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# Calendar

October 10<sup>th</sup>—Cradle Placement—9-4

October 10<sup>th</sup>—Thanksgiving Dinner—6-11

October 17<sup>th</sup>—18<sup>th</sup>—HAULOUT—

November 7<sup>th</sup>—Awards Night—5-12

November 15<sup>th</sup>—Kid's Christmas Party—11-2

November 13<sup>th</sup>—Friday Evening Darts begins—7 pm

December 6<sup>th</sup>—Budget Meeting—1-4

January 1<sup>st</sup>—TH&SC New Year's Levy—1-4

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MATEYS-



GIVE IT YOUR BEST SHOT!

## SUNDOWNER V1 PHOTO COMPETITION

The prizes, minimal – but ahh, the glory!

Winning photos stay on display throughout the year  
for members and visitors to enjoy.

Photos should relate to TH&SC cruising, racing, social events, fun!

**Requirements: b&w or 4 colour, 8 x 10 ish.**

**DEADLINE: High Noon, Saturday October 31st**

Place entries in an envelope labelled Photo Contest.  
Pin to the breezeway bulletin board.

Remember to include your name, email, phone number,  
and captions/details for each entry.

**GOOD LUCK!**

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# COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Martin Osborne

As the season changes, we trade summer's long, warm days for the shorter, cooler days of fall. With that transition comes the dismasting of our boats and preparations for haul out.



## Annual Elections and Board Transitions

September also brought our annual elections. Thank you to everyone who attended or submitted a proxy vote—your participation is essential to a democratic club like ours.

A special thankyou goes to Vice-Commodore Scott Parsons and Harbour Master Peeter Leppik for their service on the board. As their terms wind down, I know they will do everything possible to support a smooth transition for the incoming executives:

**Ellen Lewis**, Vice-Commodore

**Rob Clarke**, Harbour Master

Ellen and Rob will each bring a welcome new perspective to the board, and I look forward to working with them over the next few years.

## Member Contributions and the Work Hours Portal

Thank you to everyone whose contributions over the past nine months have strengthened the club. It has been remarkable to see the progress across so many areas and the plans taking shape to make TH&SC even better for everyone.

The new work hours portal has been central to that progress. Many thanks to Paul Lewis and the Tech team for creating a tool that helps this work happen seamlessly.

If you have not yet logged in, now is an excellent time to explore the available work-hour opportunities. A recent review of the portal showed:

- 66 individual tasks posted and completed
- 62 tasks currently available

These opportunities make it easy to increase your contribution—or complete the required minimum of 16 hours.

## International Year of the Volunteer

As I close, I would once again like to remind everyone that 2026 is the International Year of the Volunteer. What better place to give your time than somewhere as special as TH&SC?

With the new volunteer portal, it is

easier than ever to find opportunities that match your abilities and count toward your work-hour total. Imagine what we could accomplish if each of us contributed just a little more than the required 16 hours.

Let's continue working together to make TH&SC an even better place—now and for the future.

## Stay Connected

Please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the executive with suggestions, concerns, or offers to volunteer. Your support helps keep our club the best on the lake.

Fair winds and following seas,  
Martin Osborne 🚤



# PAST COMMODORE

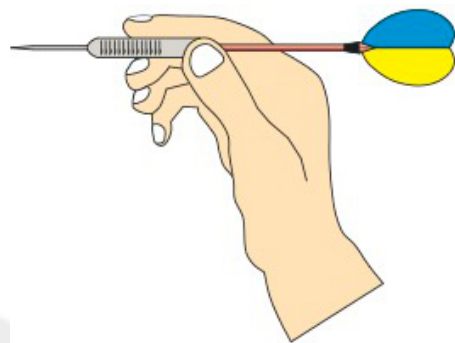
Terry Pasioka

HELLO everyone,  
Here we are, already into October with the sailing season drawing to a close. I trust everyone had a good summer. Sadly, we are putting our boats ashore until we can get out on the water again next spring.

Thanks to all members and crew for your part in nurturing TH&SC's reputation as a friendly and inclusive club. It takes thousands of interactions to foster that reputation, it is much appreciated across the lake.

The election meeting for executive board members was held on September 28th, 2026. For the first time in some years, we voted to decide our new Vice-Commodore and I am happy to share that Ellen Lewis will assume that role; and that Rob Clarke will be the new Harbour Master, effective January 1st, 2027; and that Grant Britchford remains as Treasurer for another two year term. A round of applause for the new board members and for all candidates whose participation helped to reinforce this democratic process within our club.

