



# THE MAINSHEET

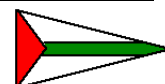
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## 2012 Olympics Bound



# In Memoriam

**Ray Brinsmead 1955 - 2011**

***“French Breakfast”***

*Ray Brinsmead passed away April 5th, 2011. An avid sailor since taking part in the Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club Junior Sailing program. He grew up in a sailing family with his father Gordon, partner in Hinterhoeller Limited which became C&C Yachts. Ray was an original member of Norm Manson’s “Spirit” championship racing crew.*

*Ray had requested in lieu of floral tributes, donations be made to the Junior Sailing Program at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club.*

*If you wish to make a donation please contact the office.*

*The Membership and staff at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club would like to extend condolences to Ray’s wife Robin and family and thank them for their generosity.*

## *Trivia #1*

Anchors have been used on ships throughout the ages. In ancient times mariners would put stones in wood or iron baskets, with hooks on the base. What were these anchors called?

**Answer: Killicks**

## *Trivia #2*

On ships of yore, in days gone by, what would be brought to the attention of a crewman if he was said to be sporting the “Commodore’s Privilege” ?

**Answer: the crewman’s fly was open**



## “ED-IFICATIONS”



Welcome to Spring of 2011. It is what it is...the weather will improve, sometime. One positive is the water is up to a level we have not seen in several years. No draft worries and the ramp is more user friendly. The yard is still full, due to the late launch schedule. As you ready your boat, be realistic as to when it can be launched due to it's location. Greig and Andrew will do all they can to accommodate...patience please. You can email Greig directly regarding launch to [yardservices@niagarasailing.on.ca](mailto:yardservices@niagarasailing.on.ca) or call 905-468-4355.

As Barbara and I strive to improve how we do business on your behalf, we will be sending a very important reminder to everyone as to how the billing works here at NOLSC. Some confusion seems to be out there, so we will fix it. See page 5.

Dock allocation is complete, a few new boats and some new boats for familiar faces. Lots of disappointment for people on the waiting list (worst time of the year for me) but some are getting closer to docking at the best Club on the lake!!

A few updates since last Mainsheet: A Conservative Majority; Obama killed Osama; The ice is gone as are the Sabres; Box lacrosse has started; and most important Dylan made the AAA squad.

## Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club Presents, on Saturday May 14th

*“...the most anticipated event of the  
season...”*

Space is limited and going fast, contact  
the office for the

### PIG ROAST

Dinner @ 6:30

Dancing to follow

\$15.00 Members / \$20.00 Guests



## FROM THE OFFICE

**OMISSIONS:** in the new Roster under Active Members, the following omission was made. Please accept my sincere apologies.

Terry Boulton / Ruth      "Moonwind II"  
27 Delater St.              C&C 32  
N-O-T-L, On LOS 1J0

**Error:** Michael & Joan Gotthelf of "*G-Force*" telephone # is 716-639-5955

**FYI:**

The name of David and Susan Sommerville's 65' MacGregor is "*Ténacité II*"

The name of Roy Cains 72' Neptunis is "*Lady Barbara*".

Both vessels are currently in St. Catharines.

*Membership Director, Henry Van Atte, on behalf of the  
Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club Board of Directors,  
would like to welcome*

*Rob Bradley of "Sunshine" as an Active Member*

*David Jones of "Vesper" as an Associate Member*



## SAIL PAST

Sunday June 5th -

12:30 Skipper's Meeting in Clubhouse

14:00 Procession begins

16:00 Reception in Clubhouse



## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

It's been a long spring. The launch has been slow as we have had very few sunny days to paint, polish and prep the boats. As we have two weeks of summer weather arrives.

Kathy and Dennis Miles helped me get "Sweetie Punkins" ready. Here, Kathy and Dennis are polishing. I am on our tradition of painting "OOPS" on the bottom of the boat, so that when "Sweetie Punkins" heels over, everyone can see it. If that an "OOPS DAY" those this summer.

