



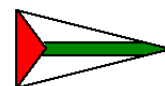
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NOLSC Boat of the Year Fast Track



**Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club
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SOCIAL CALENDAR 2012

Commodore's Ball

April 14...

Pig Roast

May 12

Sail Past

June 3.....

Steak BBQ/ Niagara Cup July 7

Corn Roast

Aug. 18....

Tom Turkey

Oct.13

IN MEMORIUM

OWEN STEVENSON STEELE

Owen "crossed the bar" peacefully on Sunday January 29, 2012 aged 90 years. Owen leaves behind his wife Doreen and children Elizabeth McCuaig and Peter Steele. Owen was Commodore of the NOLSC Sailing Club from 1989-1990.

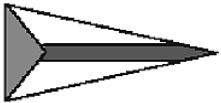
“ED-IFICATIONS”



Ed's ramblings

January 2012

2012 is here. In March it will have been 30 years ago that I first drove through the gates at NOLSC. I parked my 1977 Camaro and started to load the “barge” with dock pipes along with Greig and George. I went home and collapsed that night, every muscle in my body aching....I wondered what I had got myself into. ... I've been here ever since. To look back now, NOLSC is a very different place than March, 1982. Since that time; renovated and or new, clubhouses, washrooms, workshops, office, kitchen, meeting room, hundreds of feet of retaining walls, complete new dock system, boardwalks, shore power, trees, lawns, bubbler system, equipment, trailers, Jr. boats, coach and committee boats, guard shack, gas shack, gas pumps and tanks and whatever I have missed, has been replaced or built. Paid the mortgage off too. When looking at a docking diagram from the 80's there are only a few members who remain active today. The names on that list paved the way for members today and had much less to enjoy in terms of facilities, but I believe they enjoyed every minute here just the same. So let's welcome 2012 and get ready for boating season..... it will be here sooner than you can say Doug Robinson !! (or is that Jack ?)



Letter from the Editor

Greetings Everyone!

A new season is about to begin. Our winter (what winter) has been amazing and if this keeps up Greig will be a very busy man come April 15th as we will all be ready to go into the water at the same time!

After our trip to the boat show in January everyone is hyped and ready to start working on their boats, getting them ship-shape for launch. We'll see new lines, new radios, new cushions, etc. as we renew ourselves and our boats scrubbing and polishing in the yard. Can't wait for the season to begin.

Thank you for all the info and photos you have sent me over this winter, please continue to do so and I'll do my best to get them into your MainSheet!

Judie Martin - E Z GO'N
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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS



Are you ready? Countdown to launch is on

Never mind the hot chocolate, with the warmer weather so far this winter it has been all margaritas and mojitos.

As NOLSC-ers head for Florida beaches, a yacht in the Caribbean or simply enjoy dreaming at the boat show, winter is racing by. From February 1st we're on a 60-day countdown to launch – that is if you are a frost bite racer. And February is probably the only month that holds a snowy threat.

It's the time of year to get ready. Too chilly to work on boats, but perfect for making "To Do" lists and gathering all the stuff you'll need to spruce up your boat. About 20 club members braved the first cold day to go to the Toronto International Boat Show. They came back armed with everything from radios to nautical oven mitts, charts to bilge pumps, red and green captain's socks to rain gear. They're ready!

For Sweetie Punkins and me, it's a very good year. Santa brought a polisher, flags, cushions and a boat hook. We're ready for another sensational sailing season. Bring on the breeze!

And this year being the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812 there will be lots of action in Niagara-on-the-Lake including a huge land and naval re-enactment on the weekend of July 13 to 15. We will have a front row seat since the organizers have asked to dock four brigantines along the Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club wharf and they will launch about 20 long boats at our club.

Social director Ron Critchley is also planning a club event to mark the 200th anniversary on another weekend. It's going to be exciting.

Club Ambassadors



Tim and Regis Maria O'Connor were guest and visiting sailors in September at the Kinsale Yacht Club, Kinsale, County Cork, Ireland.

Here Tim is presenting to NOLSC Commodore Judy Brandow the burgee of Kinsale Yacht Club (KYC) a gift from KYC, at the NOLSC AGM meeting in November.

Cruising 2012

We have two cruises booked for the upcoming season.

The July 1st weekend we are going to Queen City. The cruise dates are Saturday June 30th to Monday July 2nd. If you would like to leave a day early it would have to be arranged thru the office to see if Queen City could accommodate. Queen City has committed to having 35 spaces available for us if needed. We normally don't need that many but keep it in mind as we may not be able to go over that. For those who haven't been there, Queen City is a very welcoming club with a great restaurant and bar. It has the best view of the city skyline.

