

# **DOCKSIDE SCUTTLEBUTT**

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**The Newsletter of The Fanshawe Yacht Club of London, Ontario. Issued six times per year to Members and friends of the Club. Edited by Ralph Smith; contributions and comments welcomed and should be sent to:  
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**As the song goes –“Nobody knows the trouble I’ve seen”! Got back from Florida to find my computer wouldn’t start and had to do a “recovery”. I had this News Letter well under way before I left but had to start again from scratch. However, we’re back in business, sort of!**

**Well, you can’t say the Executive is not receptive to new ideas. When I complained about the difficulty of some members (not me of course) have in accessing the tenders when the lake level is low, they have agreed to pursue the matter further. Bert Renes agreed to look into the matter and to design and cost a workable layout – his adventures are reported later.**

**We were impressed by the number of people who actually read this as evidenced by the response we got by advising that the April Meeting is scheduled for April 28 rather than the third Monday as “normal”. The change in date is because of Easter Monday is on the 21<sup>st</sup>. As we noted earlier, Easter is the first Sunday following the first full moon that follows the Spring Solstice of March 21. It would have been easier if they had “pegged” the date like Christmas!**

**It is our understanding that the Boat House project is well underway with plans being prepared for the permit stage. There is a possibility that we may see some physical activity before too long.**

**How nice that Janice Watterworth has volunteered to head the committee formed to direct the celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We have had some ideas submitted as seen by the letter from Wally MacKinnon but more are welcome - please give this subject your consideration and call Janice when you have something!**

**Also, Lori Chesman has taken over the Clubware haberdashery and is well along in reorganizing. Old stock has been offered at bargain prices and new stock is coming in. Glad you are involved Lori.**

**We have lost some members through retirements and moves and there is an ongoing challenge to replace them. Please encourage your friends and neighbours to join and if you have any ideas on how to enlist new people, please advise the Commodore or any other member of the executive.**

## NOTICES OF UPCOMING EVENTS – 2003

The UTRCA Park opens April 25 with all the gates open to the public.

Those coming to the WORK PARTIES on April 5 and 12 will need to use the North Gate off Fanshawe Park Road. Please remember to bring your tools, rakes etc. and we will make short work of this task of opening the Club. We expect those with special skills will be notified by the NCO in charge! Remember lunch is always good and you will be welcome even if you have not previously indicated your intention to come on your application. I'll pull the trailer!

The COMMODORE'S CUP REGATTA is scheduled for May 17. Details will be posted at the Club.

The COMMODORE'S RECEPTION, always a popular event will start shortly after the Commodore accepts the salute from the members that have their boats rigged and ready for the occasion. This annual tradition will get underway on Sunday, May 18 at or about 2:30PM. Past Commodore Marc Lacoursiere will be needing some help in setting up the facilities for this pleasant event. Please call him!

Bob Hendry is organizing the annual OPEN HOUSE scheduled for the weekend of May 24 and 25. Good weather brings big attendance numbers and Bob will be looking for volunteers for gate keepers, parking lot supervisors, information providers, dock handlers and of course, sailors ready to take the public for a ride. Always a fun day unless it pours rain or your boat gets surprised by a big gust!  
Please give Bob a call if you can help. He'll appreciate hearing from you!

Because of dwindling participation, consideration has been given to discontinuing some races that have been a long standing tradition of this club. However, after much deliberation, everything is going as usual but we will be needing volunteers to successfully run each of the following events.

JUNE BUG REGATTA	JUNE 7 AND 8 <sup>TH</sup>
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA	AUGUST 30
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RACE	AUGUST 30
ANNUAL CORN ROAST	AUGUST 31
PUMPKIN REGATTA	OCTOBER 4 & 5
WORK PARTY	OCTOBER 18 (Main Gate)
PARK CLOSES	OCTOBER 19
WORK PARTY	OCTOBER 25 (North Gate)
ANNUAL BANQUET	NOVEMBER 15

## The Value of Our Web Site

Early in February, two people from different parts of the country were looking around the World Wide Web and somehow found our web site and both offered us a used Albacore. One of these boats came with an unconditional offer where we would receive a complete boat. The owner of this boat lives in Paris, Ontario.

