



TELLTALES

HYC NEWSLETTER

Communications

by John Logrippo

As most of you are probably aware by now, there has been some changes to the Board of Directors - myself included. I won't elaborate as our President has provided the details in his article. I've shifted my attention from Treasurer to Communications Director. Some (myself included) might say "that's a very good thing".

While I've enjoyed my tenure as Treasurer, I've found it can be quite challenging - especially with my very limited Accounting background. Also the fact that I'm away 5 months of the year makes it difficult - more so during the winter months when the Treasurer position has a lot of activity.

They say the Internet makes the world a smaller place and while a lot can be done from afar, someone still has to visit the post office to pick up mail, make bank deposits and record all transactions. It's not fair to other Board members (thx again Tina) that have had to do this in my absence.

This position is best suited to someone that is local and is here for the winter months. That being said, I now look forward to my new role as Communications Director. I can now keep all HYC members abreast of what's going on

around the club, hone my literary skills and become more adept at using MS Word in the process. How's that for efficiency!!!

I would like to encourage members to provide feedback (both negative and positive) on Telltales articles and any input - ie, "how to tips", memorable experiences on the lake and anything else you feel would be of interest to other members.

As we close in on another Holiday season, I'd like to wish all members a safe/happy holiday and a Merry Christmas. I'll see you all at lift in...

President's Message

by Bill Reynolds

The new Board has been organized. I will continue to act as President to ensure continuity with the ongoing court case. Ron, David, Hans, Mary Ann, and Kory will carry on in their positions as Property, Harbourmaster, Social, Commodore, and Membership respectively. John is moving to the communications portfolio. Becky Masterson will be our new Treasurer and Karen Robinson will be our new Secretary. There is a fair bit of work to transition former director's work to the new directors. This is especially true for the Treasurer position. To help ease the transfer of files, the Board decided to purchase a laptop for

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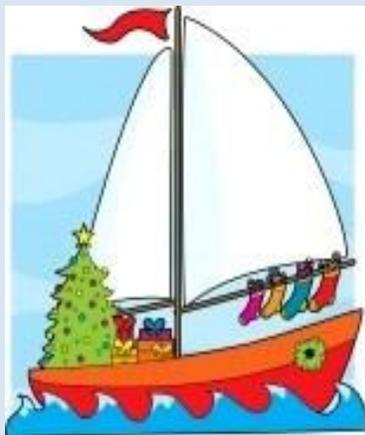
the Treasurer. Now the Quick Books program and all related files will be stored on a machine that can be handed from one treasurer to another. Of course, all files are backed up to an external hard drive for security just as we do with the secretary files.

Tina, in her role of Webmaster, is setting up new email addresses for the Board. The old emails were not user friendly and caused us problems over the last few years. When the transition to the new addresses is complete we will begin to work on improvements on our website.

I have had feedback from the membership regarding the Hold Harmless proposal that was discussed at the AGM. It seems unanimous that the agreement is acceptable but the requirement to have HYC named as a co-insured is not. Thanks to those of you who looked into this and shared your discoveries and opinions. The Board will be discussing this topic at our December meeting.

The dredging of our harbour began in the last week of November. David, fresh back from sailing a Jeanneau 509 to Puerto Rico, was on hand to supervise. The warm spell at the beginning of December helped to get rid of the ice for our dredging team to work.

On behalf of the Board, I wish all HYC sailors and their families Season's Greetings. For the folks who are heading south, have a safe trip and for the rest of you,



see you at the Boat Show!

Bill Reynolds,
President

Social

by Hans Juffermans

Social's last two events of the year were the Commodore's Ball and refreshments at the AGM. Happy to say, both went very well. My thanks to Rett and Bob for handling the AGM refreshments and to all who attended both events. The Ball drew a slightly larger crowd than last year and everyone enjoyed a delicious meal and an evening of prizes and dancing. Thank you too to all who donated prizes. I know who you are for next year!

We are into the quiet season for Social. But after the holidays things will begin with the planning for your 2013 season events. With the planning comes the need for volunteers to convene the events. So just about the time those Christmas bills start to roll in, you will be hearing from me for help. Please give some serious thought to convening a lunch, or one of the other events. You will have many helping hands and notes from former years to draw on. As always your Social Director will lend a hand if needed. Keep in mind we need you to make those events happen.

