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## 2010 RACING WITH FYC - Info at [fyc.on.ca](http://fyc.on.ca)

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

We are gearing up for the second half of our sailing season – Aug, Sep and Oct. This means **LOTS OF TIME** is left to become involved with our racing programs- both formal and informal. The long time members would be delighted to help you with your rigging, tuning, racing strategy and rules of the course 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 regatta as 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) please let Rear Commodore, Roy Elworthy at [aelworthy@sympatico.ca](mailto:aelworthy@sympatico.ca)

**Wednesday afternoon and evening Informal racing** continues with sailors invited to stay after for coffee or bring your own favourite beverage.. Remember as the days grow shorter, the start for the evening race may inch closer to 6 PM

Fanshawe Yacht Club & Sailing School, London Ontario Canada

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CLUB **CHAMPIONSHIP** REGATTA

Club Championship Regatta 2010

**Notice of Race**



Date: **August 21- 22, 2010**

Location: **Fanshawe Yacht Club**  
1424 Clarke Road, London ON, N6V 5B9

Contact: **Roy Elworthy**  
T: 519.471.3004 E: [www.fyc.on.ca?r=210](http://www.fyc.on.ca?r=210)

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.**

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

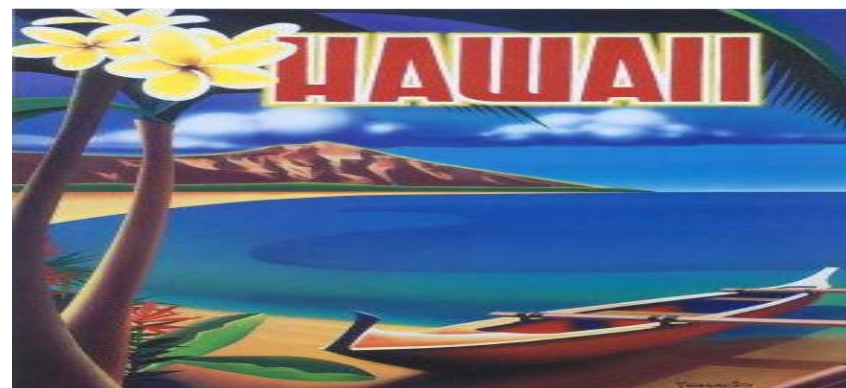
\* Fees have not been finalized and are subject to change.

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).**

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**ANNUAL CORN ROAST—WITH A THEME!!**

When:

Saturday August 21, 2010 beginning at 5:30pm

Where:

FYC

Who:

Everyone

How:

Get your tickets from an FYC Exec. for \$5.00 beginning July 1st  
Or at the door on August 21st *If you are choosing to purchase your ticket at the door please RSVP on or before August 13th by emailing [dcarey\\_5@rogers.com](mailto:dcarey_5@rogers.com)*

What:

The Annual FYC corn roast will be held Saturday August 21, 2010. Corn on the cob, Barbeque Hamburgers, Hot dogs and a drink will be supplied. There will be a 50/50 draw, door prizes and more. Come wearing your best Hawaiian outfit!



Sailors can be socialized!!  
We tried last year and we're trying again!!!

## THE ANNUAL FYC BANQUET

Mark your calendars now for this spectacular year end social event

Forest City National Golf Club  
(back by popular request!!)  
Saturday November 13, 2010

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



BEAT THE RUSH

Tickets **EARLY BIRD** \$27.50 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, Brian Hurst, Sharon Biskaborn or Sue Goldt.

You are also welcome to **mail a request** for tickets with a check made out to Fanshawe Yacht Club. We will call when the payment arrives and will hold the tickets for you at the door 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 Menu**- buffet with two choices of meat entrée -roast sirloin and roast turkey, meat and vegetarian lasagnas vegetables, roast potatoes salad. Dessert and coffee/ tea will be served to your table after the main meal (cake or fruit cup)

**Door Prizes** 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.

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

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you have **special dietary needs**, please call Betty Dietrich at 519- 455-2540 or Suzanne Goldt at 519-473-1966,. The head chef would be willing to help but it is best to know in advance.

**F.Y.C. Georgian Bay Cruise 2010.**  
BY MARK ANDERSON

NINE BOATS FROM FANSHAWE YACHT CLUB WERE JOINED BY THREE AMERICAN TRAILER-SAILORS LATE JULY FOR A WEEK ORSO OF SAILING A QUAK-HOLING IN THE SOUTH-EAST END OF GEORGIAN BAY.

