

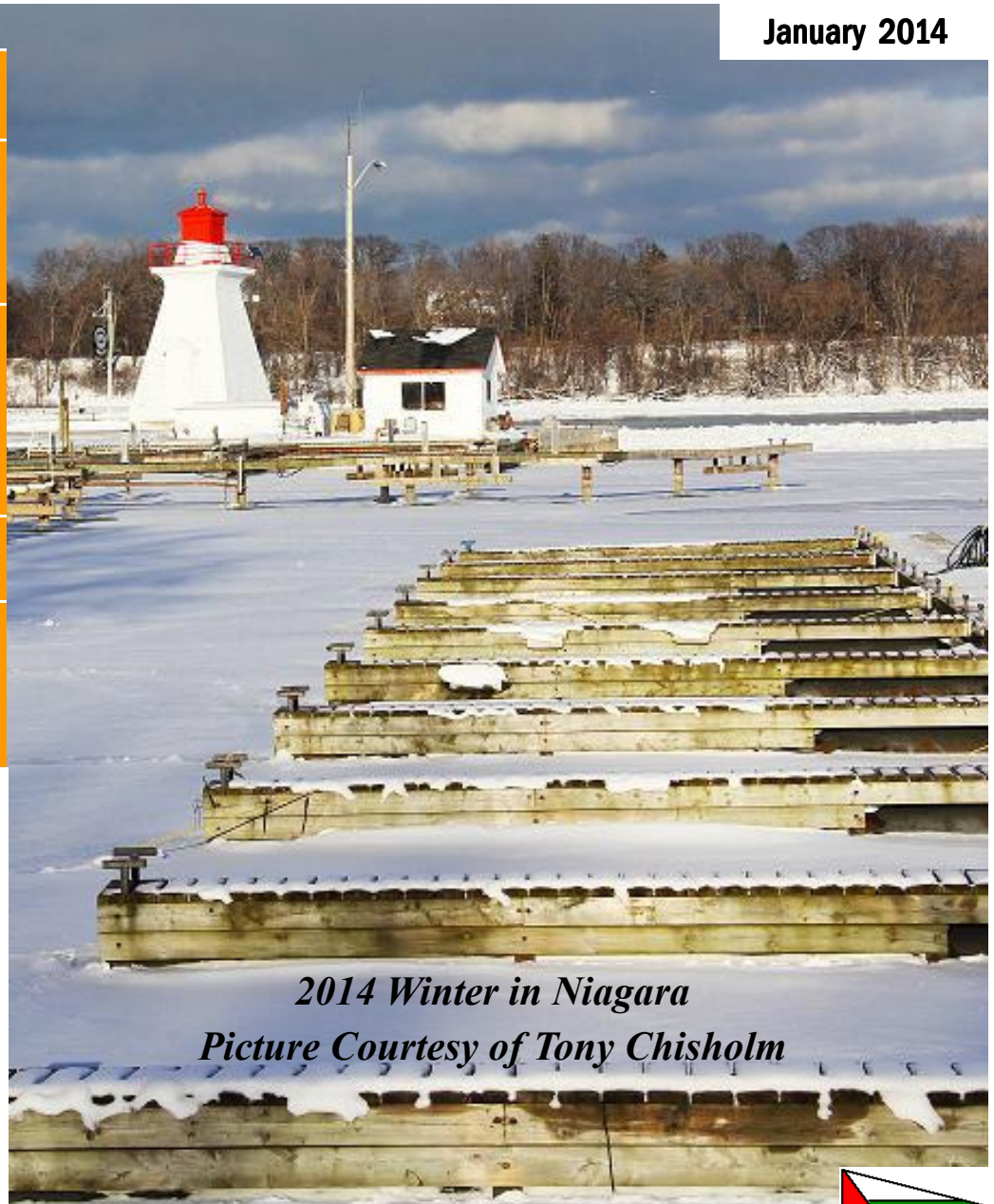


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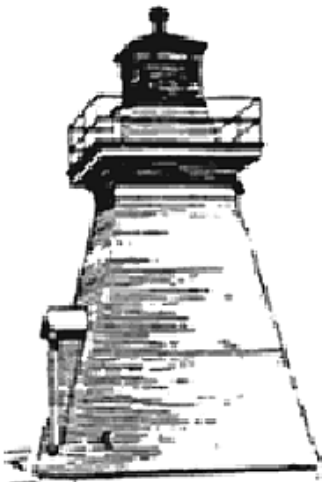
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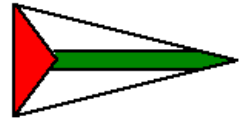
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*2014 Winter in Niagara
Picture Courtesy of Tony Chisholm*



Cruise News



This was my first year being involved with the NOLSC float for the Santa Claus parade. It ended up being a great experience and a lot of fun.

