

Sail and Paddle

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TS&CC starts 2006

with Launch Day Saturday, May 6th!

LAUNCH ON MAY 6th

The fine weather at the end of March has allowed a good start to be made on servicing the moorings. I've purchased lots of new chain and shackles to ensure that all will be secure for the 2006 season. At the time of writing the swing moorings in the bay have each been lifted and inspected. Every one now has either two chains from the wheel to the block, or one good chain with two attachments to its block. With your prescribed set of two lines from the wheel to the bow of your boat, we will still be secure even if we have a single failure.

The allocation of moorings for the 2006 season will shortly be posted on our web site and on the club patio. In most cases members will be returning to last year's spot, but there has been some filling in, and provisions for new members. If you see a problem, please let me know and we'll straighten it out.

You're invited to set out your lines, ready to attach your boat, in the week before launch, i.e. from 28 April. In a few cases people failed

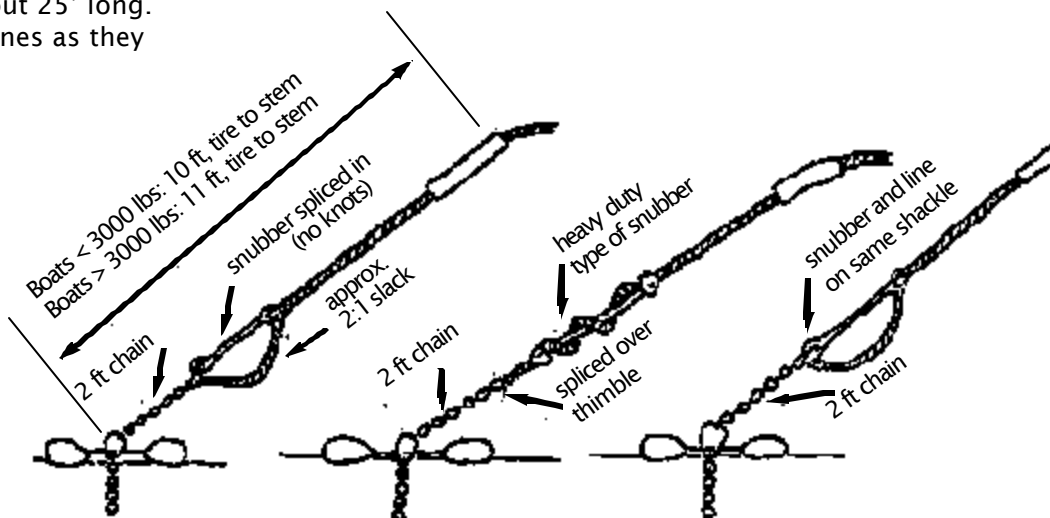
to remove their mooring lines at the end of the 2005 season. These have now all been untangled and disconnected, and are dumped back of the tin shed. Help yourself.

On Saturday the 6th of May our crane will be arriving at 0700 and first taking up its station on the east headland. Mark Rodrigue will be our foreman for the event, and with his crew will be slinging in the heavy craft from their cradles in that corner of our lot. Most of the boats on the east lot are trailer mounted and hence can be lifted in by our own crane at their owners' convenience. However if you own one and want to be launched by our crew on that morning, be ready by 0730, and book your launch with Mark.

At about 0830 the crane will be trundling down to its second station in front of the main lot, while the hard hat brigade takes a breakfast break. From 0900 boat owners along that front row will need to be ready, while the rest of the lot should be cleared by noon. Once the last boat is in, you're welcome to use the mast crane to step your mast.



Mooring Line Specs: Two bow and two stern lines required.
 Boats up to 3000 lb., ½" 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.



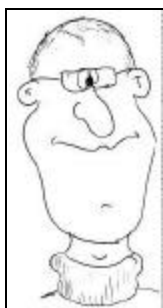
Cradles are to be folded and stowed away as soon as possible, because we expect the paving contractor to be redoing our apron during the next week. We'll have a yard clean-up on the 13th, and be ready for the *Icebreaker* on the 20th. After the competitors have departed, our own dinghies can occupy the lot.

Here's to a great and safe start to our sailing season. Come down and be a part of it. If you would like to start accumulating work hour credits, register in advance with me or Mark. (I'll be out of town Apr 29 to May 4)

Fred Black, Harbour Master, 416 247 0841

Uncle Al's Corner ...

