

THE MAINSHEET



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Cruise News





Cruising 2015

With the up and coming sailing season fast approaching we are excited to have another great season planned for 2015.

Last year was very successful with many boats taking advantage of the cruises to get away for a few days and enjoy the lake and sailing destinations. The events all turned out very well and we would like to thank all who hosted the cruises this past season.

Dave Bruce has been in contact with many clubs who all wanted to visit our great club and will be providing dates of the cruise. The new destinations will be Wilson, Ash bridges Bay, Cathedral Bluffs and National Yacht club.

We are always looking for people to help with the cruise and host the events so don't hesitate to contact us with any ideas. This can be done as a couple or a group and it's your choice of what you would like to do. The past years have seen Gilligan Island and pirates of all kinds and let's not forget the dingy race with the forgotten monkey rescued from the sea. The adventure starts in Niagara and I am sure we will have a great season to remember next winter when the cold winds blow again.

Hope to see everyone soon!

Mike and Kathy Edwards

2014 NOTL Santa Parade

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Niagara on the Lake Sailing Club again entered a float into the NOTL Santa Parade.

It is always a fun time being on the float and interacting with the people on the parade route.

This year the NOLSC float won 2nd place in the Recreation and Sports category. I am sure there were hundreds of entries in that category (I am at least hoping there was more than two).

I would like to thank Greig and Andrew for their work on getting the float ready and all the members who helped on float construction or for participating in the parade itself.

David Bruce, Toucan







New Race Series Names and Junior Sailing Bursary Award!



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We are extremely pleased to announce our Race Series Sponsorship Program. Each sponsor has committed to donate \$1000 per year for the next <u>five</u> years to help refurbish our Wednesday night summer series trophies, with most of the monies being used for our brand new Junior Sailing Bursary Fund.

This new fund will sponsor young sailors to participate in our Junior Sailing Programs and activities. We are all very excited to expose new youth to the fantastic opportunities available at our club.

A HUGE thank you to our sponsors – whose generosity is sure to positively impact the lives of many a child! Below are the newly sponsored and renamed Wednesday night series.

NEW NAME	PREVIOUS NAME	
Clan MacLeod Series -	Cyril Read -	Club Affiliates, The MacLeod Family
Ravine Vineyard Series-	Sheet Tailers -	Ravine Winery, Club Affiliate, Paul Harber
Great Lakers Series -	Lincoln Trust -	Marine Group - Club Affiliate, Wayne Smith
Brox Co. 1812 Series -	1812 Series -	Club Affiliate, Ed Werner

The Trophy Committee of Donna Genge, Ed Werner, and Jinnie Gordon have been working together for many months to launch our new Sponsorships Series – and there are many more fantastic opportunities for sponsorships – so don't be shy! We are still reviewing and investigating the history of many of our trophies, if you have any information please contact one of the members of the committee.

Details of the Junior Sailing Bursary Award will be announced in the Spring.

- Jinnie Gordon

Ed Werner and Junior Sailing Director David Rourke



Adam, Mark and Bill MacLeod_with Junior Sailing Director David Rourke, and outgoing VC Fleet Donna Genge

Paul and Junior Sailing Director David Rourke, and outgoing VC Fleet Donna Genge



Paul Harber, Bill, Adam and Mark MacLeod, and Ed Werner signing their sponsorship cheques!

Social Calendar for 2015

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1. Commodores Ball - April 25th Double Tree Fallsview Resort & Spa \$45 p.p. available in **advance** at the office.

2. Pig Roast - May 23rd





4. Steak BBQ/Niagara Cup - July 11th





6. Tom Turkey - Oct 17th



Please Contact Barb in the Office for tickets. Tickets for all Socials *except* Commodore's Ball and Sail Past will be **\$18 for members and \$25 for non-members**.

Spring AGM will be held on March 26th at 7 p.m.



From the Editor...

Welcome to 2015!

Only 49 days until Spring! Spring 2015 officially starts on Friday, 20th March 2015, 6:46pm! Hopefully, most of you have or will have had a chance to go to the sunny south for a bit this winter. We certainly cannot complain about the weather, as it certainly hasn't been as challenging as last winter. As we begin another year at the sailing club, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our past board members for their hard work and dedication. As they move on to other obligations and commitments, new board members move into fulfill their duties.

