



Dave Sivers, stifling a yawn, cruises to victory in the Turner Cup

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Now Hear This...

The Sudbury Yacht Club is extremely grateful to all its members who each year work very hard to ensure our success. At each AGM a few of these members are awarded special recognition. The 2013 honorees are as follows:

Commodore's Cup : Gary and Martha Holman

Adventure Award : Sean Grant

Rev. Lumley Sportsmanship Award : John Spencer

Rear Commodore's Box : Jeff Morton

Paul Coulombe Memorial Award : Manon Larose

Sailing School Appreciation : Sylwin Yang

Youth Sportsmanship Award : Marla Betts

Most Improved Sailor (Cat) : Alain Landry

Laser Fleet Henninger Cup : Scott Avery

Ambassador Award : Liam O'Toole

Vice Commodore Award : Jeff Sykes/Rick Cooper

Laser Fleet Awards:

First Annual Trophy, First Gold/White Series : Mike Davies

Second Annual Trophy, First Blue, First Regatta Series : Indrek Aavisto

Moreau Cup, Youth Sportsmanship, Most Improved Laser : Bradley Sheppard

Y-Flyer Fleet

Awards:

First Annual Trophy, First Gold,

First Regatta Series: Pierre

Dignard, Marla Betts

Second Annual Trophy, First White/

Blue Series: Robert Montgomery,

Nikolas Dasys

Most Improved Sailor, Y-Flyer:

