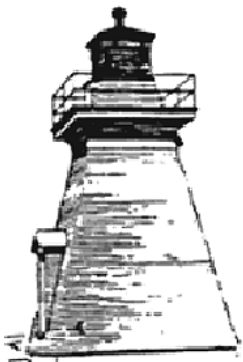




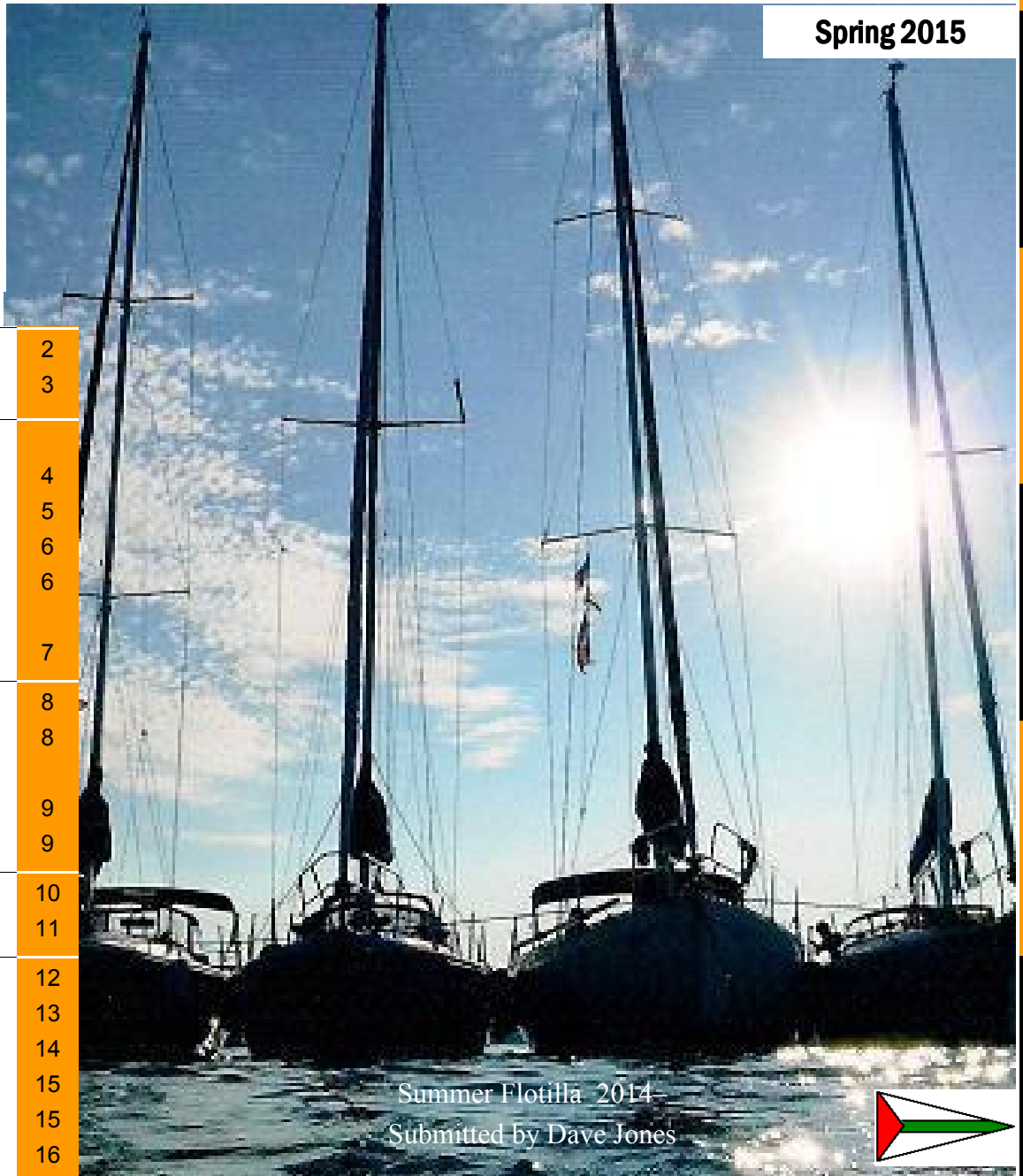
THE MAINSHEET

Spring 2015



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Summer Flotilla 2014
Submitted by Dave Jones





That is what's left of a Morgan 34 ft sailboat that tried to enter our harbour at West End, Grand Bahamas Island, just 2 hours after we arrived safely "in paradise" Monday night. (Feb. 2015)

We crossed the Straits of Florida as usual on the edge of a new frontal system moving in. This is usually the best opportunity to get across this time of winter as the "winds clock" quickly [going from East to SE to SW-West and to then blow hard out of the NW as the cold Canadian air pushes down] in about a 24 hr period.

