

# Sail and Paddle

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## TS&CC about to launch 125th year! Launch Day is Sat 7 May!

May 7th is especially significant for our keelboaters, but marks the start of the season for all of us. Even if you're not going to be lifted in that day, it's an exciting day to be at the club, lending a hand, snapping some pictures, and enjoying a brunch. Wish I could be with you.

Of course the activities will have been underway for the preceding month. I'll have the mooring raft out checking our tackle, and would appreciate help. By the way, if you have some old tires on rims in your garage, we can use them, as some of old tires are losing their air.

All moorings be checked by the Apr 30/May 1 weekend, and final allocations will be posted, so you can set out your mooring lines. Then I'm taking off for two weeks of family business, leaving the big day in the hands of our experienced launch foreman, Jeff Schwartz.

On Saturday the 7th, at 0700, the crane will start launching the boats on the East Lot. This won't take long, so by about 0900 it should be relocated onto the Main Lot, and we hope to have everyone afloat by lunch time. Only after the launch is complete is it permitted to use the mast crane.

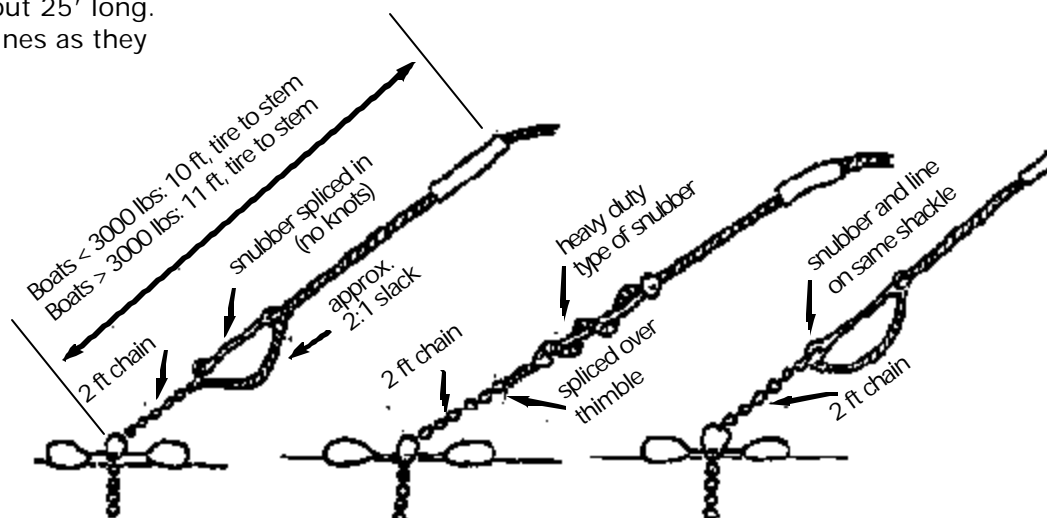
If your boat has gone in, you'll want to see it properly secured to your mooring. If in doubt about what is "proper" consult our spec sheet. Old lines need to be checked for fraying, and even new lines can chafe through very quickly without protection.

Once your boat is secure, we request you attend to your cradle. Saturday afternoon, while there are still lots of people about, will be a good time to get it knocked down and stowed away. This is not obligatory; you have a week if you are arranging to have it picked up, modified, etc., but for every cradle still on the lot at the end of the day, Jeff will need a commitment on its disposition. We will not permit cradles to be simply abandoned the way several were last spring!

I'll be back a week later with a work party to clean up the yard. We ask our dinghy members to keep clear of it until after we host the Ice Breaker Regatta. Then, from the 24th of May, we centreboarders can set up and start our season. Good sailing!

*Fred Black, Harbourmaster*

**Mooring Line Specs:** Two bow and two stern lines required.  
Boats up to 3000 lb., 1/2" nylon; boats over 3000 lb., 5/8" nylon.  
All lines must have some type of snubber spliced in.  
All lines must have chafing gear: heater hose or leather.  
All shackles must be wired shut.  
Stern lines should be about 25' long.  
Do not custom fit stern lines as they may not fit if you change mooring spaces.



