

Hawkestone Yacht Club



HYC's 40th anniversary year is coming to an end and we at the last minute we decided 1 last issue of Telltales was in order to end 2014.

Since our last issue, The Commodore's Ball, Georgian College was a huge success. We had the largest turnout in the history of the club.. Thank you all who attended and a very special thank to Joan & Hans Juffermans for all your hard work in making this year's Ball the best ever! I haven't talked to anyone who did not have a wonderful time.

Thank you to Ron Marsh, Dave Jewett, Bob Hesser and Hans Juffermans who finished their terms on the Board this year. Big shoes to fill by their replacements Craig Stubs—Property Manager, Marc Brenner—Social, Steve Hall—Harbour Master, and Stan Mathewson—Commodore.

We'd be remiss not to thank all the members for the time invested in HYC. Your ever growing volunteer hours make Hawkestone the best club on the lake!

Sit back, grab your favourite drink and enjoy this Holiday Issue of Telltales.

Merry Christmas to all as we look forward to an amazing 2015!



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Special points of interest

- 4 new Board members next year
- Board continues working on Code of Conduct
- 2015 Calendar posted on website
- Pub Nights planned for January through April

Happy Holidays

We are all gearing up for the holidays. The harbour has a good crust of ice even though the lake is still wet with rolling waves. As of December 11 there is a good pile of snow on the shore (and on the boats) but it isn't expected to stay as warmer weather is already arriving. The snow has kicked off a bout of Christmas preparations with presents already appearing under the tree.

President's Message



Once Christmas and New Year's is over though, we wait for the Boat Show (four weeks from the day I am writing this) and then lift-in (twenty weeks today!!).

The new Board has already begun work on our next season's fun. Mark is booking a band for Lobsterfest and we have fixed the dates of the major social and sailing events that are now posted on the [HYC Calendar](#). Presently we are on the second or third draft of our Code of Conduct that we discussed at the AGM. We are also dealing with some financial and policy issues that we need in place for compliance with the pending Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA). We are also planning slip allocations for the spring launch – no flies on us!

For those of you who are already down south and those preparing to leave, have a good time in the sun. The rest of us will tough it out by attending Pub Nights and Movie Nights here in Barrie. Happy Holidays to everyone from the Board at HYC and have a safe and prosperous New Year.

Bill Reynolds

Property Management

Paula grew up boating; I with water skiing and powerboats. Dad had a 33 Silverton in BC, and I have always loved being on the water. When Paula first mentioned us getting into sailing, I wasn't sure. The more I read and learned about the science of sailing, I soon realized it is very closely connected to my other passion which is flying. Whether the wing is vertical or horizontal, the principles are the same.

As the new Property Director, I will endeavor to do several things:

- The ongoing maintenance required to keep the club property both beautiful, and safe.
- Continue with the ongoing grounds keeping, brush clearing, as required.

Last but not least, I look forward to moving forward with the larger property improvements such as the harbour wall, as well as dock improvements where required, electrical service at the wall and lots more.

Mr. Marsh will be a tough act to follow. He did an excellent job in documenting all that he has learned and passing it on to me. I will continue to do the same, so future board members will have a well documented base of what lies where, maintenance requirements and so on.

I am pleased to be given the opportunity to help preserve what HYC has become, a great place to sail, socialize and just enjoy life. Anything I can do to improve on this will be my pleasure.

Merry Christmas to all!

Craig

HYC Winter Beauty



Harbourmaster's Thoughts

2014 was a great year for me and my family!

We made the decision to bring our beloved Jolicia Mist down from Georgian Bay to her new home at Hawkestone. For us this was not only a move to a new lake but a new club where we quickly found that it was a great choice. As our boat pulled in the harbor on that cold May weekend we were quickly greeted by members at the club house with warm smiles, a hot cup of coffee and a piece of cake. Within an hour there was a collective group of volunteers busy helping us raise our mast and getting our boat safely to her new slip. This was the first time since we owned our boat that anyone offered to help with this task and the warmth and friendliness that we experienced that day made me a believer in the Hawkestone Yacht Club unwritten motto of "is this a sailing club with a social problem, or a social club with a sailing problem"? I'm glad to say that I like both sides of the argument.

I was so impressed with our new weekend home that I made mention to probably the wrong person that I would like to offer my name as a club director someday. As a new member I figured it would take a year or ten before they got around to me. Well here we are eight months later and I'm writing the newsletter of the harbor master. I'm not sure if the members have faith in my abilities or I'm just stupid enough to get myself suckered into a job I know very little about. Once again the jury is still pondering that decision. One thing I can tell you is that I have big shoes to fill and in the coming months I shall seek out the seasoned sailors who have come before me and get their advice on carrying out this task. That being said I'm going to spend a little time this winter learning this role and hopefully by spring launch I can step into Dave's shoes, or maybe those beachcomber sandals he wears and assume this role with confidence. So if you see me wandering around the dock looking a little more lost than normal please say hello, offer any advice you may have, and a cold beer or other type of alcoholic libation if one is on offer.

