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Our Brad Biskaborn is off to the Laser Worlds in Halifax



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## Londoner to take on the world

By [MORRIS DALLA COSTA](#), FREE PRESS SPORTS COLUMNIST Sat, July 4, 2009

**With his father Jens as his inspiration, Brad Biskaborn will compete in the Nautel Laser Worlds and laser master world championships this summer**

It will be the young man against the sea. And that's just the way Brad Biskaborn likes it.

For almost three weeks, the 24-year-old Londoner will take on not only the waters of St. Margaret's Bay, N.S., but also some of the best laser sailors in the world. Biskaborn is one of 17 Canadian sailors selected to compete in the 2009 Nautel Laser Worlds and laser master world championships- Aug. 17-Sept 5. With 54 countries competing and about 180 sailors taking part, it is being tagged as one of the biggest sailing regattas in Canadian history.



Brad Biskaborn will be one of 17 Canadians racing his laser against some of the best in the world. (Mike Hensen, Sun Media)

"I'm looking forward to it. My dad is really looking forward to it," Biskaborn said. "He's been sailing all his life. He knows how important this is. We'll be driving down together. I'm really excited for it. It's going to be very challenging." Father Jens is the main reason Biskaborn got into sailing. "My parents wanted to make sure we weren't afraid of the water," Biskaborn said. "I started sailing with Dad, crewing for him almost as a baby. I didn't start in the Laser until I was about 15. For the first couple of years, I stayed at the home yacht club at Fanshawe and then started traveling to Sarnia, Kingston, and Toronto."

Biskaborn, a Fanshawe College student, qualified for the Laser Worlds based on results of past regattas. Last year at the Canadian Olympic regatta he was 15th out of 94 going into the last day but a

miscommunication led him to believe the last day of sailing had been cancelled. He didn't show up for the race and dropped seven places to 22.

"I've won regattas but this is a big one for me," he said of the event that hasn't been held in Canada in almost 30 years. "The next biggest event is the Olympics. The major worlds are for the guys that go to the Olympics. Of the 54 countries, 43 competed in the Olympics. The top 43 guys from each country will have gone to the Olympics. "A lot of countries criteria are, you have to do well in main events to do well for your country or to become a carded athlete." Biskaborn says there will be younger people than him in the regatta but that it takes years to become one of the top people in the boat.

The Laser is a one-person boat that's 4.2 metres (14 feet) in length. It's one of the most popular boats in the world, with its ability to fly over the water a main attribute. The cost of a new boat is about \$6,500, the biggest expense after purchase being the \$600 sails.

"I'm going to be competing against professional sailors. It's their life," Biskaborn said. "These guys are training five, six days a week and they are funded."

Biskaborn is not a carded athlete and gets help with the sport from family, especially his brother (Kevin). That allows him to spend as much time as he can in the boat. "You get better by spending time in the boat," he said. "You have to do it; you can read books and watch movies." Depending on the wind, I practice two to four hours every time I'm out there. I love doing it. I'm in it as much as I can, maybe three, four days a week. Whenever I can juggle my schedule, when the girlfriend lets me, when the family lets me."

Biskaborn loves the speed, the freedom and the independence the sport offers. Unlike motorized sports, where winning and losing often comes down to who has the better equipment, Laser sailing is all about skill. "It's competitive. It's intense. When it's windy, these boats move. You don't get a thrill like that in a motorboat," Biskaborn said. "You can't blame the boat. The thing about the Laser is its all one design. It's not the boat that's better, the sails that are better. It's all based on the person. "If you're beating people it's not because I made something better yesterday, it's because you've sailed better."

No athlete can ask for anything more.

## 2009 FYC Cruising Logs – Some Excellent Reading!

A video was made at the yacht club interviewing Brad and can be viewed on line at the following address: <http://www.fyc.on.ca/?r=1203>

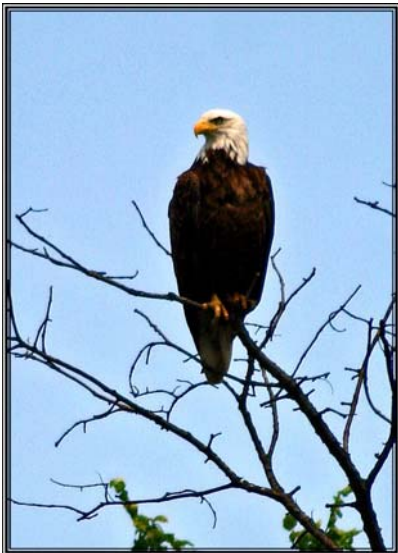
### **Walter Cronkite- a Sailor Too!**

Walter Cronkite died today at age 92. His TV reporting is legendary but years ago, I saw/heard him interviewed on TV by, I think, Johnny Carson. Walter was an avid sailor and said -

One day, while enjoying a fine sailing day with his wife in the sunshine and a brisk wind, on San Francisco Bay, I think, people in a power boat coming towards them were waving and saying something. Being well known in the area, Walter said, he thought they recognized him and were saying - "Hello Walter"! Well, in a couple of minutes after the sickening thud and with some careening, he realized they were saying - "Low Water"!

