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The quiet clubhouse this summer remained unused but, from August 11 to October 6, the log in book at the front gate showed 800 visits,

A social day on the dock, with social spacing, to watch the 2020 London Airshow taking place over the London International Airport.



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Message from the Commodore's Desk - Oct 5, 2020

It has been a while since I updated you, the members of Fanshawe Yacht Club, but when I heard Premier Doug Ford's sobering addresses recently, I knew I must let everyone know that this Pandemic is not finished with us yet. We are in the second wave of this disease and the number of positive cases is escalating. There is a concern that there may be a third wave.



We, as you know are practising Contact Tracing by signing into a book at the entrance to the club. I have a story that will impress upon you to stay the course, follow the protocols, social distance and stay home if you are not feeling well. The following story was recently in the news.

A long-haul truck driver here in Ontario contracted Covid 19 from a co-worker. This was discovered through Contact Tracing. Immediately he was test for Covid 19 which came back negative. He and his wife felt his symptoms were such that they decided he would not return home, where they have two small children, but isolate in their family trailer up north. During his isolation his symptoms became so pronounced that he was admitted to hospital when he tested positive for Covid 19 in May 2020. It is now October and this man is still suffering from the Long-Term Effects of Covid 19. He is experiencing drawn out symptoms and has recently had a relapse. The message he and his wife have for everyone is to take this Covid 19 Virus very seriously. He is fortunate that his symptoms were caught early on.

As you know we normally have an **End-of-the-Season Banquet** which I have been planning since last year's event at Forest City National Golf Course. Just today I received an email from the venue stating that due to Covid 19, social distancing and the number of individuals allowed in the venue this event will be canceled, but they will schedule it for Saturday, November 6th, 2021. Hopefully, we will have a vaccine by then.

We must stay the course and continue to follow the protocols put in place by our Government. Premier Ford states the government's priority is, and will continue to be, protecting people's health and well-being while planning for recovery and growth. That is why it is essential that everyone continues to act responsibly and respectfully towards their fellow citizens by following the advice of Ministry of Health.

Premier Doug Ford has asked all Ontarians to:

1. Download the Covid Alert App
2. Get your flu shot
3. Wear your mask, face covering &/or face shield
4. Social Distance
5. Continue to wash/disinfect your hands often.
6. Stay home if you feel unwell.

It is anticipated that this 2nd wave we are presently in, will be worse than the 1st, and the Government of Ontario is doing all they can to prepare for the onslaught of cases that will come.

Thank you for your help keeping Fanshawe Yacht Club Covid-19 free. You are all doing a fantastic job. Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at madam.commodore.fyc@gmail.com

Regards, Bonita, your Commodore

2020 Fall Work Party – Saturday October 17

Okay, it is almost over so guess we need to pack up ...sighhhh.

This Covid year shortened our sailing season but according to Covid the sign in book at the main gate, 800 people visited the club between August 11 and October 6. We also welcomed new members to the club this season. So, we did manage to keep on sailing.



Signup for the work party online

There is a new procedure to follow to sign up for the work party so we can maintain our Covid safety procedures on the club grounds. This was the memo that was issued:

Greetings from your **recently anointed Vice Commodore**. My major responsibility is looking after the club grounds, including the work days. Our commodore, Bonita, has done a Herculean job phoning member for our recent work days and general meetings. To make things easier for everyone, I invite you to visit the doodle poll below and indicate which task you prefer to do on Oct 17. We will start at 0900 and hope to be done by 1pm.

Doodle poll - <https://www.doodle.com/poll/p4gimfep3d3ezzc9>

If anyone is not able to participate on Oct 17, please let me know as a few tasks will be done earlier that week and you might be able to help with those.

Please recall:

- this is a member operated club
- all members are expected to contribute to this operation
- responding on the doodle poll helps everyone!
- we are still in midst of COVID-19 and all restrictions currently in place

Claudio Martin, Vice Commodore

The closure date for the Fanshawe Conservation Area and front gate kiosk will be Sunday October 18

Please note a change in entry to Fanshawe CA for the work party

.A memo from UTRCA follows:

Please note the following important information:

We have just received details that the Veterans Extension paving next week will be moved to Thursday and Friday (Oct 15th and 16th). For these paving operations patrons and staff will access the park via the north (back) gate off Fanshawe Park road (east of Clarke Rd).

Access through the north (back) gate will begin in the early hours of October 15th. Please follow the posted directional signs when on the FCA property.

For the Tuesday and Wednesday of next week (Oct 13th and 14th) access to Fanshawe Conservation Area will be "business as usual" regular traffic will be permitted off Clarke Rd and through the front gate house area.

We will keep you updated if there are any changes with this schedule.
Thanks,

Steve Musclow

Removing personal docks and boats on moorings

If you are on a mooring or dock, you must remove your boat(s) from the water **on or before the 16th of October**.