Brian Martin

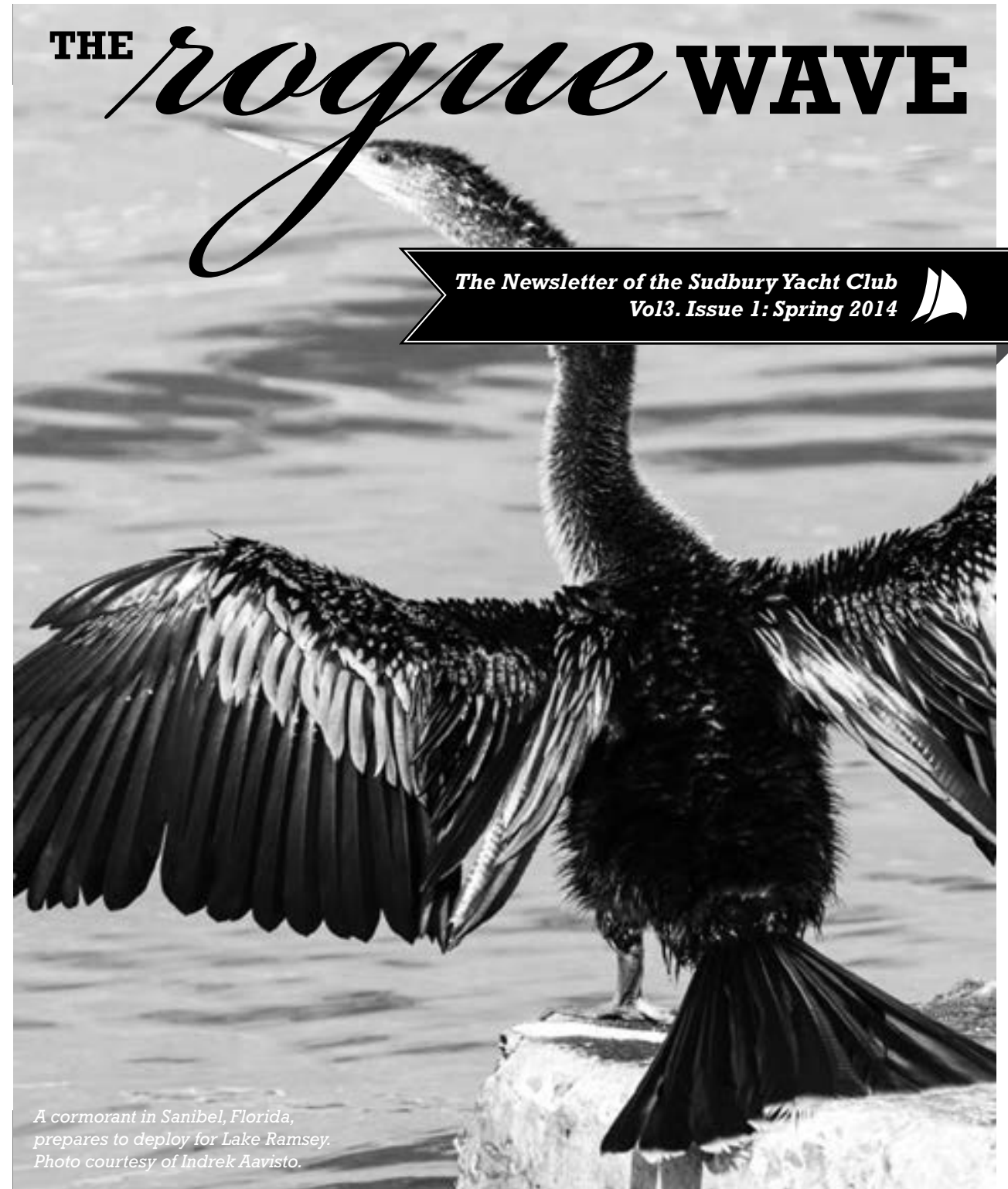
Turner Challenge

Cup Winner

Dave Sivers

THE *rogue* WAVE

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*A cormorant in Sanibel, Florida,
prepares to deploy for Lake Ramsey.
Photo courtesy of Indrek Aavisto.*

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

Waves lap the shore, Sails are unfurled, Liam's the commodore, All's right with the world.

Tarps Away!

Welcome to the 2014 sailing season at the Sudbury Yacht Club. It's time to start the search for shackles, mooring line, WD 40, and well-worn gloves (strange but true: new work gloves seem to attract more assignments at a work party). It's time, too, to head to Canadian Tire to replace the 9/16 wrench you dropped in the water last fall while disassembling the docks. Most importantly, it's the season for renewing the friendships and competitive rivalries of past summers and anticipating the halcyon days ahead. In view, however, of our unusually severe winter, members who languished in Florida or other warm places are requested to abbreviate their anecdotes. As for fine-tuning potluck recipes, this is a constitutional requirement of all members which, it is assumed, is already well in hand.

We remind all members of the SYC by-law #56-4: "Managers and Board Members are to be embraced and handed a cold beer whenever or wherever they are encountered."

For Board contact information please consult the listing inside the clubhouse or visit www.syclub.com.



MEET THE 2014 BOARD!

LAST FALL'S AGM SAW NEW OFFICERS WELCOMED TO THE BOARD. THE 2014 EXECUTIVE IS AS FOLLOWS:

COMMODORE: LIAM O'TOOLE
VICE COMMODORE: BRIAN MARTIN
REAR COMMODORE: PIERRE DIGNARD
PAST COMMODORE: ROBERT MONTGOMERY
HARBOURMASTER/SAFETY: DAN MAYER
SOCIAL DIRECTOR: TBA
TREASURER: BOB ROBINSON
SECRETARY: INDREK AAVISTO
REVENUE AND CAPITAL: JEFF MORTON

DEPARTMENT MANAGERS:

SAILING SCHOOL: STEVE SHEPPARD
MARKETING: GINO DONATO



Greetings from
Liam O'Toole,
Commodore

I hope all our members have survived what has been a very trying winter for those living in the North this year and also those who were affected in other parts of the country and in the US. I have just returned from Ireland and as you have seen in the news the British Isles have been pounded with heavy winds, rain and high tides causing historic flooding and damage to coastal towns. The local town where we come from had high tides on several occasions that topped the new sea wall causing flooding in the lower parts of the town. The concern has been the length

of time the storms have lasted, having started in early December, 2013, and continuing to date.

I would like everyone to join me in welcoming your new Executive for the 2014 season and request that everyone commit to offering their help in whatever way possible to ensure a successful season. We have some new members to the executive who will bring fresh ideas as to how we can achieve our goals. Also, I would once again like to thank the outgoing members of the executive and all those who have helped over the past seasons for their dedication. As we all know, without assistance from our members we can't provide the services expected.

2014 will see us renewing our property lease from the City of Greater Sudbury. Canvas your local Council member to support the item when it comes before council for approval.

Club House repairs will resume once the weather is good enough for contractors to enter the property. Jeff has already managed to have the new windows installed and from all reports they look great. Good job, Jeff!

Budget deliberations are in progress, and the budget will have

been set by the time you receive this newsletter. As you can see, there are some changes in the membership application and the old "Appendix C" donation form for the Sports Is Development Fund. Thanks to those who have continued to support the fund.

Those who were at the AGM will be aware that the Executive was given a mandate to award Honorary Memberships. The criteria for this will be agreed on over the next few months and made known to the members once drafted.