In closing, both Joan and I want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years. See you at Lift-In.

Hans Juffermans

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Secretary

by Karen Robinson



My first experience with sailing was about 35 years ago when a certain Hardware man asked me to go sailing in Kempenfelt Bay on a 20' Cygnus. He had me at, "Coming about!"

We enjoyed many years of racing and cruising on a Tanzer, Aloha and a Niagara, both in Lake Simcoe and then Georgian Bay. Our three daughters, Kate, Jill and Molly as well as our Golden Retriever, Fielder grew up sailing on Georgian Bay. As they got older and were playing sports that required driving all over the country, we sold our Niagara 35 and were content with sailing our Laser.

Two and half years ago, Flo Watson was in the Hardware store and I asked her about the boat she sailed with Bob. She said they were selling their much loved Alberg 30, Beachcomber. Jim and I have always admired Albergs' beautiful lines while sailing in Georgian Bay, so out of curiosity, the next day, went for a drive to the Hawkestone Yacht Club. We were instantly in love with Beachcomber as well as the beautiful harbour. We found the people there so friendly

and welcoming and within a couple of days, found ourselves, once again, the proud owners of a beautiful boat and were lucky enough to be accepted into the club.

We have found Hawkestone Yacht Club to be a unique, beautiful setting with friendly people that share the love of sailing. It is successful because of so many people working together to ensure the Club keeps it's charm while providing excellent facilities.

I am pleased to do my part as the new Secretary on the Board of Directors and look forward to learning new skills and working with a very capable group of people.

Webmaster

by Tina Muzzin

We are in the process of converting all Directors' E-mail addresses to bell.net. For example the president can now be reached at hyc.president@bell.net.

We have been paying for two services, so the reason for the switch is to streamline things so that everything is under one account. Bulk e-mailings to membership will be coming out from hawkestone@sympatico.ca. A bulk e-mail from the usual webmaster gmail address will come out with a c.c. for hawkestone@sympatico.ca to notify you of the change over. At that time you can add the hawkestone@sympatico.ca e-mail address to your safe list and make sure it doesn't get identified as a spam sender.

I am still working on a more user driven interactive membership communication method and will advise once I have that in place. This was a wish list request which arose at the November 2012 AGM.

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Treasurer

by *Becky Masterson*



Mike and I were members at Hawkestone in 2003 and 2004. Life took us away for a few years but we found our way back in 2009. I'm looking forward to the challenges and rewards in my position as Treasurer for Hawkestone Yacht Club. I'm sure I'll be getting to know many of you over the next 3 years. Wishing everyone a wonderful Holiday Season!

The following article was provided by an anonymous source - (Due to repercussions that may result from the article, I'm unable to reveal my source of information)

It appears that the winners of the Hawkestones 2012 Beer Can Racing Series are not satisfied with one win and are preparing to cover up their boat to work on some top secret, high performance upgrades in order to defend their title. (remember the shroud over the Ausie winged keel) Two high pressure water pumps were seen on sight perhaps to install as their silent jet pumps to deploy during the race.

On the surface, this team seems quite cordial and one might say even friendly but evidence

suggests (gutting their boat last year, building a 40' X 14' secret structure this winter), this desperate team will stop at nothing!

The attached pictures were taken without the owners of Beachcomber One's consent.





Note from Editor...

The finished boat is never going to fit through that door.....is this an oversight or does the structure go where ever the boat goes?

Mud Is Thicker Than Water

by Bill Reynolds



Every year a few of the boys from HYC go out on Lake Simcoe for a week long cruise. The expectation that each mariner will sail, single handed, to destination anchorages set each morning at which a gourmet meal will be prepared for the fleet by a different sailor each night. The Guy Cruise, as it has become known, is an opportunity for us to improve our boating skills and enjoy good fellowship.

