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Ahoy There! Remembering Paul Sutherland



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Paul Sutherland...A memory for the children of yesterday and today.

by Karin Larson

On contemplating the impact Paul Sutherland had on many of our lives, I subconsciously flipped through a book that was hot off the press. The pages fell open at the song "Fiddlers' Green," and there, in my mind's eye was Paul Sutherland.

Dressed in oil skins and jumper, big smile on his face and ukulele in hand, he was bellowing, along with hearties Al Rae Sr., Al Cox, Bob Norton, and a host of others, the words:

"... Just tell me old shipmates, I'm takin' a trip, mates, And I'll see you someday in Fiddlers' Green. . . Now Fiddlers' Green is a place I've heard tell, Where fishermen go if they don't go to Hell., Where the weather is fair and the dolphin do play, And the cold coast of Greenland is far, far away. . ."*

There's some small comfort in that Paul took that trip surrounded by love-not only the love of hundreds of fellow sailors all over the lake, but also by millions of children all over the world. Over forty years three generations. in some 70 or more countries, have grown up watching and hearing, in their own languages, his television shows: Tales of the Riverbank, Once Upon a Hamster, and Hammy Times.

The many readers of GAM who have been among those children, and those who have been Paul's sailing buddies, will appreciate knowing that he did not suffer long or unduly. He was active, visiting Portugal and launching his boat, and then, after cardiac surgery, fighting a short courageous battle before succumbing on the morning of May 12. Our sympathy is with Glenys, his wife, best friend and cherished companion, and their close knit family.

For a longer time than most, I have known Paul as a friend. We were at what is now Ryerson University together, he in Photography and I in Journalism. As did a number of Ryerson students he, now and then, visited my family's Island home at 74 Lakeshore. Here he especial-



ly enjoyed Mike Armour playing jazz on the piano and the Ward's Islander's Barber Shop Quartet. Occasionally, with the rest of the gang, Paul drifted across the lagoon bridge to join the fun at Queen City Yacht Club. That club became a lifetime love where he spent just about all of his spare time and made most of his friends after he joined it in 1963.

He was also taken by the Toronto Islands and,

FIDDLERS' GREEN

To Paul and all the sailors who have enriched our lives and are now in the Great Cockpit in the sky

As I roved by the dock-side one evening so rare,
To view the still waters and take the salt air,
I heard an old fisherman singing this song,
Oh-take me away boys, me time is not long.

Chorus:

Dress me up in me oil-skins and jumper,
No more on the docks I'll be seen,
Just tell me old ship-mates I'm takin' a trip, mates,
And I'll see you someday in Fiddlers' Green.

Now Fiddlers' Green is a place I've heard tell
Where fishermen go if they don't go to hell,
Where the weather is fair and the dolphins do play,
And the cold Coast of Greenland is far, far away.
The sky's always clear and there's never a gale
And the fish jump on board with a flip of their tail,
You can lie at your leisure, there's no work to do,
And the skipper's below makin' tea for the crew.
And when you're in dock and the long trip is through
There's pubs and there's clubs and there's lassies there too
Now the girls are all pretty and the beer is all free
And there's bottles of rum hangin' from every tree.
I don't want a harp nor a halo, not me.
Just give me a breeze and a good rollin' sea
And I'll play me old squeeze-box as we sail along
When the wind's in the riggin' to sing me this song.

before the homes were torn down by the City, lived on Centre Island for two or three summers and a couple of winters. Also before joining QCYC, he one day invited me to go out on the boat he had built (I remember it as a 14 foot moulded plywood sailboat named, as were each of him many later vessels, Runcible, a nonsense designation for a pickle fork.) He needed to learn how to sail the craft, and I was his one friend who, at the time, knew how.

The weather was perfect and, from Cherry Beach, we had a glorious run of almost ten miles to the smoke stacks of Port Credit. By the time we got back Paul knew as much about sailing as I did.

Through the years since our graduation, we never made any attempt to keep in touch, yet we crossed paths on an average of about twice a year; at the club, at Boat Shows or near the Hammy studio in the film district of Queen Street East. Almost every time it would be an occasion for a coffee, or a bit of lunch, and a catch up on personal events.

He told me, early on, how he was able to survive by being prudent, for instance by planning so as not to waste a bit of film. Now and then he talked about shooting his little animals, and without realizing it, inadvertently took on their personalities as he spoke. Before violence was even thought of as a social issue, he determined not to have it, nor foul language, in his productions. On many occasions he said he was working on his last set of films, but each year he would insist that he was doing just one more series.

Mostly, though, when we met he showed so much interest in what I was doing that, carried away by his encouragement, I would forget my questions to him and too late feel I might have missed something special.

What seemed to matter to him was not the magnitude of our efforts, but that we were each being fulfilled doing our own thing in our own way--and that was part of the magic of Paul Sutherland.