## Uncle Al's Corner...

After a miserably long winter, Spring appears finally to be here on this second weekend in April 2005. A couple of Wayfarers - Geoff Edwards and I - got off to our usual early sailing start at the Midwinters in Florida where we had great weather and a wonderful time. In late April, Hans Gottschling and Uncle Al will be sailing in Charlotte, North Carolina where Al will sail a borrowed Lightning.



Thanks to contributors to this edition as noted in the various articles, and especially to Peter Kozak who sent three articles. Thanks also to Sid Atkinson who sent Levee photos that will only fit into the web version of this S&P, and to Annelies Groen who gathered all the materials. Best wishes for happy sailing in 2005,

*Uncle Al (W3854)*

### Sailing for \$\$\$

Have you heard the latest on getting sailors to show for regattas? A small community in Northern Ontario is offering \$7,500. in prize money for a CL16 White Sail Regatta - up from \$5,000.00 last year!. A string of firsts in each of the five races could earn you up to \$3,400. Wow! And to think, you don't have to use your spinnaker or even go out on the trapeze.

For those that may not know: a CL16 is a virtual clone of the Wayfarer dinghy. The CL16 is allowed to be about 16kg lighter.

The place is the town of Hilton Beach on St. Joseph Island at the western end of Lake Huron's North Channel. The regatta is limited to the first 30 entrants and draws both American and Canadian sailors. Last year, the event was won by a local.

So it might be worthwhile to borrow a boat for an August 6 and 7 sail of the North Channel. Who knows? You may come back with enough money for a keelboat. Details can be found at [www.hiltonbeach.com/regatta](http://www.hiltonbeach.com/regatta).

### Looking for a few good men... (and women)

Do you know that there are many projects waiting to be done around the club. April and May are great months to get those work hours in. Perhaps you need to come down to the club to check on your boat and want to synchronize with a work hour activity. Please call or e-mail me (the commodore) and I can give you a list of the hot items. Some of the projects just require project management skills to source materials and organize others. Remember, all members except crew are required to do work hours this year. Seniors do 20 hours, intro dinghy and canoe members do 8. Work hours are the way clubs like ours keep fees low.

We do not, as a rule, contact you (we're still looking for a work hour coordinator). If you have failed to do them by the end of July we charge you \$15.00 per hour missed. If you are energetic, we allow up to eight hours to be carried over into the new-year.

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### Webmaster, Launchmaster

Once again Launch is approaching. This year's launch date is Saturday May 7. In order to have a safe and efficient launch, we will need about 13 volunteers to help on land and in the water taxis in the following two shifts: 7:00 AM - 10:00 AM; 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

We will need 5 volunteers to remove slings (the early shift will be in the water taxis) and one water taxi driver (this person must have a Toronto Harbour license). The remaining 8 volunteers will be on land putting the slings on. Any time spent as a volunteer will count towards your work hours.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at [schwartz.lerner@rogers.com](mailto:schwartz.lerner@rogers.com) or (416) 871-7009 if you are available to work on either shift.

Attention Keelboat Owners, A detailed set of launch instructions is available on the club website at:

<http://www.tscc.net/index.php?sub=1&categoryid=21>

Once the mooring allocations are available, I will scan Fred's diagram and post it on the site. If you are new to the club or have any questions or concerns about launch, please do not hesitate to contact me at [schwartz.lerner@rogers.com](mailto:schwartz.lerner@rogers.com) or at (416) 871-7009.

*Jeff Schwartz, Launchmaster*

### TS&CC Calendar 2005

April 30	Open House 1 - 4 p.m.
May 3 & 10	Harbour License Course
May 7	Launch Day 7 a.m.
May 20-22	Queensway Audi Icebreaker Regatta
June 4-5	TARTS & Balls Regatta
July 9	Sailpast & Around-the-Island Race
Aug. 27-28	Wayfarer Canadian Nationals
Sept. 10	George Webb Long Distance Race



## I'll be back...Commodore's new tag line

Welcome to the spring of 2005. I know I said I was passing on the torch to a new line of commodores, but then David Allsebrook had to go on to race his Shark in closer-to-downtown waters, leaving us looking for a replacement. So I have happily acquiesced to falling back into my role as your Commodore. Luckily we have been able to keep the same terrific board as we had previously, but we need to be on the lookout for the potential leaders amongst us as a source of Board candidates. The natural progression of people in life's pursuits from love, marriage, children, and even cottages often causes them to get mixed up and nix sailing. So we must be ready. If for some reason you have not been approached for a Board position, please contact your nearest director. We can find a spot for you. I wear a red TSCC jacket around the club so please stop and hail me with your ideas for directors; you never know I may get you a red jacket, too.

