

Why does this newsletter have an Appendix?

We have once again been approved by the SPORT IS Development Fund to hold a charitable donation campaign under the auspices of Ontario Sailing. This is a chance for our club to direct your tax-deductible charitable donation to a cause which supports youth sports, specifically, our Sailing School infrastructure. We need both to refurbish and renew our rescue fleet so that sailing instruction can continue to be delivered with safe and reliable equipment.

If you choose to donate to our Sailing School Rescue Boat campaign, please complete the "Appendix C" form and return it, along with your donation, to:

**THE TREASURER
SUDBURY YACHT CLUB
P.O. BOX 164
SUDBURY, ON, P3E 4N5.**

Cheques should be made payable to the Sudbury Yacht Club. We are not yet configured to accept payment by credit card.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

And the winner is...

Could you donate a prize, kid or adult friendly, for one of the events planned throughout the summer? We're gathering prizes (valued at about \$10 or so) for Casino Night, Canada Day.... You might even win it yourself! Call Gary at 705 560 9348.

Sail with this man in bad weather!

Geoff Sykes was the winner of the Spring Regatta's door prize: a \$100 gift card for the Keg Restaurant. Moments later Geoff also won the 50/50 draw – a prize of \$65 which he generously donated to the Club (more specifically, to the Social Director's budget shortfall!) Thanks Geoff!!

Sadly, Geoff waited until the next day to buy his 649 ticket.... He's still at the Club.

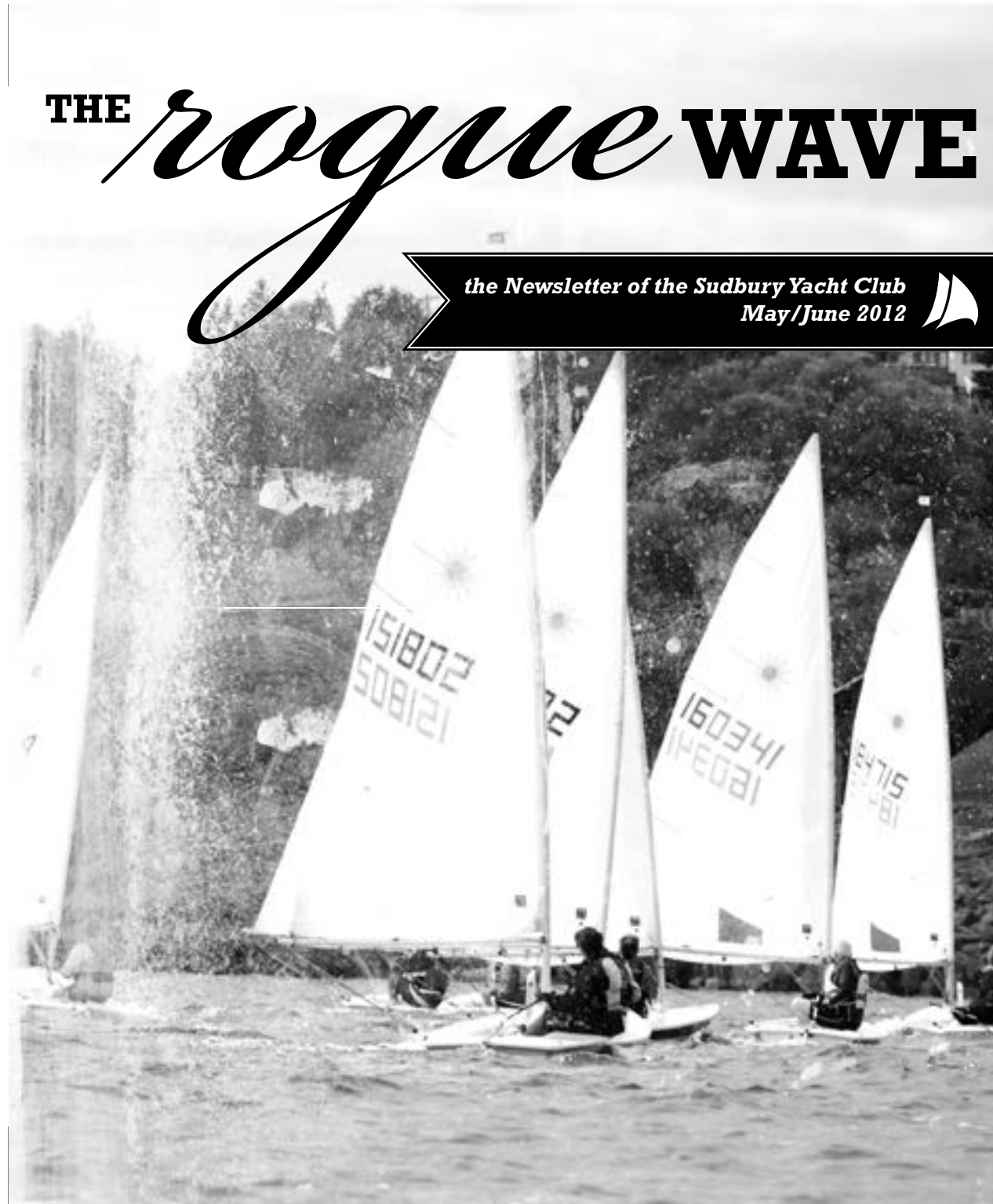
Once our treasurer receives your donation it will be forwarded to Ontario Sailing, and you will be mailed a tax deductible charitable donation receipt for the 2012 taxation year.