You will not be able to use the ramps on the work party weekend

2021 Passes for UTRCA Conservation Areas are available to purchase now!!



2021 Conservation Area Passes now on sale at Fanshawe Conservation Area Wildwood Conservation Area Pittcock Conservation Area - UTRCA

Use the pass for the remainder of 2020 and all of 2021! Pick yours up today!
The Fanshawe Park Entrance Kiosk will close on the 18th of October

2020-2021 Winter boat storage at FYC

A reminder that members who wish to store their boats and trailers in the FYC North Parking Lot over the winter must pay \$175 to UTRCA at the Fanshawe Park Entrance Kiosk. Again, this winter, you can store your boat in the North Parking Lot at Fanshawe Yacht Club. The fee is \$175. to be paid at the Camp Office in the Fanshawe Park Conservation Area. So, if you know you are going to leave your boat at FYC, please prepay to save your spot, because the Camp Office will not be open much longer.



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UTRCA will provide us with a list of the individuals who have paid for this parking privilege.

I hope that this is helpful. Bob Magill, Treasurer and Club Stewart

Some upgrades around our fine club

1. As if Bob Magill doesn't already do enough at the club, he decided to improve the trail around the clubhouse so that we can avoid the mud. So, you can go bobbing along Bob's byway on your amble. Thanks so much Bob!



2. At the head of the Long ramp, the telephone box has been repaired. This contains a landline for emergencies, An FYC copy of the member's roster with the club directors and contributing positions information and the procedure for an emergency. And of course, a fire extinguisher



3. The sailing school Lasers and equipment were sorted out and Rick Goldt will repair hulls of the 4 boats this winter and Sue will do sail repairs as needed.

4. John Kabel received a laminated copy of Fanshawe Lake from UTRCA with the depths that had recently been surveyed. This will certainly show the areas of the lake that may create a problem if, heaven's forbid, you turtled. Rick Goldt mounted the map in the club house. Very useful for racing and new members!



2020 FYC Meetings



The generally anticipated schedule of General Meetings was definitely impacted by the arrival of Covid this winter which also delayed our Spring Work Party to June 6 and 7.

The Board of Director Meetings did continue to be held in the first week of each month, switching to a ZOOM format.

FYC AGM September 14, 2020 - summary

ED NOTE: The following is my summary of the points discussed in the AGM, A full minutes of the meeting is available on our website or from our Club Secretary, Andy Turnbull

The Annual General Meeting was postponed from March 2020 to September 14, 2020 and was held virtually using ZOOM. Prior to this year, the AGM had been changed from January to March to permit time for the full preparation of the budgets. Thirty-one members participated with 2 others by proxy.

With the virtual format, a long time FYC member and past Commodore, Anne McEwan, was able to participate from her residence in the US. So nice to have her join us!

Guests, Steve Varey and Rachel Ficht (FYC accountants) were in attendance

Update since last AGM were presented by Bonita Magill, Commodore

- New Licensee agreements have been signed with affiliated groups
- Constitution and Schedules have been updated to comply with ONCA
- FYC Handbook (almost) and Roster have been updated

- Covid-19 Code of Conduct was signed by all members. Members are required to sign in at the front gate to facilitate contact tracing, if required
- Summer Regatta was held on August 29 and 30, 2020.

The use of proxy voting was discussed and a motion was passed that:

Clause 9.06 of the By-Laws of Fanshawe Yacht Club be amended to permit electronic proxies.

Main dock repair plans , Rick Goldt Fleet Captain

Information on the Trillium website appears to be refocusing the granting system to Covid-19 recovery. There is potential to obtain funding for main dock repairs next year. Board of Directors will be discussing further.

2020 Membership - Bob Magill , Membership Chair, Club Steward

• Total of 63 members in 2020 as follows:

- 48 Owner members
- 6 Associate members
- 5 Youth members
- 4 Honorary members.

The report from the club Safety Officer, Mike Van Wiechen

The FYC safety policies and procedures along with a code of conduct for Covid have been updated and implemented. The PCOC card will not be required by the club for safety boat operators

Directors and Contributing Roles for 2021

This slate was presented and accepted by the membership

Directors

- Commodore - Bonita Magill
- Vice-Commodore - Claudio Martin
- Rear-Commodore - Vacant
- Secretary - Andy Turnbull
- Treasurer - John Kabel
- Fleet Captain - Josh Lesmeister *
- Youth Representative - Riley McCluskey
- Sailing School Director - Vera Eames
- Nominating Committee Chair - Vacant.