The longer days will have members looking towards what needs to be done before launch time, and as the weather heats up I'm sure we'll be seeing each other as we head to the Club to see what can be done.

I would request everyone support the Spring Get Together on the 29th March, 2014, at the Older Adult Centre. I hope to see you there at the first event of the 2014 Season.

LIAM

Don't forget to visit us at **SYCLUB.COM** for up-to-date results, minutes, the Social Calendar, outstanding photos, archives, Club policies, Sailing School updates and much more!

Salute from the Vice Commodore, Brian Martin

I grew up in Sudbury and remember as a teen sitting in Bell Park watching the sailboats weave intricate patterns across the water. I thought it was incredible and something I absolutely had to pursue. At the time, however, the Yacht Club seemed to be an idealistic fantasy. There seemed to be time only to pursue education, career and love, yet somehow I managed to take a summer sailing course in my early twenties. It was great, and from then on, whenever the opportunity arose, I was renting a Hobie Cat, a CL14 or miscellaneous other boats and convincing my lovely wife Norma to come sailing. That was never hard to do, by the way.

I remember camping at Providence Bay and thinking it would be fun to go sailing, so I rented a Sunspot and convinced Norma to go for a cruise. It was a lovely sunny day. When we got out in the rollers and lost sight of land, Norma convinced me that we should maybe turn back. She's a wise first mate.

I bought a yard sale 12 ft Styrofoam Snark, fixed it and played with it for a while. It was great with my kids. I spent a whole afternoon showing my brother-in-law how to sail it – a little crowded for a couple of six footers! It must have been quite the sight, but we enjoyed it.

I finally bit the bullet, picked up a pocket cruiser (a Sandpiper 565) and on my way into Sudbury worked up the nerve to drive into the SYC and take a look. I was impressed by the facility but most of all by the friendly greeting and welcome. We decided to join right away. I've spent the last seven summers enjoying the SYC facility, sailing, socializing, racing, volunteering for various jobs around the club and generally having a good time. On top of that, sailing with others who shared this sport so freely has been

a great learning experience and has increased my sailing enjoyment significantly.

During those seven years I've noticed a dedicated executive committee, supported by a participative, active membership working hard to make Sudbury Yacht Club a community-accessible show place we can all be proud of. I would like to salute those efforts as the new Vice Commodore and commit to holding the course by promoting sailing, supporting membership, welcoming new members, maintaining our facility and promoting the best interests of the club in the community.

I have a long background in facility maintenance and hope, with capable stewards, to promote the upkeep and proper maintenance of the club house and grounds. Although new to the executive committee, I was made to feel very welcome at our first monthly meeting. I also have quite a learning curve. On May 3 and 4th we will be having our first opening work party this year followed by the second on May 10 and 11th. As in the past we need active participation from the club membership to prepare for another great year of sailing, socializing and competing. I am looking forward to working with my fellow sailors on Blueberry Island and competing in my "new to me" Y - Flyer 2776 out in Ramsey Lake's shifty winds. See you there!

BRIAN

Greetings and Best Wishes from Pierre Dignard, Rear Commodore

Spring is coming soon, I hope! Our volunteers have already been busy. We started the year at the Banff Film Festival at the Fraser Auditorium on Jan. 24. There was a lot of interest in our Optimist display

and the Club. Many thanks to Jorge Virchez for securing our attendance again this year and to Brian Martin for helping me man the booth.

Your Board has been busy planning another great year. Our Spring Get-together will take place at the Older Adult Center again this year on Saturday, May 29 at 7pm where your Board will present their plans and look for feedback. Please make it a point to attend and meet new members as well as the new Board. We welcome more volunteers to step forward to assist us in public relations, membership, social events and all aspects of club activities.

Steve Sheppard has been elected to the Board and is in charge of the Sailing School portfolio. Steve has many new and exciting ideas. As usual May is a busy month where all members are expected to pitch in to get our Club ready for another busy season. Please welcome this opportunity to work along with your friends. We have many "mini" work parties before and after the official ones throughout the year. Many of these are requiring team leaders. Please see Brian Martin (Vice Commodore) or me for assistance on how you can help..

Haul in for the MOB's will be on Friday, May 16, followed by mast raising on Saturday and Sunday.

The first race of the year starts with a Blue Series on Sunday May 25 – see Calendar for the remainder of the racing schedule.