The theme this year was Christmas on Gilligan's Island. We spent a few evenings in the green building constructing and painting the S.S. Minnow, and a final evening the night before the parade assembling and putting on the finishing touches.

It ended up being a cold and snowy day, I guess fitting for a Santa Parade. The crowd all along the parade route really enjoyed the float and cast of characters. They danced along with the music as we went by.

Some were a bit taken back by the two Gorillas handing out candy, but there were always Gorillas on Gilligan's Island

Thanks to Rick and Janis Corvino for some warm chili in the A Frame after the parade, and Colin Dodd for hauling our castaways.

The castaways were,

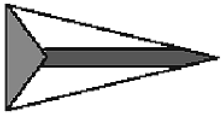
The Skipper, Mike Edwards... MaryAnn, Kathy Edwards... Gilligan, Ron Critchley... Ginger, Karen Jones...

The professor, Dave Jones... Eunice (Lovey), Shirley Bruce... Thurston, David Bruce and last but not least the two Gorillas, Maureen Dodd and Debbie Critchley

David Bruce

Toucan





Cruising

Set your sights on the upcoming cruises...

Tuscarora Yacht Club

Saturday May 31 & Sunday June 1st

Oakville Yacht Club

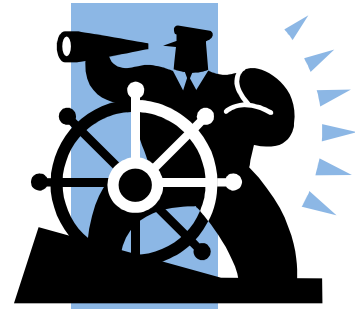
Saturday June 28th to Monday June 30st

Queen City Yacht Club

Saturday August 2nd to Monday August 4th

Port Credit Yacht Club

Saturday August 30 to Monday September 1st



We need members to step up and help out!

We look forward to hearing from you,

Mike and Kathy Edwards

Ke7470@gmail.com

CRUISERS

We successfully completed the first cruise of 2014 to the Toronto Boat Show, with over 15 boats making the trek. The show was amazing and the crowds were bearable. The vendors, especially at South Shore Yachts and Sportech Sails, were friendly and helpful. Deals were to be had particularly when buying a new dingy. A review of all purchases was later discussed along with many appetizers, and a great dinner. It was fun to see everyone again during the doldrums of winter.

David Bruce has feverishly worked to set up the cruise destinations and I think we can say the line-up is spectacular! Another Year and 4 cruises. We are looking for some assistance in order to make every cruise fun. The tasks we are looking for are as follows.

Host: 1 or 2 people to plan the event at the destination. This is wide open for ideas or just a simple wine and cheese social or restaurant meal.

Set up: to assist the hosts as above.

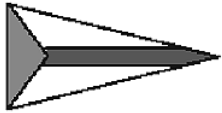
Delivery: to assist in getting supplies to the destination.

All of the destinations loan themselves to great possibilities. If you have the group we can suggest some ideas or come up with the plan on your own. We look forward to hearing from you.

Mike and Kathy Edwards
Valkyria

*It's not the towering sail, but the
unseen wind that moves the ship.*

-Proverb



From the Editor...

Happy New Year 2014!

We are in the deep freeze of 2014...the good news??? The water levels should be up come time for launch! I envy those that go south for the winter where they do not need to be concerned with shoveling snow or dressing in layers or putting on winter boots.

Thank you to our fellow NOLSC members who put together a fantastic float for the NOTL Santa Claus Parade. We enjoyed taking our 2 year old granddaughter Abby to the parade for the first time. Although the temperatures were bitter cold and there was blowing snow, the look on her face was priceless when one of the Gilligan's Island Gorillas came over to us to say Hello! The Toronto Boat Show Cruise was a great weekend away with friends.