Contributing Roles

- Membership Chair - Gerry Triesman
- Dock Marshall - Rick Goldt *
- Club Steward - Bob Magill
- Communications - Mark Cole
- Safety - Mike Van Wiechen
- Harbour Masters - Carleen Hone and Jim Mackenzie
- Parking - Szymon Kornobis
- Marketing - Jorge Herrera

- Website - Kevin Biskaborn
- Racing Committee - John Kabel
- Newsletter Editor - Sue Goldt
- Boat Master - Jim Mackenzie
- Social Media - Jorge Herrera, Riley McCluskey and Kevin Biskaborn
- Sailing School Manager - Jeff Eames
- Leasing Program - Illia Malovychko.

2019 and 2020 FYC Budgets were presented by John Kabel, Treasurer

The guest accountants, Steve and Rachel (the owner of the firm and the club's accountant in the firm who manages the FYC file) were observing at the club's request, to guide the Board on maintaining compliance with tax and accounting law.

The full Budget for the club and sailing school was present, discussed and passed by the membership.

Following is a part of the report presented by John:

We passed new By-Laws and Schedules in December 2019. This was in response to the Ontario Not-For-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA) coming into force this year. ONCA governs the annual financial cycle of what we do as a Board of Directors, and what information you as members have a right to expect to get from us. ONCA requires that the membership of the Club have available the financial results of the previous financial year at least 21 days before the AGM.

In accordance with ONCA, and based on our annual revenues, the Club is no longer required to audit its books. As well, we are relieved of a requirement to have a Review Engagement. This does not let us operate illegally, but relieves us of about \$4,000 in annual audit expenses. Steve and Rachel will continue to make sure that everything is on the up-and-up.

For our financial results, we separate our analysis into two classes, one for the Club (activities outside of the Sailing School, including the use made of the Club grounds by our Licensees), and another for the Sailing School. This helps us understand the expenses required to run each.

Many of our recurring property-related expenses (the lease, property taxes, insurance, utilities, grounds keeping, phone) have historically been split between the Club and School to reflect the use that our groups make of the property we all inhabit, and the liability exposure we have. Registration fees for the School also are meant to cover the entirety of instructor wages, books, shirts and boat repairs unique to the School.

A portion of membership and registration fees is set aside to cover major projects (the purchase of a boat or major dock repair, or tree work, etc.) that are not annually recurring.

In 2020, the overall result for our organization has been one of survival. The Club has seen a reduced membership revenue on the one hand. On the other hand, the

Sailing School has not been able to operate this year. So, the School did not generate revenue to offset the costs of simply existing.

A seminar or video on how to start the safety boat engines should be provided to the membership. Starting the motors is not straight forward. John Kabel and Mike Van Wiechen will develop a presentation for this task. Notification will be available through communications as to when this will be scheduled for those interested. Covid Code of Conduct will be observed.

Shelter during severe thunder storms or tornadoes will be the washroom at Fanshawe Park campground. Access to this building is through a gate along the north fence. The club key opens the gate. Also, the women's washroom stalls can be a second location, keeping in mind to stay clear of the window. If you are on the lake, make for shore immediately.

Member's privacy has been considered with a new club privacy policy. Some member's have requested that some of their information be withheld from club publications. Please notify the Board of Directors if you wish to make a request of your own.

Membership categories discussion have suggested some changes:

- The category of Youth Membership will be reviewed by the executive
- Boat leases will be to members that are 19 years or older.
- A Motion that Associate Members be permitted to take on contributor roles with FYC but not hold Director's positions was passed
- A motion that Associate Members be permitted to bring Hand-powered personal boats to the club subject to the payment of applicable fees passed

Issues of the public using the club facilities The Board asked UTRCA that residents of the cottages on the lake be advised that FYC club facilities are for members use only. It was suggested that a map of the reservoir showing out of bound areas be published for cottage tenants and other users of the lake. Mark Anderson suggested that additional "Private Property" signage be placed along the main dock.



Whoa.....



2020 FYC Racing - 2 regattas and Wednesday informal racing

The photo above is the FYC race hut used at it's first ever Pumpkin Regatta in 1970. How things do change!!! The "ready, set, go" panels are in the box on the left. A tad more elegant for John Kabel's Race Committee for the Summer Regatta!

2020 FYC Informal Wednesday Checking or Racing

So, the Informal racing kind of started in July with this notice from Jens who sets the day and signals....

*"testing of the FYC Sound System on Wednesday July 15
The 1st sound signal will go around 6:20, and the final sound should be around 6:30
Hope to see you out there."*

Officially, Covid had shut down the racing season to this point and for a while longer. So, Jens set up a system where anyone who was concerned could launch their boat to act as a checker ensuring that the visual and sound systems actually were working....once a week....on a Wednesday....or Thursday if the weather seemed to permit more accurate assessment. This allowed the racers to see if social distancing could be adhered to in a trial.

All went well with social distancing and with government regulations, and the notice changed to this:

Hello FYC Racers

This week the race will be on Wednesday Sept 02.