At least he could laugh at the experience as did those in the audience and I did too!! RLSmith

### **The wild side of life at Fanshawe Lake**



Thought I'd send a picture I took of this Bald Eagle John Burgess

pointed out to us while we were sailing one evening -  
Alice Jukema

*Ed Note:* It is amazing to see the variety of wildlife at the lake. Soon the bird migration will bring a large variety of visitors too. I've seen pictures of Kevin Biskaborn's catches while fishing off the dock. There also is a large population of abandoned cats and their kittens in the park.

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### **Will it be Charts on Board or a Fine!!!**

While at the North Trip meeting an interesting thing came up. It seems as of last year it is now mandatory to have on board Charts for the area the boat is in. Someone was boarded by the police in the Hamilton area last summer. With no charts on board the owner was given a \$250.00 fine. FYC members sailing away from Fanshawe should be made aware of this new rule. mike



Cedar island



cape Vincent

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### **The 2009 1000 Island Cruise**

**– A cruise that won't be soon forgotten!!!**

This was my 11th time in the east and this year out did all others for lack of wind and casualties.

On June 10 after much messing around trying to get my boat trailer in good shape I eased out of the drive and headed east on 401 looking forward to another nice time with friends sailing in the "Islands" and eastern Lake Ontario. Jeff and Vera Eames joined me later that day in Treasure Island Marina. The rest of the fleet were to the east of us and were to sail west to meet up with us at Cedar Island off old Fort Henry in Kingston. On the 11th there was not a breath of wind so we motored down to Cedar and met the rest of the 5 boat fleet who had motored all the way from Gananoque. This was to be the pattern for our cruise week. As the day was still young we decided to motor on to Loyalist Cove marina for the night. Friday dawned with bright skies and some wind so we headed west thru Adolphus Reach under sail and planned to stop for the night in a small cove on Hay bay. This is the summer home of one of our friends. They were not home so with the wind gone we motored down into Picton.

The fleet was made up of Bob Borden and grandson Jay on Tabber J, Carroll and Ann Seibert aboard Sandpiper, Roger Davies and Crew Dave on Cerilian, Jeff and Vera Eames on Sunrise and me on About Time. During this adventure several of the boats got new names. Cerilian became Barfsalot, Sandpiper went to Silent Runner, Sunrise became

Leeksalittle and About Time was rechristened Hot Time. All changes will be explained as the story unfolds.

So far the fleet had spent 2 days on the water and sailed maybe 15 miles.

In Picton Roger and crew went into town for dinner while the rest of us ate on our boats. Next morning Roger was sick as a dog hanging his head in a pail. Seiberts engine refused to start. So with a sickly Roger and a non running motor AND no wind we motored back to Loyalist Cove with Sandpiper in tow--Silent runner. The skipper was throwing up regularly on Cerilian --now Barfsalot. While in Loyalist a mechanic managed to restore life to Seibert's motor and Roger seemed to be coming around. Sunrise was to pickup 2 extra crew members so they stayed behind when we left next day. With great expectations and hope the 4 of us left Loyalist Cove under sail headed out onto Lake Ontario and towards Waupose. While light, there was some wind and we did get to sail most of the way to the marina. A meeting was held and it was decided that next day weather permitting we would head east down Lake Ontario, destination Cape Vincent New York. This was to be a 34 mile sail and we did cover a goodly part of that before a very nasty thunder storm developed and looked to be headed our way. It was sails down, motors on and away we went quickly as possible. Lucky for us the storm stayed on the Canadian shore mostly over land. All we got was a few sprinkles. As we were sailing east we tried to contact Sunrise by VHF radio but no reply. It was also discovered the cell phones carried by the folks from U S A would not accept Canadian area code phone numbers. Sunrise was on her own.

In Cape Vincent all parties present cleared U S customs and went for dinner ashore. Next day dawned bright and clear with the start of a rising breeze. Off we went, sails up headed for Clayton NY and finally to Canoe Point for the night. We did sail some of the way then the wind died again. I got a call from Sandpiper/Silent Runner that the engine would not start again and could I tow them direct to Canoe point which I gladly did. Some how we got word from Sunrise that their radio had packed it in and they were headed to Kingston to get a new one. They also mentioned their boat had sprung a leak requiring it to be pumped out every 8 hours or so. Leeksalittle would not be rejoining the fleet.

