



# FANSHAWE YACHT CLUB

## DOCKSIDE SCUTTLEBUTT

Introducing our Web Master

## Kevin Biskaborn

April 2006

Kevin Biskaborn's family have been club members well before Kevin arrived on the scene so he has grown with a strong interest in water sport from sailing and fishing to snorkeling. His interest and curiosity has even led him to tagging fish on the lake, helping on the race committee and now our major advertisement...the website.

Kevin has volunteered as our webmaster since 2002 and the site has evolved into a very professional interactive showcase for the club. The information provided is exceptional in scope, graphic design and completeness. The hours that he spends maintaining the site to keep it always up to date are certainly valued by the club. Whenever we have had a request to place data on the site, Kevin very graciously listens to our long rants and follows through immediately. A wonderful example is the link to the Canadian Wayfarer Nationals 2006 that Kevin designed and added within days of the request. (check it out!). He also designed our Dockside Scuttlebutt 'Front Page' to help bring continuity in design with FYC communications.

This strong interest in media has led Kevin into a graphic design program and his own company for website design ([www.scriptreaction.com](http://www.scriptreaction.com)). On this site, his designs completed for several companies are available to view. He is a great example of what our younger members can do for us and how committed they can be



to the tasks they have the opportunity to try through the club.

We are very lucky to have Kevin maintaining our site and he still has more ideas to try! How wonderful that the club can provide a place that allows him to try out new ideas and techniques he has learned.

Submitted by—Suzanne Goldt



*"The sail, the play of it's pulse so like our lives; so thin and yet so full of life, so noiseless when it labors hardest, so noisy and impatient when least effective."*

*-Henry David Thoreau*

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### Editor's Notes:

Spring is in the air, and lot's of Sailing is on it's way!

This edition features Kevin Biskaborn, I would like to publicly thank Kevin for the set up of the Dockside Scuttlebutt. You have done a wonderful job and quietly continue to help in which ever way you can to make FYC a better place for us all to enjoy. Thank you for the fine example you are as the future generation of FYC, that we too often forget to appreciate.

The Spring Clean up is well on it's way and a BIG Thank you is due to the many who came out and volunteered their time to help promote with enthusiasm the pride we all carry for our club. There is still plenty to do at the next Work Party scheduled for April 22. Please be so kind as to help with

the remainder of the work that needs to be completed prior to us having the pleasure with our boats this summer. Preparing your boat for launch after both Work Parties, is appreciated by the many volunteers.

Come and enjoy the afternoon for the Commodore's Reception. The following weekend come again to enjoy or volunteer at the Open House. Did you read the article that our PR man—Mike Morris wrote to the Editor in the March 22 edition of the Londoner promoting the 'Alive and Well FYC'? Thanks for promoting this active Club that our friendly Forest City is forgetting about, Mike!

As the sailing season is soon here, the Races, Regatta's and Sailing School also begin. For me watching all these activities is a pleasure. Hopefully I also will be

able to catch some snap shots to share in the Scuttlebutt. If you have any FYC pictures to share, send them to me. Adding some photo's to our communications helps to fill in the small corners that otherwise would be empty. Why not fill them with some memories. Please be sure to add the names and occasion with any photographs you send to me.

This edition of the Dockside Scuttlebutt features a few of our younger generation whom have grown up on these waters and have acquired the taste of sailing at a young age. These are some of our future FYC full members. Let's encourage them to carry their gifts into the future development of FYC.