MIKE BOB CAROL PETE BRIAN P. MARC JEFFA VERA SIMONA ANNA  
MACKENZIES BOB CAROL PETER BRITANEY ROB BRIAN & ANNA ME

FRYING PAN BAY (JAMES SION)  
BEAUSOULIEL ISLAND (NOT TO SCALE)  
N (ISH)  
LITTLE BEAUSOULIEL  
TONGUE PT. BAY SHALLOW!

The chart (2202) FOR THE AREA IS QUITE GOOD AND A CAREFUL EXAMINATION WILL SHOW YOU EXACTLY WHERE YOU HAVE HIT BOTTOM AND/OR RUN AGROUND!  
BEAUSOULIEL ISLAND IS A LOVELY NATIONAL PARK WITH SOME NICE BAYS FOR ANCHORING (FREE) AS WELL AS LIMITED SPACE AT FINGER DOCKS. YOGI TOLD US THAT RAFTING IS A NO-NO AT THE DOCKS AND USAGE IS 90¢ PER FOOT PER NIGHT. HOWEVER, PIT-TOILETS AND BEAR-PROOF GARBAGE CANS ARE PROVIDED!

GEORGIAN BAY'S COTTAGE COUNTRY IS A POWER BOATER'S PARADISE!!! WHILE MOST ARE COURTEOUS, SOME DELIGHT IN CHARGING THROUGH THE NARROW CHANNELS LEAVING A 3FOOT WAKE TO ASSIST SMALLER CRAFT IN FINDING SHOALS, ETC! THIS HAPPENED TO BRIAN & ELAINA! RESULTING IN A CHUNK OF THEIR BOW BEING HOLED THEIR HOLIDAY WAS CUT SHORT. NEVERTHELESS, THESE JERKS WERE ABLE TO AVOID A FIVE MINUTE DELAY IN RUNNING UP THE COCKTAIL FLAGS!

ANCHORING IS ALWAYS A TREAT! IN FACT, THIS IS THE ONLY TIME YOU ARE GUARANTEED TO HAVE THE WIND KICK UP ENOUGH TO PUSH YOU INTO ANOTHER BOAT (SORRY, JIM). SINCE MOST OF THE LAND IS PRIVATE, TYING OFF TO SHORE IS USUALLY NOT AN OPTION AND A SECOND ANCHOR IS A GOOD IDEA!

DESIRED DIRECTION  
WIND

A LOT OF MOTORING WAS REQUIRED THAT WEEK AS THE WIND WAS ALWAYS SEEMINGLY 'ON THE NOSE'. ALTHOUGH THE COMPANY WAS GREAT AND THE FOOD WAS GOOD, WE THINK THAT NEXT YEAR IT WILL WORTH THE EXTRA 2 HOUR DRIVE TO GET BACK UP TO THE NORTH CHANNEL! -FIN-

## Around the Club

### 1. Little Greener, Doug MacKenzie's tender, was stolen from FYC

Doug's tender disappeared on Sunday Aug 15<sup>th</sup> from the south dock.

**From Doug-**Please emphasize to the members that it is THEIR responsibility to ensure all club locks, including the FYC tenders and power boats, are to be locked after each use with NO EXCEPTIONS. I am confident my boat was either towed, with one of our unlocked tenders, to a convenient loading place or went out through our unlocked front gate Saturday night.

ED NOTE: It may be worth adding that member's could secure their boats at the club with locks to attach motors to boats on moorings, to secure their smaller boats to racks/ docks. to secure the trailer ball hitch so it cannot be towed, to secure their line to the mooring, to secure hatches on the boats with cabins and so on.

### 2. Interesting Wildlife photoed by Heather, London Dragon Boats



Recognize the chalet floor?  
Appeared to be a milk snake

Dock Spider or wolf spider on the carpet of the London DB dock

shudder



Hello Fellow Water Enthusiasts

Well, if you have not heard already, **we are the National Breast Cancer Survivor Dragon Boat Champions in Canada!** Rowbust and Rowbust Dragon Spirit brought home 4 medals. Gold and Silver for the National Championship category and a Gold and Bronze for the Community Breast Cancer race. The big toothy grins continue to shine. I bet you could have seen them all the way from the west coast!



Our competition took place on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> on Alta Lake. This is a glacial lake less than 10km from the village of Whistler. What a magnificent sight! We are so fortunate to have had such a beautiful paddling venue. The weather was quite a bit chillier than Southwestern Ontario. In fact skiing was still taking place and some team members took the gondola to the top of the mountain and romped in the snow.



