

# Sail and Paddle

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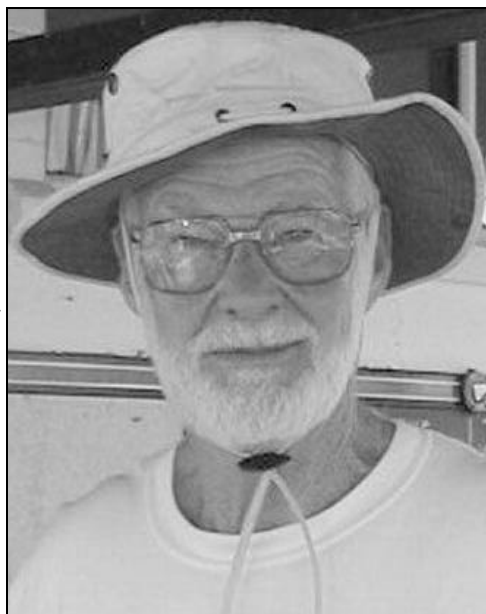
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## Harbourmaster's Haul-out Notes

The last big festival of the 2006 sailing season is coming up on October 14th, the Saturday after Thanksgiving. To prepare, would the dinghy sailors please have their boats off the paved lots on Thanksgiving weekend? At 0900 on Monday the 9th I will be unceremoniously stashing away any laggards. If you can assist (and earn work hours) give me a call. fredblack@rogers.com or 416-247-0841.

The plan for cradles is being posted on the patio on Oct 1. It follows last year's layout: Trailers and the cradles for the biggest boats go onto the East Lot, all the rest of the cradles are to be erected on the Main Lot. You are free to set up your cradle any time now. If there is a dinghy on your spot just move it aside. The best time for cradle spotting will be on Thanksgiving Monday from 1000, when there will be others to give and receive assistance in unstacking and transporting your cradle. This is not a club work party, but an opportunity for cooperative endeavour. We hope that all cradles will be sited by the end of that day.



The C. W. Smith road crane will arrive late on Friday, the 13th and set up on the East Headland, ready to start lifting at 0700 on Saturday. Mark Rodrigue (416-621-0500 msrodrigue@sympatico.ca) is once again assuming the role of foreman for that day, and he is enrolling members for his hard-hat brigade. Since the crane runs at about \$400 an hour, we want the early crew to be on time.

By 0800 we should have the big boats secure ashore, plus any trailer-mounted boats that arrange with Mark for a lift. We assume that most of the trailer-sailors will haul out at their own convenience, using the club fixed crane.

Between 0800 and 0900 the road crane will be relocating to the SW corner of the Main Lot, and our crew will be going for breakfast. Note that driveway access to most of the boatyard will be blocked for the next five hours.

From 0900, the boats assigned to the Main Lot should be coming alongside the West Dock in the order that Mark specifies, starting with those going into the NE corner.

### Some general notes:

The 2007 membership fees are due 1 Oct 06. Should you have a problem in settling your account before Haul-Out, make special arrangements with our treasurer, John Cawthorne.

A new rule specifies that you provide us with a picture of your boat on its cradle. Have someone stand-

ing by with a camera as it arrives so that we can get a record of how its lifting slings are positioned. It will be hard to get a useful picture once the neighbouring boats have been crowded in.

I will be looking for assistance in getting the club-owned keelboats in to the dock when their numbers come up, and will award work-hours accordingly. I will also provide timekeeping for Mark and his crew. They should check out with me at the end of their shift.

Wishing you a safe and social Haul-Out.....

*Fred Black, TSCC Harbourmaster*



## Uncle Al's Corner...

Well, another year is in the books. Not much in the way of contributions to this *Sail & Paddle* - despressingly little, in fact. Thanks to the few who did make the effort: Fred Black, Tom and Anna Wharton, Jens Wollesen, and as always, to George Blanchard.



Annelies Groen once again twisted arms to gather the materials. (Perhaps for the next issue, you should break a few, Annelies???) It's been a fine sailing summer, and one assumes, paddling summer as well. Who knows? More reports would help.

*Uncle Al (W3854)*

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**from the Fleet Captain:** As the fall weather has come on quickly this year, many of us have been caught scrambling to get in the last few sails before haul-out, as was observed from the patio this weekend where Annelies braved gusty winds solo.

Overall, a good season can be measured by how many people show up at events run by the club and this year we had a record number for the George Blanchard Round the Island with 10 Wayfarers and 10 Keelboats. This is an important event because it represents a club tradition. May we continue to support it and all long-standing club races.

We are sorry to see Roy Kobayashi's *Dhyana* being sold this year, but may he not stay boatless for long. Similarly, there were quite a few keels moving on to other clubs because some water depth issues could not be resolved or for more competition. This is still a great

club and a welcoming one to new fleets and despite these losses, I am pleased to see our youth program take off so well. With the new boat trailer, promising results from the High School regatta and improved showing in many local races, we can be proud to host the up and coming youth. Thank you all fleet members who helped sail the Monarch boats in the bay to honour our commitment to our sponsor. We have the best race committee on the lake, very good courses and wind conditions in which to sail.

It was nice to see three kids in a dinghy just paddling around inside the breakwall. I hope to see you all during the Christmas party and New Year's levee. Thank to all the volunteers this year during Icebreaker, another extremely successful time.