Where are we? Ah yes, sitting on Canoe point the Seiberts decide enough is enough and were going home next day if I would tow them 7 back to their launch site. This was no problem. When Tabber-J and Cerilian/Barfsalot arrived it was suggested we all go back with Seiberts

right then so they would only need to load up and head home next morning. On arriving at the launch site Carroll backed the truck down the ramp, loaded the boat and left for home. The remaining 3 (About Time, Tabber-J and Cerilian/Barfsalot) headed out again under power to a quiet cove for the night. While heating water for breakfast in the morning my propane cooker decided to leak gas. Suddenly the escaping gas set fire! I tossed the cooker out the hatch but the gas in the boat continued to burn until it was consumed and the fire was out. Damage--a couple of burned fingers and nothing to the boat. Boat renamed Hot Time. That morning everything looked great. Nice breeze out in the bay, warm and sunny. Up sails and out we went headed for the Gananoque Cut. Life was good---for about an hour then the wind quit again. Roger radioed he had had enough and was headed home. As the next day forecast was for rain I suggested that Tabber-J might be smart to do the same while I was heading back to Kingston as I also had had enough. I putted onto Gananoque, cleared Canada customs, had lunch then motored over to see Derek and Marjorie Innes at their summer home. We sat on their porch for about 3 hours chatting about FYC and stuff in general. Saying good bye I motored the final 15 miles back to where I started. The final bit of bad luck came within sight of the marina. I was feeling so good about putting this week from hell behind me I failed to see a green marker and ran up on a shoal---hard aground. I could not get off the rock pile while on the boat so got into the water but could not push the boat back to deeper water. I reboarded and took a desperate grab for the radio calling Sunrise, Sunrise Sunrise. Vera replied immediately. I told them of my plight and she said they were on their way to rescue me. I got back in the water and was able to pivot the boat around then get it off the rock. Back in the boat I saw them coming and radioed I was Ok. Once tied to the dock it was off into the marina restaurant for supper. It was over. During dinner we spoke of the good times last year and plans for next year. With 401 closed by 2 over night truck crashes I waited until noon to pull out next day. An easy ride home arriving in my drive at 830PM. I was indeed over.

So ended a 250+mile boat ride that saw maybe 70 miles of sailing the rest motoring. We'll have to see what happens in 2010. mike

There you go. Everyone knows the Gilligan story now they this one too.



Photo from Derek Innes

The above photo taken on June 17, 09. Mike Morris near the end of his ill fated trip to eastern Lake Ontario. It was glass calm for most of the journey and Mike had to use his auxiliary motor for 80% of the trip. He stopped to see the Innes' – that's Marj Innes with him – in the Admiralty Islands in the 1000 Islands.

D. Innes

*Ed. Note:* Nice to see Marj in such great shape!!

### Following the 1000 Island Cruise – July 26, 2009

Derek Innes had another visit in the 1000 Islands from a 2008 FYC member shortly after Mike Morris' adventure ended. Mike and Colleen Wareing pose in front of the Innes' 125 year old cottage near Gananoque, Ont. Photo by D Innes



South Bass Island

Put In Bay

### Put-In-Bay 2009 Cruise

Topgun and crew left London at 5am, dropped off dog Jessie at 7am and proceeded to Leamington to launch our boat. We finally left Leamington at 11:15 Wednesday June 17th. It was a close reach most of the trip with the wind dying around 4pm. We motor sailed for about half an hour until we rounded North Bass Island and headed towards the Put-in-Bay Harbour.

We tied up to our mooring about 4:45 pm and called for a pick-up from the water taxi and paid our mooring fees. Once ashore we headed for the video customs machine and checked in with the American customs officer. Once we received our landing number we proceeded to Pasquali's for a well deserved meal. After a long day we then headed to the boat early with lights out about 9pm.

Next morning it was breakfast at the village Bakery, toured the Perry's Monument Museum and watched a fascinating video on the navel battles in the great lakes. After that we went to the town's museum and antique store to finish off the morning. A quick lunch at Tippers and we took the water taxi back out to the boat to watch the arrival of the remaining boats. The first boat we spotted was Tri-oomph which was taking the long way around and then Les' boat shortly after. Once they tied up to a mooring and got squared away we called the water taxi to bring them to the video customs. We then had wine basted chicken and corn at the Chicken Patio. A short tour of the city and we ended up having ice-cream at the village candy shoppe. A couple of beers at the Roundhouse Bar (which boasts the Guinness world record for the longest bar in the world) and then back to the boats for the night.