As we are now in September, the race sequence will start at approximately 5:50, and the start at approx. 6:00

Thanks

The racing was quite successful in that an average of a dozen boats was out each week. The weather seemed to be good for most of these races. Certainly, being able to call the date depending on weather does help to ensue a good course.

2020 FYC Summer Regatta – results – Aug 29 –

FYC Summer Regatta – 2020 covid-19 Edition

Fellow members!

This is a short report on the results of the Summer Regatta, held Aug 29-30 at Fanshawe Lake. We ran this regatta from the Race Hut, to test a few things in this Covid-19 environment:

- Could we all keep our distance from each other, and still have fun?
- Are the Race Officers willing to try using the barge and race hut frame for the next regatta?
- Do we still remember how to compete in, and score, a regatta?

We are pleased to say that the answers are all positive!

Thanks very much to our volunteers, who helped prepare and run the racing:

- Bob Magill, for fueling the Safety Boats, chasing away the turkey vultures and debugging the Race Hut (removing spider webs, evidence of mice, bird droppings) –
- Commodore Bonnie Magill, for touching base with UTRCA, and acting as Registrar on the morning of, and her support of Bob in keeping the Covid-19 protocols in place
- Steve Curry and John Ellington, for manning the Safety Boat both days, assisting with several capsizes on Saturday morning
- Jeff Eames, who drove a Safety Boat to tow a capsized Hobie 14 back to shore
- Gerard Triesman (Recorder, Boards, Sounds), Jack Blocker (Boards, Sounds, Lin ne Judge), Mark Cole (Timer, Recorder, Photographer) and John Kabel (Principal Race Officer, assistant boat rescuer with Jeff)

Saturday started out windy but tolerable for the registered fleets, unusual in itself for so early in the day. We were not expecting to be able to race, but did squeak in one circuit for both the keelboat and dinghy fleets. Forecasts had for several days set up thunderstorms (which passed well before even the registration) and high winds (caused by a confluence of a western Low and the remains of Hurricane Laura as a tropical depression south of Lake Erie).

The winds were enough to tear one sail, and keep another boat from starting the race.

By three minutes into the second race, however, the conditions quickly deteriorated with squall winds descending on us. The abandonment signal of three horns was sounded. Winds quickly escalated from just under 10 knots, to well over 16. Three quick capsizes signaled that things were out of our wheelhouse, and it was definitely time to quit.

After hauling Mike Van Wiechen's cat back to shore, we cleaned up the boats and closed up shop at the Race Hut.

I was greeted with a bow as I loaded up the car Sunday morning, to set up the second day. This boded well, of course! Sunday started much more benignly, but with some holes in the fleet. Two of the capsized boats from Saturday decided they had had enough, and stayed away. Those that sailed were treated to some Irish Mist showers through the first race, that did eventually clear out. A pleasant sunny lunch break after two shortish dinghy races and one long keelboat excursion around the lake set us up to try again in the afternoon.

The usual excellent afternoon winds of many past years at this regatta failed us this year. By the end of the second loop for the dinghies, two boats were becalmed near the finish. But at least everyone was dry!

The regatta results are attached as a screen grab from the scoring program, Sailwave, which has been our go-to for many years now. *(ED NOTE: I used Kevin's race result page for the newsletter)*



Three older gents decided to compete on Laser Radials this weekend. Rick tried hard, and got really close several times, but something kept him out of the lead. A Biskaborn rules the Lasers again!

Andy and Lucy have come on strong since becoming regulars at the FYC regattas, and were in front wire- to-wire, albeit with one or two closer finishes as well.

The Open A fleet suffered from not enough competitors due to the high winds, but a newcomer has used the rating of his boat to win the fleet on his first time out. Congratulations, Josh! Of course, Mike was sore and rattled from his flip on Saturday. But he'll be back.

In the Open B, it was close. Jeff and Vera were just able to hold off Bob. Winning on the water in two of the three races was a start, but winning by enough was crucial, and they clearly got it done.

Well done, all. Keep your eyes open. If we have favourable viral conditions over the next few weeks, we will hold the Pumpkin Regatta as scheduled

John Kabel, Principal Race Officer, FYC (photo)



2020 Summer Regatta: Racing Results

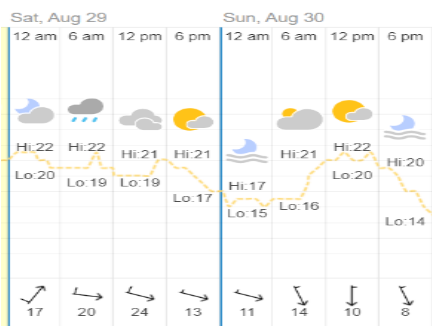
Aug 29 - 30, 2020 17 Sailors

LASER										
Place	Skipper	Sail No	Club	Points	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	
1	Jens Biskaborn	20791	FYC	6	2	1	1	1	1	
2	Rick Goldt	38585	FYC	10	1	2	2	2	3	
3	Claudio Martin	173203	FYC	14	3	3	3	3	2	