This middle aged American couple, who were high school sweethearts, then moved away from each other to live separate lives c/w children, then reunited 1 1/2 years ago to live together again and started making plans together.

They saved money to buy this boat in the Pt. Charlotte area, fixed her up for their dream adventure, together. She [Debbie] sold her house and quit her job as a nurse and he [Lenny] quit his job as a trauma specialist and chiropractic assistant and headed across Florida through the Okeechobee water system on "Osprey" to the Atlantic side. They dropped down to Lake Worth [Palm Beach] to await their "crossing window" along with several other boats sitting in the anchorage.

Leaving at daybreak as everyone else did, including our friends from NOLSC-Russ and Debbie on "Sea Turtle" and headed out into the Atlantic with a SW slight breeze of around 5 kts of wind. The waves were out of the NE at only 1-2 ft- a perfect flat easy motor! Around mid day, the winds freshened

Dream in Paradise

to 10-15 from the West as forecast and many were now able to sail and/or motor sail across in the slowly building seas from SW. The frontal troughs of bad weather [rain and thunderstorms] were being sucked up into lower Florida and by noon were hitting the East coast of Florida with heavy downpours from Miami to West Palm. We could see the darkness building off our port stern as we motor sailed from Ft. Lauderdale NE at 7 kts average with the push from the northerly current of the Florida stream.

However, going over from Lake Worth the boats were heading SE and pushing into the current making for a slower speed over ground. Those travelling the 56nm at the same speed as us through the water would take just as long as us even though we were travelling 70 nm to the same spot.

As the day went on, boat after boat passed "Osprey" as the Morgan is a tough sturdy boat, but not known for speed compared to other designs of equal size. The sunny skies slowly turned cloudy but all was well and everyone chugged along at their own pace with a grin on their faces.

We arrived at 16:30 hrs. [4:30 pm] exactly 15 minutes in front of Sea Turtle and we all entered Old Bahamas Bay Marina at West End and quickly tied up as the winds were starting to pick up from the West now into the 20's.

We cleared Customs and I cleaned the Mahi Mahi I had caught on our crossing. By the time I was finished cleaning the fish around 18:30 [6:30] the rain was starting and the wind picked up enough to blow the dog off the chain!

We saw 3 more boats enter the harbour, then the lightning and the rain squall really hit us hard, 35+ kts so we ducked below after doubling lines and getting soaking wet, into the safety of our salon we went, finally for a well deserved "happy hour /crossing" drink! Deb

mixed up 2-" Dark N Stormy" rum drinks which seemed like the right ticket and we relaxed!!!

At around this moment, "Osprey" made her way to the entrance, they were getting battered and it was dark as hell as they were trying to figure out the entrance approach with the lights that appeared and disappeared in the sheets of rain and squalls that hit them. They had managed to get their sails down just in time and the gas engine fired up. Barely holding only 4 kts of headway, they peered into the darkness for the entrance.

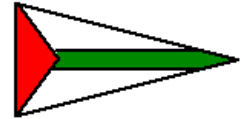
"We got to get in there" and Lenny turned towards the entrance lights with the 6-8 ft waves hitting their starboard beam as they turned to run with them, then suddenly they felt one crunch and then the next surge threw them up onto the jetty just 30 yards short of the opening to "Paradise". The heavy Morgan sat firmly on the jetty, they grabbed a few things around them in the cockpit and headed to the bow to jump off as they were being pummelled with waves. They scrambled up the rocks to the top, turned and realized everything they had, passports, cell phones, money, credit cards, all identification, her engagement ring, wedding dress [I forgot to mention they were on their way to the BVI's where they were to get married and he had accepted a job as a trauma nurse], everything was up in the bow of their boat. Lenny wanted to go back aboard, but Debbie feared for him and held him back. "Osprey" was taking a pounding and pitching and rolling as the waves engulfed her.

They made their way up the jetty to the Marina restaurant in total shock! The staff and other boaters here have all been great and helped them a lot! In this modern age of cell phones and saved contact lists, it's hard to remember phone numbers as our brains have become numb with lack of exercise.