We traveled to Vancouver via West Jet and I am 100% certain that everyone flying that day knew who Rowbust was, why were going the Whistler and what our goals were for the trip. The flight attendants were quite tolerant of our vocal group. We almost snagged a gentleman at the airport in London who was headed to Ottawa but figured traveling with us would prove to be more entertaining.

While out in Whistler most of us had the chance to go Zip Lining. High in the mountain we flew from tree to tree. A bit unnerving at the start, but it proved to be a totally awesome experience. The fever of the Olympics is still alive and well and probably will be for quite some time. On Canada Day we had the opportunity to see some of the Olympic athletes who were from BC as we joined in the festivities of this active community. We participated in the parade, along with Water's Edge, the boat company that was supplying the dragon boats for the festival. We brought so much red and white Canadian enthusiasm from Ontario that we were voted the most enthusiastic participants and ended up with a little prize money for our efforts. Just walking around Whistler was such an unforgettable experience. There are a few pictures included in this article for you to view but please visit our blog site, <http://robust.wordpress.com> and check out over 300 pictures. I think you will agree we worked hard, partied hard, and placed Rowbust from London on the national map!



It has been a little difficult getting back in the training groove after such a high but we now seem to be back to full strength and looking forward to our next festivals. We participated in Woodstock on Sat Aug 7<sup>th</sup> and once again secured a gold medal in the Breast Cancer Survivor Division. We also placed fourth in the community "gold" division. Tight competition in our heat from our fellow team mates from London, Waves of Fury. Way to go London!!!! Our London Festival is set for August 21<sup>st</sup>. We don't have to tell you how much we want to defend our winning title on home turf. Please stop by and take in a race or two. Events start at 8am and will run during the entire day.

We know the locking and unlocking of the gate can be a pain, but the added security knowing our boats are protected from happy wanderers is a plus. Kudos to FYC members who have assisted us in entering or leaving the Yacht Club. Thank you it is greatly appreciated! Now if we can just figure out a way to keep those lively groundhogs from scaring the poop out of us while we prepare to paddle..... Until next time... Paddles Up!

jill wilson  
Rowbust team member



ED NOTE: The following did not make it into the June Dockside Scuttlebutt so here it is!!! Suzanne

**We are well into our dragon boating season - We currently have 2 teams - Waves of Fury our recreational team and Wave Riders our competitive team. Both teams are currently preparing to race in Welland on June 12.**

**London dragon boat club members (LDBC) assisted with the FYC open house while giving dragon boat rides - a great day was had by all!**

**We recently enjoyed our Annual Club breakfast - It was an amazing spread of all different breakfast foods - special thanks goes out to the "breakfast crew"**

**Please check back in the next edition for pictures from our Welland race and our upcoming races in Woodstock, Stratford and of course our big event in London at Fanshawe Lake on August 21.**

[Cyndie](#) , London Dragonboat Club Member

ED NOTE: Now the current news!!!

#### **The London Dragon Boat Club News --Submitted by Heather Peel**

Both Wave Riders and Waves of Fury teams have been enjoying the season with races in Welland in June and Woodstock August 7th. Both teams won Silver medals in their divisions at Woodstock !

The Woodstock race day held some thrills for both teams. Waves of Fury's boat was swamped near the startline from the wake of a speed boat and they almost lost Jamie at the stern! Later, the Wave Riders were thrashing paddles with another team in a near collision. On a more positive note, the Wave Riders team had the pleasure of competing side by side in some friendly competition with the Rowbust team. This was especially exciting for Laura and Karen whose mothers are Rowbust members.

Both London teams are now looking forward to racing in London on August 21 and Stratford on September 18. In addition, many of our members plan to participate in a 23 km paddle along the Grand River on October 2. If any other FYC members are interested in joining in for this 'long but leisurely' paddle with us, please let us know!

This fall, we are looking forward to a revamp of our annual Scavenger Hunt tentatively called "The Amazing Dragon Race". We are thinking it will be held on September 25 and we will be confirming this date shortly. It will be held entirely within the grounds of Fanshawe Park . We'll have games including paddle putt and then a dinner to follow. All are welcome to join!

The club is certainly growing and we are now at about 70 members with about half of them new to the club this year. We are looking forward to next year as we celebrate our 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the spring. We'll be having a dinner and dance at the Forest City National Golf Club on the other side of the lake on April 9, 2011. If you have anything you would like to donate for door prizes and the silent auction table, please contact us at [info@londondragonboat.com](mailto:info@londondragonboat.com). We certainly can't mark this anniversary without considering how thankful we are to have found a home at the Fanshawe Yacht Club and for all the help we've had from FYC sailors along the way!

