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PIRATES INVADE FYC WITH A MIXED FLEET – THE LARGE, THE SMALL (WHOA IS THAT A WAYFARER?) AND DEFINITELY THE UNUSUAL! Photos by A TURNBULL

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## 2019 FYC Events schedule



Meetings, work parties

Social events

Racing

### October - 2019

Tue	October 1	Board of Directors Meeting 7 - 9 PM
Wed	October 2	Informal Sailboat Racing 6 - 8:30 PM
Fri	October 4	Potluck Bonfire 5:30 - 9 PM
Sat	October 5	<b>Pumpkin Regatta</b> 9 AM - 4 PM
		Turkey Dinner 5:30 PM \$15 at the door
Sun	October 6	<b>Pumpkin Regatta</b> 9 AM - 4 PM
Wed	October 9	Informal Sailboat Racing 6 - 8:30 PM
Sat	October 19	Work Party: Fall #1 9 AM - 4 PM
Sat	October 26	Work Party: Fall #2 9 AM - 4 PM
Sun	October 20	<b>Fanshawe Conservation Area Closes for winter</b>

### November - 2019

Sat	November 2	FYC Annual Banquet 5 - 10:30 PM
Tue	November 5	Board of Directors Meeting 7 - 9 PM
Tue	November 26	General Meeting 7 - 9 PM

### December - 2019

Tue	December 3	Board of Directors Meeting 7 - 9 PM
Thu	December 19	Annual Budget Meeting 7 - 9

## 2019/ 2020 Board and General Meetings

**The FYC Board of Directors** meet on the first Tuesday of each month. If you have an item to add to the agenda, please contact Bonita Magill, Commodore., prior to the meeting

**The General Meetings** are open to all club members and as a volunteer organization, we do encourage everyone to attend. The 2019 dates are noted above. Dates for 2020 meetings will be announced later. Please watch for email notices of meeting with all details prior to each meeting.

**LIFE IS BETTER  
AT THE LAKE**

## Sailors can be social!! Yes they can..



So, as we enter fall, we still have a lot of great events upcoming. These are the social events. Hope everyone can come out and enjoy the comradery of sailing and paddling friends!!

We have great facilities to come out with family and friends on these lovely fall days.



## Last Potluck and Bonfire of the Sailing Season!!!

Friday October 4 at the clubhouse-Starting at 5:30 P.M

Our Last Potluck is on for the 4th of October. Bring a favourite dish to share!

As it gets dark early now, we may not have a bonfire, but we will be having a karate demonstration.....



*You are invited*



and Carleen may show a video of the GTA Exotica cars. (tickets for this raffle will be available (\$20))

Banquet tickets will be available at the potluck for (\$30)

If you play an instrument or have a great singing voice, we would love to have you demonstrate your skills.

Remember it is BYOB

Please come out and enjoy our potluck social. 5:30 p.m. gather and 6 p.m. dinner

Should you have any questions, please call Bonita at 519-453-3577

## 2019 FYC Banquet Tickets – Beat the rush!!!!



This is the end of season social event. Half of the tickets have been sold so please be sure to check your calendar and purchase your tickets soon.

**Date:** November 2, 2019

**Place:** Forest City National Golf Club,  
1654 Robin Hill Rd. London, Ontario.

**Reception:** 5-6 p.m. and Dinner at 6:15 p.m.

**Entertainment at the**

**Reception:** Wayne McDonald –  
guitarist

**Quiz:** Mark Anderson

**Post Dinner:**

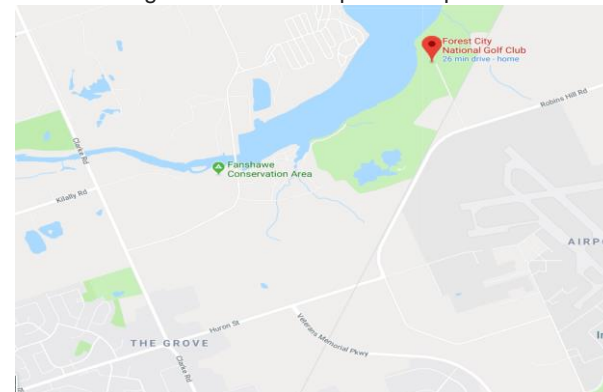
Ukulele Soup with audience  
participation (photo right)



**Price:** Before October 31st price is \$30. After that date, they are \$35.

**No tickets will be sold at the door**

Payment by cheque made out to Fanshawe Yacht Club, Cash or e-transfers to Bonita Magill. If e-transfer is preferred please call Bonita at 519-453-3577





## Pumpkin Regatta Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings

**Date:** Saturday, 5th of October  
**Time:** 5:30 social and 6 p.m. dinner  
**Price:** \$15 payable at the door.  
 Irene Smith will collect the money.

**Who:** All FYC members whether you are racing or not and out of town racers and crew

Carleen, Jim and Bob will supply wine by the glass or you can bring your own beverage hard or soft.

Should you have any questions about this social please contact Bonita, your commodore. 519-453-3577

Tickets for the Year End Banquet will be available (\$30)  
 Tickets for GTA Exotic Car raffle will be available (\$20)



## 2019 Fundraising Efforts for Club Improvements

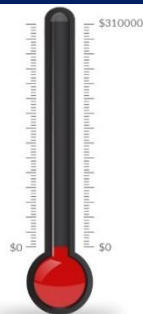
We're raising money to improve the infrastructure of our docks and expand the number of boats in our sailing school fleet.

Our **goal of \$310,000** will ensure the future of our docks and the availability of boats for increasing student demand at the sailing school.

All donations and fundraising efforts, in any amount, will assist in the keeping the club running for all sailors and paddlers.

Please consider helping today. Thank you!

**ED NOTE:** This is a new addition to our website. If you have fundraising ideas to help reach this goal, please share them at our General Meeting.



## RACING AT FYC -Master the skills!!

We have a little more time to race sailors - lots of wind or less.....