We look forward to Spring Launch, the Commodore's Ball and celebrating NOLSC's 50th Anniversary!

-Kathy Brown



"We cannot direct the wind
but we can adjust our sails."



Hillrange pressure alcohol stove/oven combo from 1976 C&C 30, complete with tank. Asking \$40.00 with proceeds to the "Walk to End Women's Cancer."
-J. Armstrong
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CanAm CHALLENGE

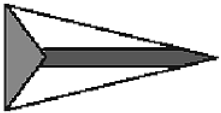
Youngstown Yacht Club - July 26-27, 2014

Registration for the Can Am Challenge Regatta in Youngstown is OPEN: This new event will be held for the first time July 26-27, 2014 and hosted by the Youngstown YC. This is the follow-on event that replaces the famous Level Regatta. If you enjoyed the Level then you will love the Can Am! The event will be open to one-design keelboat classes, including Shark, Kirby 25, Melges 20 & 24, J/22, J/24, J/70, J/80, J/27, J/88, J/105, J/35, J/109, CS 30, C&C 29 1&2, C&C 99, C&C 33-2, Beneteau First 10R, Beneteau First 36.7, Olson 30, Laser 28 and others. There will also be a friendly Canada vs US competitive element to the event. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for further details. Richard Hinterhoeller and his band of loyal NOLSC volunteers will again run one of the courses.

Registration is open on Yacht Scoring:

<http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=969>

-Don Finkle



RACE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

The Ontario Sailing Association is conducting a Race Management Seminar at NOLSC on Sat. March 22nd & Sun. March 23rd. The course is approximately 12 hours in length starting Sat. am. at 9:00.

Below is a brief description of the course.

LEVEL 1 - Assistant Race Officer

Duties and Responsibilities of: recorder, line judge, sound signaller, timer, flag officer

Basic Compass Skills

Setting and Maintaining the Starting and Finishing Line

LEVEL 2 – Club Race officer

Leading a Race Management Team

Compass Skills – Calculating a Race Course

Duties & Responsibilities of Mark Setter

Anchoring Techniques

Calculating Courses

The cost of the seminar for both levels is \$56.50. If you wish further information or are interested in taking this seminar please contact Donna Genge at dgenge@bell.net.

RACERS' MEETING

77 more sleeps before our first race on April 6th. Get revved up for the season by attending our racers' meeting on March 20th at 7:00 pm at The Club House. It will be an open forum format with two of the discussions being a much smaller Olympic Circle and the introduction of a Cruising/Racing Class.

Hope to see a lot of racers there. More information to follow via e-mail.

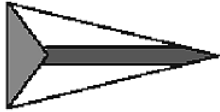
CRACERS' CLASS

Several "cruising" people have expressed an interest in participating in our racing programme.

The Main and Jib division is usually the appropriate class in for these boats to start. However, our Main and Jib Division has some serious racers with considerable experience. This can be intimidating for beginners.

I am considering starting a "Cracers" Class for boats who have latte and cocktail makers, televisions, crock pots, toasters, microwaves, etc. and crew with little experience. We could develop our own handicap system taking into consideration the above and Cracers could have their own start and division. I would need a minimum of 3 boats to make this viable. This would serve as another excuse to get on the water and have fun.

If you have any interest please contact Donna Genge at dgenge@bell.net.



Museum Exhibit

Museum salutes sailing in new exhibit...

The Marine Museum of the Great Lakes at Kingston is establishing a new exhibit *The New Age of Sail* which will tell the story of the postwar recreational sailing boom.

Part of the exhibit will look at the culture of sailing and the sudden growth of yacht and sailing clubs. Curator Lena Beliveau has asked for the NOLSC burgee and the club history. She is also looking for early sailing photographs from the 1950s and 1960s.

If anyone has photographs that might be of interest please deliver them to

Barb Wells at the office.

The exhibit opens May 5 at the museum located at 55 Ontario St. in Kingston.

George Cuthbertson and Bruce Kirby are honorary curators.

The website is www.marmuseum.ca It features an article on George Hinterhoeller.

-Judy Brandow



Ed's Ramble

Does everyone else hurt as much as me? Shoulders, ankle, knee then ankle AND knee and on and on it goes! What the H is going on?! I think it's the old fashioned winter we are having, a river full of ice, frozen slip, duck frozen in the ice. (sorry we didn't dispatch the fire deptit was too late).