Lenny could only remember his daughter's number. He was able to reach her

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Going to the Dogs!



FREDDIE

His humans are **Orla and Steve**. His boat is **Avanti**. According to Orla, Freddie was in the basin for his first swim of the season on March 29. He found it very refreshing! Those polar bear dip swimmers have nothing on Freddie, he went back in over and over, and really enjoyed climbing on the floating ice.

His best friend is Teddy. He loves dog biscuits. His biggest pet peeve is when his bandana gets wet.



I would like to feature our furry members in the Mainsheet. Please send me a picture and brief bio of your furry friend to **kathybrown44@hotmail.com**

A Friendly reminder to our members and their guests. All dogs are to be on a leash and please pick up after your dog.

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and she has informed the rest of their family, who are now making arrangements to wire them some money.

Looking at Osprey here in this picture the next morning, upside down with her keel torn off, makes you realize once again if you never have, just how precious every moment is!!! Yet, in another just how life can so swiftly be changed under your feet!!! They are safe!! Still Alive!! and

still have each other!! Sitting here, giving them clothes and breakfast the morning after just sent shivers up my spine and tears in my eyes, looking at the shock still in their faces!!!!

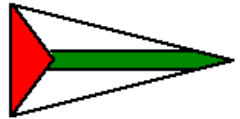
Now, 2 days later, we have just been informed that 3 Ladies from the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism have arrived and offered to take the couple into Freeport, buy her a new wedding dress, give them a marriage license for free and wed them on the point of the jetty overlooking their

wreck this Friday afternoon! Lenny immediately proposed to Debbie and she accepted, so there you have it, a happy ending after all!

Point of interest: the last known vessel to hit the same jetty and sink was named— you guessed it----- “Osprey” !!!

Cheers-Larry & Debbie Bayer with Copper onboard the sailing cat “BearsNest”

Boat Owner's Obligations



" Since our March AGM we have a new Joint Active Membership, Orla Morgan and Steve Davies "Avanti" and a new Associate Member, Paul Murray "Joia". Please join me and welcoming them to our Sailing Community.

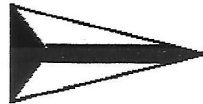
Slip assignments are pretty well wrapping up for the season. As usual we have a large waiting list for slips, especially for boats 30 ft. and above.. On a good note our Shark fleet seems to be growing again.

Below is a copy of the Boat Owner's Obligations out of our Policy Manual.

I am sure it is something we have all seen, but for most including myself, it has been a long time since we have looked at them. We generally go through the sailing season with very few incidents, it is just a friendly reminder on what is expected of us at NOLSC.

Here's hoping for an early launch and a great sailing season.

David Bruce,
Membership



NOLSC POLICIES

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BOAT OWNER'S OBLIGATIONS

Following are the rules of conduct which govern everyone using the facilities of NOLSC:

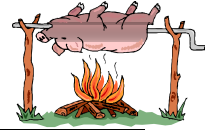
The principle governing the enforcement of these rules is that the boat owner/slip renter is responsible for the conduct of all those who are associated with the boat owner/slip renter.

1. Every boat owner in the basin will be held accountable for any complaints involving their crews or guests, whether they are present or not.
2. All noise, particularly from radios, shall be kept at a level that will not disturb others from enjoying their stay in the basin. Similarly, as voices carry easily over the water, vocal discretion in content and volume is expected.
3. Alcoholic beverages are to be consumed in a responsible manner so as not to put any boats or facilities at risk.
4. Offensive language will not be tolerated.
5. The Clubhouse and A-Frame are not to be used as overnight sleeping areas.
6. Boat owners will instruct their guests/crews to park single file in front of their boat or in front of the grassy area in the middle of the property.
7. No permanent parking is permitted beyond the north end of the white clubhouse building. The roadways along each side of the building are fire lanes that **MUST** be kept clear, and the area around the lighthouse is the safety zone for the fuel dock and fuel tanks. Stopping for drop-offs not exceeding 10 minutes duration is acceptable, provided the vehicle owner/driver remain in the immediate vicinity.
8. Late night launchings and haulout disturb those who are spending the night aboard their boats; consideration of others is expected.
9. Boat owners should use consideration of their neighbours when washing boats. If complaints are filed with the Sailing Club Manager, you will have to go to the front wall for boat washing.
10. No running of motors or generators beyond a reasonable duration and time of day.
11. Complaints are to be directed in writing to the Sailing Club Manager who will pass them on to the Board of Directors.
12. The security guard on duty has been instructed to confront anyone who is not acting according to these rules and report any incidents that cannot be resolved immediately.
13. The Board of Directors will take whatever action it feels necessary to correct or resolve any complaint.
14. **Please remember that having a slip in our basin is a privilege and should not be abused or taken for granted.**