From the Crows Nest

—Alice



### FYC 2006—Events Corner

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|--|--|
| April 19   | Monthly Winter Dinner Night , KING'S Buffet—Last one till fall |
| April 21   | Park Opens   |
| April 22   | Second Spring Work Party—8:00 a.m.                             |
| —Please 'no setting up of personal boats today'                    |  |
| April 24   | General Meeting  |
| —Last scheduled meeting until the fall—7:00 p.m. at the FYC Chalet |  |
| May 17   | Start of Wednesday Racing 3 pm & 6:15 pm                       |
| ***Note time change  |  |
| May 21   | Commodore's Reception  |
| May 27, 28   | FYC—Open House—11:00—16:00 Hrs                                 |
| June 3-4   | Commodore Cup Regatta  |
| June 9,10,11   | OSA: Instructor Training Program                               |
| June 16,17,18  | OSA: Instructor Training Program                               |
| June 17-24   | Cruisers Rideau Canal  |
| —motoring trip   |  |
| June 23,24,25  | Wayfarer Canadians   |
| July 21-29/31  | Cruisers: North Channel  |
| —sailing trip  |  |
| Aug 26-27  | FYC—Club Championships   |
| Corn Roast   |  |
| Sept 30-Oct 1  | FYC—Pumpkin Regatta  |
| Oct 14   | First Fall Work Party  |
| Oct 15   | Park Closes  |
| Oct 21   | Second Fall Work Party   |
| Nov 8  | First Winter Dinner Night                                      |
| ***Note changed to 2nd Wed of each month                           |  |
| Nov 18   | FYC Banquet (Tentative)  |
| Nov 27   | AGM for Budget (Tentative)                                     |

Photo Insert: Spring Work Party Volunteers: Hans Schaffner, Mike Morris, John Burgess painting the bottoms of the Safety Boats. John Bryant in the background preparing another boat with the masking tape.



## Sailing School News

By: Peter Wilkins

Greetings from your Sailing School Committee! As we move into April, plans for the 2006 season are coming into place. We are pleased to announce that the role of school manager for this season will be filled by Brad Biskaborn. Brad will be known to many of our longer-term club members as the elder son of Jens and Sharon Biskaborn and a pretty fast Laser sailor in several circles. Brad brings considerable enthusiasm and a keen interest to the position and we look forward to working with him.

Our instructor staff is taking shape with some changes from last season. Our former Head Instructor, Andrew Dittmer, is keen to take the role of Race

Coach in charge of the Silver Sail program. He is developing a busy schedule for his students - our new junior racing team. Moving into the Head Instructor position is Peter Norris, our previous Senior Bronze Instructor. Peter has begun the job of organizing the instructor staff for the summer. We expect two of our previous instructors to return, Jason Martin and Matt Quinn, and we are offering a position to one new instructor, Emily Durward. Emily has been a student at the school for many years working right up through the White Sail levels, Bronze levels and, last year, serving as an Instructor Trainee. She has demonstrated good sailing abilities, keen enthusiasm and a strong desire to continue a sailing pastime. She does a pretty good job of holding her nerve with the

guys, too. We are excited about our staff line-up this year.

The Silver Sail program is taking shape with a strong following of team members. We are all working through the 'teething' pains that come with a new program and the season looks promising. The team will be sailing in our refurbished Laser II boats and we will be equipping the crew with a special trailer to carry the racing dinghies and our coach boat to the out-of-town regattas.

With our first work party day, a crew of Club members pitched in to clear the boats out of the boathouse to allow the school staff and volunteers to continue the work preparing the fleet and the boathouse for the teaching season. Many thanks to the crew for their efforts. We are off to a good start for a good season!!



## FYC Sailing School

Summer 2005 participants



### Sailing School Dates

May 29	Adult Course	Mon & Wed eve
May 30	Adult Course	Tues & Thurs eve
June 3	Adult Course	Saturday daytime
June 4	Adult Course	Sunday daytime
June 9-11	OSA Instructor Clinic—Green Level	
June 16-18	OSA Instructor Clinic—Green Level	

### Sailing School Opens

July 3	Youth Courses—White, Bronze, Silver Levels
July 10	Youth Courses continue
July 17	Youth Courses—White, Bronze, Silver Levels
July 24	Youth Courses continue
July 31	Youth Courses—White, Bronze, Silver Levels
Aug 7	Youth Courses continue
Aug 14	Youth Courses—White, Bronze, Silver Levels
Aug 21	Youth Courses continue
Aug 28	Skills week starts—all levels
Aug 30	Sailing School Junior Regatta
Aug 31	Sailing School Junior parent night

## Rideau Canal Cruise

By: Mike Morris

For several years there has been a desire by some FYC members to spend some time cruising the Rideau Canal between Kingston and Ottawa

There are now 4 boats making plans to take this trip. The time will be June 17-June 24. This will be a power boat cruise with mast, rigging and sails left home. The suggested launch sight is Seely's Bay near the Kingston end of the canal. The only thing keeping other FYC members from coming along is their desire to do so. It looks like the MacKenzie's, Jukema's, Burgess', and I that are hoping to take part. As none of us has ever done a canal before we would like to hear from those who have, particularly if they have been on the Rideau.



