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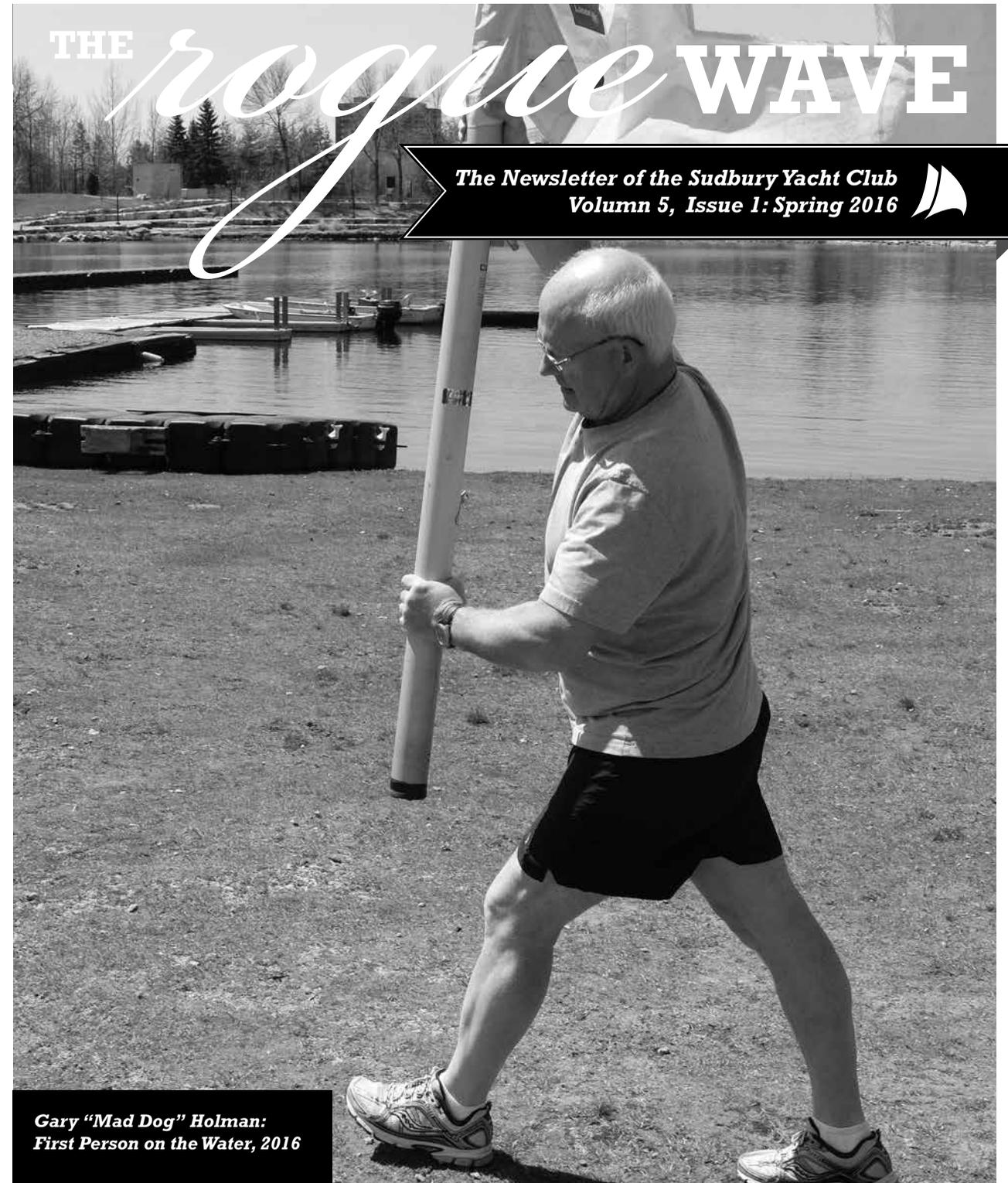
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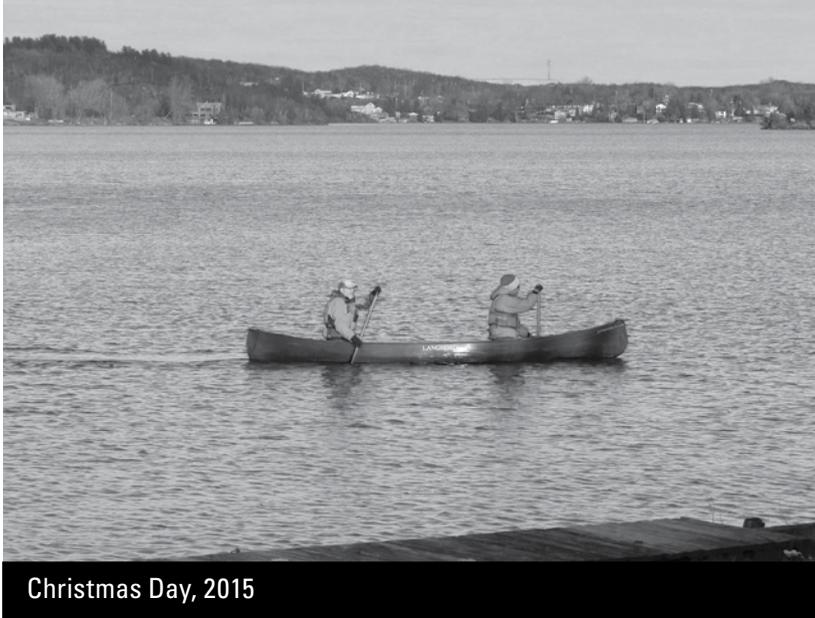
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*Gary "Mad Dog" Holman:
First Person on the Water, 2016*