**Visit our website for information: [www.londondragonboat.com](http://www.londondragonboat.com)**



**Waves of Fury our recreational team with medals at Woodstock**



### **Wave Riders our competitive team with medals at Woodstock**

#### **News from the Sailing School Boathouse**

by Peter Wilkins

At mid-August we are into our last sessions of the White and Bronze Sail courses for the junior school and the adults have just finished another class of White Sail and the adult Bronze course for the season. The junior courses were well-received this year in the first rounds of courses but interest seems to have dropped off a bit in the second half. The adult courses have been well-attended and the students seemed to be keen. Keeping the boats maintained has been a challenge and, with good help from Paul Chesman and some of our instructors we have done well at staying on top of it.

Our race team has been away to a number of events this summer starting in early July with the Sarnia Sailfest. The team travelled to Sarnia Yacht Club for two days of clinics followed by racing on the weekend. Next it was a week in Toronto at RCYC for the YODE (Youth Olympic Development Experience) Regatta. This was the second year for this new event hosted by RCYC and it seems to be drawing good reviews in several circles. Our sailors have learned good tactics and tips on race course strategies. This week the crew is away in Kingston for CORK - the highlight of the season. Many thanks to the parent volunteers for pitching in with the transportation and chaperoning duties at these out-of-town regattas.

Back at home, our Head Instructor, Emily, is beginning the planning for the season close with the school banquet and parent sail night and the school regatta.

We note here that the senior instructors have organized a “check on type” program to introduce our new sailors to the Club’s Paceship. This program is intended to upgrade the sailors’ experience level from the CL14’s to enable them to safely sail the larger, heavier Paceship. While we initially offered the program to our adult students, we can also offer it to the leasing members of the club and to any other members who might feel the need. The Paceship is getting more use now as more members learn to appreciate the difference of sailing in a larger boat. Many of the leasing members may be a little intimidated by the differences in boat handling, but a couple of evenings on the water with an instructor can blow away the intimidation. Any member who is interested in such a program can leave a message by phone or email and we will arrange it.

We look forward to the rest of the season with our new sailors.

#### **hey from the Head**

Things are going well for the sailing school and we're saddened that the season is coming to an end so quickly! Our Sailing School Annual Regatta will be Tuesday August 31 and our Banquet is Thursday September 2. Thank you to everyone for all your help this season. Congratulations to all the sailors, good luck in the future.

I will submit an article for the next newsletter with all the results and some stories about the team, They are off to cork this week!!  
Hope to see you on the water!

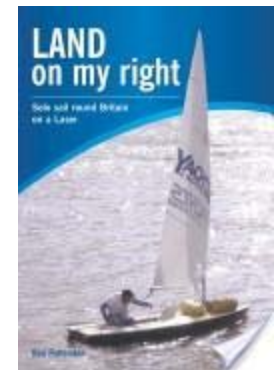
Emily Durward  
Head Coach/Manager

#### **Some Reading for the Off Season**

This book was suggested by one of the Laser Master sailors

Lulu.com, 2008 - [Sports & Recreation](#) - 109 pages

This is the first time anyone has sailed round Britain single-handed on a Laser Olympic Class Sailing Dinghy, unsupported. The whole summer of 2004 was spent on this project, but what an adventure. [Ron Pattenden](#)



## Canadian Laser Masters Championships-Jul23-25,2010

From July 23 to 25, sailors from coast to coast in Canada – British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia - and from the U.S. (along with one entry from Northern Ireland) descended on the Village of Sturgeon Point, in Ontario cottage country, to participate in the 2010 Canadian Laser Masters Championships - host club, the Sturgeon Lake Sailing Club.

The Sturgeon Lake community loves to host sailing regattas. The community has a history of hosting Laser sailors at the Mid Ontario Regatta first held in 1972 and has a well earned reputation as hospitable hosts. The Masters and their guests were greeted with a very genuine enthusiasm. Cottages were opened to the sailors and their guests around the Village, with

communal breakfasts and dinners prepared and served by a bevy of community volunteers. The food was great, the beer and wine flowed, and the conversation on the race course was non stop, as were the stories after

Close action on Day 3'  
James Wisener

The fleet was superb. It

included sailors aged 35 to 76 – Canadian and international hall of famers, an Olympic medalist and World Champion, a North American Laser Champion, champions from other classes, other Olympians, stars of yesteryear, stars of the Masters circuit as well as a number of good club sailors who came to compete with the stars. Some of the sailors were regatta hardened and others were jumping back into a Laser after a more lengthy absence to relive their youth and see old friends and foes. Seven of the sailors were Great Grand Masters, over the age of 65, and one Heinz Gebauer - 76 (if you believe what his birth certificate says).

