



JUNE 22, 2008 - TORNADO AT FANSHAWE LAKE by R Goldt

## **IMPORTANT DATES - APR TO JUN 2009**

(Look for details in this issue)

### **WINTER SOCIAL - "SAILOR'S DINNER OUT" - Apr 10**

Last buffet dinner for the season at Hook's, 6 PM!!

### **FYC GENERAL MEETING - Apr 23**

7 PM at the HMCS Prevost, 19 Becher St.

### **SPRING WORK PARTIES - Saturdays, April 18, 25, May 2**

9AM start, lunch provided - a job for everyone guaranteed!

### **FANSHAWE PARK OPENS--Friday Apr 24.**

Access to the club on Apr 18 will be by FYC lock on the North gate off Fanshawe Park Road.

### **COMMODORE'S SAILPAST AND RECEPTION - May 17**

Sailpast at 3PM

Wine and cheese reception at 4:30 PM

### **FYC OPEN HOUSE -- May 23/24**

Please come out on one or both days to provide sailboat rides to the interested public

### **INFORMAL RACING - WED AFTERNOON AND EVENING - THURS EVENING LASER RACING**

### **COMMODORE'S CUP/ JUNE BUG OPEN REGATTA -May 30/31**

An Invitational Regatta - help get the word out!!!

### **CRUISING -THE 1000 ISLANDS -- June 13-20 -THE NORTH CHANNEL-- July 17**

Remember to book the time now!

**FULL 2009 FYC SCHEDULE ON THE LAST PAGE OF THE ISSUE - sailing, sailing school paddling, and park dates of interest.**

## In Memory of Josephine Scarlett - 1935 to 2009



"Josie" Josephine Scarlett came to Canada "across the pond" in August 1963 from Kent, England where she was born in 1935. Before coming to Canada, Josie studied tracing (drafting) and childcare.

When she arrived in Toronto, Josie landed a contract job with the Ministry of Transportation as a tracer. Josie referred to those days as the days when Toronto "rolled up the sidewalks at sundown". The contract job in Toronto ended, Josie applied to and was successful in obtaining a nanny position for the John Robarts family in London. A job opening became available at the Ministry of Transportation in London. Josie applied and landed a job as a tracer.

Josie had many interests. She loved reading, travelling, knitting, cooking, sailing her mirror dingy and driving her mini minors. Music was another of her interests. She was active in ticket sales with the Karen Schussler Singers.

Josie was a long time devoted member of Fanshawe Yacht Club. In 1981 Josie was the honoured Fanshawe Yacht Club member of the year. Over the years she contributed countless volunteer hours in the race hut as an official. Josie also served on the Sailing School committee both as a member and as director. Josie also served on the membership committee.

I first met Josie in the race hut many years ago when my sons Stephen and Justin were beginning to race. Josie a very knowledgeable race official was eager to explain the finer points of racing to me. Josie knew all the racers at the club, the boats they sailed in and who built the boats.

As a former director of the Sailing School committee, I knew I could always count on Josie. We spent many hours working together and became close friends. Josie's wonderful personality and great sense of humour made her an absolute joy to work with. Josie Scarlett was always interested in promoting Fanshawe Yacht Club and the Sailing School. She was warm and welcoming at our open houses greeting prospective members and Sailing School students with her wonderful smile.

The Sailing School instructors and students thought the world of Josie. She was always interested in them. She followed their progress through their sailing levels and in their educational pursuits outside sailing. Awards night for the Sailing School was always a special night for Josie

Over the years Josie had come to know so many of the members and their families. Josie was a people person and a most wonderful ambassador for the Fanshawe Yacht Club. She welcomed new members and made them feel at home. Josie loved special events, The Commodore's Sailpast, the wine and cheese the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the corn roasts, the annual banquet and the regattas. Josie had a wonderful sense of humour that will truly be missed around the club. Who could forget Josie's donning a 1950's poodle skirt complete with bobby socks and her wonderful pirate costume?

Josie's last few months of life were spent battling cancer. On March 12, 2009 Josie passed quietly away at Victoria Hospital. Her Fanshawe Yacht Club family will dearly miss her.

Fair winds to you Josie. You will always hold a special place in our hearts.

Christine Hairsine

**I FEEL THE WINDS  
OF GOD TODAY  
TODAY MY SAIL I LIFT  
THOUGH HEAVY OFT WITH  
DRENCHING SPRAY  
AND TORN WITH MANY A  
RIFT**

**GREAT PILOT OF MY  
ONWARD WAY  
THOUGH WILT NOT LET  
ME DRIFT  
LORD LET ME FEEL THY  
FRESHENING BREEZE  
TODAY MY SAIL I LIFT**

## Important Items from the Executive!!!

### **Boat Parking on Trailers at the Club Boat Trailer Rules**

At its meeting on December 1, the FYC executive decided to reaffirm the existing restrictions on boats stored on trailers (#10 in the 2008 Member's Handbook). The executive also adopted a new rule that all boats stored on trailers must be in sailable condition. Exemptions to this rule may be granted at the discretion of the Parking Marshal (Brian Perry) for periods not exceeding 30 days. Any member who wishes to suggest a change to any of the Club rules should submit a written proposal to the Club Secretary.

