



SAILPAST

Cruising Edition

June, 2017



*The season is
officially open!*



Opening Ceremonies

Sailpast, June 3

In case you missed it.....



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**Don't forget to check the duty
watch schedule for your dates and
times.**

**The information is available on the
website and in the duty office.**

Club Business

In Memoriam

As announced earlier this month, Rhonda Reigert's mom passed away in the early hours of June 8. She was 86 years old and had been in palliative care the last 6.5 weeks.

Dave and Rhonda were able to be with her when she left her tired body behind and entered into a better place. A memorial service was held on June 13th at Church in the Village.

Duty Watches

Just a reminder to everyone that the duty watch schedule is available on the web site and also in the book in the duty office.

If you check the web site you can see that duty watch information is organized in both date and name formats for easy searching. The book in the duty office is individually organized by date.

Please make sure you have marked your personal calendars with the dates upon which you are on duty.

Commodore's Report

The water is going down. Very, very slowly, but it is dropping.

With a bit of luck, C dock may get power before the Canada Day weekend.

And then the cleanup begins....

This has been just a ridiculous year so far, and I'll be very glad to see us turn the corner and return to some measure of normal operation.

Sailpast was a fantastic day. My thanks to Sam for all the effort in making it enjoyable for all. I'm sure others will have more to add, but a great time was had by all.

The Friday Night Dinners return Friday June 16th. You may not get this until after the first dinner is past, but mark your calendars for the rest of them!

Other than the water levels, we haven't had too many recent issues to deal with, and for that I'm grateful. It's been rather interesting watching people adapt to no shore power. Sure, we all miss the luxury things, and it's a bit more difficult for those that would normally be staying over on weekends, but all in all, everyone has gotten on with things. The boats stayed high and safe, and the clubhouse never got wet.

Next up are the east wall replacement project and fixing the submerged power junction boxes. Unfortunately, we now know power was the weak link in the improvements over the last number of years. The boxes were left at the height of the old fixed docks. Imagine how far under water our docks would have been this year!

We are hoping to incorporate changes to hydro as we rebuild the east wall. C dock

will hopefully lose the junction box that sits in the water to the north of the power shed, and we'll simply move the cables into the wall of the shed about 4' above ground. A dock will have a trench dug towards B dock for 4', and we'll simply use that 4' of cable to raise the junction box. That will result in the box being 4' closer to B dock, but will be mounted on 6 x 6 posts and on a board. A new, longer cable will then be run to the first junction box on A dock. B dock we will figure out, but it may be as simple as lifting it within the lighthouse, or we'll pull it up into the lawn and mount it on a board as well, then run a new cable to the first box on B dock. All this bearing in mind that B dock needs to be rebuilt. And soon.

Thank you to all who assisted with Big Brothers Big Sisters. The kids all had a great time on the water. And to Pat Susman and her crew for organizing a fundraising bake sale. Proceeds were split between the sailing school and Big Brothers Big Sisters. By all accounting, it was a very successful day.

I think somewhere else in this newsletter the issue of Duty Watches will be addressed, so I'll simply say it's your responsibility as the member to know when your watches are, and either be there or switch off with another.

Along those lines, please remember we don't have paid staff to clean up after you. Apparently we have some members that think they can just leave their dirty dishes or garbage on the tables or counters, and it magically disappears. I hear this time and time again. Please clean up after yourselves. And if you've come out to an event, please offer to help clean up if you can spare a few minutes. Many hands make light work.

Finally, I'd like to extend my thanks to the First Mates. This was a group of ladies at FBYC who would sell FBYC clothing, ran the barbeques, and held fundraisers such as trips to wine country, bake sales plus many other well attended events, with a goal to raise money for various club projects. Over the years they donated appliances, barbecues, and money for improvements.

The group is no longer active at FBYC, having handed the reigns over to a fresh group of fundraisers some years back, but still had some money available. Last year they graciously offered to donate \$1000 towards the upgrades in the ladies washroom (thanks Chris!) and the purchase of new counter tops. I'm very happy to say we have indeed received their gracious donation, along with another \$1000 which is to go to another project hopefully soon; the purchase of a commercial chair lift.