Social Calendar for 2015

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Hawaiian Pig Roast



May 23rd with

the
Athertones



Sail Past- Wine & Cheese

June 7th

Steak BBQ/Niagara Cup

- July 11th

*DJ Garrett



Corn Roast - Aug 15th

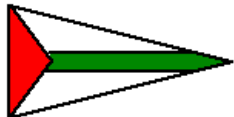
*Groove Merchants

Tom Turkey - Oct 17th

*Renegade



Please Contact Barb in the Office for tickets.
\$15 for members and \$25 for non-members.
(Dinners start at 6:00 p.m.)



From the Editor...

Happy Spring Everyone! Finally! This past winter was another brutal one and now the nice weather is upon us and the boats are getting in the water. The boat yard is a hub of activity.

The Commodore's Ball was well attended and Ashley St. Pierre and her band were wonderful. It was a great evening to get reacquainted with friends. Thank you for all of your positive feedback. A special Thank You to Barb Wells for making the centre pieces! Thank you to all those who helped with planning, set up and tear down.

Tickets for the Hawaiian Pig Roast are now on sale for Saturday, May 23. The band "The Athertones" will be playing for us. Great Food, Good Friends and a wonderful time to be had by all.

Thank you for all the photos submitted by Tony Chisholm and Donna Genge.

-Kathy Brown

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



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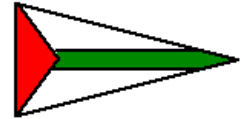
- New boat and patio cushions
- New foam

Any sewing needs and clothing alterations



Free to a good home.....Books! Books!
And More Books! Available to anyone
that would like them.
See Barb in the office.

Wednesday Night BBQ's



Come One Come All!

Wednesday night barbecues begin June 3

Everyone is welcome to join us at the A Frame beginning at 7 for a weekly barbecue to support our Junior Sailing Program.

Award-winning barbecue chef Steve has his spatula ready! Racers and crew can pre-order to have their food ready after the race. Your hosts Steve and Orla!



Steve won the 2007 Niagara Falls Home Depot Grill Master Challenge, the prize was a case of beer, but it's still an award! Orla and Steve are willing to give high school students community service hours for helping out with ticket sales and recycling on Wednesdays.

In Memoriam...

SHEPPARD, Patricia (née Patricia Anne O'Brien) - Passed away peacefully with her family by her side on the morning of April 12 at St. Catharines General Hospital. Pat was much loved by her husband and best friend John, son Mark, daughter-in-law Joanne, and grandson Dylan. She succumbed suddenly and unexpectedly to lung failure due to underlying complications, and will be greatly missed. Born in Sudbury, Ontario, Pat grew up in Copper Cliff before moving to Toronto to earn her BA and MA in English Literature at St. Michael's College, University of Toronto. This led to a teaching position at Ryerson and family life in Toronto, before moving with John to Niagara-on-the-Lake in 2005 to enjoy retirement. Pat cherished her many friends and neighbours over the years from Toronto to Niagara-on-the-Lake, and Ridley Boulevard to Christopher Street. A true shining light, a person of goodness and good cheer, Patricia lived a full and blessed life to the age of 80, and yet still was taken from us much too soon.



Ed's Corner

We now have two AED's. One in the bulletin board alcove on the white building, and one beside the phone at the Ricardo St. washroom building. I have put eyeglasses (cheaters) in the "Ready Kit" which is in the back pocket of the AED carry bag. These units talk you through perfectly but I still like to see what's being said!

Ed-ifications

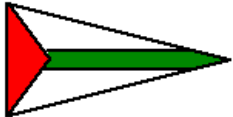
If you think there is something different when you look to the west, there isTHE ANCHORAGE IS GONE !! The times we had there in our youth and beyond. I am sure some club members would agree.

The Club is ever changing as well. Some get different boats, some step away from boating, some are new to the game. The adult sailing program has produced some new faces in a few short

years. We are trying to accommodate all, whether it be dock holding or dry sailing as we continue to grow the sport.