The next morning (Friday) found us at Frosty's which has an excellent breakfast menu. We then proceeded to rent a golf cart and two mo-peds for touring the island, at Perry's museum we sat through the film a second time with the rest of the gang, took a tour of the monument 10

and rode the elevator to the top (60 ft. higher than the statue of liberty), at the end of the tour there was a musket firing demonstration. We then toured the island and visited:

The "Airport Grill" where we discovered Shark Fin Ale  
The Cargo Net - extraordinary antiques and collectables including furniture made from old sailing vessels.  
The Heineman Winery - where you can walk inside the world's largest Geode in the crystal cave  
Perry's cave and Butterfly House - Nath and Elayna toured the butterfly house while the rest of us looked at antique vehicles  
The chocolate Cafe and Museum - where we ducked out of the short afternoon rain  
The village arcade - where Les showed us his driving skills and beat us all at go-carting  
And various other areas on the island.

That evening the Tri-oomph gang ate aboard their vessel while Nath, Elayna, Les, Brian and I had Lobster Bisque at the Boardwalk. Back out to the boats before meeting again for ice cream that evening.

We all decided that night that we would make an effort to leave at 10am the next morning, weather permitting. The girls headed back out to Topgun and the boys toured a couple of the drinking establishments before heading back to the Boardwalk where we were treated to excellent music and entertainment while we waited for the rain to subside. Water taxi back out to the boats for sleep.



Top of Perry's Monument – Put In Bay  
From the left Brian and Les Pomeroy, Richard King, Jim MacKenzie, Ed Hone, Nathalie, Elayna and Brian Hurst

On Saturday we left Put-in Bay with overcast skies and a short drizzle before having an exciting broad reach all the way to Leamington. Topgun hit 8.3 knots and Tri-oomph over 11 with spinnaker up. Les and Brian followed very shortly after.

At the Leamington Marina we were treated to Jim's culinary skills as we ate their leftovers and emptied our coolers.

To sum up the trip, it was very exciting and entertaining but if you join us next year be warned that nothing is cheap on the island.



FYC 2009 Commodore Cup/ June Bug [fyc.on.ca](http://fyc.on.ca)

## 2009 RACING WITH FYC - Info at [fyc.on.ca](http://fyc.on.ca)

**All members are welcome to join any formal or informal racing venue!!!!**

We are now entering the second half of our sailing season – Aug, Sep and Oct. This means LOTS OF TIME is left to become involved with the racing program in some aspect. And with many of our summer vacations behind us, remember that being at the club is like being at the cottage – an escape from the city and work or school.

The long time members would be delighted to help you with your rigging, tuning, racing anytime!

### **Learning- to- race registrants**

For the new racers, if you notify the people at registration for club regattas that you are indeed a new racer, there will be **no fee charged** for the regatta for you - what a great deal!

**Sailing School Students** are definitely welcome to participate in the club formal regattas and scheduled club races. Delighted to have you attend!  
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help with club racing (or social events)**

If you would like to be involved in the upcoming regattas (Club Champs or Pumpkin) in any of the following capacities, please let us know

Registration, rescue boats, race committee, lunches, awards  
There will be people to show you the ropes if needed

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## INFORMAL RACING

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

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

**Thursday evening Laser Racing** May 7th to Oct 15th

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### Sunday Afternoon Points Regatta - 3PM

Every other Sunday beginning Jun 7 to September 27th **remaining dates**  
– Aug 16, Aug 30, Sept 13, Sept 27

(Sept 13 - Will be scored in conjunction with the Club Championship Regatta)

Sunday Afternoon racing (warning gun at 3 PM) will be slightly more formal than the Wednesday night races. Points will be accumulated and awards will be presented at the annual banquet.

**NOTE:** All racers please try to bring a **stopwatch or watch** to time your start/finish. You may be required to note your own time if we don't have someone to work the race hut.

**Sunday afternoons also include a Potluck dinner after the racing** - bring your favourite dish (home cooked or purchased)

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

#### JOIN SOME OR ALL RACES AS YOUR TIME ALLOWS

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 PM every Wednesday as noted in the club calendar. 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

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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.  
Stay after for coffee and chat**



### Thursday Night Informal Laser Racing

#### JOIN SOME OR ALL RACES AS YOUR TIME ALLOWS

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

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## UPCOMING REGATTAS

**Club Championship - Members only** August 29th & 30th  
**Pumpkin Regatta - Open** October 3rd & 4th

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## Club Championships Regatta

Following is the notice of race. You can find this and other forms for the regatta on the club website [fyc.on.ca](http://fyc.on.ca)

VOLUNTEERS: to help with the regatta and roast are most welcome.  
Please contact Doug Carey or FYC Communications!

