



THE MAINSHEET

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SAILPAST - JUNE 5TH



“ED-IFICATIONS”



Ed's yada

We, in the office, would like to officially remove the phrase “ NO CASH NO SPLASH” from the NOLSC vocabulary. There is too much confusion as to what it means. I will not try to explain what that confusing term meant. It's gone, yanked, outa' there, got the hook, no longer exists. (never really did..... frankly it sounds made

up) The things to remember are 3 very important dates to maintain your beloved club. 1: 30 days after invoice, winter storage must be paid. 2: Feb. 15th, 50% of summer dockage and dues must be paid. 3: Remaining 50% of dockage must be received before April 15th period. Any questions? Seeing none let's continue. If your account at NOLSC is not zero (0) by April 15th in any given year, then you are contravening the constitution, bylaws and policy's of your club. It is written, that your dock is in jeopardy of being released to the waiting list if you don't pay on time. These procedures were put in place by the Club upon purchase of the property. It was the only way to maintain the needed cash flow to run the day to day operation of NOLSC. It still needs to be this way today, so please remit payment as per the terms outlined Thank-you in advance.

Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club

Presents, on Saturday July 9th

Niagara Cup/Steak BBQ

Space is limited and going fast, contact
the office for tickets.

Dinner @ 6:00ish

Dancing to follow

\$15.00 Members / \$20.00 Guests



NEW MEMBERS

Membership Director, Henry Van Atte,
on behalf of the
Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club Board of Directors, would like to welcome

Larry Huibers "*For You*" Associate Member
Ian Goodwin "*Quiet Flight*" Associate Member

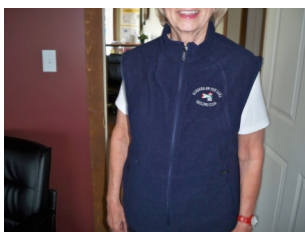
New shipment just arrived!

Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club

Regalia

Fleecy vests	\$26	Hoodies	\$26
Ladies unique lace-up hoodies	\$40	Ladies sleeveless polo shirts	\$20
Spaghetti strap tank tops	\$15	Organic caps	\$15
Shark World jackets	\$10		

Come to the office to shop.



COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Salute!

From pirates sporting their stripes to elegant sailors shining in ball gowns and tuxedos, club members turned out in their very best for the 2011 Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club sailpast. It was a great honor for me as commodore to take the salute from such keen yachts people and to see the boats in all their flag-flying finery.

While I've been taking part in the sail past since the 1970s this is the first time

I've been able to watch. It was an absolutely perfect day and it was great fun -- from bagpipes playing to confetti guns being fired. One boat even had its aft flag on a halyard so they could lower it as they went by. Thank you to everyone who took part.

The cool wet weather forced a slow start to the season for everyone except the dedicated racers, but it's full sail ahead now. And on shore the flowers are planted, the new gate is installed, the "west-end spa" or west washroom should be completely renovated by the time you read this.

Thank you to Ron and Debbie Critchley for arranging the pig roast. The food was delish, and we'll forever remember Ron in his pig costume. And thank you to Paul Boudreau for organizing the Safety Day. Next it's cruises, more races and the steak barbeque. Yum!

Judy Brandon, Commodore

HAVE YOU MET?



Nauset is our seven year old Golden Retriever, and just like most men...thinks he's half his age. He's named after our favourite beach in Cape Cod. He loves to sail and has cruised around Lake Ontario. He just doesn't like to swim or get dirty. He loves life, travel and long walks on the beach. Favourite foods include bananas, peanut butter and everything else. Prefers a leisure lifestyle. Although he lost one eye to cancer some 5 years ago, he finds it works well for him with the ladies.

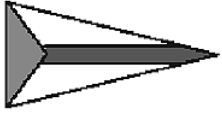
Peter and Louise Koslik "Bonaventure"



Reba is our 3 year old Wire Hair Fox Terrier. The very first time we took her to the boat she flew off the stern trying to catch the barn swallows. After all if they can do it - so can she!! Or so she thught. After hauling her out of the water on our outer wall dock, walking her for an hour to dry her off, we explained the way of the world to her and she is now content to sit at the helm with Alan.

When she's not sailing Reba loves to torment her brother, a 72 lb. Airedale Terrior (size is no object to this little girl),. Since arriving at our home she has run 10 lbs. off Carey and totally runs the house.

Alan and Judie Martin "E-Z-GO'N"



Letter from the Editor

Greetings Everyone!

I want to thank everyone who has helped me to get this, my first full edition of the MainSheet, out. It has been great fun!