Commodore

DWIGHT HAMILTON



Well, it's finally happened, much to everyone's surprise...SUMMER. I know your thinking "spring", but let's face it...there was no spring. We've jumped from winter to summer without so much as a glance.

My thanks to all those who participated in the work weekend. A lot happened, with promises of more to come. Sidewalk repair, water system repairs, new roof on the junior club, a brand new Ladies

shower and washroom (and no, David Piece's picture will not go up in the washroom for the ladies to admire) all kept members pretty busy.

You'll also see some work happening around the garbage compound, that will in the end, save us quite a bit of money in garbage disposal. And, moorings is working feverishly on a new "moorings policy" as well as the on-going physical work that continues through out the summer.

Wayne's cross haul winch worked extremely well and with a few modifications will work even better down the road. Wayne and his trusty yard guys are also working on a plan to re-build the railway. It never ceases to amaze me, how such a relatively small club membership can achieve so much in such a short time. My thanks to everyone involved.

The Spring Meeting went well with the exception of one troubling note. Pam Mazza reported that the "Bridge over troubled waters" was not yet dead. This has haunted us for some time, and I hope this project will be put to bed soon.

Glen Newbury, our Communications Chairman, has been appointed by the Board as our Island Liaison Representative. We are endeavoring to develop better relations with the Island community in general, and believe that by creating a permanent link, we can achieve this.

Your Board is functioning well, and my personal thanks to them for their commitment to duty, and getting the job done.

Sadly, we are all well aware of Paul Sutherlands passing away. A good friend to Carol and I, and close personal friends of many in this club, he will be missed. He represented the spirit of this club and the spirit of sailing in so many ways. His legacy of photographs, his story telling, his humor, his good will, are only surpassed by the legacy of our memories of him. Joseph Conrad wrote: "All things can be found in life...depending on the spirit of your quest" Well, Paul's spirit was noble, and in that, he found all that is noble in life, His wonderful family, his dedication to friendship and his passion for living fully. Not to forget, his joy in a good cigar, a fine brandy and good company. You got to smile when you think of Paul.

A memorial service is planned in his honor for Sunday, June 27, in the Snug Room at 2:00 PM

Vice Commodore

TONY PITTS



Thanks to the contribution of many members, the Club season is off to a great start and we have many accomplishments that we can be proud of. This is despite the weather!

Thanks to Graham Dougall, Sailpast and the banquet and dance were a great success and an appropriate kick-off to our sailing season. I also recognize the extra efforts of Ken Owen, the Grounds Chair, and his crew. Ken and Neil

Gascadden were cleaning up the grounds and planting flowers up to one hour before sailpast! There will always be more work to do but the club and grounds are looking respectable.

As I mentioned in the previous issue, the Board is supporting the continuance of the Self Help Program and work hours. This is consistent with our philosophy of self-help. I have agreed to champion work hours and remind members that they have a minimum obligation

- Senior members 12 hours
- Associate, dry sail and intermediate - 6 hours

I wish to thank Gavin Peters and Steve Gigiel for their assistance in administering the program. We had two scheduled work parties earlier this month. There will be many opportunities to contribute work over the next three months. I am going to ask the Chairs to prepare project lists that can be posted in the office. So if someone wishes to do a little work, they may do so at their convenience by checking with Harry in the office.

One of the commitments I made at the last AGM was to promote an open process for assigning moorings and docks. Tom King has established a Moorings Committee and we will hear from them. Two key expectations are to establish a moorings protocol and establish a long-term plan for the lagoon. These will eventually be posted for everyone to see. I anticipate that Tom will be bringing these forward soon and that members will have an opportunity for input before anything is finalized.

We are proceeding on two key projects that were given priority by the Board. One of these was to fix the women's washroom - this is well underway. The second is to fix the marine railway and Wayne Lilley is currently exploring our options.

Thanks to the efforts of Geoff Heathcote and his committee, QCYC has a very healthy membership with new members and younger families. We have never had so much diversity in our membership!

Lastly, what a great news story for the Junior Club! A special thanks

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Rear Commodore

GRAHAM DOUGALL



I would like to thank everyone for making Sailpast a success. Elsewhere in this Clipper you will find an article on this year's Women's Skippers Race by Wendy Hardy. We are working on moving more information on Queen City's Sailing Program to the Club's web site. In addition to the racing result, we intend to have information about the Club's many trophies and awards. This is subtle reminder to start thinking about your nominations for this year's awards.

As usual, if you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me.

House Chair

DAVE PEARCE



A quick briefing from your new but now famous club chair (ahem, see women's washroom renovation):

We had an ambitious work plan for this year, including new windows on the west wall of the Great Hall, some lighting changes to reduce energy requirements, blinds in the diningroom, a new security system for the kids playroom, tinted windows for the Snugroom, etc, all cut short by the rather extensive women's shower/changeroom area renovation (the men had to settle for \$20 in paint).

Revenue permitting, we should be able to get to a few of the items.