Civic Holiday weekend we are going to Cathedral Bluffs Yacht Club in the Bluffers Park Basin. Dates are Saturday August 4th to Monday August 6th. Same thing applies for anyone possibly wishing to leave a day early. They have a good restaurant as well, and have committed to giving us a nice spot for our gatherings. It is a nice quiet spot east of the city for a good relaxing weekend.

Shirley and I are planning on hosting the Queen City Cruise (details to follow) and we are looking for someone to host our gatherings at Bluffers. It is something you could do on your own or team up with another couple or two. The logistics of the cruise will be arranged; it is just the gatherings you would be organizing which could be as simple or elaborate as you wish. If you think you may be interested, contact me and we can talk.

Sign up sheets will be available in our office as the cruises get close. Any questions, give me a call or email.

Looking forward to a great turnout at both cruises.

Keep on Cruising, David

Junior Sailing

Greetings from the 2012 NOLSC Sailing School Director, Dave Shantz

The big news is that after what must be 10 years of service, Paul Sullivan has decided that somebody else needs to do sailing school because he has other plans. Wow, what a hard act to follow!

I am not sure how I was selected to replace him, but I think that it had something to do with being the Dad in the training of former instructors, Derek and Mark Shantz. Anyways, I look forward to the new season, and hope to keep our successes rolling.

I had to start quickly to catch the Niagara-on-the-Lake Santa Claus parade December 10, 2011 preparations. Fortunately, I had other people, like Collin Dodd and Past Commodore John Vanderperk, who had ideas for a new trailer for the float, the NOLSC Staff of Greig Hunter and Andrew Robson who know how to set up the trailer with the lighthouse, Christmas tree, and sailboat, my fellow race crew from Syndicate, together with the Commodore, Judy Brandow, and other Directors from the Board, and most of last year's instructors and race team, to help finish the float. This, together with some last minute skirting of used sails sewed and donated by Sportech Sails, and some to the kids from the 2011 sailing school program to ride it, made a great float, just in time! Also, thanks to Collin and Maureen Dodd and Donna Genge, together with many of the instructors, for joining our successful parade procession, as well as Rick and Janis Corvino, Howard Nesbitt and others for the well appreciated "after parade BBQ". A great time had by all.

Next, we need to get ready for the 2012 NOLSC Learn to Sail Program. For starters, Jake Harper has agreed to return as the Head Instructor. Secondly, we have a change in that we will be offering the Junior Program in four 2 week segments instead of two 4 week segments (see the details soon to appear on the NOLSC website). We hope that this will make it more convenient for parents to get the children into the program for one or more sessions. Finally, we will be switching in 2012 to the new CYA CanSail teaching program. This is an improvement from the old CYA White Sail, Bronze and Silver Sail programs, and is better suited to the new 2 week sessions. There are also some additional changes with respect to the new 2 week program to provide rates consistent with other programs in the Niagara area.

That is all for now. Next time, we will have some news on the new Adult Learn to Sail program for 2012.

Looking to a great sailing season in 2012!

Dave Shantz

2012 NOLSC Sailing School Director

Joint Active Membership

Joint Active Membership for skipper and spouse now available

Joint Active Membership allows skipper and spouse to be joint members of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club. Each Joint Active Membership only allows for one vote, however the change in the club bylaws allows for the spouse in this joint membership to vote and also makes them eligible to serve on the board. (Only one vote may be cast by the joint members and only one can serve on the board at any given time.)

Prospective members applying to be an associate member will be given an individual membership application.

Associate members applying to become active members will be given the choice of an individual application or a Joint Active Membership application.

Existing active members wishing to switch to a Joint Active Membership in order to include their spouse will complete a Joint Active Membership application form as a formality and for office records.

Here's how it works:

The applicants simply decide whether they want an individual membership or a joint one and they are given the appropriate membership application. For example:

If someone wishes to join the Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club or if an associate member wishes to become an active member he or she can fill out the traditional individual membership application.

Or if an associate member (applying for active membership) and his or her spouse wish to become Joint Active Members they will be given a Joint Membership application.

Existing active members who wish to switch to a Joint Active Membership would complete the application form.

This expresses their desire for both be included on the membership and will state which of the two will remain the active member if their joint membership dissolves.