We are still in an enviable position with a waiting list as well as a great facility. You still have the best Club on the lake!

Cheers,
Ed



THE COMMODORE COMMENTS...

Spring is finally here and so brings the huge social event of the year known amongst us as the “launch”. It is best characterised as people standing around chatting about what they need to do to get their boat ready and as the afternoon goes on more socializing goes on and less work gets done. The different coloured faces are always interesting; blue, brown, green and even red. “Yes I was wearing a mask” is the most popular response or “maybe next year I’ll have Peter do it”.

I would like to thank the Board, all the volunteers and employee’s of NOLSC for a good start to the 2015 sailing season and all the best of the season.

*The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change;
the realist adjusts the sails.*

- William Arthur Ward

Bruce Harper

Report from VC Operations

Well spring has finally arrived, I hope for good. Greig and Andrew have started launching and the activity is high in the yard. Hope it is a great year.

This winter Greig and Andrew did a lot of maintenance job in preparation for the summer such as cleaning, patching holes and painting the pontoons of the Melville St floating docks, finished the Junior sailing room with benches and hooks, painted the walls and fixed the vinyl floor in the main clubhouse room, all the BBQs have been cleaned and repaired and docks around the marina are being repaired. A big job this winter was the maintenance of the Bubblers and trying to keep up with the ice. It was an everyday job making sure the ice didn’t build up and shift the docks. Great news for the Nelson St Dockers there is a new Gazebo to replace the old tarp top one.

We have purchased and installed another AED at the washrooms near the A frame. So we now have 2, one on each side of the basin. The new Pump out has been ordered and will be ready to use by the end of May.

We will have a great addition to the main entrance this summer. As you will all see the Anchorage motel and restaurant is being torn down and we have, with the help of the town, acquired the Anchor, which has adorned the anchorage for many year, to use as our own. How we will be using the anchor has not yet been finalised. But rest assured it will look great.

Hope everyone has a great summer on the lake.

Rob MacLachlan
VC Operations

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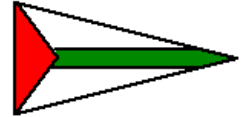
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Eager Shark Sailors



Shark Sailors Eager to Start the 2015 Sailing Season

Submitted by Shark pup, Georgina Gardner

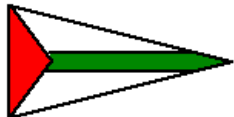
The 2015 sailing season began in the early weeks of April this year when six eager Sharks took to the water for the first race of the Sunday Furlined Series. The sailors gladly embraced the frigid spring conditions to welcome the beginning of a new season. This year's fleet is anticipating another strong season and is happy to welcome four new Shark owners who we hope to see on the water in the coming months. The plan for this season is for the experienced Shark sailors to encourage the new Sharkies to join in on racing. Since NOLSC's Adult Sailing Program began to teach using Sharks three years ago, three participants have purchased a Shark upon completing the course. It is important that we support these new sailors and give them confidence and a lending hand if need be. Last year the 'Red Dwarf' crew graciously adopted new sailor Monique Kruppa, owner of 'On the Rocks', as a member of their crew. By the end of the 2014 season, this once inexperienced sailor raced in the Shark World Championships held at National Yacht Club. This is an example of how the patience of experienced Shark sailors can and will produce new sailors to compete in our Shark fleet!

The 2014 season had many highlights and successes for the Sharks of our club. Nine of NOLSC's Sharks were on the start line each week with the crew of 'Frostbite' winning the Wednesday Night Series. 'Frostbite' also finished 13th at the Shark Worlds, making them the top NOLSC boat competing. This was a great effort considering it was the crews first time competing at the Worlds. The crew of 'Red Dwarf' won the Women's Keel Boat Championship in Montreal. Crews from 'Afternoon Delight', 'Frostbite', 'Red Dwarf', 'Amicus' and 'All About' also participated in several counter regattas across the province, representing NOLSC, with many great results in the Shark regatta circuit. Closer to home, the crew of 'Frostbite' narrowly won the first Can Am Challenge in a tough battle against 'Red Dwarf' and 'Amicus'; who claimed second and third place, respectively. The conditions were challenging but resulted in great regatta for the NOLSC Sharks.

We are all extremely excited to begin the 2015 season and hope to see both old and new faces on the water. This time of year marks the days when masts raise and sailors bundle up for what is going to be the start of the best season yet. Good luck to all boats this season and let's get on the water!

