

“Season of mists
and mellow
fruitfulness...”

Autumn is not imminent, but it is inevitable, and with it come two events: the Haul Out and the End of Hibernation.

The Haul Out is scheduled, as always, for the Friday of the Thanksgiving weekend – in this case, Friday, October 5. Any members of the MOB fleet who require the assistance of the crane should bear in mind that the Haul Out is organized by interested MOB members themselves. It is not a Club activity, and the club is not responsible for preparing boats for removal or for craning them out. Preparing your vessel, lowering your mast on time, being present to manage the lift, and making sure that your outboard and trailer are in working order are the responsibilities of each owner. If you are not present during the Haul Out, or have not made arrangements for someone to represent you, your boat will remain in the water and you will have to remove it individually at a much greater cost. If you have any questions, get in touch with Pierre Dignard, Rear Commodore, or ask a MOB sailor with experience, such as Liam O’Toole, who would be happy to advise.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF CHARLIE DOBSON & SQUIRE ELLOR

Sudbury Yacht Club members will be sad to hear of the deaths of Squire Ellor, one of our founding and long-time members, and Charlie Dobson, also a long-time member of the Club. Both passed away on Sunday, August 5. Squire is survived by his wife Irene and son David; Charlie was predeceased by his wife Lillian.

Both men were excellent sailors and cheerful and congenial friends and crewmates, and both will be sadly missed by all who sailed with them. We raise a glass in memory of these two good men.

As the days become shorter and the nights cooler, a creature emerges from hibernation and occasionally imposes its unwelcome presence on the members of the Sudbury Yacht Club. I refer, of course, to that loathsome specie, *homo outboardus ripoffus*: the outboard motor thief. It is not clear why *homo ripoffus* tends to emerge in autumn (although sightings do occur at other times). Studies have shown that the creature has an atrophied cerebral cortex; nevertheless this organ glows impressively when *ripoffus* spots his favorite prey: the motor on the back of a boat in the parking lot. Prey such as this is so desirable that it attracts other members of the herd, and a feeding frenzy is not unknown. If you think it unwise to hike in Killarney Park with a ring of garlic sausages

around your neck, you will think it equally foolhardy to leave your motor on your boat in the parking lot, even for one night. Nor is this unwelcome pest deterred by most standard outboard motor locks. There is very little, as most vandals will attest, that cannot be subdued with a decent crowbar.

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THE *rogue* WAVE

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SAIL PAST, JULY 1, 2012



SAILING SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS



Ahoy...

Inspiring courage, consummate skill, robust patriotism, hairsbreadth finishes... the Olympic Games have nothing on the summer antics at the Sudbury Yacht Club. It has been an outstanding summer – memorable not only for an Open House visitor having devoured nine hotdogs (Gino was afraid to charge) and the fleet enduring a power-wash during the Sail Past, but also for many successful regattas, socials, cruises, club races and picnic table conferences. The sun, of course, has run past its noon fixing, but we still have many excellent events to look forward to in the weeks ahead.

The sailing school staff has worked diligently to provide us with another year of safe and enjoyable instruction. We thank the

instructors for their dedication. We are also grateful to our stewards, Emily Jones, Emma Perci, and Mark Perci who not only provide grounds and on-the-water assistance, but retaliate continuously, although in vain, against the carpet bombing campaigns of the Lake Ramsey Air Force. The current score is Air Force 2,000; SYC walkways 0.

It is easy to forget amid the pleasures of a regatta, race or potluck dinner that behind every success is a group of volunteers who dedicate many hours to ensuring that every requirement is addressed. How much time, for example, does it take to prepare hundreds of vessels for the Half Corked Regatta, to make sure that the gas tanks for the rescue boats are always full, that the clubhouse is supplied, the docks and markers

are maintained, the races are recorded, the staff are trained and paid, the tables are set, the dishes are washed...? The reliability and generosity of our volunteers is what makes us more than a club; it makes us a community. We especially appreciate the work of our Board Members and Directors without whose efforts the SYC would be about as much fun as an overturned catamaran.

The words "Thank you," seem hardly adequate to express our gratitude to Ruth Balleny who retired from her position as Club Treasurer this summer. Ruth served on the Board for 30 years, 27 of them as Treasurer. This is remarkable in itself, but the achievement is all the greater in light of Ruth's outstanding professionalism. The Treasurer

processes the membership and sailing school applications, maintains records of our hundreds of transactions, administers the payroll, applies for payroll subsidies, polices recalcitrant members who don't submit receipts (guilty as charged – Ed.) keeps in touch with members past and present, ill or bereaved, near or far... And year after year the auditors received our records on time and in apple-pie order, something which they never failed to appreciate. All of us at the Sudbury Yacht Club appreciate it too, Ruth. Please accept from everyone a huge "Thank You" and a heartfelt hug. Do enjoy gesturing toward your successor the next time you are approached by a bewildered club officer with sheaf of unpaid bills.

