

The Last Word...

The opening of the Northern Water Sports Centre this year has resulted in a sharp increase in vessel traffic in the vicinity of the Club and the western section of the lake. Kayaks and stand-up paddle boards (SUP's) frequently appear in the vicinity of our docks. SUP'ers occasionally lie flat to paddle into the winds and sometimes have a child seated on the board. We have even experienced a kayaker straying onto a course and colliding with one of our racers.

The onset of shorter days means that keel boaters are often coming up the lake at dusk and may be partly blinded by the sunset. None of these human powered craft has lights.

Sailors, for the most part, are well-versed in collision avoidance and the rules of the road. Judging from the actions of some other lake users, this awareness may not be universal. Nevertheless, lake users have the right to be anywhere on the surface of the water (except in our swim area), and there is no hierarchy of standing on or giving way in the case of human-powered craft. The relevant legislation is the Canada

Shipping Act, Small Vessel Regulations:

1007 No person shall operate a vessel in a careless manner, without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for other persons.

If you have an encounter with another craft, it may well be worth making a note of it and reporting it to a Board member. Kayakers, canoeists and SUP'ers are probably unaware of how difficult they are to see even in good visibility, and a conversation with the NWSC might encourage its members to give us a wider berth.

We welcome all submissions. Please email your opinions, thoughts, suggestions to rbcooper@sympatico.ca We especially look forward to our first contribution en français!

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*Sean "The Spanker" Grant and Carrie Graham.
Turner Cup champs, July 2016*

Ahoy!

Members who subscribe to the Super Channel, or those who have access to U.S. Netflix programming, will doubtless have been enjoying the first season of *Slasher* which debuted on the U.S. tv channel “Chiller” and introduces “The Executioner” in the first episode. No, this is not an entertainment based upon the Turner Cup Challenge races; indeed, last July’s SYC visitors will recall having seen “The Executioner” swanning about our clubhouse and ordering drinks at the “Eh Frame” bar. All of this assumes, of course, that an actor was playing the homicidal maniac and that the person we saw was not an actual maniac from among our membership. Anyone enjoying a good book in a Muskoka chair is nevertheless advised to keep frequent watch over his or her shoulder – just in case.

We have had an unusual season featuring both high winds and low rainfall. This has produced abnormally low water levels and a corresponding burgeoning of shoals, some of which – thanks to the Tanzer 22 fleet – are newly discovered. Hydrologists at Science North estimate that one inch of water on Lake Ramsey equals



approximately 10 million litres and that evaporation on a sunny summer’s day will account for about one tenth of this amount. Combine these conditions with the continuing spilling of water over the Paris Street weir, and members are well advised to study the depth contours on the new chart which Bob Robinson and John Spencer have displayed in the club house.

Many members this summer have reached out to potential sailors in the community, and thanks to their efforts we have welcomed an unusual number of visitors. Laser Day on July 16 was very busy and featured plenty of instruction and encouragement. The Come Sail with Us program, under the leadership of Brian and Pierre, is fully subscribed, and its

participants have been setting sail several nights each week – some even clamouring to crew a catamaran more than once. We have also been joined this year by several new members. If you are among them, welcome! We look forward to getting to know you as together we enjoy the many features of our club both on and off the water. Fair winds!

The Sudbury Yacht Club lives on-line. We can be found on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, and be sure to visit syclub.com for up-to-date calendars, racing results and news.



Our Commodore is saying something funny to Sean Grant. What is it? Send your photo caption entries to rbcooper@sympatico.ca Winner to be announced at the AGM!

Turner Cup

There are two meteorological constants at the SYC: first, regardless of the temperatures on June 30, fireworks enthusiasts will need blankets, tuques and hot tea on July 1 if they plan to watch the show; second, as soon as Environment Canada hears that a Turner Cup race is in the offing, they issue a Weather Warning. Why? Because one is always required. The first Cup race of the season, postponed to July 3 because of a tempest, featured the familiar array of

boisterous gusts, 90 degree shifts, and doldrums at the finish line. It was nevertheless an interesting race: Ziggy Altman received special recognition for tackling the entire course with a torn main; David Anselmo took top cruiser honours and now flies a club burgee; Indrek Aavisto won the Thirst Prize (as he does with monotonous regularity) but not the Cup! It was Sean Grant and his crew Carrie Graham who came crashing down mercilessly upon all opposition to become the latest Turner Cup defenders. With characteristic modesty Sean and Carrie credited their victory not to superior strategy and seamanship, but to Sean’s long association with *The Rogue Wave* as graphic

designer. A stylish “bookend” effect was achieved when the *Rogue Wave* editor (that’s me) and crew, Manon Dasys, crossed the finish line a distant 18th.

Check the posting at syclub.com for the complete results and an excellent photo archive. Many thanks to Andrew Dasys for his role as official photographer, Committee member and judge. Thanks as well to additional Committee members Scott “The Rocket” Avery, Don Phipps and John Spencer, and judges Colleen O’Hare and Pat Sivers. Cheers to Keith Morton in the rescue boat.

The Racing News

From our Special Correspondent, Scott “The Rocket” Avery

The words of the season are wind and heat! There has been no shortage of breeze and high temps this summer, just ask the Laser sailors. Winds of 20 to 40 kph and temps in the low 30’s have been the norm so far. For example, on a recent race night Environment Canada reported steady winds of 34 kph and a humidex of 34 at 7:00pm, and this has been the norm for most of the season.