The other one consisted of a boat purchased by a fellow from Winnipeg from a lady in London. Obtaining the second boat required some extra work on the part of our club. The person from Winnipeg was buying this boat from a lady who just happens to live only a couple of miles from our club. We agreed to pick up the parts that he wanted and wrap them and arrange shipment to Winnipeg.

On February 27, Mike Morris, Otto Biskaborn and myself went to the lady's house and picked up the parts and wrapped them for shipment to Winnipeg. These parts were shipped to Winnipeg COD. We are now in possession of a used Albacore minus, the sails, boom, and rudder/tiller. As it happened we now have enough spare parts to put together one complete Albacore with some parts left over. Sailor Mike, who keeps a close eye open for good deals spotted an ad in Boat For Sale where someone is looking for a used Albacore mast. We may sell this mast and with the money from the sale get this boat ready to race.

Also, again with the help of Otto and Mike, I picked up the complete Albacore. We went to Woodstock and picked up the Albacore from Gord Hunter who works for the Mufflerman in Woodstock. He brought his boat with him to work and it was waiting for us when we arrived. We returned it to London and it is now parked in Otto's yard. It is in better condition than I expected it to be. It requires a little TLC because it requires a little TLC because it was stored outside and the finish is gone from the wood work. All the parts were there and the only other thing that needs some attention is some of the sticking is broken on the sails. All in all, it is in good shape and would most likely list between \$1000 and \$1,500 if it were cleaned up a little. I would like John Bryant to send Mr. Hunter a thank-you letter from our club.

We plan to offer this boat to the club "leasing" program thereby allowing leasing members to use this boat on a first come, first serve basis. One of our new members, who has volunteered to work on the sailing school committee and who is planning to lease a boat himself, has offered to take charge of this boat and keep it in good repair. Some details for its use and storage of this boat have yet to be finalized.

This is a good example of how our Web site has worked to the advantage of this club. - Steve Currie, Vice Commodore 2003

**Editor: Thanks Steve, for all the work you have done in this regard and for the testimonial to the Bisaborn family for the fine Web Site that exposes our Club to the world. We have gotten notes from as far away as Russia from a Baltic Sea sailor. And of course, there are our faithful volunteers, Otto and Mike, always available to help in any way they can. How lucky we are, indeed!**

**----- Our thanks to Mr. Hunter ---**

**March 23, 2003**

**Mr. Gordon Hunter  
12 Parkside Drive,  
Paris, Ontario  
N3L 3S7**

**Dear Mr. Hunter,**

**I am writing to you on behalf of Fanshawe Yacht Club to thank you for your most generous gift of an Albacore sailboat to the Club. Our Vice-Commodore, Steve Currie, may have told you that FYC would like to establish a boat leasing program that would enable younger sailors to take part in the sport without having to invest in their own boats right away. A boat leasing program for new members recently helped the Guelph Sailing Club double their membership in three years, and the directors of FYC are very keen to try the same approach to boosting the membership of their own club.**

**Each year, at least fifteen adults graduate from the FYC Sailing School at the CYA White Sail Three level, but after that, unless they invest in a boat of their own, they are lost to us as potential club members and possibly to sailing altogether. Your gift of the Albacore will enable FYC to begin a lease program in the 2003 sailing season with a boat that can be used for family sailing as well as performing well in club racing, and racing adds a great deal to the fun and social side of the sport as well as teaching more advanced skills of sailing. We hope that these new sailors will use your boat to try racing and enjoy the experience enough to go on to buy their own boats and become full members of the Club.**

**Thank you once again,  
Yours truly,**

**John Bryant  
Secretary,  
Fanshawe Yacht Club**

# LETTERS

Hello Ralph;

I was at a meeting of the club's 50th anniversary committee last week and presented an idea regarding creating a photo directory of the club's membership.

I met a lot of people in the club last year but often have trouble linking faces to names and thought it would be helpful to add photos of the members to our club listing. The committee thought it would be a good anniversary project too.

The photo directory could be "published" in Adobe Acrobat format so the cost of production would be just our time involved. If anyone wanted a colour copy of the directory they could have it printed themselves or we could print a bunch out at a local copy center and sell them at cost.

