

Kids' Corner

Hi kids! As you know the nautical world is replete with many interesting words and expressions! See if you can match the expressions below with the definitions on the other side. (Answers below. No peeking!)

Nautical term

1. Chunder
2. Splice the main brace
3. Rogue's yarn
4. Lazy guy
5. Roach
6. Holiday
7. Junk

Definition

- a. Coloured thread woven into yachting ropes; in olden times this identified good quality naval rope and thus discouraged its theft
- b. The curve in the side or foot of a sail
- c. To barf! In the days of sailing ships seasick passengers would rush to the railing and shout a warning to those below. An abbreviation of "Watch out under!"
- d. A small line which prevents a boom from swinging around in rough waters
- e. An unpainted gap accidentally left when painting or varnishing a ship
- f. A command which may only be given by a British king or queen permitting a ship's crew to have their rum ration at the end of a royal voyage.
- g. A flat-bottomed sailing vessel typical of the Far East, especially China

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Answers: 1c, 2f, 3a, 4d, 5b, 6e, 7g

View from the Transom, continued.

Next up on the calendar is the Vale Regatta, June 21-22, then the NorthShore Regatta July 19-20. A new event on the calendar is the Turner Cup. Last year's race was held September 7, with a total of seventeen boats taking part including four Lasers, four Hobies and seven MOB's. Lasers were dominant placing 1-2-3 and 6 with Dave Sivers taking the win. This year's race has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 1. Stay tuned.

Thanks to Judy and Manon for braving some harsh conditions to start the races so far. With the start boat out for repairs, they have been using the rescue boats which are far from comfortable.

That's all for now. Stand by for reviews of the Vale Regatta and Turner Cup in the next issue.

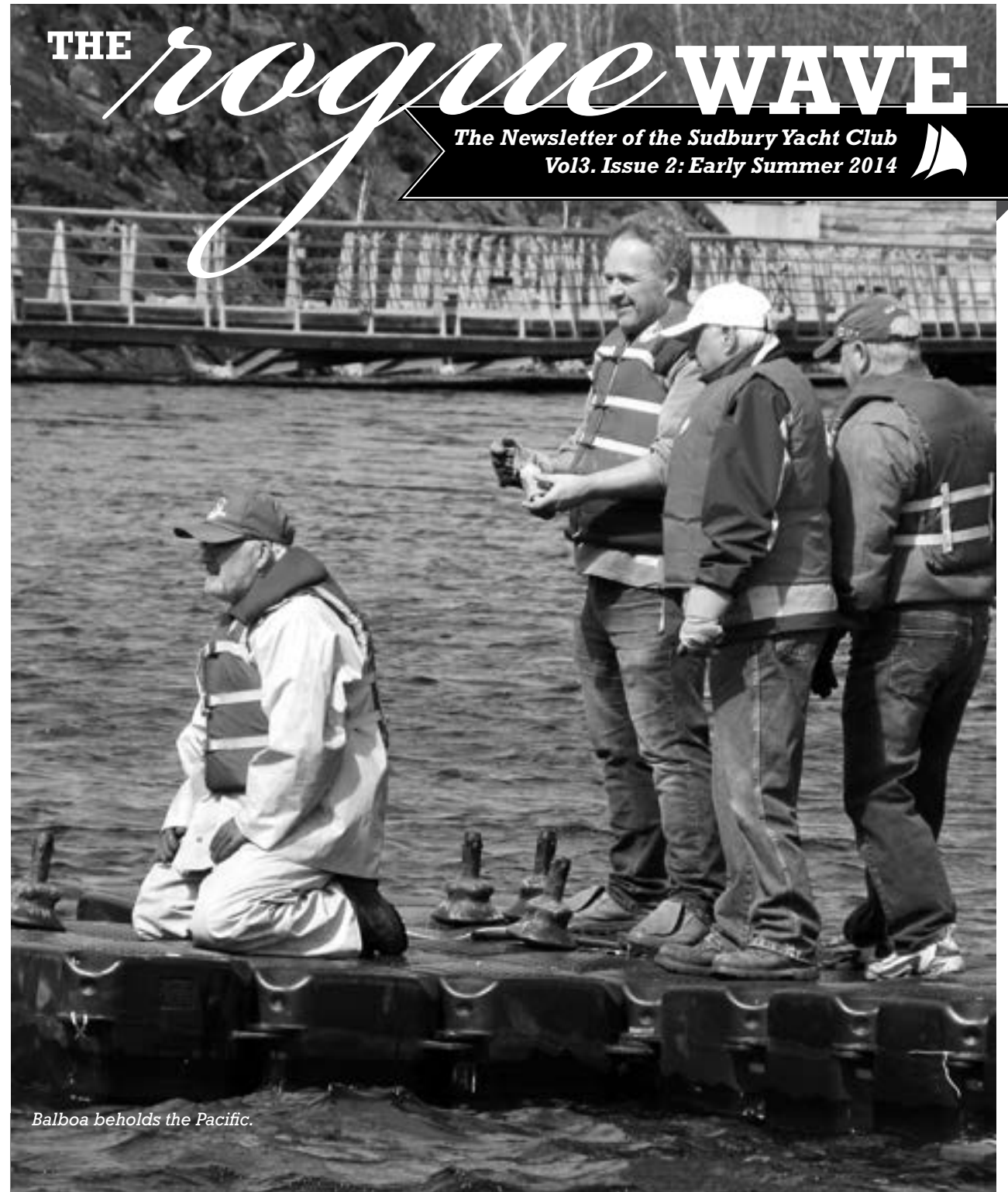
Remember, "Keep people in the boat and water out!"