## Summer Cruise 2005

**Fear Les**  
heeling with the strong winds of the North Channel

Les & Lise  
Pomeroy & Crew



## Commodores Reception

By: Suzanne Goldt

Join us at the Commodore's Reception the first major social event to welcome the new sailing season and to officially open the club for the year. It is a wonderful time to meet this year's executive and your fellow sailors and their families. The event will be held at Fanshawe Yacht Club on Sunday May 21.

At 2:00 p.m., the Sailpast will take place on the water so be sure to have your boats at the club and rigged for the event! The Sailpast is a single-file parade of sailboats in their fleets past a stationary yacht where the present Commodore acknowledges the salute of each

boat's crew. It is great fun trying to find a place in line, regulate your boat speed as you sail past the Commodore, stand to salute as you pass the Commodore, and enjoy the on water comradery. In the past, members have decorated their sailboats for the event. No need to be a skilled sailor as plenty of advice is available on the water!

At 3:30 p.m. (following the Sailpast and derigging), the reception line and wine and cheese reception will begin. The reception line is made up of all the members of the current executive so that you will have a face to match the name. The wine and cheese reception is an excellent time to meet and enjoy

club members with all the tall tales of sailing exploits. It is also a good time for the family members who are not as involved in sailing to meet each other and become more familiar with the club.

On **Monday May 22** the Fanshawe Optimists will host the **Victoria Day fireworks** (weather permitting) on Fanshawe Lake. Another good reason to be out at the club on the long weekend for a sail and family picnic or BBQ with fireworks to follow. Couldn't be a better way to enjoy the spring!



## Membership Information

By: Suzanne Goldt

We would like to remind everyone to be sure to renew your membership for the coming year. At this point in time, you will need to pay the late fee. If you have questions about membership, please call Otto Biskaborn. For members not renewed, the June Scuttlebutt will be the last.

Although these numbers are likely to change as more applications come in, I found it interesting to check out the fleets we have:

Wayfarers	9
Lasers	10
(belonging to 4 members)	
Y-Flyers	7
Sirens	9
Sirius	4
MacGregor	4
Hobie	3
Dart	4
Sandpiper	3
CS	22



grounds. The UTRCA has an area to store the empty trailer behind the workshop for a fee of \$20 for the summer. They will provide you with a card and plastic cover to affix to the trailer for identification. The fee is very reasonable so be sure to arrange the payment. If a boat is to be stored over the summer on a trailer, the same rate applies as for winter storage of a boat on trailer in this parking area.

On this note, there are a number of trailers that appear to have been abandoned in this parking area. Please get in touch with the parks people if one is yours as they are considering what to do with them. They do not have identification affixed.

### BIKE PASSES

To bike the trails around the lake, you need to have a valid pass. If you show your car pass to the registration hut at the campgrounds, they will enter your name and provide two free bike passes per car sticker for FYC members. The biking rules are posted on the UTRCA website, for example, on even days of the



month, the trail is ridden clockwise and on odd days, counter-clockwise. Should you be going the wrong way, you must yield. The blue square markers indicate the trail and the black triangles are side trails designed to be more challenging for mountain bikers.

Trail conditions are posted each day at the start of the trail e.g. bridge crossings closed due to high water.

### CAMPING

Club members are permitted to stay overnight on their boats tied to the dock or a mooring if they register at the main gate and pay the nightly camping fee. The UTRCA provide security for the club and need to know who is in the park overnight for safety reasons. Tent camping is confined to the park, not club grounds.



"There is nothing—absolutely nothing—half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats."

1908 classic, *The Wind in the Willows*.



## FYC OPEN HOUSE MAY 27 & 28, 11:00 to 16:00 hrs.

This event gives us a wonderful opportunity to promote our club and sailing school and show the public what great facilities we have. Many volunteers are needed to make it run smoothly and successfully. To get the ball rolling early this year, we are posting a chart in the chalet during both spring cleanup work weekends (April 8 and 22) showing what jobs need to be filled. Please take the time to sign up on the chart indicating which day (s) you are available, so we don't have to phone everyone in the club! If you are not at spring cleanup, please phone or email us (see across).