I look forward to the challenges of my new positions on the board as Social Director/Cruising. Thank you to Peter and Louise for doing a fabulous job over the past 2 years on Social. Thank you to Dave & Shirley Bruce for co-ordinating cruising the past few years.

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I would like to thank everyone for the Yachtsman of the Year Award. I am truly honoured. I could not have done the Mainsheet these past several years without

the submissions from the membership. Keep those

pictures and articles coming.

-Kathy Brown

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





For sale- Folding Prop Martek Elliptical 18" x 12 x 1" bore Wrong prop for my boat. \$450 or best offer Email Dave at qwikstik1@gmail.com Also: Looking for whisker pole 13-15 feet.

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For Sale: 1987 Hunter 23 with a new outboard motor and trailer for \$4200 USD Contact Paul Fineberg at pfineberg@roadrunner.com or 716-870-2424





Lake Ontario Reciprocal Fees (August 2014) Below are fees clubs and Marinas on our end of Lake Ontario will charge visiting boats. At NOLSC we charge our reciprocal visitors, Niagara On The Lake – Sail In- 1st night free, 2nd night \$1.00 per foot -Reservations – 1st night \$1.50 per ft. 2nd night free True Reciprocal Clubs(6) - Will charge what your club charges them, They should charge NOLSC members our rates listed above depending on whether you sail in or make a reservation. Etobicoke, Mimico, Boulevard Club, National, Queen City, Tuscarora 2 Nights Free (7) – Alexandra, ABYC, Wilson, Port Dalhouise, Oakville Yacht Squadron, Lakeshore, Cathedral Bluffs 3 Nights Free (3)– Scarbough Bluffs, Bronte Harbour, Highland 1st, Night Free – Oakville Club, 2nd night \$35.00 flat rate - Port Credit, 2nd night \$1.25 per ft. - RCYC, 2nd night \$1.50 per ft. Island Yacht Club, 1st night \$1.85 per ft. 2nd night free Marinas – St. Catharines, \$2.00 per ft. Toronto Island \$1.85 per foot, Outer Harbour \$1.65 per ft. Port Dalhousie \$1.64 per ft. Bronte Outer Harbour \$1.40 per ft. Ontario Place \$2.00 per ft. All of the marinas are rates per night, no free nights. These rates were as of August 2014, so if you plan on visiting any of these clubs this summer, you may want to check online to see if their rates have changed.

Cruising Destinations for 2015

- 1. TYC– Sat. June 13 to Sun June 14
- 2. ABYC-Fri. July 3 to Sun. July 5
- 3. CBYC-Sat. Aug 1 to Mon. Aug. 3
- 4. NYC- Sat. Sept. 5 to Mon. Sept 7

In Memoriam... 🔰

"Super Chief"

KATZ, David - At the Greater Niagara General Hospital on Friday January 2, 2015, after a brief illness. Loved husband of the late Marguerite (McEwan) Katz (1982). Dear companion for 30 years of Rosalyn (Travers) and her daughter Lisa. Cherished father of Rose Katz, Gladys Katz, Nancy (Peter Grampola), Dee Dee (Raymond Leach), Fran (Dale Johnston) and Lisa Katz. Dave is survived by 18 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his grandson David. Cremation has taken place. Private family services will be held from the funeral chapel of HETHERINGTON AND **DEANS** 5176 Victoria Ave. at a later date. The family wishes to express their thanks to the Doctors, Nurses and staff of the GNGH, Unit D and special thanks to cousin Julie for her care and compassion for David. Online tributes and condolences may be made

at www.hetheringtonanddeans.com

"Amaretto"

DUNN, Nancy Carol (nee Lowrey) - After a lengthy battle with cancer, Nancy Carol Dunn Passed away peacefully at Hospice Niagara on Monday, December 29, 2014. Nancy is remembered by her loving husband Ron, her son Tom and his wife Cathy and her siblings Pat (Don MacDougall), Norma Jane (Blair Harber), Howie (Wilma Lowrey) and predeceased by her loving parents Howard and Norma Lowrey as well as sister Lonna (Edward Andrusiw). Nancy, always known as Nam, will be especially missed by her loving grandsons James and Jackson as well as many nieces, nephews, family and friends. Nancy grew up in St. Davids and was an active member of the St. Davids Lioness for many years, an avid golfer at both the St. Davids and Queenston Golf courses where she will be remembered by many great friends. The family would like to thank the many doctors, nurses, caregivers and community organizations who have provided support during this time, especially the wonderful staff at Hospice Niagara. At Nancy's request, cremation has taken place and a private family interment will take place at a later date. A private family service will be held at the MORGAN FUNERAL HOME in Nancy's memory. In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorial donations be directed to either the Lincoln County Humane Society or Hospice Niagara. Condolences, memories, and photos may be shared at: www.morganfuneral.com