Away aloft!

Club members who are either courageous or unfortunate enough to spend winters in Northern Ontario will recall the beautiful weather of Christmas Day, 2015. Although three ships did not go sailing by, a person in a Santa Claus costume did canoe past our clubhouse. Despite being incapacitated by an overdose of turkey, a Rogue Wave operative snapped a photo of the event.



Christmas Day, 2015

However late the ice may be in arriving, it is always gone—with rare exceptions—by the morning of May 1. And so our seasonal ritual has begun again on schedule: frozen fingers, heavy picnic tables, reluctant dock connections, outstanding lunches (thank you Colleen and Manon) and the pleasure of seeing friends and fellow sailors and swapping stories of malfunctioning snow-blowers... all this, plus confirmation of the old adage: “Only mad dogs and Gary Holman go out on a Laser when the water is 0 degrees.”

Once again members are urged to clear their schedules for another summer of racing, cruising and schmoozing! It's here at last.

Fair winds!



Greetings from the Commodore, Liam O'Toole

Bridget and I returned from Ireland mid- February. We had good weather for the most part while in Ireland, but the West and South West Coasts had some extreme westerly gales and heavy rains following on what was a very wet fall. This led to some very serious flooding around the country and in particular the watershed for the River Shannon which overflowed its banks for a mile on each side of its normal water course. We still managed to get some mountain and beach walks in. Temperatures dropped some nights below freezing causing frost and icing on the roads and some snow on higher ground in our area. It's always a major shock to the system coming back to shoveling snow!

I would like everyone to join me in welcoming your new Executive for the 2016 season. I would also request that everyone commit to offering their help in what will be a very busy season with building work around the clubhouse and dry sail area, and waterfront renovations a possibility in the fall. We also plan to introduce a new program, “Come Sail with Us,” to encourage new members. Sailing School will have its challenges with new requirements being demanded for some of our water craft. As always your assistance is required to ensure we have success in these matters.

Here are some additional updates:

- Our property lease has been renewed by the City of Greater Sudbury with our term extending until 2024. Thanks again to those who assisted me in this matter.
- I had been kept up to date as to our Beaver invasion. Thanks to those members who braved the cold conditions to try and save our trees.
- I checked the Club property on my return from Ireland and found the ice was level with Mahogany Row. The construction dams were still in place and temporary timbers in the weir. I contacted the water control supervisor at the City and was advised that new material would be installed. This work was completed and

lake levels have dropped, so the property was dry for our first work party.

- The budget for 2016 has been set and will be adjusted for some additional capital expenditures as we firm up the projects.
- Notices went out in March to our members to advise them of the Spring Get-Together and the Special General Meeting to review our financial statement for 2015. Membership applications were attached. Please take time to note the membership due date to avoid any late payment fees. The Executive has agreed not to raise the membership fees for 2016. Thanks to everyone who supported the Special General Meeting and the Spring Get-Together on 16th of April.
- Thanks to all those who assisted in preparing for the first work party of the season on the 30th of April. This involved hooking up and treating the water system on the 28th and 29th, installing the new filters, and setting up the UV treatment system. We also had to recover and float the anchor lines which had been cut during the winter. This required getting boats ready and in the water—a great effort by all concerned.

Work Parties...