Ed-ifications

The good thing about this kind of winter is that we should see near normal water levels throughout the season.

Lots of members have been, are going, or are in a warmer climate. Howard (His and Hers) likes to call me and tell me how warm it is in South Florida where he currently is. Thanks. It's not helping my aches and pains knowing you are nice and toasty just sayin'. Maybe a trip to the Boat Show will warm me up we'll see.

With only 63 days until spring, there are a lot of things to be reminded of. One of the most important is always the timely payment of your first dockage invoice. This is the indicator whether you require a dock this season or not, so please watch your e-mail for this invoice. Dock allocation commences the middle of February.

See you soon,

Stay warm,

Ed



THE COMMODORE COMMENTS...

Hola!

I am composing this while sitting in a very hot cafe in the Dominican Republic. I hope that some of you will (or already have) had the opportunity to escape to a warmer, sunnier climate. Who ever heard of a polar vortex? Or wants to hear of one again?

Welcome to the fiftieth anniversary of the club's founding. Though the basin is frozen over, I'm sure you are thinking of and planning for the upcoming season. Please make sure to include our 50th anniversary bash in your plans. One of the major projects will be the construction of a new club sign beside the gate and some landscaping to hide the stored cradles during the summer. For those who are unaware, this year's regalia, now on sale at the office, celebrates our 50th year. Another initiative will be to beautify our green spaces with comfortable, coloured Muskoka chairs. Since these run about \$200 apiece, we are hoping to subsidize their acquisition with sponsorship by individuals or groups of members, as was done with the captain's

chairs in the main clubhouse. Further information on this subject will be

forthcoming. We would also like to take an aerial photo of the club when all the boats are in the water. Luckily this season didn't begin with the need for expensive repairs. Grieg and Andrew are catching up all the necessary maintenance and will have everything ship-shape for the spring.

The Christmas Parade float was an excellent reproduction of the USS Minnow that was crewed by the entire cast of Gilligan's Island. Dave Bruce and his team are already planning for next year's parade. Great job, everyone. Stay warm, build a fire, make a hot toddy and read sailing magazines!

Rick

**Rick & Janis
Corvino**



In Memoriam...

GOGGINS - Trunnis

-November 5, 2013, age 79, beloved husband of Susan A. (nee Greene) Goggins; loving father of Terasa (McCarthy) Gipson, Salina (Jean-Yves) Lebris, Anita Goggins, Marina (David) White,

Trunnis II (Lori) Goggins, and David Goggins; grandfather of 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; brother of Priscilla Bonds, Douglas (Rosa) Goggins, Exirtis Goggins, Sarah (Skip) Pittman, Lorraine Williams and the late Agazilee Blodgett, Bethina Lane, Birdie Staton, Lathardise Goggins and Louise Wood; also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. - See more at:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/buffalonews/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=167941048#sthash.IbBYzeNg.dpuf>



JANUS, Dieter, R.F.C -

(1934 – 2013) - Passed away suddenly at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Bridgetown, Barbados on Saturday, December 7, 2013. Born in Hamburg, Germany, he emigrated to Canada in the late 50's. In 1984, Dieter and his wife moved to their dream farm just outside Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. In 1993, he helped found the NOTL Rotary Club, became its Charter president and was recognized for his contributions as a Paul Harris Fellow. This club raises funds for many critical programs including the Gift of Life program which brings children from Third World countries to North America for heart surgeries. In his retirement, he enjoyed his friends at the NOTL Sailing Club and at his second home in beautiful Barbados. Dieter will be missed by the love of his life, Herdith, his daughters, Christine and Karen and his grandchildren, Laurence, Mark, Geoffrey, Jack and Jenna and the countless friends who enjoyed his irreverent humour, insightful storytelling and playful spirit. Services were held in Barbados on December 18th and his ashes will be interred in a private family ceremony in Niagara at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate Memorial donations to: The Niagara-on-the-Lake Rotary Club Foundation P.O. Box 1232, Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON, L0S 1J0, in his name, so that his Rotary Club might continue the good work he helped launch years ago.