Brad and Kevin Biskaborn



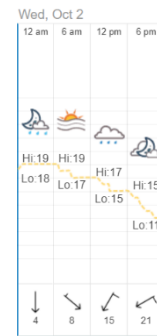
2018 regatta- oops, no wind

## Informal racing at FYC – Wednesday/ Thursday

The final informal race week is coming up. As always, there is a race at 3 PM on Wednesday afternoon

Jens Biskaborn will let you know whether the evening race will be Wednesday or Thursday evening, dependent on the winds and weather.

Only Rick Goldt and John Burgess raced this past Wednesday afternoon...a bit of a damp cool day if you recall. They managed to circumnavigate the entire lake by racing from one mark to the next... waiting for a new start at each mark. Crazy creative gents! Didn't hear who won that round the lake mini regatta!!!

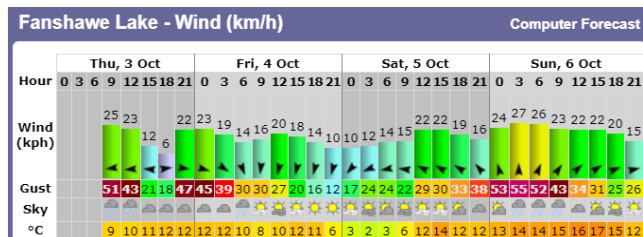


2019 informal race photos by R G

## 2019 FYC Pumpkin Regatta October 4 and 5



The Pumpkin Regatta is the final regatta of the season. There is word on the dock that we may have some out of town Lasers coming this year so should be a good fleet. Here is the forecast! Supposed to be mostly sunny and 17 to 20 degrees.



### Eligibility

This regatta is open to **all sailors**, including those who are not members of FYC.

**Race Starts:** please see all the documents on our website [www.fyc.on.ca](http://www.fyc.on.ca)

Our race committee always gives preference to **water-based starts**. If that is not possible, for instance due to inclement weather or a shortage of volunteers, land-based starts will be used. See the [sailing instructions](#) for more information.

- **First Race:** scheduled for Saturday at 11 AM.
- **Last Race:** no start sequence will begin after 1:30 PM on Sunday.

**Food: Saturday Night Turkey Dinner:** \$15 ticket at the door

**Lunches will be available:** On October 6th Lunch will be turkey soup and buttered rolls with dessert and coffee

### Entry Fees

Single-Handed	\$25	Double-Handed	\$40
Junior Single	\$20	Junior Double	\$35
Learn to Race	\$10		

### Event Organizer

Please direct all inquiries about this event to: [John Kabel](#), RC Chair



Um ... No.... maybe its about time to think of putting the boats away!



## Work Parties are on the way October 19 and 26

IT IS TIME TO  
**WINTERIZE**

Two dates are set aside to close down the club for the winter. We need all FYC members on board to help close down the facilities. Watch for club emails for more details closer to the dates! Work starts at 8:30 to 9 AM and done at 4 PM



Please have your boat off moorings and shoreline docks before the first work weekend. The ramps will not be available for personal use for boat and dock removal on the work party days. You can use ramps on all other days.

**The park will close on October 20, 2019 and reopen May 1 2020.**

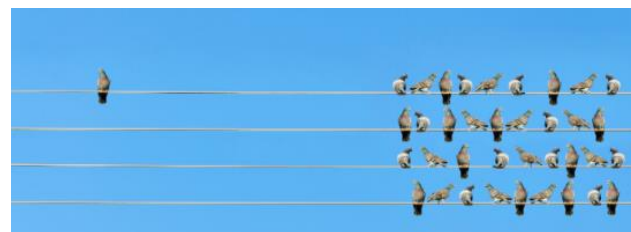
These are the usual tasks to be done:

- Remove tires and carpet from main dock
- Haul out all floating docks
- Store all safety equipment located along the shoreline
- Haul out tenders and safety boats and power wash to store in the chalet
- Take out race marks and power spray to store in cottage
- Clean up all buildings – kitchens, heads, appliances clean and shut down
- Picnic tables stacked
- Outdoor furniture stored...no fabric cushions in the clubhouse – mice love them.
- Clean up grounds as needed – collect garbage and remove branches
- Take out moorings and then the barge
- Store sail school boats and equipment

**Lunches will be served to all helpers at 1 to 2 PM.**

Please bring tools with you because the club really does not keep many.

- Power tools and extension cords
- Power washers
- Good clothing – gloves, boots and rain gear if needed.
- Hand tools for quick repairs.



Join us...it is actually most enjoyable working with the gang!



## 2019 Summer Open Regatta (formerly the club championships) Results from August 24/25

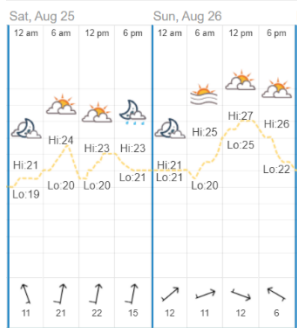
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Place	Skipper	Sail No	Club	Points	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8
1	Steve Carroll	199556	WRSC	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	Rick Goldt	38585	FYC	13	2	2	3	2	3	2	3	2
3	Jens Biskaborn	20791	FYC	16	DNS5	3	2	3	2	3	2	3
4	Claudio Martin	173203	FYC	23	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4

OPEN A												
Place	Skipper	Crew	Sail No	Class	Club	PN	Points	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5
1	Andy Turnbull	Lucy Turnbull	6732	Wayfarer	FYC	91.6	6	DNS6	DNS6	1	1	1
2	Giles Sweet-Boulay	Parker Sweet-Boulay	1477	CL 16	FYC	95.7	10	1	1	2	3	2
3	Mike Van Wichen		45354	Hobie 14	FYC	83.1	18	3	2	4	5	4
4	Gerard Triesman	Nicholas Callender	22	CL 14	FYC	101.2	22	2	3	3	2	DNS6
5	Claire Turner	Stephen Turner	/	Laser Vago	FYC	93.6	25	DNS6	4	5	4	2

OPEN B												
Place	Skipper	Crew	Sail No	Class	Club	PN	Points	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5
1	John Burgess		/	Ketch	FYC	102.1	4	1	2	1	1	1
2	Bob Magill		1305	Tanzer 22	FYC	95.3	7	2	1	2	2	3
3	Jeff Eames	Vera Eames	9	Sirius 22	FYC	96.7	12	5	3	4	3	2
4	Mark Anderson	Max Lucas	384	CS 22	FYC	94.1	14	3	4	3	4	4
5	Roy Elworthy		/	Venture 22	FYC	102.6	22	4	DNF6	DNS6	DNS6	DNS6



There were 8 races run overall with the last one beginning no later than 1 PM on Sunday. The wind did slowly drift away as the two-day regatta progressed.