This year's cruise involved four boats: Richard Tielen's Anonymous, Frank Belchamber's Thrumcap II, Brian Bosman's L'Espoir, and Bill Reynolds' GaleForce. This was the first year that Richard and Brian participated in the Guy Cruise. During the week we were challenged by the winds to set our sails for running. Those with spinnakers did better than those without, but we all learned to handle following winds better.

We sailed out of Hawkestone on Labour Day, September 3. Our first anchorage was McPhee Bay at "The Stop Sign". Richard prepared an Italian feast topped off with Tiramisu. The next morning in light rain we set out for Carthew Bay. As we anchored Brian slipped on the wet cockpit seat and hurt his back. Despite his injury, he cooked up piles of pierogi for a delicious dinner. His back continued to plague him and in the morning, weighing his anchor turned out to be too much. He decided to return to HYC to rest and recover.

The three remaining sailors set off for pub night in Barrie. As we got into Kempenfelt Bay, the winds picked up and we had a great sail to the public docks. Rob Strabbing who was by chance at the harbour when we docked joined us for dinner. Thursday morning we set out for Duclos Point. Richard had great wind but Frank and I

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couldn't find more than light gusts. Eventually we cleared the point and found stronger breezes on the Lake and arrived at our anchorage around 3:30. Frank cooked up Thai food and we enjoyed a warm September evening in good conversation. On the final night of our cruise, we again chose Carthew Bay as our destination. The forecast called for light winds in the afternoon increasing to ten knots from the north east by morning. There was a chance of thunderstorms but we had heard the forecast calling for thunderstorms all week.

Richard was unable to join us because of family commitments. (When you have as large a family as he does, there are a lot of those commitments.) Frank and I anchored at the north end of Carthew Bay in ten feet of water and gathered together on my boat for Chicken Parmigiana. During the dinner the thunderstorm arrived with driving rain from the south west. We were treated to a dramatic light show for about an hour before the storm blew itself out. With dinner over Frank returned to his boat and we were soon asleep.

Around 1 AM another storm blew up. I checked to ensure the boat was secure. The waves were now coming from the south, directly into the bay. I arose again at 2 AM to recheck the situation. Waves were up to around 2 feet high but the boat still hadn't moved.

At 4 AM I felt the boat lurch and heard an unusual noise. When I went into the cockpit I could see the wheel jumping back and forth. When I tried to turn the wheel it was sluggish and the boat was listing to port. I tried to power out with the engine but she wouldn't budge. I was aground.

My first thought was that I could pull the boat off of the sand with the anchor. I had over 75

feet of rode and chain out so if I could hook the bottom, I might get free. Unfortunately, the anchor could not grab bottom as it pulled up buckets of weeds.

The wind was blowing around 15 knots from the south west but was moving to the west. I sat in the cockpit waiting for it to shift. My second plan was to raise sails and cause the boat to heel and free the keel. Despite my best efforts, the boat would not move.

In the morning I raised Frank on the radio. He brought his dinghy over and we took my anchor out as far as the 250 feet of chain and rode would go. We set the anchor and tried to kedge off with the motor and the anchor. The boat didn't move.

By now it was light enough that I could see the drag marks that the keel had made through the sand. My keel was buried in at least 10 inches of sand and mud.

We determined that Thrumpcap didn't have the heft to pull me out so we made a call on the cell phone to the club. Jorge Genth was awake and willing to help. He and Kim brought another 100 feet of line to attach to my anchor rode. Frank tied the lines to a halyard attached to the top of my mast with a rolling hitch. CS'ta Time has almost twice the displacement compared to Gale Force so he was able to pull me slowly to the starboard until the boat was heeling at over 30 degrees. Then the keel popped free and I was able to slowly motor away. We all returned to HYC, wet but unharmed.

Every year we learn something about our boats and how to sail them better. The Guy Cruise is one of the ways we challenge ourselves to be better sailors. This year I learned how to get free from a sandbar. It took a few good friends

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and a lot of time but we did it and no one was hurt. Mud is thicker than water so the best practice is to avoid the sandbar, however, good sailors should be prepared for the worst.

Harbourmaster

by Dave Jewett

As can be seen by the following pics, dredging is well under way. We anticipate completion by the end of the year.