The first work party was a huge success with those members who turned out determined to get the required jobs done: installation of the Y-Flyer dock, start boat dock, finger docks, MOB 11 docks, mooring buoys, extension to the southern dock, as well as the clubhouse kitchen scrubbed and lunches done, and the shoreline clean-up complete. At the second work party members continued to address preparations and make some adjustments around the site including raising and re-securing the dry sail area dock, attaching the conveyor belting, and general clean up. For those members interested in the opportunity to contribute, there still plenty of work to be done.

Importantly, we have some heavy work to do to hold the southern dock for this season. This will involve a plan of action and some in the water assistance from our diving crews or members with wet suits. Wet moorings will need some chain to anchor replacements and upgrades to stainless steel chain.

I'm sure you join me in looking forward to another great season at our Summer Home and to meeting and socializing with everyone during the summer.

*Liam O'Toole.
Commodore SYC.*

Ahoy from Brian Martin, Vice Commadore...

To celebrate our retirement Norma and I booked a little holiday in Cuba last March. We were very happy to have a couple of our best friends, Pierre and Lilian, accompany us. While there we managed to relax, take in some sun, sail a little and do a day cruise on a party cat. Good times! And that, for me, is what the Sudbury Yacht Club is all about: pursuing a sport we all love, and sharing it with family and friends we have made along the way.

These friendships extend beyond the simple act of joining a club. When you take the time to participate in all the activities, from sailing to pot lucks, work parties, racing, cruising, helping fellow members, swimming, volunteering on the Board, or just relaxing down by the water, you get so much more out of the club.



Mutineers refuse to obey an order at a work party.



Brian Martin, Scott "The Rocket" Avery, and Tony Hick enjoy frozen fingers at the first work party.

During the work parties we accomplished a great deal from house and grounds maintenance to setting up our on-the-water infrastructure. We cut the stumps of the many trees that were brought down by the beavers last fall. These were dangerous; a lot of them looked like 8" spikes coming out of the ground, and I shudder to think what would have happened had someone fallen on one of them. We modified the flag pole to fly the Canadian and Ontario flags and the SYC Burgee. All told we had about 30 members put in some 60 person days. We had members working in every age group from teens to over eighties. They all worked hard, enjoyed the camaraderie of their fellow sailors and walked away with a good feeling of having contributed to their club. Bravo! Thanks to all those who came out.

There is lots of work still to do, and anyone wishing to help out is welcome to give me a call or check the outstanding work list on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. There are many different ways to contribute. Working on the "to do" list is only one; taking on the organizing of a social event, staging a dinner, calling around to inform everyone of an event, looking into potential grants, or helping on the start or rescue boats are all examples of ways you can volunteer to make our club even better. And don't forget to keep an eye on the SYC web site calendar to keep track of the events in which you might want to help or participate. All

you need to do is let one of the Executive members know how you would be willing to help.

This year the new "Come Sail with Us" mentor program is starting up which will provide another avenue for people in our community to participate in sailing. The program is based on Burlington Sail Club's Shark program which has been very successful. There is opportunity in the program for both Sailing School graduates and SYC members to participate. Check it out on the SYC web site.

Soon we will be cruising! See you on the water!

*Brian Martin,
Vice Commadore*

Social Studies!

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

May:

FRIDAY 13, 3 PM KEEL BOAT LIFT-IN

Big boat skippers choose unluckiest day to swing fiberglass and lead aloft.

SATURDAY 14, ALL DAY MAST PREP AND STEP

Surviving skippers confront laws of physics.

DINNER, 6:30 PM
Pot Luck Supper Exhausted skippers abandon diets.

**SUNDAY 15, ALL DAY
MAST PREP AND STEP**
Topped masts retrieved from lake. Laws of physics vanquished.

**SATURDAY 28, 6:30 PM
OPENING DINNER
(POT LUCK)**
New members welcomed. Outstanding fare. Fracas erupts over last piece of Shirley Farquharson's ginger cake. Commadore overpowered.

**SUNDAY 29
CLUB RACING BEGINS**
For the complete racing schedule please consult the Calendar tab at syclub.com

June:

**SATURDAY 11, ALL DAY
OPEN HOUSE**
Barricades splinter as Gino is rushed at hot dog grill. Guests aboard Sirius mutiny. (Notwithstanding these inevitabilities, do please invite your friends and neighbours to enjoy a day at the club.)

**SATURDAY 18, 6:30 PM
POT LUCK SUPPER**
Outstanding culinary achievements attract media attention. Sean Grant scuffles with Food Network paparazzi.

