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Telltales

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Irish Toast

*There are good ships,
there are wood ships,
And the ships that sail to sea.
But the best ships are friendships,
And may they always be.*



President's Scuttlebut

Telltales - Winter 2017

The HYC countdown clock on the website tells me that we still have around 2 months until our first lift-in day. This gives me still plenty of time to order those new items for Twisted Pair ² and get others serviced or repaired before we meet again in the yard and prepare to lift-in for another sailing season.

Your Board is also busy getting ready for the 2017 season with plans that include many of the traditional events and a few new ones as well – it is Canada's 150th!

It has been said that about the only thing you can count on is change and this is true of many aspects of our lives and of society in general. HYC is no exception. We now have over 50% of members having been with the club less than 5 years. The Board

recognizes the importance of understanding what all members of the Club are looking for and so we are in the process of planning a survey to get a sense of what is important to the membership. The results will help us create events and a club atmosphere that best meets everyone's expectations.

There is also much change occurring in the sailing world in general, as many sailors leave the sport due to age or ill health and we look for younger "boomers" or their children to become new members. Accordingly, we, along with many other yacht clubs and marinas are trying to attract new members so that we can keep our vacancy rate at a reasonable level.

We were surprised to learn that there is still a general belief around the Lake that HYC has a waiting list. As a result, the Board has decided to invest in some modest advertising in Lake Simcoe Living as a beginning. This is designed to let current and

would-be Lake Simcoe sailors know that we do have some vacant slips in 2017. If you know of someone considering taking up sailing or a sailor moving into the area, please encourage them to consider HYC as their new home - HYC is after all the “best little sailing club on the Lake” and we also believe it to be the best value as well.

Sophie and I wish you a good late winter and we hope to catch up with you at one of the upcoming pub nights but if not, we look forward to those warmer April days and catching up with you at the Club.

As always, I encourage you to contact me directly with any questions, concerns or ideas.

Stan



Harbour Soundings

This winter will soon be a thing of the past and soon enough all of our snow birds will be making their way north to once again strip the tarps off their summer homes and get them ready for another season. For those of us lucky enough to stay here in the cold suffering through what seemed like an endless number of snow days and weather warnings that we did so knowing that one day we will be rewarded with warmer weather. That being said it has been reported that our Commodore was seen on camera wearing his shorts recently while checking on his boat which must mean that spring is fast approaching.

Speaking of Cameras one of the new features at HYC is the on line cameras that permit us to see how our boats are doing at the club, well I say our boats but I really mean we can see how well Bill Reynolds and Dave Jewett boats are doing and of course "Ship for Brains" is still sitting without her tarp patiently waiting for Craig and Paula to tuck her in for the winter, but it's still nice to log on and day dream while at my desk at work(hope my boss doesn't read tell tales) and look forward to getting back at the club and on the water for another season.

Some new stuff coming down the line in 2017 include the construction of an additional dingy storage rack on the club house side of the harbor as well as the ongoing transition of the club at moving our boats to and from the launch site. It is hoped that by lift out this year we will be ready to move forward with our plan and make this activity safer and more efficient for everyone. You will also see that our communications director and his team have been busy updating the web page. One of the

new key functions is that you can now sign up for lift in and lift out as well as other work parties on the club web page. Great job to Ron, Neil and Howard for their many hours they have put into this.

