



Sailing on-line

The Rogue Wave would love to hear from members who have favourite sailing websites they would like to share. There are, of course, endless on-line resources: racing and cruising advice, equipment, boat types, on-line forums and information exchanges, theory, instruction, an excellent photographic archive at syclub.com.... Some sites, however, stand out as particularly helpful. One of my favorites is <http://www.maib.gov.uk/home/index.cfm> which is the U.K's Marine Accident Investigation Board archive of reports, many pertaining to commercial shipping, but many describing rescues from cruising or racing sailboats. For some reason it is harder to find similar information for Canadian waters: both the Transportation Safety Board and the Canadian Coast Guard appear not to archive pleasure craft incidents. Reading these U.K. based reports helps us to remember that having fun on the water means thinking about safety, all the time.

Forward your on-line sailing favourites to
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*SYC at 2015 Banff Mountain Film Festival.
Sebastien Dasys explains the ropes while Pierre convinces
a sceptical onlooker that the Optimist suits him perfectly.*

Welcome...



...to a new season the Sudbury Yacht Club. It's time to dig out the sunscreen, make those physiotherapy appointments, get a joke ready for Pat Stoute, and cancel all weekend commitments from now through October. Try not to panic if you stored your sails in green garbage bags last fall but now can't find them. It's unlikely that they made their way to the curb with the Christmas wrapping, but as our old friend and former member Fred Miller can attest, even improbable misfortunes befall good people.

This edition marks The Rogue Wave's 4th birthday, and like most four year olds, the Wave

is beginning to assert herself. To this end we are moving in a different editorial direction this year by inviting all members to offer submissions on any aspect of sailing including advice, experiences, thoughts on books, readings, new equipment, techniques, inspirations, denunciations.... We welcome reports of scandalous misconduct surrounding potlucks or other club events; indeed, your kindly editorial staff will do its best to offer newsletter solutions respecting any club-related problem – how to dislodge a group already established at your favourite picnic table, for example. The fact is, however, that we share a common interest in a

challenging sport; we also share a vast quantity of experience and knowledge. We would like to expand our opportunities for learning from each other by making our newsletter more collaborative.

HOW TO REACH US?

If there is anything you'd like to submit – photographs, comments, stories, experiences, quips, recipes, ideas... -- please email your materials to rangicoop@gmail.com Alternatively, feel free to approach Rick Cooper, Sean Grant, or Gino Donato down at the club. For a cold beer we'll even write up the story for you.

Fair winds....



**“Beannachtaí!”
from Liam
O'Toole,
Commodore**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year. I'm looking forward to working with all of you in the coming 2015 season.

Bridget and I returned from Ireland early in February where the weather was beautiful for the time of year. We had great weather for most of our time there, allowing us to get some outside garden work completed and do lots of walking. Temperatures dropped some nights to -3 causing some frost and icing on the roads and some snow on higher ground in our area. It was a major shock to the system coming back to -41.

I would like everyone to join me in welcoming your new Executive for the 2015 season and request that everyone commit to offering their help in whatever way possible to ensure a successful season. 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.

We are in need of a person or group willing to take on the management role for the social functions of the Club in 2015. This is an excellent opportunity to get close to all the wonderful social opportunities the club has to offer and to make a lasting contribution which we all appreciate. If you would like to know more about how you could help in this vital role, please feel welcome to chat with me or any other member of the Executive.

We also need a person to take the management role of Harbourmaster/Safety for the 2015 season. Once more this is an excellent opportunity for anyone interested in contributing and learning more about the club to find out how everything works and gain experience.

At last year's AGM the Executive awarded the first Life Time Honorary Membership Certificate to Ruth Balleny for her continued service to the Sudbury Yacht Club over the past 45 years, serving 28 of those years as Treasurer. Unfortunately we were unable

to present this honour to Ruth at the AGM dinner as she and her husband, Jim, were unable to attend. I later presented Ruth and Jim with the award on behalf of the Executive and all the members of SYC at their home the week after the AGM. Ruth was very thankful to everyone for their kindness and looks forward to seeing us at the Club in 2015.