I am prepared to dedicate the time required to assemble the directory. I also have a digital camera and a scanner to assemble photos of the members (and their families if they want).

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We were wondering if you could put an item in the Scuttlebut to inform everyone in the club about the initiative and to solicit photos they would like to submit for use in the directory. I would also like to know if there are other members in the club who have digital cameras and would be willing to help out in polling the membership for photos. The best type of photo would be "head and shoulders only" so faces could be clearly seen in a relatively small photo. Anyone with a digital camera who would like to help out could e-mail me or call me at work or at home (see below).

I am travelling on business the rest of this week but you can reach me by e-mail or on my cell phone. Contact information is below. Feel free to put this information in the newsletter if you want.

Thanks;

Wally MacKinnon - First Star

# IF BOATS COULD FLY!!!

By Chris Hairsine

Picture this. It's February, 32 degrees, you're sitting on a majestic sandy beach looking out over a turquoise crystalline ocean. Just as you blink, you see something coming over the horizon. Ah, it looks like a bird, maybe another one of those pelicans. No maybe it's a plane. Can't be it's too small. As the object draws closer the craft appears kite-like. As it approaches it appears to be an ultralight aircraft. But wait, there's something very peculiar about this craft. You get the binoculars out and what appears is like something boaters could only dream of ... a flying boat! Yes a flying boat! A zodiac attached to an ultralight aircraft. Wow the ultimate coach boat!

Doug and I experienced this nautical phenomenon while taking in a week of winter sailing at the beautiful Tryp Peninsula Varadero in Cuba. This resort is a sailor's paradise. The wind co-operated and we enjoyed every minute we sailed there. The nautical center had an assortment of Hobie Cats, Hunter 140's, Escapes and Declics from France as well as other water sports such as kayaking, windsurfing pedal boats and water bikes. The staff also runs excursions to Cayo Piera just off shore to snorkel and sail the Hobies . I couldn't help but wish our own sailing school had a building the likes of the nautical center building. The staff of six instructors was very friendly and were interested to hear of our own sailing program and of the tiny lake we call home.

I can't wait to return to this magnificent place to sail once more. Who knows what we'll see flying next time!



Editor: - Wow! We must get a couple for safety boats!!

Well, folks, I can't upload as much as these pictures take. Available on the hard copy is a picture of Art standing beside his picture "Barbara" in Museum London. Hope we can find an answer to this up load problem or get the text to a person with the equipment that out performs this machining.

Fantastic! Our "Member of the Year" for 2002 has been honoured for his contributions to the world of art. His painting "Barbara", has been hung in Museum London for a period of time for all to enjoy. Art Seager spent many years teaching his craft to the students of Beal Technical School and of course, is the author of our annual cover pages. A fine and well deserved tribute to a dedicated member. Art, we're happy for you!

## **From the Race Committee – Rick Goldt**

The Race Committee discussed dropping Regattas, the reasons mainly being continued lower interest. It was decided, according to the Rear Commodore, to keep the traditional races, at least for this year.

The next meeting has been scheduled for Monday April 14, 7 PM at UTRCA offices to ponder volunteer lists from membership applications and next steps again. Our problem is too few people filling the many positions we have to provide quality regattas. We also have to consider the expertise and training for rescue and the numbers we have there. Phone Committee - please stay tuned.

There will be no Sunday Series Races on weekends in 2003. Racers who are still keen will be able to get their fix on Wednesdays at the regular scheduled time starting the very first weekend for the rest of the season. It hasn't been decided yet if the year will be divided into series (next meeting). Racing will be an honour finish format requiring racers to record their own times. A format for doing so will be determined and published. Please race if you want to but if you don't enter the major regattas, please be available to help.

# A JOB POSTING

FOR THE POSITION OF

## - - - CLUB STEWARD - - -

for

### THE FANSHAWE YACHT CLUB

Reporting to Vice Commodore Currie, this maintenance position, the description of same described herewith, will be issued on a contract basis.

Costs for supplies and equipment will be borne by F.Y.C.  
A cash float will be supplied, receipts are required for all expenditures.  
All expenditures over \$50.00 must be approved by the Board Liaison.