Several major things are happening around the club this year. One, we are planning some capital expenditures by improving the ladies' washroom, upgrading the main hall carpet, renovating the patio and even asphaltting some portions of the apron between the docks. We are however, short a few project managers to make these things happen, so we hope and pray and seek some people to support these tasks. We have the funds to do the projects. We just need someone's time to do the follow-up to get them done well.

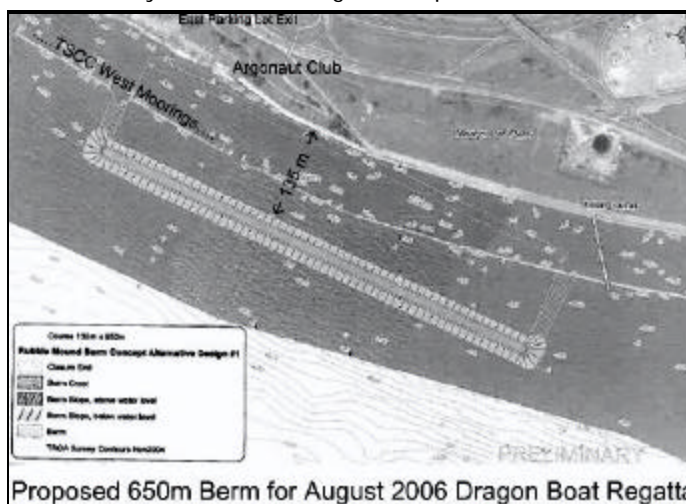
Two, the Toronto Waterfront Development Corporation (TWRC) is planning to spend \$23 million building a 650 metre breakwall out from Ontario Place half way towards the Argonaut Club. The breakwall is an attempt at making a club-crew dragon boating course for an August 2006 event run by the TCBA. This wall will be massive (2-3 metres above the water, 10.5 metres wide at its crest) but safely east of the club (as of this moment). This development was initially supposed to be a multi-purpose flat-water facility supporting competitive dragon boating, canoe/kayak racing and even rowing. To approach this capability, it would have to be two, three and four times as big respectively, a very unlikely event (unless you think \$120 million is not much money). The result is that most of the other stakeholders other than the TCBA have protested the facility. Consequently the TCBA have compromised to put the breakwall closer to shore (now 135m offshore)

## Open House coming up

There will be an open house on Saturday April 30th from 12:00 to 4:00. Refreshments will be provided. Tell your friends, tell your neighbours, tell everyone you know and let's see if we can have a good turnout.

*Donogh O'Brien Membership Secretary*

the same 650m length but starting about 200 metres east of our club and ending half way down MaryIn Bell Park. Also, since it will be given to the City of Toronto to operate, the city will not allow any structure (such as a boathouse, restaurant, etc.) to be built on or near it, as they don't want to have any operating cost obligation. Construction starts in August and continues for one year. Because of the massive amount of material required it is unlikely to be completely finished in time. About 18,000 truckloads of stone are required probably delivered by marine hauling and deposition.



**Proposed 650m Berm for August 2006 Dragon Boat Regatta**

The problem for us at TSCC is: do we view it as a threat or an opportunity? Marketing savvy suggests one perspective, that to grow our recreational piece, sailing and canoeing, you need the whole market for recreational activity on the Western Beaches to grow and we will get a percentage of that growth in terms of canoeing, kayaking and perhaps even sailing. While the sport of dragon boating is far away from our interests, the age of the participants and their enthusiasm for outdoor water activity does align with our purpose. So we are keeping fairly neutral and asking for compensation of lost moorings in terms of repair of the collapsed parts of our breakwall. We are trying to set up a Western Beaches Stakeholders Association to question and comment upon what is happening and develop a more powerful voice. You will also be glad to know that David Allsebrook, because of his skills and interests, is still representing us on the TWRC committees. His patience for detail will be an asset.