Perfect conditions! - James Wisener 8



The regatta saw generally good winds ranging from 7 knots to 15 knots, swinging between north and west over the three days of competition.

Richard Roberts' race committee held the first five races on a trapezoid course and the last five on a windward leeward. A total of ten good tough races were completed, leaving competitors with one drop race.



Calling for room at the mark - James Wisener

ED NOTE: This report was provided through Sail-World Canada and further info is on the Sturgeon Lake Sailing Club website [www.slsc.ca](http://www.slsc.ca)

### The FYC Connection----

Rick Goldt was the Grand Master entry representing FYC and he placed 23<sup>rd</sup> overall in a fleet of 55 with superb competition.



That's Rick rounding the mark as in the good old massive fleet days. To control the fleet size, a trapezoid course was used with extra marks positioned as the race advanced...a tad confusing for me, I think. Rick also placed 6<sup>th</sup> overall in the Great Lake Masters, Sarnia YC, Jun 26-27 as well as 1<sup>st</sup> in the Grand Master fleet

As I had mentioned in a previous newsletter, the classes are Apprentice Master age 35-45, Master age 45-55, Grand Master age 55 to 65 and Great Grand Master age 65 up. There was one great grand master in this regatta. Awesome is the deferential respect for the older sailors as noted in this sign that directs the Great Grand Masters to the preferred boat rigging and storage spot close to the water and ramp...cool.



Special treatment



mmmmmm dinner

### “An Unabashed Plug at Getting Back into the Laser”

1. Special treatment for older sailors with a handicapping system in scoring
2. A variety of sail sizes allowed in regattas to assist with wind conditions
3. Large fleets at master’s regattas with young’uns at age 35 years included
4. Great food and camaraderie

If I can do it.....

To readers who now would like to promote their fleets---a challenge to do so in the club newsletter!!! I’m waiting to hear from you!!!

**A new 13-week television show series aims to show an up close view of the devastating impact of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill on Gulf of Mexico boating and fishing communities.**

Airing Sundays at 10 a.m. (EDT) on Fox Sports Net and presented by BoatUS Angler, Cabela's Fisherman's Handbook portrays a realistic picture of conditions out in the field. Visits to bird recovery facilities, documenting the oil spill's damage to sensitive marshes and bays, and most importantly, fishing trips on the large swaths of unaffected areas are all included.

Traveling to the region with show host and TV fishing personality Wade Middleton is Chris Edmonston of BoatUS, who presents segments on how to avoid and take care of oil spill damage to your boat, hurricane preparedness, and boating safety topics. 'I have spent my entire life on the water, but you just can't understand how important the water is to Gulf residents until you go down there,' said Edmonston. 'The water is life to them.'

'This show doesn't go into the politics,' said Middleton. 'It tells the compelling stories of the anglers, guides, captains, boaters and many others whose lives have been irrevocably affected by the spill. We've traveled to four states and fished many spots, seeing first-hand how this region is coping.'

[www.boatus.com/oilspill](http://www.boatus.com/oilspill)

## Multi Hull Sailing Activity with FYC

Doug Carey, Vice Commodore has been actively pursuing the multi-hulls at FYC to gather and sail....now if only the wind.....

**From Doug**--We had a decent turn out of Multi-hulls at Kettle point but the weather didn't cooperate. The wind was probably around 2 knots and the dark clouds shortened the day. **We're going to make another attempt the end of August.** Everyone is welcome to join us.

The Multi-hull get together at FYC turned out about the same. We had a good turn out but Mother Nature didn't cooperate.

**ED NOTE: Watch for club emails for the next multi hull gathering!!!**

## THE FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST AND POKER RUN AT FYC

Alrighty then...this needs to become an annual event at the club.

Many thanks to the Hurst family for the hugely satisfying breakfast. Natalie is a wizard at creating meals for the masses.

The meal was followed by the announcement of winners of the BEST TIE contest. The first prize was awarded to John Burgess for a magnificent tie. My photos didn't turn out so here is the description....about 20 feet of 1 inch diameter rope was tied around John's neck with a short frayed end (about a foot and a half) hanging down on his chest and the remainder trailing behind. The tie was comprised of links forged over his years of sailing and included an FYC burgee, buoy, life preserver ring (large size) and so on with the rope terminating in the cruelest link of all---an anchor. A yellow wet jacket and Sou'wester hat completed the picture. Second prize was a tie (pun---sighhh) between Doug MacKenzie and Rick Goldt. Doug looked dapper in his tie that matched the deck of his tri sporting the name "TIE-oomph". Rick was practical in his cunningham tie to which various necessary Laser fittings were attached---rings, bung plug, cleats and so on.