On the revenue theme, we've developed some new rental rates for the clubhouse that included rates for the Snugroom and the Diningroom. You can get a copy of the rates at the office or by emailing me. Generally, the rates are skewed to favour members (i.e., cover costs) and generate business for our very excellent caterer, Rob and Silka.

We're also trying to encourage use of the club/restaurant during off-hours (weekdays/evenings) so anyone interested in staging business luncheons/meetings on the island BRING THEM OVER!

So far, we have 4 weddings and a huge, 250 guest party planned this summer. It will include singers/dancers from Brazil and will bring in good revenue for the club. It's scheduled for August 28.

Oh yeah, no smoking in the club other than the Great Hall and, on a closing note: Support the restaurant!

Treasurer

PAT WHETUNG



Currently, the budget predicts a year-end surplus.

The surplus is based on revenue forecasts. Understandably, some departments will meet and surpass revenue targets and other areas will be over in their expenses. As stated at the Spring Meeting by several of your directors, everyone is carefully monitoring their expenditures.

How can each of us as members influence the financial year-end?

Fees and dues are obvious sources of revenue and over the years, the Board of Directors have been sensitive to increases while keeping up with the cost of living.

Meanwhile...

- We have Veronica James clothing us with the finest regalia on the lake. (During Sunday brunch last week she left her meal to take more orders!)
- Officers of the Day are meeting and greeting visitors to give them value for their visits and through their efforts we will maintain our QCYC reputation for hospitality. (Remember to sign out to indicate your mooring is available)
- Wendy Hardy with her group of 'buddies' is working hard to integrate new members. It is critical to a growing membership that all newer members feel comfortable and welcomed.
- Members are recommending the club to their boating friends.
- Wednesday night skippers are encouraging their regular crew to join as Associates.
- The Self Help aspect of the QCYC helps with the upkeep of our old house, dinghy yard and beautiful grounds. Work Parties big or small minimize the need to hire contractors.
- Regattas and Cruise-ins support our fabulous food and beverage providers, All Set Catering. Rob and Silke need to profit as they share the responsibility for our reputation.
- Corporate meeting and outside events translate to revenue through tender fees and rental of facilities.
- Club events are excellent opportunities to invite friends and relatives to visit our island home.
- QC cruisers continue to promote our Lobsterfest and Pig Roast around the lake.
- Our Junior Club is great for not only members' kids but their buddies as well.
- Adult Learn to Sail in Keelboats adds a new opportunity for your friends and crew.

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Bridge Over Troubled Waters?

by Bill Freeman

The bridge across the Western Gap to the Toronto Island Airport has been a political issue longer than most of us have had a connection to the Island and the QCYC.

David Miller won the 2003 mayoral election in part because he opposed the bridge. The municipal election illustrated that the people of Toronto saw the bridge and an expanded Island Airport as an impediment to the creation of a clean, green waterfront. David Miller recognized its importance, but unfortunately the federal Liberals have not learned that lesson.

The Island Airport is governed by the Tripartite Agreement, whose signatories are the City of Toronto, the Federal government and the Toronto Port Authority. When the city voted to kill the bridge in December 2003 Prime Minister Paul Martin promised that the federal government would respect the city's wishes. But for months nothing happened.

In the back rooms, in fact, the federal government worked in exactly the opposite direction. Land and permissions were given to the Port Authority so that they could continue in their efforts to build the bridge. The Mayor and members of Community Air, the group opposing the bridge, were incensed and demanded to know what was going on but the feds said nothing. Finally, when the federal election was called and the Prime Minister came to Toronto to find that people were upset over the



Will the bridge still fly?

bridge, they realized their mistake and they acted. Last week the Prime Minister wrote a letter saying that the federal government would not support the bridge project.

But is it too late? Henry Pankratz, the chair of the Toronto Port Authority, wrote a letter indicating that they are still moving ahead. (In fact the letter is so confusing it is difficult to understand what they are saying but they have not

said they are giving up on the project.) The Toronto Port Authority continues along its merry way like nothing has happened despite the fact that they are an agency of the federal government and the leader of that government has said, "NO BRIDGE." What part of NO do they not understand!

In this whole confusing mess one thing has emerged. It is the Toronto Port Authority that is the real problem on the Waterfront. The chorus of voices demanding the dissolution of the TPA now includes the following: Mayor David Miller, Community Air, Jack Layton and the NDP, and thousands of Waterfront community residents and activists. Even most boaters can be included.

Now that a federal election is upon us it is the time to add your voice. Demand that the Toronto Port Authority be disbanded. Make your voice known that the bridge to the Island Airport will spell the end of the dream of a clean, green Waterfront open and accessible to all. Demand that the harbour be returned to local control.