The Steward or Custodian shall report to the Board of FYC, specifically the Board Liaison, who for the calendar year 2003, shall be the Commodore. Any concerns should normally be directed through the Board Liaison.

It is Club policy that it is the responsibility of the USERS of the FYC facilities leave the buildings and grounds reasonably clean and tidy.

#### HOURS OF WORK:

<u>Spring Schedule:</u>	7 weeks – April 29 <sup>th</sup> 2002 to June 16 <sup>th</sup> 2002 8 hours per week - Flexible Schedule
<u>Summer Schedule:</u>	11 weeks - June 17 <sup>th</sup> 2002 to September 1st 2002 4 hours per day Monday to Friday 11:30AM to 3:30PM
<u>Fall Schedule:</u>	6 Weeks – September 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2002 to October 13 <sup>th</sup> 2002 6 hours per week - Flexible Schedule

## RESPONSIBILITIES of STEWARD

### Spring and Fall Schedule:

- Minimum weekly, or as needed, cleaning of washroom, main chalet and kitchen
- Minimum weekly, or as needed, emptying of all garbage containers in the buildings and club grounds and transportation of the garbage to the U.T.R.C.A. dump. Litter or Trash collection is limited to closing the bag in the can, removal and replacement with a fresh can liner
- Periodic, as needed, grass cutting of trailer sailor area and main dock
- Periodic checking of all safety boats, tenders, club barge etc., excluding Sailing School equipment, to ensure that there is sufficient gas, that there is appropriate equipment in each vessel and the vessels are securely tethered, free of rain water and in appropriate locations
- Visually check the club grounds for tidiness and take action where appropriate
- Report any deficiencies to the Board Liaison
- Perform minor maintenance tasks as requested by the Board Liaison

### Summer Schedule:

- Daily cleaning of washrooms, main chalet and kitchen
- Periodic, as needed, emptying of all garbage containers in the buildings and club grounds and transportation of the garbage to the U.T.R.C.A. dump. Trash collection is limited to closing the bag in the can, removal and replacement with a fresh can liner
- Periodic, as needed, grass cutting of trailer sailor area and main dock
- Daily checking of all safety boats, tenders, club barge etc., excluding Sailing School equipment, to ensure that there is sufficient gas, that there is appropriate equipment in each vessel and the vessels are securely tethered, free of rain water and in appropriate locations
- Ensure that there is sufficient gas in the storage sheds at all times
- Daily visually check the club grounds for tidiness and take action where appropriate
- Report any deficiencies to the Board Liaison
- Perform minor maintenance tasks as requested by the Board Liaison
- Replenish supplies as required

METHOD OF PAYMENT FOR

SERVICES:

A cheque will be issued in the amount of \$500.00 on each of the following dates:

- \$300.00 May 27<sup>th</sup> 2002
- \$500.00 June 17<sup>th</sup> 2002
- \$500.00 July 8<sup>th</sup> 2002
- \$500.00 July 29<sup>th</sup> 2002
- \$500.00 August 19<sup>th</sup> 2002
- \$500.00 September 9<sup>th</sup> 2002
- \$500.00 October 14<sup>th</sup> 2002

**THE TOTAL CONTRACT VALUE IS \$3300.00**

**OTHER REQUIREMENTS:**

- A valid driver's license and daily use of a vehicle will be required
- The cost of the required U.T.R.C.A. vehicle permit will be borne by the steward
- The steward will be required to keep a logbook of all duties and tasks undertaken and supplies used during the course of the contract. The logbook will be supplied by the club
- A copy of this document will be kept in this logbook

Applications for this position should be submitted to a member of the Executive, be it Commodore Holland, Vice Commodore Currie or John Bryant, Secretary.

## **CLUBWARE**

From Lori Chesman – (new Clubware haberdasher person)

A big THANK YOU to all who have called and come by to see and purchase Clubware.

I will be at the work party on April 12 bringing with me all sale items still available. It is my plan to attend as many events as possible during the sailing season. When wearing FYC Clubware you are advertising the club. Members are encouraged to purchase, participate and promote.  
Regards, Lori

Editor – we understand that old items are being phased out at great savings and new duds will be available – perhaps some even advertising our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We look forward to seeing the new items when presented.

