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Photo by Keith Carroll

Cruise News

Cruising 2014

Another cruising season has passed with four successful and enjoyable cruises.

First I would like to thank Kathy and Mike Edwards for doing a great job as Cruise Co-coordinators, making sure the season ran smoothly.

In early June we journeyed to the Tuscarora Yacht Club in Wilson NY. Out first cruise was hosted by Karen and Dave Jones (Landaleigh). A great pot luck dinner was enjoyed by all, and a Peameal Bacon breakfast was served Sunday morning by Nan and Paul Boudreau (Thistle).

Canada Day weekend was spent at the Oakville Club, the cruise was hosted by Barb and Norm Behring (Silent Flight). Unfortunately Shirley and I had to miss that cruise but I understand the Caribbean drinks were flowing.

During the Civic Holiday weekend we enjoyed a great cruise to the Queen City Yacht Club where a flotilla of dinghies were properly named and were paraded around the Toronto Islands. The cruise was hosted by Saundra and Paul Kocsis (Psykocsis)

Our final cruise of the season was to the Port Credit Yacht Club where NOLSC members were seen dressing up in the elaborate costumes that were supplied by our hosts Wendy and Mark Edwards (Mayreau).

Thank you to all our hosts and everyone who helped to make this a great cruising season.

I would also like to thank our staff and all the members who stayed behind and made our guest clubs feel most welcome at NOLSC.

We have already had ten requests from clubs around the lake for next summer's cruises. We will be in the process shortly of setting up next season's schedule. We will again be looking for hosts for each one of our cruises. The cruise can be hosted by a couple or a group of people and can be as simple or elaborate as the hosts wish to make them. If you have never hosted a cruise, not to worry, there is always plenty of help close by. The logistics of the cruise will be done, all we need are hosts for the social gatherings.

Please contact me if you have a preference for cruise destinations next season. Rumors around the docks have it that a flotilla of boats may be assembled to depart for the Thousand Islands next summer.

Lastly Kathy and Mike have been talking about a possible November Cruising party, open to all members, to reminisce about this summer's cruises and to talk about adventures to come. Our annual winter cruise to the Toronto Boat Show is also in the planning stage. We will keep all informed.

Keep on Cruising,

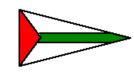
David Bruce

Toucan

Tuscarora Yacht Club



NOLSC Learn To Sail



NOLSC Learn to Sail Report - September 2014

The 2014 NOLSC Sailing School program is done for another year. Boats have been put away for the winter, equipment has been reviewed, and the Instructors have gone home.

It was a good year for the NOLSC Sailing School program, but it had a lot of challenges. Our Instructors, James Gardner, Joe Salter, Lucas Koch, and helper, Ben Batson Feuer, did a great job for which we received many compliments.

The program had fewer instructors this year due to a late change of plans for one of our returning instructors, and therefore, we had to limit the numbers in the program. The situation was further challenged by a seasonending breakdown of one of the Coach Boat motors, limiting our options for operating the different skill levels. However, the Instructors got by with the boats that remained, and with some extended use of the Race Committee boat, the Empress. This substitution is far from ideal, and the replacement of the 20 yearold AquaSport coach boat will need to be addressed for 2015.

It was also a difficult summer for weather as well. The "feast or famine" situation with wind and rain was a regular challenge. Again, the Instructors did a great job to get people out on the water and back in time to be safe. All of the sailing students were challenged to learn how to cope and a lot of good experience and skill was developed.

With the Adult sailing, lessons were in full operation since May, and carried on in June, July, and August for both Beginner and Intermediate lessons. We also had good use of our second Shark, "Humbly", for this season which was ready for the July and August lessons. These adult lessons in groups of up to 4 students on a Shark keelboat with an instructor have proven very successful with those wanting to get into sailing, or for developing some greater confidence in their skills. Again this year, a number of students of this adult program went out and purchased their own boats. Two of them are Sharks that are now being kept at NOLSC.

Although the year was a challenge on many fronts, the early assessment is that the program was financially better than almost all previous years. However, this was somewhat impacted by the good registration numbers, coupled with a minimal instruction staff. This situation will need to be reviewed for future to ensure that we continue to operate a good program that continues to attract students.

Best regards,

Dave Shantz, Director of Learn to Sail



Euphoria Places 5th at her Debut in the Lake Ontario 300

Skipper Colin Dodd may now scratch the Lake Ontario 300 off his bucket list. Euphoria and her crew, consisting of Paul Kocsis, Keith Carroll, Stephen Fisher, Jens Gemmrich, Eiblin Koch and Lukas Koch, joined the start line with many other eager racers on July 12 in Port Credit to participate in the Lake Ontario 300 Challenge. For many of Euphoria's crew this was the first time participating in the challenge.