SCOTT

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THE *rogue* WAVE

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Balboa beholds the Pacific.

Prepare to come about!



It may have felt like a late start, but the 2014 sailing season at SYC is on the wing and on schedule. Despite the persistence of the ice, the high water, the low temperatures and the raccoons in residence in Clyde Jessop's boat (it is comforting that the raccoons appreciate the merits of a Sirius over a Tanzer,) the season of potholes and potlucks has arrived. The racing season is underway, most of the MOB masts point skyward, and the geese are deploying their ordnance mercilessly. And as always we have a hectic social and competitive season ahead.

One of the main missions of "The Rogue" is to keep members abreast of the busy Club schedule. As you

know, this year we are without a Social Director; nevertheless the Board plans the usual full slate of activities and regattas. This may mean that an element of genial chaos will invade our activities, but that just creates more fun! If, for example, you bake 50 chicken thighs then arrive for a scheduled potluck to find the clubhouse locked, you can eat chicken thighs three times a day – as I did – for all of the following week! (My wife was away.) Of course any last-minute shift in plans is always noted on the Calendar at syclub.com. Indrek Aavisto, our resident hacker, is poised over the keyboard ready to update the files instantly. And while checking the calendar you might also browse the excellent archive of Club photos, minutes and documents which

Indrek superintends.

Brian Martin, having resurrected the SYC haberdashery, would be delighted to admit you to the elite corps of stylishly dressed members in their club hats, shirts and jackets (well...er... sometimes not all three simultaneously). But even if you prefer less attractive attire, here's to another wonderful summer of safe cruising, keen racing, fine dining, relaxing lawn-chair sitting, vessel admiring and general, all-round, Sudbury Yacht Club enjoying.

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!



"Thank-you" from Liam O'Toole, Commodore

This season started off with some of the coldest weather we have experienced in years. However, this didn't deter our members from attending our Spring Get Together which gave us the opportunity of discussing our plans for 2014. Pat and Joan travelled in from North Bay, and it was great to see them. Thanks to the members who came together to organise and ensure the success of this event. Our best wishes to those who were unable to attend due to health reasons. We are looking forward to seeing them at the club over the season.