**The annual hot dog and corn roast will take place after the racing on Sunday. There is NO FEE for the event**

**Further information about the regatta and roast will be posted on the website and at the club and will be sent to members who have requested email information. (ed. Note: hopefully!)**





Date: **August 29 - 30, 2009**

Location: **Fanshawe Yacht Club**  
 1424 Clarke Road, London ON, N5V 5B9

Contact: **Doug Carey**  
 T: 519.633.9817 E: www.fyc.on.ca?r=209

Rules: The regatta will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the **Racing Rules of Sailing, 2009 – 2012.**

Classes: **Laser Full-Rig / Radial, Wayfarer, Y-Flyer, Dart, Hobie, Open A, Open B.** (Any 2 one-design boats make a fleet)

Eligibility: FYC Club Member or Sailing School student; signing of waiver or parent's signature if under 18 years old.

Inspection: **Boats may be inspected at any time during the regatta.**

Registration: **Begins on Saturday @ 08:30 AM**

Sailing Instructions: **Provided at registration.**

Lunch: Will be **provided and is included** in the entry fee for **Saturday only**. No lunch will be provided on Sunday.

Skippers' Meeting: **Saturday @ 10:00 AM**

First Race on Saturday: **10:30 AM**

First Race on Sunday: **09:30 AM** (No start after 01:30 PM)  
 Champions race to follow.

Series Format: **One or more races constitutes a series.**

One drop after 4 races. Two drops after 8 races.

Scoring: **Low Point Scoring System (RRS Appendix A).**

ENTRY FEES	
Single	Double
\$20.00	\$30.00
Junior Single	Junior Double
\$10.00	\$15.00
Learn to Race	
\$0.00	

www.fyc.on.ca



## Other Racing News

### **Guelph Ontario Laser Masters Regatta- July 11**

Rick Goldt was FYC's representative at this regatta and with an entry of 18 boats, was 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and first in the Master's level. For those not familiar with the masters levels, they are set are by age -

Apprentice master age 35-45 years

Master 45-55

Grand master 55-65

Great grand master over 65

The handicapping scoring system adds point(s) per race for each age group - 3 pts for Apprentice 2 pts for master

1 point for grand master 0 pts for great grand master

'There were 12 races, all about 15 minutes long. On Sunday, once you learned that going right was right, you could chase Nigel's (overall winner) first day heroics successfully. Steve Carroll and Rick Goldt did, and were best at getting closer to Nigel as the day wore on and both came within mere points of besting him' (excerpt from Rob Koci – District 3 Laser)

### **Laser North Americans, Buffalo Canoe Club Jun 25-29**

FYC Had plenty of sailors attend the NA with some fairly wicked weather as thunderstorms rolled through delaying a number of attempts to race. Of course this also meant wind!

Results for our gang and the numbers in each fleet section follow

Laser 4.7 (smallest sail area) 10 sailors

Laser Radials Gold 65

Laser Radials Silver 56 **Kevin Biskaborn placed 16**

Laser Gold 49 **Brad Biskaborn placed 40**

Laser Silver 48 **Jacob Prapavessis placed 24**

**Steve Carroll placed 26**

(Steve's family were FYC members and he attends our open club regattas still).

**Jens Biskaborn placed 28**

**Jon Dietrich placed 39**



## Fanshawe Regatta 2009

**Date** Saturday June 6 and Sunday June 7, 2009

**Location** Fanshawe Yacht Club,.

**Regatta**  [Notice of Race](#)

**Saturday** 10:00 am Competitors meeting and registration  
11:30 First warning

**Sunday** 10:00 am First warning

**Camping** Camping accommodation is available in the Fanshawe Conservation Area surrounding the lake (the Fanshawe Yacht Club is actually located inside the conservation area). Try and get a site in area D to be near your fellow sailors. Campsite reservations can be made via the [online reservation system](#).

### June Bug Regatta Rescheduled

We had originally planned to participate in the Fanshawe Yacht Club's [June Bug Regatta](#) on this weekend. However, FYC had to reschedule this event to the previous weekend a few weeks before the event date. The majority of OMDA sailors who were planning to attend weren't available on the new date. As a result, we've decided to hold our own regatta on the originally scheduled weekend.

Although OMDA hasn't held an event at Fanshawe for quite a few years, it was a very popular venue in years gone by. Fanshawe Sailing Club will graciously allow us use to use their launching ramp and leave our boats rigged on the dollies in their locked compound for the weekend (they will lend a key to one of the OMDA members).