## Racing News Updates Commodore's Cup Regatta—June 3,4

Come out and honour our 2006 Commodore by participating in the first regatta of the year, a week earlier than last year, but a whole lot warmer than it used to be a few years ago on Victoria Day. Racing will start at 1100 hrs on the first day Saturday June 3 just after you register, launch your boat, and attend the Skipper's meeting. Cheaper than any other regatta, it's your first excuse of the sailing season to get up early on a weekend. If you haven't sailed by then, you'll be thinking of the second day prematurely as we race into the sunset, and how you'll feel the aches the next day. Back up early the next

Here's a summary of the minimum help required each day:

<u>Greeters at the gate.</u>	1 adult and 2 youth (age 10+) per shift [Shifts are 10:45 to 13:15, and 13:15 to 16:00]
<u>FYC Booth (Chalet).</u>	2 people. Raffle tickets, membership, set up lease boat outside chalet, answer questions. Peter Wilkins and Bobby Hampton.
<u>Sailing School (Chalet).</u>	
<u>Kitchen (Chalet).</u>	3 people. Sell and serve food, drinks and snacks, etc.
<u>Dock (boats and helpers).</u>	6+ people to help visitors on and off boats. Youth (age 12+) can volunteer for this and the beach. As many boats as possible to give rides. [Set-up 10:30] 1 person to register visitors for rides.
<u>Beach (boats and helpers).</u>	2 people to help visitors. As many catamarans as possible for rides. [Set-up 10:30]
<u>Safety Boats.</u>	2 boats, each with 2 people + relief crews. (i.e. 6 people per day)

In addition, we are always short of **adult life jackets**. If you can lend yours for the weekend, please label them clearly and take them to the dock by 10:30 on Saturday. Pick them up at 16:00 on Sunday.

If you cannot volunteer for a whole day, please indicate the hours you are available. We always need extra people to give others a chance for a break and a meal.

Once again, a **poster** advertising the Open House will be prepared

emailed in a PDF. file to members with computers. Please forward this poster on to friends and colleagues in local businesses and ask them to post it on staff notice boards

Have we forgotten anything?

This year Stuart and Rosemary Dickinson (472-0515, [sdickins@uwo.ca](mailto:sdickins@uwo.ca)) and Carleen Hone (474-9164, [carhk@rogers.com](mailto:carhk@rogers.com)) are organizing the Open House, with help from Mike Morris, Bobby Hampton, Peter Wilkins and Rob Perquin.

day for a 1000 start on Sunday and going on until about 1400 when we add schmuck as necessary. Prizes will be awarded after the races. Don't quote us on anything here, just watch out for any changes to be posted in the club chalet when and if they should occur.

### Racing Volunteer's Needed

With about 3 people signed up to help organize regattas (3 in 2006) we'd hate to have those 3 do all the work. So check your draught thoughts, freeboard up some time, and call Bob Kennedy or Rick Goldt and sign up to Chair a regatta (the easiest job) or just to add more nuts to the bowl by helping out in some capacity. Otherwise expect the call to participate in our all new regatta assignment roulette. No

need to have any previous experience with racing as we have able bodied curmudgeons willing to help along anyone who would enjoy the experience

While we're at it



at [www.fyc.on.ca](http://www.fyc.on.ca)

Plans are otherwise underway for two exciting regattas that some of our members are associated with. Check out our website for the official website of the Canadian Wayfarer Nationals 2006 in June. Check it out from time to time to

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see what's happening. All the club Wayfarer sailors are chipping in but we could use more help. Contact Rick Goldt

### **Grand Bend YC Laser Open and Masters**

Further out on August 12, 13 the Grand Bend Yacht Club with the help of our members is running a Laser Open and Masters Regatta. Feel ancient, don't worry we have handicap equalizers as the solution, so find a laser and participate. Stay tuned for a website with regatta info soon, links from [www.fyc.on.ca](http://www.fyc.on.ca). Great wind and waves should make for fun. Please contact Rick Goldt if you 'd like to help and find out about running races in the big leagues on the open