Our Annual Corn Roast took place on the Saturday evening following the day's race



There is nothing quite as nice as fresh corn in Ontario. Thank you so much to Bonita for all the organization for the event, sommeliers - Carleen and Jim and the kitchen crew for such a wonderful meal.

## 2019 FYC Plywood Classic Regatta Results from September 7

On Sat., Sep. 7, 2019, 5:07 p.m. mike morris, wrote:

I don't think I have ever seen such a great cheering section for only 4 racers. Jim Mackenzie put together a 7-race series that was fun for the sailors and a hoot to watch for the spectators. All sailors ended up with a prize and the winner got the grand award of the Ultimate Puddle Duck accessory kit --a duck call and ducks butt hat. Great fun for everyone.

My only wish was that more boats were not involved. Next year? A quick build, low cost boat that is real fun to build and sail. Mike of the Mary C

*ED NOTE: you can find the complete plans to build your own plywood PD racer at this website A great winter project for the family. No real carpentry skill required.... really straight forward and very stable in the water. Variations in designs below---the seas the limit!* <https://www.pdracer.com/free-plans/>



PD Cruisers



2 Sail



motor launch



PD Cat

PD Luxury

The boys on water day!

Three retired dudes take on the Thursday Race on October 3 in the cool wet weather (where was everyone else?)

Oh Happy life!!!

Goldt, Biskaborn, Makenzie



## 2019 FYC Commodore's Cup Regatta Pirate Poker Run -September 15



Th' Commodore Cup Regatta has changed in th' past few years t' be a fun regatta t' brin' out family, new sailors, mateys. This format has been quite successful. These are this year's rules. I was unable t' attend but reports were that everyone had a lot o' fun.

**PIRATES' POKER SAIL/PADDLE RULES**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019**  
**FANSHAWE YACHT CLUB COMMODORE'S**  
**CUP**  
**MCKENZIE HALL 10 A.M.**  
**FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED**



### RULES

- 1.1 The participation fee of \$5/ per person & goes into the Poker Pot. (If there are 5 people in a boat all 5 can play by each giving \$5 as an entrance fee.)
- 1.2 The Poker Sail/Paddle Pot is split, half going to the winner (the Poker Pot), and the remainder event costs
- 1.3 The best Poker hand wins the Poker Pot.
- 1.4 In the event of a tie, the Poker Pot is divided between the winners.
- 1.5 The cards shall be dealt in sealed envelopes.
- 1.6 The sealed envelopes shall be obtained at dealing stations.
- 1.7 Transportation between FYC main dock and dealing stations shall be via a registered Kayak, Sailboat, Dragon Boat (all participants on board may play the game if registered & badged)
- 1.8 The sealed envelopes are brought to the Poker Table at McKenzie Hall to be opened there and **only** there.
- 1.9 At that time each participant assembles their hand and discards extra cards.
- 1.10 Participants must use only their cards, no sharing cards.
- 1.11 A judge will determine the winner for both the poker hand and the best pirate costume
- 1.12 The judge's decision is final.

### 2 ENTRIES & ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Eligible participants must: o MUST Register by submitting your name and paying a \$5 participation fee o Each paid participant will be badged.

### 3,0 PARTICIPANTS MEETING 10 a.m. McKenzie Hall for Registration

- 3.1 A Participants Meeting will be held to explain the rules and to provide the location of the "Dealing Stations" and Register for the Event

### 4 DEALING STATIONS

- 4.1 There will be four (4) Dealing Stations located about Fanshawe Lake
- 4.2 Each Dealing Station shall provide one sealed envelope to each registered/paid participant.
- 4.3 The sealed envelope contains 2 playing cards
- 4.4 You must visit at least 3 dealing stations to assemble a poker hand (if you visit 4 dealing station the chances are better for a higher scoring poker hand)

**BONUS: THERE WILL BE A PRIZE FOR THE BEST PIRATES CONSTUME**

**(We will have hamburgers and chicken hot dog Bar-B-Q with Fruit and Cake for dessert)**

Sharon Biskaborn wit' her group o' 5 pirates (three young Biskaborn pirates are in this photo), told me that th' day began wit' grey skies, rain 'n no wind - but that changed into a nice breeze wit' sun.



Cards were collected from 3 or 4 marks around th' lake. Each card was clothes -pegged in an envelop on a strin' on CL 14. Collectin' a 4th card increased yer chances o' a good hand.

pirates arrived well dressed 'n ready t'aaaarrrrrgggg.



aft prizes were awarded thar was a barbeque wit' a pirate cake



Thank ye Madame Commodore fer such a fine day

### Speaking of pirates--How long have there been pirates in the world?

Philippe Hrodej:<sup>1</sup> Pirates have existed ever since sailing was invented. Piracy is nothing more than robbery at sea, in other words attacking merchant ships with no distinction of nationality—although some pirates did have qualms about robbing their own countrymen... In the Mediterranean, small, fast sailboat galleys were already stalking merchant ships in ancient times, and the Romans were constantly trying to chase them down. Piracy has long been endemic in certain regions, like the Cyclades in the Aegean Sea, the Adriatic and the Black Sea. Pirates were after anything and everything that could be traded for cash: the ship itself, its cargo, the arms on board, and even the crew, who could be pressed into service or held for ransom. In actual fact, any vessel that the pirates saw as being weaker was liable to become their prey.