### **Grant Applications**

The executive has decided to strike a committee to prepare grant applications to the Trillium Foundation and any other appropriate granting agencies, and has begun drawing up a list of projects for potential funding. Peter Wilkins and John Bryant have agreed to serve on this committee. Members are encouraged to inform the executive through the Club Secretary Jack Blocker ([jblocker@uwo.ca](mailto:jblocker@uwo.ca)) if they have ideas for such projects or if they are willing to serve on the committee. (Ed. - See article on Trillium Grant submitted by the present committee)



2 of our Execs - hard at work in a winter general meeting

Peter Wilkins, Sailing School Director and Rick Goldt, Fleet Captain

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## Courses to Consider

### **1. The Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC) A 'Must Have' by Sept 15 2009**

Brenda Pentland organized a group of FYC paddlers and sailors to take the PCOC course this March with the London Power and Sail Squadron. Eight people signed for the course and the squadron kindly gave them a group discount.

**You must have this card by Sept 15** so consider signing up with the London Power and Sailing Squadron soon for a course. They also have courses for Operator's Certificate for a VHS radio (it is illegal to operate it without this certificate) and for the new DSC (digital selective calling) feature on newer radios.

Sign up for classes through the London Canadian Power squadron at <http://london.cps-ecp.org/>  
**519-438-6222** for courses

### **2. NOTE : Last Chance for VHF Course.**

The London Squadron of the Canadian Power and Sail (CPS) will be holding a one-day course on May 9 at the FYC Chalet for those who do not have their Restricted Radio Operators Certification (Maritime) or those who require the Digital Selective Calling (DSC) upgrade.

Cost is \$55.00 for non-CPS members or \$40.00 for members.  
DSC upgrading is \$6.00 less.

Please **contact Mark Anderson ASAP** so that you can get a spot and course materials can be ordered for you in time. Remember; it is **ILLEGAL** to operate a VHF radio without certification. You are also required to have your DSC upgrade before you can register yourself and your vessel to receive an MMSI number.

[mark7anderson@yahoo.ca](mailto:mark7anderson@yahoo.ca)

**There are a number of FYC members who are also Members of the Power and Sail Squadron who may be able to answer your questions or direct you - Mark Anderson, Brian Perry, Ralph Smith.**

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## Too Much rain?????



### **Water Level and Flooding Information: The UTRCA Website Can Inform You**

As Fanshawe Lake is a flood control reservoir, water levels may rise or fall significantly with flows north of the lake. It is the member's responsibility to be sure that their boat is secure, which includes notifying someone if you are to be away for a time with your boat on a mooring or shoreline spot. Even if your boat is in the trailer parking area, in your absence, ask someone to check your boat to be sure it is secure and not full of rainwater.

The UTRCA website will provide information on the water level at the lake to help you know if the mooring and shoreline boats need to be tended to. Other information is available for interest such as air temperatures and wind speeds over time along with summary charts of meteorological information- for our stats addicts!!!

#### **To Check water levels on line go to [www.thamesriver.on.ca](http://www.thamesriver.on.ca)**

1. Click the menu tab Water Management
2. Then select Flood Bulletins
3. Select Current Thames River Flow and Meteorological Conditions
4. Select "I agree"
5. On the map of watershed--- click on Downstream Thames River Watershed
6. Then on Fanshawe Reservoir

**On the graph shown for Fanshawe Lake the water level is at the top of the main dock at 600 mm. At 700 mm the dock is under water. At 480 mm Wye Creek crossing is impassable**

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John Burgess and Steve Currie, 2008 spring work party

### **PARTY TIME!!! Spring Work Parties- Apr18, 25 & May 2**

The more hands we have, the less work to be done. Work parties will begin at **9 AM** (I know some of you will be there earlier). On Apr 18, you will need to use the **North Gate** to the Conservation area on Fanshawe Rd East of Clark Rd. There should be an FYC gate lock on the gate that your key will open. On the other dates, the park will be open.

**Lunches will be available** to all workers.

**NOTE:** Please **DO NOT** bring boats out on these Saturdays. The workers will need access to the ramps and docks all day.

### **Work party Plans (Contact Fleet Captain R. Goldt)**

**Shoreline Work - 2009 1st work party Apr 18** Tools members can typically bring: electric saws, drills / bits, drivers, extension cords, hammers, crowbars, wrenches, vices, shovels, rakes etc. Safety wear: gloves, boots, goggles, rainwear, etc.

