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Whether on Water or On Land-
NOLSC is the Place to Be

October 2018
Hi all

Well it has been a great sailing season so far and we still have a month to go. We had the best of the two worlds of sailing this year—we raced on Kraken, Cody Montgomery's SR 27 and cruised on our boat. It was so much fun racing again, sport boats are fun but a challenge to get up to speed and keep there. The cruising was also great and the club cruises were a blast. If you haven't gone on a club cruise you are missing out.

We left RCYC on Labour Day, after a great weekend with NOLSC sailors, heading for a 3 week cruise in the Thousand Islands. We watched a very black storm cloud heading south, chasing everyone heading back to NOLSC. They had quite an adventure I am told but we were fortunate to just have a good wind allowing us to sail to Whitby, only one of the 3 sailing days of our cruise. We made a grand entrance at Whitby as we promptly ran aground right in front of the club and had to be pushed off the sand bar by a member in his inflatable dinghy. Embarrassing, but as they say "a sailor who doesn't run aground doesn't know these waters". With the water levels down from last year we were very careful of where we went. However we did go everywhere we planned to go, even with a 6'-2" draft. To get to the islands sooner we decided to go directly from Whitby over night, motoring all the way and as luck would have it we pulled into Leek island at 6am only to find NOLSC members Caroline and Lenny anchored in the bay. A few of our "must return to places" are Cape Vincent, Sackets Harbour, and the entire Thousand Islands National Parks Islands. They are truly fantastic. September is a great time to cruise the islands as there aren't many other boaters, so a lot of the times you will find yourselves the only ones at the island.

The Tom Turkey is two weeks away and is sold out. If your boat is still in come and join the turkey race.

The Fall AGM is on Wednesday the 14th of November. Please try to come out and learn what is going on and get involved with the NOLSC.

Have a great non-boating season

Cheers
Rob
It is now near the end of the sailing season but not the end of friendships that have grown over the past year. The last cruise weekend of the season at RCYC looks delightful. Wow—how does one top that one for planning! Unfortunately we were unable to attend due to other commitments. When planning for next year, be sure to register early for the cruise weekends. The cruises are in demand and delightful.

Helping out on the race committee with Richard Hinterholler as our excellent race committee chair has been very rewarding—although the first day of Homecomers left the majority of us on the boat—feeling under the weather.

As Dave and I took off the sails on Thanksgiving Day a number of you were out sailing—how envious we were—sunshine and a warm breeze. My thoughts move to next summer and where the wind will take us. We have months to dream and plan.

Over the winter I hope to put out another newsletter—keep your stories and pictures coming—if you venture away on water—keep me posted.

Cruise weekend pictures courtesy of Paul Boudreau.
Shark Homecomers award pictures courtesy of Donna Genge
Racing pictures courtesy of Maureen Shantz

Cheers

Maureen Shantz
Rampant Red

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Maureen Shantz
Rampant Red
Three dead trees have been removed and boats are beginning to move back into storage.

Repairs to the boardwalk will continue after hallout. It has been a busy season and the yard has never looked so clean.

The two new barbeques were a success so we will be adding a few more next year.

Looking forward to a busy winter with many projects on the board.

Ron Critchley
Every Sunday in October at 1:30 you have the chance to see exciting racing, while still on land. That's right the October cup is happening now come to the river side and watch boats jockey for the ideal starting position. We do our best to set up the race course so it can be a fun event for onlookers on shore.

Saturday, November 3 is Fleet night aka ‘Awards Banquet’. This event is a great way to wind up the sailing season and is open to all members and guests. This year we have the nearly world famous Robin Howe doing the catering. ‘Simple Gesture’ will then play our favourite dance tunes so we can all wear off that great meal of Robins.

Beer and wine is included while quantity lasts.

Tickets are $45, get them soon before all seats are sold out.

Shark Fleet News

Congratulations to Levi, Jake and Malcolm Harper who took second place at the recent Homecomers Regatta.

Jaime Day
VC Fleet
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I have a few phobia’s in life. One is getting caught any where near a tornado. We were camping in our trailer just south of Ottawa when the communities of Dunrobin and Gatineau QC were decimated. Now, you know tornados hunt for trailer parks so to say I was a little nervous is an understatement! Thankfully it missed us and my Son and his family in Kanata.

It is now past thanksgiving and it’s sunny and 27*C ! Andrew and Russ have started hauling. Communication is the key to a smooth haul out season. Please submit all (completed) paperwork as soon as possible.

The fuel dock is available on weekends from 10-4 . Last day is October 28th

Ed
LEARN TO SAIL PROGRAMME

Our students have returned to regular school and the boats are put to bed until next spring. The LTS Team wishes to thank the many people who supported us in our efforts to raise money to purchase new boats.

The Texas Barbeque organized by Steve and Orla raised $1400.00. Thank you to Steve and Orla and to their many helpers: Stu Sherlock, Brian Tink, Darrell Martin, Tammy, Ben, and Gary Zalepa, Donald McDavid. A special thank you to Mad Max and his Texas barbeque. Donald drags his home made barbie all the way from Texas each year for a family reunion and us. Many thanks Donald.

Thank you to Jenns Gemmich who donated 2 cases of his organic wine from Frog Pond Winery. You may have played Orla’s card game and have been lucky enough to win a bottle or two.

