

# Hawkestone Yacht Club



HYC's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary year is winding down and with it comes the final 2014 publication of Telltales. Hope you have enjoyed this year's publications as much as we have enjoyed creating them for our membership.

It has been a fun filled year that brought us lots of great social events, Friday nite Beer Can, the loss of a very good friend/member and the welcoming of a great group of new members, the beach, communication with friends along the boardwalk and most important the good winds and great sailing. The boats are now all on the hard with the majority of them bundled up and put to bed for the winter and yet there is still more to come.

The Commodore's Ball is this weekend at Georgian College. This is shaping up to be the largest participation we have ever had for this event. I'm wondering if that is because of the fantastic dinner and awards, the live band to dance the night away or that it's free? Like all the other events this summer, I'm sure it will be a blast!

The AGM is scheduled for Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, where there are a number of items on the agenda that require your attention. Please visit our web site for more details and downloads, <http://hawkestoneyachtclub.com/agm-2014>.

So sit back, grab your favourite drink and enjoy this fall's Telltales.

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## Special points of interest

- What a great 40th anniversary year it has been
- Commodore's Ball—Oct 25th
- AGM— November 1st
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## September Sail

Wind makes banshee cries between the masts  
Halyards clang like church bells as I slide out of the slip  
A line of cormorants snake above the waves  
Catspaws mark approaching gusts  
The water is green-black beneath the wind  
The headsail complains, snapping and cracking as I come about  
The hull heels as sails fill; Water splashes past the stern  
The bow cuts waves; they hiss in protest  
Sunlight laughs on the dimples in the waves  
Cold wind brings the scent of pine and spruce from the shore  
Once green hills are spotted with yellow and red  
September's chill is upon the lake.

By Bill Reynolds

### President's Message



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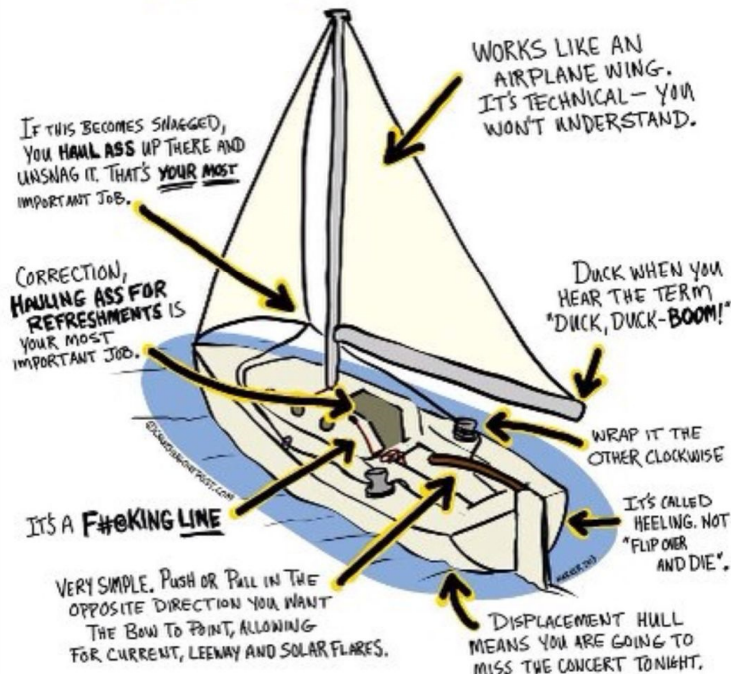
Our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary year was as good as anyone could have called for. We had almost a full harbour and our newest members have been welcome additions to the HYC family. I look back on the bonfires, casual chats at various picnic tables, fabulous social events and general comradery with pleasure. Your Board worked hard to develop plans and meet the challenges of our Club's needs. We continue to monitor changes in the Acts and Regulations to ensure that we are in compliance and avoid legal entanglements. Our infrastructure is being updated and improved to maintain the facilities and provide the services and safe environment our members expect. The Strategic Plan, introduced to the members in the spring, provides a framework for our initiatives and a focus for the Board's efforts. The commitment and efforts of all the Directors must be applauded. It has been an honour to work with this team.

I thank all the volunteers, who ensure that we enjoy the social events, and accomplish the general maintenance and major improvements successfully. Our club relies on your efforts. It is said that many hands make light work, but at HYC the many hands also have a lot of fun as we do the work. The sense of accomplishment and pride of labour may encourage some to join in, but I'm certain that the laughter, friendship, and perhaps the beer attract many of us to participate in jobs that need to be done.