A poker Race set by the Hurst family was really enjoyable in perfect summer weather. In our Sirius, we tried tactically to prevent Tri-oomph artist Carleen from successfully seeing the icon on mark 1 but alas unsuccessfully. Congratulation to the winner?? I am not sure who that was?

## History of Sailboat Race Start Procedures by Dick Tillman

In the beginning, flags were flown and a cannon was fired by upper-class chaps in blazers and white flannels, and thus The Race was started, and several hours later The Queen asked which yacht was second and was told, "Ah, Your Majesty, there is no second."

And Yacht Racing was without form, and darkness was upon the face of the deep, and the spirit of Harold Vanderbilt moved upon the waters.

And Vanderbilt said let there be Rules and there were Rules.

And there were flags and shotguns and ten minute start sequences and more upper-class chaps in blazers and white flannels and thus the races were started; and Vanderbilt saw that it was good.

And MIT said let the Naval Architecture Department bring forth the Tech Dinghy, and the Naval Architecture Department brought forth the Tech Dinghy, and the Tech Dinghy brought forth college sailing, and college sailing brought forth, in the fullness of time, female college sailors in tight spandex and neoprene outfits, and the male college sailors saw that it was good.

And The Race Officer said let there be horns and audible signals and three minute dinghy starts, and let dinghy starts bring forth the moving boats to the start line, and thus the races were started. And The Race Officer saw that it was good.

And the teenage boy said unto the fleet at Goose Poop Beach Sailing Club, "I will start the races for you if you pay me thirty pieces of silver for the summer." And The Fleet Captain said, "It's a deal." And thus the races were

started with three minute dinghy starts by the teenage boy on the beach. And The Fleet Captain saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the first week of the sailing season.

And the teenage girl in a bikini on the beach at GPBSC said unto the teenage boy, "Like we may like eat of the fruits of the garden like." And the teenage boy saw that the teenage girl was pleasant to the eyes and he forgot to make the two minute signal. And there was a weeping and a wailing and a gnashing of teeth among the members of the fleet. Therefore The Commodore sent the boy forth from the beach, to till the ground from whence he was taken. And the evening and the morning were the second week of the sailing season.

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And the racing starts were without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep, and some clubs even tried to have some guy who was racing make the start signals. But that was even worse.

And Ollie Wallock said let there be an orange box and let there be horns and let there be magic electronic circuitry to make the starting sounds at precise times. And Ollie brought forth the [Ollie Wallock Race Start Machine](#); and it was so.

And everyone heard that the Ollie trumpets were louder than canister-type horns and did issue an elegant sound; and everyone saw that the Ollie was environmentally responsible; and that the Ollie cost nothing to operate; and that the Ollie was more reliable than a stopwatch; and that the Ollie reduced personnel needs, especially for teenage boy race officers whose attentions were easily distracted by teenage girls. And The Racers saw that The Ollie Box was very good.

And Market Forces saw that The Ollie Box was very good and caused it to be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the Sunfish, and over the Lasers, and over every sailboat that raceth upon the face of the ocean.

And imitators did make automatic starting systems in Ollie's image but there is only one Ollie and its name is Ollie. And Tillerman did see that The Ollie Box was very very good and he did award The Ollie Box first place in the first global competition for [Best Sailing Innovation Ever](#).

And Tillerman saw [every thing that had been entered for the first global competition for Best Sailing Innovation Ever](#), the mast and the triangular sail, Gore-Tex and Marine-Tex, reservoirs, the bowline and the figure 8 knot, the planing hull, Snap-Its and spinach, winches and wenches, even the Internet... and, behold, he still thought The Ollie Box was the Best Ever.

And the evening and the morning of the group writing project for [Best Sailing Innovation Ever](#) were the thirteenth day.



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## A Reason to Check Your Signal Flares

**Out of sight, out of mind? Unfortunately for a lot of recreational boaters, that's the reality when it comes to handheld signal flares. Stored aboard in some dark corner of the boat, most boaters don't think twice about their condition until they really need them.**

This past summer a BoatU.S. employee opened a sealed orange storage canister that was located in his own sailboat's cabin and found that three handheld flares inside were ruined. Long cracks along their length had developed, and the flare's combustible ingredients were exposed and spilling out, rendering them useless. There were no signs of moisture inside or outside the canister. In an unexplained twist, three flares with older manufacturing dates -- stored in the same sealed orange canister - were found undamaged.