Q.C.Y.C. Events 2004

Cruise to Etobicoke Yacht Club	June 12, Sat.	Learn-to-Sail	August 16, Mon.
Education Session	June 15, Tues.	Junior Club Session 4 Starts	August 16, Mon.
Wedding (Gaddis)	June 19, Sat.	Deadline to Return Trophies	September 1, Wed.
Education Session	June 22, Tues.	Corn & Weenie Roast w/Small Craft Warning Band	September 3, Fri.
Education Session	June 29, Tues.	Pig Roast Afternoon w/Small Craft Warning Band	September 4, Sat.
Statutory Holiday	July 1, Thurs.	Pig Roast Night w/Mischief Band	September 4, Sat.
Cruise to Whitby Yacht Club	July 1-4, Thurs.-Sun.	Statutory Holiday	September 6, Mon.
Private Party (Green)	July 3, Sat.	Daily Tender Schedule Changes	September 7, Tues.
Daily Tender Schedule Changes	July 5, Sat.	Deadline for Award Nominations	September 10, Fri.
Learn-to-Sail Starts	July 5, Mon.	Wedding (Drummond)	September 11, Sat.
Junior Club Session 1 Starts	July 5, Mon.	Champion of Champions	September 26, Sun.
Caribbean Night w/Small Craft Warning Band	July 10, Sat.	Daily Tender Schedule Changes	September 27, Mon.
Womens Skipper	July 17, Sat.	Last Chance Cup/ Award Banquet	October 2, Sat.
Easter Seals Regatta	July 18, Sun.	Statutory Holiday	October 11, Mon.
Learn-to-Sail	July 19, Mon.	Haul Out	October 16-17, Sat., Sun.
Junior Club Session 2 Starts	July 19, Mon.	Haul Out/Pot Luck	Oct. 23, Sat.
Wedding (McEnirney)	July 31, Sat.	Haul Out (if required)	Oct. 24, Sun.
Cruise to Oakville	July 31- August 1, Sat.-Sun.	Daily Tender Schedule Ends	Oct. 24, Sun.
Statutory Holiday	August 2, Mon.	Weekend Tender Schedule	Oct. 30-31, Sat., Sun.
Learn-to-Sail	August 3, Tues.	Weekend Tender Schedule	November 6-7, Sat., Sun.
Junior Club Session 3 Starts	August 3, Tues.	Weekend Tender Operations	November 13-14, Sat., Sun.
Cruise from ABYC	August 7-8, Sat.-Sun.	Annual General Meeting	November 26, Fri.
Bob or Doug's Lobsterfest	August 14, Sat.		

BOLD = Minimum Billing event



Queen City Yacht Club Annual Women Skippers Race continues to evolve...

by Wendy Hardy,

The tradition continues at Queen City Yacht Club as this year marks the 32nd annual Women Skippers Race being held on Saturday, July 17th, 2004.

Typically, the race has a fleet of over 30 boats ranging from Stars to 42-foot cruising boats. Skippers have varying degrees of experience and range in age from teenage girls to women in their 60's

or 70's. Standard racing rules apply with one twist; only a woman's hand can touch the helm. The crew is often novice and gender mixed. Participants are largely from QCYC although over the past few years invitations have been extended to Clubs around the lake and women from other Clubs have enjoyed a great day of sailing, socializing and fundraising. In 1999, the Club decided to turn the event into a fundraiser and proceeds have benefited the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation with donations totalling more than \$50,000 over the past three years.

This year, we are adding a cruising competition with a scavenger hunt for any woman who prefers not to compete in a traditional race. The objective is to expand the number of women participants. With so many couples cruising to various destinations, it is critically important for women to be competent and comfortable at the helm. Whether the skill is required in the event of an emergency or simply for the satisfaction that comes with feeling in control, the Women Skippers Race is a great opportunity to practice these skills in a supportive environment. The QCYC Women Skippers Race came into being with this purpose in mind and throughout the years, many a competent skipper and racer has emerged.

Participating skippers are encouraged to collect pledges to help support this fundraising event. Following the race there are awards presentations, a "cocktail party" on the lawn and a sumptuous BBQ, Queen City style. There are many fun fundraising activities like balloon auctions, games of skill and a Club favourite, "tear a strip off the Commodore". For \$2 to \$10 you chose a square from an outline on his suit and quite literally tear a strip of fabric from his clothing. Eventually he is left wearing a skimpy T-shirt and shorts all for a great cause! This year's recipient of Queen City's creative fundraising will be the Canadian Yachting Association's Women Members of the Canadian Sailing Team.

The Canadian Sailing Team Division is responsible for the development



photo by Mary Partridge, Shere Hill

and maintenance of the high performance sailing programs that will ensure Canada's best performance at the Olympic Games and international competitions. The Division operates at the National Team level for Olympic and Paralympic Games, Pan Am Games and International Sailing Federation World Championships. (<http://www.sailing.ca/cst/profile.shtml>)

"With this being an Olympic year, our athletes really need our

support and proceeds from the Women Skippers race is one way we can have a positive impact on the young women who will be representing Canada in Athens", says Wendy Hardy, this year's Chair.

"These young sailors become great role models for women sailors of all ages", says Wendy.