All of us donate to important causes. This year, consider a contribution which improves the recreational opportunities of young people from this area who are

getting a chance to experience the sport we love. We want to make sure they can do it affordably and safely. Please consider the Rescue Boat campaign.

THE *rogue* WAVE

the Newsletter of the Sudbury Yacht Club
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If you have content ideas or suggestions about the newsletter, please aim your cannon at Rick Cooper at rangicoop@gmail.com



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Ahoy...

Welcome to the 2012 season of the Sudbury Yacht Club and to this year's inaugural newsletter! This is the time of year when veteran members are busy renewing their acquaintances, refurbishing their vessels, and subtly sabotaging their competitors' boats in preparation for the upcoming racing season. In addition the Club extends a warm welcome to all new members! New members have much to discover about the Club, but provided they ingratiate themselves to the Vice Commodore, who is responsible for assigning maintenance and work-party tasks, they should integrate effortlessly into the SYC culture.

The Vice Commodore, of course, is chosen for his or her propensity for ruthless command. The reason? This is a self-help club, and the

members snap to attention when asked to shift anything from a picnic table to a goose turd (well...er... normally more than one of these latter features). Everything that happens at the Sudbury Yacht Club, from the maintenance of house and grounds, the management of races and regattas, to the operation of the sailing school, is the result of the collective effort of the membership. Unlike a marina where one pays a fee then sits about drinking wine and boring a captive audience with self-aggrandizing tales, at the Sudbury Yacht Club one pays a fee, pitches in wherever and whenever one can, then sits about drinking wine and boring a captive audience with self-aggrandizing tales. This tradition of volunteering and contributing not only creates wonderful opportunities for long-

lasting friendships, it also provides us with a beautiful location in which to pursue the sport we love.

Where does one sign up? There's lots to do: assist with a social event, volunteer for a work crew, lend a hand with a race or regatta, set up the coffee and donuts, fix something that's broken, report a problem to the steward, take part in events, pick up litter, plant a flower.... The best way to do one's bit is to check in with a Board member or Director to see where help is needed.

And now this: don't forget to lock the clubhouse and gate if you're the last member to leave! But wait! There's more! Be sure to raise a glass to an outstanding 2012 sailing season!

Board Blog...

// **CAPITAL REPORT:**
Jeff Morton

Great news was received this winter in the successful grant application to the Trillium Fund for the purchase of new Sailing School Boats for the Club. The grant, in the amount of approx. \$68,000, has been used to order new dinghies and the accessories required for a first class sailing experience for the students of the School.