There was very little wind on the morning of Saturday, July 12 resulting in most of the starts being delayed. Once the PHRF-3 fleet was able to cross the start line the wind continued to build as the day progressed. The 9 boats in the PHRF-3 fleet stayed neck in neck on the first leg to Oswego. After rounding the mark in Oswego the tack was a perfect reach for a spinnie run to Main Duck Island. As Euphoria made her approach to the island, wind speeds were being reported to be gusting to 40 knots. Thankfully the fleet was spread apart by this point and all the boats could round safely. Euphoria did experience a spinnaker mishap on this leg, but the crew successfully and safely recovered while tucked away out of the gusts behind Main Duck Island. Having all crew accounted for, they continued onto the next leg of the race heading to R2 in Niagara on the Lake. (If you want the full story of this hairy experience I suggest you ask Colin, Paul or Jens)

Back in Niagara on the Lake, Euphoria's fans were keeping a close eve on their position and progress. Thanks to Yellowbrick Global Satellite Tracking we were able to link to the race and pinpoint individual boat positions, wind speed and direction and many other fine details of the race through our phones and computers. For many of us it was more exciting than the World Cup. If only Euphoria knew how many fans were cheering them on from many nautical miles away!

The winds calmed for the racers over night on Sunday and Monday morning brought blue skies and no wind. Bobbing around just off the south shore close to Rochester all Euphoria's crew could do was trim the sails the best they could and do a little wind dancing. Once it finally picked up, around mid afternoon, they were able to pop the chute and make their way to R2, making their arrival at about 8pm.

Maguis graciously invited Euphoria's cheerleading team to sail out to R2 to cheer the crew around the mark, take a few pictures and wish them well on the last leg of the race back to Port Credit Yacht Club. It was great to see them! They looked tired but otherwise were in great spirits. We captured some beautiful pictures of Euphoria and her crew sailing off into the sunset after rounding the mark.

After sailing for 2 days, 13 hours and 58 minutes and travelling 331 Nautical Miles, Euphoria successfully completed The Lake Ontario 300 Challenge in 5th place at 1:32 am on Tuesday, July 14.

Congratulations Crew!!! A fine job well done!! Now, to the million dollar question.....will they do it again???



Stephen Fisher, Jens Gemmrich, Eiblin Koch and Lukas Koch

Maureen Dodd

























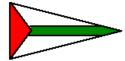




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Rounding the Mark-R2



From the Editor...

Well, here it is September already....where did the summer go? Many are calling this the summer that **wasn't** but even though it wasn't the warmest summer on record, we did manage to get out on our boat quite a bit. With lots of rain, it meant that the grass at home needed cutting a lot more than usual but the gardens were lush. There were many cold nights that we huddled with friends around a picnic table.....just so we could say "we did".

We have had a great cruising season with lots of fantastic destinations and some wonderful memories of dinghy races and getting together with great friends. Thank you to all those that planned, helped, participated and brought some great food to the cruises. As fall arrives, so hopefully does Indian Summer and more opportunities to get out on the water prior to haul out.

Thank you to everyone who submitted photos and articles. Keep them coming!

Happy Sailing!

See you at Tom Turkey and don't forget....BYOB.

(Bring your own Buttertarts!)

-Kathy Brown

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FLEET News

Racing season is almost over. There are 3 events left for the season.

- October Cup Oct 5th, 12th 19th, 26th.
- Don't forget The Tom Turkey Race/Event on Oct 18th. We will meet at 2:00 in the A frame.
- The annual awards banquet is Sunday Nov. 9th 11:00 am. Everyone is welcome to attend. Tickets, which are \$25.00, can be ordered from Barb.
- If you took a trophy home last year, please return it upstairs ASAP. They need to be engraved.

Donna Genge

VC Fleet

Condo and Sailboat for Rent, Treasure Cay, Abaco, Bahamas

Remember last winter? Explore the warm clear waters of the Bahamas instead of braving the cold!

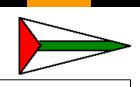
Three bedroom condo for rent, \$1000 per week for the condo, and \$2500 per week for condo and the use of a 30' Freedom sailboat for NOLSC members (Provided you can convince me that you will take care of her as I would!).

Would consider longer term sharing arrangement of condo and/or boat. Bookings being taken for November 15-May 15.

Call Paul Masson at 905-468-9703 or email



<u>svbagatelle@gmail.com</u>. Will be happy to email photos and provide further information. Picture above shows sailboat and condo unit behind it (upper unit).



Wednesday Night BBQ's



The Wednesday night after race BBQ's raised over \$1300 for junior sailing this season. Thank you to all who attended, and special gratitude to Louise Koslik, Debb Hodgkinson, Louise Bush and Kathy Brown who helped out throughout the summer. Rick and I are retiring from this endeavour now, we have been at this for fifteen years or so, and we hope that someone will come forward to carry on the tradition.

Stay calm and race on! Janis

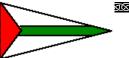


Ed's Corner

I guess you could call that a summer?! Funny how we humans like to talk about the weather. There was a chance the month of August may not have a 30° day. When it finally happened near the end of the month, all I heard was how hot it was after we all wondered when it would warm up am I boring you yet? Thought so.