1. Main dock;
  - Install tires on docks
  - Install existing bumper boards
  - Construct additional 120 ft of carpeted bumper board and install
  - Install carpet over tires in remaining areas
  - Possible landscaping sodding of repaired dock section, prep for asphalt
2. South floating docks;
  - Fix / replace barrel supports with banding
  - Fix / replace deck planking (some to accommodate new strapping)
  - Construct / mount new lower carpeted bumpers

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- Construct new wood ramps to docks

3. Sailing School docks;

- Re- weld bolts, bunks etc.
- Replace decking, barrel strapping

4. Rescue Whalers;

- Repairs, gunwale, antifouling
- Brace light sailing school whaler rub rail
- Fibreglass repair bottom @ bunk - fasten, repair motor mount

5. Touch up paint 4 wood rowboats, antifouling

(Floating docks and mooring barge will likely be launched between work parties)

### 2009 2nd work party April 25:

1. Finish remaining work from work party 1
2. Mooring installation, check inflate 26 new moorings
3. Launch and assemble sailing school docks
3. Construct / mount carpeted bunks for 9 refurbished dollies, begin removal some sailing school boats
4. Install club ground end fences
5. Possible landscaping repaired section main dock.

### 2009 3rd work party May 2:

1. Finish remaining work from work party 1 & 2
2. Bring out remaining sailing school boats

### SOME PROJECTS AT THE CLUB THIS SUMMER

- Repairs to the Clubhouse - The chalet will be re-sided on the west side with the large door being widened to 8 feet from 6 feet, the kitchen window will be replaced.
- Kitchen Reno - replacing the cupboards, countertops and sink with metal units to reduce rodent issues
- Replacement of ramps onto south floating docks
- Repair of the main dock - was not completed in the winter as hoped because of weather. Re pave main dock ramp
- Repairs to the floating docks to be completed
- Completion of moorings replacements

## THE COMMODORE'S SAILPAST AND RECEPTION

**Sunday May 17 2009**

**The official beginning of the 2009 sailing season**  
**WELCOME ALL FYC SAILORS, PADDLERS AND THEIR FAMILIES**



### Sailpast:

Unless there is inclement weather, the timing is as follows:

**2:15 PM** skipper's meeting at the chalet

**3:00 PM** sail past start

All members and their families are welcome to participate in this formal introduction to our 2008 sailing season. For the sail past, boats generally assemble on the water into their fleets and in order by sail number (lowest number leads, highest number tails). The fleets then pass in single file, evenly spaced (if possible!) past the Commodore's ship and stand to salute their Commodore. If your boat is not yet at the club, perhaps you can sail with another member.

**Commodore's Reception:** At **4:30 PM** the doors of the chalet will be opened for the [reception line](#) (of the FYC 2009 Executive) and [wine and cheese reception](#). Attending this event is an excellent way to meet the executive fellow members of the club and to introduce the non-sailing family members to the yacht club.



*wine and cheese*



2008 pumpkin regatta - lunch break

## **RACING WITH FYC**

All members are welcome to join any formal or informal racing venue. Racing is probably one of the best ways to get to know what your boat and rigging can do and to learn all points of sail. If you are new to racing, all members are more than ready to help you in all aspects - trimming sails, rigging for maximum performance, understanding the courses and rules. It's how most of us learned to sail!!!

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

To make these events a success we need your help!!! If you would like to help with any of these events or be a member on our social / racing committees, please advise the Rear Commodore, Doug Carey

### **2009 Racing Schedule:**

**Commodores Cup / June Bug Regatta -Open**  
May 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>

**Club Championship -Members only**  
August 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>

**Pumpkin Regatta - Open**  
October 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>

**Wednesday Afternoon / Evening Racing**  
May 6<sup>th</sup> to Oct 14<sup>th</sup>

**Thursday evening Laser Racing**  
May 7<sup>th</sup> to Oct 15<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday Afternoon Points Regatta**  
Every other Sunday  
Jun 7 to Sep 27

**NEW THIS YEAR - Sunday Afternoon Points Regatta - 2PM**  
(Every other Sunday) Beginning Jun 7 to September 27<sup>th</sup> -  
(June 7, June 21, July 5, July 19, Aug 2, Aug 16,  
\*Aug 30, Sept 13, Sept 27)

\*Will be scored in conjunction with the Club Championship

Sunday Afternoon racing (warning gun at 2 PM) will be slightly more formal then the Wednesday night races. Points will be accumulated and awards will be presented at the annual banquet. Sunday afternoons also include a Pot Luck after the racing.

### **Wednesday Informal Racing Begins May 6 to Oct 14**

The Wednesday races are intended to be informal, to give members and new racers an opportunity to practice in an informal, low key setting. All members and Sailing School registrants are invited to participate. There are no fees charged and no prizes awarded.

### **Rules for Wednesday Racing**

Races start at 3:00 PM and 6:15 PM every Wednesday as noted in the club calendar. The later race may start at 6PM as the sunlight lessens in Sept-Oct. The course is displayed on the Race Hut, and the starting line is marked A-B. Starting sequence uses FYC automatic 'traffic lights' rather than the IRYU/CYA class flag sequence, although the timing of the signals will be consistent with the new rules as of 2001.

Approximately 10 min. before the start, there will be several horns as a warning signal - then

5 minutes: **red light**, sound  
4 minutes: **yellow light**, sound  
1 minute: **yellow light**. sound  
Start: **red light**. sound

NOTE: • sounds indicated are a courtesy to assist racers, but are not a requirement.