Pierre, as you may have noticed, is wearing a neck brace following his surgery. We were very pleased to see his recovery going so well, but we promised Lilliane that we would try and keep him from doing anything that may affect this recovery. I ask everyone that he has assisted over the years to now ensure you do everything possible to keep him on track by giving whatever help he needs on the projects to avoid re-injury. Sorry Pierre!

Thanks to our executive members and a few volunteers we were able to get the prep work done to keep on schedule for our first work party. The work party schedule had to be juggled, with member's setting up the house and grounds, getting finger docks in (*see photos of Rick's ice breaking*), repairing furniture, positioning dock sections for the second work party, etc. With the help of some volunteers

we managed to get the "Y" dock into position the week prior to the second work party, connect the MOB dock shore section, and float the lines attached to our anchor chains leaving us in good shape for the second weekend work party. Those members who came out and prepared the lunches for the crews are once again to be thanked for a great job.

The second work party involved getting the MOB dock (Gary) and the start boat docks (Scott) into place and secured. We also installed the stern mooring floats for the MOB fleet. The swim raft repairs (John welding repair) were completed and the raft got a new coat of paint. House and ground repairs continued. Thanks again to the members who came out and prepared the lunches for the crews.

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An incorrigible optimist vs 2,000 m3 of ice

Commodore's Address, Continued

We were now on schedule to meet our lift in target for the June 16th. Thanks to Pierre for his help with setting up for the lift-in, getting boats moved out and others moved into storage (Lilliane, there was no lifting on his part!) The lift-in went on schedule with approximately 22 lifts. Apart from having to wade through high water to access the ramp, we managed to get all boats in safely. Thanks to all the members who took part and stayed to bring the cradles and blocking up to the summer storage area. This left the lower area clear for the sailing school shed to be moved into place (Gary on hook up, John and Dennis towing). Thanks goes to Daina for a great supper after lift in. Masts were raised as scheduled on Saturday and Sunday. Those still requiring help with their boat should either contact a member of the MOB fleet for assistance or me.

The Opening Dinner was very well attended and, again, thanks goes out to all the chefs who produced a beautiful and varied choice of dishes and those who came down early and ensured the club house was ready for the event.

Seeing some brave souls venturing into the water I thought it would be a good idea to get the swim raft on station. Thanks to John and Alex Slaney we managed to recover the anchor chains and secure the raft.

Steve Sheppard and Alex Slaney with directions from Pierre set about diving to reconnect some of the anchor chains for the mooring buoys on Sunday June 8th. Thanks for the effort guys.

Members who have been down and have seen the new front access stairs and deck will appreciate the new angle of ascent on the stairs. Thanks to Jeff for getting this job completed and also for starting the replacement of the front cladding. The door frame will be reinforced and a proper door stop installed.

Although social events are under way and the racing program is on schedule, it is important to keep in mind there is outstanding work to be completed. For example, the Laser dock needs to be re-cribbed the floating section attached. Some belting needs to be reattached or removed for safety. Volunteers looking to take on this job should talk to Brian.

The Start Boat has had sections of the floor replaced and the motor repaired by SBC. As you may see work has been started on repainting the house. This involves new window slides and painting. Assistance from the racing fleets would be appreciated.

Brian has worked hard to get our staff and their schedule in place. We have some new staff; consideration is needed until they have been brought up to speed on some of our procedures. Thanks to those who have volunteered their time to assist in their training. Especially Brian (House and Grounds), Steve (Sailing School), and Pierre and Judy on the water.

I have not named all those who took part in all the events, but please know that we as an executive are very pleased when we have members turn out for work and social events. That's what makes a club and creates an opportunity for learning and, of course, great stories.

May you have fair winds for the season! See you on the water.