I'd like to extend the thanks of the entire club to all of the First Mates who contributed over the years: Arlene Allen Moira Bedall, Jean Boutet, Lorraine Carrier, Sue Croley, Maureen Dike, Lisa Dike, Faye Flood, Marjorie Fowler, Barb Hess, Doreen Hunt, Carol Hughes, Debbie May, Marguerite Passifume, Janne Phillips, Evelyn Picketts, Flo Plumb, Janice Redman, Lori Robnson, Dora Slighte, Carolyn Smith, Michele Stratton, Jean Taylor, Betty Turner, Jessie Turner, Maureen Tutty, Anne Watters, along with all who contributed their time and effort over the years.

- Glen Dickson

Sailpast Photos



Raising the Flags!



Vice Commodore's Welcome!



The Procession!



Volunteer Award!



The Prayer!



Lunch Preparations Underway!



The Dessert Table!

Big Brothers Big Sisters

On Saturday, June 10, the Frenchman's Bay Yacht Club again hosted Big Brothers Big Sisters of SouthWest Durham, for a one hour sail on Lake Ontario. Organized by Big Brothers and Sisters and FBYC, it is an opportunity for the kids, ranging in age from 8 to 13, to spend some time on the water and experience the joy and thrill of being the skipper on a keel boat.

This was our second year in hosting this event and like last year, it was a perfect day on the water as the weather and the waves were light.

Many thanks go to everyone who assisted in making the day go smoothly.....Victoria Dickson and Rachel Susman in managing the food, John Flood and Kevin Susman in managing the BBQ, and of course Patricia Susman and Connie Dickson in managing the bake sale.....a new addition this year.

Thanks to our skippers.....

- Asylum
- Doug Lippay
- Merlin
- Ron and Janet van der Wees
- Moon Chaser
- David Wysocki
- Sedona
- Susan Ross and Laura McNeil
- See The Wind
- Chris and Nancy Smith
- Star Mist
- Denis Carrier
- Vivace
- David Reigert

We have tentatively scheduled this event for June 9 next year.....so please consider donating your time (and boat) to give next year's kids a sailing opportunity.

- Ron van der Wees



Sedona Crew!



Moon Chaser Crew!



Merlin Crew!



Star Mist Crew!

Rear Commodore, Fleet

The summer solstice is almost upon us. We have completed our first race series. The details are on the club website (along with a lot of other useful information). Not all the competing boats have up to date PHRF ratings, so there may be minor adjustments in the final standings (including 1st, 2nd, 3rd places).

The Roy Jones Memorial double handed race was held May 27th with six boats competing. Congratulations to the winning crew on Rampage—Glen Dickson and John Kennedy. The Bill fertile single handed race was held Saturday June 10th in very light winds. The seven boats “raced” to Highland Creek mark and back finishing with only 9.5 minutes separating the first and last boats. Mike Brett on Streak was the winner. See the website for more details.

Summer Series One will have the white sails split into two fleets.

Many thanks to those who helped prepare and serve the chili during the spring series. Thank you Andrea Zeeb for coordinating the volunteers and cooking the chili. Also thanks to all those who worked on the committee boat led by Bill Graham. FBYC could not function without volunteers. Please continue to report your hours even beyond 15. We would like to get a more accurate picture of the hours contributed to make FBYC the successful club that it is. Wednesday June 14th was the first night of BBQing following the race.

We are continuing to work on getting the engine working well on Fleur de Lis. We are investigating replacing the fuel tank. Bruce Stephen did an amazing job of organising the equipment on board this spring. Sometime after May 31 someone borrowed race flags and did not return

them when they were needed for the next club race. They have since been found, but not on the boat. Please use club property appropriately. A pair of binoculars (mine) is also missing from Fleur de Lis. Please return them!