Upcoming will be plans to look at the sustainability of the assets of the club and a plan for replacement of assets on a proactive basis. Thanks to Rick Cooper who wrote the grant application and to Pierre Dignard and Liam OToole who leveraged the funds for the best value. (And thanks to Jeff Morton who handled the bids and

budget submissions to Trillium. Ed.)

// **HARBOURMASTER'S REPORT:**
Dan Mayer

Hello to all. A well-run harbour and careful attention to safety are always important for our club. A safe harbour for our sailing school, members, and visitors must be first on our minds. It is important that we are careful and ensure the grounds are safe for all to enjoy. My job as Safety/Harbour Director is to ensure we all have safe fun at the SYC.

Should you have any questions, concerns or suggestions please feel free to contact me or approach me at the club.

The Harbour installation is very important: no docks, no boats. We need everyone's help during our upcoming work parties and happy days. We offer lots of jokes and great food in exchange for your time.

Our club once again has a great racing and social calendar. I will try racing a Laser for the first time this year. Promise! Watch out fellow racers!

Social Studies!

We raise a glass to Colleen O'Hare who is retiring as our indefatigable Social Director. Thank you Colleen for your three years of excellent management of our dinners, get-togethers, and over-all fun! Colleen's successor is the well-known raconteur and former commodore Gary "The Kitty" Holman. Here is a list of the soon-to-occur, memorable events he has in store:

MAY 19, THE QUEEN'S POTLUCK: Members throw down the culinary gauntlet with their finest pot luck creations. (Cocktails at 1800; Dinner at 1830).

MAY 26, OPENING DINNER AND CASINO NIGHT: The season kicks off; new members introduced and welcomed; attaché cases of monopoly money won and lost at the gaming tables. (Dinner catered by Ali Baba Restaurant: Cocktails at 1800; Dinner at 1830; Casino at 1945; Prize Auction at 2100) More details to follow...

JUNE 2, FROSTY FINGERS SAIL: All fleets welcome! The Club flotilla advances down the lake in an intimidating display. Refreshments enjoyed ashore.

JUNE 9, POTLUCK/SPRING FLING DANCE: Inimitable dinner followed by dazzling moves and sensual displays. (Cocktails at 1800; Dinner at 1830)

JUNE 16, VALE REGATTA/ CATERED DINNER: Racing fun and dinner open to competitors and non-racing members alike.

JUNE 23, POTLUCK: Members feeling outdone at the May 19 potluck get even. (Cocktails at 1800; Dinner at 1830)

JUNE 27, PHYSICIANS' DINNER: The Club plays host to medical residents from NOSM. Volunteer skippers explain aches and pains then set sail with guests in exchange for free dinner!

JUNE 30, OPEN HOUSE: Volunteer skippers set sail with visitors. Extraordinary quantities of weenies hit the barbecue. Gino sometimes forgets to charge.

JULY 1, CANADA DAY: The Big One. Stand by for more details in the next newsletter.

AND NOW HEAR THIS! At 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings from May 30th the Club House is reserved for cards, coffee, donuts and nautical anecdotes.

AND THIS! Join in Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays throughout the racing season for post-race beverages and comestibles.

FOR EVENTS LATER IN THE SEASON CHECK OUT THE CALENDAR AT WWW.SYCLUB.COM AND THE JULY AND AUGUST EVENTS SCHEDULE IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.



Social Director's Message

// GREETINGS TO YOU ALL, AND WELCOME BACK TO ANOTHER GREAT SYC SAILING SEASON.

For those who don't know me, I am a former Vice Commodore, Commodore and Past Commodore of the SYC. And now, after 12 years, my promotion has finally come through, and I'm the SYC Social Director!

A yacht club is a social model which blends basic boat storage with some of the richest traditions of yachting history. As a Yacht Club, we do things together: we have a tradition of everyone pitching in to get things done as well as having a well-rounded and active social calendar!

Consistent with a greener philosophy, we have moved away from paper plates and plastic cutlery. This year we dine with china plates, stainless cutlery, tablecloths, napkins and ambient lighting. And the best part: the men do the dishes!!