*Peter Kozak, Commodore*

## Charts Changes

For those of you who follow the saga or use electronic charts, ... DFO has terminated its agreement with NDI. Please read full details at this web site: <http://www.charts.gc.ca/pub/en/help/chsndi.asp>

*Al Will, Executive Director, Ontario Sailing*

## 125 years on the Toronto Waterfront: TS&CC 1880 -2005

Arrangements are underway to commence our sailing season with the 36th. Icebreaker **May 20-22**. This will be our 12th Canadian Olympic Classes Regatta, now billed as the Queensway Audi Icebreaker, and supported by some 20 supporting sponsors. A major ISAF event the Icebreaker involves 7 separate race courses 6 in Humber Bay/Lake Ontario and one in Outer Harbour. The event involves 9 Yacht/Sailing Clubs, CYA and Ontario Sailing.

Included in this year's event will be the Disabled Sailors, racing the specially designed 2.4M yachts. In addition, the Icebreaker will be one of the Canada Games qualifiers for some Classes.

Over 100 volunteers handle shore duties, operations plus race committee duties aboard the 40 power boats required to manage all the race courses. Anyone that is able to assist on shore or on race committees for the Icebreaker and TARTS & Balls regattas, please contact George Blanchard at 416-243-0029

**June 4 and 5** will see TS&CC host the 34th TARTS & Balls Regatta open to any Classes that enter more than 5 boats. Since it started in 1972 with Albacores, TARTS

has run successfully with other classes such as International 14's, Wayfarers, Fireballs and Contenders participating in this annual event.

On **Sat. July 9th**, the annual Sailpast and Round the Island Race will be held, followed by a barbecue buffet and prize giving ceremonies.

Another highlight of this year's celebration is to congratulate our Club Manager, Derek Griffiths who will mark his 25th year at TS&CC in 2005. After joining the club in 1980 as crew for his brother, Al, Derek sailed an Albacore from 1981 to 1991 and Fireball since 1992. He also served as Chairman of the House Committee 1986-1988. and since 1993, has been our Club Manager. Derek deserves our thanks.

An updated historical book covering 1880-2005 is scheduled for publication in early 2006. Included in this book will be recognition of our long time members still active since 1960.

Look forward to meeting you at the Keelboat Launching operations May 7 or sooner.

*George Blanchard, Honorary Commodore*

### Club events and Private Functions at TS&CC

Other than regattas (noted elsewhere), club facilities are occasionally rented by members and non-members for parties, receptions, etc. Of particular note in the short term are a (1) new racing rules seminar on April 17, put on by the Albacore Assoc'n, and (2) Toronto Harbour License course, run by the Toronto Power Squadron on May 3 & 10. Anyone who has a motor on his/her boat must have this license and this course is an easy way to get it. Contact the TPS directly to register. For future planning, there will be informal BBQs on July 9 after the 'Round the Island Race, and on September 10 after the George Webb long distance race. Last year, these were well attended with fine food organized and prepared by Derek and Laura.

Remember: using the clubhouse for private function is encouraged, but you must sign a formal rental contract with us for insurance reasons. Recently, someone had a party in the club, rearranged the furniture (including the piano) and did not put anything back. Not only did we lose the revenue from this event, but had there been a problem, our insurance would likely not have covered it. Rental costs are only 50% of the 'public' rate, or \$175 + GST plus a bar minimum. You can work out meal details directly with our caterer, Leanne, or (subject to minor conditions) arrange your own food. Recent events hosted/planned at the club included an extended family party, a wedding, an office reception, and a couple of BBQs. Why not hold your next larger function at the club? Derek or I would be pleased to hear from you. *Rob Logan, Vice Commodore*

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# The New Year's Levee as seen by Sid Atkinson