- No finishes are recorded.
  - The safety boat is available at the dock if needed.
- Come out and meet at the start line or on the dock before the races.  
**We usually get together for coffee (or bring your own beverage of choice) after the race - at the Race Hut or main Club House to exchange stories and for a little socializing.**



Jacob Praparessis reaches at Fanshawe

**Thursday Night Informal Laser Racing** Generally around 6 PM, the Laser sailors of FYC and the Sailing School race together. Starts are generally on the water Rabbit starts. Any Laser sailors are welcome to join in if weather permits.



June Bug Regatta / Commodore's Cup 2009  
**Notice of Race** (April 04, 2009)

<p><b>Date:</b> May 30 - 31, 2009</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Fanshawe Yacht Club 1424 Clarke Road, London ON, N5V 5B9</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Doug Carey T: 519.633.9817 E: <a href="http://www.fyc.on.ca?r=209">www.fyc.on.ca?r=209</a></p> <p><b>Rules:</b> The regatta will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2009 – 2012.</p> <p><b>Classes:</b> Laser Full-Rig / Radial, Wayfarer, Y-Flyer, Dart, Hobie, Open A, Open B. (Any 2 one-design boats make a fleet)</p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> <b>Signing of waiver or parent's signature if under 18 years old.</b></p> <p><b>Inspection:</b> Boats may be inspected at any time during the regatta.</p> <p><b>Registration:</b> Begins on Saturday May 30 @ 08:30 AM</p> <p><b>Sailing Instructions:</b> Provided at registration.</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Will be provided and is included in the entry fee for Saturday only. No lunch will be provided on Sunday.</p> <p><b>Skippers' Meeting:</b> Saturday May 30 @ 09:45 AM</p> <p><b>First Race on Saturday:</b> 10:30 AM</p> <p><b>First Race on Sunday:</b> 09:30 AM (No start after 01:30 PM)</p> <p><b>Series Format:</b> One or more races constitutes a series. One drop after 4 races. Two drops after 8 races.</p> <p><b>Scoring:</b> Low Point Scoring System (RRS Appendix A).</p> <p><a href="http://www.fyc.on.ca">www.fyc.on.ca</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ENTRY FEES</b></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"><tr><td>Single</td><td>Double</td></tr><tr><td>\$25.00</td><td>\$45.00</td></tr><tr><td>Junior Single</td><td>Junior Double</td></tr><tr><td>\$15.00</td><td>\$25.00</td></tr><tr><td>Learn to Race</td><td>\$0.00</td></tr></table>	Single	Double	\$25.00	\$45.00	Junior Single	Junior Double	\$15.00	\$25.00	Learn to Race	\$0.00
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## Last Winter Dinner Out at Hooks April 10 - All Welcome

The last Sailor's and Paddler's Dinner Out will be again at Hook's Restaurant at 6PM. The Friday night buffet has that added attraction of being half price for grand master sailors (seniors)

A fabulous chance to meet sailors and paddlers and to prepare for the upcoming warm season. This dinner was originated by a group of Wednesday racers who wanted to keep going through the winter. There have been 40 odd, well maybe not odd so much, participants at past dinners with family members.

## CRUISING WITH FYC

Any club member is welcome to join either of the two club cruises organized. The contact members are listed with each cruise description. If interested, be sure to get in touch especially new cruisers, and these veteran cruisers can assist you with information and most importantly, the necessary equipment needed for cruising and cruising safety.

## **The Annual 1000 Island Cruise June 10-20 Book your time now!!**



sailor mike cruising along

The dates for the down east cruise are June 10 to 20. Starting at Treasure Island Marina just east of Kingston the float plan is to head west up to the Bay of Quinte possibly coming thru the canal at the west end of Prince Edward County, into Lake Ontario for the return. Weather will be the determining factor for the leg out into Lake Ontario. Stops will most likely be Kingston, Bath, Picton, Wapoose. Any FYC member who is wishing to take part is welcome.

**Contact** me if interested.  
mike morris  
sailormike14@hotmail.co

## **The Annual FYC North Channel Cruise - Georgian Bay -July 17**



The starting date of the North Channel Cruise will be Friday July 17 and generally the cruise takes place around Kilarney to Spanish Bay. The details have not yet been worked out but the cruising group plans to get together in the next month for discussion.

If you are interested in more information or wish to attend the meeting, **contact** Hans Schaffner and he will direct you as needed. [hschaffner@rogers.com](mailto:hschaffner@rogers.com)

## **FYC Open House 2009 - May 23/24**

The annual Open House is designed to introduce the public to sailing and the yacht club. Visitors receive information about the club, have opportunities to become FYC members, register for the sailing school and learn about the Wonderland and Rowbust Dragonboat Clubs.

A committee has been busy organizing the event but would welcome hearing from members who would be available to help on one or both days. Most specifically, we encourage members to rig their boats and offer rides to our guests on one or both days of the event.

Please **contact** Brenda from Apr 20 to May 6, Brenda or Rosemary all other times.

Brenda Pentland [bpentland@rogers.com](mailto:bpentland@rogers.com)  
Rosemary Dickenson [sdickins@uwo.ca](mailto:sdickins@uwo.ca)



## Trillium Fund Application by Peter Wilkins

Since the last issue, our committee has met a couple of times to review details of each project and close in on some cost estimates.