### **Moorings Info, Rack Spots, Drysailing (Shoreline and Trailer)**

If you need help with finding a location for your boat at the club, the Fleet Captain assisted by the Harbour Master, Dock Marshall and Boat Marshall are the individuals to see. The current Fleet Captain is Paul Chessman who should be able to direct your inquiries. Once the yearbooks are distributed (first available at the Commodore's Reception) all of the contacts will be listed. There is a request that the trailers in the north parking area have a wheel or support on the tongue to allow it to be easily moved for lawn mowing or any other unexpected need. Empty trailers cannot be stored at the club. If you wish, the UTRCA supplies an area for storing trailers for \$20 for the season

### **In Our Neighbourhood at Fanshawe**

#### **Gone Fishin'**

The fishing is good at Fanshawe, Wildwood, and Pittock Reservoirs. Fish from shore or in your boat. All three lakes are home to perch, bass and northern pike, and Fanshawe also has walleye. The *Ontario Sport Fishing Regulations Summary* provides information on licences, seasons and catch limits. The *2005 Guide to Eating Ontario Sport Fish* provides information on consumption guidelines. Both are available from the Ministry of Natural Resources, tourist information booths or by phoning the Ministry of Environment at 1-800-820-2716.

#### **Fishing Licences**

All anglers between ages 18 and 64 must possess a valid fishing licence. People not in this age group do not need a licence, but have all the rights and responsibilities of people with a licence. Visitors from outside the province need a non-resident licence.

#### **Eating your Catch**

New consumption information for fish caught in Fanshawe and Pittock Lakes is available in the *2005 Guide to Eating Ontario Sport Fish*. At Wildwood Lake, the only restriction is for Largemouth Bass over 14 inches (35 cm), which should be eaten no more than four times a month.

#### **Remember:**

- Please, don't litter or leave fish remains.
- Practice "catch and release" if you're not fishing for your supper

**Four Paws Manor Bakery and Café**  
Offering food services in the Fanshawe Pioneer Village and open weekends and holiday Mondays until Thanksgiving 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. We invite you to visit our quaint cafe located in the heart of the Village, either to take in the ambiance or for the tantalizing smells. Stay for lunch, afternoon tea and of course one of our sinful desserts. You are sure to find something to ease your sweet tooth. Our fresh baking is available for you to take home and enjoy with your loved ones. We have fresh baked bread, tarts, pies, squares or one of our sinful tortes.

### **FANSHAWE PIONEER VILLAGE**

**MAY 13, 2006 Military Lantern Tour**  
The personality of the Fanshawe Pioneer Village changes with the setting of the sun and the Military Lantern Tour. This is an excellent opportunity to tour the Village by lantern light while telling the story of Canada's military history. The Royal Scots Grenadiers will be providing guided tours of the Village by lantern light with various interpretive stations along the tour route. Please note: The Military Lantern Tour is available through advance booking only.

Call 457-1296 or [www.fanshawepioneervillage.ca](http://www.fanshawepioneervillage.ca)

#### **May 13, 2006 Village Preview Weekend**

The Fanshawe Pioneer Village will be open to visitors free of charge for a preview weekend. The buildings won't be open but the Upper Canada Military Re-enactment Society (Royal Scots Grenadiers) will be at the Village practicing historic military drills

Jun 11, 2006 Village at Work

Fanshawe Pioneer Village and the Elgin, Middlesex, Oxford Local Training Board once again present the Village at Work. Village at Work explores the history of work and motive power in Middlesex County from 1820 - 1920. This event highlights technological changes in men and women's work, the evolution of power sources and the social and economic difference between the work of men and women through two centuries.

#### **MS SUPERCITIES WALK**

April 23 2006, at 10:00 AM at Fanshawe Park

#### **FANSHAWE OPTIMIST FIREWORKS**

May 22, 2006 at Fanshawe Park

#### **FANSHAWE LAKE OFF ROAD TRIATHALON (duathlon and kos)**

June 3 and 4 at Fanshawe Park  
General Event Information

Race Kit Pickup: Beach Pavilion - Fanshawe Lake Conservation Area  
Saturday June 3rd from 7:30AM to 9:15AM

The Fanshawe Lake **Canoe/Kayak Triathlon & Relay** includes an additional two-person team format. The fee for a two-person team is \$135.00.