*Judy Brandon*



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*Commodore*

## DOGS-ON-A-LEASH

We all love our furry crew members as featured in a recent Mainsheet article - **Dogs must be on a leash; excessive barking is not allowed; owners must be diligent in picking up after their pet and picnic tables are not fire hydrants; pets must not be left un-attended on boats or in the yard. As outlined in the NOLSC Visiting Yacht Guide which applied to all.**

*If rules are not followed, if problems arise, pet owners will be asked to keep their pets at home.*

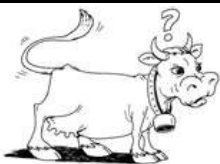
## NO CASH, NO SPLASH - CLARIFICATION

For Active Members, fifty percent of summer dock fees are due on February 15th each year. The remainder of dock fees are due April 15th each year. The "no cash, no splash" is in effect if a boat is launched before April 15th.

These deadlines will be enforced, a 1.5% on overdue fees and if the amount is not paid by April 15th the boat owner will forfeit the right to his or her dock.

All other invoices have terms of Net 30, the same interest charge will apply to overdue accounts.

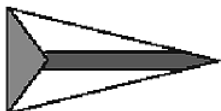
*NOLSC Policy is "Summer Dockage deposit of 50% of docking fees plus applicable taxes is due by February 15th and is non-refundable. A full payment must be made by April 15th in order to assure the slip will be held. In the event payment is not made by this date, the slip may be re-assigned. Post-dated cheques beyond the dates of February 15 and April 15 will not be accepted. This deposit cannot be applied to any other account owing to NOLSC".*



**NIAGARA CUP / STEAK BBQ**

**Saturday July 9th, 2011**

**\$15 members / \$20 guests**



## Letter from the Soon to be Editor

Greetings Everyone!

I am very happy to volunteer to become your Editor for such a valuable part of NOLSC's sailing season. I have enjoyed every issue since we joined the Club in 2008 and I hope that I will be able to keep up its excellent history.

Things are starting to take shape in the yard; our early racers are in the water; and the rest of us are still scrubbing and scrubbing and scrubbing! "Oh for some warmer weather".

Congratulations to Garry and Kathy Brown and David and Shirley Bruce who will be sailing new boats this year. It's a very exciting time!

It won't be long before we are all in the water getting our "sea legs" back. Alan and I are looking forward to the Cruises David has set up for us as well as all the social events at the Club.

See you soon!

Judie Martin - E Z GO'N

*A woman having a medical problem - her husband was snoring very loudly and every night! So she called the doctor one morning to ask if there was anything he could do to relieve her "suffering"*

*"Well there is one operation I can perform that will cure your husband "said the doctor, "but it is rather expensive. It will cost you \$10,000 down, and payments of \$1,000 for 36 months, plus payments for extras of course.*

*"My goodness!" the woman explained, "that sounds like I' m buying a yacht!"*

*"Humm," the doctor murmured, "too obvious, huh?"*



February 23rd - February 26th the Yacht Club de Cannes, Cannes France hosted the  
"ALLIANZ DRAGON GRAND PRIX REGATTA"

NOLSC Member Dr. Ed Simmons of "Triple Play" participated in this international regatta with Larry Huibers as well as a local French sailor. Racing on the boat "GREMEL" against 65 participating Dragon boats manned by Olympic and Professional Sailors, Gremel finished 22nd.

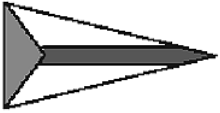
**CONGRATULATIONS ED & LARRY. WELL DONE!**

### BUMBLE BEE IS BACK!

The last edition of the Mainsheet featured a photograph of "*Bumble Bee*" sailing out of the club for the last time. John Frank sold the C&C30 and it was on to bluer harbours

We are happy to announce "*Bumble Bee*" is back. Don Engel, formerly of "*Fat City*" has purchased the boat and it will be at NOLSC again.