As a “spin-off” from this committee, we have applied to Libro Financial Group for consideration of a Community Builder Grant. These grants are given by the credit union each year as a way to give back to the community. The grant program has a preference for projects to aid youth so we have applied for the sailing school projects that we started out with on our Trillium grant. We have applied for money to purchase new dock units for the school boats and for new boats for the racing program. The application was drafted (it is fill-in the blanks on a computerized form) by Marc Lacoursiere with input from Peter Wilkins and the ‘send’ button was pushed on 14 March. (For a 15 March deadline) Big thanks to Marc for his efforts with this application as well as continued guidance on the Trillium application.

Back to the Trillium grant! We are tuning the other projects as the July deadline approaches. As we noted last issue, we are working on the following:

- replacement club safety boats
- replacement floating docks and access ramps at the south ramp
  - replacement boat docks for the dragon boats
  - larger storage buildings for the dragon boats
  - replacement of the main stairs from the clubhouse to the dock

Our committee remains optimistic for our success on these projects and we look forward to the news that we can go ahead with the purchases that are required.

## OUR WEBSITE [www.fyc.on.ca](http://www.fyc.on.ca)

Check out all the information available on the website about our club and events. You can contact the club, sailing school or Webmaster any time through the site. You can even send an article for the newsletter!!

**NEW!!** Regatta Documents are available for download this year. 17



## Around the Club

**1. Slow down sailors!!!** It should be noted the UTRCA has the ability and right to ticket cars running over 20KM on the camp roads and dam deck. The fines are similar to penalties handed out by regular police.

**2. Summer trailer storage** Empty trailers and unused docks **cannot** remain on the FYC grounds. The UTRCA has a storage area with access behind their workshop for a fee. They will provide you with a card and plastic cover to affix for identification. Be sure it is on the trailer/boat in case the UTRCA needs to contact you.

### **2009 fees for summer storage at UTRCA:**

Storage of a boat on a trailer: \$125

Storage of trailer or dock: \$30

**3. Biking** To bike the trails around the lake you need a valid bike pass from UTRCA. Show your car pass and FYC membership card to the campground registration office and they will enter your name and provide 2 free passes per car sticker for FYC members. Biking rules are posted on the UTRCA website with route maps and difficulty levels. Maps of the trail are available at the registration gatehouse into the camping area. Rules for biking are on the UTRCA website - [www.thamesriver.on.ca](http://www.thamesriver.on.ca)

**3. Camping on FYC grounds** Club members are permitted to stay overnight on their boats if they register at the campground and pay the camping fee per night. Tent camping is confined to the park and not permitted on club grounds. This is for security purposes and in accordance with our lease.

**5. FYC 2009 Yearbook and Roster** The Yearbook will be available to be picked up at the Commodore's Reception after which, copies will be mailed to members who have not received them. 18

**6. Membership** Please be sure that any changes in address, phone, email are passed on to our Membership chair, Nina Myers to be sure we will not miss you for important mailings.

**7. Where to park your boats** Following are the contacts for people to contact for boat parking at the club:

**Moorings** --- Harbour Master - Rob Perquin

**Shoreline** --- Boat Master -Jim MacKenzie

**South trailer-sailor parking and small boat racks** --  
Parking Area Marshall--Brian Perry

**NOTE: Boats stored in the parking area must meet a size requirement** that is, larger boats *must* be on the moorings. See the Member's Yearbook for specifications. The reason is that the boats on trailers need to be moveable by hand for maintenance and emergency situations.

**NOTE: Boats may not remain on the center grassy island of the parking area for lengthy periods of time.** If you need to have the boat out for repair for a few days, speak to Brian Perry, Parking Area Marshall, in advance and he will arrange a spot for your use.

**NOTE:** To assist with maintenance of the area, **the tongues of the trailers parked in the parking area should be about 12 inches off the ground to make moving easier.** The best scenario is to have a wheel on the tongue.

**8.Boating at Fanshawe- UTRCA Regulations** A boat pass does not guarantee access to the reservoirs for the entire season (May to October). Under certain conditions, restrictions may be applied to areas of these reservoirs to include "no wake" and "restricted access" zones. Remember that lake levels and resulting water depths can change. Use caution on the reservoir at all times to avoid physical hazards, and observe the boating restrictions that apply. Information on boating restrictions is available at the Conservation Area's gatehouse and posted by the public boat launches. Boating for fishing purposes - 9.9 hp. max. No personal watercraft permitted.

## Important Boat safety checks You Can Be Ticketed On Fanshawe Lake!!!

Once again, Brian Perry is offering to do a safety inspection of your sailboat with recommendations and answers to your questions. Brian is a qualified Boating Safety Specialist with the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron as well as an FYC member. When your boat meets the legal safety requirements, a decal will be issued for your boat with the year of inspection on it. If the vessel doesn't meet the minimum requirements, Brian will re-inspect the boat later when it has been updated by the owner. There are no fees, penalties or restrictions on the numbers of inspections. Set up an appointment when you are at the lake **brian.perry@rogers.com**

Remember that police checking your safety gear can stop you even on Fanshawe Lake. Not fun to get a ticket when enjoying the warm breeze!!!