**Pirates and privateers are associated with a whole range of imagery: the eye patch, the parrot, and especially scenes of boarding and spectacular, bloody battles. Does this correspond to reality?**

P.H.: This image was invented in the 18th and 19th centuries by writers including Daniel Defoe and Robert Louis Stevenson, and immortalized by Hollywood. In reality, boarding another vessel was always the exception, because no one wanted to damage their ship or lose men in an attack. Pirates and privateers were always careful to attack vessels that were slower and more vulnerable than theirs, and tried to intimidate them in various ways: firing warning shots or flying flags that were supposed to instill terror. For a long time, pirates flew a red flag as a signal meaning, 'Surrender or we will show no mercy and blood will flow.'

Some pirates were presented as seafaring 'Robin Hoods' or freedom-loving autonomous spirits. That was the basis of the myth surrounding Libertalia, an anarchist colony purportedly built by pirates in Madagascar. But the real-life pirates and privateers were more like business executives managing their small operations as best they could!

**CNRS  
NEWS**

Making sense of science

01.04.2017, by Laure Cailloce

## Abilities in Motion has relocated on FYC grounds



The storage container for the Abilities in Motion club has been moved to a new location between the main gate and sailing school building. Bob Magill and Rick Goldt cleared the area of plants, leveled the ground and put in a good base for the container with their trusty bob cat. This location is out of the high flood water level that does actually reach the top of the north ramp



This is one of many special designs for Kayaks that are more stable.



The photo on the north ramp was taken one year ago this month at FYC.



Flickr.com  
Accessible Dock at Wildwood CA  
A new accessible dock has been installed at Wildwood Conservation Area.

UTRCA is adapting its parks with equipment for people with disabilities. Right is an accessible launch for kayaks and canoes at Wildwood Lake and I believe there is one at the public dock at Fanshawe Park. Might be a good idea for our club for general use of members!

## 2019/ 2020 Winter boat storage on the FYC grounds A trial run

We are happy to announce a trial of boat parking at FYC will take place this winter season. Please find the process below.

**Yes!**

- Bob Magill - Overseeing the event. He will collect names and receive payment by cheque, cash or e-transfer at the time the boat is parked
- Conservation Areas Off-Season Winter Storage Licence paperwork must be completed at time of parking. - Bob has these forms
- Boat owner assumes all responsibility in assuring that his/her boat is winterized, secured and insured for all risks. UTRCA take no responsibility for damages.
- Storage period starts after the Pumpkin Regatta, before the work party October 19th, 2019
- Storage removal is May 1, 2020
- Cost for this parking is \$175 Payable to UTRCA

Should you have any questions contact Bob Magill at 519-859-4048 cell or home phone 519-453-3577.

## Boats for Sale

Four beautiful boats preowned by Peter Butler

1. Chantilly – 41-foot sailboat
2. Tr1 29 built by Peter
3. Tuppence jointly owned by John Burgess and Peter; 26-foot Chrysler sailboat
4. Wooden motor Launch built by Peter



### For more information

See John Burgess 519-472-0049 or 519-461-1452  
Or call Mercia Butler 519-461-1452

## We have authors in our midst!!

**ED NOTES:** For some fun reading on a warm summers day, tied to mark 5 at the head of the lake with a cold lemonade and feet up on the rail or cozied up to the fireplace in your best chair with a hot toddy and dreams of summer ...try these authors to make the scene complete. Both authors have been or are members of FYC. What a creative lot we have at the club – musicians, artists (and art teachers) boat designers, boat builders, adventurers (long distant sailors) and of course our writers!

## The Reflection Collection - About Allan Elliott

Allan Elliott's family settled in the district of Parry Sound in 1867 and many relatives remain in Parry Sound and McKellar. Allan has lived in many Ontario communities including Bellevue, Bracebridge, Parry Sound, North Bay and London but has always spent his vacation on Georgian Bay and has remained in close contact with his family. His most memorable summers are of young boy at a cottage on Carling Bay and when he lived in the Pointe au Baril Lighthouse in the summer of 1995 with his own young family.



The Reflection Collection of poems is now 4 books of poems and drawings that reflect the humorous side of outdoor life and experiences. A few poems even touch upon the historical events and environmental concerns from an animal's perspective. Most of the names and places mentioned in the poems are based on family members, our adventures or creative adaptations of shared stories or situations, but the stories can be applied to anyone.

## Summers on Sailboats - About Colleen Ellison-Wareing

Colleen Ellison-Wareing was born in B.C. and loves the ocean. After an 'interesting' adolescence, she went on to earn a Bachelor of: Environmental Studies and Education and Master of Education. Colleen and Capt'n Mike, took Adult Sailing Lessons from Fanshawe Yacht Club. Colleen was pregnant with her first child, Katie. They dreamed of being a sailing family. Shortly after Katie's death, Mike found an old 17 ft Siren and lovingly restored it. They joined the FYC and held on to their dream. They now have Brooke and Martin whom they share many happy times on their 3rd boat, Katie 3.



Colleen has been published in Cruising World 3 times. She has also been published numerous times by the Boating Times chapters and in Boating Long Island Magazine. Follow on Twitter for the latest stories @onsailboats.

**ED NOTE:** Colleen and family have been big boat sailing in the past few years on the big lakes around us

## Latest from Timmie's Run

### Brian and Nathalie Hurst continue their adventure living on their yacht



**Mast Raising Finally and New York City and Beyond!**  
Sept 14 - Catskill, NY

We raised the mast in Hop-O-Nose. The crew arrived at 8am and proceeded with the lift at 9am. There were no issues with the mast raising though the hoist looks like it is 100 years old.



While Brian and Terry tensioned the rig and put the sails on, I cleaned the interior of the boat.



We were invited for cocktails and get together on SV Paprika. We met a lot of new friends.