Board Blog...

// **CAPITAL REPORT:**
Jeff Morton

On July 9, 2012 the Honourable Rick Bartolucci and Niilo Saari, the Chairperson for the Trillium Grant Review Committee, attended the club to officially launch the fleet of boats acquired through the Trillium Grant. A ribbon was cut with the sailing school kids and staff members, and a bottle of non-alcoholic champagne poured over the bows of the fleet to christen them. Both Rick and Niilo were very impressed with the facilities and the enthusiasm of both the kids and the Sailing Instructors. It was a rare opportunity for them to see the outcome of the monies that were awarded and they were very pleased to do so.

// **REAR COMMODORE & SAILING SCHOOL DIRECTOR:**
Pierre Dignard

The surplus sailing school boats will be sold off as soon as possible. Persons interested in purchasing these boats should e-mail me their intentions asap. The choice of boats includes CL14's, CL11's, Laser 11's & Laser 1's. For viewing please contact Pierre at 705-670-4624. Boats will be on display starting Saturday Aug 4th.

Social Studies!

Attendance at the following events is, as always, mandatory. Please note that for all evening dinners, cocktails are at 1800 and dinner at 1830. Most afternoon activities get underway around 1400.

AUGUST 4: RENDEZVOUS/ BARBECUE: Still time for the men to acquire their tiny Speedos for the swimming portion; those who have managed to retain an appetite will enjoy the barbecue.

AUGUST 5: PANCAKE BREAKFAST. If you behaved yourself the night before, report at 0900.

AUGUST 11: POTLUCK. Will this be the one to which someone brings a bucket of chicken?

AUGUST 18: Y-FLYER JUNIOR NATIONALS/ CATERED BBQ/ CALYPSO NIGHT

AUGUST 19: PINEAPPLE SOCIAL. Dig out pineapple shirts. Practice ukulele

AUGUST 25: POTLUCK. Someone please bring bucket of chicken.

SEPTEMBER 1: SPIT ROAST BEEF BBQ – Catered Dinner

SEPTEMBER 8: POTLUCK. Bucket?

SEPTEMBER 9: APPLE SOCIAL

SEPTEMBER 15: SYC REGATTA/ CATERED DINNER

SEPTEMBER 22: FROSTY PUMPKIN SAIL. Potluck. Last chance to call the Colonel!

SEPTEMBER 29: CLOSING DINNER. Catered.

OCTOBER 5: HAUL OUT

OCTOBER 6, 7, 13: WORK PARTIES. No cocktails; wonderful food.

NOVEMBER 24: AGM AND DINNER



Social Director's Message

// SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Gary Holman

Hindsight might be 2020, but my midpoint perspective is still 2012.

The end of July is upon us – the midpoint of the summer and the halfway mark for the sailing season. There have been some solid hits and a few minor misses. On the downside, Cards Night didn't fly and clearly we aren't a dance crowd – regrettably there will be no mirror ball trophy awarded amongst this lot. Yet some activities are gaining momentum and others have blasted off from the start.

Race Night Coffee and Donuts took off early and then faded with the heat. I expect that competition from a colder, more refreshing alternative to coffee may have figured in this. I'm predicting that coffee and donuts will make a