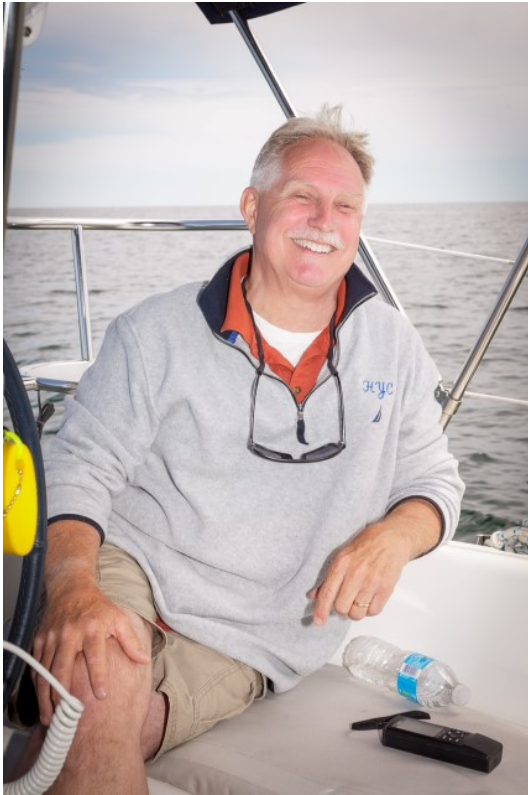
In closing I'm looking ahead at 2017 as being a great year to be at HYC and being on the water with all of you. We will have a few new boats in the harbor so please make them feel welcome and help them find their way around the club. In the coming months if you're up at the club working on your boat please take care and look out for each other so we can all have a safe and happy sailing season.

Warm Regards

Steve Hall

HYC Harbour Master





Commodore's Command Post

Hello all,

At this writing, it seems that winter is not quite ready to give way to spring. But hope is in sight, the ice is slowly retreating, and some bare ground is showing around the cradles. Soon the tarps will come off and a flurry of preparations will begin with lift in fast approaching. I look forward to

seeing all of you in the comraderie of boat preparations in the coming weeks. There is nothing like the aroma of boat wax and VC17 in the morning.



This is Canada's 150th year as a nation so let's put our best foot forward, shake out the reef's and have another great sailing season!

David Lawrence
Commodore
HYC

Property Watch

As the 2017 sailing season fast approaches, both Paula and I look forward to seeing everyone again. It has been a hectic, snowy, icy winter, and the yacht club has weathered well. I look forward to continuing with dock improvements, watching Steve build a new dingy rack, and of course an excellent season of great sailing. A huge thanks to Ron, Howard and Neil for their efforts in setting up the cameras, and improving the website. I look forward to seeing the club come to life in the coming weeks, as we prepare our boats for launch at the end

of April. Until then, take care and see
you soon!

Cheers, Craig

Rhumb Line

Two or more crewmembers waiting for a drink. Spelling is
archaic.

Clew

1) Evidence leading to recovery of a missing sail. 2) Indication
from the skipper as to what he might do next. 3) Oriental
crewmember. 4) What a new sailor often doesn't have any of.



**Social
Buzz.**

Everyone is talking about the "countdown". It's not only the countdown to the start of the sailing season but the countdown to the end of the winter season. Hope you are coping well with the winter months, for some the coping was a departure from the ice and snow.

The social calendar can be viewed on the website. Thanks to a hard working crew you will be able to not only sign up for social events but also register your work hours. I am still in need of convenors and/or volunteers for the following events: 2nd lift in pot luck, in water boat show, Canada Day celebrations, for beef barbecue convenor will need volunteers for cookers, carvers, servers, potato cookers, salad helpers, table moving, set up crew, clean up crew, take down crew, dessert & coffee set up, LCYC breakfast, 1st & 2nd lift out pot luck, AGM.

A handwritten calendar titled "HYC 2017 Events Sign-up" on lined paper. The calendar is organized into three columns: Event, Date, and Convenor. The events listed include various pot luck lunches, boat shows, art shows, children's activities, Canada Day celebrations, barbecues, breakfasts, regattas, and an AGM. Some events have names of convenors or volunteers written in the third column.