We have reintroduced a number of special events, expanded on current successes, and have new and exciting events in store:

- Nine Pot-luck Dinners – 2 every month on the second and fourth Saturdays of every month. Mark your calendars!
 - More catered dinners including a pig roast and a beef spit BBQ. At least six catered events in all – and all reasonably priced.
 - Six semi-catered dinners including a fish fry, a corn roast, pancake breakfast, a steak BBQ and maybe just an old fashioned Burger night!
 - Five themed afternoon socials (rhubarb, strawberry, blueberry, pineapple and apple).
 - Mainstay events including Canada Day and the AGM.
 - The return of Casino Night where you get about \$50 to play with then bid on auction items with your winnings.
 - The Half Corked Regatta – the largest single day sailing event that has ever taken place on Ramsey Lake (up to 400 boats this year). The action gets underway on Canada Day. Don't miss it! Prizes – plenty of them including: 50/50 draws, door prizes, raffles and games.
- WARNING!** We're keeping costs down, but don't be surprised

to see the renewed appearance of a small, hungry, furry animal who likes full peanut butter jars. The "Corpulent Kitty" will be back to help us hold more activities and have lots of fun along the way!

All hands on deck...

We need your enthusiasm, encouragement, and participation at every event you can make. I will need your personal support at times if only just to help out for an hour or so. Please get in touch at **705 560 9348** or at **GARYHOLMAN@EASTLINK.CA** whenever you can offer a suggestion or help haul the capstan.



**CANADIAN NATIONAL FLAG
(STERN)**

PORT

**CLUB BURGEE
(BLUE DOWN, STARBOARD)**

Vexillology....

During the winter the local papers reported that an intoxicated man had attempted to order a takeaway from McDonald's while not wearing any pants. Needless to say this person was not a member of the Yacht Club; nor was he, we can be safe in assuming, a vexillologist.

While it is true that some vexillologists are pedantic and sanctimonious, some wander cheerfully and congenially among us. Who are these people, and what are their beliefs?

Vexillologists become vexed when they visit yacht clubs and encounter flags or burgees being flown in defiance of tradition. A disapproving eyebrow may be raised, for example, at the sight of a tattered national flag; a national flag in the wrong location; a national flag being flown beneath a regional flag; an upside down burgee; or – horror of horrors – a jolly roger. This latter device is exclusively deployed by power boaters of Pickwickian stature accompanied by two or three hussies draped about the cockpit in various stages of inebriation.

**TELL ME, O MASTER, HOW
THEREFORE SHOULDST I
"OBSERVE COLOURS"?**

HERE'S THE SCOOP, GRASSHOPPER:

1. The Canadian national flag is assigned the "point of honour" which is always at the stern. The more meticulous will fly the Maple Leaf two thirds of the way up the mainsail leech; their rivals will deploy the flag two thirds of the way up the backstay. Since the leech/mainstay factions are locked in eternal dispute, and since clubs are permitted their own traditions, SYC members fly the

Canadian flag from the backstay, positioned as high aloft as the skipper can reach. No other flag should be flown from the backstay, nor should the national flag be worn during racing.

2. Flying the Canadian flag upside down signals distress (or extreme drunkenness). Flying the SYC burgee upside down can signal drunkenness, but it usually means that the owner hasn't noticed that our burgee is worn blue side down. (Liam O'Toole take note.)

3. The correct place for the burgee is the mainmast head, but SYC tradition accepts the starboard spreader. When visiting another nation you may fly the national flag of that country from the starboard spreader, but when the Canadian flag is deployed in this spot, you will be suspected of clandestine motives. Are you being subtly unpatriotic, for example? Are you angling for "guest" membership at the yacht club? A Canadian flag on each of the port and starboard spreaders could draw unwelcome attention from CSIS.

4. Other flags all have their assigned places. In general you are safe (although not strictly correct) in flying any other flag from the starboard spreader in a ranked order: for example, you might fly the Franco-Ontarian flag, then the CYA and CPS flags, the burgee, your owner's flag or a signal flag. The effect of all this drapery will be to give you a dangerous list to starboard and vicious weather helm, but at least you will look like a person with many interests.

NEXT NEWSLETTER: VEXILLOLOGY II