Thank you to the few who contributed to this issue: as always, Fred Black and the ever reliable George Blanchard, came through with flying colours. Ed Tait sent great photos from the Icebreaker 05, plus a notice of what will be an exciting paddlers' evening. Annelies Groen did her best to prod others into action but only Cruise Director, Jens, replied. The Icebreaker committees are hard at work setting everything up for our 13th annual Olympic Classes Regatta coming up on the Victoria Day weekend. Also in the works is the early June TARTS & Balls Regatta. In the "teaching an old dog new tricks" department, we have Hans Gottschling who will join Uncle Al and three other Wayfarers in a week-long W cruise on the Chesapeake Bay in early June.



Uncle Al (W3854)

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The Outing Club of East York (<http://outingclubofeast york.org>) is celebrating its 30th Anniversary as a non-profit, volunteer-run organisation dedicated to helping people stay fit and enjoy outdoor activities year-round. The club runs full programs of canoeing, hiking, cycling, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, skating, city walks, and social events for its members across the GTA.

The Complete Paddler (www.completepaddler.ca) is Toronto's newest and largest paddling specialty store. For canoes, kayaks, paddles, PFDs, and all your other paddling gear, The Complete Paddler is your one-stop shopping place.

Proceeds from the Reel Paddling Film Festival will benefit the OCEY paddling program, and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to Project C.A.N.O.E. (Creative and Natural Outdoor Experience Inc.), providing wilderness canoe trips for youth at risk. www.canoe.org

The Reel Paddling Film Festival is a Rapid Media (www.rapidmedia.com) production.

TS&CC Calendar 2006

May 6	Launch Day 7 a.m.
May 19-22	Queensway Audi Icebreaker Regatta
June 3-4	TARTS & Balls Regatta
July 15	Sailpast & Around-the-Island Race
Aug. 26-27	Wayfarer North American Championships

37th Icebreaker is a go!

Queensway Audi Canadian Olympic Classes Icebreaker set for May 19-22

Since 1970 TS&CC has organized the Icebreaker Regatta which started with one race course involving the Olympic Finn Dinghy, Since then, other Olympic Class boats have been included resulting in our current status of up to 6 separate courses to handle some 150 boats.

This year's event is our 37th *Icebreaker* and 13th *Canadian Olympic Classes Regatta*. We again welcome Queensway Audi as our title sponsor. Thanks also to our numerous other sponsors who support this event.

TS&CC is supported in this huge endeavour by local and out of town Clubs with Committee Boats, Mark laying boats, and Safety patrol boats on the dinghy courses. RCYC, B.C., EYC,

PCYC, MSC, IYC, NYC, ABYC and OHCC donate boats along with their personnel. This event is ISAF approved and supported by CYA /OSA. This year's *Icebreaker* will be sailed on the Saturday and Sunday of the Victoria Day holiday weekend using three dinghy courses and one keelboat course. The Bytes & 29ers are using the 2006 Icebreaker as part of their Grand Prix Championships.

Many of our TS&CC members help out on the water or on shore for which they are credited with work hours. Our sincere thanks go to many of you who assist with the various tasks involved.

*George Blanchard, ORC Secretary
Honorary Commodore, TSCC*

Ed Tait remembers the 2005 Icebreaker in pictures



more 05 Icebreaker pics from Ed



And a last-second cruising flash

from TSCC Cruising Director, Jens Wollesen

Cruising? Yes we do! The TSCC plans (at least) four cruise events for this summer. The first one in late June could lead us to the Port Credit Yacht Club, which is not far away. There is ample opportunity for families, couples and singles to relax and have fun; they even have a small pool. This would be an easy-going day excursion regardless from where the wind blows.

Another cruise is planned in July to Bluffers Park, starting early in the morning and arriving back at nightfall. Ideally, for this cruise, the wind should be from north or south, otherwise it involves some tacking, one or the other way, to be sure. The Cathedral Bluffs Yacht Club is situated right below the bluffs and steps away from a wide, spectacular beach. It has beautiful barbecue facilities and a restaurant for those who like it “in style.” Although this is planned as a day excursion, there is the possibility to stay overnight. However this has to be arranged with the yacht club in advance.

A two day cruise in July would see us sailing across the lake to explore Port Dalhousie, about 25 miles due south from our club. With light winds that can take more than six or seven hours; with “spirited” sailing and wind conditions, the jump across can be done in less than five hours. I shall provide you with all necessary details in due time.

Now, for another cruising aim in July or August I should like to receive your suggestions. Please let me know, so we I can plan well ahead.

Those interested in participating, please let me know at: wollesen@chass.utoronto.ca, so I can provide you with all particulars and advice, and keep you posted.

All the best,

Jens T. Wollesen
(Cruising Director)