# **PUBLIC RELATIONS!!**

**We still need a Public Relations Chair Person! Someone who can help make the public aware of our existence. There are many people who could do this job but time constraints prevents most of them from putting up their hand. How about you? It's great that Janice Watterworth has volunteered to chair the Anniversary Celebration Committee but we need someone to deal with the media, as in the Open House, Sailing School and any other venture that would be of benefit to us.**

**One person whose hand I would hold up is the very busy Mike Morris. He has appeared on CFPL TVs "New Day" to advertise our Open House and did remarkably well so he does have wonderful TV appeal! Always available to help around the Club, Mike came up with the idea that there should be some program to keep the members in touch with each other throughout the winter. As a consequence, he organized monthly trips to Archies Buffet on Commissioner's Road East. We attended the first one in February but were away for the second and in Mike's own words, here is how it went –**

**"Wednesday March 12 saw the F.Y.C. diners out in force at Archie's on Commissioners Rd. east. At the first of these gatherings there were 22 hardy souls showing up to take part in the food and a lot of chatter. It was great to see so many faces and the large turn out of the other side of FYC—the ladies. A great time and everyone seemed to want to do it again.**

**March 12 was to be the next meeting. Prior to the March gathering Margo and I went to Archie's to eat and confirm the date for the group. While there I approached the manager and asked if the restaurant would be willing to absorb the cost of one(1) meal if we got more than 25 folks out. Manager Rob agreed. I was concerned that this night out was falling on March break and folks would be away and attendance might be down. Paul Chessman put the word out--FREE FOOD-- on the internet (no Scuttlebutt before). As far as Archie's was concerned, there would be about the same number of diners show up.**

**OOOPs big time! The night of March 12 came and so did 38 hungry sailors. The staff was a bit overwhelmed but all got fed and the Gord Debbert family were the lucky ones to receive a \$10.00 gift certificate from Archie's. This was a great night of yakking and eating.**

**The next and final night out at Archie's for the spring will be held April 9 at 6:30 PM.Come one and all. Its inexpensive, the food is good and who knows there could be something FREE again."**

**Olde Mike**

**Editor – See? What did I tell you! What a good P.R. Chair Olde Mike would make! A hard working energetic, well spoken, diplomatic candidate that sails the Great Lakes and the New York Finger Lakes when he is out of our lake. He gets my vote!**

**Past Commodore Lacoursiere, the Chair of the Nominating Committee is actively searching for such a person. John Burgess, Derek Innes and others have been involved before and should be consulted as to what has worked in the past and what has been deemed a waste of time and money. Surely, there is an extrovert out there somewhere that would enjoy this type of experience! Please identify yourself to Marc.**

## **50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

**Commodore Carl has confirmed that the date for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations will be June 14<sup>th</sup>. The Anniversary committee is planning a one-day event around a “50’s” theme. Starting at noon with a Poker Run on the lake, and continuing on through the evening with a celebration dinner.**

**To accommodate past and present members plus guests to be invited, the dinner will be held in a tent rather than the Clubhouse. Catering for the meal is already booked. Carl will approach the London Free Press for any archival photos of the early years of FYC. Josie suggests a note in the “Reader to Reader” column of the Free Press might bring out even more archived material. Any other ideas? Please contact Janice Watterworth with any ideas and offers to help at the events.**

## **PICNICS AT THE CLUB**

**Remember that picnics at the park can be very gratifying. Never is there a lot of activity which allows private enjoyment of the view over the lake as the BBQ does it’s job. The kitchen and club BBQ’s are available for the use by members and if it rains, the Chalet is always there. We have enjoyed many a picnic after a few hours on the water and look forward to many more. There is lots of room for you too!**

Again, we have the “upload” problem. However, this picture is reproduced from the front of the Phone Guide that you all must have. On the cover is the CL 14 with John Burgess steering between the rocks. It is a better picture than we reproduced, anyway!

By John Burgess

You may have noticed this picture on the front of the latest phone guide - yes it is one of our school boats and that is me at the helm. The photograph was taken a long time ago in a far off summer, I forget the year but I believe it was the first time the Oily Fathers and Mothers decided to have festivities at the Forks of the Thames on July 1<sup>st</sup>, Canada Day.