There are four clubs (FBYC, WYC, ABYC, bluffers basin) involved in the TELDS race series. The first race is the Whitby 50 on June 23. It has been confirmed that the race is on in spite of the high water levels. The second race in the series is the Singer Long Distance race hosted by FBYC on July 7. This series was organized to give sailors in the east end of the GTA a venue in which to compete in longer races without having to travel to Port Credit YC. With the potential of less cruising available this year, you may want to consider participating in this series (one or more of the five races).

Rules Review: Rule 31 Touching a Mark

While racing, a boat shall not touch a starting mark before starting, a mark that begins, bounds, or ends the leg of a course on which she is sailing, or a finishing mark after finishing. (See Rule 44.1 for the penalty.)

- David Riegert

Updated Racing Rules of Sailing.

Whether you are a racing sailor, a coach, an official, or organizing a regatta – you need the new 2017-2020 Rule Book with Sail Canada Prescriptions. You can obtain a copy from your Provincial Sailing Association or at store.sailing.ca!

Cruising

Cruising Log Book

A good cruising logbook though should be more than just a list of times and positions. It should be an easy to use and read aid to passage planning, passage making, weather prediction and a reservoir of useful information about your vessel. You should be able to consider it a companion on any voyage rather than a chore.

Keeping an accurate log is no longer just a matter of good practice but a professional and legal necessity. As well as being a navigational aid it can potentially play an important role in recording the facts and events surrounding an accident or other incident on the water. A well maintained written record will enable you to provide a credible account of events to the authorities or to insurance companies.

Safe Boating Guide

You should always keep a current copy of this manual on board while on the water.

The official document is TP-511e (for the english version).and can be downloaded from the Government of Canada website.

Schedule

June 30-July 2 Cobourg Waterfront Festival--Fireworks/Market

Cobourg Marina Club

July 15/16 Commodore's Cruise

Mimico Cruise Club - Reciprocal Cruise

August 5/6/7- Kids Cruise (This is Caribana Weekend)

Island Yacht Club (Toronto)
Toronto Sailing and Canoe Club (6 boats incoming) Reciprocal available if you are a small boat. If you want to be in the heart of the action, Toronto Sailing and Canoe Club is the Place to be.

August 19/20 BPYC (Reciprocal Cruise)

September 16/17 THSC (Reciprocal Cruise)

PreDeparture Checklist

VESSEL SAFETY EQUIPMENT

- Have onboard a buoyant heaving line at least 15m long
- One manual propelling device
- One magnetic compass
- One radar reflector

PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES (PFDs)

- Have onboard one PFD per passenger, minimum of two
- Make sure that PFDs are in good condition and properly sized to fit each person on board.
- Discuss proper use/location of PFDs

SOUND SIGNALLING DEVICES

- Have onboard a sound signalling device
- Bring a spare can of air or an alternate device
- Attach a whistle to each PFD

LIGHTS

- Test navigation lights
- Check instrument lights
- Bring a watertight flashlight and spare batteries

DISTRESS SIGNALS

- Ensure that flares, day signals, etc., are accessible and stored in a dry location
- Discuss location, proper use and safety rules

TOOLS & SPARES

- Be sure to have a basic toolbox with boat-appropriate tools
- Be sure to bring a spare fuel filter, light bulbs, head parts, through-hull plugs, etc.

FUEL & OIL

- Check fuel levels
- Check the engine oil and coolant levels

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

- Make sure you have a fully charged, accessible fire extinguisher(s) as specified by Transport Canada
- Ensure mounts are secure and functional

- Discuss location with passengers and crew

VENTILATION

- On any powered vessel or vessels using LPG, check that interior spaces are well ventilated
- If you smell fuel before ventilating, run blowers for several minutes and re-check before starting
- If odours persist, shut down the engine and look for the source of the leak

BILGES

- Ensure bilges are reasonably dry and pumps are not running excessively
- Clean any spilled oil or waste in bilges to prevent overboard discharge
- One bailer or manual bilge pump

WEATHER FORECAST

- Check the weather forecast before departure
- Have portable radio onboard for weather updates