To check the basic required safety equipment go to Transport Canada's site:  
[www.tc.gc.ca/marinesafety/debs/obs/menu.htm](http://www.tc.gc.ca/marinesafety/debs/obs/menu.htm)

## "New Sailboat Has Spinning Cone In Place Of Sails"

Using a three-vaned spinning cone instead of the usual canvas sails, a new sailboat has just been developed with which the inventor hopes to steer almost directly into the wind. The vanes, which on full-sized boats will be of light wood and fabric construction, will be reversible according to the direction of the wind, reducing the necessity for tacking and avoiding the keeling over common to conventional sailing craft. According to the inventor, his sails will develop three times as much propelling force as those of canvas.





### News from the Sailing School Boathouse by Peter Wilkins

Ok, it's not really news from the boathouse, but it is from the sailing school. At this time of year the activity is quite different. The registrations are coming in, slowly because it is early, but people are eager to sign up for the courses. The course info and registration material has been on the web site for some time now and, apparently, people are looking for it. The registrations are in slow-mode right now.

We are busy with other things. Bobby is arranging (sometimes re-arranging) the various advertising features that we use each year and exploring some new opportunities. We might be launching some radio spots in the next few weeks if we can work out the finances. Also, a new publication is moving into the second year and we were part of the inaugural season. You may have seen our pieces in SportsXpress - a free publication available in several locations. We have been trying to push the school and the club activities with a couple of articles.

At the same time, we are organizing the instructor staff, drafting new agreements for each instructor and hiring them for the season. Our Race Coach last year has let us know that he cannot return so we are working to fill the position then we will have all the staff arranged, hopefully, in a week or so.

We noted at the end of last season that we would be looking for replacement boats for the race team and we have been watching several sources over the winter with little good luck to date. Intel tell us that several schools turn over boats in March and April, so we are not done, yet - fingers crossed! We would like to switch from the Laser II to the Club 420, so it means finding 2 or 3 boats. The search continues.

That is about all that comes to mind right now, so we will keep it short.

## FYC CLASSIFIED ADS

### Clubwear - Look Your Best On and Off the Water

The new clubwear pricing will be available soon. in the meantime, please take advantage of the great sales offered by Lori Chesman at [albatross2@sympatico.ca](mailto:albatross2@sympatico.ca)

**I still have fleece vests for \$25 and it is only for what I have on hand. I can't order any more. Cash sales only.**

Navy 2XL- 1

Red XL - 1

Red L - 2

Red/Navy trim M-1

These are the last of their kind and think of the warmth on those work party days!!!

### Paid Job Opportunity - FYC—Club Steward

**Required: Valid drivers license and daily use of own vehicle.**

The FYC Executive has a part-time paid position available with the following schedule and duties:

**Schedule:** - 8 hours per week during specified **spring** weeks

- 20 hours per week for the **summer** months

- 6 hours per week for specified **fall** months.

**Club Steward Daily Duties:** - cleaning of the Main Chalet & washrooms.

- transport of garbage to the UTRCA dump

**Club Steward Periodic Duties:**

- Cleaning of grounds

- Arranging and supervising of grass cutting with the UTRCA

- Moving of Trailer Sailor Boats for grass cutting (minimum 5 times per summer).

- Procuring sufficient supply of fuel, reporting deficiency to Board Liaison.

- Trimming bushes & trees, watering flowers

- Purchasing and replenishing supplies and general small repairs as required.

- Cleaning up after Regatta's and Social events on weekends.

**To Apply Contact:** Commodore - Mark Anderson  
Vice Commodore - Brian Hurst

## BOATS FOR SALE

### 25 foot Macgregor for sale - \$8000

I wondered if you could include this info, re: our Macgregor in the Scuttlebutt. It is in Gananoque for the winter It sure would be nice if 'she' could stay a part of Fanshawe and thank you for the many years of happy family memories we had at Fanshawe Yacht Club you all showed us how to love boating as a family.

**If a Fanshawe member buys the boat-Mike will throw in the dock for it, for free!!**

**Contact:** Mike and Colleen Wareing 519-473-8113

Photos follow.....



### 26Ft. Macgregor for sale 1988--\$14,500

COMES WITH 2004 15HP HONDA 4 STROKE LONG SHAFT MOTOR •  
DOUBLE AXLE TRAILER •COCKPIT CUSHIONS •FURLING JIB •MAIN SAIL •FULL  
CANVAS EN-CLOSER •MARINE BBQ •GPS •2 MARINE BATTERIES •  
2 ANCHORS •FENDERS •AUTO-PILOT AND MORE!

●WELL MAINTAINED BOAT.