By the way, John Frank is now the proud owner of "*Rumble Bee*"



## RUMBLE BEE ON HER WAY TO NOISC

I have been following the design work of Juan Kouyoumdjian aka Juan K. for a while and discovered in march that he was working on a new design for Beneteau to be designated as the First 30.

Having seen the line drawings and then the final hull shape, I knew this was going to be the boat, if she sailed well. A quick trip with Don Finkle and Rick Lenard of RCR Yachts was made to Annapolis, for a day of test sailing on a new First 30. The boat's performance and interior layout exceeded all of our expectations.

The "*Rumble Bee*" was manufactured in France and shipped to New Jersey arriving in February. Glen Stewart arranged for ATL to deliver the boat to RCR's Buffalo location, she should arrive at the Club about the middle of May.

John Frank

\*\*\*\*\**A sailor walks into a bar....that has got to hurt!!*\*\*\*\*\*

Cover Story

## JINNIE SAILS TOWARDS 2012 OLYMPICS

Jinnie Gordon and her crew called Team Gordon - Crystle Numan, Laurel Taylor-Gordon and Jessica Simons, are working their way towards a spot in the 2012 Olympics in London, England.

This year, sailing an Elliott 6m, they will complete in over 20 World Cup Regattas in more 13 countries to hopefully secure a spot representing Canada at the Olympics to be held July 29th to August 11th 2012. No wonder Jinnie lists here occupation as "Sailor". Team Gordon has a hectic schedule ahead of them.

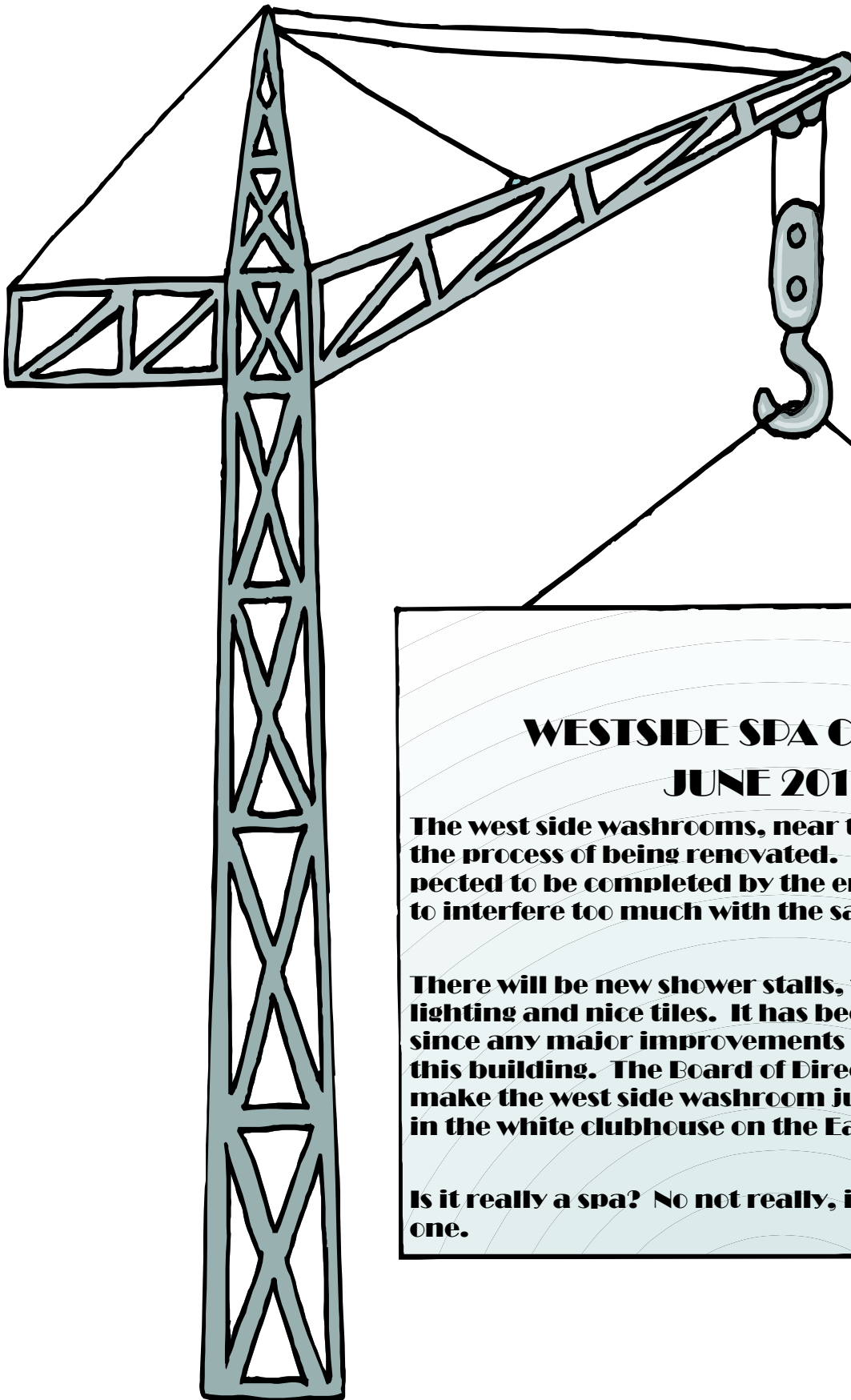
To qualify, they must meet the following criteria:

- ◆ they will have to finish in the top 12 at Pert ISAF (International Sailing Federation) World Championships in December 2011
- ◆ To go to Perth, the Canadian Yachting Association has to submit your name. For the CYA to submit their name, they have to win the Perth Qualifier at RCYC in September
- ◆ To Compete at the September Qualifier at RCYC, they have to be one of the top four boats at the Canadian Women's Match Racing Championships in July at RCYC
- ◆ To be invited to that race, they have to compete in ISAF graded match racing regattas, all over the world, and climb the ranking list.

What is Team Gordon is doing? All of the above! After a race in Texas in March they moved up in the Women's Match Race ranking from #319 to #211.

To keep up on their progress you can follow them on Twitter, Facebook or [www.teamgordon.com](http://www.teamgordon.com)

**BEST OF LUCK TO JINNIE & CREW...MAKE US PROUD!!!**



## **WESTSIDE SPA OPENING JUNE 2011**

**The west side washrooms, near the A-frame are in the process of being renovated. The project is expected to be completed by the end of June so as not to interfere too much with the sailing season.**

**There will be new shower stalls, vanities, better lighting and nice tiles. It has been over 30 years since any major improvements have been made to this building. The Board of Directors wanted to make the west side washroom just as nice as those in the white clubhouse on the East Side.**

**Is it really a spa? No not really, it will just seem like one.**





This is an actual transcript of a radio conversation that took place between a British Navy ship and the Irish Coast Guard off the coast of Kerry October 10th 1995

**Irish** *please divert your course 15 degrees south, to avoid collision*

**British** *recommend you divert your course 15 degrees north, to avoid collision*

**Irish** *negative, you will have to divert your course 15 degrees south to avoid collision*

**British** *this is the Captain of the British Navy ship, I say again DIVERT YOUR COURSE*

**Irish** *negative, I say again, you will have to divert your course*

**British** *THIS IS THE LARGEST SHIP IN THE BRITISH FLEET. WE ARE ACCOMPANIED BY 3 DESTROYERS, 3 CRUISERS AND NUMEROUS SUPPORT BOATS. I*

*DEMAND YOU CHANGE YOUR COURSE 15 DEGREES NORTH OR COUNTER-MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE FLOTILLA*

**Irish** *this is the LIGHTHOUSE....YOUR CALL*



## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

They say there is a story behind every boat name and in this article club members share theirs with you.