Our Regattas will take place on the third weekends of each month starting with the Vale Regatta (June 21-22), followed by the Northshore Regatta (July 19-20), the Y-Flyer Nationals (Aug. 16-17) and the SYC Regatta (Sept 20-21).

June also includes the Physician's Recruitment Cruise (June 25), the SYC Open House (June 28) and the start of Sailing School (June 30).

This is our Club, let's all work and play together to make the 2014 season the best ever.

PIERRE

“Ahoy!” from Bob Robinson, Treasurer

Hi everyone, and welcome to the 2014 season.

This year you'll notice a new look to the Sport IS Development Fund form. For several years we have registered the SYC Rescue Boat Fund with the Sport IS program.

The purpose of the rescue boat fund is to enable us to keep our rescue equipment in the best condition and renew it when necessary. But as you know, the costs for equipment are high. We appreciate SYC members' generosity in supporting this cause with their donations.

This year the Development Fund is changing some administrative practices to remain compliant with tax regulations. In the past we have provided an "Appendix C" form where SYC members would make contributions directly to the club. A new donation process has been implemented, including a new form where donations are made directly to the Sport IS fund, in the name of the Sudbury Yacht Club. Tax receipts are then sent directly to the donor. If you feel able to make a donation this year, please complete the form and mail it to Sport IS Development Fund, 313 – 3 Concorde Gate, Toronto, ON M5V 3M8. Your contribution qualifies as a charitable donation for tax purposes.

Thank you for considering this request for support. Your contribution to the SYC Rescue Boat Fund will benefit generations of sailors to come.

Good sailing everyone!

BOB

Social Studies!

The best way to stay abreast of our busy social and race schedule is to pore over the calendar at the website: www.syclub.com. In the meantime, here are some not-to-be-missed events!

MARCH 29, 7 P.M.: SPRING GET-TOGETHER,

Older Adults Centre. Eat, drink, meet the Board and hear their plans, sign up first for easiest jobs.

MAY 3 & 4, 9 A.M.: FIRST WORK PARTY.

Toss, heave, lug, drag. Enjoy outstanding lunch

MAY 10 & 11, 9 A.M.: SECOND WORK PARTY.

Rake on! Enjoy outstanding lunch

MAY 16 (EARLY AFTERNOON) HAUL-IN*

MAY 17, 10 A.M.: MAST RAISING; 6 P.M. NEW MEMBERS' POTLUCK.

Potluck specialties confront our astonished gaze. New members (exempt from potluck contribution!) are introduced, feted and fed.

MAY 24, 6 P.M.: OPENING DINNER AND CASINO NIGHT.

"Good evening, Duchess." "Farewell, Mr. Bond!"

MAY 25, 2 P.M.: RACING SCHEDULE BEGINS

JUNE 21, 11 A.M.: VALE REGATTA

JUNE 28, 10 A.M.: SYC OPEN HOUSE; 6 P.M. POTLUCK SUPPER.

Club is displayed to stunning advantage, hot dog overdose epidemic, potluck rivalries reach critical heights

JUNE 29, 1:30 P.M.: SAIL PAST.

"Earth hath not anything to show more fair..."

JULY 1, CANADA DAY! PATRIOTIC ZEAL.

More details in next newsletter!

* No humour zone: Members of large boats are reminded that the "Haul-in" is not a club-sponsored activity, but rather a private arrangement among those members who require the assistance of a crane to launch their boats. Accordingly boat owners, or their designates, must be present on May 16 with the appropriate cash payment in hand, and must ensure that their boats are ready to be launched and motored to their slip. Anyone missing the haul-in shall have to make independent arrangements for launching. Nylon mooring lines of adequate diameter are mandatory.



Indrek and Judy Aavisto, part of the SYC's ambassadorial corps to southern climes, departing on their first trans-Atlantic attempt.

Capital & Revenue Report

JEFF MORTON, CAPITAL AND REVENUE

Hi everyone. We're looking forward to an enjoyable but a busy start up to the season.

Has anyone seen the front steps from in front of the club house? They have been missing for some time and will be replaced this spring once the snow is gone. As you arrive at the clubhouse you will notice new windows have been installed all around the ground floor level. These windows are aluminum sliders chosen for their durability as well as their fine aesthetics. I think you will agree they are an attractive upgrade.

The lower sections of roof on the two extensions on the A frame will be replaced this spring as well during one of the work parties, should you be available to assist please let us know. The docks and waterfront improvements are an ongoing discussion with plans under development.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in the spring!

JEFF