Photo of the crew of Frostbite (James Gardner, Rory Gardner and Tara Caberra) and Rod Gardner at the Shark world Championship last August.





Distant Drummer

Do you remember the summer of 2008? That is almost 7 years ago.

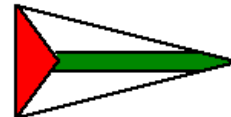
That was the summer Bill MacLeod brought his Ta Chiao 47 back from New York City. Bill contacted me recently so that our fellow members who have asked about her could see what a lovely boat Distant Drummer has turned out to be. She sat on a mooring ball in the river in front of the clubhouse. She was white with green trim and in need of a lot of TLC according to Bill. It has taken them several years to get her gleaming. She is now completely updated to "Bristol" rating. Last November, Bill and Linda shipped her down to their home in Punta Gorda Isles, Florida. She sits in the canal behind their home and sails in Charlotte Harbor. Bill is still in the final stages of commissioning her for blue water standards and should be complete before they return in May. Linda and Bill are very proud of her and looking forward to many years of cruising her.

Thank you, Bill and Linda for sharing your story.

-Kathy Brown



Fleet News



Fleet News

Unlimited Sex for all the theme for 2015 Racing Program; Will be explained at end of article.

The 2015 racing season is upon us; as I write this, two races have already been sailed with eight and nine boats participating respectively. Not at all bad considering you-know-what.

By the time you will be reading this, the Sailing Instructions for Wednesday racing will be posted on the Club website. I encourage all those planning on participating to read them carefully as there are significant changes from previous versions, as well as changes to the RRS. In addition to new courses, a "Change of Course After the Start" section has been added to the SI's. To facilitate these changes given our limited on the water assets on Wednesday evenings, RRS Rule 33 has been modified to eliminate the requirement for a signal boat displaying code flag C and the requisite noise maker and whiteboard. Instead, course change information will be disseminated by way of VHF radio, as well as SMS text messaging. *Please read the SI's carefully before you venture out to the starting line.*

If you scan over the racing schedule, you will notice a new event, referred to as the "Race/Cruise to nowhere." This promises to be a low key event, (no body checking, no slapshots, at least not out on the water). We are promising a river start and finish, some marks out on the lake, a post race cookout, a beer or two, and glorious weather. Racers, cruisers, day sailors, and hell why not, power boaters are all invited. The date is Saturday July 18.

Simon died. So Susan went to the local paper to put a notice in the obituaries. The gentleman at the counter, after offering his condolences, asked Susan what she would like to say about Simon.

Susan replied, "You just put, 'Simon died.'"

The gentleman, somewhat perplexed, said, "That's it? Just 'Simon died?'"

Surely, there must be something more you'd like to say about Simon. If it's money you're concerned about, the first five words are free. We really should say something more."

So Susan pondered for a few minutes and finally said, "O.K., then. You put 'Simon died. Sail-boat for sale."

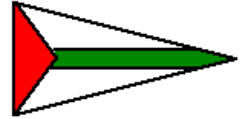
Oh shucks, if I hadn't included that old one, I'd have had space to explain today's headline. Check back next month.

John Thompson
VC Fleet

Brave Souls



LET THE RACING BEGIN



Sunday April 5th saw 1.7 degree water temperature, 2 degrees air temperature, light snow falling and 8 crazy skippers and crew on The River racing. I am sure nowhere else on the lake this is happening. Bundled up in toques, gloves, goggles, winter coats, and boots the racers sailed in 4-6 knots of wind for 1 1/2 hours to complete the course set by John Thompson, VC Fleet. Everyone returned refreshed, to say the least, with cold fingers and toes.

Congratulations to the following skippers and crews for being brave enough to start the season early:

Afternoon Delight, Runway, Frostbite, Red Dwarf, Sawbones, Cruxshadow (NYC), Fluffy, and Kissing Bridge.



A special congratulations to Rob and John Vanderperk on Afternoon Delight for winning the first race of the season.

Donna Genge

2015 CRUISES

TYC– Sat. June 13 to Sun June 14

ABYC– Fri. July 3 to Sun. July 5

CBYC– Sat. Aug 1 to Mon. Aug. 3

NYC– Sat. Sept. 5 to Mon. Sept 7

Please sign up in the office with Barb Wells.

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Out and About