh	Sun	Boat Coordinator	B8
67	Fluence	Helen Rigler	Sun	Kitchen	C11
68	Yemaya	Ruben Gaztambide	Sun	Cradles	B25
69	Olive May	Mark Spehr	Sun	Cradles	B19
69.1	Blue Sky	Todd Wilson	Sun	Water Slings	A13
70	Recess	Mike Wilson	Sun	Water Slings	B17
71	Claymore	M. Reza Saedi-Ghaheh	Sun	Property	B12
72	Lady Bug	Ali Can Ulker	Sun	Water Slings	A21
73	Gemini	Phil Birkenheier	Sun	Lines	A26
74	Connemara	Ashley D'Silva	Sun	Runner	A18
75	Let It Be	Derek Schouten	Sun	Water Slings	A11
76	Skookumchuk	Richard Taylor	Sun	Safety/pictures	B30
77	Impulse	Dave Tollington	Sun	Safety	B13
78	Papillon	Jim Shutsa	Sun	Lines	C16
79	Insh'allah	Brad Dawe	Sun	Cradles	D3
	Geronimo - self haul	Oscar Palma	Sat	Property	
	Semper Fidelis leaving yard	Peter Lepojk	Sun	Harbour Master	
	Hambone leaving yard	Max Macdonald	Sat	Towing trailers	
	MAC 1 - self haul	Steve Brown	TBA		
	Moon River - self haul	Paul Wright	Sat	Land Slings	
	Farr Side - self haul	Armando Hernandez	Sun	Tow boat	

Saturday	
Role	Name
Boat Co-ordinators	Bill Comerford Peeter Leppik
Runners	Mike Smith Tony Resendes Mike Adams
Crane Signal	Steve Brown Keith Willson Stephen Paul Larry Adolphe
Tow Boat	Chris Osborne Tony Labatt John Morris Mike Edwards
Water Slings	Bartek Bieuny Vaughn Passmore Sarah Mifsud Richard Coutts Mike Debruyn Justin Healey James Perrault
Land Slings	Paul Wright John Stevenson Scott Parsons

Sunday	
Role	Name
Boat Co-ordinators	Miranda Walsh Peeter Leppik
Runners	Ashley D'Silva Terry Pasieka
Crane Signal	Dave Wildrose Johnston Martin Osborne Mike Wheatstone Lee Rixon
Tow Boat	Chris Osborne Marty Fisher
Water Slings	Jeff Hocking Derek Schouten Todd Wilson Mike Wilson Ali Can Ulker Barry Watson
Land Slings	Bob Prosper Glen Eddie Robert Clark Alex Tchikalov Claude Souldre Allan Jones
Lines	Phil Delahaye Jim Shutsa Barry Watson Phil Birkenheier Simon Bearsto Greg Smith Chris Bateman new member



RACING CAPTAIN

Bryan Pelkey

YOU'VE had all winter to dream up your go-fast strategies and boat tweaks, to visualize your clean tacks and gibes, flawless spinnaker launches and douses, and to YouTube all the pro tips on sail trim. This is the season that it's all going to come together. You know what you need to do.

First, don't miss the 2026 Race Meeting, Wednesday, April 15th. It's the best time to get yourself situated for the season and square up the competition.

Second, if you have any sail changes, be sure to let me know so your PHRF certificate can be updated, or if you haven't raced before and plan to, we can measure you up and get you a new certificate.

Everything else, come to the Race Meeting and ask!

Looking forward to seeing everyone as the season gets started. Best of luck in the weeks to come and happy launch.

Bryan 🚩



Happy 75th anniversary THSC! Welcome aboard.

For those of you with short term memories, this is a list of the basic aspects of your duty as Officer of the Day.

1. Every Sailing member or Life member with a boat on the property must do one tour of duty of four hours during the season.
2. RESTRICTION – NO CONSUMPTION of alcohol or cannabis during your four hour shift as Officer of the Day.
3. If you need to change the timeslot you signed up for, you are responsible for rescheduling, or trading with another member. Also, please update the ODD SIGN UP SCHEDULE at the OOD Station. **Advise the OOD Co-ordinator of the change.**
4. If you fail to show up for your tour of duty, you will be fined \$180. Your absence will be noticed.
5. Personalized email reminders will be sent each week before your duty, by the OOD Co-ordinator.
6. To make sure you can be reached, the Club should have your current contact information.
7. If you are a new member, you need to job-shadow a veteran member (mentor) for a full four hour shift, before doing your first solo shift as Officer of the Day. An OOD information package will be given to you ahead of time.
8. Wear the high visibility vest (available at the OOD station) to identify you as Officer of the Day to visitors and to club members.
9. In the past, we received reports from Club members who observed that some OOD members were not completing the duties on the Checklist. Please be responsible. For example, check all garbage and recycling bins during your shift. Make a note if only half full or if you emptied the bins. Check all four washrooms each shift.