With the end of the season, there is a sense of sadness but also relief. Once the boats are put to bed, we can relax and plan for next year. Maintenance jobs can be done on the hard or at home at our leisure. Some of us will get together for pub nights while others will flee the snow for warmer locations. Family gatherings won't interfere with time on the water!  
Thanks for all the support and encouragement. I hope to see you at the AGM.

Bill

# HOW I EXPLAIN SAILING TO MY GUESTS



## Harbourmaster Pipes Up

It is hard to believe my 3 year term as harbourmaster is about to end this fall and I wish to thank everyone for their patience including the board members. I enjoyed the whole experience as part of the process of "messing about in small boats". We have seen three boats leave for the Caribbean and 10 new boats come into the harbour mainly from my old marina.

It is with some painful realization after this lift out and having to do some minor dredging that we have used up places to deposit the tailings. If the abnormal stream silting continues to be an annual problem because of the up-stream situation, then we might have to change our dredging strategies. This would involve doing dredging earlier and trucking away the tailings before lift out and possibly lift in.

In order to sort out the mess in the dinghy rack, we are asking members who wish to store their dinghy pay a nominal fee of \$50 per year and submit a request to the board for the privilege or remove their dinghy before lift in. The dinghy rack is not to be considered a place to abandon dinghies.

You will notice some cradles have red flags on them. This means the labelling is not up to requirements. This should be rectified before lift in, as it will help in sorting cradles.

Dave Jewett,  
Harbourmaster

## Top 4 ways you can tell if you are flying too much sail for the wind conditions

If the first mate is yelling at you from below, and you are pretty sure you picked up your socks and underwear.....you may have too much sail out.

If you think that the cockpit seat backs would be a good place to apply non-skid paint.....you may have too much sail out.

When "port" and "starboard" become "up" and "down".....you may have too much sail out.

When you can tell how far you are from the Club House by looking at your depth sounder.....you may have too much sail out.

Brian Bosman,  
Membership & Safety

## Fond Farewells

This year we are saying farewell to three Board Members who have made exceptional contributions to the Club over the years.

Hans Juffermans has served the club on the Board for past 9 years in a number of different positions.

Ron Marsh has only been the Board for 3 years but far too many accomplishments to mention in the small space available.

Dave Jewett with 3 years has been extremely busy with the explosion of new members and boats.

It will be strange not seeing their enthusiasm at the monthly meetings in the future.

Thank you for such a great job. You will be missed!

## Commodore's Viewpoint

As we slid into Fall with its cooler days and nights, I don't know about you but I find my thoughts drifting back over the sailing season. With early lift-out behind us, and late lift-out upon us, most of the "stuff" from the boat has been stored at home and the boat itself prepared for several months of resting on its cradle. The racing marks have been brought in, the raft put away, the warm, sunny days just a distant memory, and the Commodore's Ball almost upon us. So it is time to wrap up this sailing season and put some final thoughts down for one more Telltales. It is especially meaningful to me as this is my final year as a Director.

Many of our annual events were smiled upon by Mother Nature, and a couple were not. But the HYC family is a hearty one and did not let rain or cooler temps dampen their party spirit. We are still hearing good things about the fun filled Labour Day weekend. While the winds may not have cooperated for Sundays spinnaker/drifter run, many members still took to the water with their coloured sails and sailed wherever the wind took them.

Most of you will know that my first two years on the Board I served as your Social Director. In those years some changes were made in the social calendar. The most notable was the removal of the long distance LSIS Labour Day race and associated events. This was replaced by a member-orientated weekend that included a long distance race for any interested members. Saturday eve, post race, brought the re-introduction of the wieners and beans dinner with delightful "special" coffees to top off the night. Then on Sunday we were given the opportunity to dust the cob webs off our spinnakers or drifters for a fun sail. I don't think there's been anything but good said about the change in that weekend.

Another new event was the Captain Ron movie night, complete with popcorn and

rum drinks. I know some of the newer members weren't here for that event in 2013, but perhaps the Social Director for 2015 could do a re-run?

My thanks go again to Pat and Frank



Belchamber for all their work in hosting both of those events.

In my final months as Social I campaigned the Board to make the cost of the tickets to the Commodore's Ball a part of the annual invoice to members of the club. If the ticket sales for this year's Ball is any indication, it seems the members approve.