## PORTRAIT OF A MEMBER #1

Name <b>Jenna Goldt</b>	Current boat— <b>What ever my parents will let me use</b>
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Occupation: **Student**

How were you introduced to sailing?

**I'm guessing that after I was born, I was swept straight from the hospital onto a boat of some form for my dad to take a victory lap with his new girl.**

Can you relate a memorable sailing experience .... adventurous, exciting, hilarious?

**Fun times taking the lasers out into the middle of Georgian Bay only to have the wind pick up violently and everyone dump all thanks to my great navigation skills. Or the time me and Amy took the sea snark out for a ride. Took us 10 minutes to go one way down wind, and 2 hours to get back up wind. Lesson learned, always sail upwind first.**

What boats have you owned? What was the favourite?

**Well, I only have one. The little optimist "Gramma's Jam" built by my dad. Way better than the original prototype "peanut butter".**

What aspect of sailing do you most enjoy....cruise, race, travel, daysail, camaraderie?

**I enjoy just puttering around, or racing for fun where there are no rules as long as you get to the end and almost make it to the marks.**

What is the most interesting place that you sailed? Why?

**Every place is just as interesting as the next. I don't really have much worldwide experience, but the places I've been have all given a different view of the world from the water, which is what I enjoy the most.**

What interests do you have outside of sailing?

**I like biking, movies, video games, chilling out with friends and family. Just being a regular 20+ year old I guess.**

How do you make use of the club facilities? How often?

**I sail, store stuff there, eat my lunch there, talk to friends, family, and acquaintances, use the washroom, play some soccer games, skip stones into the lake and watch people fish. Definitely not out there as much as I should be that's for sure!**

Would you change anything at the club to make it more of a destination?

**I think the best thing for the club would be just to try to make it as friendly a place as possible. Let people know the good side of sailing and just appreciate each club member's opinions as much as my own.**

Do you have family members interested in going to the club or do they have other interests?

**I think my family already lives there, especially my dad.. he works there and sails there, and would live in a little hut down by his boat if he could.**

Have you found any new cruising/ racing techniques or gadgets that seem great?

**I have no clue about all those fancy techniques they use now a days. As long as my boat has a rudder and a sail, I'm good to go!**

## PORTRAIT OF A MEMBER #2

Name <b>Aaron Goldt</b>	Current boat— <b>personally don't have any but my dad owns 7+</b>
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Occupation: **Student**

How were you introduced to sailing?

**I am pretty sure I was born on a boat or was only a couple months old on my first voyage.**

Can you relate a memorable sailing experience .... adventurous, exciting, hilarious?

**Any sailing up and around Parry Sound is the most enjoyable.**

What boats have you owned? What was the favorite?

**Haven't owned any..... but the sea snark because it's pathetic and the fireball because it's exhilarating**

What aspect of sailing do you most enjoy....cruise, race, travel, day sail, camaraderie?

**I prefer the cruising around where u can go where u want. I am pretty sure its impossible not to race when there are multiple boats going to the same place at once. Racing instincts just kick in ha-ha.**

What is the most interesting place that you sailed? Why?

**Killbear because of the landscape and because I haven't sailed in a great too many places**

What interests do you have outside of sailing?

**Sitting, sleeping, eating, moderate amounts of physical activity periodically and I throw some video games in periodically**

How do you make use of the club facilities? How often?

**Mostly sailing or some sort of gathering involving food**

Would you change anything at the club to make it more of a destination?

**Get some people over at UTRCA who know what they are doing so that the place doesn't keep flooding.**

Do you have family members interested in going to the club or do they have other interests?

**My dad would live there possibly if he could. He works the day practically next door anyways.**

Have you found any new cruising/ racing techniques or gadgets that seem great?

**I find that jumping on someone's boat and pushing them off tends to work well whether racing or cruising.**

Our Portrait Recipients

Aaron  
Kevin  
Jenna  
Brad





## News from the Pacific Northwest

by DEREK INNES

On Jan 1<sup>st</sup> of this year, we attended a neighbourhood party here in Sidney, B.C. To our great surprise, we socialized with Dr. Howard Valentine who was a member of FYC from 1961 to 1985.