**Ed note:** *I had the opportunity to meet the organizer of this event at Killbear P.P. when they begin their sail week there in the beginning of August. They enjoy FYC because they have sailors coming from both Windsor way and Toronto way. There were 6 boats racing at our club on that weekend and they seemed to enjoy themselves immensely!*

*Perhaps we need to be sure that the area clubs receive a poster in the spring listing our open regattas dates as had been done in the past??* 17

## Sailors can be socialized!!

### THE ANNUAL FYC BANQUET

Mark your calendars now for this spectacular year end social event-

**Forest City National Golf Club  
(Yes, the one on look-out point at Fanshawe Lake)  
Saturday November 14, 2009**

**Cocktails at 5:30 PM (cash Bar)  
Dinner at 6:30 PM  
Program and Entertainment to follow**

**Tickets will be \$25 until the last fall work party – Oct 24  
From Oct 25 on the price will be \$30**

The **tickets will be available** at the Club Championship Regatta, the Pumpkin Regatta and the three fall work party weekends. Look for Lori Chesman at the Club wear sales area, Betty Dietrich or Sue Goldt

You are also welcome to mail a request for tickets with a check made out to Fanshawe Yacht Club. We will hold the tickets for you or see that they are delivered. Mail to either

S. Goldt  
480 Sherene Terr  
London, on N6H3J3

B. Dietrich  
32 Redford Rd  
London On N5X3V6

**Dinner** will be a buffet with two choices of meat entrée -  
roast sirloin and roast turkey  
meat and vegetarian lasagnes  
vegetables, salads  
dessert and coffee/ tea will be served to your table  
after the main meal

If you wish, you are welcome to donate a door prize as a business promotion or as an individual as has often happened in the past.

Suggestions have been passed on re entertainment for the evening – if more are out there we'd love to hear them!



2009 Open House website photo

### Around the Club

1. Brian Hurst and crew worked on repairs to the wooden stairs to the main dock in June/July
2. The ramps for the floating docks at the sailing school were secured to the shore and all docks at the South end are now a little more stable in use
3. **Please remember to secure the main gate when entering or leaving the club.** It has been left open on a number of occasions.
4. **Memberships** were below last year for sailors at the club but there has been a steady addition of new members and returning members. Please take the time to be sure you have renewed memberships before using the facilities as well as purchasing UTRCA car and boat passes. It takes a lot of time to chase down people when this is not done. Our fees are critical to the maintenance and operation of the club and events.
6. **A note of thanks:** I'd like to thank the following members for supplying the captain and boat last Friday (June) to take residents from The **Maisonville Manor Retirement home** out for sailboat rides. This is part of a reciprocal deal we have with the Manor. They allow us to put an Open House sign on their property in exchange for us giving them boat rides. It works for both sides. Present were Steve Currie, John Burgess, Brian Perry, and Ralph Smith. All seemed to enjoy our time together. The Manor supplied lunch for the residents and sailors. Thanks guys. mike morris

7. **FYC Handbooks and 2009 Roster** are off the press (finally) and will be coming your way in the next while. Apparently there has been a format change. Thanks to Kevin Biskaborn for the help in publishing it.

8. **First Fall Work Party- Sept 12!!!** This work party is to close down the sailing school after classes have ended. Plenty of hands will be needed to carry and store the school boats, do needed repairs and so on. Please come out to help if you are free!

9. **Sponsorship** As has been the case in the past for participation in world events; the club has chosen to sponsor Brad Biskaborn on his trip to the Laser World's in Halifax to help defray some of the expense. The entry fee and required Laser rental approximate \$1500 alone!

### First Ever Canadian Dart Championships 25 Yrs Ago this September at FYC

**News from Our At-Large Correspondent on Vancouver Island – Derek Innes**

It was 25 years ago in Sept 1984 that the Dart Catamaran Class held their 1<sup>st</sup> ever Canadian Championships with the venue at Fanshawe Lake.

This first picture shows the start of the first race for the A Fleet. The B Fleet started 5 minutes later. About 14 boats participated in this regatta.



In Jan. 1984, at the Toronto Boat Show, Dart International went into business. Of the 36 Darts sold at this show, 14 came to our regatta at FYC

in mid Sept. Marj and I still have a video from CFPL-TV sports which shows a very young Kevin Palmateer announcing the results.

The best turnout the Darts had though, was up at Pt. Clark on Lake Huron with 37 Darts racing on the Civic Holiday weekend of Aug 2000



20 Darts lined up on the FYC shore for a Dart Nationals about 5 yrs later

Ed note: Derek ended this note with "And, yes, I'm sailing our Dart out here. Not as much as I'd like to with all the people we are looking after – Sam 3, Olivia 6, and Olive Newton (Marj's Mom) 100 in May 2009!"



ON SIDNEY SPIT



SIDNEY SPIT IN BACKGROUND – OLIVIA AND SAM ON DEREK'S HOME DECK

## Tidings from the Tides of England

These photos were taken on the south coast of England near the Isle of Whight. We were taken to the bay at low tide and it was interesting to see the boat sitting on the mud on their twin keels.

We were told that the place where we stood to take the snaps would be covered by six feet of sea when the tide came in.

The next day we were invited to go for a sail in my cousins 31" Hunter sailboat, but we had to wait until 1300 hrs before we could sail on the high tide, and from their marina we had to go through a lock. We had a great sail on the bay all afternoon.