The tradition of women sailors at Queen City Yacht Club goes back a long way. In 1950 membership was expanded to include women and children. On a sad note, we recognize the recent passing of Naomi Morris, one of the first women members of the Club. Naomi and her sister Vivienne Trudeau, as they were known then, at first sailed the Snipe "Jay", placing 3rd in points and winning the Club's Sportsmanship Trophy. The 3rd female member was Karin Larson, founder and editor of GAM magazine, who is still seen frequently around the Club. Queen City continues to have several women members who own, sail and race their own boats. Many women have been involved in the management of the Club at the board level including Moira Coull who was our first female Commodore.

We again welcome and encourage women from Clubs around the lake to join in the fun. Please sail in, stay at the Club on Friday night and enjoy the tranquility of QCYC before the day of the event.

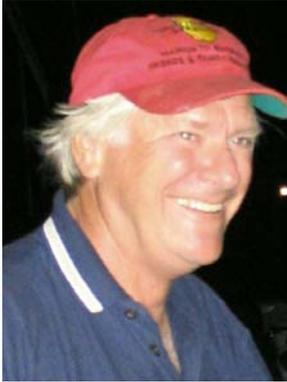
Queen City Yacht Club is located in a wonderful park setting on Algonquin Island, one of a group of islands in Toronto harbour. The Club operates its own launch the "Algonquin Queen II" from Pier 6 at the foot of York Street, on the East side of Queens Quay Terminal. The cost to non-members is \$6 return. Additionally the Club is accessible via the public ferry to Wards Island.

For additional information about the Women Skippers Race or Queen City Yacht Club, please visit www.qcyc.ca or contact Wendy Hardy at 416-483-8970 or wendy.hardy@sympatico.ca.



Fleet Captain

JIM THORNDY CRAFT



Fleet Report - May 2004

My apologies to the membership for not being at the spring members meeting, but my son's graduation ceremony from Queen's University was also on the Friday.

The first thing I would like to do is thank Steve Behal, a member of the new Fleet Committee for standing in for me at the Spring meeting. I trust that all your

questions were dealt with or will come before our next Fleet Committee meeting.

We have now received re-certification of the AQII. This has to be done annually. The Tender Captains have also received their restricted engineers certificates for the AQII as well, so we don't have to operate with 2 Captains like we were in the early spring.

Docking the AQII has been a major priority this year and I would like to update the membership. Our first concern was how and where we were going to dock at the Club since the vessel has too much momentum to dock at the new floating dock. The weight of the vessel actually moved the 6 large cement mooring blocks which were holding the dock in place. It was determined that the best alternative was to moor the vessel broadside to the Club in order to use the rear port gate. In order to make the steel wall more friendly to the side of the vessel, a work party was formed and the wall was clad with 2x6's. I believe that this also enhanced the appearance of the Club.

For our south shore and Ward's Island members, we have reconfigured tires alongside the ferry dock to enable us to drop members off upon returning from the city. Stopping here is at the discretion of the Tender Captain as is dependent on wind and weather conditions. We need to have a small work party however, to complete this project. I expect that this will be accomplished in the next week or two.

I guess the largest docking problem has been at the city side due to the construction around the Queen's Quay Terminal Building. We rent our slip from Harbourfront, and their jurisdiction for docking ends at our old docking location along the wall. From there, docking arrangements fall under the Port Authority. Harbourfront had other locations which we could be temporarily assigned to but they would have not been very convenient to the membership. My thanks to Toronto Tours for allowing us to use their dock behind the Second Cup. It was greatly appreciated.

The construction has now been advanced to the stage where we are now docking alongside the wall where we always have been. This is

a temporary arrangement. Harbourfront has ordered a new 8' wide floating dock with a platform and a ramp down to it, which will be installed just south of our current location I am told by mid June. We will be sharing this dock with the Toronto Island Marina.

You may have noticed that the life raft on the AQII has been relocated from the rear deck to the Wheel House cabin top. I have arranged for a work party to remove the enclosure on the back deck and reclaim it for passengers. Hopefully this will be completed before the end of June.

And while we are talking about tender service, you may have noticed the new tender tickets. A ticket is to be deposited by the Guest in the ticket box at the rear of the AQII for each passage taken. Tickets are sold in pairs for \$6 and each ticket is for one way. Tickets may be purchased from the Tender Captains and the office. You may also buy books of 5 from the office only, at a discounted price of \$25.

The Fleet Committee is currently looking into the following courses to be held at the Club - VHF radio licence, Boat Operators Card and Medical Certificate with CPR. More on these will come later as details are worked out.

If you have any questions or concerns about Fleet Operations, jot them down and the Fleet Committee would be pleased to discuss.

I hope everyone receives courteous service on riding the Tender. Have a great sailing season.



Notice to Members: Where Do the Bike and Buggies Go...