NOLSC Board of Directors 2013

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PHRF UPDATE

Happy New Year

As your local handicapper and Central council rep I thought I would provide some updates on what is going on with PHRF. PHRF LO works very hard at trying to provide simple, effective handicapping to make sailing casually fun for everyone. To do so it has become a more sophisticated program and there has been a number of projects undertaken to make sure the ratings are based on observed performance rather than a political rating it has been labeled as.

As a one design sailor I never put a lot of thought into how the ratings are established for PHRF. Now with one whole year under my belt I can tell you I am impressed with the level of review that goes into new or established handicaps. The pendulum is swinging from a "best guess" to a more detailed process meaning there is more data required. This data is both from the Club by way of results and from the individual boats. This year we will need accurate measurements on all main sails. You can provide either a sail maker's certificate or we will measuring main sails as part of the Certificate application. This will be a big energy commitment and I hope to organize a few Saturday and Sundays that we can schedule all boats to get done. The purpose of this is to get good data on the effects of various styles of mains and what difference roach makes to overall performance.

As well we will need accurate info on the largest headsail and spinnaker you plan to race with. It is up to you, the racer, to make sure you get a certificate, so ask me for whatever help you need, I am here to help. Some of you have a grandfathered spinnaker credit on your certificate, that goes away this year.

There is a centre line bowsprit and in mast furling mainsail credit in effect, if you are changing to this style of sail and no longer using a symmetrical pole make sure your certificate reflects it properly.

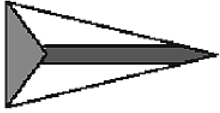
We are lucky to race against the YYC boats, they also bring out the newest boats on the lake. This year we will have the new CC 30 and J88's to add to the mix. It is important that we have good info on all boats to ensure all sailors feel there is a chance to win. Therefore there will be a concerted effort to make sure both YYC and NOLSC boats are in compliance with the PHRF certificate requirements. If you think something is amiss with a rating you can: talk to the owner, talk to the handicapper or file a protest, all totally appropriate responses, don't let it ruin your desire to race, get the facts and get closure.

Each winter there is a review of observed performance compared to actual rating by way of an "Alert List". Your area group is charged with looking at the results and then forwarding recommendations to Central Council. This is based on results gathered over the last number of years. There are a few boats from NOLSC and YYC on the "alert list" that will be discussed at our SSYRA district meeting in February. Again the purpose is to create a fair and equitable platform for racing. That platform assumes well prepared boats and competitive sails, if you sail says Fogh or Elvstrom it may be past its competitive life, you don't get credit for that.

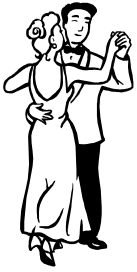
For a very long time the cost for a certificate was \$20 or the price of a case of beer. Recently costs have risen and this year the certificate will cost \$35 (now less than a case of beer). The Club will bill you directly if you have a certificate. You will not be scored if you do not have a certificate, this applies to all boats including one design. If this is a problem please contact me directly. There is a lot of really good info at the PHRF LO website that shows what a value a PHRF certificate is, check it out.

Finally the Club is kind enough to be hosting a PHRF measurement training day on March 29th, if you want to participate let me know. Thanks to Donna for making this possible.

Larry Huibers
lhuibers@cogeco.ca



Upcoming Events...



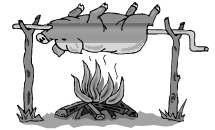
Social Calendar for 2014

1. Commodores Ball - April 26th - XPrime

Doubletree Hotel- \$40 p.p. available in **advance** at the office.

(Details to follow)

2. Pig Roast - May 24th - UTI



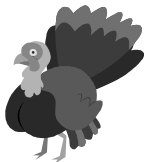
3. Sail Past - June 8th - no band

4. 50th anniversary bash - June 21st - UTI



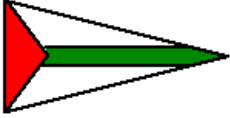
5. Steak BBQ/Niagara Cup - July 12th -
Richard Andrews Band - Groove Merchants

6. Corn Roast - Aug 16th - Renegade



7. Tom Turkey - Oct 18th - XPrime

Please Contact Barb in the Office for tickets.