Ed's Corner

Welcome to 2015! The T.O. Boat show is on, so time will pass quickly and launching will commence before you know it. Being a boat owner has 7 seasonsor moods. 1) Boating season! 2) Haul and storage L. 3) Depression. 4) Christmas with the family J. 5) Boat show. 6) Trip to somewhere warm, preferably on a boat. 7) And just as your tan is all but gone...... Launch! (back to # 1) It's already season 5 !!





Debbie and Russ Hodgkinson have embarked on the second and final leg

of their journey on "Sea Turtle" to Green Turtle Cay, Abaco, Bahamas. I made the drive to Chesapeake with them, where they had left the boat in November. I took their car and dropped it in Florida near Daytona. Stayed a couple days with my inlaws and flew home. The "Polar Vortex" reached all the way to

Virginia and they were iced in (2.5 inches of solid ice in the canal!!) until a south bound tug broke a path. Sea Turtle got in behind him and got to open water. They are now putting miles behind them. The Hodgkinson's and Corvino's are going to have many years of enjoyment on this boat. Godspeed little trawler.

2015 looks to be another great year at NOLSC. Call me anytime about anything.

Ciao

Ed

THE COMMODORE COMMENTS...

Happy New Year!

I would like to start by saying how honoured I feel to be able to serve as the NOLSC Commodore. Kathy Brown is always asking for stories and I hope this one doesn't bore you too much. I have decided to tell you a little about my history with the Niagara on the Lake Sailing Club.

My first good memory of the Sailing Club was before there was a sailing club or at least not as we know it as we didn't own it yet. My family called it the "Slip", most likely referring to the way they launched boats in those days as my Dad and uncle where ex-navy. My grandfather would take me and my sister and brothers down every June to Gillingham's store and buy us a pair of canvas topsiders. My mother would cut the legs off our jeans and we were then good to go for the summer. And go we did; my Dad and uncle gave us free reign of the family boat, a 1928 Alden, like a big dragon nicknamed the "banana boat", you can guess the colour(the cheapest paint in the store). It took three of us on the tiller and one to bail in order to sail (that was wooden boats). Jill, the oldest who at the age of 10 took on the role of Master Mariner, decided we should bring friends so they could bail. The definition of CREW, get people to come sailing with you and do all the things you don't want to do. We would sail most days and if we went out too far my grandfather who lived at the mouth of the river would hoist a red flag to tell us to come back- usually around the second black mark or if the Sandsucker was on the move. Then came Junior Sailing.

I bet that Duff Thompson never would have imagined that the little 10 year old back in 1971 would be Commodore one day. It was at Junior Sailing that I met many lifelong friends and I have so many stories to tell, but most

importantly I met and married the women that would endure 10,000 tacks, gibes, headsail changes, sea sick children, storms and broken masts. Yes I've had more than one. This was also the decade we modernized and my parents bought a shark. They would sail to Kingston every summer for a two week vacation on this new luxurious boat. The Master Mariner still owns this boat

To me sailing is a way of life with friends and family. My father was still on the race course two month before his death. I've sailed many miles with family and friends, good or bad they have all been memorable. FYI - if you have young crew on board don't give them Cheezies or Doritos if you would like your boat to stay clean. Some of the liveliest conversions have taken place on our sailboat; and mine may not be a colourful as Speedo's, but that's where the saying "leave it at the dock" comes from. The Sailing Club provides us with the conduit to live our lives; to quote some long standing members, "I'm just passing through" and " everyone takes a small piece". May we last another 50 years!

Bruce Harper Commodore



LOOKING FOR CREW FOR 2015

I am looking for crew for the 2015 season; the boat is a J105, racing Tuesday and Wed. nights. I also race one weekend a month across the lake off Toronto and one day events like Niagara Cup. Experience would be helpful but not required as I am willing to train. Depart and return from the NOLSC gas dock. I am a competitive racer but sail for enjoyment.