BoatU.S. first learned of this issue three years ago when a BoatU.S. member in Washington State reported a similar problem. In that case an O-ring sealed the flare container tightly, along with a band of duct tape in an attempt to further prevent any moisture from entering, yet three unexpired flares inside were destroyed.

'Most boaters know that emergency signal flares have expiration dates,' said BoatU.S. Seaworthy editor Bob Adriance. 'However, these two puzzling stories tell us that it's also best to check your flares a few times a season. I would also add flare guns to the list, too,' he added.

## Classifieds

### Boats for Sale

#### 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, autopilot 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@symapico.ca](mailto:vincent.coupal@symapico.ca)

#### Happy Sailor #101- \$800.00

An 18' family sailboat (sloop rigged with cabin) made by WEGU in Whitby, Ontario.

Designed for offshore sailing in the North Sea, has roomy cockpit and cabin. The boat is moored at Fanshawe Yacht Club on Lake Fanshawe, London, ON. Everything included (sails, rigging, motor bracket, paddle, trailer, etc.).

**Contact:** Lane Heller 519 472 6886 or e-mail [lheller@uwo.ca](mailto:lheller@uwo.ca).

#### Laser - \$1900.00 new price

Complete with trailer. Approx 17 years old

**Contact** Bert and Jose Renes 519-432-2968

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#### Sandpiper 565 Sail #351

Built by C&L Works 1983 in excellent condition. Includes trailer, 4.5 Mercury Outboard, new retractable outboard bracket. The boat has a bow pulpit and is rigged for single-handed sailing. Recent upgrades include hull painting and cabin window replacement. Interior has berth cushions, drop leaf table, chemical head, and is wired for radio and lights.

**Contact** J McCamus 519-471-7948 to view or purchase

#### Hobie 14 with Trailer - \$1950 obo

It has been extremely well cared for. The hulls are solid and never had a soft spot. The main sail is in great shape. It has never seen salt water. It has never been painted and doesn't need to be. Everything is straight, solid and dry. It was stored indoors for the winter. The trailer has new tires and new submersible lights. Complete manuals and instructions available online.

**Contact:** Doug @ 519-452-1207 for details.



#### Siren 17, trailer -\$1500 obo

All equipment, including electric motor and battery. Stored inside for pass two years. Needs a little TLC to clean her up but still a good little boat.

**Contact** Wayne Henderson call in the evenings 519-936-5961 email [whenderson@auburndev.com](mailto:whenderson@auburndev.com)

#### Canoe - \$100

Performance Fiberglass beside the Delaware racetrack has a new 16-foot canoe for sale. This is the basic hull only--no seats, flotation tanks or gunnels finishing. It is the first one they did and the red gel coat is not perfect. Tony the owner is asking \$100.00. Sounds like a bargain for someone who has the ability to finish it off.

**Contact** mike morris [sailormike14@hotmail.com](mailto:sailormike14@hotmail.com)

#### 21 Foot Sailboat - American 21, , \$3,700

8' beam, drop keel (12" to 4' draft) , 8HP outboard, good sails w spinnaker, sails really well , large V berth w 2 quarter births, portapotty, VHF, swim ladder, solid trailer w new tires

**Contact** Les Pomeroy - [lpomeroy@quadro.net](mailto:lpomeroy@quadro.net), 519-225-254



## Mounting a permanent bilge pump on a dinghy (Wayfarer)

I mounted a permanent bilge pump on each side of my boat this winter. I have a block under the gunwales that was used to reinforce the ply where the oar locks are fixed. I mounted the Whale pumps (*image to right*) to those blocks. I didn't put any holes in the gunwales, but instead mounted the pumps under the side deck where they are out of the way for sailing.



I had lots of rain in Kentucky a couple of weeks ago and the pumps came in handy. I have attached hoses that can be moved/directed wherever needed for pickup and discharge. I was glad for the movable intake to enable me to pickup along the centerboard or when sitting on the gunnels to heel the boat well over, in which case the water pools on the side and I can pick up there also. I really would like to figure out some way for a



permanent discharge though. The only solution that I can think of is to put a thru-hull fitting out the side of the boat, but I am reluctant to do so at this point.

I have one of these on each side of the boat. The main guts of the pump is really up under the gunwale (black portion with hoses attached on either side) and the blue and white portion are there to position and hold the moving parts that operate the bellows...Gary Hirsch



With regard to the permanently installed hook up, I don't see why two pumps (port/starboard) are necessary for the average cruising situation. If you have just one pump and want to pump out water, just put the boat onto the desired tack. Ninety-nine percent of the time this shouldn't be any problem. If pumping out while not sailing, heel the hull to get the bilge water onto the desired side.