Our season is well underway. Racing is in full swing; the Pig Roast was a huge success and everyone is looking forward to the Niagara Cup/Steak BBQ on July 9th. Our first Reciprocal Cruise to RCYC will be reported in the next issue (by the time this is printed it will be over) and our next Cruise on the August long weekend to Etobicoke will be updated later in this issue.

I extend an invitation to all of you to submit articles, photos, or anything you believe would be of interest to our members to me at judiem1@hotmail.com and I will do my best to see that they are included in our next MainSheet.

See you out sailing!

Judie Martin - E Z GO'N
judiem1@hotmail.com

Junior Sailing

Our student enrollment is quickly filling up for July. There are some spots open in August if you or your friends have children who would like a fun, safe, learning to sail experience. Junior Sailing is also about the cheapest form of summer childcare in the area.

The new plastic hull Vibe has arrived and the instructors are practicing with it.

The plastic hull RS Feva proved to be ideal for the program. It is fun to sail and the plastic hull is virtually indestructible. We have had no maintenance costs in the four years since we bought the first Feva.

Junior Sailing strives to provide safe, seaworthy equipment for our students at the least cost to the Club. The plastic hull boats are an example of our adapting to new technology in dinghy sailing in the best interests of the Club.

We will welcome three new instructors to our program this year: Brenna Sant, Tyler Lachnit and Lloyd Chapman are graduates of our program.

They join; Jake Harper, Head Instructor and Senior Instructors; Kate MacLachlan, James Gardner and Colleen Cornett.

NOLSC supplies it's own cadre of instructors. This provides us with two important advantages. First, we know these young people. Our senior instructors have worked with them for years. Second, we know they are inculcated with the values and goals of our program.

This insures NOLSC an ongoing legacy of excellence in bringing young people into our sport.

Paul Sullivan
Director, Junior Sailing

JINNIE SAILS TOWARDS 2012 OLYMPICS

Just a few photos from Team Gordon as they continue on their quest to represent Canada in the 2012 Olympics.



Here's a picture of us swapping burgees with the Sheboygan Yacht Club



Here we are racing

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Junior Sailing from a Student's Point of View

JUNIOR SAILING ALMOST HERE! By Ali MrozBonaventure

I have been waiting almost 300 days, the snow and cold winter were terrible and made the wait for sailing to start even worse! But finally that time of the year is almost here and I can't wait for my lessons to begin. Last summer was one of the best summers of my life, thanks to all the memories I had at our Club. I met so many new friends and great instructors who taught me so much. I also discovered that sailing was one of the things I love to do the most. NOLSC is like a second home to me, it's a great place to be. I already know that this summer will be even better—I will get to see old friends, meet new ones, and create more great memories!

HAPPY SUMMER!

Smell those flowers!

Armed with trowels, gloves, flats of flowers and maps a group of dedicated planters were busy the morning of May 21 -- NOLSC flower planting day.

Maureen and Colin Dodd arranged for our beautiful flowers and Maureen provided a sketch showing where each flower was to be placed. There were Canna lilies, begonias, two types of petunias, Bacopa and two colours of potato vine in each planter.

While Bruce Harper, VC House, delivered the flowers to each location via golf cart, the planters followed the plan faithfully.

Thank you to planters: Donna Stewart, Ruth Goodman, Claire Tiel, Claude and Gayle Mathe, Roberta Harper, Nan Boudreau, Judy Brandow and Pearl Mitchell.

The flowers in the planters won't need deadheading, but if you see one on the deck that does, please go ahead. And while the staff water the planters, if there's one near your boat please give it some attention and love.



May the force ... or the coast guard

Come to the Rescue

Safety Day

Your worst marine nightmare has just happened. Someone has gone overboard, the engine's on fire, the boat is taking on water -- and you need help.

If you are in cell phone range you can call 911. If you have a radio you can call for help. But if it's a serious emergency or perhaps you have just have mechanical problems you will want to attract attention of other boaters or the coast guard and in that case you will need flares to direct help to you.

On Saturday, June 11 about 25 NOLSC members gathered at the club to learn how to use fire extinguishers and by setting off expired flares discovered which ones work the best. Garth Goodburn of Simplex-Grinnell demonstrated the use of fire extinguishers and Ray White of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Fire Service had club members putting out fires, then Paul Boudreau (Thistle), who organized the event, demonstrated the various types of flares.

Paul's advice:

- The best flares for night time are the parachute flares, which have a four- minute burn time.
- The hand-held shot gun shells are good if the coast guard is close by. Paul says the two-star, 12-gauge guns are the most popular.
- ◆ For daytime there are handheld flares and smoke.

Paul also suggests that keeping the flares in a waterproof box is a good idea. And you should remove flares from their original packaging so they are easily accessible in case of an emergency.

Did you know?