One thing I do know is that at Hawkestone there is always someone willing to help out another sailor and that's what makes this club special. Sandy and I are looking forward to 2015 sailing season on the dock and in the water sharing the sunny skies and fair winds of Lake Simcoe with all of you.

Take Care
Steve

Welcoming to our new Harbour Master



Steve Hall
Jolicia Mist

New Years at HYC

Commodore's Viewpoint

This is my first opportunity to formally introduce myself as Commodore and I'm pleased to be able to make my first report to you via Telltales.

I would like first to thank you all for the confidence you have placed in me to be your Commodore for 2015, given my and Sophie's short tenure in the club. This is indeed an honour and a responsibility that I take seriously.

It is a wonderful experience for us to be members of HYC after many years of being just visitors from LCYC. It was in the past few years that Sophie and I realized that we had as many friends and acquaintances at HYC as we did at LCYC, all thanks to the wonderful people who call HYC their sailing home. Our transition to HYC from LCYC has been a very easy one, even after calling LCYC home for 12 years.

For those of you who are understandably sceptical about a "newbie" like me being Commodore, I hope I can give you some reassurance by telling you that this is not my first experience as a Commodore or Commander. I am a retired Commander of the Newmarket Power and Sail Squadron, a past Commodore of Lagoon City Yacht Club and have over 12 years of combined board experience for these two organizations. I also have had many appointments to non nautical boards including United Way of Peterborough, The Bayshore Village Association, Community Living Peterborough to name a few.

The Board of HYC for 2015 is a great group of people working to make HYC the best yacht club on the lake and perhaps beyond Lake Simcoe. I am really enjoying their commitment to the membership and to each other.

Look for me to be seeking you out for a chat over the course of the next year and please feel free to share your ideas, concerns and stories with me. It is my job to take your thoughts and share them with the remainder of the Board in such a way as to provide an atmosphere of continuous improvement and camaraderie. If you are a new or even newish member of HYC you can expect to see even more of me as I do my best to ensure a smooth transition in your new yachting home.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all soon at the New Year's Party, one of our winter get-togethers or next spring in the yard.

Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and Fair Winds to All

Stan

A poster for a New Year's Eve party at HYC. The background is a close-up of champagne glasses with bubbles rising, and confetti is scattered around. The text is overlaid on the image.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY AT HYC
DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY WITH
"ANOTHER DAY: THE BAND"
Larry McNeely and his band will be back by popular demand!
(Beef BBQ & Commodore's Ball)
PARTY BEGINS: 8:00PM
BAND BEGINS: 9:00PM
ONLY: \$10 PP PLUS ...
YOUR FAVOURITE
NEW YEAR'S TREAT
AS USUAL: BYOB
EVENT ORGANIZERS: THE LAWRENCE'S & THE MATHEWSON'S
RSVP BY DEC 27TH TO: stan@prismgroup.ca
LOGISTICS:
• **THIS IS A SELF-FUNDING EVENT.**
• **AS SOON AS WE KNOW WE HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE TO COVER THE COST OF THE BAND AND DECORATIONS, WE'LL KNOW WHAT WE HAVE TO WORK WITH FOR ADDITIONAL SNACKS, DESSERT, ETC.**
• **TO MINIMIZE CLEANUP, PLEASE BRING A PLASTIC BAG TO TAKE ANY DISHES HOME THAT YOU BRING.**
• **VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATED FOR CLEAN UP: JAN 2 @ 1100HRS**

RSVP or email Stan (stan@prismgroup.ca) for more details

Navigate your way through nautical nomenclature

Barb Hansen , Special to news-press.com 8:37 p.m.
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All hands on deck. Now, OK, pipe down. I'm starting with a clean slate. I want to be completely aboveboard about this. I have no intention of barging in only to bamboozle you with mere scuttlebutt. I hereby proclaim that I will avoid clichés even if I am under the weather.

It's too easy to write with clichés. Any writer who knows her ropes and is worth her salt should shape up. Am I passing with flying colors? No? I guess I'd better mind my P's and Q's or there will be devil to pay.

How many clichés did you count? If you counted 14, you're A1 in my book. Oops. Make that 15. Here's the interesting part: These clichés and a bunch more all came from the world of boating. Many I learned at a terrific website called ship-sandcruises.com and others from an article that freelance writer Chris Caswell wrote in a magazine article in 1997.

Here's what I learned:

A1. In Lloyd's Register "A1" was the mark of a first-class wooden ship.