Sept 15 - Catskill, NY

Another working day. Brian and Terry put up the wind generator and the radar post extension. While Brian changed the primary and secondary fuel filters (1484 engine hours), I gave the boat a well-deserved scrub. Brian took an amazing shot of the boat that evening.





### Sept 16 - Catskill, NY to Marlboro NY

We left Hop-O-Nose at 8:30am and the current was in our favour until about noon so made good time (8.2 knots).

Brian called several yacht clubs looking for mooring and left messages. At noon the tide changed so we started looking at anchor options. We ended up anchoring against the east shore. Once anchored we had lunch and began to settle in when we received a call from the Marlboro Yacht Club. We pulled the anchor and proceeded an additional 10.2 nm to the club. Excellent club, \$25 mooring and \$1 beer. Spent the night there.



### Sept 17 - Marlboro, NY to Croton on Hudson, NY

Left the Marlboro yacht club at 6:30am to take advantage of the tidal current. On the way, we passed a castle and the West Point Army Academy. Brian tested the radar and found out it was not working.



We anchored in Haverstraw Bay at 1pm. While at anchor Terry and I hoisted Brian up the mast to mount our radar reflector. Brian also corrected the radar issue (the connector was not fully in). We all settled in for a quiet afternoon. At about 4:30pm the sailing vessel "Jade" showed up on our AIS. They saw us and anchored nearby. We had originally met them in Catskill where we had our mast put up. I was anxious for a female to talk to so we went over by dinghy to visit. After supper, we picked them up for drinks on our boat. We have been friends with Diane and Jacquelin ever since.

### Sept 18 - Croton on Hudson, NY to New York City, NY

Weighed anchor at 6:30am and proceeded on our final leg to New York City. We passed Sing Sing prison on the way. While sailing, we got boarded by the Rockland County Sheriff. They just wanted to make sure we had the proper documentation. Couldn't have asked for nicer guys.



Once arrived, we anchored in the 79th Street Boat Basin. We checked in at the office and paid for 3 days of dinghy dockage.

We toured Central Park for most of the afternoon and ate at TGI Friday's for supper. When we returned we decided to tackle the laundry. The facility had 1 washer and 1 dryer. We did laundry until 12:30am.



### Sept 19 - New York City, NY

We were woken by our neighbour boat which was leaving. We reduced scope by 30 feet and the pulled-up anchor. When their anchor came up there was a large metal table attached to it and this also caused their anchor chain to wrap around the anchor.

We caught the Top View tour bus near Central Park and began our tour of New York north side (Harlem). We then continued downtown, visited Time Square, and ended with the Liberty Cruise.



### Sept 20 - New York City, NY

Once again we started with Top View Tour (took the subway downtown to catch it). Stopped at the Empire State Building and took that tour. While touring, the actor Robert Pattinson, who will play Batman in 2019 showed up in his Batman costume. I had the pleasure to take a photo with him.



Beautiful and amazing views of the City from the top of the Empire State building.



We ended the day with the Museum of Natural History and Pizza at an outdoor restaurant.



Dum dum give me some gum *gum*

#### Sept 21 - New York City, NY to Atlantic Highlands, NJ

Finally, we moved again and were glad to leave our rocky anchorage. We pulled up the anchor at 8am and headed east on the Hudson to Sandy Hook. We stopped along the way for fuel and a pump-out. We arrived at Atlantic Highlands and anchored in Sandy Hook. We got our dinghy ready and went to shore. We walked the town and went back to the boat to rest.



#### Sept 22 - Atlantic Highlands, NJ

Brian and I walked to West Marine in search for hooks while Terry visited his son, daughter-in-law, and grandkids. West Marine was a long walk and when we got there, we found it very expensive for hooks. We ended up buying hog clips, hat clips, and padlocks for the cockpit lockers.



Brian and I had mini burgers and fries at the Bagel Cafe. Terry joined us for coffee shortly after our order came. Back at the boat, Brian modified our topping lift and added a bungee. We had a lovely evening.

#### Sept 23 - Atlantic Highlands, NJ

We went to shore in the morning to pick up groceries and beer. Found some low-price hooks at the local hardware store. Back at the boat, Brian and Terry modified the Highfield dinghy cover with Sumbrella material and zippers to allow its use on the dinghy davits.



Andrea from S/V Paprika arrived in the afternoon and we went out for supper at the top deck restaurant. We then returned to the boat to prepare for Tuesday departure for Atlantic City.

#### Sept 24 - Atlantic Highlands, NJ to Atlantic City, NJ

Left the boat basin with good winds (with about 40 other sailboats) and headed out to Atlantic Ocean. On our way around Sandy Hook, we saw our first pod of dolphins. Sadly, they were too far for photos, but I was thrilled to see them.

After rounding the hook we were able to sail at about 8 knots and sometimes went as high as 9. We saw more dolphins in the distance and several whales.

We caught up to and passed most of the sailboats (including some catamarans).

Our arrival at Cape May would have been in the dark (10pm) so we decided to anchor in Atlantic City, NJ. We were joined by 5 other sailboats (including S/V Jade).





S/V Jade - Diane and Jacquelin Lemieux

#### Sept 25 - Atlantic City, NJ to Cape May, NJ

Winds were very light from the north-west. We weight the anchor at 6am and headed south. We ended up sailing for 2 hours and then started the engine as winds continued to get lighter. During the day the winds continued to move more south so we dropped the genoa and motored with just the main.

Picture credit to S/V Jade



We saw dolphins and whales but they were too far again to get good pictures. We even had a Northern Parula join us for a while.

We entered the Cape May channel a little after 1 pm. The entrance was tricky as there was a rising tide and the current was swirling at the channel entrance. Anchoring was a challenge with the current and winds working in opposite directions. We lifted the anchor and reset 3 times before we were comfortable. Later that day we watched two sailboats gently touch as they swung towards each other. That boat eventually moved further down the channel.



We had an early evening and hit the sack by 8:30 pm.