There are areas on the AQII which have been designated to carry various types of cargo. Signs have been posted in these areas to advise the membership what type of cargo should be carried in each area. There are very good reasons for having these designated areas and if we use them properly, then we can minimize any inconvenience to fellow members.

The rear deck is for passengers and bicycles only.

Bicycles are to be placed on the starboard side of the rear deck next to the sign which says bicycles. Other cargo is to be placed in a designated location inside the cabin. I have noticed a number of members who have piled other cargo in the bicycle area on the rear deck. Then a problem arises as a bicycle or two show up and it becomes very awkward to board the bicycles because cargo has been stored in the bicycle area. Members riding on the rear deck are then inconvenienced and asked to move in order to make way for the bicycles and or the cargo is moved to a different location.

The area to the rear port side of the main cabin, where the seat was removed, is for **Bundle Buggies**, strollers, baby buggies and like items. It is not for luggage or bags of groceries etc. If this area is taken up by the latter type items, then members want to leave the bundle buggy on the rear deck, which again inconveniences passengers who want to ride on this deck.

Luggage, garment bags, bags of groceries and like items are to be placed in the area between the wheel house and main cabin. There are "Bulky Cargo" signs located in these areas.

Also, there are 3 or 4 scheduled freight runs each day for real bulky type items.



Membership

GEOFF HEATHCOTE



So far this year we have 13 new Senior Members and 2 Seniors transferring from other membership classes. The plan for the year is 19.

Please welcome Sandy and Sandra Mandel and their children Neesa and Geoffrey, who have applied for Senior Membership with their Colombia 8.7, Wanderer.

We have 6 Seniors leaving to combine with other Senior

Memberships, simply resigning or doubtful accounts. We have 7 Seniors transferring to other membership classes such as Honorary (Jim and Pat, congratulations), Senior Associate and Out of Town. The plan loss of Seniors for the year is 11 vs this actual to date of 13.

This makes a net change to date of +2 Seniors. My plan for the whole year is a net change of plus 8. We will see what happens. I have a couple of good prospects. It will be tough to hit this target as we are not sure where we would put the boats...you might remember that my plan was based on adding space using a brand new floating dock outside the Club House. (Your Board and the Moorings Committee is chewing this over for next year. Be sure to give your input.)

If you do the math from my last year's figures, you will see that we should have 142 Senior Members. Try as she may, Pat can find only 137! So I guess we will have to follow the trend (set by Nortel's and Shell Oil's of the business world...) and 're-state' the number to 137. The good news is that this has no financial impact...I am not sure if I have to return my bonus from last year...

Since we are pretty much full in moorings, the Initiation Special has ended and we are now charging full price again.

To stay full in moorings, we need to see about 15 New and returning Senior Members each year. So get used to seeing the new faces and making them welcome. They are the Club's future!

Please welcome Marlene Charmate, Jeffery Warren, Dennis E. Rindsem, Brian Murphy, Amanda Squires and Inna Povarchuck, who have applied for Associate Membership.

I am pleased to report that we have implemented two key recommendations from the 2003 Survey of New Senior Members.

These are:

- The more socially oriented Buddy Program should be paired with a formal orientation – to focus on the more complex topics such as: cradle building, moorings, handling chemicals and

operating the pump-out. Wendy Hardy has this in high gear! Attention New Members: if you do not know who your buddy is, call Wendy!

- Creating several planned teen and child focused social events early in the season would assist the younger new members to more quickly acclimatise to the club. Lynda Chubak and her team held a wonderful "Harry Potter" event on the Friday of New Members' Night and the kids had just as much fun as the adults on this evening.

Thanks (in advance) to Jacqui Cook and Eriks Rugelis for the New Member picture board, which is in progress. This will help us all put names to the new faces. This year we will be including the Associates and Dry Sailors...so that they do not feel left out

Watch out for the upcoming (I hope) three gun salute event. Anyone that did not get this honour when they brought a new boat into the club can join in this year. Eriks Rugelis will be Flashing a date for this.

Thanks again to Richard Slee and Mary Harsant for their help with the roster (yes it is in process...).

Plea for cooperation! You know that your Board are all volunteers. My focus is on building membership. The exceptions and unknowns take up a vastly disproportionate amount of my time. If you want to make a change to your membership status, please let me know. If you have problems with payments, please let Pat know. Help us to help you.

Finally, I would like to thank the whole team (too many to list, sorry) for organizing this year's New Members' Night. What a blast! The crowd's fun was boosted by the "Paddle Jah Canoe" Band (aka "The White Knuckle Band" with Sean Barrette) visiting us from Sudbury. (Let me know if you want 'em back...)

cont. from page 5 Pat Whetung, Treasurer

- Encourage friends and family to support our sponsors for the Woman Skippers' Race. Let the sponsors know Queen City appreciates their contributions. Sponsors need positive feedback too.

While the sailing season has just begun, the club is in the ninth month of the financial year. The Board will be conducting a budget review to tweak the forecasts by comparing some actual figures to the budget. Interested members can ask for updated figures through the office.