In those days, the sailing school was not part of the club, it was owned and operated by the Boy Scouts and Harry James, a long time Scout leader, and a long time member of the club, was the moving force behind it. It was Harry's idea that we should take a couple of boats to the Forks of the Thames and give rides, good for the school, good for the club, all sorts of celebrations were taking place in Harris Park. Sounds good and the photos prove it, but as the song says “It ain't necessarily so”!!!

Next time you cross the Dundas street bridge take a look at the venue. You will see breezes hitting the water from at least three directions, from under the bridge, from the gap where the south branch comes in, and from downstream. Don't ask me how, just trust me, it does! It also comes straight down from the tall buildings of the city and that's not all, the two

currents from the north and south branches collide in the middle of the pool and do strange things with each other. What you won't see from the bridge, the Thames being what it is, is the depth of the water or rather lack of, two feet at best! No matter how badly the Leafs play its no good

jumping off that bridge - the water won't come over the top of your "Wellies".

Who on earth would want to go sailing in such a place? Hundreds of them! We had a long line up all day. With the centre board and rudder bouncing on the river bed we were pushed and pulled around the pool and only generous use of the paddle helped us get back to the landing stage for the next load of happy holiday makers. On my second trip a combination of wind currant and lack of board took me straight into the overhanging trees in front of the Provost building, just about in the spot where the picture must have been taken, my patient passengers sat quietly while I struggled with branches and paddle in an effort to dislodge us.

The photograph on the phone guide has appeared many times. I saw a huge enlargement at the Air Ontario desk at Pearson, on postcards and I even have a key chain with it on. A different shot, taken from the landing stage, made the Free Press the next day. It just goes to show, don't believe your eyes. I wonder how many sailors visiting London have taken a stroll to the Forks to see the sailboats!!!

The skippers on that day if I recall correctly were Peter James, Brian Perry, Steve Dietrich, and yours truly. I still have nightmares in which I am forever doomed to sail at the Forks, never able to get back to the landing stage with my passengers on the verge of mutiny as their store of Pepsi and fries begin to run out. The fact that we could all step out of the boat and walk ashore without getting our shorts wet does not seem to be an option. Maybe all those Sharks have something to do with it, I always keep a paddle under the bed just in case.

## **CLASSIFIED**

Running out of space, we will advise only that Hans still has his Rhodes 19 (\$3,700.00) and his Y-Flyer (\$2700.00) for sail. You will find both boats have been very well maintained. Call Hans at 471-7330.

And John Burgess has his Cape Charles 17 Touring Kayak (New) for sale. Sounds like an environmentally friendly buy at \$\$2,000. Call John at 472-0049.

## **BE CAREFULL OUT THERE!!**

Having struggled getting into our tenders when water levels are low, and expecting that others may have had similar problems, we suggested to our executive that ladders extending from the dock into the water, to which the tenders should be tied, would be a welcome addition. Luckily, we have in our midst, a welder! Bert Renes volunteered to build such a facility and needed some measurements to complete the construction. Earlier, in March, Bert and Josie ventured to the Club to get the measurements but had to walk from the UTRCA maintenance yard as they close the roads in the park from that point during the off-season.

Finding that the water level was still over the dock and measurements impossible to get, this adventurous couple decided to go to the Race Hut to have a coffee and to enjoy the view of the lake. Who would have suspected that the door closed and locked itself from the outside with no way of opening it from within!!

Well, there are the windows! Bert, in trying to open the north one, broke it and the glass landed on the ground outside. Then, finding a rope, Bert secured the bitter end to something in the building, and having added knots to assist him in getting to the ground, out the window he went. Alas, Bert lost his grip, falling to the ground some distance below, luckily missing the broken glass. So what we have now is Josie locked on the inside with Bert lying on the ground outside, down the slope, bleeding and bruised. Finally, Bert made it back to release Josie and in pain, they made it back to their vehicle some distance away at the UTRCA yard!

Happily, Bert is recovering nicely and has regained his normal cheerful personality though there are still lingering aches and pains. The moral of this story is to remind ourselves to think "safety" at all times. Had Bert not been able to recover enough to get back up the hill, the outcome could have been tragic. We must be sure to tell people where we are going, when to expect us back and to spread the alarm if we are overdue. Of course, if we have a cell phone, we should be taking it with us on such ventures but in my case, I likely would have left it in the car so I wouldn't lose it!