Although 2015 is here our property lease has not been renewed from the City of Greater Sudbury. Prior to my departure I visited the City offices and was assured that everything was in order and that the delay was due to a back log. I will be pursuing this over the coming weeks.

Budget deliberations are in progress and the budget will be struck by the time you receive this newsletter. Your membership application is attached; please take time to note the due date to avoid any late payment fees. The Executive has agreed not to raise the Membership fees for 2015. Our Auditors have not as yet provided a complete statement for 2014; Bob and I will continue to follow up until we have it available for presentation.

I would request everyone support the Spring Get Together on 29th March at 7:00 pm at the Older Adult Centre. I hope to see you there at the first event of the 2015 Season!

“Just tacking around,” with Brian Martin, Vice Commodore

The coming of March is a sure sign of spring. And some of us will be sailing in a couple of weeks! Of course it will involve a 19 hour and 52min drive south covering a mere 2117 km to Little Rock Arkansas, Mid-Winter Regatta. Simply a little Y-Flyer fun. We may be pushing the season, but we had to in order to return in time for the Spring Get Together on March 29. And of course we want to be in optimum shape for the work parties of May 2nd, 3rd, 9th and 10th. Once the Club is open we can start another fun-filled season of cruising, racing and socializing by the water. I made a promise to get out on my Sandpiper this summer at the AGM and I intend to keep it. (The Rogue Wave will be watching. –ed.)

At the AGM I was honoured to present the Vice Commodore’s Award jointly to Colleen O’Hare, Allison Dufour and Manon Larose who stepped forward throughout last year’s season, especially during the work parties. Their contribution in preparing and serving delicious hot meals to power the work force was really appreciated.

The type of enthusiastic participation we got last year will definitely be needed at this year’s club opening and dock party. Did I mention to pencil in May 2nd, 3rd, 9th and 10th? Throughout the year there are loads of opportunities to volunteer including helping with club maintenance, repairing docks, serving on the start boat, phoning, preparing meals, gardening, organizing parties or activities or

cruising with visitors to promote sailing in our community. The more we put in to our organization the more we’ll get out.

So let us sail together again this year and continue thanking and honoring our veterans for making it all possible.

See You at the Spring Get Together!

YOUR INDEFATIGABLE 2015 EXECUTIVE!

COMMODORE : LIAM O’TOOLE
VICE COMMODORE: BRIAN MARTIN
REAR COMMODORE: PIERRE DIGNARD
PAST COMMODORE: ROBERT MONTGOMERY
REVENUE AND CAPITAL: JEFF MORTON
SAILING SCHOOL: STEVE SHEPPARD
TREASURER: BOB ROBINSON
SOCIAL: VACANT
HARBOURMASTER: VACANT
SECRETARY: INDREK AAVISTO
MARKETING: GINO DONATO
NEWSLETTER: RICK COOPER/SEAN GRANT

Admittedly the enclosed Board Member contact sheet makes a rather large fridge magnet; however, in case of loss, a copy is always displayed on both the clubhouse bulletin board and webpage at syclub.com. Feel free to contact any member of the Board to commiserate, congratulate or participate.

“Ahoy!” from Pierre Dignard, Rear Commodore

Welcome to another great year of sailing at SYC. We started off the season on Jan 23rd with an Optimist display at the Banff Mountain Film Festival. It was well received and should boost activity in the Optimists and Sailing School this summer.

NEW FOR 2015:

We’ll be running Optimist sail camps on the first Saturday of July, August & September. Please come out and participate with your children or grandchildren. This year we’re introducing a form of co-op boat use for minimal cost. The types of boats available and cost will be discussed at the Spring Get Together on Sunday, March 29th, at 7:00 pm at the Older Adult Center. Please offer your input and assistance to get these new projects started.