*Tom Wharton, TSCC Fleet Captain*



**From your cruise director:** Meteorologists state that this summer was one the warmest in decades, supposedly an effect of global warming. In my opinion, the sailing weather was not very good. I would think it is safe to assume that not many meteorologists sail. Their wisdom was, another educated guess, the result of pure statistics, but not of the actual outdoors experience. Having said this, I should like to add that their weather forecasts were erratic, to say the least, a complete failure. When the wind was supposed to blow from the north, it came from the south, when the weekend weather was predicted to be sunshine and favorable winds, it rained and thundered. Therefore, the first cruise went down the drain. But guess who was there, in spite of weather? Mary Ann Gingras! She was always late, or just took her time, with an incredible amount of provisions, and always with a big smile on her face. No bad weather prevents her from sailing. She is fearless. The cruise to the Scarborough Bluffs had to be diverted to Port Credit. I had the glorious idea to take my family with me. The wind was reluctant, but the wave patterns were not. After about half an hour, my family was seriously sea-sick (they also disappeared below deck into the cabin, against my advice), and soon the cabin of my boat was flooded, not with water. I had to turn back. Catherine and Mary Ann sailed on. I could not, of course, abandon the cruise. I loaded my family into our

car, and drove to Port Credit. A cruising experience of a different kind. At Port Credit, Catherine called on her cell phone, to tell me her outboard did not work. I tried to persuade the harbour master to tow her in, because the wind was blowing right on her nose. The harbour master said: no way. Catherine was lucky, because a couple on a power boat towed her in. Then we had a good time, throwing our barbecue food together, the children were playing, we were eating and chatting. In the end, the harbour master got a bit more lenient and had Catherine towed out of the channel, so she could sail back through the troubled waters to our club. Thanks to Port Credit. The trip across the lake caught more attention. I think we were about 5 boats, including Paul Willis's giant Elvström. Of course, we took off too late, but the winds were with us, at least for two thirds of the trip. Nice sailing, really. Then: the doldrums. Most of us motored into Dalhousie. At some point, we lost Mary Ann Gingras. I could not make any "reservations" for Port Dalhousie, not knowing how many boats would be participating in this cruise, in spite of my cruising notes. It turned out that Dalhousie was an extremely busy place indeed (and they did not answer my VHF calls). But we got some free moorings, called it a day and went to explore the village for a suitable dinner place. We found it. I jokingly referred to the missing Mary Ann. I knew she would be com-

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**TS&CC Long Time Members:** Sid Atkinson, who joined TS&CC in 1960 and is the 2nd longest-standing Senior Club member, has finally packed in his racing career due to health problems.

A professional photographer, Sid supported most of our major regattas and social functions, taking photos for publication in our club newsletters. In addition, over the many years, Sid photographed new board members for our club's board room display.

He was a keen supporter of and competitor in the Wayfarer Class since the early 70's both locally and at out-of-town events. Sid raced in the 1st Wayfarer Worlds in 1974 at Hayling Island in the UK in a fleet of 93 competitors. He was our fourth best competitor out of our CWA team of 6 entries.

Sid and his Composite Mark II Wayfarer 3618 will be certainly missed at our Club and at Wayfarer racing events.

On behalf of the TS&CC & Wayfarers we thank Sid for his past services with best wishes for a speedy recovery from recent health problems.

Another long time TS&CC senior member, Niklos Jako, who joined in 1969, sailing a 5.5m keelboat. Niklos finally retired at the end of the 2005 season after 37 years at our club. Niklos was a keen racing sailor who enjoyed the club races along with his wife, Julia, and his son, Nick.

For many years Niklos assisted our mooring committee and Harbour Master in checking the keelboats' mooring blocks and tackle each season prior to launch date. He was a dedicated volunteer and on behalf of our Club Board and members we thank him for his past services. Happy retirement, Niklos.

*George Blanchard  
Honorary Commodore, TSCC*

ing; it was just a matter of time. So we left a message for Mary Ann with the Dalhousie harbour master as to where we were. And there she came, with a smile on her face, and accompanied by her crew, too late, sort of, after dinner. Everyone was very happy to see her. We had a good sleep and sailed back to Toronto the next morning. Sailing is an overstatement, because, apart from the first few miles, there was no wind.

I am sure the weather would have been better, and cruising participation more vivacious if we had those club ensigns, those burgees, which I have been asking for the past four years. Now, I have been told, they are there, but nobody knows where they are. To be sure, things have to be improved. However, remember, we are a kind of co-op club, therefore we members are, at the same time, our own administrators. There are certain people among us who are willing to take the load

and the responsibility for certain tasks, the directors of our club, the commodore. But without our active support, nothing much will happen or move. That, of course, also goes for the cruising initiatives and the keel boat membership. After that mild criticism, let me hail those who participated in the last cruises, for their spirit, smiles, and support: they made it a downwind experience. Finally, I should like to add that our commodore encouraged me to look into a Lake Ontario Cruising program that would focus or pool various cruising initiatives; it has some interesting aspects, if we are willing and able to join. Again, that depends on us. I'll keep you informed in this respect.

All the best

Your cruising "director", *Jens T. Wollesen*

#### From the Members' Bulletin Board

##### **For Sale: Tanzer 26**

Location: TSCC. Discount on TSCC club membership if new owner joins TSCC.

Call **Moris Strods** for details: **647-436-6741**

##### **Looking for a tender**

I am looking to acquire a serviceable rowing tender. Something that needs some repairs is okay.

**Mitch 416 596-8561**

##### **Inflatable wanted**

Inflatable wanted in good condition

\* 8' long or less

\* Avon / Zodiac, etc..

\* 4 stroke engine (pref. Honda)

\* w/ gas tank, oars, etc.

**Pablo Pikelin 416-760-0067**

**pablopikelin@rogers.com**

#### Update your addresses!!

**Hello again TSCC members... If you know a member who is not receiving emails from the club, it means we have an old or no email address for them.**

**Such email addresses can be emailed to [communications@tsc.net](mailto:communications@tsc.net). If your mailing address or phone number are incorrect in the members' roster, updates can be sent to the above email address as well.**

*Catherine Longfield*