When we left we visited a very old church where King Canute's daughter is buried. He was the king that was told he was so powerful he could stop the tide!!!!!!  
Graham Forster





### Should be included in our Boating Course?



Ralph Smith emailed this internet photo with the above caption. The Canadian Power and Sail Squadron that he is a member of runs boating courses for the public

## CLASSIFIEDS

**Charts for Sale:** I have 3 surplus charts for the east end of Lake Ontario covering Kingston to Picton--Deseronto. New they cost over \$20.00 each. If someone is heading that way \$20.00 gets all three. mike morris

### Boats For Sale

#### **Wayfarer Mk 1 - Sail # 7576 - \$3,750**

Includes trailer, mooring cover, Main, Jib, Spinnaker, Light Brown hull and deck

**Contact** Don Stark at 519-686-1034, [dwstark@sympatico.ca](mailto:dwstark@sympatico.ca) or Janet Stark 519-657-8202

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

Comes with a 2004 15hp Honda 4 stroke long shaft motor, double axle trailer, cockpit cushions, furling jib, main, full canvas enclosure, 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 or Vince Coupal 519-659-9428 or [vincent.coupal@sympatico.ca](mailto:vincent.coupal@sympatico.ca)

## New Treasurer Required

Regretfully, our treasurer Wayne Henderson has decided to step down. We wish Wayne well as he spends more time with family and pursues his other passions of golfing and motorcycle touring. Wayne has done a superb job for us and we can't thank him enough.

Wayne's departure has opened up the position of treasurer and we would encourage any member who has book keeping/accounting skills to step up and join the Executive in this capacity. Interested individuals should contact Mark via email at; [Mark7anderson@yahoo.ca](mailto:Mark7anderson@yahoo.ca) to arrange a meeting.

Once again, we wish to thank Wayne for his professionalism and dedication to the Fanshawe Yacht Club.

Regards, Mark Anderson

## PCOC Exams and safe boating courses

By Sept 15, 2009, all boaters will be required to have their Pleasure Craft Operator's Card for powered boats

The London Branch of the Canadian Power Squadron offers the exam for \$40 or a 4 evening course for \$75 on each fall month – Sep, Oct, Nov. For early registration, there is a discount on the fee.

Registration with credit card is available online or you can contact them by phone at (519)438-6222

**A course can be offered if a large enough group applies together!**

### FYC Sailing Sportswear

The 2009 list of for club wear items - t-shirts, Henley shirts, golf shirts, sweatshirt, polar fleece vest, caps and an amazing sports bag - is available..

**CONTACT: LORI CHESMAN 519-659-4633 lbatross2@sympatico.ca**  
**OR visit her at the regattas and work parties in the club house**

Look for the flyer on the bulletin board in the clubhouse and as a download on the FYC website - [www.fyc.on.ca](http://www.fyc.on.ca).

**Advertise a product you really care for-  
SAILING AT FYC!!**



## London Dragonboat Festival Aug 15-16, 2009

At the Rowing Club on Fanshawe Lake

**Come out and support the Wonderland and Rowbust Teams from FYC!!**

### Saturday Festival Activities

7:00 am - **Pancake Breakfast** until 10:00 am (provided by Kinsmen of Greater London) Donations go to local charities.

8:00 am - **Dragon Boat Races begin!**

10:00 am - **Opening Ceremonies** with greetings from representatives from London Police Services; the Chinese Canadian National Council (CCNC); Children's Health Foundation; as well as local dignitaries.

The ceremonial '**Dotting of the Eye**' Ceremony and **Lion Dance** will be performed by CCNC

10:30 am - Performance from [The Crystal Kage](#), with heart-stomping vocals & catchy foot tapping guitar riffs.

12:00 pm - Special Cup races

12 pm - **Breast Cancer Survivor Ceremony on the water**

12:30-1:30 **Lunch Break**

1:00 pm Gymnastics and Martial arts demonstrations by Forest City Sports Centre and CCNC

2– 4 pm Enjoy the [Tianna Woods Show Band](#) with tunes from the 50's to today's current hits in blues, rock, pop country and swing.

4:00 pm - **Final Championship Race** followed by Awards Ceremony

**Ongoing - ALL DAY:**

- **Race Results will be on display** throughout the day at the boathouse and at Finish line tower.
- Watch the racing from the viewing stands, excellent viewing, watch the entire race!
- Young audiences will also want to visit the **Children's Area** located near the viewing stands/finish line tower.
- **Great Food** and lots of interesting **crafts and merchandise** on sale. More than 20 vendors attending on Saturday.
- The [Chrystal Kage](#), [Tianna Woods Show Band](#) and the [Chinese Canadian National Council](#) dancers are some of the performances you can enjoy.