As we get into areas where the internet is less available, we'll be updating the BLOG less frequently.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2019

28 Locks - OH MY

Sept 6 - Newark NY to Lock 25

Left at 9am with intentions of travelling to Clyde. Completed 2 locks (28 A & B) and arrived at Clyde at about 12:15pm. The dock was very shallow and we softly grounded about 2 feet from the dock. We managed to pump out the guest head then decided to move on rather than sit on the keel. Completed lock 27 and 26 and then tied up at lock 25 with very long lines west of the bridge. The lockmaster gave us a tour of the lock.



#### Sept 7 - Lock 25 to Lock 24 (Baldwinsville NY)

Left the dock at 7:30am and passed through by 8am. Before we left, we noticed no display on the solar charger. Brian checked the electrical connections and everything was fine. We continued to Baldwinsville and tied up to the free dock. Paid \$5 for electrical. Brian replaced the solar charge controller with our spare. Everything is now ok but will continue to monitor.



We ate out for dinner at the B'ville Diner. It was excellent! That evening, 2 additional sailboats appeared and tied up to the wall with us. Both heading in the same direction as us. While visiting the town, we found a couple of interesting signs.



US version of "Timmies-run" must be "the Dunkin run"

## Sept 8 - Lock 24 (Baldwinsville) to Sylvan Beach

Called the lock keeper at 7am and completed the lock by 7:45am. Light wind while crossing lake Oneida and from the stern so we had following seas. Managed to cross the lake with no issues. There are several small islands that are not on the charts...most likely from dredging operations. Tied up at the Sylvan Beach wall with no utilities or washrooms. The crew is starting to get smelly so we are looking for showers at the next stop. We were all in bed by 9:30pm and evenings are getting colder.



## Sept 9 - Sylvan Beach NY to Ilion NY

Crew ready by 7:30pm and off the wall shortly after. We completed locks 22 and 21 before 9:30am. Tried to dock in Utica but there was no one at the office to allow us dockage, however, the wall was too high for my comfort.



Completed locks 20 and 19 and ended up docking in Ilion for \$1 afoot which is not to bad.

We are now buddy boating with another sailboat heading south. Tim and his dog Jesse are from Michigan and are travelling on a Catalina 32 (boat name Evening Star) with a friend partway.

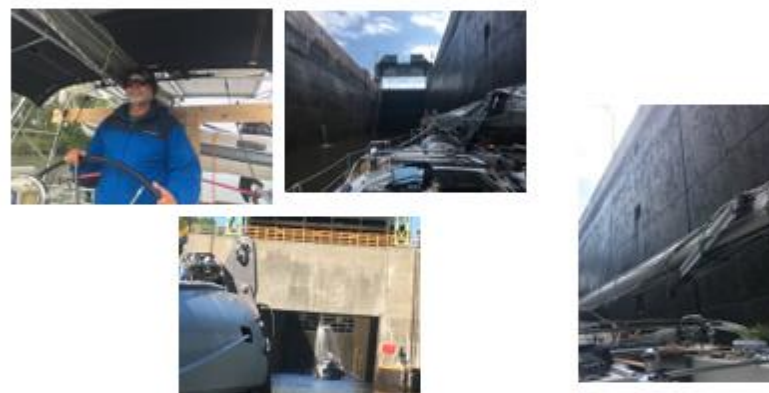


Right: Tim and his friend David

Ilion is a nice stop and we took advantage and topped up our water tanks and had showers.

## Sept 10 - Ilion NY to Canajoharie NY

Boat ready by 8am and headed off with Evening Star following close behind. We went through locks 18 to 14. Lock 17 was special with the 40.5-foot drop and the gate that rises up instead of sideways.



Arrived at Canajoharie and tied up to the free dock, joined by Evening Star and 4 other travellers. We were invited out to evening cocktails with the travellers.

## Sept 11 - Canajoharie NY to Amsterdam NY

This started out as a bad day. Rain overnight and had everything wet and muddy. As we were coming off the dock we ran aground. Overnight the level of the canal had dropped by 12 inches. We managed to free ourselves thanks to the efforts of the trawler captains we had met the night before.





Completed locks 13-11 and tied up in Amsterdam for the night. After lunch, we walked into town for supplies.

Terry and I getting ready for a lock



#### Sept 12 - Amsterdam NY to Waterford NY

After a good night in Amsterdam, we left the dock at 7am and proceeded further east. Today would be a day of many locks (9 in total with 5 of them ranging from 33' to 35') as we headed to Waterford. We completed lock 10 by 8am. After lock E8 we once again ran aground softly. While "locking" through, the lockmaster told us to proceed to the centre of the channel due to shallow water. What he should have directed was to stay against the concrete dock until into the main channel. We were able to get off easily. The guard gate 2 was down and we called to have it opened. After the guard gate 2 and 1, we proceeded through the flight of locks E6-E2. There is no stopping between them.



We tied up at the Hurst Harbor Center in Waterford and went out for provisions.



#### Sept 13 - Waterford NY to Catskill NY

We left the dock by 8am and did our final lock (Troy Federal lock 1) by 9am. We fueled up 17.2 gallons of fuel at the Albany Yacht Club. We calculated that we are burning about a half-gallon (US) an hour at 2200 rpm. After a long day, we arrived at the Hop O Nose Marina where Brian and Terry started prepping the mast for putting the mast up in the morning.

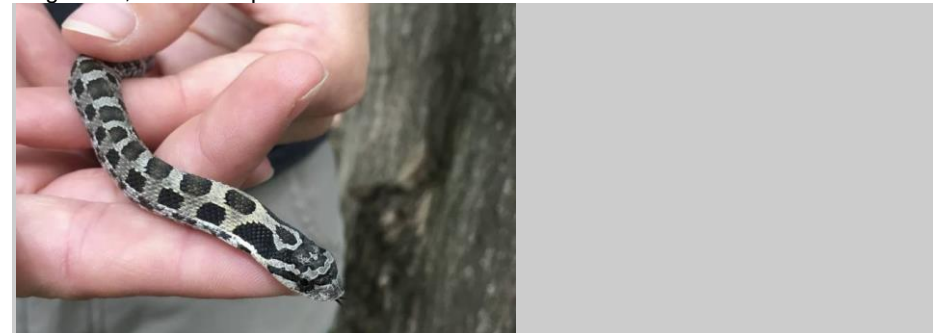


#### News from UTRCA

#### UTRCA releases at-risk snake species back into wild



August 26, 2019 5:15 pm



They may not be cute and fluffy like a panda, but the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) says the Eastern hog-nosed snake, like other at-risk species, are just as crucial to the ecosystem and in need of help.