He told Marj and me that in Nov. 2005, he had been on a wonderful sailing journey in the Windward Islands of the southern West Indies. On the 429 ft long "Royal Clipper" they visited Barbados, Bequi, Grenadines, St. Lucia, Dominica, St. Vincent, St. Kitts, Nevis, Martinique and Grenada.

This huge sailing vessel had 42 sails with a total sail area of 56,000 sq. ft. Five masts, the tallest being 197 ft., were needed to carry all that canvas. Furthermore, the sails

were computerized. The captain stood at a key board to control the sails, and the many yardarms could turn through 360 degrees each way. The Royal Clipper could point 60 degrees into the wind and the maximum hull speed of this 5000 ton ship was 17 knots. One night during a storm on the Caribbean, the sailing vessel reached 16 knots.

They would stop at an island each day, anchor and then a tender would ferry passengers to the main dock. On two islands, Grenada and Martinique, the Royal Clipper tied up to a dock.

This enormous ship was built in Europe in 2003. The hull was constructed in Danzig, Poland and the rest was completed in the Netherlands. It is owed by a wealthy Swedish businessman who owns a large shipping line in Sweden. Dr. Valentine referred to him as

There were 200 paying passengers aboard with a crew of 107 of which 30 were professional sailors. The rest were bartenders....not really!!!!

Many of the staterooms had marble bathrooms and there was a two-tiered dining room. One level was actually below sea level. The food was "out of this world" and there was a grand piano in the central living room. Howard Valentine's cabin was above sea level and when the ship heeled over; his port hole was under water.

On the first 3 days of their 2 week voyage, they encountered very stormy weather-30 plus knots with one night up to 42 knots. For the final week and a half, the passengers enjoyed consistent 20 knots north east trade winds.

Dr. Valentine said you could reach these tours on the internet at [www.starclippers.com](http://www.starclippers.com).

While at Fanshawe Yacht Club, Howard sailed a home built dinghy, then a 470, and finally a Force 5. Now on the Pacific Ocean amongst the Gulf Islands off Sidney and Victoria B.C., he loves his Tanzer 22.

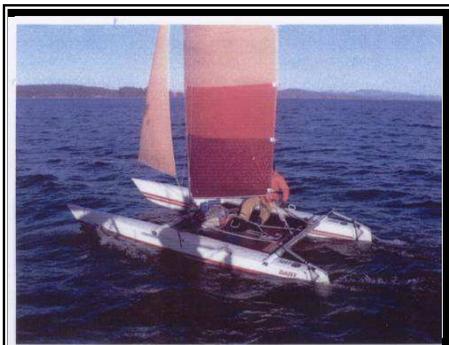


## Where Did We get the Terms Port and Starboard

by DEREK INNES

**STARBOARD:** This comes from an old Germanic word meaning steer board. Long before sailing vessels used centered stern-post rudders on their transoms, there was a steer board on the right hand side of the boat. Since most people are right-handed, it was obvious to have it on the right side.

**PORT:** In order to keep the steer board from being pounded and damaged against the docks of a city or town, ships would tie up at the wharves with the right side to the sea and the left side to the town or port. port.



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A big plus of living on the West Coast is that one can go sailing all year. The Sunday Series Racing on Jan 8<sup>th</sup> had 18 keel boats on the starting line. However, the water is cool, 9 or 10 degrees, the wind is generally light and the mighty Maytag tidal

currents can be most challenging. Everyone who sails out here has an auxiliary motor including me on my 18 ft Dart. I must use it about 50% of the time to get back to the launching ramp as I can't paddle against the tidal current. My reliable 2 hp Honda outboard with the long shaft has allowed me to sail amongst the scenic Gulf Islands every month of the year!



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## Government of Canada

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Pleasure craft of 12m or less and powered by an engine of 10 hp (7.5kW) or more must display a licence number. This number allows search and rescue personnel and other agencies to identify boats quickly in emergencies.

Transport Canada is the federal government department responsible for overseeing boating safety. For more information about boating safety visit [www.baotingsafety.gc.ca](http://www.baotingsafety.gc.ca)

*As of April 1, 2006, Canada Border Services Agency will no longer be issuing licences*

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