10. USE OF CLUB BOATS TO TOW OR ASSIST ANY VESSEL

Club members are not permitted to use Club vessels to tow or otherwise assist any vessel requesting assistance without the express prior consent of a member of the Executive*. All such requesting vessels should be directed by the OOD to call Prescott on channel 16 or otherwise call the police 911 or Toronto Marine Police 416 808 5800.

***List of Executive with contact information is to be found under the checklist pages on the OOD checklist clipboard.**

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At the OOD Station

- **2026 OOD SIGN UP Schedule** identifies members who have signed up for the 2026 sailing season. Listing reflects any open dates and is stored on a clipboard on the inside left door of the OOD Station. Useful hint: Take a photo of the schedule once it is posted and you will have the contact info needed in order to change your OOD shift if necessary.
- **2026 OOD Personalized Checklist is generated each week and** identifies the duty members for that week. Specific required activities are listed to be performed. Also included is a form for you to identify “Available Slips”. Stored on a clipboard on the inside right door of the OOD Station.
- The “**Property and Incident Report**” binder has pages available for you to advise the Property Manager or Harbour Master about issues that arise. Stored on designated shelf of OOD Station.
- **Black OOD Ledger** must be completed with a brief summary of your shift and **signed**. It is taken as proof that you have completed your duty assignment. Stored on designated shelf of OOD Station.
- **Blue OOD Binder** provides expanded description of duties, names of members approved to operate Mac, and the combination to the hand held radio cabinet. Binder stored on designated shelf of OOD Station.
- **Hand Held Radio** is stored at the OOD Station. Verify that battery is charging at the end of the day.
- Fire Extinguisher locations are identified in a folder titled TH&SC Safety EQUIPMENT and are checked each year by a professional company and marked with a “good to” date. (Advise the Property Manager when fire extinguishers are used and notify OOD Co-ordinator which items in first aid kits need replacement).

The OOD program will run in 2026 from Friday May 15th to Sunday September 27th.

The Officer of the Day program continues to be appreciated by the visiting boaters. We maintain a reputation as a friendly and welcoming club, in an ideal location, for visitors from both Canadian and US clubs.

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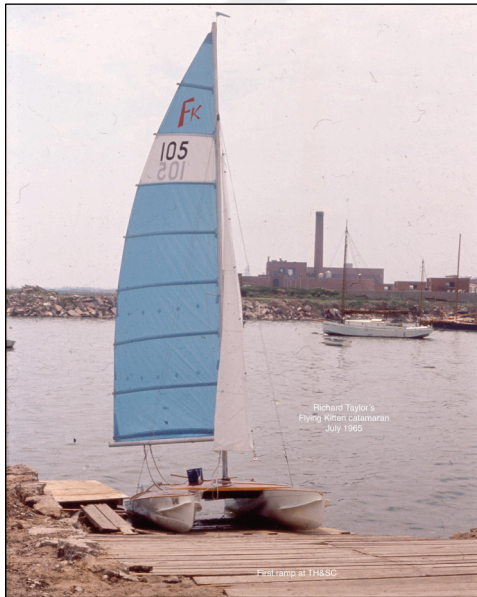
LAST MAN STANDING—MY STORY AT TH&SC

Seeing that I seem to be the last person at TH&SC who was there when sailboats were brought into the Toronto Hydroplane Club, I thought I should tell my story.

by Richard Taylor

PURCHASING A BOAT

During the summer of 1964 a friend at work regaled me with stories of him sailing his catamaran on Lake Simcoe. It prompted me to look at ads for catamarans. I found one and the seller invited me to a sail on it out of Queen City YC. It was a 16 foot plywood catamaran built in England called a Flying Kitten. The seller's name was Don Bamford and he imported them.



Richard Taylor's Flying Kitten catamaran July 1966

I really liked the idea and bought the boat. It came on a custom trailer. There was no room at home so I rented a garage for the winter. At this point I didn't know where I was going to sail the cat.

I was driving on Hubbard Blvd one day in the fall and noticed a catamaran that looked familiar in the driveway of a house. Of course I stopped and talked to the man who was messing around with it.