●WATER BALLAST FOR EXTRA STABILITY WHEN CRUISING

**CONTACT-**VIC BURGESS-519-659-2121  
VINCE COUPAL-519-659-9428-OR

VINCENT.COUPAL@SYMPATICO.CA

### 1981 Sandpiper 565 (18 feet) for sale:

Built 1981, dark blue hull, white deck in very good condition  
6HP Mariner (Mercury) outboard - 1994 model  
3 sails, all rigging and lines  
large cockpit  
trailer

**Contact:** John Myatt 519-472-7336.

### Boat Building - a Tri-ing winter (photos & Captions R.Goldt)



Commodore Mark Anderson pointing to potential flaws in Jim MacKenzie's project Farrier 22 trimaran main hull (Mark's attempt to stem the unseaworthiness tide at Fanshawe). Third party present is Doug MacKenzie



Doug MacKenzie rechecking Mark's inspection (what does Mark know anyways)



The bow (fibreglass over foam core) undergoing final preps



For all Mark's bluster, he's now enlisted for main hatch cover work (serves him right!)

this is a mammoth undertaking and will produce a somewhat larger version of the Green Machine Trimaran on our moorings. Then both can set out on the club cruising weeks!

## Food (?) For Thought From the Sunny South

Hi, I have just downloaded Scuttlebutt and enjoyed all the news and photo's you have done a good job on the issue.

Shirley and I are enjoying the sun and activities down here in Destin Fla.

I will try and send a couple of photos of a sailboat that has been sitting in the canal for years, and has not been moved. The oysters gathered on the bottom and rudder would provide a feast for the club membership. I am sending a photo of the rudder, I think the boat is owned by a person that has four Mercedes cars, so letting a nice boat stagnate wouldn't bother him.

Well that's all the news from the sunny south. Best wishes,  
Graham Forster.

ED NOTE: The Port Authority in S. Carolina reported a large number of abandoned yachts along the shoreline this spring as owners cannot afford to keep them. ID numbers were filed off. The dollar fine and jail sentence if caught have increased considerably (CBC report, Mar 2009)



MMMMM...Rudders may be tasty too!!



## Bush Fires in Melbourne Australia - and FYC

Many of our long time sailing members are aware that past members of FYC have lived in Melbourne Aus. for quite a few years now. Larry and Barb Bauwens live in a suburb of Melbourne overlooking the Yarra Valley. I asked if I could print bits of our emails over the time period that the fires raged and they were fine with that.

**Monday Jan 30 2009** It's been a bit warm here. We had tickets to see Neil Young on Wednesday night at an outdoor concert & it was still 38 deg at 10:30pm. We lost power for nearly a day – so no air conditioning. In January we have had 0.8mm of rain. It is 10pm Friday night & still 30.6 outside. The forecast for our part of Melbourne is 44 deg on Saturday. Can you send us some snow – please!!! expect we will lose power sometime tonight. Lots of wild fires breaking out. Larry

**ed note:** I talked with Barb about a reduction of power flow to the homes because of high consumption trying running air conditioning. Low power flow caused a situation where appliances would turn on unexpectedly. The following was a report in a Melbourne paper

**MELBOURNE is officially in its hottest-known three-day heatwave, after the temperature again broke through the 43 degrees celsius barrier today.** Today's temperature of 43.8 degrees recorded at 1.52pm (AEDT) marked the first time since records began in 1855 that the city has had three consecutive days above 43. On Wednesday the temperature reached 43.4 degrees and yesterday it got to 44.3 degrees. Melbourne is also experiencing its driest period since 1965 with 27 days without rain, and none is forecast in the immediate future. The city's record dry spell occurred in 1955 when the city had 40 days without rain, the bureau said. However, there is some good news with the extreme heat expected to drop to 35 degrees on Saturday, 33 on Sunday and 34 on Monday. 30/1

**Feb 10 2009:** We stand on our deck & look due north & see the worst of it. It's about 10km across the valley & we could see 10-12 separate fires last night - one real large one. Our son Simon was working at a winery on Saturday night catering for a wedding when they were told to leave. The flames were put out about 300 yards from the building. It was only about 2km from our place - luckily the wind had swung to the south forcing it away from our place. Saturday afternoon the temperature was 46.5 deg. In the previous week we had three 43 deg days in a row. Most of the deaths are just across the valley from here. I was up there the previous Monday & Thursday nights - just 26

before the fires. The towns of Yarra Glen & Kinglake are just a short distance due north of us. We were watching the town of Healesville under attack last night. Larry

**Ed. note:** The town of Kinglake was badly damaged

**Feb 14, 2009** The fires still continue, we've had a lot of smoke here for the last four days or so. I've attached a photo I just took off our deck a few minutes ago. They are now doing a lot of back burning as well to try & build containment lines. The town of Healesville not too far from us is still in danger as it has fires on both sides. The official death toll is at 181 but I'm sure it must be a lot higher as it has not changed in a few days & there could be many more in the town of Marysville, residents have only been allowed back once on a bus & not able to get off & return to their own properties. I've attached the links to our two Melbourne papers; the third one is our local free paper. Larry



**March 30 2009:** That's fine if you want to use bits of our emails to put something in the Scuttlebutt about the fires I answered our door during supper last night to find Margriet (ed. note: a friend who lived in Kinglake who's house was one that survived the fire) standing there with a change of clothes saying "please can I have a shower". They are now allowed to leave the area but all residents are wearing hospital wristbands with their details on so they can return through the roadblocks. Their cars have large yellow stickers on them stating they are Kinglake residents as well. Margriet & Geoff are waiting for a new water tank to be delivered & of course must have the ground re-levelled & organize a plumber etc to do the connections. 27

They have power from a generator & the cable TV works but still no phones. Their son Shane commented that it is bizarre that you can watch MTV but not have something basic like a shower. The insurance people have been out & the major banks have been co-operative & given their home loan customers a three-month holiday from their repayments as well as giving some cash (\$5000-10,000).