Shark World Championship

Skipper Jinnie Gordon and her crew of Laurel Gordon and Eileen Quigley were proud to represent NOLSC at the Shark World Championship in Robel, Germany September 28th to October 2. Out of 48 boats, they placed 18th overall, and were the only all-women boat. The ladies sailed in really tough conditions for the first two days - winds upwards of 25 kts and temperatures of around 5 degrees. In the second race they were scored DNF due to tiller breakage on their loaner boat and while they say it was challenging working out the bugs of their borrowed boat - they enjoyed every minute of it! This was Jinnie's third time travelling to Europe for the Shark Worlds, and says she finds the Europeans always very warm and welcoming. They are



always extremely interested to hear about Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club, and hold great respect for the birthplace of the Shark, and the club that George Hinterhoeller helped found. At the closing ceremonies, Jinnie presented the Regatta Chair with a burgee from NOLSC and also, in her role as Canadian Shark Class President, presented them with a plaque of appreciation from the CSCA. NOLSC sailor Rod Gardner was

**Skipper Jinnie Gordon
and her crew of Laurel Gordon
and Eileen Quigley**



also at the Worlds and along with skipper John Brunt, and team-mate Andrian Pustam (both of National Yacht Club) they placed 4th overall. In 2014 the Shark Worlds will be held in Toronto at the National Yacht Club.

Junior Sailing

NOLSC Learn to Sail in 2014

Preparations have begun for the 2014 sailing season of the NOLSC Sailing School!

Budgeting is well underway, and staff selection initiated.

The Junior program for CANSail 1 to 4 will continue in the 4 week format for \$760, same as last year. However, the CANSail 5 & 6 level program of advanced techniques and race team has been changed to a single 6 week session for \$985 to allow for the necessary skills development and opportunity to do Thursday Night Dinghy racing and a couple of regattas. An additional opportunity to attend the CORK Youth regatta in Kingston in August will be available as a separate session.

Thursday Night Dinghy racing will again be offered in 2014. It is hoped that this

will continue the development of dinghy racing within the club, and to keep present and past junior sailors, their parents, and others, involved with this fun activity. Those with Laser dinghies, and those wishing to sail club 420's, and those with other dinghies, such as 505's and Albacores, are all encouraged to join in the weekly fun. It will also give our CANSail 5/6 junior sailors a chance to sail against a number of boats to improve their regatta skills. A number of boats participated last year, and hopefully, this can grow more this year!

Adult sailing lessons in Shark keel boats were very successful last year. For 2014, the NOLSC Board has approved the use of a second Shark to expand the capacity for the beginner program. We are also looking to start an intermediate adult program. This level will get into more complicated sailing skills to provide further competence and confidence for

those wanting to continue their sailing experience with others, and to handle their own boats someday.

Finally, a call is being made for any of you who are interested in volunteering to help support our NOLSC Sailing school. While the day-to-day teaching is done by our trained instructors, there is a need for volunteers to help with early registrations, set-up of our sailing rooms, do fund raising events, and help with beer and liquor bottle recycle refunds. All of these contributions enhance not only the sustainability of our sailing school but also the vitality of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club. Give me a call or email if you can help out.

Best regards,

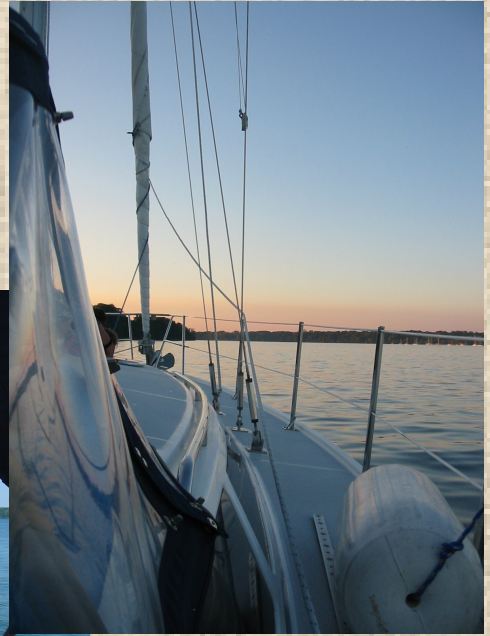
Dave Shantz,
Director of Learn to Sail

Out and About



A Summer Floatilla

-Kathy & Mike Edwards



2014 Winter in Niagara

- Tony Chisholm



A Frozen Lake Ontario

-Donna Genge