**SATURDAY 25/SUNDAY 26
VALE REGATTA**
All sailors welcome to register. Watch for notices.

DINNER SAT, 6:30 PM

July:

**FRIDAY 1
CANADA DAY!**
Fun, games for kids, red and white outfits, half-corked regatta, Gino's famous group photograph, behavioral excesses permitted!

TURNER CUP, 2:00 PM
All club boats race for the First and Thirst Prizes. Anonymous skipper attaches sea anchor to Indrek's Laser.

**SUNDAY 10, 10:00 AM
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**
World-class fare. Large groups of members subsequently napping in Muskoka chairs.

**SATURDAY 23/SUNDAY 24
NORTH SHORE REGATTA**
All sailors welcome to register. Watch for notices.

DINNER SAT, 6:30 PM

BOARD MEETINGS
During the summer Board meetings are held at the clubhouse on the third Wednesday of each month.

Come Sail with Us

“Come Sail with Us” is an exciting initiative which has the potential to make our club a very popular venue among those wanting to learn about keelboats and how to sail them. It features a comprehensive overview of the key points of boat ownership, maintenance, basic piloting, and keelboat handling and is open to SYC members and non-members alike. Participants set sail at weekly, scheduled intervals under the guidance of a volunteer mentor; their goal is to assume the duties of skipper by the end of the season. In addition to having weekly access to keelboat sailing for the full season, participants are welcome to join SYC social events or crew during races. In effect, enrollees have the status of Associate Members in the Club.

The fee for the program is \$292 + hst for non-members (spouses may join for an additional \$50) or \$100 for members. Participants are also expected to volunteer for club or boat maintenance tasks for 16 hours since this is an important aspect of yacht club culture.

Many of us who learned to sail through trial and error – or mostly through error – are aware of the wonderful opportunity this program represents. If you know anyone who would like to take part, please refer them to the “Come Sail with Us” tab at syclub.com, or put them in touch with either Pierre Dignard at pdignard@isys.ca or Brian Martin at syclubvicecommodore@gmail.com.



A Special Note

Many members put in dozens of hours of work in making the Sudbury Yacht Club the extraordinary community asset that it is. Although these members often receive a public “thank you” they are sometimes too modest to report their efforts to others. This

past winter, for example, Liam O’Toole, John O’Toole and Geoff Sykes rebuilt over 60 floating anchor buoys which had become eroded and deflated over many seasons. This required sourcing, modifying, and installing steel shackles as well as re-inflating the buoys – a huge undertaking. If you know of a member whose contribution

merits recognition, then as soon as you have provided that person with a complimentary beer, please alert the editorial staff of *The Rogue Wave*.

Water, water everywhere...

On the evening of April 20 Science North hosted an information session on the health of area lakes. Presenters included the Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance (an umbrella group for the 16 local lake stewardship committees), Conservation Sudbury (formerly the Nickel District Conservation Authority), the City of Greater Sudbury, and the Sudbury and District Health Unit. Several of our members attended.

The discussions ranged widely: water levels and flooding, source protection, restoration of shoreline, invasive species, septic systems, water purification, environmental education.... There was an update on the Eurasian Watermilfoil infestation with the news that the aquatic weevil, which it was hoped would annihilate this nuisance, has been utterly defeated by an oversupply of food. Some members will recall the tonnage of milfoil which we harvested from our bay a few years ago – all to no effect. Everyone present was united in the ambition to protect and preserve our waterways.

A glance at the Water Quality Legislation section of the City website, greatersudbury.ca,



reveals 15 separate pieces of legislation enacted by all three levels of government which pertain to the administration of lake water. This level of complexity helps explain why our club has the only legally sanctioned swimming area on the lake, conforming as it does, to federal regulations. But some citizens seem not to be feeling the pressure of all this bureaucratic might.

Switch to the Second Work Party on Sunday, May 1. An editorial staff member of *The Rogue Wave* (that’s me) wandered over to where a member was raking up a mat of flotsam from below the east

dock. Minutes earlier two ducks had been busy dining on colorful plastic shards, bottle caps, small pieces of styrofoam, bits of plastic bags and dozens of long blue-green sticks (later identified by a skater friend as bristles from the power broom which sweeps the ice path during the winter).

Lake users will doubtless face new responsibilities as environmental challenges and the regulatory culture evolve. In the meantime, if you do see somebody about to chuck something in the lake, give ‘em hell!