

The Rogue Wave

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Is Ginger trying to tell us something...?

Ginger, by the way, is Vic Butkevitch's dog. Is she merely wondering where the large gaggle of very tall geese appeared from, or is she expressing an opinion? That question, along with "Where did the summer go?" are just a couple of the queries we'll ponder as the rest of the season unfolds.

Message from Liam O'Toole, Commodore

Hi Everyone!

The summers seem to be going by faster each year, and the mixed weather made it difficult to plan events. Having said that, we had some great turn-outs for social events: the Opening Dinner, Regattas, Y Nationals, Canada Day, and pot luck dinners which were well supported with a great variety of dishes. The Pancake Breakfast was one of the best in years, and sold out completely. The Dasys family catered a fantastic dinner for the Y Nationals.

Thanks to all those who worked hard to make this happen. Special thanks to the following:

- ✚ Gary and Martha for catering the regatta dinner and the pancake breakfast.
- ✚ The Dasys for their commitment to assisting with starting and the catering of the Y Nationals etc.
- ✚ Our in-house diving team – John, Alex, Steve, Rob and Pierre -- for their efforts in keeping the underwater moorings secure. They still have some repairs to do before the closing work party, and it should be a little warmer now than in the spring.
- ✚ Brian and his staff for keeping the house and grounds in great shape over the summer.
- ✚ Dave Sivers for the new, hand-made, Muskoka chairs.
- ✚ Steve and his staff -- Bronwyn Novak, Maeve McAuliffe, Megan Wismer and Bradley Sheppard -- for operating Sailing School safely again for another year.
- ✚ Pierre, who not withstanding his healing, managed to keep the on-water activities and equipment in operating condition.
- ✚ Our volunteers who ensured the on-water activities were started and rescue was available.
- ✚ Judy for relieving on the start boat and Indrek for race results.
- ✚ John ``Thacher `` Spencer and his committee for their continued commitment to the Turner Challenge Cup. Starting outside the harbour was welcomed by all. The number of boats turning out for the event shows the members' interest and the event's continued success.

We still have several events left before season ends. These include the SYC Regatta, and the Closing Dinner. Haul out will be **Friday the 10th of October**. Preparation for lift out will be on the previous weekends. Anyone needing assistance should get in touch with a member of the executive. Please note that Pierre, Brian, Rob and I will be away the weekend of October 3rd.

The first official work party commences at 9 a.m., Saturday, October 11. Please check your schedules and plan to attend where possible. This is an excellent opportunity for all members to learn what is required to close up the club for the season.

Projects:

And there are a lot! Clubhouse supports, roof repairs, sea wall reinforcements including the Laser/dinghy wall, beach wall and start dock corner, and main corner of the mob dock, new sail board shack, repair of sail board lockers, the acquisition of a new Whaler... the list goes on. We'll be setting some priorities as we can't do everything at once.

We welcome expressions of interest from any member who might wish to join the executive. Please contact any current executive member (the contact information is posted on the clubhouse bulletin board) and in particular Robert Montgomery. As Past Commodore, one of Robert's responsibilities is to coordinate the selection of board candidates for the AGM. The executive consists of six elected members, a Past Commodore, (voting) and two invited members, the secretary and treasurer (non-voting). Attendance at the AGM shows support for your executive and acknowledges their efforts in serving the club. Please try not to miss this important event on **Saturday, November 22.**

On behalf of all the executive and Club members I would like to take this opportunity to wish Shirley Farquharson a speedy recovery from her recent illness. We are looking forward to see her back at the club soon.

I wish to thank the executive and all the Club members who have done what was required to make this season a great success.

"Ahoy!" from Brian Martin, Vice Commodore

Let me begin by thanking our stewards this year. Emma Persi, Quinn Henschel, Grayden Henschel, John Hick and Andy Morton have done an excellent job. They worked hard to maintain the club and grounds, and we've enjoyed the best flower beds we've seen in years! On top of this they worked rescue at regattas, Turner Cups and most of the weekly races. A lot of members thought the upkeep and cleanliness were exceptional. The high standard was very much appreciated. Good luck to all with your future endeavours.

The end of season is approaching quickly with only one more regatta, the SYC, and the Closing Dinner. As always there is plenty to do! Some of the house and grounds priorities include stowing our gear and equipment, raking and weeding, reseeding, fence repair and lunches for the work parties. This all requires a 100% turnout for the closing

work parties on October 11, 12, 18 and 19. We get the action underway at 9 a.m. on those dates. Feel free to get in touch (see the contact information on the clubhouse bulletin board) if you have any suggestions or would like to volunteer for a particular crew.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Nov 22 at the Radisson Hotel, 85 St. Anne Road. Be sure to book that evening! The times of the AGM and dinner will be announced shortly.

The best way to learn about the club, and get even more enjoyment from your membership, is to volunteer for the Board. Please consider stepping forward for next year.



Thunder on the lake! The Turner Cup Challenge Series...



Liam and Bridget O'Toole triumphantly cross the finish line on Labour Day.

The subtleties of the Turner Cup Challenge rival the most elevated complexities of Middle East diplomacy. First, there is the evolving handicap system – now nearing perfection – which absorbs so much computing power that the lights in the clubhouse flicker. Next, there is the number as well as the range of vessels and skippers the event attracts. The starts resemble a kind of nautical roller derby into which eager combatants of various weights are launched at intervals. There is the course itself, replete with hazards both aerial and aquatic, especially when the “rabbit” boat disappears around the wrong corner. And then there is the prize! Not only does the “first across” wallow in beer, but the winner by handicap gets the T-shirt, the link with a century-old sailing tradition, and the enmity of all the other skippers who have already started plotting the next opportunity for a challenge. This last distinction depends, of course, on whether John Spencer can hack through to the mainframe at the Livermore Lab to crunch the results. When he can’t, there is no telling who will be declared the winner.

Winner? There were three this year:

Tuesday, July 1: Cup and Beer Winner, **Mike Davies**

Committee: Scott Avery, Don Phipps, John Spencer

Wind SW 25k (gusts 40)

Monday, August 4: Beer: **Liam O’Toole**; Cup: **Rob Gladu**

Committee: Scott Avery, Don Phipps, John Spencer

Wind N 8k (gusts 15)

Monday, September 1: Cup and Beer Winner, **Liam O’Toole** (not John Spencer as widely and mistakenly reported.)

Committee: Graham Swan, Don Phipps, John Spencer

Wind S 10k (gusts 15)

Thanks to Pat Sivers, Colleen and Ernie O’Hare, and everyone else who assisted as starters and timers.



Turner Cup, September 1, 2014: The crew of “Happy” prepares to heave a javelin at the rapidly closing Sirius, manned by the editorial staff of *The Rogue Wave*. Readers will applaud the superior aesthetics and expert sail trim of the Sirius.

Mark your calendars....

SYC Regatta, September 20 and 21: stand by for further notices

Keel boat mast lowering, September 26, 27

Closing Dinner, September 27

Keel boat haul-out, October 10

Closing work parties, October 11/12; 18/19

November 22, Annual General Meeting

Find out the latest at syclub.com

“A sailor is an artist whose medium is the wind.”