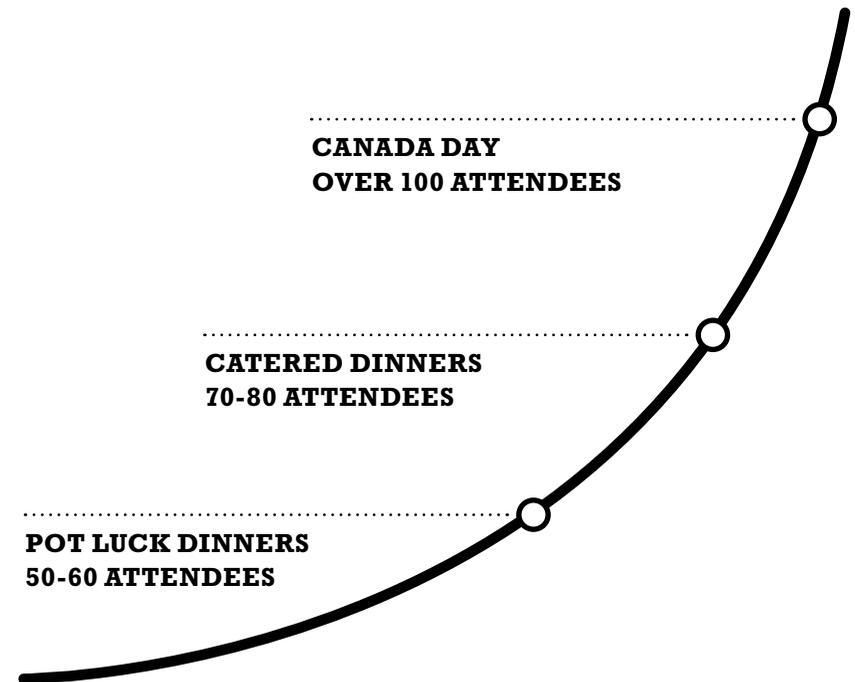
rousing comeback as the evenings get cooler in the weeks ahead. Potlucks are very much back in vogue at the SYC and we are averaging about 50 – 60 attendees at most of these "casual dinners". Catered events have experienced overwhelming growth as well and we have come to expect 70 – 80 members at these events. Canada Day was the biggest event we have had in many years with well over 100 people in attendance. A refocus on a balanced "family" program has made the difference.

And while attendance at our social events is exceeding expectations, the number of members who have offered their help at these events is inspiring. Without exception members are getting onside and supporting the social program with

their physical presence and their financial support. New members have been especially quick to step up to the plate and that, too, is reassuring. Starting out as a half-starved kitten, the Club's "Kitty" is definitely showing signs of becoming a corpulent "fat cat".

Yet we are only at the halfway mark and there are a lot of events to come. More catered events, more potlucks, more games – did you know that the SYC has a par 72, 18 hole golf course on the grounds? The first ever SYC golf tournament is in the works and will be rolled out on a Saturday in August.

From my personal point of view, it's been a blast! The most fun I've had at the Club in years. And the best is still ahead of us!



The Challenge!

Our last newsletter featured on its cover a photo of the Challenge Cup upon which the following inscription appears:



STEPHEN AND VICTOR BUTKEVITCH, MASTERS OF THE CHALLENGE CUP

CHALLENGE CUP
Presented by J.P. Turner,
July 1, 1903
Sudbury Boating Club
Sailing Race, Triangle
Course 5 Miles
Any Craft

WON BY WM BLACK, JULY 1/03
DEFENDED SEPTEMBER 12/03
WON BY W J BELL, JULY 1 1905

We now add the names Victor and Stephen Butkevitch to the list of illustrious recipients.

John Spencer, after many hours in the dusty labyrinth of the Sudbury Public Library archives, recently unearthed some of the history of the Cup from contemporary newspaper reports. According to the Sudbury Journal, July 2, 1903, the Cup was awarded to William Black who that day also placed in the "Single Canoe," "Double Canoe," "Sailing Canoe," and "Illuminated Canoe" competitions. Although a Mr. Joe Lauzon burned his hand setting off "a good display of fireworks" from a barge on the lake, the Presbyterian Ladies' Auxiliary saved the day with a successful dinner party (could it have been a potluck?) at a nearby vacant house. And in addition to

all this, the day saw a parade of illuminated boats, a custom which it might be fun to resurrect. When challenged for the Cup later that year, Mr. Black (presumably an ancestor of Indrek Aavisto's) "won easily, coming in nearly a mile ahead of the nearest competitor."

In fact Indrek's name appears twice on the Cup ('83, '85) which was first awarded by SYC for "Club's Best Sailor" in 1960. For the past 26 years, however, the Challenge Cup has languished in the back of the clubhouse display cabinet. Languished, that is, until the gales of this year's North Shore Regatta.

On July 21 the Challenge was resurrected by the catamaran fleet and the spoils were awarded to Victor and Stephen the following day. According to the rules, anyone has 60 days within which to challenge for the Cup (Geoff Phillips was observed smiting Victor with a wet sailing glove following the awards, but this may have been a reprimand). The race is around a 5 mile triangular, island-based course using a Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap. The Challenge is open to all vessels and the victor (no pun) is expected to defend when challenged. This gives anyone who wants to drink from the trophy this winter until September 22 to

snatch the laurels from Victor. John notes that the Challenge Cup is "several years older than the Grey Cup, but not as old as the Stanley Cup." Coincidentally, this is also true of the outboard motor on the Start Boat. In the opinion of The Rogue Wave, a shellacking of the catamaran fleet is just too good an opportunity to miss. So let's muster an attack!