And that brings me to this past year and the position of HYC's Commodore. It has given me great pleasure to serve as your Commodore in this very special 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. Representing Hawkestone has always been more pleasure than duty but the cooperation and enthusiasm of the members has made my job easy. It's not hard at all to expound on the benefits of HYC to visitors who may be interested in joining or while visiting other clubs around the lake. So I thank you all for allowing me this opportunity in my final year on the Board. I hope everyone has the best of winters. Don't forget to attend the pub nights during the non-sailing season to keep in touch with other members. Stay warm, healthy and fill those long evenings with boating articles until we see you in April when the tarps come off. See you at the Ball.

Hans Juffermans,  
Commodore





## Property Director's Story of a Bridge

After a long cold winter, it doesn't seem right that we have already put the boat away....where did the summer go? In fact, where have the last four years gone since first arriving in Hawkestone? I guess it is true that time flies when you are having fun.

Over the last three years as your property director we have taken on and completed several large projects. I have to say that the new bridge was the most memorable and satisfying project for me, certainly the most ambitious and challenging. It was originally only supposed to be a new deck and railing, to be finished in a few well organized days. To our dismay, the state of the supporting beams was beyond repair. Now what were we to do? The project had to start from scratch or be abandoned altogether. At Myrtle's very strong suggestions I decided to rebuild but this time use steel as the main structure. From that point forward until the bridge was completed I was addressed as "Mr. Property Director" every time she wanted an update, I'm still not sure if it was out of respect (doubtful), or an attempt to intimidate (likely). Myrtle was certainly an inspiration to keep me on track.

I needed an education on steel beams – enter Tony Miles. We spent many enjoyable hours at the picnic table discussing the theory of structural I beams. Armed with just enough knowledge and information to be dangerous, I set out to select and order two new beams. Two weeks later, they showed up on a tractor trailer with a driver who refused to try either entrance, he wouldn't even leave them on the side of the road. How could I face Myrtle? I had to come up with another plan. After negotiating with the steel company, a compromise was reached with a different truck and driver. Our beams and steel were delivered. I decided on building the bridge on the driveway and have the crane lift the finished product into place.

Now we needed a welder. I was looking to hire one when Albert spoke up and said "I can weld, just get some equipment and say when". Over the course of one very long and rainy day, Albert did the welding, I did the lay out and cleaned the welds of flux. After all of the bracing and up-rights were in place the pile of steel was looking like a

bridge. Albert hadn't been satisfied with just one bead, he insisted on triple beading to ensure the bridge would last.

Richard quickly volunteered his help. The first order of business was to epoxy all the steel. This was accomplished with the help of many members in what seemed to be the hottest day of the summer. The two coats of epoxy will contribute to the longevity of the bridge. The following week with an eager crew in place and looking for direction Richard came prepared with every tool required to do the job. The deck and rails were fashioned and the bridge was ready to put into position.


Steve Modsley arrived with the crane and lifted the old beams off. With fingers crossed we lifted the new bridge into position.....and it fit! Myrtle was thrilled to see the bridge in place and never even complained about using a step ladder until the stairs could be built. Amid much fanfare, we had a bridge opening ceremony complete with champagne thanks to Hans.

Richard approached me about putting lighting on the bridge. He suggested LED lighting, to which I agreed. This is when I learned that I must ask for more details when Richard says he will take care of something. I was concerned when the lights and all the hardware showed up but Richard had a vision! When the lights were turned on that first night all my concerns quickly evaporated amid all the ooohs and aahs of the crowd gathered to watch the show. Not only was it eye catching and entertaining, it is also functional as the colour variations don't attract the bugs.

This was my first major project at the club and it set the stage on how I would approach projects in the future. I learned who I could count on. I found the club is full of people with a wealth of information. I learned who I could go to and bounce ideas off of, who had the expertise and who was always willing to lend a hand. Sadly we lost one of those people this summer and I'm grateful for time I was allowed.

Ron Marsh, Property Director





Enough of the spinach; I loves  
Smoke's Poutine at HYC!

