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HYC NEWSLETTER

## Communications

by John Logrippo



It's been an interesting summer to say the least.....Hot, humid and wet....but it hasn't dampened the spirits of HYC members. We've had several events (including Sailpast, Lobsterfest and the Children's Invitational) that included rain or threat of rain. Regardless of the weather, these events were truly a success. More on these from our Social Director.

We've also had some changes to our website. We've decided to abandon Sympatico for email and opted instead for MailChimp that is accessed via a link within our new website. While this step means another change to our Directors email address, it also saves us \$300 a year in charges from Bell. I'm attaching the new email addresses for our directors below. Please note that the old "bell.net" email addresses will be cancelled by the end of July so be sure to change your personal emails accordingly.

As of this spring, we experienced an unusual situation at HYC - ie, vacant slips. I've been a member for just over 10 years and I've never experienced this before. We've always had a waiting list of at least 3 or 4 boats. Having said that, I'm pleased to report that we've had a number of new membership applications that if accepted should

return us to a "no vacancy" situation. More details to follow from our membership director.

As most of you are probably aware by now, a number of our members (including Jorge and Kim Genth, Blair and Edith Gyde, Gil and Diana Duquette) are embarking on the adventure of a lifetime. While they don't appear to have a clear cut schedule, they'll be leaving in the early August time frame with destinations of the Caribbean and beyond. They've all established blogs on our web site so be sure to e- follow them throughout their journey. They have no set time frame for returning to HYC so I'm guessing when they've lost their urge to explore new destinations, they'll make their way home. Whatever the case, I know I speak on behalf of the entire membership in wishing them a safe and happy journey and may the weather gods be with you.



"No really....there's no actual pirates in the Caribbean"

## Presidents Message

by Bill Reynolds



Over the July long weekend, four children died in the United States, swimming in marinas where there were electrical current leaks. This has been an ongoing issue in marinas and yacht clubs around the country where the low current leakage is insufficient to trip circuit breakers but is more than enough to end human life.

We commend Ron Marsh and Dave Fulcher for their ongoing maintenance at HYC in the testing and replacement of faulty GFI circuit breakers. This simple, although expensive, routine maintenance keeps our harbour safe from stray killer electrical current.

If you are finding that your boat's circuit breaker is tripping frequently, talk with Dave or Ron and let them know. This is an issue we need to be on top of and correct before the problem becomes one involving human safety.

We also remind all members that they need to be vigilant about their power cords. All cords need to be kept up, off the grass, to allow our maintenance folks, the grass cutters, to do their jobs when cutting grass. Each of us is responsible to maintain the integrity of the power cords and to replace cords when they are worn or damaged. Any member who runs auxiliary power from the receptacles at the docks to appliances such as refrigerators or any other devices must ensure that the cords are approved for outdoor use. These devices are not to be connected on a permanent basis as extension cords are approved only for temporary use.

Your Board of directors is committed to ensuring that every member complies with acceptable safety measures. If you are not in compliance, expect to hear from us.



"This lobster gig is a blast"



"I think this one's still alive"



## Property

by Ron Marsh



I'm writing this the first week in July and it is hard to believe two months have passed. The Club came out of winter in good shape a lot of it due to the work by some members in the fall. We did some rework on the water system which made winterizing much simpler. A surprise plumbing job this spring was the replacement of the hot water tank in the clubhouse, followed by a water softener repair. The wet weather and high water levels this spring combined with our aging electrical system may be contributing to the many power failures at some slips this year. Our master electrician has been busy tracking down causes and repairing them.

An irrigation system has been added to the flower garden around the flag pole. You may think this a bit extravagant but many hours have gone into this garden and if it's not manually watered during a dry spell, all the work goes for not. After a vote of confidence in the June meeting, I have ordered the aeration system and it should be installed around the last week of July.

Around the same time, we 'll also be adding gravel and grading the rear parking lot and the main driveway.

We're hoping to see Richard and Marissa back soon and with them will come the two new toilets for the ladies washroom. Having saved the best news for last, I'll leave it at that.

## Membership

by Kory Keeping

I'm glad to announce that Hawkestone Yacht Club will have a presence in the Caribbean this winter with three boats from the fleet heading south. Congrats to CS'TA

TIME (Jorge and Kim), SERENADA (Gil and Diana) and KIND OF MAGIC (Blair and Edith). I know they will represent us well and will have some good adventures to talk about.

Further we have new members coming to Hawkestone this summer. Matt and Christine Bevan have purchased Windway from the Varcoe family; sorry to see the Varcoe family move on but a heartfelt welcome to the new owners. Also Gary and Donna Dixon will be joining us beginning of August; as will Paula and Craig Thompson. To date we will fill two of the four vacant spots.

We recently received an application from a sailor from Georgian Bay with a 32 foot O'day that wants to join us in the spring of 2014. We also heard from a sailor in Cook's bay who is interested in coming next year with a 26 foot Tanzer. Interest in the club is coming full circle and things are improving, I think by next year we will be looking at a waiting list.



"Bon Voyage"

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## Social

by Hans Juffermans



Here we are halfway through the sailing season, and Devocean has not even had her shake-down sail yet! She seemed to be ready to go after one false start where she over heated after a half hour under motor. Those problems are in the past, we can now direct our attention to enjoying the rest of the summer.