WAYFARER										
Place	Skipper	Crew	Sail No	Club	Points	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5
1	Andy Turnbull	Lucy Turnbull	6732	FYC	6	1	1	1	1	1
2	James Scudamore	Jenny Ellison	8742	FYC	10	2	2	2	2	2

OPEN A										
Place	Skipper	Crew	Sail No	Class	Club	PN	Points	R1	R2	R3
1	Josh Lesmeister		/	Paceship 19	FYC	107.4	5	DNS6	1	2
2	Mike Van Wiechen		45354	Hobie 14	FYC	83.1	7	2	2	1
3	Kyle Grantham		689	CL 14	FYC	95.7	19	1	DNC6	DNC6
4	Gilles Sweet-Boulay	Millie Sweet-Boulay	1477	CL 16	FYC	95.7	21	3	DNC6	DNC6
5	Max Lucas		/	Sirius 21	FYC		24	DNS6	DNC6	DNC6

OPEN B										
Place	Skipper	Crew	Sail No	Class	Club	PN	Points	R1	R2	R3
1	Jeff Eames	Vera Eames	9	Sirius 22	FYC	96.7	4	1	1	2
2	Bob Magill		1305	Tanzer 22	FYC	95.3	5	2	2	1
3	Mark Anderson		384	CS 22	FYC	94.1	9	3	3	3



Weather conditions for the two days of the Summer Regatta

2020 FYC Pumpkin Regatta results – October 3-4

Could It Get Any Colder?? – The FYC 2020 Pumpkin Regatta

This is a short report on the results of the 2020 edition of the Pumpkin Regatta, held this Aug 29-30 at Fanshawe Lake. Despite the Covid-19 situation, and in the face of some really awful weather and wind forecasts, all of us who showed up put together a few good races. And isn't that all we can ask of Fanshawe Lake, anyway?

We debated hard in the weeks leading up to the event. With the sudden disastrous jump in September Covid-19 cases in the MLHU area, followed by Premier Ford's clamping down on outdoor events, and after a discussion between Bonnie and Steve Musclow, Superintendent of Fanshawe Conservation Area, it was felt best that the regatta be opened to FYC members and recent Sailing School grads only.

Thanks very much to the few sailors who came out to try the Pumpkin. New to our regattas were John & Stacey Vanderwerff on their Paceship 19, Gabriel & Isaac Clavet on the JY-15, and Max Lucas & Jake Brown on a Sirius 21.

Our volunteers who helped prepare and run the racing were:

- Bob Magill, again, for his behind-the-scenes moving of the race hut frame onto the barge, for fueling the Safety Boats and the barge, and sanitizing the porta-loos
- Commodore Bonnie Magill, for touching base with UTRCA, and acting as Registrar on the morning of, and her support of Bob in keeping the Covid-19 protocols in place
- Steve Curry and John Ellington, for manning the Safety Boat both days. These guys did a fantastic job of mark laying as well. Their steadfast duty in the face of Sunday's wicked cold wet winds is really worth noting. They spent a lot of time huddled under tarps. Thank You indeed, Steve and John!
- Gerry Triesman (Flags and sometime Line Judge). Gerry is getting used to racing. He really had to learn the ropes, literally, to get those little code flags up and down without a hitch on the halyards. Well done, Gerry! He also got his first real feel, possibly even a taste, of the Fanshawe Lake mud as anchors came up, and our mark kedges came aboard for the trip home.
- Mark "ish" Cole (Timer, Recorder, Photographer). Mark has been on the barge for several years now, and is obviously willing to put up with a bit of cold to see some interesting sailing.
- John Kabel (Race Officer, Sounds, Sequence Timer, Scorer, Scribe, Barge Driver, etc.). 'Nuff said!

Saturday started out with a moderate wind, out of the south, so very difficult to lay a course for with the limited lake length in that direction.

Rick Goldt was handily defeated in Race 1 by Jens Biskaborn in the Laser fleet. We had to do some math to come up with a rating for the Mackenzie creation, "Leftovers," but after careful scrutiny, it was clear that Jim won the Open A by a hefty margin. Our first Open B (keelboat) race saw a clear victory by the Vanderwerffs on the Paceship 19, though Magill on the Tanzer fought hard in the computer for a close second.

These results drifted in a second race, as winds started to drop dramatically before lunch, allowing Goldt to sniff a path to victory, while Mackenzie again wafted to a clear win in Open A.

The afternoon winds, while still very cool, dropped dramatically, allowing Andy and Lucy Turnbull to take their superb light air skills to victory, and Goldt opened a decent half-minute margin over Biskaborn in the Lasers. The Open B finish handed the Eameses their only victory of the regatta, and dealt the Paceship its only second place. It also gave the RC a nice view of a boat sandwich, with Mark Anderson

a bare 10 seconds ahead of Magill, and Mackenzie from Open A wedged between them to place second in his fleet. The JY-15 was prevented from crossing the line as the wind disappeared, and Martin on his Laser was barely able to waft in for a very late finish.