A special thanks to the outgoing member of the executive board. The



*What are you doing on Friday evenings?  
Scrolling TikTok, YouTube, watching commercials on TV?*

*Instead, come down to the clubhouse around 7 and shoot some darts. The 2026/27 darts season will begin on Friday, November 13th. There are darts to borrow and people to talk to.*

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long serving Scott Parsons, for leading the technology transition of our club to a more digital organization and for his balanced approach to members' needs and issues; and to Peeter Leppik for managing the harbour, our fleet of club vessels, and for his leadership in planning our long-term facility needs.

As the sailing portion of the season ends, I encourage you all to join in the social events still to come, they are an opportunity to connect with fellow members, share stories of adventure on the water, and strengthen the sense of community that makes our club stand out. Whether you're a long-time member or new to the club, your presence and participation helps to create memorable experiences for all.

Let's also acknowledge the social committee volunteers for organizing this season's events. The social calendar continues to thrive, we added inter-club events, pop-ups and member sponsored events that were a lot of fun. I'm looking forward to what is still to come.

And a big thank you to all our current executives, and to Isabel Resendes, our wonderful Board Secretary, for your dedication and professionalism.

Terry Pasioka,  
Past Commodore 🚤

## HARBOUR MASTER

Peeter Leppik

**H**AUL OUT is on track as of this issue's publication. Just some reminders.

7 am start. Sign in the check-in list and get your hard hat. Bring cash for breakfast/lunch.

No parking in the yard. Be sure to pay for GreenP parking or find alternate transportation. The lot fills up as ABYC hauls out as well. Marathons are often scheduled for this weekend impeding access.

Keep hydrated and wear steel toed boots.

Yard boat positions are now finalized and closed for change requests.

**Telltale** will have links to the most recent haul out sequence, safety guidelines and job assignments.

Make sure you have enough control lines on your vessel for handling. No knots.

Keep boat decks clear to ensure sling crew safety.

Keep out of the crane operator's line of sight.

Do not stand under boats.

Maintain situational awareness at all times.

Deep keel boats may consider running leader lines under their boat hulls in advance (between keel and rudder). If your keel and rudder get mudded in during low water levels, slings can't be positioned.

Make sure your trailer is in good order. Tires inflated and ball sockets lubricated and loose.

*Every sailor has a star to guide him home.*

Peeter Leppik  
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Harbour Master TH&SC



**Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life out of nowhere, makes your heart race, and changes you forever. We call those people cops.**

## TH&SC Thanksgiving Dinner



## FLEET CAPTAIN CRUISING

Mike Smith

**W**HEW!

That was a full cruising season, complicated by wildfire smoke, event conflicts, and snotty weather. Despite all that, we had some great trips and surely next year will be easier.



QCYC Cruise

Your genial Cruising Captain has feelers out and inquiries have already started to come in from other clubs; I expect to have a 2027 cruising schedule soonest. Regulars will be happy to know the annual race/cruise to Etobicoke Yacht Club is already pencilled in.

But before all that, it will soon be Awards Night. Did you attend three or more club cruises? Were you first across the lake? Last? Did you sail more than 250 miles on a single cruise? Let me know your accomplishments at [cruising@thsc.ca](mailto:cruising@thsc.ca).

And if you wanted to take part in club cruises this year but were not sure how to go about it, we'll be having the Cruising 101 event again next spring.

Happy (can that be the word? Non-Sailing Season. )



# GARDEN COMMITTEE

**T**HE Gardens surrounding the Clubhouse, patio area and all the way down to D-Dock were a pleasure to watch grow and bloom this season. And bloom they did!

We had quite a few compliments from club members and visiting guests. One guest left a \$20 tip with a note for the funds to go towards our flowers in 2027. Another guest from RCYC wanted the name of our Hydrangeas at the front entrance. They would be a perfect addition in their clubs gardens!

I am so grateful and appreciative of Catherine Ward, Dorothy Williams, Sue Osborne, Linda Russell and Lynn Townley, for their weekly watering, deadheading and weeding and to my husband Dave, who has patiently waited around while I give the plants one more drink.

Larry Adolph and the cutting crew kept our grass green and healthy. Thank you.