. There are still a couple (of fires) burning in other parts of the state. We went for a drive last Saturday; the areas of damage are huge. Barb



In this photo, that is an actual 737 passenger aircraft. Shows the magnitude of these fires



The Yarra Valley aftermath  
Photos from the news releases Barb directed me to

## FYC 2009 – EVENTS CORNER

For more info and details check our website - [www.fyc.on.ca](http://www.fyc.on.ca)

**FYC Executive Meetings first Monday of each month**

**FYC General Meetings for club members third Thursday of each month over the winter**

### FYC Schedule

APR 10	Winter Social -"Sailor's Dinner out" 6PM Hook's Restaurant - buffet, Wharncliffe at Southdale
APR 18	Spring Work Party #1 also- <a href="#">Thames River Clean Up</a> and <a href="#">London Clean &amp; Green</a>
APR 23	FYC General Meeting 7PM, HMCS Prevost, 19 Becher St Last scheduled meeting until fall
APR 24	Fanshawe Conservation Park Opens for Season
APR 25	Spring Work Party #2
MAY 2	Spring Work Party #3
MAY 4-8	Flood Awareness Week - UTRCA
MAY TBA	Regatta/race management workshop
MAY 17	Commodore's Reception and Sailpast
MAY 18	Fanshawe Optimist Fireworks (rain date May 24), <a href="#">Fanshawe CA</a>
MAY 23/24	FYC Open House 2009
MAY 30/31	Commodore's Cup/ June Bug Regatta
JUN 13-20	1000 Island Cruise week
JUL 17-25	North Channel Cruise Week
AUG 29/30	Club Championship Regatta Corn Roast
SEP 12	Fall Work Party #1 - Sailing School
Oct 3/4	Pumpkin Regatta
TBA	2009 Sailing School Regatta
OCT 17	Fall Work Party #2
OCT 18	Fanshawe Park Closes for winter
OCT 24	Fall Work Party #3
NOV TBA	FYC Annual Banquet
NOV 26	AGM Budget Meeting - 7PM HMCS Prevost, 19 Becher St

### Club Racing Schedule in 2009

<b>MAY 6- OCT 7</b>	Wednesday informal afternoon and evening race
<b>MAY 7 - OCT 8</b>	Thursday evening Laser/ Laser radial racing
<b>MAY 24 - SEP 7</b>	Sunday Afternoon Points Regatta - every other Sunday
<b>New this year!!</b>	May 24 <sup>th</sup> , June 7, June 21, July 5, July 19, Aug 2, Aug 16, *Aug 30, Sept 13, Sept 27 Potluck dinner follows each race.

**Sailing School Schedule** - Please note that 2009 will be a "ten-week summer" allowing us to vary our schedule from previous years

### **Youth Course Schedule for 2009.**

#### **Date No. Level**

June 29 to July 10	YW1 White Sail I White Sail II White Sail III
July 13 to 24	YW2 White Sail I White Sail II White Sail III
July 27 to Aug 7	YW3 White Sail I White Sail II White Sail III
Aug 10 to 21	YW4 White Sail I White Sail II White Sail III
Aug 24 to Sep 4	YW5 White Sail I White Sail II White Sail III
June 29 to July 24	YB1 Bronze Sail IV and V
July 27 to Aug 21	YB2 Bronze Sail IV and V
Aug 24 to Sep 4	Skills additional days for students to complete a level given out on the first day of each course.

### **Adult Course Schedule for 2009**

#### **Date No. Days**

May 25 to June 24	A1 Monday and Wednesday evenings
May 26 to June 25	A2 Tuesday and Thursday evenings
June 6, 13, 20, 27	A3 Saturday daytime
July 27 to Aug 26	A4 Monday and Wednesday evenings
July 27 to Aug 26	A5 Bronze Monday and Wednesday evenings

**TBA**

Year End Banquet and Awards

**TBA**

Sailing School Regatta

### **Dragon Boat Schedules**

#### **WONDERLAND DRAGONBOATS - Now two teams at FYC!**

Two events are decided:

Aug 14-16	London
Sept 19	Stratford

More events TBA

#### **ROWBUST DRAGONBOATS - 10th Anniversary Year!**

June 20	Port Perry
July 4	Hamilton
July 18	GWN Sport Festival Toronto
Aug 15-16	Doug Wells Rowing Centre Hosted by the London Rowbust Dragonboat Team celebrating their 10th anniversary
Aug 14-16	London
Sept 19	Stratford