*Ed-ificat*io As we move into the fall Fill in the Blanks (remember season, lives are about to be that from school) altered. A Sea Turtle will migrate back to where it belongs. A little black and It will soon be white Boler will start a new adventure. A young man from season. Please fill out the St. Kitts WILL be playing and return to Major Jr.A hockey (OHL) for by e-mail. the Peterborough Petes Remember to fill your Hockey Club. A young lady _____tanks. who we watched grow up at
 Please be _____ .

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NOLSC will go to France to study. These are just a very few things that will happen this fall to people associated with NOLSC. Good luck to all



THE COMMODORE COMMENTS...

Hello all,

I 'm sure we all wonder where the summer has gone. July was a bit cool but August brought some warmer weather and fine sailing opportunities. Many thanks to our race committee for their efforts each Wednesday, and in particular VC Fleet Donna Genge who works very hard to ensure our racing season is so successful. David Bruce and his cruising team have once again provided our members with reciprocal cruises that were well attended and enjoyed.

Our social events continue to sell out, which is representative of the sense of community our club provides. When you look out on a summer night and see lights twinkling in the gazebos, people BBQing at the A- frame, and boats moving in and out of the basin, it gives you a great feeling about this place.

Although the season is drawing to a close, there is still some fine weather to enjoy. Please do just that, and when we put our boats away for the winter, I remind you to be thankful for our great staff. Our fiftieth year has been a great success, and I have enjoyed my term as Commodore.

Thanks everyone and happy Thanksgiving!

Rick

Rick & Janis Corvino



The Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club would like to welcome the following new Associate Members:

Frank Saraka – no name Pursuite - Dock #189 Ed Berkout – "Ali Cat" J105 – winter stores here doesn't have a dock yet Monique Kruppa – "On the Rocks" Shark – in shark alley

Ron Critchley Membership Director

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Press Release for CNWKC..... NOLSC Shark Team Wins Big!

Niagara team wins Canadian Women's Championship

Skipper Jinnie Gordon and her team of Laurel Gordon and Eileen Quigley from the Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club have captured the 2014 Sail Canada National Women's Keelboat Championship. The Championship was hosted by the Pointe Claire Yacht Club and Sail Canada in Quebec (near Montreal) August 15 - 17.

The three day Championship - sailed in Shark 24s - saw 36 of the top women from across Canada competing. Moderate to heavy breeze and mostly cloudy skies prevailed through-out the regatta on Lake Saint Louis, where the women completed a total of nine races.

At the end of the first day of sailing, only one point separated the top three teams, with Gordon leading- followed closely by Marion LeMarchand and Melodie Gummer. On day two the racing tightened up even more, with Gordon and LeMarchand tied at the top (with Gordon winning the tie-break) and Gummer only three points back.

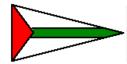
"Going into the last day of racing, I knew we had to keep a close eye on Marion and Melodie. Our goal was to keep them behind us and still sail where we wanted to" says Jinnie. Day three on the water saw big breezes up to 18 knots – which Gordon says was definitely an advantage for them. "We have spent a lot of time practising in big air – so we were really comfortable out there, and able to keep the boat driving well."

The Niagara team cinched the win on the last day with a fifth and two firsts. "We're so honoured to be bringing home this win home to Niagara" Gordon says, "all the support we've received has been overwhelming."

The Sail Canada Women's Keelboat Championships are held annually at a member club. The venue rotates around the country and is selected based on availability of a fleet of one design keelboats for use by competitors. The regatta provides women keelboat and offshore sailors with high quality one design racing and an opportunity to compete with the top national and international female sailors.

Full results can be found at: <u>http://www.regattanetwork.com/</u> event/8228#_newsroom





Shine on Harvest Moon ...

It's like watching a double feature. Heading out on the lake to watch the sun set and full moon rise in the opposite direction minutes later.

It's been a tradition for *Sweetie Punkins* and before that the Shark, *Killer Wave*. Clare and Ora Brandow started the sunset/moonrise excursions and Judy Brandow keeps the tradition alive.

On August 10th this year the sun set at 8.26 p.m. and moonrise was scheduled for 8.09 down American coast, however it takes 10 or 15 minutes for the moon to clear the trees so the timing is very close.

For Judy one of the happiest memories is singing along as her Mom played *Shine on Harvest Moon* on her ukulele while waiting for the moon to appear. It helped that her Dad always served 150-proof rum on those occasions.

"We only made it out once this year because of the weather," Judy says, "but it's always fun and this year there was a huge super moon."

In recent years Ed and Jane McIlroy, Barb Wells, Lottie Urquhart, Dennis and Kathy Miles and many others have come along. Judy says, "We've been out in rough seas with lots of wind, and other times absolute calm when the moon shimmers across the lake."

The sunset/moonrise times for September were: Sept. 7 sunset at 7.41/moonrise at 6.40 Sept. 8 sunset at 7.39/moonrise at 7.17 Sept. 9 sunset at 7.37/moonrise at 7.53

For times in 2015 you can find the information at www.timeanddate.com/moon/Canada/toronto







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