Earlier today, the Conservation Authority released 29 newly-hatched snakelets back into the Thames Watershed after their first-ever successful incubation.

It was an exciting day for many involved with the UTRCA, as the species is so at risk that many had never seen one before, let alone almost 30.

Species-at-risk biologist Scott Gillingwater said conservation for at-risk reptiles can be difficult, because people often have a negative opinion towards snakes.

He is hoping more awareness can change people's perception.

"Unfortunately, snakes have been seen as these evil or bad creatures, whether it's from books or religious issues, but they are an intrinsic and important part of our natural world," said Gillingwater.

"They benefit species because they are prey to birds and mammals, and they also prey on species because their primary food source is toads.

"They are an important part of our little ecosystem in southwestern Ontario, and I say little because there is not a lot left."

### Controlling Invasive Plant Species: Targeted Herbicide Use in London's ESAs

The UTRCA and the City of London are working to protect London's Environmentally Significant Areas (ESAs) from invasive plant species that are threatening their unique ecology. These non-native invasive species include Japanese Knotweed, Giant Hogweed, Glossy and European Buckthorn, Phragmites and Dog Strangling Vine

Many approaches to controlling invasive plant species have been tried over the past decade. The most effective technique for controlling these invasive species is herbicide injection and targeted, specific herbicide spray. These herbicides are approved for use by Health Canada, and carefully applied by licensed applicators on staff with the UTRCA who follow the Best Management Practices approved by the Ontario Invasive Plant Council and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.



Japanese Knotweed



Giant Hogweed



buckthorn



Phragmites



dog strangling vine

### Conservation Authority Shocked by Letter from Minister Yurek Directing "Wind Down" of Key Environmental Programs (August 20, 2019)

August 20, 2019 – In a surprise letter issued Friday evening, August 16, 2019, Mr. Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), shocked Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) officials by suggesting that the Conservation Authority begin to "wind down" all programs, except for flood control, drinking water source protection, and management of Authority-owned lands.

The letter goes on to note that the Conservation Authority cannot replace flood protection funds, recently cut by the Province, through additional municipal levies. This is an essential service that protects lives and property, and work that must continue. Who, then, is to pay the bill for a program that ensures people are protected from flooding? How is the UTRCA expected to interpret these contradictory messages?

Without any clarification from the Province, the UTRCA is left wondering what Minister Yurek's letter is actually saying. His directive potentially leaves these programs on the chopping block:

- All water quality monitoring programs, thereby eliminating decades of science that has guided protection and improvement efforts.
- All water quality improvement programs, including work with farmers and developers to provide technical assistance and financial incentives to reduce soil erosion, nutrients and toxins from being delivered to watercourses. This despite increasing public concerns about blue-green algae blooms, beach closures from high bacteria, and fish kills from degraded conditions.
- All tree planting and woodlot management as the UTRCA combats the ongoing loss of 47 hectares (116 acres) of natural cover in the watershed, every year.
- Curriculum-based environmental education programs that arm youth with information to make smart decisions in the face of flooding and climate change impacts.
- Trail development and outdoor recreation opportunities, despite increasing demand and increasing awareness of the many physical and mental health benefits for watershed residents.
- Support for community organizations such as the Friends of Medway, Friends of Stoney Creek, and the Upper Avon Conservation Club. These efforts help mobilize and organize local environmental interest in action and improvement.

It should be noted that the Province does not provide funding for any of these programs as the UTRCA secures support through municipalities, special contracts, user fees, donations, and support from the private sector.

"We question the Province's authority to make this request, in light of the fact that they fund less than 1% of the UTRCA programs," said General Manager Ian Wilcox. "The Province has not consulted with the watershed municipalities that oversee the Conservation Authority and provide 30% of our funding. Our municipal representatives bring the priorities of their watershed communities to the table, to ensure our programs are responsive to local needs."



"We've been frustrated by the lack of communication from the Province," said UTRCA Chair, Mr. Sandy Levin. "The CAs, along with their member municipalities, have made repeated requests for consultation. These provincial announcements have been without warning and, to be blunt, make no sense in terms of public interest and support from private businesses. They jeopardize Ontario's environmental future and economic prosperity. Future costs to restore Ontario's economic and environmental balance will far exceed the cost of the programs that the Ford Government seems intent on eliminating."

"We have to ask who these changes will benefit," said Ian Wilcox, UTRCA General Manager. "Increasing the risk to lives and property is not the appropriate solution to solving the housing crisis. Is this another government that is going to ignore climate change and leave it for future generations to pick up the pieces?"

"We hope that the Province, through Minister Yurek, will reconsider implementation of these changes pending further discussions with the Authority and our member municipalities, but we're concerned decisions have already been made that we know will be regretted in the future."

**Contact:** [Ian Wilcox](#), General Manager, Upper Thames River Conservation Authority

## UTRCA Challenges Minister Yurek's Comments (media release, August 22, 2019)

August 22, 2019 – Mr. Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), referred to the inability of municipalities to "control the spending" of Conservation Authorities, when responding to questions surrounding his letter sent to Conservation Authorities suggesting they "wind down" so called non-core programs.

"Minister Yurek's comments reflect a misunderstanding of the relationship between Conservation Authorities and their member municipalities and, more importantly, how individual municipalities are represented on the Conservation Authority's Board of Directors," said Ian Wilcox, General Manager of the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA).

Each Conservation Authority is governed by a Board of Directors. These Directors are appointed by the watershed municipalities and most are municipal councillors.