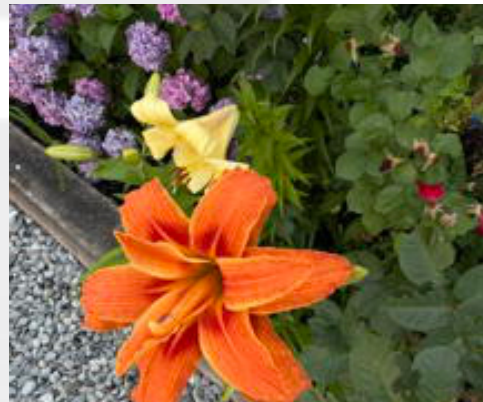
I'd also like to give Mike Adams a shout out for growing a healthy bunch of very tall Sunflowers 🌻 at D-Dock.

The gardens were put to bed Saturday on a warm October day, and none too soon with the first frost warnings.

If you enjoy gardening, and can commit to volunteering a couple hours each week from May 'till September, please contact John Greenham or myself, Rosemary Johnston. We can always use more "green thumbs".

Shovels in the dirt.

Rosemary Johnston. 🌊



# WAYS AND MEANS

Jeff Hocking

**T**HANK you for those of you who have been doing so much work at the club and for those following the hours tracking system that was set up. At the moment, it seems like there are quite a few hours that would have been completed that are not accounted for, so please make sure to be in touch with the executive member supervising your hours so that you can add them to the member portal (in general a job needs to be created there before you can add the hours).

If you are having issues, please contact me at [waysandmeans@thsc.ca](mailto:waysandmeans@thsc.ca).

There is no alternative hours tracking, everything is through the portal, so if you have hours that are not showing up in your portal account, please be in touch. 🌊



## PROPERTY MGR

John Greenham

**A**S the sailing season winds down and the masts come off their boats, I want to thank you all for another wonderful season. Your energy on the docks, in the clubhouse, and on the water is what makes TH&SC the club it is.



first coat of stain is already on the boards, but we'd love your help hanging them.

### Sign Up Through the Volunteer Portal

Finding a project that fits your skills and schedule is easy. Log in to the portal to browse open projects and sign up for a shift in a few taps. You can also see who else is volunteering. Whether you can spare a couple of hours when it's convenient or a few weekends over the winter, every bit helps.

Your volunteer time keeps dues low and the club in great shape, and every project completed this winter means a smoother start to next season. If you have questions, or would like to lead a project, please reach out.

### Your Ideas for 2027

I'm putting the final touches on the 2027 budget. If you have an idea for a project, or something you'd like to see around the club, I'd love to hear it. Suggestions will be considered, with final approval at the December meeting.

Thank you again for a great season.

Our racing fleet was strong, and the summer events were thoroughly enjoyed. The garden and lawn have never looked better, and the clubhouse is taking shape beautifully. Visitors from around the lake keep telling us that TH&SC is a wonderful place to spend their free time, and that's a credit to you.

### Fall & Winter Projects

TH&SC is a self-help club, and we have a full list of projects to tackle before spring. Many hands make light work, and no experience is required for most of them. Here are a few on this fall's list:

- D-Dock: build a new shed
- Workshop: put on a new roof
- Siding: replace the last few walls. The



Woodbine Beach Park

## MARINE RULES TO SURVIVE BY

**Remember the proverbial 6 Ps: Proper Planning and Preparation Prevents a Poor Performance.**

## RACING CAPTAIN

Bryan Pelkey

**I**T'S been an eventful second half of the season. Looking back, we've had really amazing contributions to the racing program, particularly with Peeter getting involved on the race committee and running races to help out Richard—many thanks to both of you and those who support them on *Shadow*. And we've had some great developments on the organizing and social side of things, not least of which is our new catering team, Alex and crew, who have really hit the mark.

I'm also incredibly grateful to all the efforts that went into planning and pulling off another successful East End Challenge. The deepwater mark and big triangle course along with those who made it happen out on the mark boat, *Mac-1*, gave everyone a unique lake race with an exciting last leg.

A big thank you to Andrea for all the scoring this season as well. Her behind the scenes contribution is essential to Wednesday races and all the weekend races going smoothly.

As things wrap up for the season and masts come down, we look forward to Awards Night and to next season. This year wasn't without its challenges, and we collectively build on what we learned to make next year even better.

## YOU ARE A TORONTONIAN IF...

**You still talk about your favourite parts of a show that ran for 12 months forty years ago from midnight to 6 a.m. on a minor television station where the host pretended to be the station's security guard.**

## OOD MANAGER

Peter de Jong van der Halen

THERE were many fine days for boating in its many forms as well as heavy rain, tornado warnings, and excess wind at times. Hope you all had time to enjoy your boat on the water and at the dock, as well as participate in the 75th Anniversary and other events.