Dick Harrington

reprinted thanks to Al Schonborn

### **FYC SHOP 2010 Spring/Summer**

***Positive Identity Sportswear* LORI CHESMAN 659-4633**

**Ladies' Golf Shirt** Moisture Wicking textured polo.

S - 2XL: \$36.00 Colour: Red, White and Navy

**Men's Golf Shirt** Moisture Wicking textured polo. *LEFT CHEST EMBROIDERED DESIGNS*

S - 2XL: \$36.00 Colour: Red, White and Navy

**Short Sleeve T-shirt** 100% cotton preshrunk jersey, double stitched sleeve and waist hems.

S - X: \$13.00 XXL: \$15.00 Colours: Red, Sport Grey or Navy

**Short Sleeve Henley Shirt** 100% carded open-end cotton 3 wood tone buttons

S - XL: \$29.00 XXL: \$32.00 Colours: Navy or Sports Grey

**Crew Neck Sweatshirt** 17oz 09/10 cotton/polyester

S - XL: \$30.00 XXL: \$32.00

Colours: Light Steel, Deep Red, And Navy

**Short Sleeve T-Shirt-Youth** 100% cotton preshrunk jersey Double stitched sleeve and waist hems.

S - L: \$12.00 Colours: Red, Sport Grey or Navy

**Men' & Ladies' Coal Harbour Polar Fleece Vest** 100% anti pill polyester fleece.

S - 4XL: \$30.00 Colours: Navy or Red

**Brushed Cotton Cap** Tri-coloured cap, structured low profile, pre-curved peak, fabric strap with buckle.

ONE SIZE: \$13.00 Colour: Navy with Red/White

**Brushed Cotton Hat** Tri-coloured cap, structured low profile, pre-curved peak, fabric covered short touch strap.

ONE SIZE: \$13.00 Colour: Navy with Red Peak

**Sport Bag** U-shaped zipper, gusseted end pockets with vent holes, zipped down side pocket

25.5"W x 11.5"H x 10"D: \$39.00

Colour: Red/Black/White and Navy/Black/White

**FORMS ARE IN THE CHALET OR UNDER DOWNLOADS AT**  
[www.fyc.on.ca](http://www.fyc.on.ca)

## **2010 FYC EVENTS**

**For more information view our website – [www.fyc.on.ca](http://www.fyc.on.ca)**

### **FYC Executive Meetings-**

First Monday of each month- submit any agenda requests to the Club Secretary, Jack Blocker prior to this date.

### **FYC General Meetings for all members-**

Third Thursday of each month of the non-sailing season- all members welcome

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### **Club Events, Regattas Work Parties, Meetings**

**Aug 21/22** Club Championship Regatta /**Corn roast** on Sunday  
Closed Regatta- Club Members Only

**Sept 11** **Fall Work Party # 1 -Sailing School**  
Scheduled classes are completed

**Oct 2/3** **Pumpkin Regatta –invitational**

**Oct 16** **Fall Work Party #2**

**Oct 17** **Fanshawe Conservation Area closes for the winter**

**Oct 23** **Fall Work Party #3**

**Oct TBA** **Annual General Budget Meeting**

**Nov 13** **Annual FYC Banquet**  
**Forest City National Golf Club**  
(by popular request!!)

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### **Informal Racing- Wednesday Afternoons and Evenings**

Anyone is welcome to attend these informal races.

**Dates:** **May 12 to Oct 13**

**Times:** **3 PM and 7:00 PM moving to 6:30 PM as the days shorten**

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### **Dragon Boating**

#### **London Dragon Boat Club**

**Aug 21** London Dragon Boat Festival

**Sep 18** Stratford Rotary Dragon Boat Festival September

#### **Rowbust Dragon Boat Club**

#### **Seasonal On-Water Practices**

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
Saturdays

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

#### **Rowbust Festival Picks 2010**

**Aug 21** London Dragon Boat Festival

**Sep 18** Stratford Rotary Dragon Boat Festival September 18

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### **Sailing School Schedules**

#### **Remaining classes**

##### **2010 Adult Evening and Weekend Programs**

July 12 to Aug 11 A4 Monday and Wednesday evenings

July 12 to Aug 11 A5 Bronze Monday and Wednesday evenings

##### **Youth Course Schedule for 2010**

Aug 2 to 27 YB2 \$ 900.00 Bronze Sail IV and V

Aug 30 to Sep 3 Skills

**Aug 31** **Sailing School Regatta**

**Sep 02** **Year-end Banquet**