| Event | Date | Convenor |
|--|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1 st Lift-in-pot luck lunch | April 29 | Brenner |
| 2 nd Lift-in-pot luck lunch | April 30 | |
| Cradle Moving Work Party | May 5 May 20 | |
| Sail Past | June 3 | Brenner |
| Boat Show and Art Show | June 17 | |
| Children's Sailing Day | JUN | Titterton & Kugler |
| Canada Day Celebrations | July 1 | |
| LCYC 'Rib & Chicken' Feast | July 15 | |
| Drop the Hook | Aug. 19 - 20 | R. Selkander |
| Beef BBQ | Aug. 12 | P. Beckman |
| LCYC breakfast | Aug. 13 | |
| Labour Day regatta | Sept. 2 - 4 | |
| Fall Cradle move | Sept. 23 | |
| 1 st lift out pot luck | Sept. 30 | |
| 2 nd lift out pot luck | Oct. 1 | |
| 3 rd lift out pot luck | Oct. 14 | Smith |
| Commodore's ball | Oct. 21 | |
| AGM | Nov. 4 | |

Please email me at social@hawkestoneyachtclub.com if you want to volunteer or try on line. If you have any queries on any of the social events, call me at 416 573-3441 would love to hear from you.

Am excited and looking forward to lift in, the social events and race nights.

See you all soon,

Marisa

The pessimist complains about the wind;
the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails.
- William Arthur Ward



Membership

Mumblings

Sailing is a golf ball...

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, and when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember that sailing is a golf ball... read on...

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full? The students responded with a unanimous 'yes.' The professor then produced two beers from under the table and poured the entire contents

into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed!

'Now,' said the professor as the laughter subsided, 'I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things--- your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions --- and if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car. The sand is everything else---the small stuff.

'If you put the sand into the jar first,' he continued, 'there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff you will never have room for the things that are important to you.

Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Spend time with your children.

Spend time with your parents. Visit with grandparents. Take your spouse out to dinner.

Take some friends sailing.

There will always be time to clean the house, fix the disposal or deal with things from your job.

Take care of the golf balls first---the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the beer represented. The professor smiled and said, 'I'm glad you asked.' The beer just shows you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of beers with a friend.

Brian Bosman
HYC Membership/safety



Communications Corner

I can only hope when you are reading this the snow is melting and not accumulating. The piles of snow between the boats are the most I have ever seen but I bet we have members that could tell tales of years gone by.

Since the last Tell-tales I trust you have made the effort to go to the web site and check some of the new features. We now have six cameras up and running. I realize not everybody gets premium coverage but we are reviewing the locations of the cameras and plan on improving the views for next year. The cameras have yielded some interesting events at the Club this winter. We were able to track down suspicious foot prints in the snow around the boats to one of our resident otters. A surprising and entertaining

rescue drill by the local Fire Department and a visit from the MNR to check on the runoff during the melt in February.

Our latest feature to be rolled out is the "Work Hours" section under Members only. You will be able to log onto the web site to view all the events and projects scheduled for the upcoming season and sign up without leaving the comfort of home.

Not to be out done by Brian.


A psychology professor who was also a sailor often wondered whether people thought of computers as having a gender in the same way that ships are addressed as "she" and "her." To answer that question, he set up two groups of boaters who were also computer experts. One group was composed only of men and another entirely of women.

The group of sailing men concluded that computers should be referred to in the feminine gender because: 1. No one but the Creator understands they're internal logic. 2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else. 3. Even your smallest mistakes are stored in long-term memory for later

retrieval. 4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it.

The group of sailing women, on the other hand, reported that computers should be referred to in the masculine gender because: 1. In order to get their attention you have to turn them on. 2. They have a lot of data, but they're still clueless. 3. They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they are the problem. 4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer you could have had a better model.

Ron Marsh,
Communications HYC.





Above are shots of Ice Rescue Training and the new camera of the back lot..



Race Night at HYC for the Beginner.

As a member of HYC you may want to become involved in Friday Night Racing or Beer Can Racing. It is a weekly Friday event beginning in June and ending at Labour Day. The main focus do some friendly racing, learn some skills and a get together at the end of the day for snacks and beverages. The race starts at 5 pm with the skipper's meeting which is held at slip 65 (Anonymous). The weather and wind conditions will be reviewed and the course for that day's race decided . It will be some combination of A,B and C marks that are in fixed position and GPS way points are available. Try not to be intimidated by the more experienced racers and faster boats as all boats have a handicap rating that evens things out. The idea is to sail your boat the best you can and get better. You may want to crew on other boats first, this is a good way get a feel for racing and to gain experience.