- ◆ If you go more than one mile offshore you are required to have a radar reflector onboard. You don't have to use it unless it is foggy. To be "seen" it needs to be three metres above the cabin.
- ◆ Sailboats until recently did not attract police attention, however various police units are now regularly checking sailboats.
- ◆ And if stopped by U.S. authorities do not be surprised if an armed officer comes on board while another searches your boat.
- ◆ New VHF radios with DSC (digital selective calling) come with a Distress button , when you hook a built-in GPS to the radio and register with MMSI (Maritime Mobile Service Identity) your boats information is put on file (free of charge). When you hit this button the radio automatically broadcasts your info and position to the Coast Guard. This is a great safety feature for short-handed crews as one person is not stuck at the radio calling for a MAYDAY .

You don't have to have a radio, but if you do Canadian regulations state that you have to have an operator's license. When traveling in International waters you are required to have a station license. The U.S. coastguard in the Great Lakes are not pushing for it at this time. It is an east and west coast provision.

Fire safety

When using a fire extinguisher PASS is the important word:

Pull. Aim. Squeeze. Spread. Pull the pin, aim the hose at the base of the flames, squeeze the trigger, spread it around.

- Practice using it so you don't panic.
- Make sure the extinguisher is mounted. If the clip breaks it will be messy, it could wreck your electronics and bother your eyes.
- Turn the extinguisher upside regularly to loosen powder. It should feel like a five pound bag of sugar, not a hockey puck.
- Have it inspected once a year, serviced in six years and replaced after 12 years.
- Never turn your back on a fire.

Keep your extinguisher visible. Keep it near the entry way. For example you shouldn't keep a kitchen extinguisher near the stove because if there's a fire you won't be able to get to it.

Thank you to Paul Boudreau for organizing the day. And thank you to Garth Goodburn and Ray White for taking the time to talk to us. Representatives of the Canadian Power Squadron were also on hand to do boat inspections. There is a flyer up on the club bulletin board with a number for boat inspections. If you make an appointment they will come, free of charge.

IN MEMORIUM

Dr. David Willson

Long time member of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club Dr. David Willson passed away June 17th. Dr. Willson, who had a family practice in Welland, was the skipper of the Mega 30 class sloop, *Elusive*. He is survived by his wife, Jeanne, and their daughter, Debra Ingram.



YOUNGSTOWN DAMAGE FROM OUR WIND



Our friends in Youngstown suffered considerable damage when our wind storm hit. We wish them a speed recovery.

Kate's Choice

Be careful what you wish for - When you bring a child up on the water, she may just learn to love it! Kate MacLachlan, who has grown up in our club, attended junior sailing since she was 9 and currently works at our club, (both as a sailing instructor and gas dock attendant) plans to spend a lot more time on the water. Kate was recently accepted by Memorial University's Marine Institute in the Diploma of Technology in Nautical Science (Merchant Marine) program. The four year program will prepare her to qualify for Transport Canada's Watchkeeping Mate certificate of competence, allowing her to sail anywhere in the world as an officer on a wide variety of vessels. This could eventually lead to becoming a captain. Who knows whether or not this will be her path, but it's a beginning. In her first year she has 2 academic terms that include the following courses: physics, chemistry, calculus, electro-technology, introduction to ships and engineering graphics. This is followed by a technical term in May where her courses will be: orientation to cargo operations and navigation, basic ship-board skills, WHMIS, marine advanced first aid, basic safety and survival craft. Then she begins the first of two sea phases, for 2 months next summer - no junior sailing for her!. After her second year of studies she will embark on a 15 month sea phase. As a cadet she will train on a number of ships, from large passenger cruise ships to cargo vessels where she will learn to manage and safely navigate a vessel while caring for its cargo and the marine environment. Oh a pirate's life for me! Kate leaves for Newfoundland at the end of August. Bon voyage!

I love my boat, I love the sea, I love to float where the wind takes me and me and me....

Congratulations Kate on pursuing your dream to make it a reality! Everyone at NOLSC is proud of you and proud to call you a friend. Take care and please keep us posted on your progress. If you're able and wish to contribute to the Mainsheet periodically, we will all be glad to read how you are doing.

THE PIG ROAST WAS A HUGE SUCCESS



**PLEASE BRING
A LAWNCHAIR**

A MUG

There will be a get together at 6pm on Saturday so bring a snack or appetizer to share.

There will be a pot luck dinner on Sunday evening around the campfire so bring an appetizer, main dish or dessert to share.

Please remember your lawn chair, your mug (hot chocolate and marshmallows will be provided) and your best "sailing" yarn to share with us.

Thanks, your hosts for the cruise,

Judie and Alan Martin
E-Z-GO'N

**YOUR FAVOURITE
"SAILING" STORY**