Thinking of the hassle of writing an Annual Report,  
made me moan. So I made the best of it, and wrote  
this poem

Paula Thompson & the Cushings Convened the Spring  
Lift Ins, their efforts would not wane  
Contributing to many other Social Events, we would  
hear these names again

At the Spring Work Party the Convener, Alice Bosman  
and helpers were great,  
Many including Mary Kay & Alice also gardened, in-  
cluding the barrels at Slip 8

May 31<sup>st</sup> came a bit early for HYC Sailpast, which cre-  
ated some debate  
Thankfully the weather was awesome this year; we  
need to discuss next year's date

The Friday Night Beer Can Races, gave us another fun  
& action packed season,  
We were entertained by Twisted Pair, a successful  
man overboard drill was the reason

David & Margie Loughhead Convened the In Water  
Boat Show, where there was lots of chatter  
We will need to wait until next year, when Hans hopes  
to prove that size matters.

Summer Sailstice hosted by Marisa Tielen, was such a  
cool Thriller  
There were a few headaches the next morning, after  
drinking the Painkiller

Paul & Joanne Grudzien stepped up big, for the Lob-  
sterfest & Canada Day Celebration  
Pulsing to the Steel Drum beat on the Beach, bodies  
were convulsing in wild vibration

Stan & Sophie Mathewson coordinated tickets for the  
LCYC Pig Roast, the pork was just right,  
Did I mention that a Captain went overboard, in one  
of the Beer Can Races of Friday Night

First Time Conveners of the Beef BBQ & Beach Party,  
the weather made the challenge great,

## Havin' a Time at HYC in 2014

Randy & Karen Cushing switched to Plan B,  
snuggling into the Clubhouse was the night's fate

Gary & Donna Dixon, early to bed and early to rise the  
next day,  
To put on a breakfast for all that stayed up late, to  
hear the Band play

Later in August the Tent suffered from a vicious Friday  
night Storm,  
Stewart and Dave are bringing the Beach Event Tent,  
back to form

The long race, beans, coloured sails and Special  
Drinks, makes up the Labour Day Regatta  
Lots of work and creativity from Hosts Pat & Frank,  
make this an Event that "matta"

With Smoke's Poutinerie treating us in the afternoon,  
it was quite the delight  
I suggest Membership recruit a Brewery Owner, and  
things will be oh so right,

Sure it makes sense to bring on Sailors with skills like  
Electricians and Plumbers,  
But I say not having a Brewmaster member, is a  
complete and total bummer.

Enjoying Sailors fellowship and dancing to live  
music at the Commodores Ball  
You pays your admission, gets your money back,  
and that was not all

Our door prize Sponsors helped to make this the  
premier Social Event of the Fall  
We thank all our Social Conveners and other vol-  
unteers; their contribution is far from small

We celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, so happy that  
we are able to partake,  
At the prettiest little Sailing Club, on our beautiful  
Lake

Bob Hesser  
HYC Social Director

## Hawkestone Yacht Club

### **Our Vision**

*Hawkestone Yacht Club will foster the lifelong adventure of sailing by being the best little sailing club on Lake Simcoe*

### **Our Mission**

*Hawkestone Yacht Club promotes the sport of sailing and development of sailing skills for the enjoyment of its membership through programs and social activities that foster mentoring and fellowship in a family oriented atmosphere. HYC is committed to providing outstanding value to its membership by maintaining a high quality infrastructure which supports safe and environmentally friendly practices that protect the natural beauty of our harbour and grounds.*

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## Don't forget the Commodore's Ball

Did you know that the tradition of the Commodore's Ball goes back hundred's of years? It is traditionally a somewhat formal event in which the outgoing commodore, officers, trustees and past commodores are recognized and the new commodore introduced. The word "commodore" comes from the Dutch word komadeur. It was adopted by the British Navy to denote the officer temporarily in command of a squadron or fleet.

Hawkestone's interpretation is somewhat less formal but the intent is the same:

- Recognition of the Board,
- Fantastic dinner & dance with a live band,
- Announcement of some racing results,
- Commodore's Award to a member going a little beyond the usual in support of the Club
- Most importantly, a good time with each other until we get together in the spring again with nobody having to clean up afterwards!

The annual Commodore's Ball is a great opportunity for both our long term and new members to relax, meet and get to know each other a bit better over a good dinner, have a few social drinks and dance to the "Stiks McNeely" band who also kept us dancing and enjoying their wide repertoire to the wee hours at this summer's beef BBQ.

Hawkestone's forty year history, while admittedly still far behind the oldest continuously organized boating club, the Royal Cork Yacht Club (Ireland) 1720, is something that all of us, veterans and recent members alike can take pride in. So come on out and join your colleagues for a great night of celebration, fun, food, music and tradition at Georgian College on October 25<sup>th</sup> from 1800 to 2300 hrs.