The Start

The start of a sailboat race has been deemed one of the most tense moments in sport. At the start of a foot dash racers line up behind a line or in starting blocks and wait for the gun to start. Horse racing begins with the horses in a starting stall and when the gate opens the race begins. Car racing starts behind a pace car where drivers and cars are in a prearranged order and begin with dropping of the flag. Sail racing doesn't fall into any of those categories. Sail racing starts are the most important part of any race, because it determines how hard you will have to work to get into the top finishers. Poor race starts will make it very hard to catch up with the rest.

At HYC the Friday race starts at 6.00 pm with the 5 min count down and the race begins at 6.05 pm.

Remember that port gives way to starboard.



How Reefing Balances Your Sailboat to Perfection

Courtesy of Captain John [captainjohn@skippertips.com]

Are you still confused about the steps for reefing when the sailing weather turns foul? How do you know when to start shortening sail on your cruising sailboat--before it's too late? Go through this easy three-step checklist to find the answer fast!

Forget what you've heard about reefing being a heavy weather sailing tactic. Far from it! Many sailors carry sail much too long in a breeze. It might look cool digging the rail in, but this increases weather helm and slows the boat.

Reefing means to balance the boat to the point where she can almost sail herself. You should be able to control the wheel or sailboat tiller with light fingertip pressure.

Dockside, if you sense that you have a reefing breeze, set the reefs in the mainsail before you cast off. That way, when you hoist the main, she's reefed and ready to go. If you're already out on the water, go through the three step process below.

1. Depower mainsail and headsail

- a. Move the headsail sheet blocks aft (opens or "twists" the leech).
- b. Move the mainsheet downwind along the traveler track.
- c. Ease the mainsheet one or two inches for good balance.

If you can answer "Yes" to one or more of these, it's time to reef:

- * Look to windward. Do whitecaps cover the sea surface?
- * Feel the sailing wind. Are gusts more frequent?
- * Test the helm. Does it take more than two fingers to steer the boat
- * Check the rail. Does she dig her rail into the water when a gust hits?
- * Are any of the crew seasick? Look for paleness; sweating; malaise; nausea.

2. Reduce headsail area

- a. Turn onto a broad reach to place the headsail into the shadow of the mainsail.
- b. On roller furling headsails, roll the sail all the way up; then unfurl it to the desired size.
- c. On hank-on headsails, lower the sail, bag it and send it below. Hank on the new sail.
- d. On both sails, reset your sheet blocks:

Furling Genoas: Move the sheet blocks forward a bit to "follow the clew".

Hank-on Headsails: Move the sheet blocks aft a bit to open up the leech.

3. Jiffy reef the mainsail

- a. Set the topping lift to keep the boom horizontal. Slack the boom vang.
- b. Lower the main halyard and slack the mainsheet at the same time.
- c. Haul down and set the reef luff cringle. Raise the main and tension the luff.
- d. Haul down on the reef clew cringle. Set outhaul and downhaul tension.

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#### **Captain John's Sailing Tip**

*Small sailboats without a topping lift will need to set the clew reefing line first. Otherwise, when you lower the mainsail, the unsupported boom will fall into the cockpit. The boom must be light enough, so this method will not work for larger sailboats with heavier booms (follow the steps described earlier).*

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Reefing balances your small cruising sailboat in any tough sailing weather. Follow these steps to reap the triple benefits of more power, speed and comfort for you and your sailing crew.

"We clear the harbour and the wind catches her sails and my beautiful ship leans over ever so gracefully, and her elegant bow cuts cleanly into the increasing chop of the waves. I take a deep breath and my chest expands and my heart starts thumping so strongly I fear the others might see it beat through the cloth of my jacket. I face the wind and my lips peel back from my teeth in a grin of pure joy."

— L.A. Meyer, [Under the Jolly Roger: Being an Account of the Further Nautical Adventures of Jacky Faber](#)

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