LIAM

For The Love of Sailing! Brian Martin, Vice Commodore

This spring was shorter than normal and very busy. Fortunately the membership knows how to pitch in. We had good work party participation, and in spite of ice floes we managed to get the docks done in time for haul-in. An unforeseen bonus of the ice delays was that other work got done. We had a good spring cleanup of the clubhouse including polished trophies and a lot of painting and fixing. On the grounds we pruned all the way to Ramsey Lake Road, worked on the start boat retrofits and maintenance, replaced barbecues, welded the diving raft, and installed a new step at the bottom of the stairs to the swim area. Garbage and recycling were removed, and trailers of branches were brought to the Sudbury landfill. The fuel lockers were resurrected, cleaned out and painted. Picnic tables and chairs were cleaned, repaired and painted.... The list was long. A highlight was the excellent meals the work parties enjoyed. Everyone who participated and brought their unique talents to bear should pat themselves on the back for a job well done. However, the work is never quite complete.

Various members continue to contribute to improve safety and support our boating. There have been divers resetting anchors, others setting up the diving platform, repairing the start boat, stepping masts, installing channel marks, keeping the water system working, arranging for pump outs of the septic system, keeping track of finances, publications and media coverage, haul in, tracking and recording our endeavours and plans, organizing the harbour, hiring and setting up stewards, training both on and off the water, organizing the opening dinner, contributing to it and helping at it, selling SYC clothing, setting up for racing season, and the waves go on and on.... All these achievements are members voluntarily helping other members -- all for the Love of Sailing.

BRIAN

MEMBER'S SUGGESTION: *Consider bringing your own dishes and cutlery to a potluck. You can then wash your dishes at home which will cut down on the after-dinner chores!*

Report from Pierre Dignard, Rear Commodore

Welcome to another great sailing season! Fortunately the nicer weather has arrived along with more activity at the Club.

Many new projects are planned and we need your assistance to proceed, so don't be shy to volunteer. We're starting with the Start and Rescue boats which need a facelift.

Emma and Quinn have returned as stewards this year and we welcome Andy Morton and John Hick to the team. Please lend them a hand to acquire new skills, especially on the water. The faster they learn the skills, the better they'll be on rescues & course settings.

The Vale Regatta has sneaked up on us and will be held on June 21-22. Hope to see everyone there, including the cats & MOB's, at this and every other wonderful race this season!

Happy Sailing,

PIERRE

Social Studies!

Don't forget to review the calendar at syclub.com to stay on top of updates!

JULY 1: CANADA DAY!

Turner Challenge Cup Race. Skippers' Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Race, 2:00 p.m. All classes. Full slate of Canada Day action from noon; Potluck at 6:00 p.m.; group photo 7:30; Fireworks!

JULY 2: PHYSICIANS' DINNER 6:00 P.M.

Volunteer skippers host medical residents on short cruises in exchange for excellent meal. Free pain control advice for those suffering from toasting excessively on Canada Day..

JULY 12: SEAGULL ISLAND RACE 2:00 P.M.; POTLUCK 6:00 P.M.

Members scrape at droppings acquired mid-point in race; many competitors, covered in guano and too exhausted to prepare potluck fare, show up at 6:00 with poutine.

JULY 19/20: NORTH SHORE REGATTA

Tense racing in shifty, challenging winds. Compensatory indulgence at buffet.

JULY 26: POTLUCK 6:00P.M.

Culinary competitiveness reaches zenith. Gary Holman attempts flaming samurai dish -- is the fugu lethal?

AUGUST 2: RENDEZVOUS, 12 P.M.; POTLUCK 6:00P.M.

Members raft together in Beaver Bay. Rumours that Board Member will leap nude from adjacent outcrop. Interesting stew at potluck. Navy League beaver reported missing.

AUGUST 3: PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Commodore forced to barricade door as throngs demand access to outstanding pancakes.

AUGUST 16/17 Y-FLYER NATIONALS

Pierre spans the field

SEPTEMBER 20/21 SYC REGATTA

The field spans Pierre

View from the Transom

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT, SCOTT "LASER BEAM" AVERY

Greetings from the start line!