His name was Tom Hand and he bought his Flying Kitten from Bamford too. The next weekend had a beautiful fall day so we shlepped Tom's boat on the trailer across the road into the park across the street and across the sandy beach to the water's edge. We rigged it, hoisted the sails and went for a nice sail over to Ashbridge's Bay and back.

Winter set in and we still didn't know where we would be using our cats.

Spring came and Tom called me to say he had heard of some catamaran sailors who had arranged to use the property of The Toronto Hydroplane Club on Ashbridge's Bay to keep their

boats.

They had sailed from the public ramp during the summer of 1964 and noticed that there was never anyone around the property. They found someone and they were allowed to join the club as associate members. Tom asked if I was interested in joining—of course I was.

THE ORIGINAL GROUP

Tom Hand
Doug Welland
Bruce Price
Earl McCoy
Gunther Boeche
Marv Maxman
Dave Boulter
John Gilder

RAMP

There was no access to the water of the bay on the west side of the club, only a steep bank and armour boulders leading down to the water. The initial idea was to keep the boats rigged and trailer them around to the public ramp on the south side of the club. But there were some clever guys in the group. We cut the edge of the property back a bit, then built a wooden ramp over the rocks and into the water. See photo.

The wood came from the board walk that at that time ended just outside the club's gate. That spring the parks department was replacing old, rotten boards with new wood but some of the old boards still had good sections in them. They were piled up outside the gate and somehow the better ones got removed to the south side of the clubhouse.

After sawing and fitting the good wood and laying it down to the water's edge, we had a ramp. Another bright idea was to put a wooden floating lip on the edge to help the boats onto the ramp. The ramp was pretty steep but we had access to the bay!

A short dock was constructed to prepare the boats after they were in the water.

The other boats were called Quickcats, an Australian design for home building. John Gilder brought the plans with him from Australia and gathered about six others who all built Quickcats and sailed together, trailing their boats to public launching ramps. That's how they found the Toronto Hydroplane Club.



METRO YACHT RACING COMMITTEE

When John and the others were sailing their boats along Toronto's waterfront they noticed large groups of boats racing. There were three race courses organized every Saturday by the Metro Yacht Racing Committee. An Olympic course off the eastern Gap (circular like ABYC'S now), a dingy course inshore in Humber Bay and a keelboat course farther out in Humber Bay. All the major yacht clubs in the city had an Open Regatta and the regattas were distributed throughout the summer. Each Saturday the regattas were run by the MYRC.

OLYMPIC, DINGHY AND KEEL RACE COURSES

John Gilder signed us all up and the catamarans were assigned to the keel boat course, last start. The course was a triangle with 1 or 2 mile legs, I forget how long the legs were. There were so many starts to each class that we started about an hour and half after the first start. After the race we went home and travelled to the club who sponsored the Open Regatta and collected our prizes at the big party.

CONCRETE RAMP

The next year it was decided to replace the wood ramp with a concrete one. More excavating and form building went on but what about concrete? It needed reinforcing. Rebar—Ha! not in the budget.

South of the public ramp was a narrow spit stretching into the lake. To prevent it from washing away the city lined both sides with old concrete telephone poles. There was obvious rusty rebar reinforcement in them. Six sturdy men made several trips to the nearest piled and brought them back to the club. Sledge hammers ahoy and voila!, rebar for the ramp.

Concrete was expensive and we had next to no money. But someone knew that the ready-mix concrete company near Leslie Street often had extra

concrete in the trucks after a job.

A construction project would order a number of trucks for the day's work but then only use a small portion of the last truck's load. They brought it back to the company's yard and dumped it. Hmmm.

A deal was made with the drivers and for a few beers, we had concrete for the ramp. We just had to have someone there to spread it when it was delivered.

THE SEA WALL

The property to the south of the ramp was still rocks to the water. Another low-cost bright idea was developed to increase the available land to the water's edge—build a sea wall.

The city was replacing the sidewalks up on Queen Street and the old sidewalk was torn up and carted away. We arranged for several truck loads of broken concrete to be dumped on the west side of the club. Out came the sledge hammers again to break the big pieces up. The wall was built of the concrete pieces and then back filled. It worked. It is still there under the board walk and behind the current sea wall along with at least two other sea walls.