By the time you read this newsletter our webpage (www.syclub.com) should be updated with the latest 2015 information. Please refer to it regularly for SYC activities, directors’ listing and contacts, racing results, and Membership & Sailing School Registration forms.

Have a fantastic season!

Awards

Every year at the AGM the season’s competitions and contributions are recognized at the awards ceremony. One or two club members drove home that Sunday night with their vehicle suspensions dangerously strained due to trophy overload. (Just let me know next year, and I’ll bring my truck. ed.)

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2014 HONOREES:

Commodore’s Cup Jeff Morton

Vice Commodore’s Recognition Award
Manon Dasys, Allison Dufour, Colleen O’Hare

Rear Commodore’s Award..... Brian Martin
Senior Sportsmanship Award..... Al Farquharson

Laser: Gold/White/Regatta/Annual First Mike Davies
Laser: Blue/Annual Second Indrek Aavisto
Laser: Henninger Cup Scott Avery

Y-Flyer: Gold/Blue/Regatta/Annual First..... Robert & Samantha Montgomery
Y-Flyer: White Brian Martin & Sebastien Dasys
Y-Flyer: Annual Second Pierre Dignard & Nikolas Dasys

Most Improved Sailors
Gary Holman, Robert Montgomery, Rob Gladu, Liam O’Toole

Venturers’ Trophy Sebastien & Nikolas Dasys
Youth Sportsmanship Sebastien Dasys
Jan Runia Memorial (MOB Award) Liam & Bridget O’Toole
Ambassador (“Coolest Dude”) Award..... John Spencer
Starter’s Cannon Judy Aavisto & Manon Dasys
Adventure Award Marla Betts
Board Service Award Dan Mayer

Honorary Life Membership Ruth Balleny

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!

Social Studies!

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

SUN MARCH 29, 7PM: SPRING GET-TOGETHER @ OLDER ADULT CENTRE

Schmooze, cruise, (possibly even booze), renew friendships, rivalries, get the latest news!

SAT/SUN MAY 2-3, SAT/SUN MAY 9-10, 9 AM—CLOSE, OPENING WORK PARTIES

"We few, we very few, we band of brothers....And gentlemen and ladies now abed/Shall think themselves accurs'd they were not here..." (So if you don't get a call, show up anyway!)

FRI MAY 15, KEEL BOAT HAUL-IN (CONTACT: LIAM O'TOOLE) NO HUMOUR

ZONE: Please ensure that your boat and motor is prepared for launch, and bear in mind that owners (or their representatives with attache cases bulging with cash) must be present to supervise the craning of their craft. Owners who have not arranged to be included in the haul-in shall have to launch independently. The haul-in is not a club-sponsored activity.

SAT MAY 16, MAST RAISING

Big boat owners who miss this event are conspicuous – in the unflattering sense of the word. We shall decline to point out the Freudian connotations.

SAT MAY 23, OPENING DINNER POT LUCK 6:30PM

As seen on Diners, Drive-Ins, Dives and Yacht Clubs. A sensational launch to a succession of culinary triumphs.

SAT – SUN JUNE 20-21, VALE REGATTA

Indrek turtles! The fleet falls back in stunned disbelief. A sumptuous banquet unfolds.

SAT JUNE 27, SYC OPEN HOUSE AND POT LUCK DINNER (6:30 PM)

Male members eat large numbers of hot dogs whilst their partners languish with quinoa salad. The club is displayed to stunning advantage. Sailing outings for interested visitors bulging with wieners.

SUN JUNE 28, SAIL PAST, 1 PM

Liam rings in the fleet; spectators on shore gush in admiration.

WED JULY 1, CANADA DAY

Celebrants retire from the field exhausted but happy. A few hotdogs tentatively consumed.



**REMEMBER! May 15
is Keel Boat Haul-In.**