Racing is well under way as we enter our fourth full week. With the ice not leaving the lake until the first week of May, the water was, in a word, cold, for the first

race on Sunday, May 26. Four brave souls set out from shore with hopes of staying dry. Norm, Dave, Indrek and Scott were the first to wet their hulls and in Scott's case, his body, as he was the first to death roll. As Judy put it, "That was the fastest righting I have ever seen." Results from the first race day saw Norm with three wins and a 2nd and Indrek with one 1st and three 2nd's. Dave had three 3rd's and a 4th and Scott a 3rd and three 4th's. Since that first day the weather has been all over the map. We have had high wind, no wind, rain, sun, cloud, warm and cold days for racing. There have been a total of nine boats out so far: Scott, Gary H, Gary B, Dave, Mike, Indrek and Norm in the Lasers and Rob and Brian in the Y's.

A total of seventeen races have been run so far over nine race days. There have been three cancellations: two due to no wind and one due to too much wind (although that day the temperature was about 13 at race time). This is pretty standard at the start of the season. Actually we are faring much better this year than last. The average temperature so far has been 22 degrees; last year it was about 17. The forecast for the next 14 days says sunny and warm.

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Spotlight on the harbour...

A CHAT WITH DAN MAYER, HARBOURMASTER

A number of years ago a member of the Rogue Wave editorial staff was privileged to act as Harbourmaster. One of the first of the MOB fleet to launch that year, moored in the wrong spot. The correct occupant was therefore displaced, as was his successor, and hers, and his, and so on down the line until almost everyone was in the wrong spot and looking daggers at the Harbourmaster who felt all but obliged to leave town. And slip assignment is just one of the many responsibilities involved in organizing and maintaining our harbour. Harbour management involves a range of tasks which Dan Mayer has cheerfully and expertly undertaken for some four years now.

Dan takes pride in "giving back" to the Club: "My favourite part of the job is when I can assist a new member to get on the water. Helping that person realise their passion and be part of their enthusiasm... it's a wonderful feeling." Dan also points out that the harbour is our most visible asset: "Sudburians love taking wedding photos on the Boardwalk, and it's never Science North in the background, it's always us." He believes, no doubt correctly, that the SYC is the most photographed location in Sudbury.

And what of the challenges? "There is plenty of physical work involved," says Dan. "Setting up involves coordinating volunteers, working in cold water, recruiting divers, locating and sometimes moving anchors, keeping up with repairs.... And then there's meeting members' mooring requests which I do whenever it's possible. Members should understand that from time to time I may have to move a boat, usually for safety reasons."

Dan emphasizes the importance of members doing their part too. We all have a duty to be familiar with Club rules, such as knowing that we do not have the right to transfer our mooring spot to someone who buys our boat. Assigning slips and maintaining a waiting list are entirely Dan's responsibility. Members whose vessels cannot be launched manually must either crane in their boats or use the public launch. Our two ramps are wooden, slippery, and not designed to bear the weight of a motor vehicle. Please ask Dan or any member of the executive if you are unsure about Club protocols.

Dan also handles our Safety portfolio. To this end he stresses that all our docks are hazardous.. It is almost impossible, for example,

to clamber back on our cube docks from the water; it is therefore essential that everyone, especially children, wear PFD's on these docks. If you ever do fall in, and there is no assistance to hand, the safest course may be to manoeuvre to the back of a boat and use an outboard motor as a climbing assist. Dan also asks that MOB sailors use nylon mooring line (if it floats, it deteriorates in sunlight and also gets tangled in props) and leave slack in their stern tie-ups so as not to dislodge the anchors.

If you're looking for your mooring assignment, it is posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. If you're looking for Dan, his is the only vessel in our fleet with a gold mast. And if he's not on board, check the catamaran launch. He'll be the only one wearing a shirt!

For more information about mooring guidelines and other Club policies, visit www.syclub.com