"The number of representatives each municipality appoints to the Board reflects the population of that municipality within the watershed," said UTRCA Chairperson, Sandy Levin. "In other words, a municipality with a larger population will have more representatives on the Board of Directors than a municipality with a smaller population. This system is similar to how electoral district boundaries and representation in Ontario are determined."

The Conservation Authority's Board of Directors makes decisions democratically, in just the same way that a municipal council or the provincial government does. Not all decisions are unanimous and, while some municipalities may not agree with the Board's decisions, they have had representation and been involved in the decision making.

"Each Director brings their municipality's concerns and program priorities to the UTRCA Board table," said Mr. Levin. "Decisions, including what we do or don't do in

our local communities, as well as the budget and municipal levy, are all made by this municipally appointed Board."

"The Conservation Authority model has worked well for the past 70 years," said Mr. Wilcox. "The Minister's directive goes against the very foundation of Ontario's Conservation Authorities, which were built on three principles: local decision making, watershed boundaries, and shared funding. His argument that this system needs to be overhauled suggests he has either been given poor information or is courting support from specific municipalities."

**Contact:** [Ian Wilcox](#), General Manager, Upper Thames River Conservation Authority

**ED NOTE:** *Ian Wilcox acknowledged that he had received letters of support from the various groups that operate in the parks. Our Commodore, Bonita Magill, sent a letter of support to UTRCA on behalf of FYC*

## After a fall sail, Join our neighbours in the park for celebrations of fall and winter

### Thanksgiving Dinner

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH TO MONDAY, OCTOBER 14TH**

Join us at the Pioneer Village Cafe for Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, October 12, 13, and 14, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. each day.

Thanksgiving Dinner features homemade soup, roast turkey and stuffing, mashed potatoes, root vegetables and fresh pies.

### EVENT TIMES & ADDITIONAL EVENT DATE(S)

[Saturday, October 12, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.](#) (Sold Out)

[Saturday, October 12, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.](#)

[Sunday, October 13, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.](#)

[Sunday, October 13, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.](#) (Sold Out)

[Monday, October 14, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.](#) (Sold Out)

[Monday, October 14, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.](#) (Sold Out)



### EVENT COST

Reservations Required– Tickets Available August 1, 2019

\$24 for adults      \$12 for children (12 and under)

Tax and admission to Fanshawe Pioneer Village included

## The Halloween Haunt: Danger from the Dead

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18TH TO WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30TH**

Part B-Horror, part Penny Dreadful and part Zombie thriller, equal a truly terrifying Halloween experience.

Something seems to be going awry in the Village of Fanshawe. Black spots are appearing under fingernails, skin is turning ice cold and eyeballs are turning grey. None of the villagers can explain it- not even the doctor!

Will you make it out intact?

Be sure to purchase tickets in advance for this sell-out Halloween, ghost walk style, event and arrive 15 minutes prior to your performance.

Shows begin at 7:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m., and 9:00 p.m. each night, and 10:00 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays, as well as October 27th and 30th.

Written by Adam Corrigan-Holowitz, co-directed by Adam Corrigan-Holowitz and Victoria Nicholls, stage-managed by Victoria Nicholls.

Company

Andrea Avila, Casey Cornell, Demis Odanga, Marina Sheppard, Charlotte Weeks, Bronwyn Wilson, James Wybrow

PLEASE NOTE: Schedule for Friday, October 18th pending, please check back.

#### EVENT TIMES & ADDITIONAL EVENT DATE(S)

[Friday, October 18, 2019](#)

[Saturday, October 19, 2019](#)

[Sunday, October 20, 2019](#)

[Thursday, October 24, 2019](#)

[Friday, October 25, 2019](#)

[Saturday, October 26, 2019](#)

[Sunday, October 27, 2019](#)

[Wednesday, October 30, 2019](#)

Showtime selected on Eventbrite.

#### EVENT COST

\$14 per person. Recommended for those 14+ years of age.

Advance purchase recommended. Limited tickets available at the door while quantities last.

### The Christmas Truce of 1914

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND TO SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

In 1914, a brief, unofficial, truce took place at Christmas along parts of the Western Front. Soldiers from opposing sides came together to mark the season as strains of Silent Night echoed in the dark. Experience a WWI Christmas Story as you embark by foot on a journey through time to experience a significant moment in history at our replica trench.

Presented in partnership with the History Matters Association.

This event will run rain or shine.

Tickets go on sale October 1st, 2019.

#### EVENT TIMES & ADDITIONAL EVENT DATE(S)

Friday and Saturday, November 22 and 23, 2019

Performances at 6:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 8:00 p.m., 8:30 p.m., 9:00 p.m. each evening.

#### EVENT COST

\$10 in advance (Advance tickets go on sale October 1, 2019)

\$12 at the door

### Dickens' Dinner

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH TO SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

#### The Chimes

Enjoy a traditional 19th-century country Christmas dinner in our rustic Cafe served family-style, featuring homemade soup, cabbage salad, pickles, local roast goose, root vegetables, and, for dessert, mincemeat pie or plum pudding. Following dinner enjoy a theatrical performance in Trinity Church.

A Christmas favourite returns to Fanshawe Pioneer Village, this time imagined as a 1930s radio play. Full of song, heart and the Christmas spirit!

Toby "Trotty" Veck is a world-weary ticket porter who discovers the true meaning of Christmas and the importance of keeping up hope through an encounter with two ancient goblins who live in the church bells. The Chimes is a lesser known life affirming story of human kindness, from the mind that created A Christmas Carol.

Based on the story by Charles Dickens

Adapted by Jason Rip

Directed by Adam Corrigan-Holowitz

Company

Dan Ebbs, Casey Cornell, Elizabeth Durand, Kydra Ryan

#### EVENT TIMES & ADDITIONAL EVENT DATE(S)

Friday, November 29, 2019

Saturday, November 30, 2019

Friday, December 6, 2019

Saturday, December 7, 2019

Friday, December 13, 2019

Saturday, December 14, 2019