Sunday morning dawned very cold at 5 C and very wet, with steady showers up till a delayed start at 0950. The dinghy drivers had a confab in the parking lot, and decided between them not to try to change their standings. And only four of the five Open B boats came off the dock for two decent, though damp, races. The RC had some difficulty at times seeing their windward mark in a slight haze that boiled off the water all morning. The RC stuffed a course onto the lake in the face of a SE wind, always tricky should a veer get going.

A course to a pumpkin near Wye Creek and back around #4, doubled in a moderate SE wind, made for some nice sail tactics in a well-sailed first race.

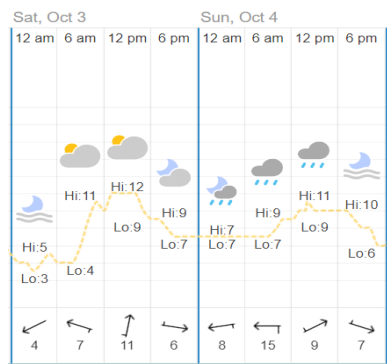
The Vanderwerffs persisted in dominating the lake. It did look at one point like they might lose the second race on the downwind leg, though. On that final race, the RC set a course of a single longish loop to B-6-4, but the racers all decided they still liked that pumpkin near the Wye, and added an unnecessary rounding there to the course. Well, they did all sail the specified course, so no DSQs!

Cold shoulders and cold fingers, under a mounting rain, finally drove the RC back to the dock just before noon. All racers had at least four for a toss, so despite less than ideal conditions, everybody turned out happy, nobody owned up to Covid-19 symptoms, and the 2020 regatta season went into the hopper with clear winners.

See you all for the June Bug in 2021 (I am optimistic for sure)!

Please, do stay tuned for Jens Biskaborn's e-blasts. It is just possible that there may still be two midweek race days yet this year, weather and the pullout schedule permitting. Signing off for this year!

John Kabel, Principal Race Officer



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2	Andy Turnbull	Lucy Turnbull	6732	Wayfarer	FYC	91.6	5	2	2	1
3	Gabriel Clavet	Isaac Clavet	1775	JY 15	FYC	91.9	10	3	3	DNF4

2020 Our one chance to socialize! London's Airshow

Covid did take the pleasure of events with the members and families out of the equation a lot this summer but we were able to arrange ourselves appropriately along the dock (and some on the north cliff) for the airshow. The show had a few pauses as all the aircraft flew to London from Michigan and back again when their appearance was finished. Sure missed our Snowbirds who were just returning to fly after an accident this year. We were also entertained with Rick Goldt and John Burgess sailing their Remote-control sailboats.



2020 – 2021 Boating educational offerings from the London Power and Sail Squadron

powerandsail.ca

As always, the London Power and Sail Squadron has a variety of boating courses available this fall and winter. Attached is a list of offerings with dates and prices. Course descriptions may be found at www.boatingcourses.ca

Courses

1. Pleasure Craft Power Operator's card - Boating Basics
2. Boating 2
3. Electronic Navigation
4. Extended Cruising
5. Boat/ Engine Maintenance
6. Boating 3
7. Maritime Radio (VHF) Radio
8. Boating 5
9. weather
10. Boating 4
11. Sailing
12. Radar

Courses will be taught on ZOOM

2021 Boat Shows - Cancelled



September 28, 2020 (Toronto, ON) – Due to the ongoing concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, Canadian Boat Shows has made the decision to cancel the 2021 Toronto International Boat Show. It is the Largest Indoor Boat Show in North America. The event was scheduled for January 15 – 24 at the Enercare Centre, Exhibition Place. It has never been cancelled in its 62-year history. The next in-person show will now be January 21 – 30, 2022.

The Toronto Boat Show has been exploring on-line/virtual options, in place of the in-person 2021 Show. There will be a focus on looking to the future, expanding digital and unifying the in-person experience to deliver even more value to the Toronto Boat Show community. Details will follow in the coming months on these initiatives.

The Toronto Boat Show is highly regarded as the flagship economic indicator for the boating industry in Canada. More boats are sold here than at any other place or event in the country. Occupying 1 Million square feet of space, with over 1,200 boats on display,

550 exhibitors, 300-plus seminars and workshops, as well as thousands of accessories and services in the marine marketplace.