### KINSAIL

Our boat *Kinsail* is named after the famous Irish port city of Kinsale, County Cork, Ireland, one of our most favorite seaside villages. Kinsale has the additional distinction of mixing Norman, Spanish and English peoples with the Irish. The result is Ireland's fine food capital. My family, O'Connor's and McCarthy's are from Count Cork. Regis and I have made a slight variation in the spelling to blend Kinsale Harbour with our sailing vessel, hence *Kinsail - Regis & Tim O'Connor*

### RED STRIPE

Poormans Bar at "The Baths" on Virgin Gorda, there was an old Redstripe banner wrapped around a palm tree. We scrounged \$20 together and got the bar tender to give it to us. At that moment I realized this was going to become our boat's name. When our bartender heard this he showered us with every item he could find with Redstripe Beer promotions. "*We had a hard time swimming back to our boat with all of our loot*" *Red Stripe - Ron & Debbie Critchley*

### NEMESIS

We subscribed to the superstition that the boat name should not be changed without the requisite ceremony, so we kept the name the previous owner had given her. It also fits with English concept of six or seven letters for a ship's name *Nemesis - Doug Robinson*

### GYPSY

Gypsy was the name of my first boat., a boat that my father built for my sister and I when I was 5 or 6 years old. That was the first boat I learned to sail in. When we bought a cruising boat, we needed a name, this made perfect sense for a "carefree traveler" *Gypsy - Andrew Durward*

### LUNASEA

Our first date , almost 10 years ago was sailing. Our most memorable and "romantic" times have been sailing. Late at night, under the moon or "Luna", we love nothing better than to be on the water or "Sea". The double meaning, of course, comes from our friends who think we're crazy. They say it is "Lunacy" that we go out sailing from early spring to late fall in all kinds of weather, *LunaSsa - Karin (Jahnke) & Ralf Schmitt*

## WHAT'S IN A NAME CONTINUED

### LADY BARBARA

When we first got the boat we came up with several names which we were not happy with. Then Lois (my late wife) said "I have boated all my life and never had a boat named after me". Lady Lois did not sound right, so we used Lois' first name Barbara, it sounded perfect *Lady Barbara - Roy Cairns*

### TOUCAN

Our new boat is Toucan, not named by Shirley and I, but by previous owners, Kathy and Garry Brown. Our plan was to rename any boat we purchased. Toucan seemed right. When it was named, the Browns, being first time boat owners, figured it was a bit too big for one to sail, but two can... *Toucan - David & Shirley Bruce*

### SWEETIE PUNKINS

My parents called me Sweetie Punkins when I was little. When they ordered an orange boat it was the only name they considered *Sweetie Punkins - Judy Brandow*

### TIGHT SQUEEZE

The builder of the boat, Harry Bunke, a member of NOLSC for many years, who was employed by C&C Yachts, said to his crew that it would be a "*Tight Squeeze*" for him to purchase the boat when he was building the C&C 33. The crew responded, that would be a perfect name for the boat. The boat became well known on the lake for it's racing performance, Bruce crewed for him. Every other boat that he built and owned after this one was named "*Tight Squeeze*", there was a series of 4 in total. They were all special, with Harry's signature touches, specifically his woodwork as Harry is a meticulous cabinetmaker.

The C&C 33 had since been sold and renamed to "Squeeze Play". When we, the Harpers purchased the boat in 2003, we asked Harry if we could change the name back to the original "*Tight Squeeze*". Harry agreed with delight and gave us all sorts of memorabilia with boat's name on it "*Tight Squeeze*"  
- *Bruce and Roberta Harper.*



## LASER RACING

NOLSC will be hosting Laser racing off the Fort on Thursday Nights beginning soon, details to follow. Please check the website for details and updates [www.niagarasailing.on.ca](http://www.niagarasailing.on.ca)

It is time to dust off those old lasers you have stored in the back of the garage and come out and have some fun.

**ERNIE'S TOP BOAT NAME  
PICKS**

**Ta-keel-la**

**Knotaklu**

**Break In Wind**

**O-Y-Knot**

**B-Sea-N-U**

**Moor or Less**

**O D Bank**

**Keel joy**

**A Yacht of Fun**

**What's Up Doc**