CONCRETE DUST

Now that we had the land sorted out, let's smooth out the surface with fine gravel. That extra concrete dumped by trucks at their company is washed out and gravel is left. More deals were made and trucks dumped several loads of washed out concrete which we spread and levelled. It worked fine—until it all dried out. Then we discovered that there was still cement powder in the gravel. And it tracked all over. OOPS! Fear not, a fix was developed.

TOTAL CONCRETE

Since ready mix concrete was available at next to no cost, why not lay a pad of it over the whole west side of the clubhouse up to the seawall? We will need rebar, said some. Nope, we'll just lay it on thick. Won't work said others. We did it anyway. It worked fine. We were a bit lucky there was someone there each time a truck came in so the surface was level. There was a large hole next to the south fence with nothing to fill it—no worries, fill it with concrete! Most of that pad is still there under the grass. Don't hammer that stake in too deep.

COMPASS ROSE

The large expanse of concrete was a "canvas" waiting to be painted so a

huge compass rose was painted on the concrete, breaking up the expanse.

SPAR AND PROP

In about 1966 or 67 "Mac" McCoy and a young lad named Igor Ray started a two-page newsletter they named Spar and Prop. After a few issues they asked me, Richard Taylor, to take it over. Obviously, I said okay. It seemed to stick to me and I have been editing Spar and Prop ever since. If anyone is interested there are PDF's available of all the Spar and Props published.

NEW BOATS

During 1966 and 1967 new catamarans were being designed, some for home building. The Hubbard Brothers of Stamford Conn. designed a B-class catamaran called a B-Lion. Dr Marv Maxmen and John Gilder constructed one in Marv's garage. Bruce Price build a B-Lion in his basement for Dave Boulter.



I liked Dave's B-Lion so asked Bruce to build me one for the next summer. I kept it for 10 years, trailering it to east coast regattas and the Multihull Labour Day regatta at Royal Hamilton YC for years.

About the time the B-Lions were built another B-class cat was developed in England called a Tornado. It was either home or factory built and ended up an Olympic class which guaranteed excellent sailors joining the class. The club had four of them for a while.

MOVING ONI

In 1976 with a 4-year-old and another on the way, Carol and I decided the catamaran was not the boat for small children so we researched keel boats we could afford and chose the C&C 24. In 2026 Skookumchuk is 49 years old and still winning races.

Thank you TH&SC for 61 years of friends and boating pleasure. 🚤



SPRING SOCIAL



1951 2026 75th Anniversary THSC		April 2026					1951 2026 75th Anniversary THSC	
Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.		
FIVE WEEKS TO LAUNCH			1	2	3	4		
5	6	Executive Board Meeting	8	9	DARTS about 7 pm	10	11	
12	13	14	Race Meeting 7-9	15	Cruising 101-7-10	DARTS about 7 pm	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	DARTS about 7 pm	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30				
RACE MEETING AND CRUISING 101 THIS MONTH								

1951 2026 75th Anniversary THSC		May 2026					1951 2026 75th Anniversary THSC	
Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.		
LAUNCH DAY IS FINALLY HERE						1	2	LAUNCH 7:00 am
3	4	Executive Board Meeting	5	6	7	8	9	Coatsworth Cut Cruise (with ABYC)
10	11	12	13	Warmup Race-6:30-9	14	15	16	Reciprocal Cruise to BPYC Ice Breaker Race Rear Commodore's Meet & Greet
17	18	19	20	Racing Starts Series I begins	21	22	23	Pop Up Karaoke
24	25	26	27	Racing Series I-race 2	28	29	30	Susan Hood Trophy Race
31	LOSHERS Race 1-Day Race							
SAIL PAST ON JUNE 13 th – EVERYONE IS WELCOME								

1951 2026 75th Anniversary THSC		June 2026					1951 2026 75th Anniversary THSC	
Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.		
	1	Executive Board Meeting	2	3	4	5	6	Boat Open-Yard Sale
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	SAIL PAST	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Dufferin Bell Buoy Race-w/ ABYC hosting	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	Reciprocal Cruise to HYC	
28	29	30	1					
SAIL PAST ON JUNE 13 th – EVERYONE IS WELCOME								

1951 2026 75th Anniversary THSC		July 2026					1951 2026 75th Anniversary THSC	
Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.		
			1	2	3	4	Circle of Life Race-11-4	
5	6	Executive Board Meeting	7	8	9	10	11	Reciprocal Cruise to LSVC
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Reciprocal Cruise to QCYC	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Race des Voyageurs +Pop up in Hole	
26	27	28	29	30	31			
CANADA DAY IS ALSO A RACE DAY – CELEBRATE BOTH								