ABOUT THE TORONTO INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW: The Toronto International Boat Show is owned and produced by Canadian Boat Shows. In generating more than \$354 million in economic impact to the region, it is the Largest Indoor Boat Show in North America. More boats are purchased at the Toronto International Boat Show than at any other place or event in Canada. About 43% of Canadians (12.4 million people) participate in boating and 20% (6 million) own a boat. Direct revenues across Canada's core recreational boating industry total nearly \$5 billion per year, and directly employ approximately 45,000 Canadians. (NMMA Canada – The Economic Impact of Recreational Boating in Canada)



2021 Ontario Regional Boat Shows Cancelled

Due to the on-going issues and concerns focused around the Covid-19 pandemic, Continuum Productions Inc. has made the difficult decision to cancel the 2021 Barrie, London & Hamilton Boat Fishing & Outdoor Shows for the first time in their history.

With the shows scheduled to open in just a few short months we made this decision to wait and re-open in 2022 with full capacity in regards to both exhibit space and normal crowd sizes of buyers once it is deemed safe rather than to try to open in the midst of this pandemic in a high risk & capacity reduced show state.

2021 Exhibit Space Applications will be filed and new 2022 Exhibit Space Applications will be sent out at the proper time. All exhibitors who were in the shows in 2020 will have their space and brands protected until the 2022 renewal deadline passes.

In the interim please stay safe and we wish you all the best until we see you in person again.

I actually do recall swimming in Fanshawe Lake – we swam off the beach at the base of the stairs at the Race Hut on hot days. Or off the back of our Lasers

The beach was fairly busy back then as well... yet still green



Fred Weyerman • If You Grew Up In London, Ontario, You Will Remember When...

Evaluate and improve your race performance By R Goldt



ED NOTE: Rick experimented with this programme over the summer and found it very interesting to assess your racing skills.

AD For the APP: Relive your sailing adventures with raceQs' free, 3D, animated race replays. Record one boat or an entire fleet and watch the replay to evaluate your performance in 3D. You don't need any special equipment to get started, just a GPS or a smart phone. Give it a test drive today and change the way you race.

From Rick:

Just a reminder if you feel the urge to compete again, this is an update to my proposal as found in the recent end-of-June Scuttlebutt Newsletter Article about RACEQs - the google Play Store App that gives you the ability to time, map, and critique yourself on specific courses.

I have had no solid responses other than passing comment to the suggested competition noted in the Newsletter.

But persevering, I can relate my own experiences in running through the courses. If you have raced the buoys for decades or even cruised through the labyrinths of Georgian Bay passages, involving and immersing yourself in RACEQs and timing yourself on the different few courses suggested gives one a whole different appreciation of getting around efficiently under sail.

As examples, I've had the opportunity to traverse two of the courses suggested in the newsletter.

Limited in both cases by the predominant westerly winds of summer, there were some difficult choices to make after having started timed runs at one course: Start at AB, 4, 6, Finish AB, or in reverse.

Partway up the leg, sailing in a west wind towards 6, I surmised that I could fetch 4 seemingly quickly with one tack, then reach to 6, gybe and mostly reach to the finish. Would this be faster under these conditions than continuing to 6, somewhat reach to a more-sheltered 4, then run from a sheltered 4 to the finish? Reflecting that running is generally slower than other points of sail (as long as you don't tack to much for too long), and especially trying to escape the shadow near 4 on a run, I went for the 4-6-finish course. It seemed to be the best case two other times, so I have not yet found conditions for the reverse course; need a good Nor'easter I believe.

So the results, best time so far just 26 min 34 sec, 2 X almost exactly in fact for course 4,6. Now we're not encouraging anyone to go out in a blow, so limits are set at Force 4 (11-16 knots) which can be verified through WINDFINDER App (accessible through the FYC website).

I hope I can encourage others to take part. It may be a few more seasons before

other racing avails itself again under safe low risk conditions that our sailing associations might recommend.

Please let me know if you are interested in more.....Rick Goldt
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Our Sailing Adventurers....and a Wonderful Sailing Blog Aboard Thunderstruck with Carleen and Jim

FYC has certainly its share of adventurers who travel with their boats to cruise the great waterways of Canada and beyond...some of these:

1. Carleen Hone and Jim Mackenzie have a wonderful blog with photos of both recent trips to the Caribbean and to the North Channel this year. If you are thinking of following their lead or just checking out these places, type into google **Trailer Tri Adventures** or go to <https://trailertris.com/>. Absolutely beautiful photos.
2. Brian and Nathalie Hurst currently living on their yacht in the Caribbean. Brian is a past Commodore of FYC. They have a Facebook page.
3. Jeff and Vera Eames who lately have been traveling our Ontario canal systems and have been to the great near north, North Channel
4. Rick and Sue Goldt who chose to cruise Georgian Bays beautiful 30000 Islands near Parry Sound this summer in more detail. Spent many awesome summers sailing with the Biskaborn family in the Parry Sound area. We have sailed from Oliphant near Suable beach up the Bruce to Tobermory and the North Channel and back down the Bruce to Wiarton (rick had to cycle across the peninsula to get the van!), Wiarton to Kilarney in 2 different trips
5. Marty Jackson who sails the North Channel and produces many sailing video shorts (type in **Marty Jackson sailing** in google)
6. The North Channel has been a boat home for Mark Anderson, Chris Fogelman, Chris Milne (past FYC member now on a larger boat in Sarnia), Symon Kornobis, Waclaw Kessler
7. Past FYC members, the Wareing family, now have a larger boat at the Hamilton Yacht Club now. Colleen wrote a series of kindle books on their summer sailing adventures
8. The Hunter brothers: Mark and Jennifer Lacoursiere, Rob and Marylou Perquin who have moved to a bigger yacht kept in Midland, and Ted and Gil Slivinski. All have spent many summers in Georgian Bay with their families and now sail the North channel and more.