Socially speaking, July is chugging along nicely. While the weather wasn't pleasant for the Lobsterfest, everyone attending took it in stride. The meal was well worth the price of admission we've been hearing from several attendees. Many thanks one last time to the Hessers and Robinsons for all the work they did to bring this event to us. Unfortunately yours truly was just heading back from a business trip that evening and my associate (Joan) was doing duty as chauffeur to pick me up at the airport. I'll plan better next year.

After the fest, social events took a break until the annual trek across the lake to LCYC for their almost-world famous pig roast. It seems those of you at HYC made one of the best efforts ever to attend as nearly a dozen boats sailed across and a number of folks drove around. And what a sail it was. No cobwebs left in the shrouds after that crossing. Don't know about the rest of you but Devocean made it in record time. It was quite a shake down cruise.

As usual LCYC put on a great party. After getting all the boats securely moored, the appetizers appeared. These were accompanied by various liquid refreshments while old friends traded sailing tales and were brought up-to-date on everyone's activities. Promptly at 18:00 hours the call to supper was announced. While there was not a whole pig done this year, it was pork tenderloin with all the sides to make a delicious meal. Once the meal was completed, it was time for their band to entertain. And entertain they did! The dance floor was well used by almost all there.

The Sunday morning following brought sun, no wind, and a hearty breakfast before the sailors headed for HYC. Unfortunately we must have used up all the wind the day before as there

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wasn't enough to move a dinghy. So we all gave our engines a workout. The only benefit to that being the ability to steer a direct line back to Hawkestone.

As most of Hawkestone knows, the last two Friday Beer Can Races have been cancelled due to the cleanup Marisa & Richard have been doing after Toronto's flood of a few weeks ago. They had nearly 7 feet of water in their basement. As luck would have it, one of the Fridays had no wind and the other had very threatening weather. So, Richard, you are off the hook for cancelling as there would have been no race either Friday. Hope to see you back soon.

The last weekend of July will have the Reid's hosting a 'Drop the Hook' gathering on Saturday, the 27<sup>th</sup>. Hope you plan to attend. Should be a fun day with swimming, swapping tales—just how much wind did we have and how fast did your knot meter read on the sail to LCYC?—appetizers and, of course, something liquid to wash them down with. See you there.

If you can't make that event, be sure to plan to attend the annual beef BBQ on Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. The signup sheet will be up in the clubhouse by the time you read this. We need your numbers NO LATER THAN AUG. 11<sup>th</sup>! If you cannot make it to the clubhouse to sign up by the 11<sup>th</sup>, please email your Social Director before then with your numbers. His email is: [social@hawkestoneyachtclub.com](mailto:social@hawkestoneyachtclub.com). Hope to see most of you there. Just to get you thinking, tickets for this year's Commodore's Ball on Saturday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> will be available at the BBQ. until then, happy sailing. See you on the water.



A full house for lobster fest



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## Adventure in the British Virgin Islands

by Kory Keeping

During this past winter Susan and I travelled to the British Virgin Islands with Dave and Diane Lawrence. Yes we are stilling talking to each other. it was a wonderful experience. We rented a Beneteau 39 foot sailboat with three cabins and two washrooms. We chartered our boat from Footloose Charters in Roadtown.



The boat was nice with the exception of a defective radio and the "man overboard" light not working. My advice to anyone who charters in the BVI is personally check the equipment and do a radio check before leaving the harbour. We opted to renting a cell phone for \$20.00 for the week and that was wise considering our radio didn't work. When we reported the radio not working, they asked us if

they could help us with anything else. They didn't think the radio was all that important.

The first day at sea we were heading to Norman Island and had a dingy come up to us and ask for directions. At first I thought I was still on Lake Simcoe and quickly realized there were morons everywhere.

The highlight of the trip was the 'Baths' which are large granite boulders stacked up on an island that you can walk around and through the cracks between the boulders - quite a sight.



We were gone for nine days. The last 3 days the weather turned on us but we still enjoyed ourselves, I recommend this trip to everyone. The navigation was fairly easy. We didn't get lost or hit anything which was good.

Once back in Roadtown we found a cabbie that took us to a local restaurant where we ate lobsters that were the size of small racoons. The cabbie was Willis 284 443 1963 in case you make it there.

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## "Know Your Lines"

by John Logrippo

As sailors in the "Great White North, we have the arduous task of lifting our boats out of the water in the fall and lifting them back in for the spring. We can blame this on our latitudinal position on the earth or the fact that the earth's axis is tilted. Whatever the case we're stuck with winter, but i digress.

This task involves raising and lowering our masts and to that end we have a mast crane that assists us with this precarious task. For most boats we have a "ready made" sling that attaches to the mast and crane cable and works very well. There are though some boats that have double spreaders or no spreaders at all that require a custom made sling. This is usually done with a line that is determined to be strong enough to bear the weight of the mast. This is where caution is needed to determine the integrity of the line being used. I'm not referring to the material or the thickness of the line - although this is important as well so refer to an expert (and we have plenty of them here at HYC) if you're not sure. I'm referring to the history of the line....how old is it????...has it been exposed to the elements for long periods of time???...does it look frayed or worn. If any of these situations hold true, get rid of the lines and procure some new ones. It should also be indicated that some lines that have been spliced, may in fact look fine but may be rotting within the slice, invisible to a visual inspection. If you're unsure of how long you've had it, it's probably time to get a new one.

When it comes to lines that will be utilised for heavy lifting - be it to lift a mast on your boat or raise a bundle of shingles on to your roof....

"Know your lines" and if there's any doubt...throw them out.



"We're so happy now"



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"Not sure when we're leaving, or when we're coming back but we're really looking forward to it"



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**Happy 65th Birthday Joan**