### Sunday Festival Activities

9-9:30: Opening ceremony \* Release of Doves \* Pre-race warm-up\*

Breast Cancer Survivor Races 200m \* 2,000 m \* "Surprise" races \* Taoist Tai Chi demonstration

2-2:30 Awards and Closing Ceremony \* Celebration championship - 200m \* 2,000m



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### **2009 FYC BOAT CLASSES AS OF JUNE 20, 2009** 103 TOTAL

#### **FLEETS – MAY VARY IN BOAT LENGTH**

17	LASER	6	WAYFARER
5	SIREN	4	CS 22
2	CL16	4	CI14
1	CI11	4	HOBIE 16
3	HOBIE14	1	HOBIE WAVE
4	DART 18	1	DART15
1	MACGREGOR 21	1	MACGREGOR 22
1	MACGRREGOR 23	1	MACGREGOR 26
2	SIRIUS	3	SIRIUS22
2	Y-FLYER	2	CATALINA 23
2	WEGU	2	ALACRITY HUNTER-2
1	O'DAY 16	1	O'DAY20
1	VENTURE 21	1	VENTURE23
4	ACCESS DINGHY		

**79 TOTAL**

#### **ONE OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWING**

ALBACORE	PROTOTYPE
PACESHIP	CRUISER SSK
MATILDA	NASH 20
49ER	TRI 17'
EDEL 540	MARINER 19'
SHOCK 23	SUNFUSH
PY 23	PICO
TRAILER TRI	LUGER
HULLMASTER	YINGLING
AMERICAN 21	TANZER 22
HAPPY SAILOR	SEARUNNER
CAT	FARRIER TRI

**24 TOTAL**

**Since this date, there have been new and returning members added to the roster**

## EVENTS CALENDAR

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

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

### **FYC Schedule**

AUG 12 Wednesday informal racing 3PM and 6 PM  
AUG 13 Thursday night Laser race 6 PM  
AUG 16 **Sunday Afternoon Points Regatta** - 3PM  
Sixth in a series of 9 races every other Sunday afternoon.  
**Potluck dinner after race**  
AUG 19 Wednesday informal racing 3PM and 6 PM  
AUG 20 Thursday night Laser race 6 PM  
AUG 26 Wednesday informal racing 3PM and 6 PM  
AUG 27 Thursday night Laser race 6 PM  
AUG 29/30 **Club Championship Regatta/ Corn Roast (CLUB ONLY)**  
Sunday Afternoon Points Regatta race 7 will be scored within the regatta.

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SEP 2 Wednesday informal racing 3PM and 6PM  
SEP 3 Thursday night Laser race 6 PM  
SEP 9 Wednesday informal racing 3PM and 6PM  
SEP 10 Thursday night Laser race 6 PM  
SEP 12 **Fall Work Party #1 - Sailing School**  
SEP 13 **Sunday Afternoon Points Regatta** - 3PM  
**Potluck dinner after race**  
Eight in a series of 9 races every other Sunday afternoon  
SEP 16 Wednesday informal racing 3PM and 6PM  
SEP 17 Thursday night Laser race 6 PM  
SEP 23 Wednesday informal racing 3PM and 6PM  
SEP 24 Thursday night Laser race 6 PM  
SEP 27 **Sunday Afternoon Points Regatta** - 3PM  
**Potluck dinner after race**  
Last in a series of 9 races every other Sunday afternoon.  
Awards presented at banquet.  
SEP 30 Wednesday informal racing 3PM and 6PM

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Oct 3/4 **Pumpkin Regatta (OPEN)**  
OCT 7 Wednesday informal racing 3PM and 6 PM  
OCT 8 Thursday night Laser race 6 PM  
OCT 14 Wednesday informal racing 3PM and 6PM  
OCT 15 Thursday night Laser race 6 PM  
TBA 2009 **Sailing School Regatta**  
OCT 17 **Fall Work Party #2**

OCT 18 **Fanshawe Park closes for winter**

OCT 24 **Fall Work Party #3**

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NOV14 **FYC Annual Banquet**

NOV 26 **AGM Budget Meeting** - 7PM HMCS Provost, 19 Becher St

### **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 the Remainder of the Season**

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

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 the Remainder of the Season**

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

July 27 to Aug 26 A4 Monday and Wednesday evenings  
July 27 to Aug 26 A5 Bronze Monday and Wednesday evenings

### **Dragon Boat Schedules the Remainder of the Season**

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

Practices are held most Tues & Thurs at 7:00pm and Sat at 9:00am  
Festivals the Blue team is participating in this season are:

Woodstock – Aug 8

London – Aug 15

Stratford – Sept 19

The Black team is registered for:

London – Aug 15

Stratford – Sept 19

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

Practices Wed and Thurs evenings, Sat morning  
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