As stated at last November's Annual General Meeting, let's keep generating revenue without asking the members to dig in deeper into their own pockets.

Yes, you can influence the year-end surplus!

cont. from page 4 Tony Pitts, Vice Commodore

goes to Garry Baker for his persistent efforts over the last two years to finally secure a Trillium Grant from the Heritage Foundation. I recognize the extra efforts of Jonatha Moles for getting the new boats and equipment in place and for recruiting instructors for this season.

Let us now enjoy sailing and the many social activities that the club has to offer.



Learn to Sail

JONATHAN MOLES



The sailing season is upon us and the learn to sail program is gearing up for another great summer.

We have hired Peter Howard as our new head instructor for this year. Peter has had an extensive sailing career, which began with sailing around the world with his parents at the age of four. His other sailing accomplishments include heading up the racing program at ABYC, head instructor at Sandy's Boat Club in Bermuda and racing

Mirror dinghies at the international level. Returning from last year are instructors Leo Martin, Jade McDonnell and Matthew Dialo.

A major focus this year will be to add more structure to the program. Steve Cutting and I, both who have an extensive sailing instructing background, have been working with Peter to develop new policies to enhance the overall safety, quality and professionalism of the program.

We have expanded the adult learn to sail programs this year in order to gain more market share not only in the area of sailing instruction but also in membership. To that end, we are introducing an adult keelboat learn to sail course, which will be taught, on

David Pitcher's 24ft. shark. This program will be taught in accordance to the Canadian Yachting Association Basic Keelboat Cruising Standard. This course is being offered in a two weekend format, with a total of four sessions throughout the season. I would encourage members, to promote this course amongst their own family members as well as coworkers and friends. Details about this course including dates and costs can be available on our website or in the office.

We will continue to offer the adult learn to sail dinghy lessons in both weeknight and weekend formats. This year Shannon Coulls will be teaching the weekend courses.

The new Vanguard Club 420 boats will be used for the adult dinghy program.

In order to grow our associate membership base we have developed membership and adult learn to sail packages. These packages offer dinghy or keelboat learn to sail students the chance to join as associate members at a discounted rate. Detailed package information is available on our website. Again, I would encourage our membership to promote these packages as they are a great deal especially for existing associate members.

As part of an increased marketing strategy, we have developed a new series, of brochures, posters and signs. This material has been distributed throughout key areas on the island and the city to help

increase enrolment. Glen Newbury deserves a huge pat of the back for his extensive efforts in creating this new marketing material.

I'd like to close by saying that although, the learn to sail program has been the receipt of much good fortune, we can always use more help. The Trillium Grant went a long way to replace equipment that had long outlived its useful service life. However, it is really only the first step of many in rebuilding the program. As time goes on, the junior club will need more equipment and more help from members in completing facility projects, such as buildings and docks. With that in mind I'd like to remind everyone that our learn to sail program now has charitable status, through the Sport IS fund, and thus can issue tax receipts for donations. To date, we have received over \$3000 in donations. If you wish to make a donation, please contact myself or see Harry in the office for the appropriate forms.

The success of a learn to sail program goes a long way to enhance the profile of a yacht club. The students of our junior and adult learn to sail programs are the members of tomorrow. Let's invest in our future.

<p>TORONTO VOLVO CUP</p>  <p>EASTER SEALS REGATTA</p>	<p>Toronto Volvo Cup Easter Seals Regatta</p> <p><i>Toronto Harbour and The Royal Canadian Yacht Club</i></p>
<p>VOLVO for life</p>	<p>Jump on board and support one of Canada's longest-standing and best-loved children's charities!</p>
 <p>HELPING KIDS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES SUCCEED</p>	<p>Experience the thrill of the race OR enjoy a leisurely sail with an Easter Seals family at the Toronto Volvo Cup Easter Seals Regatta. Whether you're a skilled boater, a water lover or land lover, you'll enjoy all this fantastic fundraiser has to offer! From the race and the sailpast to the post-Regatta party, it's guaranteed to be a great day! For more information see our website www.volvocupregatta.com</p>
	<p>Contact: Charlene Criscione at 416-421-8377 ext. 331 ccriscione@easterseals.org</p>



Entertainment

"ELAINE/NORM"



We started the season off nicely with a not too cold Sailpast, a lovely dinner and all seemed to enjoy the band, "Shelly T and Mischief". This band will be returning for Pig Roast. The next event on the schedule is Caribbean Night on July 10th.

The Women Skippers Race will be on Saturday, July 17th. In this Olympic year, the proceeds from the Race will go to support all of

the woman sailors in the Canadian Sailing Team who have qualified to enter two boats in the Olympics in August.

To get more information, or for a list of the events scheduled for this summer, please see the posters around the club or the Entertainment" bulletin board. Many of these events are "minimum billing" events, that is they may be subtracted from your minimum billing bank. If you choose to attend any of these events, please contact Harry in the office to reserve your tickets before the event is all sold out.