So, if it's "all's well that ends well", we do have a happy ending! Bert is getting better but if and when he is welding on the dock, we had better have a rope on him with lookouts posted.

Thanks for all your help Bert and we hope to see that white boat out there as soon as the Club is open.

# **FYC GENERAL MEETING**

**APRIL 28, 2003 - 7:00PM**

**BOARD ROOM, U.T.R.C.A**

## **AGENDA**

**7:00 CALL TO ORDER**

**7:15 Minutes of Previous Meeting ( If Available)**

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| <b>1.0 Increased membership</b>                 | <b>J..P. Scarlett</b> | <b>2 min</b> |
| <b>2.0 Boat House</b>                           | <b>B. Perry</b>       | <b>2 min</b> |
| <b>3.0 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary planning</b> | <b>J. Watterworth</b> | <b>2 min</b> |
| <b>4.0 Trillium Application</b>                 | <b>M. Lacoursiere</b> | <b>2 min</b> |

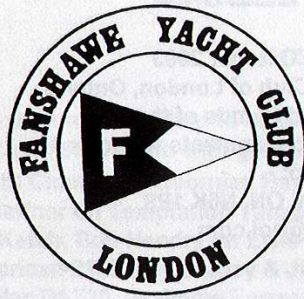
**Questions – 15 minutes**

### **7.45 OFFICER'S REPORTS**

- **Secretary - John Bryant (communications)**
- **Treasurer - Michelle Patten**
- **Sailing School Director – J.P. Scarlett**
- **Membership Chair – Otto Biskaborn**
- **Fleet Captain – (Moorings/Docks – R. Penninga**
- **Rear Commodore (Racing/Social Committees – B. Perry**
- **Vice Commodore (Buildings and Grounds) S. Currie**
- **Past Commodore – Nominating Committee – M. Lacoursiere**
- **Commodore – Carl Holland**

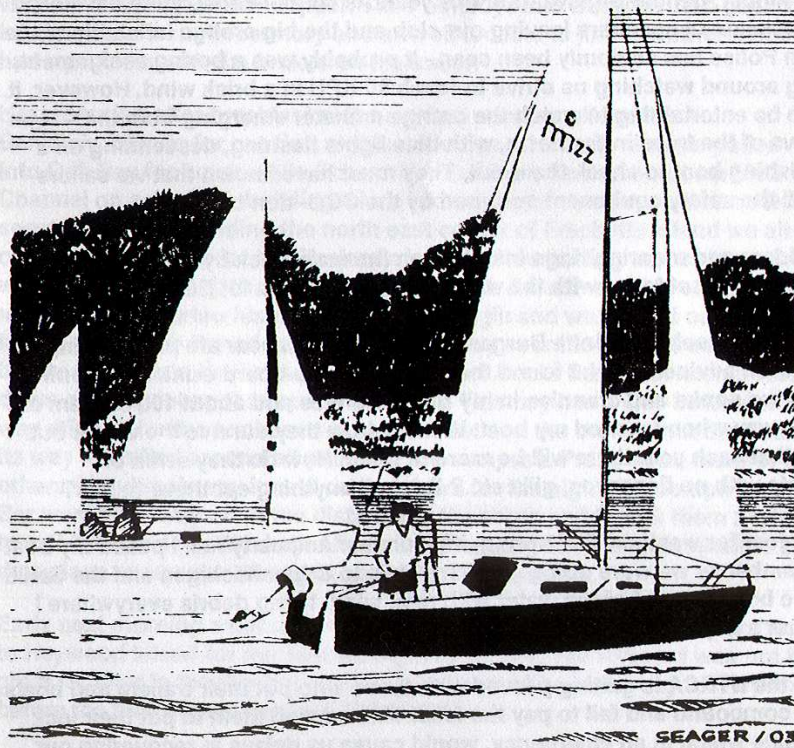
**8.30-8.45 = Break**

**8:45 – New Business**



HELP CELEBRATE OUR  
**50<sup>TH</sup>**

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**1953 – HALF A CENTURY OF BOATING FUN - 2003**