To view the J105 see Youtube J105-WMV

Please email me. Ed Berkhout - Alicat at eibsailing@gmail.com

NOLSC Board of Directors 2014

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NOLSC Life Member

It was with pleasure and a unanimous vote the members of the Niagara on the lake Sailing Club, at the Fall AGM, made Skip Doyle a Life Member. Skip has been a member of NOLSC since May of 1968, and was our commodore in1975. He has sailed and raced around the great lakes and beyond since he was a young boy and continued to sail until 2011, winning the YYC Level Regatta again (too many to count) after over 60 years of racing. I had the pleasure of racing with Skip for a while and always was so amazed at his ability, especially how he could consistently drive his boat to leeward of a competitor and "spit them out like a watermelon seed". You always learned something sailing with Skip. After the race, the learning continued with many of his friends and competitors joining him on his boat to have a Rum and Tonic and discuss the day's races. He had the best parties, whether at a regatta or at his own dock. If you had problems with speed or tactics, Skip was always willing to share his sage advice. He continues to be involved; driving to the club to watch the start of a river race, emailing you to say "too bad about your start" or asking what happened in that series / race or why someone wasn't at a regatta. He is the epitome of the Corinthian sailor.

I think the write up for his 2014 induction into the "Greater Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame" gives you a great overview of Skip's career and sailing adventures. Here is the link <u>http://buffalosportshallfame.com/member/e-j-skip-doyle/</u> His acceptance speech is linked here as well, forward the video to 1:50:00 <u>http://buffalosportshallfame.com/greater-buffalo-sports-hall-of-fame-2014-induction-dinner-video/#prettyPhoto/1/</u>

Congratulations Skip; the sailor I admire the most and friend.

-Rob MacLachlan



Awards Banquet













2014 NOLSC Racing Results

2014 NOLSC RACING RESULTS

FURLINE SERIES (April):	Kissing Bridge
SEVEN YEAR SERIES (May)	: NFS – Euphoria
	FS – Kissing Bridge
PORT WELLER RACE:	NFS – Euphoria
	PHRF 2 - Kissing Bridge
	PHRF 1 – Kissing Bridge
CYRIL READ: (June)	Shark – Amicus
	PHRF 2 – Extra Bases
	Cracers – Symphony
NIAGARA CUP (July)	SHARK – Amicus
	PHRF 2 – Extra Bases
	PHRF 1 – Fast Trak
SHEET TAILERS (July)	SHARK –Frost Bite
	Cracers – Symphony
	PHRF 2 – Spitfire
LINCOLN TRUST (August)	Shark – Amicus
	Cracers – Princess
1812 SERIES (Sept)	Shark – Frost Bite
FALL SERIES (Sun.)	Shark – Red Dwarf
	PHRF 2 – Fluffy
WED. NIGHT OVERALL CH	AMPS Shark – Frost Bite
	All other divisions were won by YYC
CLUB CHAMPION:	Kissing Bridge
SPIRIT OF COMPETION AW	ARD: Red Dwarf



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YACHTS PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD



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In 2002 The Yachts Person of The Year Award was created by Todd Fetzer. It is to be presented each year to a club member who has contributed over the year in an outstanding way to make our Club a better place to be.

Kathy Brown is our 2014 winner. Kathy is always there on a Friday night before our socials helping to set up and decorate. She is, also, often seen serving but her biggest contribution is her efforts in producing The Mainsheet. It is an onerous task chasing people for articles, editing and collating them and finally publishing them.

Congratulations, Kathy, on this award and thanks for all of your hard work. Submitted by: Donna Genge

RED DWARF WINS SPIRIT OF COMPETTION AWARD



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This award was presented to NOLSC in 2005 by the former crew of "Spirit", a C&C 38, which use to race out of our Club. It is in memory of Norm Manson, the owner, to honour his long time commitment to and love of the sport of sailing.

To qualify a boat must attend at least 1 sanctioned race or regatta requiring at least 25 miles of travel or race the LYRA day races. Mandatory races are The Port Weller Race, Niagara Cup and The Fall Series. In 2014 we had 1 boat which met all the requirements – Red Dwarf.

Congratulations to Jinnie Gordon and the crew of Red Dwarf

Submitted by: Donna Genge



Out and About









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