BATTERY CARE

- For dual charging systems, check that the selector switch is in the proper position
- Ensure power is on to the entire vessel
- Bring spare batteries for handheld radio, flashlight, portable navigational aid, etc.
- Ensure rechargeable batteries are charged

DOCKING & ANCHORING TIPS

- Be sure to have one anchor set up and bent-on the anchor line
- Bring two or three extra dock lines
- Visually inspect lines for chafe or wear
- Bring fenders (minimum 2) for docking or towing

RULES & DOCUMENTATION

- Make sure you have your Pleasure Craft Operator Card on board (not a photocopy)
- Bring ship's papers, radio license, fishing permit, etc.
- Bring chart(s) for the area you intend to cruise

Don't forget to file a sail plan with the club!

Accounting for Drift

An understanding of the effects of set and drift is vital for sailors; it can make the difference between an enjoyable passage or a struggle to reach your destination against a foul current.

Set and drift are two terms used to describe the effect currents have on your boat. Set is the direction in which the current is flowing. Drift is the speed of the current. You need to take both of these into account when taking advantage of a weather window to cross any strong current.

Some sailors mistakenly believe that because they have a GPS to tell them what course to steer, they do not need to understand the effects of a current. This is simply not true. While your GPS will indeed display the straight line between you and your destination, it will not predict the effects of set and drift, which can change a favorable wind direction into a headwind.

Never forget that a GPS is reactive, telling you how to correct your heading to stay on course. This means that at the beginning and end of your passage, you will be sailing the predicted heading. However, in the middle of the stream, where the drift is strongest, you will have to point further and further into the current in order to remain on your rhumb line. Such a drastic change in your heading also brings the wind further forward so that you will be beating into it and, eventually, motorsailing. Not only does this eliminate the sailing option, it can also make for a less pleasant crossing.

By being able to predict the current's effect, you can choose a weather window that allows for an easy crossing under sail. You can use set and drift to plot the course you should steer to arrive at your

destination on a more consistent heading, spreading out the effects of the stream across the entire passage, rather than simply reacting to it when it is at its greatest.

How To Calculate.....

1. Find the distance to your destination in nautical miles.
2. Divide this distance by your average speed in knots. (Using your average speed is important.) This gives you the length of time of your passage.
3. Multiply this time by the average speed (drift) of the current. This gives you the number of nautical miles in the direction of the current that you would be swept if you did not correct at all.
4. From your destination, plot the set of the current.
5. From your destination, measure the distance you found in Step 3 along the line you plotted in Step 4, in the opposite direction of the current. This gives you a point to use to find your course to steer.
6. Measure the bearing from your departure point to the point you found in Step 5. This is your course to steer.

By following this method, the bow of the boat will be pointing in the heading you found in Step 6, but the current will sweep you along the line that takes you to your original destination.

Steward

An interesting spring this year with the high water. It amazes me to the resilience of boaters in unusual situations. Onward and upward.

Weekend bar hours commenced this past weekend. The hours are posted on the patio. Kayleen and myself will be serving through until October 1st on the new named "Lighthouse Lounge". Come in for delicious Friday night dinners with Chef Izzy and/or an afternoon cocktail or two.

Canada "150" - Saturday, July 1st marks Canada's 150 years. The fireworks should be spectacular. If you not going to Cobourg, why not come down to the club and watch the fireworks from our balcony. The bar will be open and perhaps a few snacks.

Just a reminder to all members ... under our liquor licence the only place for your own alcohol is on your boat.

Recycling - Junior Sail Club are collecting empty beer/wine bottles to assist in their fundraising. If you have items, instead of putting them in recycling, why not donate them to the Junior Club. There are bins to the west of the recycling wooden box.

Summer's coming!

Cheers!