There have been two major events so far, the Vale Regatta and the 1st Turner Cup. Both events were held under sunny skies and big wind. Bradley Sheppard proved that his spot on the Ontario Sailing Team is no fluke by winning the Lasers at the Vale Regatta, second was Indrek Aavisto followed by Jack Pierce from Barrie. The Y fleet was won by Pierre Dignard followed by Brian Martin then Rob Montgomery. Kudos to Bob Robertson and his crew for competing in his first Y-Flyer regatta in some tough conditions. Indrek proved once again that



Lasers are still efficient as he crossed the line first before adjusted time in the Turner Cup on July 3rd; the event was won by Sean Grant in his CL 16. As I write the Y-Flyer fleet is at Bellwood Sailing Club in southern Ontario at the Y-Flyer Internationals. Boats from the USA and Canada are competing, and early reports are that the wind is big and the temps are scorching. No results have been posted although Rob Montgomery posted on Facebook that his best finish on the first day was a 7th and that that was the most wind that his daughter

Samantha has ever sailed in. There have been 43 club races held so far this season and the usual suspects are at the top of the leader board with Indrek leading the Lasers and Brian and Rob leading the Y’s. Next up is the NorthShore Regatta July 23-24 and then the next Turner Cup on August 1. Thanks as always to our crew of Start Boat volunteers without whom none of this excitement would be possible.

That’s all for now. See you on the water!



Guest Column: Lasers in the Wind

BY DAVE SIVERS

Snap, crackle, pop and groans. Those are the sounds my body makes after an afternoon of Laser racing these days. So I was questioning my decision to go sailing. Trees were down by the SYC road. The tie-down rope on my boat had snapped off. There were whitecaps all over Lake Ramsey. Yes, the wind was just about blowing the dog off the chain.

Official racing cancelled...thank goodness. Just as the couch at home was calling, the rest of the fleet voted to do battle with the wind, and I couldn’t say no. So I joined Norm Hey, Tony Hick, Scott Avery, Gary Bota and Matt Snider with Judy and Indrek Aavisto volunteering on the start boat which was much appreciated. Most of us put up a radial rig which is Laserspeak for a smaller sail designed for lighter sailors or, in this case, to tame heavy air. It made for almost survivable upwinds and screaming, spray-drenched adrenalin-rush reaches. Gybes were exciting too in an “oops, another death roll” sort of way with all the fleet upside down at some point.

After the first race we abandoned that foolishness in favour of just planing and going as fast as any of us could remember. As far as reaching that stage of becoming one with the wind and the water... well, not so much. But it was some fun. Finally, we came ashore with water draining from every portal and with huge smiles on our faces.

So tomorrow I will snap, crackle, pop and groan and wonder if I am getting too old for this #&*#. But miss out on Laser days like this one? I don’t think so.



Scott "The Rocket" Avery explains capsizing theory to new sailors. Laser Day, July 2-016

Laser Day

BY DAVE SIVERS

The SYC Laser fleet held our first "Try a Laser" event on July 16. All of the regular Laser sailors were very excited to make their boats available to anyone who wanted to try, and the weather was perfect.

Nine Lasers were in constant use. We welcomed young and old, men and lots of ladies,

experienced and not so much. For Mathieu Grainger, wife Noémie and children Zoé and Elliott it was a family affair with everyone taking a turn. Craig and Brooke Yeats looked race ready in the light wind. Manon Dasys claimed she was a lot faster than her son Sebastien (whatever you say Manon). Sai Hick was... well, she had a good time. Gary Holman sailed off in an Optimist and we haven't seen him since. (Apparently several sightings in the Tobermory area. Ed.) Those who had never sailed had someone sail with them, and there was plenty of coaching on the water. Some participants were

potential members, some were members who sailed on their own for the first time and several had never sailed before.

There were some wet butts and a few boats upside down – no surprise for Lasers. But there were only big smiles afterwards, and it was just a fun day for everyone.

If you missed it, we'll do it again on August 13 at 1 pm!

Social Studies

AUGUST 1 TURNER CHALLENGE CUP, 2:00 PM.

Skippers' meeting 1:30 pm

Trees down, deckchairs blown into lake, flags shredded. Indrek finishes first, martini in hand.

AUGUST 13 LASER DAY 1- 4 PM

Everybody gets wet. Things get even wetter after 4 pm. Stand by for details.

AUGUST 20 POTLUCK, 6:30 PM

Matterhorns of outstanding cuisine. Stewards assist throngs of overeaters to their vehicles.

SEPTEMBER 5 TURNER CHALLENGE CUP, 2:00 PM.

Skippers' meeting 1:30 pm

More trees down. Widespread electrical outages. Indrek, crossing first, raises glass of Pimms to judges.

SEPTEMBER 10/11 SYC REGATTA.

Dinner Saturday at 6:30 pm.

Last big race of the season. Watch for notices or emails for more details.

SEPTEMBER 24 CLOSING DINNER, 6:30 PM

Members push past speakers toward dessert table. Fracas erupts. Aerosol Cool Whip fight spills outdoors.

SEPTEMBER 25

Keel boat mast unstepping.

FedEx delivers case of Absorbine Jr. to club house.

SEPTEMBER 30 KEEL BOAT LIFT, 3:00 PM.

Vessels requiring the crane must be removed on this day. No exceptions. Please check with a Board Member regarding preparation for this event.

OCTOBER 1 & 2 FIRST AND SECOND WORK PARTIES.

All hands to the pumps.

OCTOBER 8 & 9 Third and fourth work parties. More hands to the pumps.

NOVEMBER 13 SYC AGM & AWARDS DINNER.

Details to follow!