The Navy Of 1812: Sailors On The Lakes July 13-15, 2012

Let the battle begin

Re-enactors celebrate
200th anniversary of War of 1812



There will be four brigantines and two schooners tied up along the Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club dock and long boats in our launch ramp as some 200 re-enactors and 300 sailors get ready for a land and naval “sham” battle to mark the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812.

The re-enactment takes place July 13 to 15 and is one of the special events planned in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Some longboats will arrive by water from Hamilton on Thursday, July 12, others will be launched from NOLSC on Friday. They will be docked at Navy Hall. Saturday morning there will be a processional row as they move to the operational area and landing zone off Queens Royal Park and rehearse defensive dispositions and an assault landing.

Between noon and 1 p.m. the Tall Ship 1812 Squadron (four brigantines and two schooners) arrives and anchors off Queens Royal Park. The longboats then join the tall ships.

At 2 p.m. (or 1400 hours) the Assault Landing begins. This hour-long “sham” battle will be narrated and broadcast to the audience. The Naval Gun Battery and ship’s guns take part. After landing troops, longboats continue to operate in the landing zone as backdrop to the battle scenario unfolding on shore.

At 3 p.m. the tall ships raise anchors and move to the NOLSC dock.

The event is organized by Parks Canada and the Navy’s Directorate of Naval History and Heritage. All participants are civilian re-enactors or sail trainees. Both the Landing Force and the Defence Force who will ‘oppose’ them will be British and no pretend casualties will be falling over.

“The Sailor’s World in 1812” program with period music opens in encampment at 7.30 p.m. There will be lanterns hung before all tents and role-playing re-enactors join navel and marine personnel in animating the camp. There will also be an evening tactical inside Fort George.

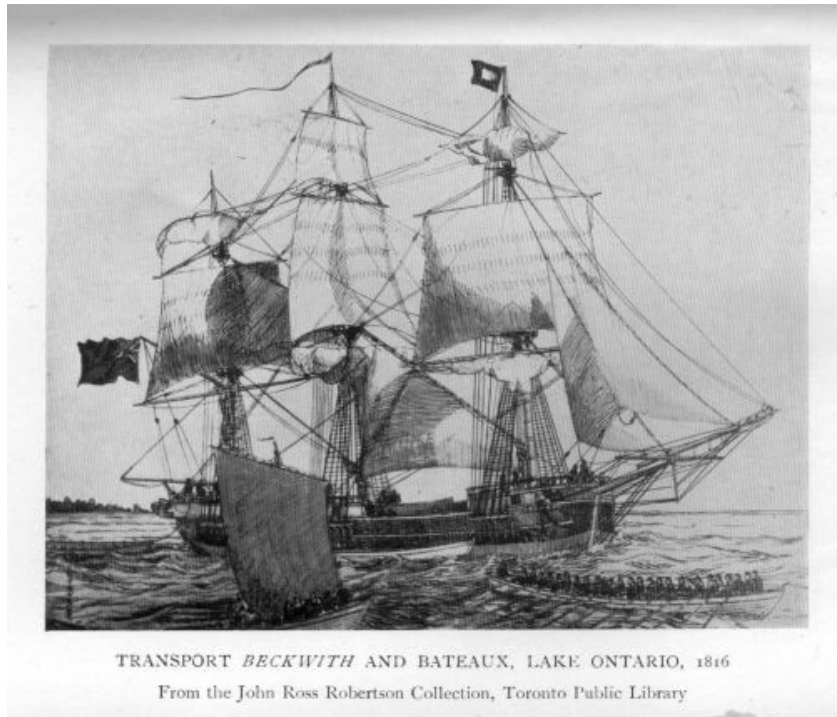
On Sunday after a wreath laying ceremony at the Clock Towner/Cenotaph, the Tall Ship Squadron departs mouth of Niagara between 11 and 11.30 a.m. cheered on by longboat crews, sailors and marines as it passes by the Longboat Flotilla.

The longboats return to NOLSC for haul out around 4 p.m.

More details later. For information here are two of the many websites regarding the War of 1812:

www.1812niagaraonthelake.ca

www.warof1812.ca





2011 Christmas Parade Float



2011 Bottle Drive
Junior Sailing Fundraiser

NOLSC Awards Banquet



Jack McKenna Award Malcolm Harper, Ali Mroz



Seven year White sails Euphoria, Maquis, Red Stripe



Seven Year Spinnaker division Runaway Rose,
James,



Niagara Cup PHRF 3 Spit Fire, James, Afternoon Delight