We had 78 boat visits in 2026, representing 18 clubs including two boats from the United States, with the most visitors coming from BPYC, HYC and EYC.

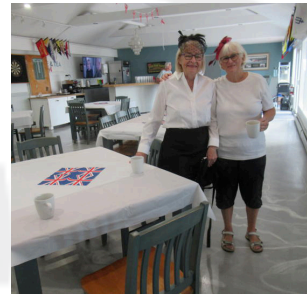
Thanks go out to Michael Smith, Cruising Captain for organizing reciprocal cruises and providing slip assignments to the incoming clubs and to our OODs ahead of time.

Once again, we have relied on some of our members to do one or more extra OOD shifts. This year 9 members stepped up to do 13 shifts to ensure that all OOD shifts were covered, from the long weekend in May to the last weekend in September, including four holidays. New this year, each member of the Executive also did a shift as Officer of the Day.

The Canada flag became 'stuck' at the top of the pole early in the summer and so remained flying throughout the weeks since then despite several attempts to lower it.

The 'UGH!' factor!!! Hosing/shovelling duck poo off the seawall and docks, especially D-Dock. The open north side seems to attract more avian than nautical visitors! Thanks to the OODs and to Mike A and helpers at D-Dock for the extra efforts, including keep off ribbons and (non) threatening owls in an attempt to keep the dock passable for boaters.

Black log book entries vary greatly in detail. The Harbour Master, Property Manager, and OOD Co-ordinator appreciate those OOD entries with specific details which tell what is happening on the docks and in the yard, areas of concern, and suggestions for improvement. Please document your four-hour shift by supplying some record of routine tasks and out of the ordinary events/tasks in the black log book. 🚢



## Bluffer's Challenge



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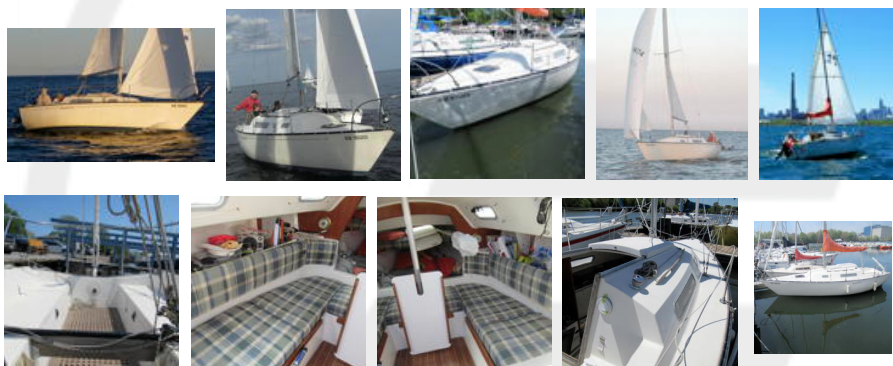
# FOR SALE

## C&C 24—Niagara upgrade

Year—1977 Length—24' Beam—8' 9" Draft—4'  
Location—Toronto Hydroplane & Sailing Club, Ashbridges Bay

**Skookumchuk** was built 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 main. Teak cockpit floor boards. Autohelm. Cockpit cushions. Roomy cabin. All the equipment necessary to sail from the dock, plus tons of extras.

Asking price \$4000



email: Richard Taylor RWT@TOTAL.NET



## FEMALE FLEET RACE

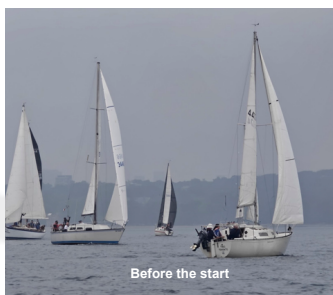


# BIIDASSIGE PARK

# East End Challenge



Skipper's Meeting



Before the start



Away out in the lake



Alex and Tom



At the Lake mark



Calo Albany Alan Jones Steve Loeffen



Lee Rixon Tiago Keilman Mary McMahon



Brooks Robitaille Vaughan Passmore Julie King



Ashlee Stroud Roger Van Vlack Gordon Burt



Tiago Keilman



Vaughan Passmore Tiago Keilman



# FROST BITE RACE



Challenging weather



Self timed finish