- Maureen Tutty



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Social Events

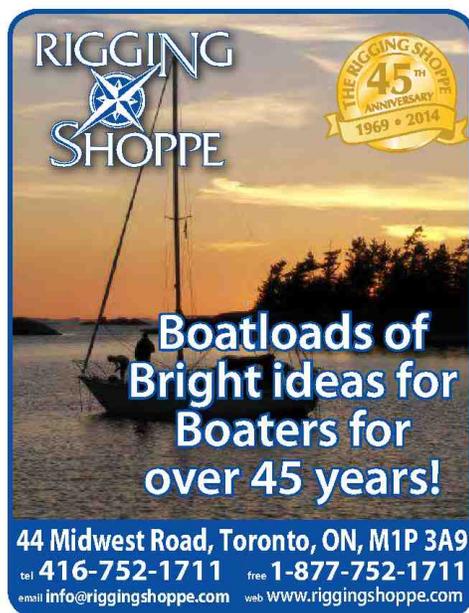
Every Friday Night (7:00 pm) - Pub Nights
in the Regatta Room

Club Racing

Wednesday Nights

Cruises

Saturday, June 30 - Cobourg (now fully
booked)



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A Little Humour

- Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.
- Children: You spend the first 2 years of their life teaching them to walk and talk. Then you spend the next 16 years telling them to sit down and shut-up.
- A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
- Laugh at your problems, everybody else does.
- Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.
- Always borrow money from a pessimist. He won't expect it back.
- You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
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- Why do Americans choose from just two people to run for president and 50 for Miss America?
- Worrying works! 90% of the things I worry about never happen.
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- I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure.
- A bargain is something you don't need at a price you can't resist.
- With sufficient thrust, pigs fly just fine.
- When you go into court, you are putting your fate into the hands of people who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.
- Children seldom misquote you. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said.
- You know your children are growing up when they stop asking you where they came from and refuse to tell you where they're going.
- Do you realize that in about 40 years, we'll have thousands of old ladies running around with tattoos?
- Materialism: buying things we don't need with money we don't have to impress people that don't matter.

Sailing News

ONTARIO SAILING & ROWONTARIO

Ontario Sailing and ROWONTARIO are pleased to announce they will be joining forces to present a combined Annual Conference on November 25th 2017.

ROWONTARIO and Ontario Sailing have a strong history of working together to provide a higher calibre product for their members. The organizations have been partnered on several projects over the past six years, most notably the signature COAST program that supports club leaders. Through combining our joint resources and efforts we recognize the conference is the next opportunity to benefit all our members through partnership. In bringing both organizations together for the annual conference, we will be able to build upon the best components of each conference and enhance our services.

The conference will continue to have sport specific components for representatives from both rowing and sailing as well as some combined sessions. In addition to combined COAST sessions on effective club operations and governance, organizers will look to maximize the opportunity to have speakers that can bring practical hands on tools for both sailing and rowing attendees. The day will also include some other pieces specific to each sport. These will be hand in hand with opportunities to network, not just within your sport, but with other representatives from your geographical area.

The conference will be held at the International Plaza Hotel & Conference Centre (Toronto Airport) on Saturday November 25th 2017. More details about registration, sessions and networking opportunities will be shared in the coming months. Information will be coming out through both organizations as well as COAST's social media, newsletters and emails - watch for details over the summer and early fall.

For more information, please contact Lisa Roddie at lisa@ontariosailing.ca

Safe Boating Awareness Week (May 20-26, 2017)

The 2017 North American Safe Boating Awareness Week Campaign has ramped up for this year's boating season. Since 1995, this campaign has been the mainstay of boating safety outreach to the over 16 million people who recreate on Canadian waters each season. The 2017 campaign will be no exception as the CSBC continues to strive to ingrain safe and responsible boating practices as second nature on the water. At the core of the 2017 campaign are five key messages.

- [Wear a PFD or Lifejacket](#)
- [Don't Drink & Boat](#)
- [Take a Boating Course](#)
- [Be Prepared, Both You and Your Vessel](#)
- [Be Wary of the Dangers of Cold Water Immersion](#)

The Canadian Safe Boating Council wants to make sure all those who head out on Canadian waterways in their powerboats, sailboats, canoes, kayaks and personal watercraft are educated in the safety practices that could save their lives.

Visit the Canadian Safe Boating Council's website for more information and resources for safe boating and be sure to check out their YouTube page for more video tips like the one above.



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