Aboveboard: Pirates would hide crew members below decks to fool victims. When all the crewmen were on the deck then — seeing is believing — the vessel was more likely to be an honest merchant ship.

All hands on deck: Nowadays we gather to dis-

cuss some tasks. Sailors did the same thing, but met on the deck.

Bamboozle: This was the word used to describe the deceit of pirates who flew an ensign of national origin other than their own.

Barge in: Most believe this term, used today to describe a tactless appearance or interruption, came about because barges are hard to maneuver.

Clean slate: Daily logs were kept on a slab of slate. Each new watch officer would erase the previous entries.

Devil to pay: The "devil" seam that ran along the hull at the deck level was the most difficult to caulk. To "pay" meant to caulk. Voilà. The sailor had to hang off the deck to caulk the seam and was said to be "between the devil and the deep blue sea."

Knows the ropes: It took an experienced seaman to know the function of all the ropes on a sailing vessel.

Mind your P's and Q's: Short for pints and quarts of ale. Tavern keepers would keep careful track (mind) the tab, especially, of sailors who were about to ship out.

Passed with flying colors: Refers to a sailing ship that distinguished itself by flying all of its pennants and flags (called "colors") when passing other vessels.

Pipe down: Helmsmen told the crew members on deck that they could "pipe down," meaning their chores were done and they could return to their quarters below decks.

Scuttlebutt: To discourage idle chitchat at the ship's water barrel, the drinking ladle had little holes in it so the water would leak if the sailor didn't drink it up fast. The holes were called scuttles.

Shape up: This was the term helmsmen used to refer to getting back on course to avoid danger.

Under the weather: The sailor who had to stand watch on the bow taking all the pounding and spray was said to be "under the weather."

Worth their salt: Salt actually was also used to pay Roman sailors. So any sailor "worth his salt" was worth what he was getting paid.

Clichés, they say, are to be avoided like the plague. But, my, they do come in handy, don't they?



HYC Social Report

I have been a proud member of HYC since 2000, but have only recently come aboard the Board.

All these years I have admired all our past board members and said to myself (and to them) “I’ll serve on the Board after I’m retired. I’m too busy now.” Since I retired from my dental practice in July, I officially ran out of excuses!

Pat and I have always enjoyed the social events at HYC, occasionally acting as convenors, so the Social director position is a good fit for me. Not only are we blessed with a beautiful harbour, a favourable location with consistent NW winds, but Hawkestone also has a very active social calendar which makes it the envy of the lake. We also have a strong tradition of member participation. Our members are our strongest assets.

From lift-in to lift-out, we help each other and the club to do what needs doing. I look forward to working with the most organized board I have ever sat on, and to socializing with all of you.

Marc Brenner
Social director

HYC 2015 Calendar January to June

JAN 9 Fri 2015	Winter Pub Nights @ Bull and Barrel Jan 9 @ 6:00 pm – 9:30 pm	+
FEB 6 Fri 2015	Winter Pub Nights @ Bull and Barrel Feb 6 @ 6:00 pm – 9:30 pm	+
MAR 6 Fri 2015	Winter Pub Nights @ Bull and Barrel Mar 6 @ 6:00 pm – 9:30 pm	+
APR 3 Fri 2015	Winter Pub Nights @ Bull and Barrel Apr 3 @ 6:00 pm – 9:30 pm	+
MAY 2 Sat 2015	2015 Lift In @ Hawkestone Yacht Club May 2 – May 3 <small>all-day</small>	+
JUN 6 Sat 2015	Sailpast @ Hawkestone Yacht Club Jun 6 @ 10:00 am – 8:00 pm	+
JUN 13 Sat 2015	2015 In Water Boat Show @ Hawkestone Yacht Club Jun 13 @ 10:00 am – 2:30 pm	+
JUN 19 Fri 2015	Beer Can Jun 19 @ 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm	+
JUN 20 Sat 2015	2015 Invitational Children’s Sailing Day @ Hawkestone Yacht Club Jun 20 @ 9:00 am – 1:00 pm	+

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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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Caribbean Cruising Report

Mid December our two southern members caught up with each other and enjoyed their last day together by renting a car and touring Martinique together. The day ended with what was described as The Last Supper, for Jorge & Kim, CS'ta Time and Gill & Diana, Serenada parted ways the following day. With sad farewells, CS'ta Time headed north in her travels home and Serenada south to continue cruising the Caribbean.



I have become extremely addicted to both their blogs and the pictures are amazing! If you have not seen their respective blogs, you're missing quite an adventure! BTW: their blog links are on the HYC Website, bottom left.



CS'ta Time
sailing to
Martinique

Serenada at anchor watching island racing between the anchorages