The first cruise this year will be to Etobicoke on June 12/13th. Please do not hesitate to sign up for the cruises as we need to know ahead of time the possible number of boats interested in participating so we can advise the destination club of our numbers. Here are the remaining cruises that have been arranged:

- July 1, 2, 3, 4th to Whitby Yacht Club
- July 31, August 1 & 2 to Oakville Yacht Squadron
- August 28, 29 to Outer Lagoon BBQ
- September 11, 12th Mimico Cruising Club

I hope that you can arrange to cruise with us on at least some of these dates!

Cruising quote for 2004. "We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust our sails."

Thanks for everyone's help and participation in the events so far.

For Sailors that Wish to be Closer to Their Boats in the Winter!

The Toronto Islands Residential Community Trust announces the reopening of its Purchasers' List. The Purchasers' List is the list of names of people who wish to purchase a house and land lease within the residential area on Toronto Islands. The maximum number of places permitted on the list is 500. There are currently 25 spaces available at the end of the list. Applications received by Monday June 21, 2004 will be forwarded to our auditors, Clarke Henning LLP, to be drawn in random order to be placed at the end of the list.

For details and an application form, go to <http://torontoisland.org/tirct/index.htm>

Communications

GLEN NEWBURY



Apologies for not being at the Spring AGM, I'd promised to attend a West Coast wedding a year ago and we lumped it in with some gorgeous Vancouver Island hiking.

Signs of summer are upon us! Those funny looking black and white ducks have left, a yellowish inverted dome is starting to form over the city and as one heads south towards the island the temperature drops a degree for every block south of Queen.

Summer always makes me think of sailing and events around the city. Why? Toronto is one of the best places in the world for free and cheap access to plays, music and events. After a fun day of sailing if nothing is happening at the club did you know your just a two minute walk from hundreds of free concerts, art, movies, dances and plays? Harbourfront! Check out www.harbourfront.on.ca/ for details.

Some Island Events to keep in mind. July 30th the island Fire Parade starts on Wards Island at sunset and is followed by a beach bonfire. August 1st is Gala Day at Wards Island Clubhouse.

This brings me to my position as Island Liason. If you have questions around island issues, want to set up a liason or communicate an event to islanders please contact me, I'll do my best to help!

Lake Ontario is surprisingly clean for swimming in but it's always good to do a quick check at www.torontobeach.ca. If it's a hot night why not do what a lot of islanders do and go for a quick dip off Wards beach. I personally like sailing a few miles out on the lake, dragging a long line off the boat attached to a fender and going for a dip (on calmer days only though!).

To answer the three questions I get asked the most lately:

1. Yes I am getting married next June 18 at the QCYC to that cute redhead you might have seen around lately, Elana White, please welcome her to the club.
2. My boat will be in the water early July as I've been learning about the wonderful world of epoxy.
3. If you want a house on the island you can try to get on the list, see the box on the column right, expect a twenty or so year wait though!

On a last note, issues around the harbour are still hot on the political agenda. The bridge is dead except the Port Authority says it isn't, see club member Bill Freeman's article on page 6. To everyone's surprise, nearing final approval is a 550 megawatt power generating station and a concrete storage facility going up in the portlands; luckily Marilyn Churley MPP has led a charge for a full environmental assessment before this slipped thru. The Breeze (or whatever it's called) is amidst a mild controversy because no one wants to pay for the customs fees. Dennis Mills MP says it's because the government doesn't release money as fast since the sponsorship scandal, go figure!

Summer Tender Schedule



Restaurant and Bar

All times are departures from City — Pier 6
Deduct 15 minutes for Club Departures

11:15* a.m. and 2:15* p.m. Freight runs — time approximate

To confirm Schedule at Club or on the QCYC office voice mail: 416.203.0929, press 1.

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HOURS OF OPERATION 2004

SPRING FRINGE

Sat. April 17 and Sun. April 18:

Restaurant 9am to 6pm Bar 12pm to 6:30 pm

Sat. April 24

Restaurant 9am to 3pm (as it's Chili Challenge night)
Bar subject to tender schedule.

Sun. April 25

Restaurant 9am to 6pm Sun 25 Bar 11:00 to 6:30pm
Times subject to change if demand is higher.

RESTAURANT

Season	High Season
Approximate Dates	May 21 - Sept. 20
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Wednesday	5:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Thursday	5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Friday	5:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 10:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am - 10:00 pm
Statutory Holidays	Sunday Hours

BAR

Season	High Season
Approximate Dates	May 21 - Sept. 20
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	4:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Wednesday	3:00 noon - 11:00 pm
Thursday	4:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Friday	4:00 pm - 12:00 midnight
Saturday	12:00 noon - 12:00
midnight	
Sunday	12:00 noon - 10:00 pm
Statutory Holidays	Sunday Hours
* 1:00 am closing on nights when functions are held.	



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