9. A Large number of our long-time members spent time on bigger waters in groups or on their own....a wealth of knowledge for any newer members who may be interested – Mike Morris, John Burgess, Ralph Smith and more
10. And certainly, I have missed more of these swashbucklers.....would love to hear from you and link thee club members to your blog if you do one.

An overview of sailing and cruising on Canada's coasts and waterways is, of course, a daunting task. After all, Canada is the second largest country on earth with extensive coastlines on the Atlantic, Pacific and Arctic Oceans, all but one (Michigan) of the Great Lakes and innumerable smaller lakes and waterways. No single description of cruising conditions, weather patterns, or other classifications can be applied except perhaps for one: no tropical climate here (even so, the weather on the Great Lakes is generally warm and humid during the summer months...) Coastal navigation on all coasts can be challenging because of topography which often contributes to strong tidal currents. Careful planning and navigation are required. The Great Lakes, of course, are huge freshwater reservoirs and are not subject to tidal influences.

Regions

Atlantic Region

The coasts of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, including the Bay of Fundy), Newfoundland & Labrador, the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the St. Lawrence River to and beyond Montreal.

Pacific Region

The Strait of Georgia, and the coast of British Columbia including the Inside Passage to Alaska.

Great Lakes

St. Lawrence River west of Montreal's locks on the St. Lawrence Seaway), Lake Ontario, the Welland Canal that by-passes Niagara Falls, Lake Erie, Lake St. Clair, Lake Huron and Georgian Bay (including the North Channel), Lake Superior.

Northwest Passage and Hudson Bay

For the truly intrepid...

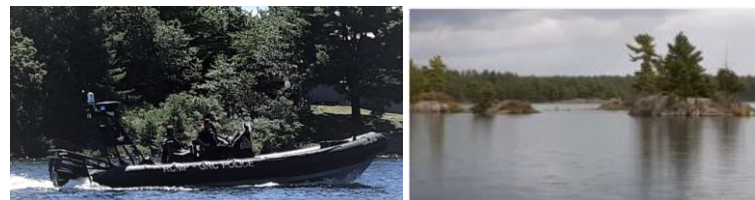
Thanks so much to our Board of Directors and Club Steward for all they have done for our club in this 2020 Covid season. It has been very busy. And thank you to all our club members for following the club guidelines! Everyone has stayed well

THANK YOU!



The new Covid Sailing???

A few of the Goldt's cruising photos from this summer



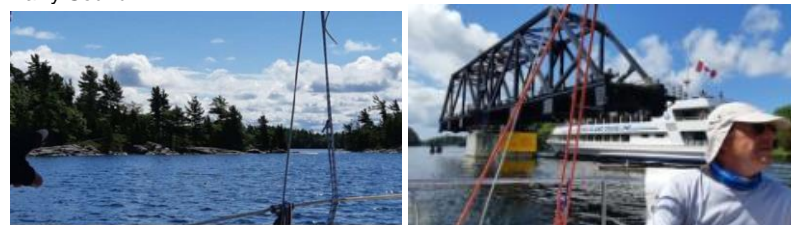
At Point au Baril, Trudeau and family were stying at a 'cottage' in the channel, this is one of their RCMP security detail. Our anchoring spot on a stormy night in Massassauga PP. Stayed their for 2 days with a lovely loon family watching the parents teaching the young to dive.



Our anchor at Snake Island. Although the island is one of the furthest off shore and about 5 km from the next island, a bear sat on the shore watching us. Maybe walked over in the winter. Exploring the Island and rocks in the dory. Only one route to approach the Islands because of shoals. One other keelboat anchored there that eve.



Fantastic fish and chip meal at Henry's on Frypan Island! Watching seaplanes, sailboats of all sizes, sea kayakers...coming for lunch. Only accessible by boat. A 45 minute boat ride from Parry Sound.



Traveling the full inland channel behind Parry Island to the swing bridge into Parry Sound. Absolutely beautiful. A huge increase in cottages as you neared the town. The 30000 Island tour boat passed through with us