Thank you to Garry Brown for donating his Texas mickey. We earned $385.00 from ticket sales.

Thank you to the former Parkway Sailing Club, to Brox Company, to Clan MacLeod, to Anne Tassonyi and Jerry Darcy for your donations.

Your kindness helped us purchase a new 420. We have 1 more to replace before our fleet is “unsinkable”.

Donna Genge
Let’s Get Social!!!!!!

Social Calendar

Tom Turkey
Saturday
October 20th
SOLD OUT
We had the pleasure of going to Sodus Bay at the beginning of our vacation cruising this summer. As good timing and luck would have it, we were there on the night they were celebrating the 125th anniversary of the Sodus Bay Yacht Club.

They held a contest in which everyone was asked to light up their boats, and then all in attendance, including guests and visitors, voted on the winner. The winner ended up being a gentleman who had strung Christmas lights in the form of the Club burgee. It certainly was beautiful to see all these boats light up the summer sky.

If you’ve never been to Sodus Bay, it is definitely a place we would recommend. It is a beautiful little town, and the people are very friendly and welcoming.

Barb and Norm Behring—Silent Flight
RCYC Cruise Weekend
"It is not that life ashore is distasteful to me. But life at sea is better."
— Sir Francis Drake, Sea Captain,

For the past three years, as some club members know, I have been searching for the perfect boat—perfect at least for my time of life, sailing interests and the constraints of slip availability: basically, the smallest boat I can cruise around Lake Ontario in reasonable comfort. But I wanted a boat no older than my son (born in 1981) and with inboard diesel and autopilot. And the boat must sail well.

This search has taken me to far-flung parts of the province and to New York; I’ve been to Bayfield and Brockville, Mississauga and Scarborough, Oakville and Owen Sound, among other places. As anyone who has shopped for used boats knows, they can be in a great variety of conditions and with a range of gear aboard—whether working or not. Advertisements often have no relation to the boat that you actually see.

In practice, well-equipped “pocket cruisers” that are in good shape are rare, given the trend to bigger and bigger boats. My target was a boat in the 25 to 27 foot range built in the 1980s. But boats that old have often had close encounters with docks, owners whose enthusiasm for plumbing or electrical wiring was not matched by their abilities, or electronics which are now obsolete and unrepairable. So I was beginning to think that my criteria could not be met; all the boats I looked at were too old, too shabby, or would have required too much work.

Then I ran across an ad for a 1982 Freedom 25 in Ithaca, New York, just before I was scheduled to go there for a conference in mid-June of this year. This was a boat I had long had an interest in: it has a neat rig with a free-standing carbon-fibre mast, and she sails well. Interior accommodations are nicely laid out for a boat whose LOA is only 25 feet. It seemed like kismet. A look at the boat confirmed it was in reasonable shape, and the price was right. But then the fun began …

Ithaca is at the southern end of Lake Cayuga, which is 80 km long. The Lake is connected to the Erie Canal via a spur, and the Erie Canal can be taken eastwards to the town of Phoenix, where it meets the Oswego Canal going north to Lake Ontario. All I would have to do would be to motor along the canals and sail from Oswego back to Niagara. What a lark! The yacht broker assured me that people he knew did it all the time.

But when I went back to Ithaca to close the deal, the reality hit me: I would have to be motoring some 4 or 5 days to Lake Ontario in an open cockpit with a 35 foot mast strapped on the deck of a 25 foot boat, while maneuvering through 10 locks and docking, which I would have to do overnight. In other words, I would be single-handing a 35 foot battering ram, with limited mobility on deck: a recipe for disaster!

Plan B was to truck the boat back to Niagara. Andrews Trucking would be glad to oblige, but as Glen pointed out, I would need to hire a customs broker for the boat to be imported on a commercial vehicle. And, he said, “I don’t think I can get it across the border by July 1, so then you will have to pay the 10% tariff, plus 13% HST on the purchase price, the tariff and the shipping cost.” Oops! I had not imagined that any tariff would apply to used boats, but it does! Plan C was to go back to the yacht broker, explain the situation, and ask for my deposit back, which he did without complaint.

At this point I concluded that my destiny did not involve buying another boat, so I gave up looking. However, my boat lust was not to go unrequited. One day I was idly scrolling through kijiji and I came across another Freedom 25, for sale in Picton, this one made in 1984. The owner had died, and the boat had been sitting in his widow’s yard for 2 years. We drove to Picton over Labour Day weekend on our way to a family reunion. The boat turned out to be in great shape, well equipped, with updated electronics and an almost-new main. There is a one-cylinder Yanmar diesel and a tiller-pilot. It was love at first sight! The fates seem to have led me to her. After some negotiation and delivery of the boat on a trailer, I am the proud owner of a sailboat I renamed “Fugue.” The word refers to a piece of baroque music (Bach is my favourite composer) but also to flight, as a teenager’s joy ride. The picture below shows me on the boat at NOLSC, located near the A-frame. I am ready to launch and anxiously awaiting a slip assignment for next season!
Homecomer’s Weekend
Homecomer’s Cont’d

Richard Hinterholler—Race Committee Chair and Jinny Gordon
Texas BBQ